

In replying please

refer to Record No 16.9937

War.



Home Secretary's Office.

Brisbane 25th November, 1916

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Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant, relative to the recommendation of the Censor for the 1st Military District (Captain H.C.Coxen) that Mr.A.J.Ross, 188-190 Albert Street, Brisbane, be prosecuted for his alleged action in connection with certain anti-conscription leaflets, I have the honour to inform you that the Department of Justice advises that no case is disclosed.

Yours obediently,

(Sgd.) WILLIAM GALL

Under Secretary.

Captain G.F.Ainsworth,
Intelligence Section, General Staff,
Australian Military Forces,
1st Military District,
Head-quarters,
BRISBANE.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES,
1ST MILITARY DISTRICT.

Please Address Reply
to "Head-quarters,
1st Military District."

HEAD-QUARTERS,

Brisbane, 18th November, 1916.

To

The Under Secretary,
Home Secretary's Department,
BRISBANE.

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In reply to your 16.9937, War of the 16th instant, I beg to
inform you that same was referred to the Censor and his remarks
are attached hereto for your information.

G. J. Ainsworth captain,
Intelligence Section, General Staff.

As Home Dept.
No case is disclosed

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Adm. Defence Dept in accordance
with Gen. Selection of person

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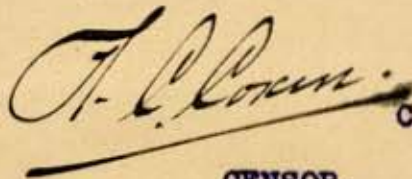
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Intelligence Officer,
District Head Quarters,
BRISBANE.

The leaflets referred to were handed to Lieut. J.N. Robinson, Assistant Censor; by Ralph H. Reis - Chairman and Managing Director of the Queensland News Coy., Ltd., (Sun) on the evening of the 23rd September, 1916.

I have already made a full statement of all I know concerning this matter to a member of the C.I. Branch some weeks ago.

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Captain,

CENSOR,
1st Military District.

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refer to Record No. 16.9937, War.



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Yours obediently,

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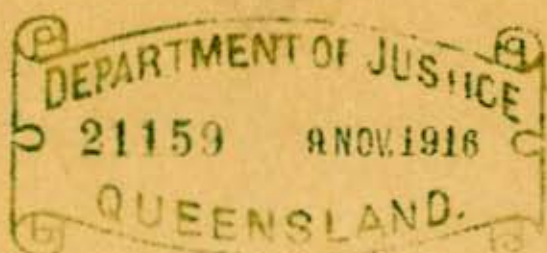
Under Secretary.

The Commandant,

1st Military District,

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"THE PRINTERS AND NEWSPAPERS ACT OF 1914".

Section 5. (1) Every person who prints for publication or distribution, whether gratuitously or for money, any paper or book shall print in legible characters, upon the front of every such paper if it is printed upon one leaf only and upon the first leaf and the last leaf of every such paper or book which consists of more than one leaf, his name and the name of the place and of the street or other part thereof in which his usual place of abode is situated.

(2) Where a company is the printer, it shall cause to be printed in legible characters, upon the front of every such paper if it is printed upon one leaf only and upon the first leaf and the last leaf of every such paper or book which consists of more than one leaf, its name or some known abbreviation thereof, and also the name or names of the individual person or persons as its printer or printers, and the name of the place and of the street or other part thereof in which the printing business of such company is carried on by such printer or printers.

(3) Any person who prints for publication or distribution any paper or book and omits to comply with the foregoing provisions of this section, or who publishes or distributes or assists in publishing or distributing any paper or book in respect of which the foregoing provisions of this section have not been complied with, or in respect of which any of the prescribed particulars are false or fictitious, shall, for every such copy so printed, published, or distributed by him but not for more than twenty copies in the whole, be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

(4) This section does not apply to newspapers.

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BRISBANE.

Forwarded herewith, for any action considered necessary,
file in connection with alleged improper ~~xxx~~ imprint on
pamphlets.

Please see Deputy Chief Censor's reply to representations made by Censor of this Military District.

G. J. Ainsworth Captain,
Intelligence Section, General Staff.

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Intelligence Section, General Staff.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH.

BRISBANE, 25th October 1916 191

B/C. The Commissioner of Police,
For your information..

Relative to attached correspondence from
Intelligence Section General Staff re -
Anti Conscription pamphlets.....

W. H. H. H. H.
Inspector I/C.
25-10-16.

Sir,

I beg to report that in company

with Detective Kiernan, I interviewed
Mr A.J. Ross, printer 188-190 Albert Street
Brisbane, in connection with the above
pamphlets. Vide attached statement.

Mr Ross admits the printing of the
pamphlets and placing the fictitious
imprint on them, and states his reason
for doing so, was, that he did not wish
name to be associated with them, until
they had been passed by the Censor. He
further says, that the pamphlets in
question were only proofs, and none of
them had been circulated.

I attach herewith copies of the same
pamphlets which were subsequently printed
by Mr Ross, and bear his imprint. These
pamphlets have been passed by the Censor.

P. O'Hara

Detective Sergeant.

THE COMMANDANT,
1st MILITARY DISTRICT.

Forwarded for your information.



M. B. C.
Commissioner of Police.
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THE OFFICER IN CHARGE,

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH,

BRISBANE.



Patrick O'Hara, States -

I am a Detective Sergeant of Police stationed in Brisbane.

I know A.J. Ross, printer, Albert Street, Brisbane.

About 3pm on Tuesday the 24th October instant, in company with Detective Kiernan, I saw Mr Ross at his place of business, in Albert Street. I said to him " We belong to the Police : Are you Mr Ross

He replied " Yes

I said " Are you the proprietor of this printing business

He replied " Yes, what is the matter, is it something in connection with this Anti Conscription business

I said " Yes, it is in connection with some Anti Conscription pamphlets : I then showed him the three received from the Censor Officials, and said to him " Did you print these pamphlets.

He examined the three pamphlets, and replied " Yes, but they are only proofs, which were to have been submitted to the Censor, but none of them have been distributed.

I said " These pamphlets does not bear your imprint as printer, but bear the imprint of some printers supposed to exist in Melbourne.

He replied " When I printed those for Mr MacDonald, I did not put my imprint on, as I wanted to have them first passed by the Censors before I would have my name associated with, but they told me I would have to have the printers imprint on them before they could be passed, and that was my reason for putting that on.

I said " Have any of these pamphlets been circulated

He replied " No, but I printed them afterwards and put my own imprint on them, and they were passed by the Censor. He then handed me copies of the pamphlets bearing his own imprint, which I attach herewith.

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The Commissioner of Police

BRISBANE.

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Forwarding herewith in compliance with instructions received from Deputy Chief Censor, file in connection with alleged improper imprint on pamphlets attached thereto.

Censor this District can furnish particulars as to Informant.

10/10/1916.

G. J. Ainsworth, Captain,
Intelligence Section, General Staff

OFFICER IN CHARGE, C. I. BRANCH,

For *attention*

Commissioner of Police

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Det. S. S. Thompson,
for attention and report.

W. J. Sullivan

Inspector.
12-10-16.

Det. O'Hara

JAS
13.10.16

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,



No.O.A. 11028.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,
Deputy Chief Censor's Office,
MELBOURNE, 30th September, 1916.

MEMORANDUM for:-

The Censor,

BRISBANE.

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In connection with the Pamphlets forwarded to this Office with S.B. 4500 I beg to inform you that no trace can be found here of the "Industrial Co-operative Printing Co., Fitzroy, Melbourne", which apparently has no existence.

It would therefore appear that the imprint is false, and that the information you received is correct, and I have to request that you will at once ask the Commandant of the 1st Military District to communicate the foregoing to the Superintendent of Police for inquiry and any action which may be deemed necessary.

This is a matter which concerns the State Government.

(Sgd) J.A.DeRavin,
pro Lieut-Colonel,
DEPUTY CHIEF CENSOR.

SW
9.10.16
The Intelligence Officer.

Copy of the above memorandum is forwarded for submission to the Commandant in compliance with instructions contained therein.

J. L. Brown

Captain.

CENSOR.
1st.Military District.

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*ask Censor, 1st M.D.
if he can throw any
further light on this matter*

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9.10.16



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25.9.1916.

The Deputy Chief Censor,

MELBOURNE.

I am forwarding herewith copies of five leaflets that were handed to me by a certain person, with the assurance that the matter was published at the A.J. Ross Printery, 188/190 Albert Street, Brisbane, although the imprints at the bottom of the leaflets would lead one to believe they were published by the Industrial Co-operative Printing Coy, Fitzroy, Melbourne.

I may mention that proofs of the same leaflets have been submitted to me for censorship but they bear the imprint of the A.J. Ross Printery, 188/190 Albert Street, Brisbane.

I think this is a matter that might be referred to the Attorney General with a view to prosecution.

. (Sgd) H.C. Coxen, Captain,

CENSOR,
1st Military District.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES. 3rd. MILITARY DISTRICT?



CENSORSHIP OFFICE.

No.C.M.9922.

G.P.O.MELBOURNE.

October. 4th.1916.

From Censor, Melbourne.

To The Deputy Chief Censor. Australia.

Victoria Barracks.

MELBOURNE.

Inreference to your inquiries as to whether any printing firm known as the Industrial Co-operative Printing Coy., exists at Fitzroy, Victoria, I have to state that I have made careful inquiries of the Postmaster and Lettercarriers at Fitzroy have examined the directories, and made inquiries of the Typographical Society, but can find no record of any printing firm in that place bearing such title.

(sgd) Francis.S.Newell.

Lieut-Colonel.

CENSOR.

Ralph H. Burr
Mfr. Div.
Capt. Corcoran
24 Sept
Capt. Corcoran
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To Women : **YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU !**

PRESERVE YOUR CHILDREN'S FREEDOM !

The crisis has come ! The calamity of war, with all the horrors it inflicts, now threatens us with a new tyranny—Conscription. Think ! **SHALL AUSTRALIA STAND FOR PRUSSIANISM !**

Women who now say "NO !" will forever deserve the gratitude of all Australians.

We say with all the passion of our womanhood, **NO MAN SHALL GO AGAINST HIS WILL.** For what shall it profit the Allies or the Central Powers if they gain the whole world and crush their individual liberty in the process ?

We desire no slackers or shirkers in **OUR** ranks, but those prepared to serve their country in their daily work—true to the principles they hold, ever helping to ventilate the economic causes which make for war, and never forgetting that peace begins within ourselves.

WHAT SHALL WE DO ?

Women, whether you toil or do not toil, whether you call yourselves Labor or call yourselves Liberal, if you call yourselves Christian and strive to follow the Prince of Peace, record your votes **AGAINST CONSCRIPTION**, and thus prevent our greatest defeat of all the war. But it should not be forgotten that the principle of this Referendum on the slaughter of human beings is **NOT DEMOCRATIC.** Life is sacred, and no man or woman, or body of men and women, has a moral right to say that the sons of other mothers **SHALL** go forth to the field of carnage. This would sound the death-knell of all freedom.

WHAT WE LOSE.

Do you realise that our liberty of conscience and freedom of speech have been purchased at the price of torture, persecution, and the martyrdom of our ancestors ! **WILL YOU THEN FORFEIT OUR HERITAGE AND SUBMIT TO MEN BEING IMPRISONED, BRUTALLY ASSAULTED, AND SENTENCED TO DEATH, AS HAS BEEN THE CASE IN ENGLAND SINCE SHE ABANDONED HER FREEDOM AND ADOPTED CONSCRIPTION ?**

Women of Australia, we must keep our vision clear and undefiled, for Christ again to-day is crucified by Pharisees and religious teachers.

By voting "No Conscription !" on Referendum Day you will not only check the growth of Prussianism in our midst, but will help to further the international cause of justice and truth in the countries of Allies and enemy alike, you will prevent untold wretchedness being inflicted on countless men and women and children, you will preserve for your children the celestial heritage of freedom, and forever make Australia a great and noble nation founded on the principles of human love and liberty.

HOW CONSCRIPTION WORKS IN PRACTICE !

HUMAN BLOOD AND THE ARISTOCRAT'S FOX HUNT !

The "Tribunal" of June 1, 1916, gives extracts from letters written by men who, on principle, objected to serve as conscripts. These need no comment.

Says one : "As soon as we got in the prison one of them told me, with an oath, to get my coat off. I told him I was not a soldier, and could not obey military orders. The Colonel was standing near, and he thundered up and shouted : 'What ! you won't obey me !' with a thick accompaniment. I quietly answered : 'I

WHO ARE EXEMPT ?

The following is an official report of a Tribunal :—

"Mrs. Inge, of Thorpe Hall, Tamworth, applied for the exemption of six Atherstone Hunt servants, and they were given six months' temporary exemption.

"Mrs. Inge wrote that she only asked for the men she could not do without to carry on hunting. Nobody had any idea what hard work being a master of foxhounds was."

Exemption granted.

must obey the commands of my God, sir.' 'D—n your God ! Take him to the special room.' Four of them then set on me. One of them took hold of me by the back of the neck, nearly choking me, shook me, and dragged me along, while the others punched and thumped and kicked me as hard as they knew how. They banged my head on the floor and the walls, and threw me into a little cell."

Another writes : "I was pretty roughly handled, having my ankles hacked and my chin punched. One of the soldiers seemed anxious to knock my head right off, but getting tired after about a dozen blows, he stuck my head under a tap. We have been careful not to retaliate, however severe the treatment. This morning I was taken to a quiet place and 'pasted' till I could not stand ; then they took me to hospital. I am now in the guard-room, cheerful, but shaky."

Women of Queensland, will you vote in favour of subjecting some mother's boy to such treatment ?

VOTE "NO !"

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SHIP-OWNERS' PROFITS—

1913, before War	£20,000,000.
1916, during War	£250,000,000.
Increased Profits as a Result of War	£230,000,000.



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Conscription !

Vote "No."

Because Conscription---

- Robs the nation of its Freedom.
- Enslaves the noblest of mankind.
- Intensifies oppression and cruelty.
- Has no regard for right or wrong.
- Invests absolute power in a military tyrant.
- Makes the freest country on earth a land of bondage and slavery.
- Robs the helpless widow of her son and sustenance.
- Steals the husband from his wife and children.
- Makes the woman a manual laborer, and encourages child labor.
- Starves the poor and fattens the rich, and bloats the sweater.
- Is wanted by opponents of White Australia.

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Reasons against Conscription

1. Because it is antagonistic to every principle of Democracy, and in ALL Conscription Countries is used as an instrument of working class suppression.
2. Because military necessity does not require such a sacrifice. Lloyd George said at Manchester: "We do not want any more recruits for the army. We are getting more than we can equip. What we want is, **not compulsion for the army, but compulsion for the workshops!**" If conscription is unnecessary for the army in England, where a population of 40,000,000 is at the very seat of war, can it be said to be necessary in Australia?

Winston Churchill says officers' requirements for valets keep 200,000 British soldiers 10 miles behind the fighting line cleaning boots and heating shaving water. (All of our available fighting Australian manhood only numbers 200,000.)

3. Because conscription is a gross violation both of the body and soul of man. It is as wrong to force a man to yield life as to take life. It is as unjust to compel a man to fight as to compel him to worship, or to marry, or to eat or drink anything that is objectionable to him.
4. Because it will fasten upon the nation which adopts it the complete domination of a reactionary military caste, which is the curse of civilisation. Militarism is the handmaiden of Capitalism—the buttress of Oppression. It is the traditional and inevitable foe of the people—the constant menace to Democracy. Militarism cannot be destroyed in Germany by establishing it in Australia.

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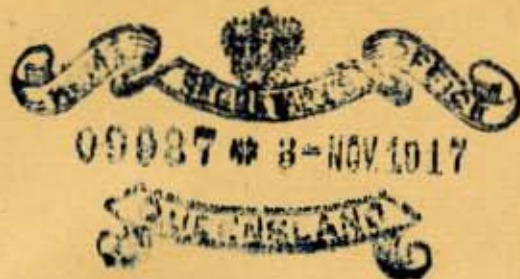
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Facts are Stubborn Things !

CONSIDER THESE AND THINK HARD.

Under voluntaryism Australia has already sent ONE OUT OF EVERY FOUR of her sons to the front. This is far more than Great Britain furnished under the same system.

Australia has done proportionately twice as much as Canada ; and Canada has declared against Conscription.

Canada with a population of 8,000,000 has sent 350,000 men.

Australia with a population of 5,000,000—three millions less than Canada—has sent 300,000 men.

In spite of this Mr. Hughes says we must find another 208,000 men by this time next year.

Has Canada been asked to coerce an equal proportion ?

NO ! Both Prime Minister Borden and Leader of Opposition Wilfred Laurier emphatically declare that Canada intends to remain free.

ALSO REMEMBER—

If Conscription is carried it means :—

The single men to-day

And the Married Men To-morrow.

If you are in favour of sending all our fighting men to Europe, do you realise you are in favour of leaving your mothers, wives and children to the mercy of any coloured or enemy race that might attack Australia ?

VOTE NO AND DEFEND YOUR OWN COUNTRY.

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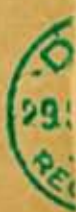
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HAS THE VOLUNTARY SYSTEM FAILED ?

WHAT IS BEHIND CONSCRIPTION ?

Has any conscriptionist so far demonstrated that voluntarism as a military proposition has failed ?

Might we not as well say that the voluntary loan system has failed ?

The arguments of the conscriptionists mainly consist in statements that our military Divisions at the front are not being adequately maintained.

Does this prove we are not doing our share ?

One hundred years ago Napoleon drew levies from France, Spain, Italy, Bavaria, Poland, Belgium, Holland, and other countries for his great Russian drive. From all of these millions he could only obtain 400,000 soldiers.

Australia with a population of not quite 5,000,000 has already sent 300,000 men 12,000 miles to the front !

In what does our share consist, if this is not up to the present a fair share ?

After this time next year we will have entirely depleted ourselves

OF ALL ELIGIBLES, MARRIED AND SINGLE.

Can we keep up our own reinforcements ?

COULD WE THEN MAINTAIN OUR WHITE AUSTRALIA AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY ?

Supposing we had a larger number of Divisions at the front, and instead of requiring 16,000 men monthly, we required monthly contingents of 32,000 or 64,000 men. Would we still be open to the accusation that we were not doing our share ?

And would it under those circumstances be stated that the voluntary system had failed ?

Does it not rather appear that our bombastic politicians, with their talk of the last man and last shilling, bit off more than they could chew ?

NO, the voluntary system has not had a fair test. According as the number of men sent away originally was large or small, or the number of military Divisions supplied originally was large or small, so would the voluntary system of recruiting be regarded as weak or strong.

The cry is a superficial one. By sending our last eligible man away, we do not help Britain but assist in her downfall by leaving this vast continent a prey to the nearby Asiatic races.

We can never restock our manhood, as we are too far removed from the greater centres of population, and the non-warlike U.S. of America, being nearer, will attract all immigrants.

Conscription means national suicide.

It is the easiest goal of the black laborite and the sweeter.

VOTE NO.

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Might we not as well say that the voluntary loan system has failed ?

The arguments of the conscriptionists mainly consist in statements that our military Divisions at the front are not being adequately maintained.

Does this prove we are not doing our share ?

One hundred years ago Napoleon drew levies from France, Spain, Italy, Bavaria, Poland, Belgium, Holland, and other countries for his great Russian drive. From all of these millions he could only obtain 400,000 soldiers.

Australia with a population of not quite 5,000,000 has already sent 300,000 men 12,000 miles to the front !

In what does our share consist, if this is not up to the present a fair share ?

After this time next year we will have entirely depleted ourselves

OF ALL ELIGIBLES, MARRIED AND SINGLE.

Can we keep up our own reinforcements ?

COULD WE THEN MAINTAIN OUR WHITE AUSTRALIA AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY ?

Supposing we had a larger number of Divisions at the front, and instead of requiring 16,000 men monthly, we required monthly contingents of 32,000 or 64,000 men. Would we still be open to the accusation that we were not doing our share ?

And would it under those circumstances be stated that the voluntary system had failed ?

Does it not rather appear that our bombastic politicians, with their talk of the last man and last shilling, bit off more than they could chew ?

NO, the voluntary system has not had a fair test. According as the number of men sent away originally was large or small, or the number of military Divisions supplied originally was large or small, so would the voluntary system of recruiting be regarded as weak or strong.

The cry is a superficial one. By sending our last eligible man away, we do not help Britain but assist in her downfall by leaving this vast continent a prey to the nearby Asiatic races.

We can never restock our manhood, as we are too far removed from the greater centres of population, and the non warlike U.S. of America, being nearer, will attract all immigrants.

Conscription means national suicide.

It is the easiest goal of the black laborite and the sweeter.

VOTE NO.

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Reasons against Conscription

1. Because it is antagonistic to every principle of Democracy, and in ALL Conscription Countries is used as an instrument of working class suppression.
2. Because military necessity does not require such a sacrifice. Lloyd George said at Manchester: "We do not want any more recruits for the army. We are getting more than we can equip. What we want is, **not compulsion for the army, but compulsion for the workshops!**" If conscription is unnecessary for the army in England, where a population of 40,000,000 is at the very seat of war, can it be said to be necessary in Australia?

Winston Churchill says officers' requirements for valets keep 200,000 British soldiers 10 miles behind the fighting line cleaning boots and heating shaving water. (All of our available fighting Australian manhood only numbers 200,000.)

3. Because conscription is a gross violation both of the body and soul of man. It is as wrong to force a man to yield life as to take life. It is as unjust to compel a man to fight as to compel him to worship, or to marry, or to eat or drink anything that is objectionable to him.
4. Because it will fasten upon the nation which adopts it the complete domination of a reactionary military caste, which is the curse of civilisation. Militarism is the handmaiden of Capitalism—the buttress of Oppression. It is the traditional and inevitable foe of the people—the constant menace to Democracy. Militarism cannot be destroyed in Germany by establishing it in Australia.

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BRUTALITY OF THE VOTE.

Rights and Wrongs of Conscription.

Conscription of human life by means of a referendum is morally indefensible.

What right has any man over military age to compel young single men and young married men to go sixteen thousand miles away from Australia for military duty?

What right has any woman to do the same thing?

The older a man is the shorter his term of life. The young man has many years of the fulness of life before him. Is this to be ruthlessly torn from him by the man who has not long to live?

If these people who talk conscription are in earnest, they would say:—"We can't give our lives, but take our property, our gold, our sheep, our bullocks."

DISLOYALISTS! SLACKERS!

Instead of doing this they make reckless charges against the eligible, and call those who disagree with them disloyalists, slackers, and shirkers.

Give your vote against conscription. Conscription will result in the most brutal, terrorising and demoralising form of Government in existence, namely, Government by military caste.

SHEEP, BULLOCKS AND LIVES.

If your conscriptionist politicians are genuinely patriotic, they should at least show their earnestness by putting questions to you that will in a measure equalise sacrifice by making the real shirker, the Beef Brigand, the Banking Bandit, and the Commercial Cormorant pay up.

WHAT CONSCRIPTIONISTS MIGHT DO.

They can equalise soldier-widows' pensions.

They can pay the crippled private the same pension as the crippled major.

They can adequately pay the soldier.

They can conscript the property of those conscriptionists who are too old to risk their lives—men who won't give their lives or their bullocks.

As you value your Home Life and your great Australian Commonwealth—

Vote: No Conscription!

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Conscription !

Vote "No."

Because Conscription---

Robs the nation of its Freedom.
Enslaves the noblest of mankind.
Intensifies oppression and cruelty.
Has no regard for right or wrong.
Invests absolute power in a military tyrant.
Makes the freest country on earth a land of
bondage and slavery.
Robs the helpless widow of her son and sus-
tenance.
Steals the husband from his wife and children.
Makes the woman a manual laborer, and en-
courages child labor.
Starves the poor and fattens the rich, and
bloats the sweater.
Is wanted by opponents of White Australia.

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Facts are Stubborn Things !

CONSIDER THESE AND THINK HARD.

Under voluntaryism Australia has already sent **ONE OUT OF EVERY FOUR** of her sons to the front. This is far more than Great Britain furnished under the same system.

Australia has done proportionately twice as much as Canada ; and Canada has declared against Conscription.

Canada with a population of 8,000,000 has sent 350,000 men.

Australia with a population of 5,000,000—three millions less than Canada—has sent 300,000 men.

In spite of this Mr. Hughes says we must find another 208,000 men by this time next year.

Has Canada been asked to coerce an equal proportion ?

NO ! Both Prime Minister Borden and Leader of Opposition Wilfred Laurier emphatically declare that Canada intends to remain free.

ALSO REMEMBER—

If Conscription is carried it means :—

The single men to-day

And the Married Men To-morrow.

If you are in favour of sending all our fighting men to Europe, do you realise you are in favour of leaving your mothers, wives and children to the mercy of any coloured or enemy race that might attack Australia ?

VOTE NO AND DEFEND YOUR OWN COUNTRY.

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CONSCRIPTION AND OUR FUTURE

[A THOUGHTFUL SURVEY.]

There are many big problems with which the thoughtful people of this Continent will be called upon to deal when the great carnage has ceased at the other side of the globe. And perhaps the greatest and gravest of them all is the part which this nation intends to play in the International History of the Future.

THE GREAT QUESTION before us to-day is Conscription. On the settlement of this question everything else depends. Australia occupies the unique position of an Island Continent, inhabited by a virile, homogeneous white race, with all the materials at hand for the erection of a noble and original social, political and economic structure.

No other nation in the history of mankind has been blessed with so many natural advantages, and one likes to think that Australia has been divinely ordained to fulfil a glorious mission and to teach the world a great lesson.

We are thousands of miles away from all potential human disturbances, and Federation has poisoned the seeds of internal antagonisms. In the memorable words of Henry Parkes, we are truly "One People with One Flag and One Destiny."

ALONG WHICH ROAD?

What are we going to do about it? Are we going to lead the world along the paths of peace and goodwill, or are we going to travel the old blood-stained way? Are we going to be a Militarist State, trailing a clanging sabre at our side, while we, as individuals, become the slaves of a military caste, trembling impotently in the presence of a hideous Frankenstein of our own making, or are we to say to the nations of the earth, "We are a young, peace-loving people, trying to build up an ideal civilisation under the Southern Cross. Our hand shall not be raised against any man, but woe to the murderous invader who attempts to disturb our peace?"

When one thinks of the grandeur of the prospect, of the mighty part, for the eternal salvation of humanity, which this infant nation may yet be able to play in the history of the future, the mind becomes ecstatic at the splendour of the vision.

In the beautiful words of Emerson may it be said, "Not in an obscure corner, not in a feudal Europe, not in an antiquated appanage where no onward step can be taken without rebellion, is this seed of benevolence laid in the furrow, but here, where the forest is only now falling, or yet to fall, and the green earth opened to the inundations of emigrant men from all quarters of oppression and guilt; here, where not a family, not a few men, but mankind shall say what shall be; here, we ask, shall it be War, or shall it be Peace?"

One wonders if we have the men with the courage to do the right thing—men who are not afraid to be called weak! You are implored to analyse the position, to brush aside the superficial aspects, and act in the best interests of your wives and families and future generations.

VOTE = NO!

and keep Australia for future Australians—PURE, FREE, UNFETTERED AND PEOPLED WITH OUR OWN RACE AND BLOOD.

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To Women :

YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU !
PRESERVE YOUR CHILDREN'S FREEDOM !

The crisis has come! The calamity of war, with all the horrors it inflicts, now threatens us with a new tyranny—Conscription. Think! **SHALL AUSTRALIA STAND FOR PRUSSIANISM?**

Women who now say "NO!" will forever deserve the gratitude of all Australians.

We say with all the passion of our womanhood, **NO MAN SHALL GO AGAINST HIS WILL.** For what shall it profit the Allies or the Central Powers if they gain the whole world and crush their individual liberty in the process?

We desire no slackers or shirkers in OUR ranks, but those prepared to serve their country in their daily work—true to the principles they hold, ever helping to ventilate the economic causes which make for war, and never forgetting that peace begins within ourselves.

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

Women, whether you toil or do not toil, whether you call yourselves Labor or call yourselves Liberal, if you call yourselves Christian and strive to follow the Prince of Peace, record your votes **AGAINST CONSCRIPTION**, and thus prevent our greatest defeat of all the war. But it should not be forgotten that the principle of this Referendum on the slaughter of human beings is **NOT DEMOCRATIC.** Life is sacred, and no man or woman, or body of men and women, has a moral right to say that the sons of other mothers **SHALL** go forth to the field of carnage. This would sound the death-knell of all freedom.

WHAT WE LOSE.

Do you realise that our liberty of conscience and freedom of speech have been purchased at the price of torture, persecution, and the martyrdom of our ancestors? **WILL YOU THEN FORFEIT OUR HERITAGE AND SUBMIT TO MEN BEING IMPRISONED, BRUTALLY ASSAULTED, AND SENTENCED TO DEATH, AS HAS BEEN THE CASE IN COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ADOPTED CONSCRIPTION?**

Women of Australia, we must keep our vision clear and undefiled, for Christ again to-day is crucified by Pharisees and religious teachers.

By voting "No Conscription!" on Referendum Day you will not only check the growth of Prussianism in our midst, but will help to further the international cause of justice and truth in the countries of Allies and enemy alike, you will prevent untold wretchedness being inflicted on countless men and women and children, you will preserve for your children the celestial heritage of freedom, and forever make Australia a great and noble nation founded on the principles of human love and liberty.

HOW CONSCRIPTION WORKS IN PRACTICE! HUMAN BLOOD AND THE ARISTOCRAT'S FOX HUNT!

The "Tribunal" of June 1, 1916, gives extracts from letters written by men who, on principle, objected to serve as conscripts. These need no comment.

Says one: "As soon as we got in the prison one of them told me, with an oath, to get my coat off. I told him I was not a soldier, and could not obey military orders. The Colonel was standing near, and he thundered up and shouted: 'What! you won't obey me!' with a thick accompaniment. I quietly answered: 'I

WHO ARE EXEMPT?

The following is an official report of a Tribunal:—

"Mrs. Inge, of Thorpe Hall, Tamworth, applied for the exemption of six Atherstone Hunt servants, and they were given six months' temporary exemption.

"Mrs. Inge wrote that she only asked for the men she could not do without to carry on hunting. Nobody had any idea what hard work being a master of foxhounds was."

Exemption granted.

must obey the commands of my God, sir.' 'D—n your God! Take him to the special room.' Four of them then set on me. One of them took hold of me by the back of the neck, nearly choking me, shook me, and dragged me along, while the others punched and thumped and kicked me as hard as they knew how. They banged my head on the floor and the walls, and threw me into a little cell."

Another writes: "I was pretty roughly handled, having my ankles hacked and my chin punched. One of the soldiers seemed anxious to knock my head right off, but getting tired after about a dozen blows, he stuck my head under a tap. We have been careful not to retaliate, however severe the treatment. This morning I was taken to a quiet place and 'pasted' till I could not stand; then they took me to hospital. I am now in the guard-room, cheerful, but shaky."

Women of Queensland, will you vote in favour of subjecting some mother's boy to such treatment?

VOTE "NO !"

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