

league are being organized in other American cities which expect by tomorrow to have a membership of 50,000.

The American Union Against Militarism opened offices on Fifth avenue. Roger N. Baldwin, secretary, announced that the union's purpose is "to give legal aid to the 15,000 youths who have told us they have conscientious scruples against military service and to urge the war department to make provision for their exemption."

Among the active organizers of this union are L. Hollingsworth Wood of the Society of Friends, Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Rev. Norman M. Thomas, Prof. Harry Ward of Boston, Scott Nearing of Toledo and Edmond C. Evans of Philadelphia.

Hundreds of conscriptable youths today sought employment in navy yards, munitions plants and other places where the laborers will not be taken for trench fighters.

The No-Conscription league will put most of its efforts, Emma Goldman said today, "on Chicago, San Francisco, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Detroit and Buffalo." The league claims four thousand members in Chicago.

Washington, May 31.—Germany's secret helpers in America have a hand in anti-registration plottings.

Federal agents, running down these plots, were convinced of this today, although they believed that the movement is not sufficiently centralized to make it a tremendous menace. Everything possible is being done to crush out plots and to punish plotters.

From now until Tuesday, every meeting that is likely to be a hotbed of anti-registration will be watched by federal agents who are instructed to arrest anyone who tries to thwart registration plans.

Columbus, Ohio, May 31.—Ammon Hennacy, 24, was arrested here early

today and is held for federal authorities for distributing anti-militarist literature. Columbus today was flooded with dodgers and stickers urging young men to refuse to register. Hennacy had about 2,000 dodgers in his possession, police say.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 31.—Secret service operatives had absolutely nothing to say regarding the report that wholesale arrests will be made in Milwaukee, Madison, Fond du Lac, Beloit and other Wisconsin cities shortly in connection with the widespread propaganda against registration June 5.—Only one arrest was admitted here thus far and that of little importance, it was said.

Dallas, Tex., May 31. — There is nothing to fear from anti-conscription plotters in Texas on registration day, June 5. This was the word passed out here today by government agents who declared "near treason" plots are well in hand.

FED SLEUTHS PINCH FIVE

Five new arrests were made today by federal sleuths in the investigation of anti-selective service propaganda in Chicago. Names and facts were withheld; more arrests expected later in the day.

U. S. GUNBOAT STOPS STEAMER —HOLD PASSENGER

Los Angeles, Cal., May 31.—A United States gunboat early today stopped the Pacific Mail steamer San Juan and took of F. W. Fay, 22, said to be the son of a wealthy San Francisco merchant who is now in Germany.

Fay was brought to Los Angeles and is held in the county jail "for federal investigation."

Washington, May 31. — Thirteen interned German navy and commerce vessels were today transferred into the service of the U. S. by special order of President Wilson,