

# LIBERTY LOAN IGNORED BY SMALL INVESTORS

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—Representatives of the federal reserve banks and treasury officials in direct charge of the task of floating the liberty loan virtually are unanimous in the opinion that a tremendous campaign must be successfully carried on within the next 27 days if the liberty loan is to meet with the oversubscription the officials hoped for.

Predictions that the big issue would be over subscribed several hundred per cent have not materialized thus far. There is crying need, in the opinion of officials, for the small investor in great numbers to make felt his power. The impression still prevails in many quarters that the liberty loan has been over-subscribed. This is not only untrue, it was authoritatively said, but probably not one-half of the loan has been taken, including allowance for \$450,000,000 of treasury certificates of indebtedness already issued. No figures of subscription are being made public by the treasury department.

A large over-subscription, officials feel is highly desirable in that it would show that the United States is in the war to stay until Germany is defeated and that there will be no stinting of national resources of any kind to bring about the end of autocracy. Secretary McAdoo's trip through the middle west is a part of the program to bring the country, especially the small investors, to the need of making a full and immediate response to the government's needs.

How widespread the opinion is that the issue already has been over-subscribed is reflected in letters received from some banks which state that in view of the fact that the writers understand the issue already has been fully taken, they regret that there would be no use in offering their subscriptions.

Directing heads of the loan subscription campaign at each of the reserve banks except Dallas and San Francisco, had the real situation impressed upon them in strong language by the treasury and board of officials yesterday. They were told

that there was need of arousing the country to the imminent necessity of subscribing to the loan.

The first burst of patriotism response to the announcement of the issue brought liberal estimates from many banks and numerous inquiries as to the details of the issue. Because of the immense amount of labor involved it was impossible to announce the chief details until a few days ago, just prior to the opening of the formal campaign for subscriptions. Full details as to the re-depositing of the issue were not completed until late Wednesday. They will be announced today, having been telegraphed to the federal reserve banks after being rushed through the government printing office.

With these details in hand, banks will be equipped with all details of the issue. It is understood that a plan has been evolved which will permit the re-depositing of a large percentage of proceeds in banks taking drawn against by the government as needed.

# U. S. WILL BUILD 32 TOWNS TO HOUSE THE CONSCRIPT ARMY

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—Complete plans for housing 22,000 men at each of 32 divisional cantonment camps in which the war army is to be trained have been worked out by war department officials, and construction work will be undertaken as soon as commanders of the military departments have designated the sites.

Twelve of the camps will go to the new southeastern department, commanded by Major General Leonard Wood, making 262,000 troops assigned to that department. Six camps will be established in the central department, six in the southern, three in the western, four in the eastern and one in the northeastern department.

The building will be done by contract under supervision of army officers. Colonel I. W. Littel of the quartermasters corps, has been placed in general charge of construction by Secretary Baker and has nearly completed the organization of his forces.

In effect the project is to build 32 towns complete with all necessary equipment and facilities. It will require 6,000,000 feet of lumber, which was advocated because the price of canvas is so high and the supply so short. If tents were used it would require two complete sets a year to keep the men under cover.

There will be 2000 buildings in each encampment. These will include quarters for officers and men, stables, kitchens, mess halls, bath houses and store rooms, in addition to numerous structures for special purposes. The majority of the barracks will be long, low, one-story affairs.

**BAN PLACED ON THE WEARING OF MEDALS**

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, May 18.—An official ban has been placed on the wearing of miniature war medals and decorations unless in the case of such persons to whom they have been actually awarded. A firm which recently manufactured miniatures of war honors such as brooches, bracelets and lockets has been informed that they will not be allowed to sell them. The idea is to prevent the cheapening of war honors.

**ENDOWMENT FOR SPANISH**

(By Associated Press.)  
CAMBRIDGE, England, May 18.—An anonymous American donor has given Cambridge University \$50,000 as an endowment fund for the inauguration of a school of Spanish language, history and literature.

It is reported that the Hohenzollern family has advised the kaiser to abdicate. That makes it almost unanimous.—Los Angeles Times.

# ARMY BILL PASSES THE SENATE WITH EIGHT DISSENTING VOTES

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—Final action was taken by congress last night on the war army bill, the second of the major measures of the war.

The senate by a vote of 65 to 8 adopted the conference report, accepted yesterday by the house.

As finally approved the bill provides for raising by selective conscription a war army in increments of 500,000 men from 21 to 39 years of age. It also authorizes without directing the president to raise volunteer forces which Colonel Roosevelt desires to take to France, and greatly increases the pay of all enlisted men.

ing the first half million, exempting the physically unfit, those with dependents and men who are needed on the farms and in industries. The process of selection probably will be completed long before the men are wanted. Secretary Baker said yesterday that because of lack of supplies the new army would not be called to the colors for training before September.

selective draft system imposed upon all males between the ages of 21 and 39 years inclusive, subject to registration and certain exemptions from service.

Raising of an initial force by conscription of 500,000 men, with addition of 500,000 men if deemed necessary.

Raising, if the president sees fit, of four divisions of volunteer infantry, (the Roosevelt amendment.)

Increasing the pay of all enlisted men as follows: \$15 additional monthly for those now receiving less than \$21, comprising the bulk of the army, graduated downward to \$5 additional monthly for those receiving \$45 or more.

Prohibition of liquor sales at or near army training camps and otherwise protecting the morals of the soldiers.

The conscription age limits were agreed upon with much difficulty.

The war department proposed a minimum of 19 and a maximum of 25. The house voted to fix them at 21 to 40 and the senate from 21 to 27, the compromise of 21 to 30 inclusive, resulting.

Machinery to register and draft the first 500,000 men already has been set up by the war department. Immediately after the president signs the bill he will, by proclamation, designate the day for registration of the ten million or more men of the prescribed age. Registration books will be in the hands of state and local authorities who are to cooperate in the work, and Brigadier General Crowder, the provost marshal general, expects to have his complete lists in Washington within five days after registering begins.

Then will come the task of select-

Whether Colonel Roosevelt shall be permitted to raise an expedition now rests with President Wilson. His views have not been disclosed.

The eight senators who cast the negative votes are:

Democrats—Gore, of Oklahoma; Hardwick, of Georgia; Kirby, of Arkansas; Stone, of Missouri; and Trammell, of Florida.

Republicans—La Follette, of Wisconsin; Gronna, of North Dakota, and Norris, of Nebraska.

The bill backed by the administration was introduced in the senate April 19, was passed April 28 in the senate by a vote of 81 to 8 and in the house by 397 to 24—and since has been tied up in conference, returned there twice by the house to include the Roosevelt volunteer provision and further pay increases for enlisted men. Its chief provisions are:

Raising of armed forces by the

# DIPLOMATIC SHIP OF THE ENTENTE ALLIES

(By Associated Press.)  
ATHENS, May 18.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Devoted exclusively to the use of the British, Russian, Serbian, Belgian and Rumanian legations which withdrew from Athens, a vessel anchored at a point half an hour's sail from Piraeus, in the direction of Salamis, fulfills a novel purpose as a diplomatic ship. "His Majesty's Legation E-620" reads the giant metal sign attached to her hull, and round her foremast-top there clings a Union Jack, bearing in its center the British royal arms surrounded by a wreath.

The ministers and their staffs have been on board this vessel for more than 90 days. They boarded it at Piraeus when the entente ministers had delivered their ultimatum to King Constantine's government last December and had to leave Athens till full reparation had been given. After a short stay in Piraeus harbor, the E-620 sailed out towards Salamis and has been there ever since.

Never, perhaps in the whole course of diplomacy has there been such competitions with Noah or such diplomatic life as is lived on board the E-620. When the ministers quitted Athens the French envoy boarded a French cruiser and the Italian minister also had a cruiser at his disposal, but the E-620 had to house all the remaining legations. And a legation means not only minister, counselor, attaches and secretaries, but also their wives and families and a large body of secretary and counselors, attendants, stewards, sailors, signalmen and the humbler members of a diplomatic establishment.

The central saloon is the most important part of the ship, for it receives almost everyone who comes on board. By some secret of construction, all gangways, passages, staircase, appear to lead into it, and the traffic across the breadth

of the vessel passes through it. Difficult and important work has been carried on in this room. In the days of the Greek crisis, round the dark table in the far right corner were the ministers of Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Belgium, Rumania and Serbia, in deep conference; at the table beside them were the military attaches, plunged in papers; facing the ministers across the saloon, round another table, debated tired-looking commercial and shipping authorities; from the tables in the center rose the incessant chatter and rasp of massed typewriters of the secretaries.

In all this was a medley of languages, and amid the confusion of murmurs and continuous noise a woman or two ever seemed to be seated in the foreground, knitting or doing some unending piece of embroidery, looking across quizzically at the statesmen from time to time, as though to say, "Well, well, this is all very important and triumphant, of course, but it is we women who watch over you through it all and keep the world trim."

Communication is kept up with Athens, the diplomatists going back and forth in motorboats, and hoping for the day when they will be able to return to shore life.

(By Associated Press.)  
HAVRE, May 18.—A life-saving apparatus, consisting of a chart house which can be detached from the deck of a sinking ship in 20 seconds and made water tight in a few minutes, has been invented by a Belgian engineer attached to King Albert's staff. It contains 15 sleeping berths and ten fresh-water tanks.

The Turks break with us, but in the late days of November he will get the ax.—Portland Oregonian.

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