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CO. D ON FULL PEACE STANDING

Company Is Recruited Up To The Required 100 Men

Recruited to full peace strength of 100 men Company D camped in the drill shed of the Armory last night after a hard day's work spent in drilling and getting the company belongings ready for further orders. The arrival of six more recruits from Lyndonville yesterday morning brought the company up the required number, but recruits who apply will be listed for future call for war strength. Between 35 and 40 more men are wanted and although they can not be sworn in until the order for a war quota comes, yet they will be allowed to drill with the company if they wish to put in the time.

Those added to the roll were: A. W. Dresser, R. J. Harris, C. W. Frapied, L. A. Mitchell, A. J. Ouillette, and F. A. Quimby.

The Lyndonville contingent was given a rousing send off when they left that town yesterday morning. Men from the railroad shops turned out and together with several hundred civilians headed by the military band gave the boys a "glad hand."

An officer was heard to remark that the recruits taken in by Company D were the best "bunch of rookies," he had seen in his experience with the militia and the manner in which they went after the drill work of the morning gave much promise for the future.

About the only ones who had an easy time the greater part of the day were the old men of the company who were not called upon to drill. Sergeants and corporals were kept busy putting recruits through the paces.

Dinner and supper were served in the company dining room in the basement of the Armory. On very short notice, Sergeant Blake knocked together a very substantial dinner of ham, potatoes, bread and butter and bread pudding. An equally palatable meal was provided for supper.

For the present at least only two-thirds of the company will be kept at the Armory, the other third have been allowed to go to their homes on short leave absence. Armed guards were on duty about the building last night.

Good Roads Luncheon

Every automobile owner will be interested in the Caledonia County Good Roads Luncheon to be held at Pythian hall Thursday noon. Come out and help the road men and show them by your presence that you are interested in them and their work for better roads.

FRATERNAL MEETINGS

Haswell Royal Arch Chapter, No. 11. Stated Convocation, Friday evening, April 6.

RAYMOND A. PEARL, E. H.P.
FRED G. MOORE, Secretary.
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The Museum of Natural Science.
Open week days 9—12 A. M., 1—4 P. M. Sundays 2.30 to 5 P. M.
All visitors welcomed.

St. Johnsbury Athenaeum.
LIBRARY READING ROOM ART GALLERY
9 o'clock to 9 o'clock each week day, Wednesday evenings excepted.
3 o'clock to 5 o'clock Sundays.
All are invited.

LOCAL NOTICES

(Notices will be inserted in this column in reading matter type at the rate of ten cents a line for the first insertion and five cents a line for subsequent insertions of the same copy.)

Athenaeum Closed.

For the purpose of spring cleaning and repairs the Athenaeum building will be closed from Saturday evening, March 31 to Saturday morning April 7, at 9 o'clock. 3-27-&31&w

The ladies of the A. C. church will hold a food and apron sale at the home of Mrs. A. F. Deane, 26 Pleasant St., Saturday afternoon, April 7.

Kildust, a new sweeping compound (we think it's the best) cleans and polishes floors, rugs and carpets. Ask your grocer for it.

Petralite. Fills all old cracks in floors and other places, invaluable in many cases—20c. a pound. Money back on either of above if not satisfactory.

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Fairbanks Coffee, sold by A. H. Gleason, 73 Main street.

If you need a monument or any lettering done in cemetery write or call 534M, J. E. Walker.

COURT BILL MEETS DEFEAT

Governor Graham's Reorganization Measure Refused Third Reading

DEATH PENALTY FOR WAR CONSPIRATORS

House Passes Proposal of Espionage Bill; Lower Branch Accepts Report of Joint Investigating Committee of Brattleboro Retreat

W. H. Jeffrey, Special Correspondent

Montpelier, April 3.—The court reorganization bill of the administration was refused a third reading in the Senate today by the overwhelming vote of 19 to 9. This marks the first defeat in the legislative program advanced by Governor Graham.

For days this bill has been the storm center about which has raged the fury of those who have been seeking the defeat of the measure. This bill is not radically different from the present municipal court law.

It changed only three counties in the state: Lamoille, Orange and Grand Isle, and yet the savage assaults that were launched against the measure would almost have convinced the uninformed that it was revolutionary. Senator Morse of Caledonia led the fight for the bill, and was followed by many of those who opposed.

The real feature of the fight was the terrific and masterly arraignment of the measure by Senator Vilas. His oratory tore and rent the bill until its death was a foregone conclusion. Many who did not agree with his statements accord him, nevertheless the honor of being the master orator of the Senate.

When the judiciary bill came up in the Senate, Sen. Morse moved a slight amendment in transposing words and then, after the amendment had been accepted, explained in some detail what the bill seeks to accomplish. He said the bill does not radically change the system of municipal courts but makes uniform the system, cutting the number from 16 to 13. The bill, he declared, attempts to reduce the expense of certain courts. He believed that anybody in favor of the municipal court should vote for the bill. Sen. Morse declared that the district courts compare very favorably with the county courts as to the quality of justice administered and he submitted vgures to show that the cost in a district court to try a small suit is muca smaller.

Sen. Peck opposed the bill, contending that instead of saving money for the state by merging three counties with the remaining districts the expense would be greater. He insisted that the district courts would be flooded with petty criminal cases because the bill removes the right of a justice to try any criminal case. He was of the opinion that the bill deprives the poor man of the right to obtain justice.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow presented in the House this morning an amendment to the espionage bill which would provide the death penalty for persons conspiring in a war plot. The amendment was adopted by the House. The text of the amendment follows:

"If three or more persons, acting in concert, with force and violence, attempt to kill, maim or wound any person, or to rob a person, corporation or community of money or other property, or to burn, blow up or other-

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SENATE COMMITTEE STANDS FOR WAR

Senator LaFollette Blocks Immediate Action By Demand It Go Over To Today

RESOLUTION REPORTED ASKS FOR DECLARATION OF STATE OF WAR

Authorizes the President to Employ All Military and Naval Forces and Pledges All Resources

Washington, April 3—The Senate foreign relations committee today approved the administration resolution declaring a state of war exists with Germany. Changes were made to the wording but the effect remains the same. The vote was unanimous except for Chairman Stone. Senator Borah of Idaho was absent.

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, who will handle the resolutions on the floor, went immediately to the House Foreign Affairs committee to show it the changes the Senate committee had made, in order to have it put before both houses in the same form.

The resolution approved by the Senate committee now is as follows:

"Whereas the Imperial German government has committed repeated acts of war against the government and the people of the United States of America, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled that the state of war between the United States and the Imperial German government, which has thus been thrust upon the United States, is hereby formally declared, and that the President be, and is hereby authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and resources of the government to carry on war against the Imperial German government, and to bring the conflict to a successful termination all of the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States."

Chairman Stone, who voted against the resolution, said he would not make a minority report but expected to speak on the floor.

When Sen. Hitchcock reported the war resolution as amended and asked for its immediate consideration, Senator LaFollette asked that under the rules it go over until tomorrow. Senator Hitchcock then told him that if absence of printed copies was the basis of his objection he could promise their distribution within five minutes. "I object under the rule," insisted Senator La Follette. Senator Martin, the majority leader, angrily faced Senator LaFollette, saying: "Of course it is within the power of the Senator to carry this over. He has too much experience to make it necessary for me to tell him that his attitude in a matter of such tremendous consequences * * *." Senator LaFollette broke in with a protest against being "lectured" by Senator Martin. "I had no

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VERMONT TROOPS CALLED TO ARMS

All Companies of National Guard Ordered To Report At Their Armories

Montpelier, Apr. 2—Orders were received here early tonight from the War Department at Washington for a mobilization of all Vermont National Guard troops which have not previously been called out. This order affects the nine remaining companies of the state troops.

The Men assembled in their armories, where they will await orders, and undergo examinations, and await mustering into federal service. It was expected that the greater portion of the men would be under arms before midnight. Ajutant General Lee S. Tillotson was busy the first of the evening sending out orders to the respective commanding officers.

COMPANY D MAKES QUICK RESPONSE

Orders calling out Co. D. arrived at the Armory last night from the state headquarters at Montpelier and at 8.55 the general call was sounded on the fire alarm. Much earlier than that, at 7.53 the office of The DAILY CALEDONIAN received a message from the state capitol, and by the use of bulletins the news was well on its way when the general alarm was sounded. Within 20 minutes a large number of the company members were in uniform and ready to report. Captain Wilcox was in Lyndonville, drilling the squad there, when the call came and some time was lost in locating him.

By 10 o'clock practically all the men in the vicinity of St. Johnsbury had reported and messages were being received from other members at different points in the state saying they would be here on the first train.

Sergeant Stinson was on duty at the Armory when the department headquarters were trying to get Captain Wilcox on the wire, and as soon as the order was delivered, acting on orders from the Captain he sent out a general call for the men.

Lieutenants Cheney and Ladd put in their appearance within a short time and among other militia officers on the scene were Major John Tinker, of the second batallion, and batallion Adjutant Perley Hartwell. Capt. Wilcox arrived by automobile from Lyndonville later in the evening.

Until his arrival, and until further orders were received from Montpelier, affairs were rather indefinite. No one had the least idea as to whether the company would spend the night in camp on the Armory floor, or be permitted (those that did not live too far away), to return to their homes for the night. About 11 o'clock the men present were allowed to go to their homes with orders to report at the Armory at 7.30 in the morning. It was also announced that dinner would be served at the Armory at noon.

It is understood that other orders received from the state headquarters last night directed that drilling be commenced at once. The new recruits will, it is expected, be put through the preliminary drills tomorrow. One of the problems to be faced by the officers of the local company is the lack of equipment and, for the present at least, the new members of the company will have to appear without the regulation uniform. The officers say that the new equipment that has

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VERMONT APPROPRIATES $1,000,000 FOR WAR

Rules Suspended And Bill Rushed Through Both Houses By Unanimous Vote

Montpelier, March 30.—The bill to appropriate $1,000,000 to provide for the support of the National Guard and persons dependent upon members thereof, for the clothing, equipping and maintaining of the First Vermont Infantry, National Guard, and such other land and naval forces as the state may raise, was given a unanimous passage today by the House and Senate under suspension of the rules and speedily sent to Governor Graham who affixed his signature to the measure.

Bank and business houses throughout the State have indicated by their bids for the bonds or notes which the State may issue to raise this money that the issue will be over subscribed at rates of interest less than 5 per cent.

Montpelier, March 30.—The overshadowing incident of the session was the unusual and somewhat startling occurence in the Senate during the morning session. Nearly all the morning it was noticed that the doors of the Senate were closed, and those approaching were informed that an executive session was being held. Inasmuch as there were many executive appointments pending before that body it was assumed that this was the subject matter under consideration. It was learned that it was not appointments but legislation that was under discussion, and that the particular legislation was one of the court bills commonly regarded as one of the administration measures.

As the details of the session began to reach the outside it was learned to the amazement of the public that Justice W. H. Taylor of the Supreme Court was before the Senate in committee of the whole, discussing in executive session pending legislation. That such a procedure could be possible taxed belief, especially behind closed doors.

Naturally the query was heard on every hand what could possibly be said that the public ought not to know.

When it was learned that Justice Taylor was to address the Senate on pending legislation a Senator went to the Executive Department and invited the Governor to be present. The Governor replied that he would not enter into a joint debate with the judicial department before a single house of the legislative department, that he had some respect for the high office to which the people had called him.

A corridor incident which added new indignation was when Harry C. Shurtleff, said to be a Montpelier lawyer, warned the various representatives of the press that it would be well for them to proceed with caution in commenting on the appearance of a Supreme Court Justice before the Senate, as it might prove dangerous and cause charges of contempt. Doubtless Mr. Shurtleff had not noted, with profit to himself, the overthrow of the autocracy in Russia.

Appointments Announced

Gov. Graham announced these appointments today: Board of trustees of public funds of Middlebury College: Robert E. Smith of Hartford, Elmer A. Darling of East Burke, and Frederick H. Farrington of Brandon.

Board of administration of Norwich University in addition to ex officio members: Col. Herbert T. Johnson of Bradford. Mr. Darling is put on in place of Fred T. Caswell of Derby, deceased.

Robert C. Bacon of Brattleboro has been designated by the Governor, chairman of the public service commission for the present biennial term. H. M. McIntosh of Burlington has been appointed state engineer.

John S. Sweeney of Brighton, Calos S. Brewster of Huntington, and E. S. Wright of Montgomery have been appointed supervisors for unorganized towns and gores.

The following appointments have been confirmed by the Senate: Fish and game commissioner, Linus Leavens; highway commissioner, Stoddard B. Bates; tax commissioner, Charles A. Plumley; member of public service commission for six years, William R. Warner; commissioner of industries, Robert W. Simonds; director of state institutions, John E. Weeks.

Governor Graham has signed the woman's suffrage bill granting to women property holders right to vote in town meetings.

$1,000,000 Bill Introduced

After the opening exercises this morning Speaker Wilson called Mr. Moore of Ludlow to the chair and took the floor, re asked unanimous consent to introduce a bill, permission was granted and he introduced H. 441, appropriating a million dollars for military purposes. The bill is as follows:

H. 441, an act to provide for the support of the National Guard and persons dependent upon members thereof. (Appropriates one million dollars or so much thereof as may be needed, for clothing, equipping the First Vermont Infantry, National Guard, and such other land an naval forces as the state may raise. After an explanatory and patriotic speech by the Speaker the bill was unanimously passed under a suspension of the rules.

Safety Committee Meets

About 40 members of the Vermont committee of public safety met today at the State House and named several sub committees. A naval sub committee, with Hon. C. H. Darling, ex-assistant secretary of the navy, as chairman was organized, and a sub committee on aviation was formed. James H. Harkness is the chairman of this committee.

The Adjutant Genral reported that equipment necessary for one regiment on a war footing of 2002 men and 56 officers has been purchased in the open market. He said that the cost of this equipment had been about, $200,000.

The sub committees held meetings, and after they came back to the general committee with their reports, the following resolution was read and adopted:

"Resolved: That it is the conviction of the Vermont Committee of Public Safety that the present crisis calls for stern, vigorous and immediate action by the National government, and that this committee pledges to Congress and the President its zealous and constant support.

"Be it further resolved that the secretary of this committee forward a copy of this resolution to the President and each member of the Vermont delegation in Congress."

Bills Introduced

H. 438, an act to amend section 316 of the P.S., as amended by section 3 of No. 20 of the acts of 1912, relating to the duties of the sergeant-at-arms and fixing the pay of his employees. (Provides for three assistant sergeants-at-arms, a postmaster and assistant, three coat room attendants, two telephone messengers, eight messengers for the Senate and House, an assistant engineer and such assistance as may be necessary during sessions, at same per diem as members.)

H. 439, an act to amend sub division A. of section 8 of No. 201 of the acts of 1912, changing payment of damage by deer from general fund to special fish and game fund.

H. 440, an act to amend section 5 of No. 189 of the acts of 1898 relating to the incorporation of the village of Derby Line: increasing the highway tax paid by the selectmen of town of Derby to village of Derby Line.

Introduced by unanimous consent, read third time and passed under suspension of the rules.

H. 442, introduced by Mr. Moore of Ludlow. The Governor may during the month of April, 1917, appoint license commissioners for the year 1917 under the provisions of section 5109 as severally amended relating to the board of license commissioners, passed by the general assembly of 1917, approved March 30, 1917 as provided in such section as amended, and appointments for 1917 as made during April shall be legal and valid. Applies to appointments made during 1917.

The House killed the Morse annual referendum license bill this morning 109 to 103.

In the Senate four new bills were introduced, making eight new bills for the day in both branches of the legislature.

On motion of Senator Fairchield the Senate went into a committee of the whole in executive session to listen to Justice Taylor of the Supreme Court, having under consideration Senate 79, which is an act designed to establish district courts.

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