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SPIRITED DEBATE OVER MILITARY SERVICE ACT

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Sept. 20. — Upon the resumption of the conscription resolutions in the labor congress this morning Delegate Farmille Edmonton, proposed an amendment to the executive committee's report which in substance was that the congress could not stultify itself to the degree of withdrawing or contradicting this year its firm and carefully thought out views on the question of conscription as embodied in the resolutions of 1915 and 1916.

The government, by its actions, the amendment declared, had not justified labor in recommending a willing submission to the military act, particularly in its failure with such fatal omissions, concluded the amendment, "this congress cannot unreservedly recommend that the law be observed, but would recommend that every effort be made to enfranchise the complete conscription of wealth, an essential part of conscription for war purposes, and pending the conscription of wealth, no support be given to the principle of conscripting men for war purposes."

Another amendment by Delegate Arcand of Montreal, proposed that the government be petitioned to withhold application of the military service act until after the election of a new parliament.

Want It Repealed.

This amendment also recommended

that all efforts being made to have parliamentary candidates pledge themselves to repeal the measure.

The debate which followed proved to be the warmest yet heard. Some of the delegates, like Gustave France of Montreal, J. Murphy of Ottawa, Richard Lynch of Montreal, Mr. McKenzie, S. A. Marc, Mr. Gate of London, declared themselves to be strong in favor of conscription and supported the government action in adopting compulsory measures to end the compulsory measures to send reinforcements to the boys at the front. Other of the delegates, notably Messrs. Sassy, Montreal, Nayer of Vancouver, Forget and Farmille of Edmonton, and others, scored conscription.

A Heated Discussion.

Some of the remarks made were just on the border of the danger mark by the defense of the realm act. The difference of opinion can best be summed up in the remark made by Delegate J. Murphy of Ottawa, who said that he preferred Lloyd George to a Bethmann-Hollweg and King George to Kaiser William compared to the remark by Delegate Cassidy who, in censure of conscription said: "If a general strike was necessary, and was considered illegal by the government, let us call at a general holiday in honor of the Battle of the Somme."

The debate got so exciting that at times it was uproarious. A mild sensation was caused when Delegate Knight referred to the returned soldiers as "Hired Ruffians." Delegate King immediately took up the cudgels at the remark, and Delegate Knight hastened to explain that he was not speaking of the returned men as a body, but was referring to an individual case that had happened in Winnipeg.

The debate was continued until the adjournment at 12.15. The forces seem to be pretty well divided. The anti-conscriptionists are perhaps in greater numbers, but it must be said that when an advocate of conscription arose and expressed his views clearly and quietly, he was applauded.

A cow will approach a new object fascinated, but with timorous suspicion, but a horse is even more timid, gazing at a distance for a while, ready to flee in a moment. The monkey will snatch at everything that is new and deliberately examine it, till finding that he cannot eat it or mock mankind with it, he will drop it and let it pass from his shallow memory.

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Slants of Humor

RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WAR.

The kaiser and the crown prince were sipping a cordial.

"Father, who started the war?" quoth the crown prince, pulling on his cigarette.

"Why, we've proved it on England, France and Belgium, to say nothing of Russia," sharply answered the kaiser. "Yes, I know," said the prince, "but who was really responsible?"

"Well, his father answered, "if you must know, it was like this: You remember when Roosevelt came back from Africa? I gave him a good time. I showed him all around and I took him out and together we reviewed the army. When we got back to the palace Teddy clapped me on the back and said, 'Bill, you can lick the world, and, like a damned fool, I believed him.'"

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WASTED SWEETNESS.

(Sturgeon Bay Democrat.)

About an hour after the wedding of Miss Ethel Haines and Hans Stigen the band boys arrived and rendered music which they believed was appropriate for the occasion. The groom, however, evidently did not have a musical ear, and failing to "come across," the band had another charge account on their books.

NIGHT IN MOSQUITO WEATHER.

As I was lying on my bed, Sheet-swathed up to my chin, Slapping my face a thousand times Near the place where the skeets had been,

A sweetly solemn thought occurred As they made themselves at home— A bald headed man is a darned sight worse,

For they light all over his dome.

THE DENTAL MUSE.

It is said that a Wiscasset Me., dentist has a sign reading as follows: He tries not to be nutty,

Nor does his work in haste; eH fills no teeth with putty,

And sets no crowns in paste.

THAT REMINDS ME.

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