

ASQUITH CALLS FOR A MILLION MORE SOLDIERS

Heavy Reinforcements Needed for Immediate Field Service

SITUATION IS CRITICAL

Premier Acknowledges Grave Mistakes Were Made in Dardanelles Campaign

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Premier Asquith, in the House of Commons today, asked for 1,000,000 more men for the British army.

This would bring the total number of Britons in the field up to 2,250,000.

The demand was in the form of a motion for the passage of the Government's bill calling for 1,000,000 more men to the colors immediately.

In making the motion the Premier declared that the Government aims to get every man of military age who is physically qualified to serve in the field.

"The wastage of men is enormous," declared Premier Asquith.

At the present time there are approximately 2,500,000 men in training and on the volunteer lists waiting to be called into service.

Withdrawal of the allied forces from the Suvla and Anzac fronts on the Gallipoli peninsula was advised by Lord Kitchener, the War Secretary, after his return from the Near East.

Announcement to this effect was made by the Premier in Commons.

"The troop withdrawals from the Suvla and Anzac zones were made upon the advice of the military and naval advisers," said the Premier.

"They were recommended by Sir Charles G. Monro and Lord Kitchener, after examination there."

Premier Asquith admitted that the Government had made blunders, saying: "There have been an abundance of errors and miscalculations, but they have not been confined to one side."

The British fighting forces, now in the field, number more than 1,250,000, Premier Asquith stated.

MAN HIT BY TRAIN ASKS "WHERE IS MARY'S DOLL?"

Seriously Injured Father Grieves for Daughter's Christmas Gift

"Where is Mary's doll?" was the first question asked by Albert Love, 35 years old, of 1340 South 23rd street, when he came back to consciousness at the Mount Sinai Hospital this morning.

Love was found senseless in the snow late last night, at Swanson and Moore streets beside the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks, by Patrolman George Cressy, of the 22d and Dickinson streets police station.

At Mount Sinai Hospital, where the injured man was taken, it was found that his skull was fractured. He will probably die.

This morning Love said he had been hit by a freight car. He said he had bought a doll as a Christmas present for his daughter, and was disconcerted when it could not be found.

Boer Rebels Released

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Dec. 21.—General De Wet and 118 others who took part in the Boer uprising last year and who were sentenced to prison for treason, were released today after they had signed a pledge not to take part in any anti-Government agitation in the future.

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KELLER'S DENIAL OF MURDER STIRS COPS

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fillings he had put in McNichol's teeth. The dentist is Dr. William B. Maratta, who has offices in the Widener Building and lives at 184 North 13th street.

FILLINGS IDENTIFIED.

They asked Doctor Maratta to visit the Morgue a second time to examine the gold. He did so and declared positively that the gold fillings were those he had recorded as having been placed in McNichol's teeth.

The articles on which the identification was based are McNichol's suit of clothes identified by his tailor; his keys and his notebook.

Keller said that the body found in the trunk was probably that of a man named "Adolph," whose last name he did not know, who lived in Lansdale or Lansdowne, who failed to pay a heavy debt to McNichol's company, and who is missing.

In answer to this the detectives say "Adolph" is a myth, and that Keller really means Lewis Applebaum, of Lansdale, who, they say, is "very much alive."

Keller said Mrs. Marie McNichol believed her husband had deserted her and had brought suit to prevent the disposal of his estate. The detectives admit this, but say she believed her husband deserted her because Keller told her so, and so impressed her and her mother, Mrs. Michael Jennings, of 96 North 23d street, with the belief that her husband was in retirement in New York and in trouble that they gave him money and a suitcase full of clothes to be taken to the mine.

Keller and refused to give him more money to be forwarded to McNichol.

MRS. McNICHOL'S DEPOSITION.

On April 28, 1914, 28 days after McNichol's disappearance, Mrs. Marie Jennings McNichol, 21 years old, and the mother of an infant son, born after McNichol disappeared, filed a suit for equity in Common Pleas Court No. 2. Extracts from her deposition read as follows:

"Marie McNichol, being duly sworn, deposes and says that on or about April 3, 1914, she said Daniel J. McNichol, without leave or cause, resigned his position and deserted his wife, at which time he was of sufficient ability to provide for her maintenance. Your deponent further covers that the said Daniel J. McNichol has given and executed judgment notes the amounts of which are unknown to your complainant.

The said Daniel J. McNichol is the owner of two certain pieces of real estate in Philadelphia and holder of shares of stock in the B. F. Keller Leather Goods Company and that he has transferred or attempted to transfer such property with the intention of defrauding his wife of support and maintenance. The deponent prays that the court may direct that said property shall be seized on an order of your honorable court and sold and proceeds applied to the support of his wife."

KELLER'S RECORD PROBED.

The Detective Bureau today sent a communication to Fire Commissioner Adamson, of New York, asking that Keller's record as a fireman in the New York department be looked up and forwarded.

to this city. Keller drove an engine in New York several years ago.

The strongest promise of evidence that can produce a witness who will say that he saw McNichol three months ago in a Southern city, spoke to him and received an answering bow. The name of this witness the prisoner has failed to make public, although the police have offered assistance to search the country for any one who has seen McNichol alive at any time since his disappearance 20 months ago.

9000 WAIST AND SUIT WORKERS MAY STRIKE

Strike Threatened if Demand for Wage Increase and Better Conditions Is Refused

A walkout on the part of certain classes of garment workers here unless the manufacturers accede to their demands for an increase in wages and more sanitary working conditions will result within the next two weeks, according to officials of the garment workers here.

The expected walkout will not include cloak workers, but only waist, silk suit workers and also workers on children's dresses. The reason is partly due to the fact that the workers feel that they have not been "let in" on the extremely prosperous season the garment trade has just passed through. If the strike materializes, it will begin just at the time when the spring and summer season of the trade has begun and will mean that more than two-thirds of the 9000 workers here will leave their work.

The strike will be part of a movement here in Philadelphia to organize the trade so that the workers may get better working conditions. The details of the plan for the strike have been worked out and will be presented tomorrow, when Benjamin Schlesinger, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, will arrive in town to supervise the campaign of the workers and to present their demands to the manufacturers.

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REV. MR. KNOWLES UNRECONCILED TO DAUGHTER'S MARRIAGE

Insists Father White Was Wrong in Performing Ceremony Without Consent of Bride's Parents

ANSWERS MR. DENIG

The Rev. Mr. Archibald Campbell Knowles, rector of St. Alban's Church, Olney, still insists that Father Elliot White is to be censured for marrying the former's daughter, Miss Margaret Lewis Knowles, and Stevenson H. Walsh, Jr., 182 Pine street, last Saturday morning, when he knew it was against the wishes of the father. In this he is not seconded, however, by the parents of the bridegroom.

The principal objection Mr. Knowles had to the marriage of the young couple was their youth. He insisted that they should wait till next summer. His present attitude is simply pique, because his daughter was high-spirited enough not to abide by his decision, say the family of the groom.

Mr. Walsh, who is a cousin of Mrs. Frederick Thurston Mason, is 24 years old and is a coal broker.

"There was absolutely no reason for Mr. Knowles' objection to the wedding," said the Rev. Mr. Denig, secretary to Father White, today. "He suspected that the

marriage was to take place Saturday, and early in the morning, despite the heavy rain, two or three relatives of the girl and Mr. Knowles appeared, apparently determined to block the proceedings.

"They thought it would take place at St. Mark's, but instead of that Father White married them in St. Michael's Chapel, 19th and Lombard streets. Mr. Knowles even went so far as to call Father White on the phone and warn him not to marry the young couple.

When they would not listen he naturally married them, as there was no legal objection to the marriage."

The Rev. Mr. Knowles made the following statement when told of the attitude of Father White and Mr. Denig: "Mr. Knowles said: 'Those at the Parish House of St. Mark's seem to have lost their balance. Mr. Denig's sense of what is good taste in humor is as lacking as his knowledge of facts. His statements are absolutely untrue. My family does not know who Mr. Denig is. He knows nothing of my affairs. My daughter has only been engaged since last Easter. Mrs. Knowles was ill at home and not at the

church. Mrs. Gilpin, Miss Stocker and I waited quietly inside the parish building trusting in the assurance of the gentleman who is probably this Mr. Denig.

"I can scarcely believe that all of the clergy of Saint Mark's would have aided and abetted Father White in what he did. As I scarcely know Father White, as he was never in our home, how can he know my affairs? He was simply fooled by two young people as no man of his experience should be fooled. I leave it to the members of Saint Mark's parish to decide whether they can endorse their rector deceiving the father of the girl he married to Mr. Walsh and keeping us apart, when I, who must surely know my daughter better than he, could have persuaded her to wait, if we had only met. It is outrageous, as all sound-thinking people will feel.

"I can quite imagine why the bridegroom's family might indorse Father White while my reasons for counseling delay in young Mr. Walsh entering upon marriage might be very convincing.

"I dislike exceedingly the publicity of it all and the consequent annoyance, but I am quite content to leave the merits of

the matter and Father White's actions to the judgment of those who know.

"No other clergyman, knowing the circumstances would have acted as has been called in the father and the marriage was at once postponed."

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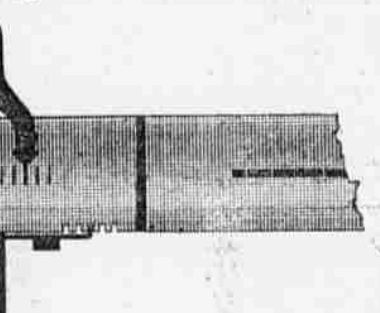
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