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THE EXEMPTIONS CAN BE REVISED

The Military Service Regulations Have Been Amended.

WHY REVIEW IS NEEDED

MANY EXEMPTIONS GRANTED ON INSUFFICIENT GROUNDS.

The circumstances are constantly changing—When the answers of Exempted Men indicates necessity for review by the District Registrar Can Pass Them on to the Tribunals.

As explanatory of the necessity of the new provisions, it is pointed out that, owing to the exceptionally short period (less than three months) which intervened between the issue of the proclamation under the Military Service Act and the call of the first draft to the colors it was impossible for military representatives to satisfy themselves in every case of the correctness of the facts stated by applicants for exemption.

Further, it is stated, the circumstances concerning men to whom exemption has been granted are constantly changing. Exempted men are under obligation to notify the registrar of any change of circumstances affecting their right to continue to be exempt, but it has been found impossible to detect all the cases in which they have failed to do so.

Briefly, the new regulations provide that: Every exempted man must answer, in writing, such questions as he may be asked from time to time by the registrar or by any peace officer. In the event of questions being sent by the registrar by post, answers must be mailed within three days.

On expiry of exemption, or upon decision of a tribunal varying or withdrawing a certificate of exemption, the exempted man, on notice, shall forthwith deliver to the registrar or tribunal his exemption certificate. Penalty in default: Fine not exceeding \$100, or imprisonment not exceeding six months.

In the Order-in-Council amending the regulations, it is stated that review of exemptions "is useful to ensure the effective application of the labor of the exempted persons in their occupation, agricultural and otherwise, their engagement in such forms the ground for their exemption from military service."

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS.

British.

"After heavily barraging our positions the enemy raided one of our posts east of Loos," says last night's official statement. "Four of our men are missing. We captured positions in patrol encounters south of Lens. Hostile artillery has been active in the neighborhood of Blesquin, Buellcourt, Bailleul and Poelcapelle."

The official statement issued today by the British War Office says: "We took few prisoners last night in patrol encounters south-west of Cambrai. Hostile artillery was active early in the night against our positions in the Scarpe valley."

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CONCRETE BOAT IS LATEST OF MARITIME SENSATIONS



CONCRETE MOTOR BOAT "THE CONCRETE."

That the commerce carriers of the near future which are being depended upon to relieve railroad congestion and contribute materially to the winning of the war may be built of concrete instead of wood, as in the past, is proved by the concrete motor boat Concrete. The boat is built of concrete and was constructed by Walter Dowsey, of Iron River, Mich., who, lacking suitable wood from which to build a pleasure boat, determined to experiment with concrete.

BRITISH PAPERS SEE AUSTRIA WEAKENING

The German Chancellor Insincere, But Count Czernin is Desirous of Peace.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) New York, Jan. 26.—Morning newspapers generally consider German Chancellor Von Hertling's address insincere and arrogant, and those commenting on the speech of Count Czernin, the Austrian Foreign Minister, see a weakening of Austria under the stress of internal situation and the desire for peace, "not merely because of being tired of the war, but because of being practically at the point of exhaustion."

The Austrian viewpoint shows signs of independence and does not follow the German policy in several respects. On the vital question of Belgium, the German Chancellor's statement is considered so indefinite that it might be construed to cover any course Germany might think opportune at the time of the peace negotiations. While declaring that Germany never demanded the incorporation of Belgian territory, he adds the qualifying phrase, "by violence," and leaves all Belgian questions to the peace conference. This course, it is pointed out, would give Germany as free a hand in the conference as her platform of no annexation and no indemnities has been interpreted to give her in the Russian negotiations.

The general result of these speeches, in the view of observers here, is that the war problems are now fairly launched into the field of international debate and that the next utterance is due to come from the United States and the European allies.

VERY HOT FIGHTING.

It is Said That Kishinev is Surrounded by Rumanians.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, Jan. 26.—Kishinev is reported to be surrounded by Rumanian troops, according to the Petrograd despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, and hot fighting is said to be in progress between Bolshevik troops and the Rumanians.

Charged With Attempted Murder. Montreal, Jan. 26.—Joseph Epstein, who served four years in Portsmouth penitentiary, has been arrested, charged with attempting to murder Controller Villeneuve by stabbing him on Tuesday evening. Epstein appeared and pleaded not guilty.

Toronto Patriotic and Red Cross funds reach \$3,133,438.

Big Fire at Newark, N.J. (Canadian Press Despatch.) Newark, N.J., Jan. 26.—More than a million dollars worth of property was destroyed today in a fire believed to be the work of German spies which burned up oil barges, pier, warehouses and freight cars on Newark Bay, close to the plant of the Submarine Boat Corporation and the storerooms of the quartermaster department of the army.

Rhine Town Collapsed. Several Million Marks Damage by German Floods.

Amsterdam, Jan. 26.—Telegrams from Frankfurt to Dutch newspapers report that the recent sudden rise of the River Rhine, a tributary of the Rhine, caused damage of several million marks to German property. The town of Sobernheim, on the Nahe (with a population of about 3,000), is reported to have collapsed like a house of cards.

Floods are also causing considerable damage in various parts of Holland.

A Social Democrat in Russia Belonging said if the government did not bring about peace with Russia it would be hurled from power.

Austria is willing to conclude a separate peace with Germany, and accept the Russian democratic programme.

Among those killed or wounded in the riot at Moscow on Tuesday were many women and children.

A new contingent of Portuguese troops has just been landed in France.

Ten cars of lignite coal from western Canada are on route to Port Arthur for retail sale.

Election of W. A. Charlton, Unionist, for Norfolk, is predicted.

The British Food Controller urges greater food saving.

CAPT. HANSARD HOBA, of the 1st Battalion, 2nd Brigade, transferred to England, after two years and four months service in France.

NATIONALIZATION OF RAILWAYS

The Canadian Government May Become the Absolute Owners.

SUSPEND FREIGHT RATES

IT IS PROBABLE THEY WILL NEVER COME INTO EFFECT

Ownership Will Probably Take the Place of Order of the Railway Board—Granting an Increase in Freight and Passenger Tariffs. Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The one topic of conversation here is the railway situation, and the one safe bet, says a correspondent, is that all the roads will be nationalized, including the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The order of the railway commission authorizing a 15 per cent. increase in passenger and freight rates is suspended until March 15th. As a matter of fact the order will never go into effect. There is talk about the Government taking over the roads for the period of the war, as President Wilson did in the United States. But it is mere outside talk.

The real business now going on behind the screen is the arrangement for the government acquiring the absolute ownership of all the railroads of Canada.

Unofficially the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has intimated that it is prepared to part with its railway for a fair price, but wants to retain its lands, steamship lines and other extraneous assets.

Some members of the government are favorably inclined toward this suggestion, but the western ministers will insist upon acquiring the C.P.R. lock, stock and barrel. They want the lands as well as the road.

Few here believe that the rate case will ever be decided. Indeed, the whole question of rates is being lost sight of in view of the much larger question of complete railway nationalization, which is now receiving the undivided attention of the government.

REMPINGTON CAUSES STIR IN BRITAIN

Suggested He May Have Been Unduly Gloomy to Strengthen His Political Attacks.

London, Jan. 26.—Col. Remington, a sensational military forecast for Great Britain for 1918 with its evident exact information and its arraignment of the War Cabinet, occupies the foremost attention of political and military circles.

Col. Remington's critics contend that he has painted the military position in extravagantly gloomy colors in order to push his case against the War Cabinet, other wise "the politicians," and further development of the controversy is awaited with intense interest.

The Star asserts that the Government must disprove Remington's accusations or resign, but the Star is actuated far more by hostility to the Prime Minister than by sympathy with Remington.

A SERIOUS FIRE

Destroyed Theatre and Three Stores and Spreading.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Peterboro, Jan. 26.—Fire which broke out early this morning already destroyed a theatre and three stores up to 9.15 a.m. and is spreading. Assisted in its work by strong winds, the fire is spreading rapidly.

The fire wiped out one-half of the business section on George street between Simcoe and Charlotte streets, including the Royal Theatre, Matthews & Blackwell, Dominion Bank and other buildings. In the Dominion Bank building were the offices of the Confederation Life and sundry local firms, also the Masonic Hall. The fire was caused by the explosion of a hot water boiler in Robert Nell's shoe store. The loss is \$500,000. Several persons sleeping above the stores had narrow escapes, and a fireman was overcome by smoke.

Germany May Levy On Wealth. Amsterdam, Jan. 26.—Proposals for a levy on wealth to help pay the expenses of war are being considered by Germany. The Frankfurter Zeitung declares that it has already been decided to make a direct levy, which will be several times as large as that of 1913, when a "defence tax" of \$250,000,000 was levied on fortunes to furnish money for putting the German army and navy on a war basis.

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The deceased is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Arthur Lingham, Gore street. His wife, who was a sister of Hon. T. W. Croft, died about a year ago. In religion Mr. Toye was a Methodist, being connected with Queen street church.

WHERE BRESLAU WAS SUNK AND GOEBEN BEACHED



ARROWS SHOW WHERE THE MIDULLI (THE BRESLAU) WAS SUNK AND THE SULTAN YAWUZ SELIM (THE GOEBEN) WAS BEACHED

The Goeben and the Breslau, of which the Turkish names are the Sultan Selim and the Midulli, with destroyers, were in action with the British forces at the entrance to the Dardanelles. The Breslau was sunk. The Goeben escaped, but has been beached, evidently badly damaged, at Nagara Point, in the narrows of the straits.

PAUL GRUISCHWITZ IS A GERMAN

He Enlisted in Infantry Under Military Service Act.

WHY HE DID NOT REPORT

HE WAS TAKEN ON STRENGTH OF DEPOT BATTALION.

He Declared He Was a German and Investigation Proved He Was Right—He Will Now Go to Hamilton to a Railway Construction Corps.

Final disposition has been made of an interesting case involving Paul Gruschwitz, a member of the Depot Battalion, commanded by Lieut. Col. R. W. Smart, here, according to a message from Ottawa. He has professed to be a German, but having enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force under the Military Service Act, must continue in service, and will be sent to Hamilton, where a Railway Construction Company is being formed.

Gruschwitz was called to the colors under the Military Service Act. He was taken on the strength of the Depot Battalion, but did not report, stating that he was a German. To prove his alien enemy nationality he produced a most imposing document, written in German.

The matter was submitted to headquarters and an investigation was held. It proved that this document was a German and as such should not be allowed to go into the front line trenches. Instead of the infantry he will go in Railway Construction, and will therefore be engaged in building railroads for the Empire. The affair proves to be very creditable to the authorities who acted with such decision in such an important matter.

WATERTOWN'S POPULATION

It Is Expected to Reach 40,000 Before Summer.

Watertown, N.Y., Jan. 26.—That the population of the city will total between 40,000 and 50,000 before summer was the prediction of officials based upon estimates made during the last few days of the probable increase in the force of workmen in local manufacturing establishments. The completion of the construction work upon the government gun carriage plant and the munition work at the New York Air Brake Company plant is expected to bring the total force employed there to between 5,000 and 8,000.

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JAPAN WARNS THE BOLSHEVIKI

Will Take Measures to Protect Interests in Manchuria.

SPEECH OF THE PREMIER

COUNT SAYS RUSSIAN SITUATION IS CAUSING ANXIETY.

Hopes She May Be Able to Successfully Settle Her Difficulties and Establish a Stable Government—Friendships With Britain and Her Allies Is Being Strengthened.

Tokio, Jan. 26.—Japan holds herself responsible for the maintenance of peace in this part of the world, and consequently in the event of that peace being endangered to the inevitable detriment of our interests the Government of Japan will not hesitate a moment to take the proper measures.

Thus Count Terauchi, the Japanese Premier, spoke at the opening of the Diet in referring to the internal disorders in Russia spreading to the Russian possession in Eastern Asia.

The Premier declared that the situation in Russia was causing him the greatest measure of anxiety. "As the true friend of Russia," he said, "Japan earnestly hopes that country may successfully settle its difficulties without much further loss of time and establish a stable Government."

Count Terauchi said also that Japan joined unreservedly with the allied powers in the determination not to sheathe the sword until an honorable peace is secured.

Premier Count Terauchi, in his address to the Diet, said the war in Europe had increased in scope and magnitude. The Imperial Japanese Government was fully alive to the gravity of the situation, and constantly was making efforts to maintain peace in the Far East, and co-operating in the war operations with the concerted plan of action of the allied powers.

It was the Government's intention to pursue the same policy with absolute loyalty and fidelity to the allies and for the maintenance of the national safety, the Premier added. He said he was happy to say that Japan's relations with her British ally and other powers with whom she was fighting side by side constantly were being strengthened. The recent exchange of the honors of Field Marshalship between Japan and Great Britain was a matter for profound mutual congratulations because it marked the increasing strength of their allegiance.

BONAR LAW DEFENDS THE GENERAL STAFF

Says Haig Was Not Made Subordinate to Nivelle in France.

London, Jan. 26.—Andrew Bonar Law, the Government leader in the House of Commons, replying to a cross-fire of questions today, declared that General Sir William Robertson, Chief of the Imperial Staff, and Field Marshal Haig have the fullest confidence of the Government and the War Cabinet, and that so far as he knew, no member of the Government was behind the attacks which were being made against those generals in the press. He also declined to admit the accuracy of a suggestion made by Kennedy Jones that in January last Field Marshal Haig, by order of the War Cabinet, was made subordinate to General Nivelle, the French Commander.

War Tidings.

General opinion in London is that the Trenchon peace speeches are collusive. Paris despatches say the opinion there is that Germany is bluffing.

The Portuguese Premier, after reviewing the Portuguese troops leaving for France on Friday reaffirming the intention of Portugal to continue the war to the end.

The British labor congress passed a resolution to abolish the House of Lords.

At Montreal Sir Frederick E. Smith, attorney-general in Lloyd George's Cabinet, told the Canadian Club that in his judgment the military authorities had absolute confidence of the British Administration.

The third congress of the Council of Soldiers and Workmen's deputies of all Russia convened Wednesday evening, with 625 delegates present.

WAR BULLETINS.

No serious fighting on any fronts is reported.

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