

# HAMILTON NEWS

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Hamilton, Feb. 7.—Because of the statement that some families are sending their sons across the border, so that they would escape military duty, the Hamilton Recruiting League Committee this afternoon decided to ask the Government to close the Canadian borders, so that young men could not escape. J. H. Collinson announced that he had received a letter from Sir Robert Borden, stating that no man of military age would be appointed to the civil service. He stated that 60 per cent. of the foreigners employed in munitions plants here were **alien enemies**, and it was felt this was a rather serious state of affairs. Employers will be asked to make it plain that the appointment of foreigners is only temporary, and that they will be dismissed to make room for returned soldiers. Some people, it was stated, hesitated to give up permanent positions to enlist, and efforts will be made to impress them with the fact that it would be men who had done their duty who would be given positions after the war.

Baroness Huard gave a lecture in the I.O.O.F. hall in aid of Serbian relief this evening. When the war broke out she and her husband were living in the Chateau de Villiers, near Solignons. When the Germans advanced her house was seized and used by Gen. von Kluck and staff, who, she alleged, behaved like beasts. The Germans occupied the house several days, and when they were driven out, she said, 10,000 empty wine bottles were found. Lady Hendrie presided, and a vote of thanks was moved by Mayor Walters and Rev. Dr. Renison.

Lieut.-Col. Labatt, it is rumored, will be made Brigadier of the American Legion.

Arthur Lloyd, of Toronto was this morning sentenced to six months for passing worthless cheques to the value of \$25.