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NO REGISTRATION IS TO TAKE PLACE

Under Canadian Conscription Act - The First Class To Be Called Will Be Single Men Between 20 And 30 Years.

(Special to the Whig.) Montreal, June 8.—The Gazette, Conservative, and generally well informed on political matters, says this morning: "There will be no registration under the Canadian Conscription Act. When the bill becomes law every male citizen between twenty and thirty-five years of age will be a member of the Canadian army. These men are divided into classes, and as troops are needed, the classes will be called in the order designated. "The first class includes single men between twenty and thirty years. Any one who does not answer the call to the colors will be treated as a deserter. To judge applications for exemption, a court of two will be created for each county, one member of which will be named by the county or district judge, and the other by the Ottawa authorities or by somebody delegated with such authority by the Government. "There will be an appeal from this body, but such appeal will be considerably restricted. The measure will permit of immediate mobilization without the delay and expense of registration."

An Important Liberal Caucus.

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, June 8.—Liberals gathered in caucus at half past ten this morning and remained in serious conference for over two hours. After the conference Frederick Pardee, chief Liberal whip, informed newspaper men that there would be no statement until after the military service bill had been brought down. Members all express themselves as well satisfied with the results of the conference. It is possible that today's caucus, at which there was a free expression of opinion, may change the whole trend of the political situation at the Capital and render recent predictions ridiculous.

RUSSIA CAN'T FIGHT WHILE MOB RULES 500 Bankers and Business Men Meet to Demand a Change.

(Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, June 8.—Russia is hanging in the balance between "Carism" and mobism. The Allies must face the fact squarely that under present conditions Russia cannot fight. No man strong enough to control has yet grasped the Russian helm. Minister of War, Kornevsky, on whom hope has centred, is, despite ill-health, working day and night. But even his speeches and interviews have within the past week sounded a note of pessimism. A meeting of bankers and business men to-day crystallized the first reaction against mob rule. Five hundred conservative men, unaltered with the autocratic regime, were there. The meeting was held in the offices of a bank. Several of those there were titled. The sense of the meeting was voiced by a speaker in the declaration: "We were formerly mastered by Carism. Now it is mobism that masters us."

BASEBALL RESULTS. International League.

Newark 4; Richmond 1. National League. St. Louis 3; Boston 4. Brooklyn 5; Pittsburgh 3. New York 10; Cincinnati 1. American League. Washington 1; Chicago 0. Canadian Casualties. Not now wounded—G. Ashton, Pembroke. Wounded—T. C. A. Davey, Napanee; W. McLean, Collin's Bay; F. H. Joplin, Bath; E. M. Richardson, Gananoque.

OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

Italian. Rome, June 7.—The War Office reports: "In the Trentino there was normal artillery fighting, together with small engagements among patrols. In the night the enemy attacked in force in the Bacchre Valley, but was repulsed with losses."

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BOURASSA SPEAKS AGAINST CONSCRIPTION He Declares Quebec Will Not Have It, and Will Resist.

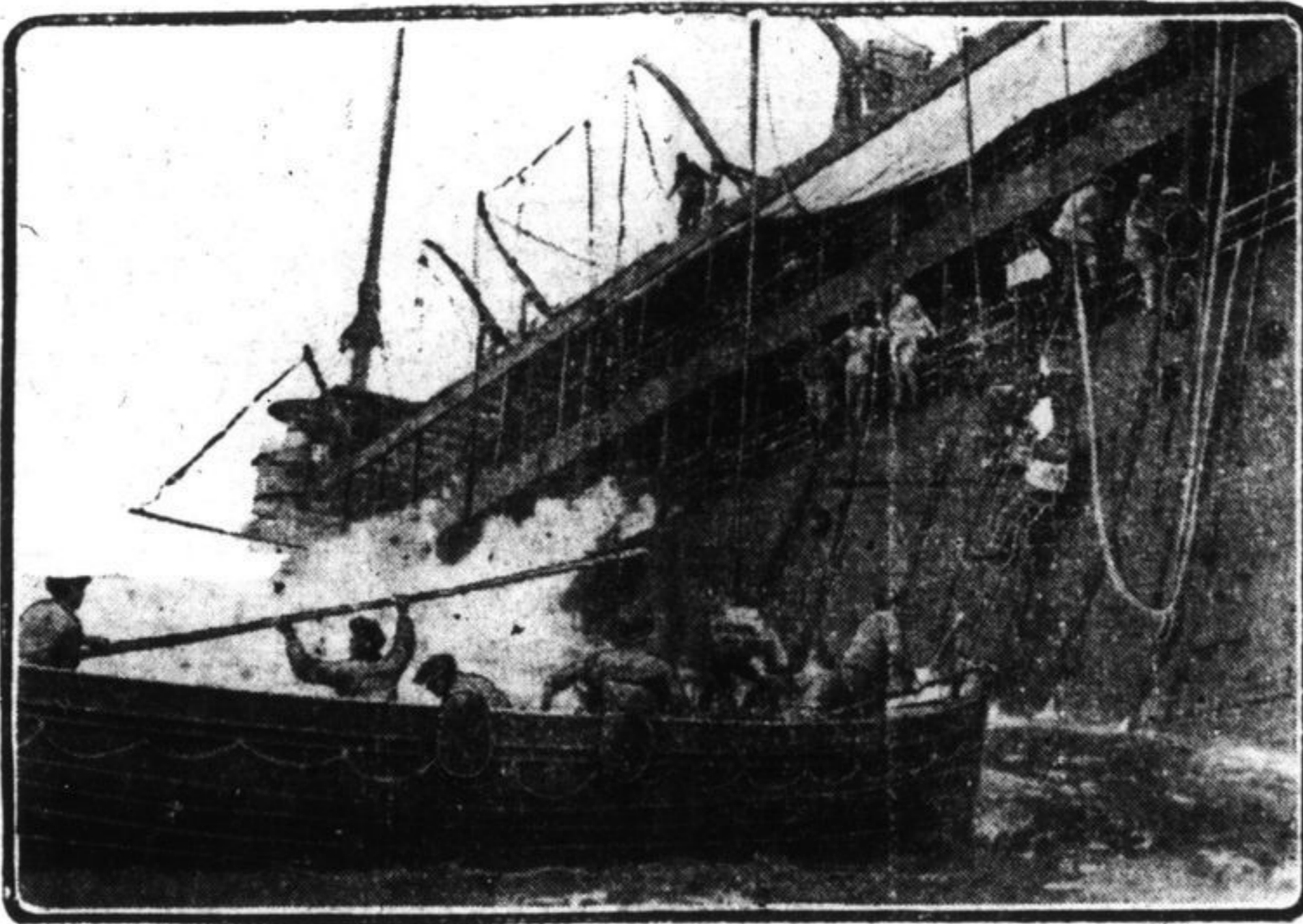
(Special to the Whig.) Montreal, June 8.—We will resist conscription and we will not have conscription, not because we are cowards, but because we have received from God and the King the mission of making this country a prosperous land and not one of exile and misery, and such would be the fate of our country if conscription was established. This was the concluding sentence of a speech by Henri Bourassa, after midnight, in a meeting at the Monument National, to oppose conscription, and attended by five thousand people. At Bourassa's suggestion the meeting broke up with the singing of "God save the King," and "O Canada."

FORMAL PROPOSALS FOR SEPARATE PEACE With Russia Have Been Instituted By the Austrian General Rohr.

(Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, June 8.—Formal proposals for a separate peace have been instituted by the Austrian General Rohr. He authorized a delegation from each Austrian division on the front to enter the Russian lines and propose such a compact, it was reported here today. Simultaneously news was received of a delegation of Austrians, including two generals, who were in Kishineff, urging a conference with the Workmen's and Soldiers' Council. Orders were issued for their arrest. The Argentine ship Oriama was sunk by a German plunger.

"On the Julian front the enemy's artillery, energetically answered by our batteries, concentrated its fire as usual on Gorizia and other inhabited localities on the plain. "On the Carso yesterday the enemy, reinforced by numerous fresh troops withdrawn from another theatre, was unusually active. Violent attacks were made on our positions from Hill 247, south of Verxiz, to the houses on Hill 31, east of Jamiano. These positions were strenuously defended by the infantry of the Sixty-First Division. The engagement lasted during the whole day, with varying fortune, but in the evening the enemy was completely repulsed and the positions remained firmly in our possession. Another attempted attack from Fiondar in the direction of Sablitz, was stopped promptly by our fire before it developed. During the various engagements we took 202 prisoners, including four officers. "Two of our bombing squadrons carried out important raids. One squadron, following the valley of the Adige River to its confluence with the Noce River, successfully bombed military works near Mezolombardo, north of Trent. The other caused renewed destruction of the sidings at St. Pietro, on the Lubiana Railway. All our machines returned safely."

PASSENGERS ESCAPING FROM LINER



Here is one of the most unusual pictures of a sinking ship on record. The liner was the French "San Toy," torpedoed in the Mediterranean. Her crew acted splendidly and the captain remained on the bridge till the water reached it. Then he ran to the stern and when last seen was waving his cap and shouting "Vive La France."

6,000 PRISONERS ALREADY TAKEN

In the Great British Drive: Below Ypres on Thursday.

GERMAN LOSSES TERRIBLE SEVERAL BATTERIES WERE TAKEN PRACTICALLY INTACT.

British Cavalry Are In Action—Haig's Forces Are Now Advancing On a Fifteen-Mile Front. With the British Armies in the Field, June 8.—Six thousand prisoners so far counted is the score this morning in the new British offensive in Belgium. So complete is the success with which the drive was still progressing to-day that cavalry are in action. Nothing could be cited as indicating in a more remarkable degree the complete breaking of the tremendously strong German lines as this calling into the offensive of these quick-moving forces only available in open fighting. Great torn fields, huge furrows, plowed as by some Broddingnagian farmer, tons of loam turned and churned into blackened dust, this was the mark across Belgium's fields to-day where yesterday the British turned loose every man-contrived engine of destruction and swept forward in victory. Enemy Batteries Taken Intact. Many more prisoners are coming in. No estimate of the number of guns captured is yet possible, although it is known several German batteries were taken practically intact. The night passed quietly on the front of the new attack, all the conquered territory being held. Prisoners say that scores of German guns were destroyed during the British bombardment. The German losses in their counter-attacks were terrible. The full depths of the British attack was five thousand yards. Three counter-attacks by the Germans, which were not delivered in great force, were broken up last night. The British to-day are advancing on a fifteen-mile front. They now hold a line along ridges and high lands, while the Germans have been forced into low-lying territory which it would seem impossible for them to hold. An Enemy Stronghold Gone. (Special to the Whig.) London, June 8.—"The position we captured yesterday was one of the enemy's most important strongholds on the western front," Field Marshal Haig reported to-day. He did not add any new details of the fighting. Germans Still Falling Back. (Special to the Whig.) London, June 8.—Although General Haig's front despatches on the British advance in Belgium to-day do not enter into details, it is plainly intimated in the German official statement from Berlin to-day that the Germans have found it necessary to withdraw from their supposedly impregnable line in that part of Belgium, to a new line which is spoken of as the "Nerve" line. Additional prisoners are arriving behind the British lines to-day, and it is stated that there will be from eight to ten thousand in the hands of the British from this third battle of Ypres before nightfall. Various estimates are made of gains in British hands. Some say at least one hundred field guns in good order were captured, and as many destroyed by the British bombardment. Successes of yesterday and to-day make the German position very critical. The river Lys and the Com-

SOME PREDICT AN EXTENSION

Optimistic Tories Think Laurier Will Not Put Government on Rocks.

CLAIM PREMIER NOT BOUND TO RECEIVE A MANDATE FROM THE PEOPLE.

Although He Intimated to Laurier That This Would Be Done Before Compulsory Service Was Put Into Effect. Ottawa, June 8.—While the rank and file of the Liberal party now expect an election, Conservative members are not by any means so confident. They say that Sir Robert Borden merely conceded the securing of a mandate in an effort to bring about coalition, and that he is not necessarily bound to adopt the principle. Some of them, in fact, go so far as to prophesy that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will grant an extension of term after the conscription bill is passed, because he is convinced that the Government would go on the rocks in an effort to enforce the measure. Conservatives concede the loss of politically all their French members in a conscription vote, but declare that Sir Robert's proposals to Sir Wilfrid were so reasonable that few, if any, of the English-speaking members will now split with the party. There will, however, be considerable defections if an attempt is made to secure an extension of term from the Imperial Government by a party majority. This, it is held, would be a surrender of Canadian autonomy, especially as the Government has already exceeded its term of office.

MAJOR-GENERAL PERSHING (Special to the Whig.) At a British Port, June 8.

Maj.-Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the first American Expeditionary Force to France, arrived in England to-day, accompanied by his staff. A special train was in waiting for the party. It was due to arrive in London at three o'clock this afternoon. "We are very glad to be the standard bearers of our country in this great war for civilization," Gen. Pershing asserted. "To land on British soil and receive such a welcome is very significant and very deeply appreciated."

INVITED TO CABINET.

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, June 8.—Messrs. Pardee, Graham, Carvell and other Liberals have been invited into the Unionist cabinet. The elections are likely in the fall.

St. Thomas City Council has ordered all stores except fruit and cigar stores, to close at 7 p.m., except Saturday, and days preceding holidays.



NEXT BRITISH MOVE THROUGH BELGIUM Map shows where British troops assisted by naval forces launched an attack in a new effort to force the Germans out of France. This would call for a flanking movement which if successfully carried out, would do much to further weaken the morale of the German armies.

but it is quite likely that Sir Robert Borden will go outside the membership of the House and take in men like Sir Harry Drayton and C. A. Magrath to fill most of the vacancies. There is some speculation as to whether the Government does or does not want votes for women exercised in a conscription election. Opinions vary as to the views which would prevail on this question among women voters.

MUCH OF SEVIGNY'S STORY NOT TRUE Declares Col. Henry R. Smith, House of Commons Sergeant-at-Arms.

Ottawa, June 8.—Col. Henry R. Smith, sergeant-at-arms of the House of Commons, denies the statement made in the House by Hon. Albert Sevigny that he had sent the effects taken from the speaker's chambers last year to the home of Mr. Sevigny in Quebec. He states that the goods were sent by Mr. Sevigny himself. Col. Smith said: "It is not true that I sent the articles to Quebec. I sent nothing. Mr. Sevigny sent them himself. He did not consult me at all. He ignored me entirely. "Were the goods returned in good order, as Mr. Sevigny stated in the House?" Col. Smith was asked. "They were not," was the reply. "For example, the glass of one of the pictures was smashed, and one of the Victrola records was broken in two." Col. Smith had no hesitation in talking about the matter, and he added: "The whole story has not been told. Much of what Mr. Sevigny stated in the House is absolutely false. I have had to interfere on other occasions."

HUNS BAR CANNED GOODS Claim Prisoners Received Communications Enclosed in Them.

London, June 8.—Lately there has been a considerable increase in the number of acknowledgements received from prisoners in Germany by the Canadian Red Cross, proving that the parcel service is improving. All prisoners' parcels were stopped by German authorities for a few days, but have since been continued. The Germans have been taking out all the canned goods lately, declaring that some allied prisoners, though not British, were discovered getting communications in this way. However, this illicit practice was promptly suppressed by the allied Government in question, though only a few instances were discovered. It is expected the Canadians will be allowed canned stuff very shortly.

WILSON FEARS FOOD PANIC Asks Legislators to Hurry Up National Control Measures.

Washington, June 8.—President Wilson has asked members of the Senate Agricultural Committee to act quickly on the pending legislation to give the government control over the nation's staple food supply. He expressed the fear that if Congress delayed, European nations largely dependent on American supplies might begin to compete with each other in buying here in such fashion as to send prices in the United States to alarming heights, and bring about unrest in the great cities. The President urged also passage of the Administration Bill, under which railroads could be compelled to give preference to food and fuel shipments.

MARRIAGES IN ONTARIO No Increase Owing to Conscription Announcement.

Toronto, June 8.—The conscription announcement by Sir Robert Borden did not cause a rush of young men in Ontario to the ranks of the benedictus with a view of escaping the first call which might be made on single men without dependents. The Ontario government does not compile monthly statistics of marriage licenses issued, but the recorder of licenses states that the number issued during the past few weeks has been about the average for April and previous months. April, he said, was a little below the average of other years.

City of Mons Heavily Fined.

Amsterdam, June 8.—The city of Mons has been fined £20,000 because a Belgian paper, published in Holland, announced that Crown Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, was in Mons when the city was bombarded by Allied airmen.

Haiti Breaks With Germany.

(Special to the Whig.) London, June 8.—Relations between Germany and Haiti have been formally broken off, according to Central News despatches from Amsterdam today.

ZOO IS TOO COSTLY TO KILL RARE BEASTS

Paris, June 8.—A part of the important managerie of the City of Paris, in the Jardin des Plantes is to be sacrificed to economic necessities. Every animal feeding on hay or grain, excepting rare specimens that cannot be easily replaced, is to be killed to save fodder for horses and cattle and bread for the people. Certain species of bear and other animals, such as wild sheep of Algiers and wild horses of pre-historic origin, will be spared. The wild boars and the hind will be sold as game. The camels, because of their frugality, will be preserved.

TO INTRODUCE BILL ON MONDAY

Sir Robert Borden Makes Announcement Regarding "Military Service Act, 1917." A BIG DISAPPOINTMENT TO THE CROWDED GALLERIES WHICH SHOWED DISGUST.

Second Reading of Bill Not Decided Upon—Premier Intends to Plunge Into His Proposals Without Further Pourparlies. Ottawa, June 8.—A packed House, galleries and floor, gathered yesterday afternoon to listen to the announcements of the two leaders on the past fortnight's negotiations. Sir Wilfrid Laurier engaged in animated conversation with Messrs. Graham, Pugsley and Lemieux. Sir Robert Borden sat moodily silent, Hon. Robert Rogers was not in the House. Sir Robert Borden announced that the Military Service Act of 1917 would be introduced on Monday next. Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked when the second reading might be expected. Sir Robert Borden answered that he would be glad to consult the leader of the Opposition on that question, but would like to have the matter expedited as much as possible. Thereupon, much to the surprise of the House and the chagrin of the assembled crowds, Sir Robert called in "No. 21," and Sir Thomas White called for the second reading of "An Act respecting Insurance." Sir Robert rose and left the chamber. Sir Thomas once more undertook to explain his bill but nobody listened to him.

Crowd Disappointed. It was the biggest public disappointment for many a day, and the crowd didn't restrain its disappointment. Sir Thomas White strove vainly for a hearing to his technical explanations, and the Speaker was finally compelled to raise his voice above the tumult in the protest. "There is altogether too much talking in the House. Order must be maintained."

The completeness of the surprise may be gathered from the fact that representatives of Government House were present. The speed with which Sir Thomas White cleared the packed galleries has been noted by the most modest of public men, and Sir Thomas is not modest in any particular. It is apparently now the intention of the Prime Minister to plunge headlong into his conscription proposals without further pourparlies or explanations.

Rev. W. E. Gilroy Named. Montreal, June 8.—Rev. W. E. Gilroy, Hamilton, was elected president of the Congregational Union of Canada, which is holding its annual meeting here.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities. "Faint" by Boston Evening Opera Co., Grand, 2:30 Saturday. The sun rises Saturday at 4:17 a.m. and sets at 7:40 p.m.

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DIED

CAMPION—In Kingston, on June 7th, 1917, the widow of the late William Campion. Funeral (private) from the family residence, 127 Division St., on Saturday morning to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung at 9 o'clock for the happy repose of her soul. Friends and acquaintances are kindly invited to attend the mass. MATTLEND—At Titchborne, on June 6th, 1917, W. P. Mattland, aged 73 years. Funeral on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. from the Outer G.T.H. station to Catteraugui cemetery. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

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Familiar Quotations

What in me is dark illumine: what is low, raise and support: That to the height of this great argument I may assert eternal Providence, And justify the ways of God to men. —MILTON.