

CONSCRIPTION BILL BEFORE GOVERNMENT

Premier Asquith Stirs Up a Hornet's Nest When Bill Is Introduced.

JOHN SIMON OPPOSES THE NEW MEASURE

Lord Kitchener Tells House of Lords Bill Is Only a Temporary Measure.

London, Jan. 5.—The British government today definitely embarked upon a policy of compulsory military service, when Premier Asquith submitted to the house of commons a bill drafting eligible unmarried men to military duty, and championed the measure in a stirring speech on the necessity of this step to meet the growing exigencies of the war.

Th scene within the house of commons was one of the most notable in the history of that body, with the benches packed with members, all the ministerial seats being occupied.

Just back of Mr. Asquith sat Sir John Simon, former home secretary, the only member of the cabinet, whose resignation has been precipitated by the bill.

Mr. Asquith began immediately after the house was convened and spoke continuously for an hour.

Asquith on Measure.

Most of his speech was devoted to a clear exposition of the details of the measure, which, the premier declared, was no abandonment of the principle of the voluntary service, in which he believed, but a temporary measure limited to the duration of the war and confined to a small class of unmarried men who had not responded voluntarily to the country's needs.

Bill's Necessity.

"I would have been glad to do without this bill," said the premier. "My confident expectation has been that no such measure would be necessary, but that hope has been disappointed and I now consider this bill a necessity."

Sir John Simon was greeted heartily as he rose to combat the premier's contention. He expressed regret at leaving the cabinet and paid a tribute to Mr. Asquith, to whom he owed such success as he had achieved, but he said no personal consideration could deter him from opposing this measure, which presented the supreme question of abandoning the principle of voluntary service, one of the traditions of Britain's freedom, and substituting the Prussian methods of compulsory service.

Simon Opposes Measure.

"Don't condemn your own young men," concluded the former home secretary, dramatically. "Don't pay this compliment to Prussian militarism. Don't surrender one of the real heritages of the English people for a mess of pottage."

The debate in the house will be continued tomorrow and a test vote on the first reading probably will be reached by 10 o'clock tomorrow evening.

The house of lords was the scene of another debate on conscription, hardly less animated than that in the house of commons, as Earl Kitchener, secretary of war, urged the comparative necessity of strengthening the army by the means now proposed.

Lord Kitchener declared himself a firm supporter of the voluntary system, and regarded the present measure as only a temporary deviation from the established policy.

PEACE PARTY TO BE UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Copenhagen, via London, Jan. 5.—The German consul general here has completed his inspection of the passports of the Ford peace party and details of plans for traveling through Germany for The Hague were made public today. The party leaves on a special train, which is to be run at high speed. At the German frontier, the peace advocates will go under martial law.

FIRE DOES DAMAGE IN NAVY BUILDING

Washington, Jan. 5.—Fire early tonight caused minor damage in the basement of the great building that houses the state, war and navy departments. The loss, practically confined to odds and ends stored in the basement, was estimated at about \$2,000.

Stories of incendiarism were circulated, but officials declared spontaneous combustion generated in a pile of old rags started the blaze.

Valuable documents, including the original copies of the declaration of independence and the constitution are stored in the building.

Reserve Board Is Optimistic

Washington, Jan. 5.—Continued business improvement over the country generally is reflected in the 12 federal reserve board reports. The outlook for 1916 in the Minneapolis district was reported as excellent, with all lines of business optimistic.

The lumber trade continues to revive and again is approaching normal.

Chicago reported general improvement in business and manufacturing, with manufacturers and retailers doing business on "even more than a normal basis."

Trade in the New York district reported as unusually active and still expanding.

Prospects throughout the St. Louis district declared to be excellent in virtually every industry.

Lumber and oil industries were unusually active in the Dallas district.

Leading railroads in the San Francisco report record earnings.

FORD ON BALLOT FOR PRESIDENT

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 5.—The name of Henry Ford, who recently returned from his European peace mission, has a place on the republican presidential ballot in Michigan this spring.

Enough petitions to make his candidacy possible for president were filed with the secretary of state this afternoon.

RESCUE CREW OF CRIPPLED LINER

New York, Jan. 5.—The crew of the Greek liner, Bessiloniki, has been taken off the ship, which presumably has been abandoned, according to a wireless message received today by the Scandinavian-American line by Captain Goettche of the steamer, United States. The message reads as follows:

"Three persons received news-anchored liner, Peruvia, rescued crew of Bessiloniki. Thank God. We proceed on our voyage."

The Peruvia sailed from Genoa for New York, clearing from Gibraltar on December 22.

The rescue of the crew of the Bessiloniki is the culmination of a ten-day battle with continuous gales by the crippled liner.

APPROVE REMARKS ON "PAN-AMERICANISM"

Washington, Jan. 5.—Formal approval of President Wilson's references to the Monroe Doctrine and Pan-Americanism was voted today by the international law section of the Pan-American Scientific congress.

A resolution adopted for presentation to the executive committee of the congress—the first recorded expression on the subject, which has been uppermost in the minds of the delegates since they gathered here, ten days ago—characterized the president's utterances as "a true definition of Pan-Americanism."

The routine work of the Scientific congress approached a conclusion today.

PROMINENT FARGO MAN IS MISSING

Fargo, N. D., Jan. 5.—Evidently with his mind impaired in some way W. H. White, secretary of the Stone Piano company and one of the leading Masons of the city, has been missing from the city since Sunday afternoon and there is not the least clue as to his whereabouts.

Working quietly since it became known that Mr. White was numbered among the missing, prominent Masons of the city and relatives have been exerting every effort to locate him, but have failed and there are no clues available that have given a solution of what has within the last couple of days become a deep mystery.

If alive, it is believed that Mr. White is wandering around some place with his mind a blank as to things of the past, and his distracted family can only wait and hope for the best, while friends and brother Masons are exerting every effort to find some clue that would lead to the location of the absent man.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.
Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 5.—Allen Nixon, 43 years old, a member of the Arkansas legislature, was shot and killed instantly from ambush today, according to advices from Ozark, his home. Three deputies, with bloodhounds, are seeking his slayers.

THE WEATHER.
For North Dakota: Fair
Thursday and probably Friday, with rising temperature.

SENATE TAKES UP FOREIGN RELATIONS

Discussion Started by Senator Jones on Foreign Policy.

SEN. O'GORMAN URGES EMBARGO ON MUNITIONS

Lodge Upholds Position of This Country in Heated Discussion With Others.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Bonds of restraint against public discussion of international relations of the United States incident to the European war opened in the senate today and for more than an hour the session was enlivened by debate over the government's neutrality policy, exports of war munitions, and travel by American citizens on belligerent owned ships.

The discussion was precipitated when Senator Jones of Washington, Republican, read a newspaper editorial urging American citizens to keep off the belligerent ships and advising the president to move slowly in the crisis, heeding the interests of 99,000,000 rather than that of a "thousand reckless inconsiderate and unpatriotic citizens, who insist on traveling on belligerent ships."

Warm Discussion Started.

Senator Nelson of Minnesota, Republican, thus aroused Senate O'Gorman of New York, Democrat, by asking whether Senator Jones regarded Consul McNeely unpatriotic because he sailed for his post on the Persia.

The New York senator explained that McNeely had declined to heed Consul Skinner's advice to sail on a Dutch ship and blazed the way to general debate on the position of the United States in the war.

There was no division of the delegates along party lines. Senator Works of California, Republican, asserted that the government of the United States was "hypocritically" claiming to be neutral when it was in fact participating in the war through the sale of munitions.

Talk of Embargo.

Senator Lodge, ranking Republican member of the foreign relations committee, declared that to place an embargo on arms now would be worth more to Germany than a million men, that it would be a "grossly unneutral act" and would in fact make the United States the ally of Germany.

Senator O'Gorman and Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, both Democrats, urged the advisability of an embargo on munitions, asserting that the government shared responsibility for deaths of Americans on the Lusitania.

Senator Works said: "The government knew that the Lusitania was loaded to the guards with ammunition and explosives. Passengers were permitted in spite of this to travel on the vessel. The government itself, in full knowledge that the ship carried munitions of war is primarily responsible for the death of our citizens."

Upholds United States Position.

"It is impossible to get to Germany and it is morally wrong to permit shipment of arms to any of the belligerents," Senator Works added, saying his principal objection was on a conviction that the United States was aiding in the prolonging of the war and killing of men, and that he would not only put an embargo on shipment of munitions but also food and clothing to Europe.

Senator Lodge in upholding the position of the United States as to shipment of munitions, engaged in a

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ADOPT RESOLUTIONS FOR PREPAREDNESS

Col. Roosevelt Addressing Defense Society Predicts Emergency in 12 Months.

New York, Jan. 5.—Resolutions calling for military preparedness to meet a national emergency, which will arise "within the next 12 or 13 months" were passed today at the first meeting of the advisory board of the American defense society.

The meeting was attended by Col. Theo. Roosevelt, his cousin, Hudson Maxim, David Hill and several other well known advocates of preparedness.

At the close of the meeting Theo. Roosevelt stated: "We are preparing for an emergency that will arise during the next 12 or 13 months."

CHICAGO POLICE PREVENT SUICIDE

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Adam Kovitz, who had become despondent because of the loss of his job in a local steel mill, failed in his efforts at suicide, when two policemen saw him jump into the Calumet river. They seized a rope and threw it to the struggling man, who paid no attention to it.

Then one of the officers pointed his revolver and shouted: "Grab that rope or I'll shoot you!" Kovitz obeyed. He was hauled to shore and taken to a hospital to recover from the cold and exposure.

BUCHANAN ARRESTED; NOW OUT ON BAIL

New York, Jan. 5.—Congressman Frank Buchanan of Illinois, indicted on charges of conspiring to foment strikes in munition plants, today surrendered here and was arraigned. He pleaded not guilty and was released on \$5,000 bail.

Representative Buchanan was indicted in connection with Labor's National Peace Council activities.

Mr. Buchanan was granted until January 20 to change his plea.

GOV. HANNA WILL BE OUT IN FEW DAYS

The first message direct from Governor L. B. Hanna, who has been confined to a Copenhagen hospital with an attack of influenza for the past two weeks, was received yesterday by Mrs. Hanna here.

The message read, "Gaining rapidly, will be out very soon." Signed, L. B. Hanna.

North Dakotans in general and the family of Governor Hanna in particular will welcome the assurance that the chief executive is out of danger and on the road to recovery.

THREE ARE SEEKING JUDICIAL POSITION

Minot, N. D., Jan. 5.—There are early prospects of a strenuous fight in this judicial district in the forthcoming election with three prospective candidates already prominently mentioned as possible successors of K. E. Leighton, the present judge, who will be a candidate for reelection.

George K. Hommes of Crosby, formerly a prominent member of the state legislature; George Ryerson of Mohall and G. S. Woollege of Minot are the men who are being talked of at the present time.

Early developments are anticipated, with the possibility that one or two announcements will be forthcoming within six or eight weeks.

OHIO RIVER PASSENGER PACKET SINKS

Riverboat Strikes Wing Dam Pier and Sinks in Thirty Feet of Water.

PASSENGERS NOT ALL ACCOUNTED FOR YET

Passengers and Crew Float Down Stream on Wreckage; 41 Reported Saved.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 5.—The S. S. Kanawha, owned by the Kanawha Packer Co., struck a pier at Dam No. 19 about nine miles south of here in the Ohio river tonight and sank in 30 feet of water. The steamer carried 36 passengers and a crew of 46, but Captain Berry, who landed at Mel-dahl's station, near which point the accident occurred, said he believed all were saved. As some of the rescued were taken to the Ohio side and others landed on this side of the river, it was impossible tonight, however, to check up the list of passengers and crew.

Account For 41.

At a late hour tonight reports received from various points along the river indicated that only 41 survivors have been landed. Owners of the steamer express the belief, however, that others have been landed at remote places along the shore, or been carried downstream on pieces of wreckage.

To Check Up Lists.

They said that it would be impossible to ascertain if any were lost until the passenger list had been checked up tomorrow morning.

NINE JURORS FOR PRICE TRIAL PICKED

Minneapolis, Jan. 5.—Only nine jurors had qualified when adjournment was taken tonight in the case of Frederick T. Price, who is on trial in district court here for the murder of his wife. Most of the prospective jurors were excused after admitting that they had formed opinions as to the guilt of defendant. A special venire of 25 was summoned late today, and counsels on both sides expressed the belief that the jury box would be filled tomorrow.

Two women, wanted as witnesses for the prosecution in connection with Price's movements a few days before the death of his wife at the foot of a cliff on the east river road, cannot be located, according to George Armstrong, assistant county prosecutor.

CHARLES WEEGHMAN BUYS CHICAGO CUBS

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 5.—The Chicago Cubs changed hands here today, when Charles Weeghman, former president of the Chicago Federal League club, agreed among other things to pay \$500,000 in cash to Charles P. Taft of this city for 90 per cent of the stock of the Chicago National League club.

The actual sale, exchange of money and transfer of property will take place January 20.

ARMOUR CASE TO BE TRIED

Wife of Iowa Traveling Man Says Affections Were Stolen.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 5.—An adjourned term of United States court, with Judge James R. Elliott presiding, will convene in Sioux Falls tomorrow.

Among cases to be disposed of is the new trial of the case of Clara T. Armour of Cherokee, Iowa, against Mabel E. McGowan, a widow of Milbank S. D., and the suit of F. I. Cummins of this city, formerly general manager of the South Dakota Central Railway company, against President Maytag of the railway company.

Judge Elliott granted a motion last fall for a new trial in the Armour-McGowan case, declaring that, in his judgment, the verdict of \$25,000 awarded the plaintiff by the jury which heard the case at the first trial was excessive.

Mrs. Armour alleged that the Milbank woman alienated the affections of Mr. Armour, who is a traveling man.

The suit of Cummins vs. Maytag is for damages because of alleged slanderous statements, growing out of the financial difficulties of the railroad company, with which both men were connected, and for which a receiver was later appointed.

Course of U.S. Is Not Decided

Washington, Jan. 5.—Official details upon which President Wilson and Secretary Lansing will decide the course of the United States in the crisis brought about by the sinking of the steamship Persia, still were lacking tonight. During a conference which lasted an hour today, the president and secretary of state considered such information as had been received. While no announcement regarding the conference was made, it is known that the president will adhere to his position of taking no action of any sort until the full facts are before him.

ATLANTIC CITY PROMOTER JAILED

New York, Jan. 5.—Frederick T. Thompson, who described himself as a banker, and promoter of Atlantic City, N. J., was arrested today on a charge of grand larceny, and lodged in the toms in default of \$50,000 bail.

The district attorney's office claims to be in possession of evidence which may clear up a number of gambling swindles reported here and in other cities where victims have been enticed to furnish clubrooms and robbed of many thousands of dollars by a clique in evening dress.

COUNCIL TO ADVANCE UNITY PROPAGANDA

New York, Jan. 5.—Plans for the formation of a church council to carry on the propaganda for church unity were formulated in resolutions adopted today at the Church Unity conference at Garden City. It is provided that each of the participating communions shall be entitled to appoint one delegate and one additional delegate for each half million communicants not to exceed fifty delegates in all.

The governor of the council, the resolution provides, shall be the senior delegate of the Episcopal Church of the United States unless otherwise ordered by the council.

CANADIAN PHYSICIAN ARRESTED IN LONDON

London, Jan. 5.—Robert M. Simpson, a surgeon serving with the Canadian corps in France, who was brought into the Bow street police court last week, on the charge of having embezzled \$100,000 of the public funds of Manitoba, was released today on \$2,500 bail.

Counsel for Dr. Simpson said his client held a high position in his own country and that he was at a loss to know on what grounds the charge has been made, but supposed it must have arisen from his political position.

SALES FOR ROTTERDAM

Captain von Papen has sailed for Rotterdam on board the ship, leaving some of his papers in the hands of the authorities, who will decide on their disposition.

DESTROY AVIATION CAMP

Allied airmen bombarding Gievogli, southern Serbia, in the course of a reconnaissance, destroyed the sheds in the German aviation camp, according to a Havas dispatch under a Tuesday date from Athens.

SURVIVORS FROM PERSIA

A boat from the steamer Persia, has arrived at Malta, according to a dispatch from Rome. The Daily Mail, received through its Malta correspondent. The survivors believe the sixth boat succeeded in getting away.

AUSTRIAN LINE HELD

After prolonged artillery fire, the Russians attacked again along the front in Galicia and Bukovina, but were nowhere able to break the Austrian lines, according to the Austro-Hungarian statement received here today.

STEAMER SURRENDERS

The German armed steamer, Kingani, surrendered on December 26 to the British naval expedition on Lake Tanganyika, in Central Africa, it was announced in an official statement tonight.

WANTED PEACE WITH ITALY

Germany in the name of Austria offered to make peace with Italy at the time when the latter prepared to sign the London pact, of the Allied nations against separate action in making peace, says the Pepin Journal. The newspaper says the offer was unacceptably rejected and the agreement against a separate peace was signed.

NEWS FROM EAST

Although the Russians appear to be continuing their progress, there is no news concerning the actual occupation of Coernowitz, capital of Bukovina, which already has changed hands.

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RUSSIANS AIM TO BREAK LINE IN THE WEST

Battle's Result Still Far From Decisive; Russians Continue to Advance.

EXPECTS LABOR TO FIGHT CONSCRIPTION

United States Will Have Nothing to Do With Investigating Bar-Along Case.

London, Jan. 5.—While the battle on the border of Bessarabia is still far from a decision, each day finds the Russians claiming the occupation of additional army positions and Petrograd believes that if this process continues a short time longer a breakthrough must come somewhere in the lines of the Central Powers.

The whole energy of the Russian army is being directed to make a gap in the German line in the center and the Austrian forces and the Austrian attacks in the region of Kolki are designed to prevent this.

The fighting must continue for a considerable time yet, but upon the result will depend in a large measure the strategy of both sides when spring comes. The other fronts continue to maintain a state of comparative quiet.

COMPULSORY SERVICE

Under the compulsory service bill introduced today by Premier Asquith, all males between 18 and 41 years of age, who are bachelors or widowers without dependent children, will be liable to military service.

Ireland is excluded from the operation of the bill.

For England, the attitude the labor men will take regarding the conscription at a great conference to be held tomorrow, is a matter of anxiety.

Robert Williams, leader of the Transport Workers' Federation, declared tonight:

"It is practically assured that the conference will affirm the rejection of conscription in any form."

DEATH OF EARL LANG

The story of the Earl Lang case has created a wide sensation. A considerable part of the English press questions the veracity of the witnesses.

There is general expectation that Germany will express its dissatisfaction at the premier's reply.

NO U. S. INVESTIGATION

It was authoritatively stated tonight that United States would not agree to the suggestion of Sir Edward Grey that a tribunal of American naval officers investigate belligerent charges and counter charges of inhuman treatment by naval officers.

VON PAPAN IN ENGLAND

Captain Franz von Papan, the recalled German military attaché at Washington, telegraphed today from Falmouth, where he arrived on the Nordland, to the American embassy here, asking it to communicate with the German ambassador in Washington to protest to the state department because the British authorities opened his private papers at Falmouth.

THE AUTHORITIES WHO SEIZED THE CORRESPONDENCE ARE NOT WORRIED ABOUT HIS PROTEST.

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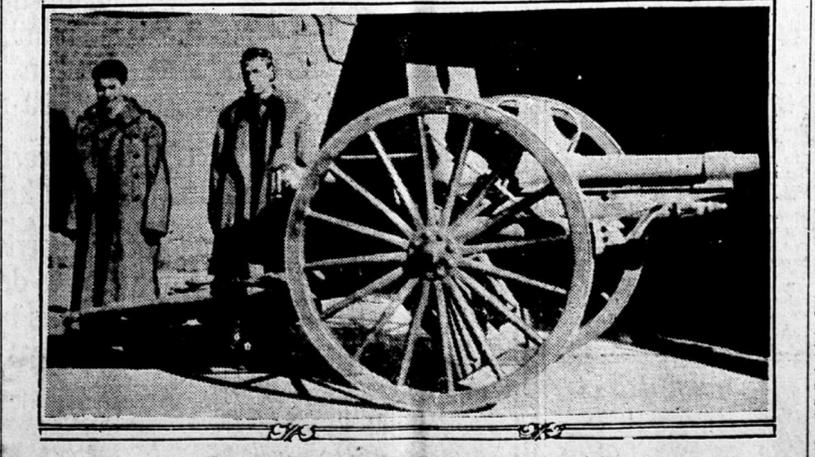
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500 YALE UNDERGRADUATES ENROLL FOR MILITARY TRAINING



Three-inch field piece used by Yale students in military drill.

Yale University has completed its military preparedness by organizing a battery in which nearly five hundred undergraduates have already enlisted. It will be equipped with three-inch field pieces which are similar in construction to the famous French 75 mm. gun which has proved tremendously efficient in the European war.