

Has Raised 7,000 For British Army

(Philadelphia Bulletin.)

"God's Own" is the nickname given to one of five battalions, comprising about seven thousand men and officers which Clement Anderson Montague Earlow, M.P., now visiting friends here, raised, clothed and equipped in Lancaster.

Up to the time Mr. Barlow left England, scarcely three weeks ago, not a soldier in this one particular battalion had been lost, although they had been in the front line of trenches a good many times. That's why they are called "God's Own."

Mr. Barlow is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis Scull at their place, "Leighton," Overbrook, where he was interviewed today. He represents South Salford, largely an industrial district in Lancashire, and is so much interested in the labor question that he is about to publish a book on the subject. He is a good looking bachelor, about forty years old, and makes an agreeable impression by his friendly and simple manner. His late father was Dean of Peterborough. Among other attainments he is recognized as an authority on ecclesiastical law, to such an extent that he is official adviser to the Archdeacons of London, St. Albans and Hampstead. He is a member of the Canterbury House of Lavmen and of the Council of the London Chamber of Commerce. He is a University of Cambridge man and author of various law books and also articles on social and economic questions.

Mr. Barlow visited the Allies' troops in France and was with them for some time in the front line trenches.

"The men were as cheerful as possible," he said. "I played football with them. I don't want people to think the British 'Tommy' does nothing but play football, but I can tell you that they are in excellent spirits. Their morale is good."

Asked his opinion as to the war's duration, he replied:

"It's difficult to estimate but the Allies are certainly ready to go on until Belgium is restored and until the power of Germany is curbed."

Speaking of air raids in England, Mr. Barlow said:

"Though we have had a good many air raids, the amount of damage has been infinitesimal. They are destructive and brutal—especially to women and children—and ought to be abandoned, except in places of military importance. If a military power drops bombs on an arsenal or a strategic railway, I don't think that it is an unfair act of war."

Touching on the sea-raiding of the Moewe, or whatever the real name may be of the disguised cruiser that captured the Appam, Mr. Barlow made the comment that while a certain amount of disguise had always been allowed in naval warfare, it was required by international law that the disguise should be dropped and the true colors of the ship shown before a shot was fired.

When Belgium was mentioned, Mr. Barlow spoke emphatically.

"The Allies are pledged to the hit to make no peace until Belgium is restored, not only in her independence, but also industrially and economically," he said. "What I want to see is that Germany pays enough indemnity to re-establish Belgium. Belgium is absolutely ruined."

Mr. Barlow's constituency is an entirely industrial one. Although a Conservative, he won his seat in the last election, 1910. In September, 1914, he started to raise a battalion and has just completed the work of raising five. He has been in close touch with organized labor in Central Lancashire since the war began.

"The Trades Unionists have done magnificently from the viewpoint of recruiting," he said. "My constituents are dock laborers, miners, cotton operatives and employees of big machinery factories. By voluntary methods alone and without any difficulty, we have enlisted during the past eighteen months the vast majority of these men of military age in the area. So much so that it has become difficult to man the mines, workshops and docks."

When the conscription debate was on, I called a meeting in South Salford of all the leading Unionists and explained to them fully my vote in parliament in favor of the Compulsory Service Bill. I had already debated the question many times over with them and knew their feeling had gradually swung round to compulsion for all, as being the only fair

thing. When families all down one street have sent their sons and brothers and husbands to fight, while one or two families have sent nobody it is not long before you get a preponderance of feeling in favor of compelling those who have not come forward voluntarily to take their proper share in defending the country."

"At this meeting at which I spoke in South Salford there was only one serious objector. He seemed to think it was a matter of 'principle' that no compulsion should be used. But even he was not intractable, as he admitted he thought compulsion would not be unreasonable if the Germans had actually landed in England."

BROTHER JONATHAN

These verses, written by an American citizen, illustrate the view taken by many patriotic Americans of the course of President Wilson's administration with regard to the war.

I
Brother Jonathan sat by the kitchen fire,
Nursin' his foot on his knee.

"It's a terrible fight they're havin' out there,
But they can't git over to me."

And Jonathan jingled the coins in his han'
An' thanked the good God for the sea.

II
"They'll be wantin' my cattle and hogs and corn
An' powder an' guns, mebber;

But they'll pay on the nail—cash down—
—by gum!

For all they git from me."
And he smiled kinder slow and jingled the coins;

"It's good for business," sez he.
III
"They're killin' 'em off like flies, they say.
They can't blame it onto me,
It ain't my war, yet I do feel bad
For them poor Belgians," sez he.
And he took a few dollars out of his jeans
And sent it across the sea.

IV
Then he heard they'd drowned a thousand men—
And some from Amerikee;
So he said right out, "If you do that agin,
You'll git me mad," sez he.
And he kep' on jingling the coins in his han'
An' thankin' God for the sea.

V
They did it agin and then agin.
"You quit that now," sez he.
"I'll give you fellers a piece o' my mind
If I git hol' o' ye."
An' he winks one eye with his tongue in his cheek,
"I'm too proud to fight," sez he.

VI
Then they got to plottin' and blowin' up things,
An' he says, "You let me be.
I won't stand these furrin tricks o' yours
In this here land o' the free."
And it got old Jonathan all het up,
And he took his foot from his knee.

VII
An' he got to thinkin' and thinkin' hard,
Worryin' how it would be,
An' wonderin' what in Sam Hill he'd do
If some pesky enemy
With all them dreadnoughts an' submarines
Came rippin' across the sea.

VIII
An' he thought o' the army he wished he had,
An' he reckoned up his navy.
"I guess I've set here long enough,
I'll have to git busy," sez he.
But the last I saw he was settin' there yet.
An' strokin' his long goatee.

IX
It ain't no time to be settin' round,
I kin tell ye—no siree!
He better be gittin' up out o' that chair
An' git out doors and see;
An' do his chores an' fix things up
The way they oughter be.

X
He might be helpin' them cousins o' his'n
To fight for liberty;
An' he might git in a few licks hisself
Jes for humanity.
Anyhow I wish he'd quit jinglin' them coins
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FREE WHEAT PROPOSAL VOTED DOWN

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The commonsense spent the greater part of today's short session in winding up the debate on Mr. Turrill's resolution for free wheat. A vote was taken just before the six o'clock adjournment. The resolution was defeated by a vote of 77 to 74.

Hon. Robt. Rogers, in continuing the debate today, opposed free wheat on the ground that the administration should stick to the policy of "Canada for the Canadians." Owing to the differences in the grain markets of Canada and the United States, it was impossible to make a comparison of wheat prices in the two countries; parliament should take no action which would deprive Canada's railways of traffic; the railroads would lose business if the wheat were diverted to American channels.

In opposition to the view of the minister, Robert Cruise, another Manitoba member, said that the farmers of the west wanted free access to the American market and they were being deprived of money through being excluded from that market. The farmers knew what they wanted and they should have it; the national policy did not appeal to them when their pockets were touched.

Alexander Morrison, a Conservative, representing Macdonald, Manitoba, held that with a campaign for the production of foodstuffs for the Allies this was not the time for introduction of free wheat.

J. J. Hughes, Liberal, of Prince Edward Island, said that while the price of wheat was abnormally high in Eastern Canada, wheat was rotting on the ground in the west for the lack of a market. The Canadian quill was open to scrutiny.

Levi Thompson, Liberal, of Qu'Appelle, declared that western farmers did not seek free wheat as a favor but as a right. The government did not want to know the views of the western farmers; but preferred to give the millers what they wanted.

W. F. MacLean, Independent Conservative, said he had "come to the conclusion that we cannot resist the voice of the west, which is asking liberty to sell wheat in the markets of the world; the west should have the opportunity of working out its own salvation and we should not encourage grievances."

Hon. Arthur Meighen held that free wheat had been defeated when reciprocity was beaten; the agitation was ninety per cent. political and ten per cent. economically unsound.

Then came the vote and the declaration that free wheat is dead for another year so far as the dominion parliament is concerned.

GERMANS FEELING PINCH OF HUNGER

London, Feb. 23.—The Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Mail says he has reliable information to the effect that rioting is increasing in Germany. He telegraphs:

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PRICE OF FISH MAY BE REDUCED

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—W. A. Pound, superintendent of fisheries, was examined today by the Marine and Fisheries Committee, which is inquiring into the high cost of fish paid at inland markets, as compared with the prices received by the fishermen. He said that a big reduction in the cost of fish could be brought about by the adoption of the peddler system of delivery. This would provide for shipments in carload lots, stopping at three points in transit.

A car loaded at Mulgrave, N. S., would stop at Montreal, Kingston and Toronto, and a portion of the fish be taken off. Under present conditions the demand at any one place is not sufficient to call for carload lots, and the less than carload rates have to be paid, which increases the price.

en place in Germany occurred on the evening of Feb. 19, in Bergerdorf, a suburb of Hamburg, where a women's meeting was held in front of the burgomaster's house, in protest against the butter and fat regulations. It developed into a big street demonstration, people shouting "down with the government."

The police, summoned from Hamburg, drove the screaming and struggling women into their homes, after a street battle.

A despatch from Zurich reports serious food protests and riots in Hanover.

Fred McLaughlin of Brockton, has been spending a week in Kentucky.

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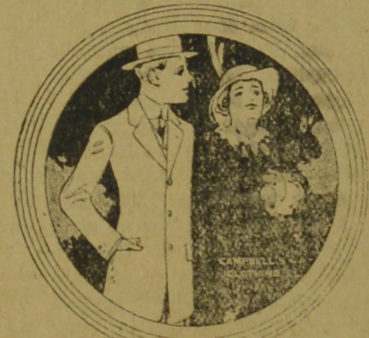
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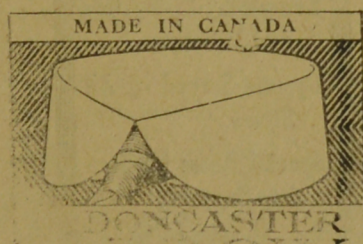
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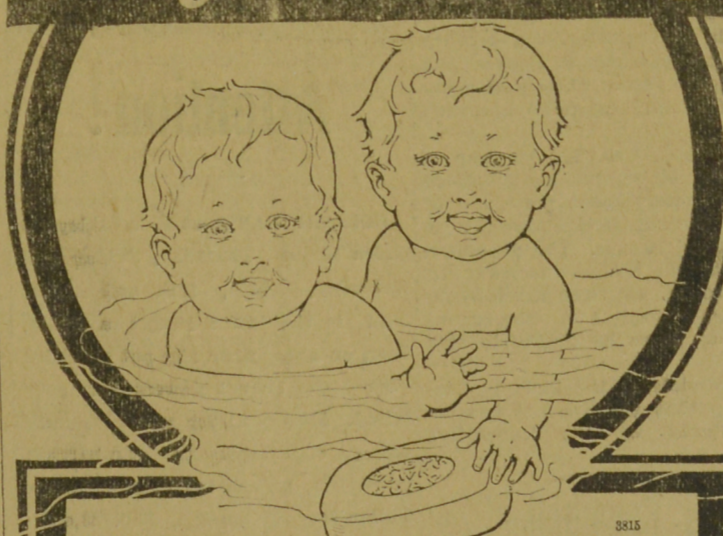
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