

BOARD TO ASK HALT IN DEMOBILIZATION

War Labor Body Will Urge Men Be Kept in Camps Until Spring.

FEARS LABOR SURPLUS

Many Manufacturers Anxious to Get Former Employees Back Immediately.

Special Dispatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The demobilization before next spring of the bulk of 1,550,000 soldiers in camps and cantonments now will be vigorously opposed by the War Labor Policies Board, according to a decision reached to-day.

Felix Frankfurter, chairman of the board, who is one of the chief advisers of Secretary Baker on labor matters, declined to say whether the board's action will be transmitted to the War Department in the form of a request for the indefinite retention of the soldiers in the camps.

The possibility of disturbing existing wage conditions through immediate release of the soldiers and of creating a surplus of labor in some industrial centers before outdoor construction work starts next spring is understood to have been the reason for the board's action.

Statements that were made by Mr. Frankfurter and by Assistant Director Nathan A. Smyth of the Federal Employment Service made known the fact that the wage and labor conditions of the country and the effect which an immediate demobilization would have on them had been given careful consideration, although Mr. Frankfurter denied the board is attempting to create an artificial shortage of labor.

Reports Show Labor Shortage.

The Department of Labor is not in sympathy with keeping the soldiers in the camps for an indefinite period, it was stated to-day. Reports received by the Department this week show the existence of a serious and growing labor shortage. Many of the less essential factories and industries that have been virtually at a standstill during the war have not been able to resume operations because of their inability to get workers, according to the Department.

Reports to the Department are from almost every State and relate to all industries which employ considerable numbers of workers. The meeting of the policies board to-day was held behind closed doors and was attended by representatives of the various war labor bureaus, sections and divisions which have been created temporarily to handle labor matters

and problems during the continuance of the war.

Mr. Smyth said the report of the Department of Labor issued last Monday saying that a serious shortage of labor existed throughout the country then was not mentioned in to-day's meeting.

Favors Waiting Until Spring.

It is a serious mistake, however, he said, to dismiss the soldiers from the camps before next spring, when building work will be more plentiful. "I think the possibility of influenza and pneumonia contagions in the camps this winter are magnified and distorted," he added. "I don't believe the prospect of epidemics of this kind is very great. If the soldiers are turned out now a large amount of unemployment may follow. They should be let out by slow process and in small units, so as not to disturb industrial conditions."

Many of the manufacturers and producers of the country, including the steel men, coal operators and the brick and tile interests, are exerting all efforts to obtain the release of soldiers who were formerly connected with their enterprises.

In order to accomplish this aim under circular No. 77, however, it is necessary for the prospective employer to ascertain the whereabouts of his former employee or the soldier making him an offer of work and him to present an individual application for a release from the military service.

U. S. MEN TO VISIT ENGLAND.

Thousands in France Will Get Leaves and Free Journeys.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—It is reported here that leaves of absence to come to England, with all transportation expenses paid, will be granted to thousands of American soldiers in France. In answer to a request of the American authorities in France if the men could be cared for in England American headquarters here replied affirmatively. Seven days leave, dating from the time of their arrival in England, will be granted to the men. Up to this time the only American soldiers who have come to England have been those of the two divisions brigaded with the British armies in France. Since these divisions rejoined the American armies only a few men have been permitted to come to England.

GANGSTERS GUILTY OF RAID.

Two Convicted of Larceny for Holdup of Social Club.

It took a jury in General Sessions less than two minutes yesterday to convict Alfred Barrett, 18, and James McFadden, 21, members of the "Red Pepper Gang," of grand larceny. They will be sentenced next week by Judge Crain for the part they took in the holdup of a social club at 231 East 103d street early in the morning of October 26. The bandits took \$700 in cash and a quantity of jewelry. Several were arrested, but Barrett and McFadden were the only ones identified.

SENATE SPEEDS UP NEW REVENUE BILL

Tobacco Tax Section, With Rates Half Above Present Ones, Accepted.

10 P. C. UPON CLUB DUES

Similar Levy on Amusement Tickets—5 P. C. on Automobile Sales.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Senate speeded up consideration of the war revenue bill to-day with fewer than a dozen members in their seats. Miscellaneous provisions of the measure designed to raise about \$522,500,000 of the \$6,000,000,000 estimated for next year were adopted without objection or discussion.

Without debate or objection the entire tobacco and amusement tax sections were adopted. The former is estimated to raise \$240,000,000, as compared with \$341,204,000 under higher House rates; and \$211,500,000 under existing law. Rates on cigars, cigarettes and tobacco range about 50 per cent. above existing law and about 50 per cent. lower than rates in the House bill.

Tobacco Tax Continues.

In the section relating to amusement admissions, designed to raise \$50,000,000, the principal committee change continues the present tax of 1 cent on each 10 cents paid for admissions. The House bill proposed doubling the tax. Increased rates on theatre tickets, "scalping" and reduced taxes on box-holders and cabarets, and a tax of 10 per cent. on club dues, the latter estimated to raise \$4,000,000, stood as proposed by the committee.

As fast as two reading clerks working in relays could go through the bill, the Senate, without discussion, approved many other minor revisions of the Finance Committee, including the reduction of from 10 to 5 per cent. on jewelry and imitations, the 5 per cent. tax on receipts of licenses of motion picture films and the tax of 1 cent on each 25 cents of retail sales of perfumes, toilet waters, patent medicines and other articles.

All the special taxes, as reduced by the committee, on brokers, theatre proprietors, bowling and pool halls, riding academies, taxicabs and tobacco manufacturers also were adopted. They are estimated to raise \$73,886,000, as compared with \$165,000,000 under the House bill.

The committee's action in eliminating the House business license tax of \$10 annually on persons receiving more than \$2,500, designed to raise \$10,000,000, went over upon request of Senator Jones of Washington.

Stamp Taxes Accepted.

Elimination of House provisions taxing users of automobiles and mail order houses was accepted, as was the committee's modification of the House amendment for extension of the Harrison drug act.

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Stage All Set for Her Court-martial When She Quits Them Cold.

HER RESIGNATION A JOLT

"Staats" Editors Disappointed at Collapse of "Doll" Controversy.

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Capt. Field was to have appeared to answer charges of having been upon the 23d day of December, at the offices of the New Yorker Staats-Zeitung in this city, guilty of conduct and language prejudicial to military discipline in having appeared there bearing an anti-German banner, in having caused a crowd to collect, in having handed there for sale, and in having spoken her mind freely to the kiddie boys when they asked her to please go away.

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Sympathy for them passed quickly and rallied instead to the colonels, lieutenant-colonels, majors and captains composing the court. It was a tough night on patent leather boots in Centre street. But these men met the situation with soldierly calm. Col. Warren Leslie, presiding, called before him three policemen who had

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BINGHAMTON GIRL A SUICIDE.

Miss Smith, Columbia Student, Drinks Poison.

Packers' Hearing Set for Dec. 19.

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B. Altman & Co. Men's Winter Underwear. A new importation of all-wool (unshrinkable) underwear has just been received from England. Men desiring quality-underwear that has warmth and a soft, smooth texture, should find this announcement especially interesting, as there has been a decided scarcity of imported makes. All the popular weights are included. Men's Ribbed Union Suits of American manufacture are shown in cotton, cotton-and-wool, silk-and-wool and silk. Madison Avenue - Fifth Avenue 34th and 35th Streets New York

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Our quota is every man, woman and child in Manhattan.

Does this mean every person in the huge business organizations with thousands of employes? IT DOES!

Does it mean the little cobbler shop around the corner with one man at the bench? IT DOES!

It means every person who loves the Red Cross. Every person, no matter how high or low in the business scale. Every person, no matter how much money he has, or how little.

For this is a campaign for members, not money. This is a call to the heart not to wealth. One dollar is all that's needed to pay for a full membership, and everybody's dollar and everybody's name is equally needed and equally valued.

The Red Cross lies as close to every American heart as our boys in France have lain to the heart of this "the greatest mother in the world".

No far-off thing is this, the Red Cross—not something we only partially understand, but something dear and close to the best that is in us. The Red Cross is the heart of America. The Manhattan membership shall be the heart of Manhattan.

Show the 100% symbol—a credit to your business—an example to others—and a mighty inspiration to the Red Cross workers.

Show it early—Show it Monday!

Red Cross Christmas Roll Call

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The Freedom of the Seas

WHAT IT MEANS IN AMERICA, ENGLAND, AND FRANCE

There is a very interesting article in this week's LITERARY DIGEST—December 14th—bearing upon the most vital topic likely to be discussed at the great peace conference—the Freedom of the Seas.

While Lieutenant-Colonel Repington, the famous British Military Expert, remarks that "I have not the slightest idea what freedom of the seas means, nor have I met anyone who can tell me." London and French newspapers have quite definite ideas as to its meaning.

Much of the comment in the London and Paris papers emphasizes the fact that President Wilson has not yet defined what he means by freedom of the seas, but most of the French journals agree with the Paris Matin when it says "if this doctrine means any diminution of the power of the British navy, France will reject it."

Other articles of timely interest in this number of THE DIGEST are:

Making War On Our Chief Peacemaker

Summarizing All Shades of Public Opinion in America Regarding President Wilson's Visit to Europe and His Presence at the Peace Table

- Turning to the Pursuits of Peace
War Prices and Peace Wages
Shall We Take German Africa?
Russia's Chaos Laid to the Allies
Abolishing the Private Kitchen
Why Arc Light Globes Turn Purple
New York's Arch of Thanksgiving and Welcome
A Way Open for Shakespeare
Cannon for Peace Bells
Christmas a Time for Food Service
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- A Vanished Railroad Ghost
Mr. Kitchin's Plan of Taxation
How Canada Views the President's Trip
Surgical Moss Wanted for Red Cross Work
A Plea to Improve a Fatal Water Route
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The Scene of the Peace Drama
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