

OHIOAN DELIVERS HEARTY SLAP ON KING'S SHOULDER

LONDON, May 17.—King George has met the real, made-in-Ohio democratic spirit. A hearty slap on the royal shoulder, delivered by Capt. W. Mack, Cincinnati, agent of the United States insurance board, brought home to the King the kind of democratic spirit that is customary among the Americans. It happened when Captain Mack was formally introduced to the King and Queen by Sir Henry Fowler, at 63rd Hall. As a booster for his war insurance, the enterprising American immediately asked their majesties for their signatures, to encourage American soldiers in England to sign also. Mack accompanied his request to the King with a well-aimed, though informal, slap on the shoulder. The Queen protested that she had no table at hand. "Soon remedied, your majesty," Mack replied. "Bend down, sergeant."



WILL UNITE ROUMANIANS. M. Draghicesco, Roumanian senator, considers that the peace with the central powers can have no other result than to unite the Roumanians against Germany, according to an official French communique quoting the Temps.

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SHELLS KEEPING HEINIE HOPPING, SAYS SERGT. FINK

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE FRENCH BATTLE FRONT, May 16 (delayed).—Color Sergt. Thomas J. Fink, of Johnson City, Tenn., who is among the American troops holding part of the line on the Picardy front, has mentioned in general orders for saving several comrades when a German shell burst near a "chow gun" (portable cook stove). "Believe me, our guns have been keeping Heinie hopping," he exclaimed. "It has been one blazing hell. Enemy communication is impossible, and the Hun cannot bring up grub to their first line most of the time. We give twice as much as is sent. That's Uncle Sam's pace. "But it was dangerous for too many of the fellows to line up at once at the old 'chow gun' barn the company cook had evidently established himself in a barn, for the German shells were slapping everywhere. "Suddenly a Hun shell burst right in the kitchen, killing three and wounding a few others. It sure bowled me over, too. The old barn just tumbled down and pinned some of our fellows under the wreckage, but I managed to drag them out. For once the guys who kicked because I would not let them crowd around the 'chow gun' gathered about and patted me on the back. "Benny Owen, of Marion, Ill., was put out by the concussion. Private John Mitchell got a bit of shrapnel in his helmet which bored a hole clean through it without touching the scalp. Johnny sure prizes that derby. "Then Sergeant Fink digressed: "But the gamest guy I know of, and I can't think of his name now, was a youngster who was captured by a German patrol of nine men. The kid had all his pockets full of hand grenades, but he walked meekly enough along with his captors almost to their front line. Well, he kept waiting until the Heinies got in a bunch, and when they did he pulled out the grenades, and let go with them, scattering the Boches like nine pins. "Sergeant Fritz Sauer, who was in charge of the German patrol, fell right across our guy, who came back to our lines dragging the leader of the German patrol as his own personal prisoner. That was some kid, all right."

What It Congress Did Yesterday

Senator Cummins, From the Republican Side, Submits a War Program of Compulsory Labor or Compulsory Fighting—Getting Around the Thirteenth Amendment Against Compulsory Labor. The Military Committee Against the President—Senator Brandegee and Borglum—Passage of the Postoffice Appropriation Bill in the Senate and the Pension Appropriation Bill in the House.

By W. V. BYARS. Hon. Albert Baird Cummins, LL. D., of Iowa, has been put forward several times by a highly respectable element of the Republican party as a fit man for the Presidency. He has been called "radical" only in leading Western Republicans who are instinctively opposed to government "of, for, and by" powerful combinations of corporations. It has been supposed that he is in no sense an "extremist" of the class who are made so by temperamental emotion and passion. Many, who may consider Colonel Roosevelt most unsafe when he is most sincerely earnest under the inspiration of his often admirable but always emotional impulses, might be disposed to doubt, if not to deny, the possibility that Senator Cummins could under any circumstances go beyond Colonel Roosevelt himself in all that is most characteristic of the "Rooseveltian temperament."

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But in the Senate of the United States yesterday, Senator Cummins reached an extreme at which it is not pertinent to compare anyone else with him, and beyond which it does not seem possible for anyone else to go. Speaking to resolutions he had introduced the day before, he outlined a war policy, suggested for adoption by Congress and for imposition on the Administration and on the American people through new legislation, as well as through that already enacted. Condensed and stated in naked outline, it is understood to involve these propositions:

1. No cessation of war even in the event if it is possible to dethrone the present Emperor of Germany. The war to continue, under the direction of the United States, with the United States supporting the allies, until the German people themselves as "savages," "brutal," "remorseless," etc., have crushed out of them the motives or impulses now assumed as controlling them through their own consent.

2. The United States to assume the responsibility for carrying out this program by supporting Great Britain, France, and Italy with food during the continuance of the war, as well as with sufficient "man power" to carry the war to complete success in crushing the German people, regardless of the number of years the war may last.

3. The entire population of the United States to be subject to compulsory mobilization under the axiom that those who do not fight, must work.

4. As the Thirteenth Amendment of the Federal Constitution forbids forced labor except as a punishment for crime after due conviction, this prohibition to be evaded initially by drafting all males between eighteen and forty-five years, as if for military service only, and then assigning to forced labor all such and so many of them as may be decided on after their conscription.

This is not a report of language used by Senator Cummins. It is a statement of what was understood from his language to be the program he proposed. Senator Cummins in discussing his resolutions, defined them as a demand for information on everything which concerns the war, sufficient to enable the Senate to act. They were referred for future consideration. The word "subjugation" condenses the history of "war policy" during many centuries into a well understood "war program." The process it involves is that of completely crushing a people, after punishing kings, princes, and other leaders for "misleading" them. The original process, after complete victory over them, seems to have involved a simple ceremony of placing an ox-yoke on forked stakes of a convenient height and driving the entire people "under the

speeches. An understanding being reached on this important point, the Indians will be taken care of today. It is really a pity that all the good things said yesterday, merely because there was an extraordinarily good opportunity to get them into the record, cannot be given a much wider publicity than is now afforded by "the only unencensored publication in America."

As this suggests official publicity, it was agreed in the House Rules Committee yesterday and announced by you, that if Mr. George Croel is to be disciplined, the responsibility of doing it belongs to the President.

In the Senate Senator Townsend had read a telegram from Governor Sleeper of Michigan, protesting that the film service from Washington, once devoted to patriotism, is being put on a basis of profit in Detroit, with half the profit said to be assimilated by the Washington "Bureau of Information." The case promises developments.

The principal business of the Senate yesterday was the passage of the postoffice appropriation bill, with amendments increasing considerably its original total of \$371,000,000. The amendment to the House bill, providing for taking over the pneumatic tube system was finally included by a vote of 31 to 19. Senator Watson announced that he would postpone for inclusion in another bill he expects soon to be introduced from the Finance Committee, his proposed amendment for the relief of newspaper publishers from increased postal charges. Yesterday it would have required unanimous consent.

As part of its regular routine for the day, the Senate disposed of a variety of bills from the calendar, by "unanimous consent." They were assumed to be unimportant or of only local importance. Aside from private bills, and purely local bills, the least important of them belong to details of public lands in the West. "Our possessions" do not as a rule impress us as important, while they remain "pacified." One bill, passed yesterday as a war measure, extends complete "bone-dry" prohibition to all the Hawaiian Islands during the war period.

Senator Brandegee seemed embarrassed by the receipt of another telegram and a bulky envelope from his constituent, Mr. Gutzon Borglum, the aeronaut sculptor. He sent the telegram to the desk. It was to the effect that Mr. Borglum felt the need of answering "slanders" put on record against him in the Senate. He enclosed the necessary documents, and asked that if Senator Brandegee could not submit them, he would find some one else to take charge of them. After Senator Brandegee had denied his refusal to be responsible for them—some of them being possibly libelous—they were finally referred to the Senate Military Committee.

The decision of the issue between the Military Committee and the President was postponed until today, or perhaps later. A minority report from Chairman Thompson, of the Committee of Audits and Accounts, will be printed for use today, as against the report by Senator McKellar, from the same committee, in favor of authorizing investigations which do not extend to control of the conduct of the war.

The House passed the pension appropriation bill without division. It carries \$150,000,000, to appropriating which there was no opposition. After that, with much apparent but no real opposition, the House adopted the conference report on the "Twenty-one-year-old Draft Bill." It conceded on the part of the Senate the only important feature the House had insisted on, which was putting the "new boys" at the foot of the lists in their several classes. As the rest of the day was devoted to debate on the conference report on the Indian appropriation bill, it was admitted just before adjournment that there was no real objection to it and that naps was likely, provided an hour today was assured a number of students of Indian and other affairs for their still unspoken

In the House, Mr. Goode of Iowa charged that partisanship in the Postoffice Department was re-inaugurating the "spoils system" and covering it with hypocrisy and deceit. No such strong language was used before the House Committee on Rules by F. E. DeBerard, who appeared as a representative of the New York Merchants' Association. But he submitted tabulated and summarized statistics of delayed mails, which were formidable—merely to look at. One writer alleged 6,834 letters delayed in transition on the test applied, this number being 84 per cent of the total number recorded in "making the case."

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