

Pacifists Disloyal In '76, Like To-day, Historians Assert

Prolonged War, Say Speakers at Battle of Long Island Anniversary

Urge Patriots to Unite

Must Be Ready to Combat Plots of Nation's Foes, They Declare

On the very site where George Washington's outnumbered troops met the British in the Battle of Long Island, 141 years ago, thousands of patriots yesterday gathered to pay their respects to the Revolutionary hero and to show that the same ideals animate the soldiers of 1917 who are about to carry the American flag to the trenches in France.

The Kings County Historical Society arranged the meeting, which was held in the Music Grove, Prospect Park. The note of patriotism was pressed by the speakers as well as by Contorno's Concert Band. Giovanni E. Contorno, the conductor, composed for the occasion "The Battle of Long Island," a descriptive fantasia, which his orchestra played.

August 26, 1776, the eve of the Battle of Long Island, and August 26, 1917, the eve of the active participation of the United States in the war, both reveal American patriots battling for democracy, for freedom and for self-government—that was the message of the afternoon's celebration.

Pacifist Agitation Not New

James Sullivan, director of the Division of Archives and History of the State of New York, cited original historical sources to show that just before the Battle of Long Island "New York had become a hotbed of conscientious objectors, pacifists, slackers and Tories." He added that a betrayal of army secrets by a Royalist sympathizer informed the British of the numerical weakness of Washington's forces and led them to strike, when otherwise they would have hesitated.

The lesson of it, Mr. Sullivan concluded, was that the pacifist movement in this country to-day was nothing new, but merely a repetition of conditions that hampered Washington in

his prosecution of the war of the Revolution. "Because some disloyalists conveyed information to the enemy," the state historian said, "Washington had to withdraw from Long Island. We face the same kind of opposition to the war to-day," he continued. "Then there were the Tories, the Hessians and the patriots, and to-day we have the slackers, the Germans and the patriots. The Tories were the betrayers of the war to-day, and their true colors were set forth when Washington said in a proclamation issued in New York: 'If you prefer Lord Howe's protection to mine, you should get into the British lines here. We will know who are our enemies and who are not.' A Tory was defined as a thing whose head is in England, whose body is in America and whose neck ought to be stretched. The Hessians of the past, like the Germans of to-day, never had the bravery to risk the scaffold in order to bring their own kings to the same place. Their cowardice made them submissive to the bidding of their princes, no matter how immoral it might be, so with the German people. Until they can do more than be submissive they cannot hope to have the courage and the freedom of a democratic people."

Peace Movements Similar

"I never heard of a German historian who glorified the struggle of the German people against their kings. Because the German people have acquiesced in the lawlessness of their rulers, we are at war with them as well as with the Kaiser. "Now that Germany cannot attain her ends she is asking for peace. King George III wanted peace after General Burgoyne had been defeated at Saratoga in 1777, and sent a peace commission, which offered the colonists everything except independence. But the patriots of that day passed up the offer and determined to fight the war to a successful end. The day of negotiation had passed. The spirit of 1777 was to see the conflict through. How similar are Germany's peace moves to-day. How similar is our determination that the time for negotiation has passed."

Martial Law at Houston Is Ended

Last of Men Killed by Negro Soldiers Are Buried

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 26.—Martial law in Houston, enforced because of the killing of seventeen persons during a raid in the city on Thursday night by negro soldiers of the 24th Infantry, ended to-day.

While the Chamber of Commerce has expressed itself against the 8th Illinois Infantry, a negro regiment, being brought here, when the other Illinois Guardsmen come to occupy Camp Logan, there has been no other formal action taken to keep the negro soldiers away.

There is one company of the Illinois regiment here at present. The men are held closely to camp.

The last of the dead were buried here to-day.

Universal Military Training Is Needed, Says Gen. Young

Draft Inadequate as It Was in '61, Asserts Head of Loyal Legion

U.S. Depends on Youth

Security League to Campaign for Passage of Chamberlain Bill

The youth of the land to-day must come to the aid of their country, just as they did in the Civil War, in the opinion of Lieutenant General S. B. M. Young, U. S. A. (retired), who is commander in chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Bluntly, he declares that the United States must depend upon the young and unmarried men to fight its war with Germany.

Simultaneously with the statement of General Young, issued yesterday, came an announcement from the National Security League that it would immediately undertake an intensive campaign for the adoption of the Chamberlain bill, which provides for universal military training.

The draft law is totally inadequate to provide for the situation in which the United States finds itself, General Young thinks.

Draft Failed in Civil War

"In the Civil War," his statement says, "the greatest army that had ever been recruited in the history of the world up to that time was made up almost entirely of young men twenty-one years of age and younger. The exact figures show that there were 2,159,798 men of twenty-one and 1,151,438 men eighteen years of age and under in the army at that time. In addition there were 84,891 boys under seventeen serving their country."

"Of men above the age of twenty-one—the age at which the government is now trying to build up its new army—there were only 618,511 who were twenty-two years or over, and above twenty-five years the total army registration amounted to 46,825."

The importance of these figures at the present time should not be overlooked, in the opinion of the army officer. "Our present draft," he states, "enrolled 9,000,000 men. Of that number there will be available only 2,000,000. The first call of drafted men is for 687,000. The second call is for the same number."

"When these two armies have taken the field there will be left of this first draft only 625,000 men. Now it is a well established military principle that three men are required in reserve for each man on the firing line. Our reserve force in the draft will not only be inadequate, but will actually fall short by 3,496,000 men of providing the number needed."

Younger Men Needed

"The solution of the problem must be found by immediate legislation which will compel the enrolment of men between the ages of nineteen and twenty-one, not only this year, but each succeeding year."

"The government has never more in need of these younger men than now, nor was it ever better prepared to properly train them. At the cost of several million dollars sixteen cantonments, each accommodating 40,000 men, have been equipped. They have been built with an idea of permanency. Let us take advantage of that fact."

In keeping with the statement issued by General Young is the notification sent out yesterday by the National Security League that it would renew within a very few days its activity in advocating universal military training.

As part of this campaign the league is preparing for a mass meeting, either in Madison Square Garden or Carnegie Hall, early next month, at which Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, will be the principal speaker. Later, James M. Beck, formerly Assistant United States Attorney General, and other speakers will visit ten of the larger cities.

War Peril Concealed, Menken Declares

Washington Must Be Brutally Frank and Crush Pacifists, He Says

"The best informed men in Washington view the entire war situation, not alone with grave concern, but with deepest anxiety. The lack of frankness of high officials is appalling," said S. Stanwood Menken, president of the National Security League, upon his return yesterday to this city. He had been in Washington, conferring with many important government officials.

"The Army and Navy departments," continued Mr. Menken, "are working with a breadth of purpose and energy that disarms all fair criticism of their general activities. They have been able to get Congressional action because Congress has been privately told the peril of the nation. The demand should now be that Washington tell the people the whole bitter truth of national danger."

"The efforts of all the great host of workers for victory will be wasted unless the people are told the whole truth of the war situation with brutal frankness. Then they will awake and unite to crush the pacifist and traitor. "I believe in guarding the right of free speech and free press so long as neither means free treason, but La Follette, Stone and their group dare because the people do not know."

Harvard Papers in Peril

High Costs Force One Publication Out; Others Doubtful BOSTON, Aug. 26.—The high cost of materials is going to put several of the Harvard College students' publications out of business.

The "Harvard Illustrated," which for more than ten years has been issued every two weeks, has left its quarters in Massachusetts Avenue and is temporarily without a home. This magazine may decide to suspend for the next year.

The "Harvard Lampoon," the college comic paper, and the "Harvard Crimson," the daily newspaper, are both sure to print their editions regularly, but they may raise their subscription rates to cover the added cost of paper.

The other magazines, the "Advocate" and "Monthly," are on the uncertain list.

Enemies Within

American Union Against Militarism Denounces U. S. for Not Exempting Conscientious Objectors—No-Conscription League Takes a Similar Attitude

The American Union Against Militarism says that it "expects to work in cooperation with the Federal officials at Washington." It also works in cooperation with an organization, the No-Conscription League, with headquarters at 20 East 125th Street, New York, which sent out a circular that said:

"Conscription has now become a fact in this country. It took England fully eighteen months after she engaged in the war to impose compulsory military service on her people. It was left for 'free' America to pass a conscription bill six weeks after she declared war on Germany.

"What becomes of the patriotic boast of America to have entered the European war in behalf of the principles of democracy? But that is not all. Every country in Europe has recognized the right of conscientious objectors—of men who refuse to engage in war on the ground that they are opposed to taking life. Yet this democratic country makes no such provision for those who will not commit murder at the behest of the war profiteers. Thus 'the land of the free and the home of the brave' is ready to coerce free men into the military yoke.

"No one to whom the fundamental principle of liberty and justice is more than an idle phrase can help realize that the patriotic clap-trap now shouted by press, pulpit and the authorities betrays a desperate effort of the ruling class in this country to throw sand in the eyes of the masses and to blind them to the real issue confronting them. That issue is the Prussianizing of America so as to destroy whatever few liberties the people have achieved through an incessant struggle of many years."

"Patriotic clap-trap" has a familiar sound. It is one of the favorite phrases of Emma Goldman. The circular continues:

"Freedom of speech, of press and assembly is about to be thrown upon the dungheap of political guarantees. But, crime of all crimes, the flower of the country is to be forced into murder whether or not they believe in war, in the efficacy of saving democracy in Europe by the destruction of democracy at home.

"The No-Conscription League has been formed for the purpose of encouraging conscientious objectors to affirm their liberty of conscience and to make their objection to human slaughter effective by refusing to participate in the killing of their fellow men. The No-Conscription League is to be the voice of protest against the coercion of conscientious objectors to participate in the war.

"We will resist conscription by every means in our power, and we will sustain those who, for similar reasons, refuse to be conscripted."

"Facts" Sees Hysteria in the War Posters

"Facts," published at 4 West 117th Street, New York, is the organ of the Federated Union for Democracy, one of the affiliated organizations of the American Union Against Militarism, which announces that it "expects to work in close cooperation with the Federal officials at Washington." In its issue of June 21 "Facts" said:

"The character of the posters which are being issued to foster the war hysteria is typical of the shameless coercion which has marked all the efforts of the war makers. They bear flaming testimony to the passing of American individualism and many pride. They are striking proofs of the depths to which this country has descended in its unquestioning subservience to authority. Here Liberty, with dark, threatening eyes, points a menacing finger and cries: 'You! Save me! Buy a bond!' There Uncle Sam, equally cold and threatening, snaps: 'I want YOU! Enlist!' for all the world like an officer of the law seizing an escaped convict. Terrorization and the scourge of prison bars are well suited to a conscript war. Their success is already assured. We congratulate the administration."

"Mother Earth" Protests Against War Sacrifices

"Mother Earth," also affiliated with the American Union Against Militarism, says:

"Since war is hell and we are all now at it, we might as well make the most of it. And if war means that we must maintain our honor and take revenge upon our enemy, let us stop and consider who our real enemies are."

"Many of the men who join the army will suffer and be killed. It is estimated that a horse lasts sixteen days on the front, and a soldier will average about eight weeks in the trenches. And so if we have to suffer and die, let us die for the things we believe in, and suffer for a cause that will make the world a better place in which to live and future wars impossible.

"You have a life, you have brains and courage. Will you use them to make the greedy manufacturers richer and the government more powerful and tyrannical?"

The Collegiate Anti-Militarism League is affiliated with the same organization. It gets out a magazine called "War?" in which it says:

"The coming of war must not stay the activity of our anti-militarist organizations in this country. This activity will have to be changed to some extent in character; but the enemy within our gates is still with us, and, worst of all, in the saddle, and the battle against him must be unremitting."

"Conscription is the most serious foe now menacing this country. By conscription the military autocracies of Europe have stood thus long. By conscription more effectively than by the attack of German legions this country can be destroyed, and the fairest experiment of democracy the world has ever seen be brought to an untimely end.

"And so we must fight conscription to the end. There is nothing in actual conditions of war which makes impossible this fight. We are free to speak and write and act against this monstrous thing. Or if we are not we are free to suffer martyrdom on its behalf. The fight is on—let no man flinch."

Rabbi Wise Joins Labor in Its Fight On Pro-Germans

Free Synagogue Leader to Address Gompers Conference at Minneapolis

The Rev. Dr. Stephen S. Wise, of the Free Synagogue, yesterday telegraphed the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy expressing his approval of the movement against those pro-German propagandists who would use organized labor for their own ends, and accepting an invitation to address the conference to be held in Minneapolis, beginning September 8.

The declaration of the rabbi of the Free Synagogue that he is against the pro-German pacifist movement is a blow to the organizers of that group who have not hesitated to use his name as that of one of their supporters.

Dr. Wise is well known as a pacifist, but his friends have not hesitated to say, in his absence from the city, that he was opposed to the kind of peace that Germany would force upon the world and that he resented the use of his name to "give that veneer of respectability so desirable in all raciality."

Mrs. Gill Joins Opponents

Another prominent pacifist of high rank in the socialist movement to join in fighting the German propagandists is Mrs. Daisy Daniel Gill, of Douglas. Herself the daughter of a well-known writer on socialist topics, she joins in denouncing those who have lined the party up on the side of the Kaiser.

"Minnesota will give the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy a loyal American welcome when the conference opens there on September 8," said G. W. Lawson, secretary of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, at the Hotel Continental last night. "It will be more than a Minnesota welcome; it will be a state welcome. And you might say, also, that it will be a Twin City demonstration, for St. Paul will do its full share toward showing the delegates and the country at large that Minnesota is all right."

"Our laboring people are all right and they are not pro-German, but they do need, just as you need here in the East, to be told the exact situation. They have been lied to and deceived by pro-German agitators, just as labor here has been deceived. They have been told that Gompers has sold out the laboring man."

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"The Governor will welcome the loyal labor folks and be glad to take the opportunity of showing where the state stands."

"The statement given out by the anti-war crowd that they expect violence in Minneapolis is nonsense. No one there will harm them."

Renews Warning Of Negro Uprising Incited by Berlin

Patriotic Education Society Exposes Propaganda in South

(Special Correspondence)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—An emergency bulletin warning the public that the Germans are conducting a propaganda in this country to cause an uprising of negroes was issued to-day by the Patriotic Education Society.

Attached to the bulletin were the names of the following officers of the society: Henry A. Wise Wood, president; Perry Belmont, Martin Gillin, Henry B. Joy, Albert Bond Lambert, Raymond B. Price and Henry Woodhouse, governors.

"Information has reached the responsible officers of this society of a widespread German propaganda urging the negroes of America to arise against the whites and promising German aid and money to finance the insurrection."

"The ignorant negro is being told that when Germany rules in America the blacks will have equal rights with the whites. In Germany, these credulous people are informed, the color line does not exist—the black is as good as the white."

"Anonymous postal cards and letters carrying this latest 'plan of San Diego' have been received by leaders among the negroes, who have brought them to the attention of the authorities. Thus far these letters and postals have only been received in the districts of the South, where the black's predominance, but there is every reason to believe that the propagandists have sown their seed in other parts of the country. Loyal negroes also express the opinion that German agents have used money about a general uprising when Berlin gives the word."

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