

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS CONSCRIPTION

Allies Plan to Issue Joint Statement on War Aims of Democracies

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DRAFT LAW SUSTAINED BY NATION'S HIGH COURT

Decision Handed Down in Nine Cases Brought to Test Constitutionality of the Act.

Right of Citizenship Carries With It the Obligation to Render Military Service—Decision of the Court Is Unanimous.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The supreme court today declared the draft law constitutional. Chief Justice White, in handing down the decision on the nine cases against the draft law that reached the supreme court said the arguments of all the objectors were "absolutely devoid of merit."

DECISION UNANIMOUS.

The decision of the court was unanimous. Refuting the argument of the draft objectors that congress did not have the power to draft citizens, the chief justice said: "As the mind cannot conceive an army without the men to compose it, on the face of it, the question that it does not give power to provide for such men would seem to be too frivolous for further notice."

NO INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE.

"We are unable to conceive," he continued, "upon what theory the execution by government from the citizen of the performance of his supreme and noble duty of contributing to the defense of the rights and honor of the nation as a result of war declared by the great representative body of the people can be said to be the imposition of involuntary servitude in violation of the provisions of the thirteenth amendment, we are constrained to the conclusion that the contention to that effect is refuted by its mere statement."

The chief justice quoted historical incidents from the Norman conquest down to the present day to show that in all just governments the idea of citizenship carried with it the obligation to render military service and the right of the government to enforce that obligation, if need be.

BARONESS, CLAIMING INTIMACY WITH ARMY OFFICERS, CHARGED WITH BEING A SPY IN THE EMPLOY OF THE GERMANS



Baroness Iona Zoller.

Tennessee Officers Investigating the Case of Woman of Mystery, Now in Jail at Knoxville.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 7.—In the jail here sits a woman of mystery charged with being a German spy while the United States officials are investigating the many episodes of her past to find out just how much of a prize they have. She is the Baroness Iona Wilhelmina Sutton Zoller. Her incarceration followed her arrest in a Chattanooga hotel with Lieutenant J. W. Spalding, U. S. A., who has since been confined to quarters at Fort Oglethorpe.

MARRIED NEW YORK MAN.

"At the age of 23 she married Charles W. Shope, a wine and liquor merchant of New York. Shope died in 1902, leaving her with two children.

"She went abroad and resided for a short time in France, London, Naples.

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PEACE TALK WILL HAVE NO EFFECT IN AMERICA

War Work to Be Pushed Regardless of Apparent Desire of European Nations to Get Together.

Unless Peace Comes Within the Next Three or Four Months the War Will Be Fought to a Decision, in Opinion of Diplomats.

By CARL D. GROAT.

Washington, Jan. 7.—America will push her work without a thought that peace may be drawing nearer.

Secretary of War Baker and other officials held today that there must be no letting down in preparations. Peace, they said, now is up to Germany. Lloyd George has stated the allied terms and, here go, these are America's terms, too.

If Germany wants to reform herself and accept these terms, the way is open. But if she wants to fight on, the allies and America are fully aware of and ready for the bloody sacrifices in-so-far as unofficial expressions involved, all officials agree.

FOOLHARDY TO SLOW UP.

They added that it would be little short of treasonable and foolhardy for this nation to slow up now, merely because of a growing conviction that the allies and Teutons are getting more nearly together through a process of unofficial statement of peace aims. True, authorities here, including men high in the military councils, do believe that peace is coming up more rapidly than is the general belief. But if they had their way wholly, there would not even be a statement of war aims. Instead, there would be a policy of blood and iron which would ultimately make the German lines crumble and the kaiser beg for peace.

PEACE DESIRE SHOWN.

Some military men, however, are inclined to feel that already the war is shifting into the diplomatic field, that by the mere fact of a statement of terms from both sides, a desire for peace is manifest which sows the seed for actual negotiations. Not that they think Germany is going to accept Lloyd George's terms right away, but they believe that Germany now knows that she can not win and is willing, therefore, to go far to get an adjustment.

ONE NEUTRAL DIPLOMAT SIZED UP THE SITUATION TODAY AS A CASE OF PEACE IN THREE OR FOUR MONTHS OR A WAR OF THREE OR FOUR YEARS. THAT MAY BE SAID TO BE A MORE OR LESS PREVALENT OPINION HERE.

THOUGH THOSE WHO VENTURE INTO PROPHESY VARY IN THEIR MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM FIGURES CONSIDERABLY. The thought here is that Lloyd George cleverly offset German propaganda by disclaiming any intent to crush the German people while at the same time he made a distinct bid for a separate Austrian peace and skillfully maneuvered to draw the Russians back into the allied fold.

If Austria finally heeds the cry for peace and the Russians definitely set themselves against Germany so she cannot get supplies, then will peace be little short of a reality, experts say. Russian officials are skeptical, however, of any permanent alignment between the allies and Russia. Her cry is peace, peace and regardless of what party comes into power they feel that the slavs will stick to their separate peace program, unless a general peace is maneuvered in the meantime.

Officials anticipate that Germany will modify her position toward Russia, having failed to bully the slavs at Brest-Litovsk. Teuton threats to use force in accomplishing their demands are regarded as camouflage.

However, further allied efforts will be made to induce Russia to return to the flock. These attempts will be directed toward showing Russia that her salvation lies only with the allies.



Joint Statement On War Aims By The Allies Soon

Speech by Premier Lloyd George but the Preparatory Fire of the Winter's Political Drive Against German Imperialism—Reiterated Pledge to Be Carried to Russia's Millions in New Pronouncement of Unselfish Purposes of the Democracies in Their Fight.

By ED L. KEEN

London, Jan. 7.—The joint allied statement of war aims, urged by President Wilson is impending.

It is to be the great attack of the winter's political drive against German imperialism. Premier Lloyd George's epochal speech, outlining Britain's aims, was merely the preparatory fire.

From highest sources today the United Press learns this is the plan of winter campaign by the allies—a political campaign to reach Germany's people which in its far reaching scope equals the purely physical endeavors of the allied armies to make Germany democratic.

CONFERENCE SOON.

An early conference of all allied prime ministers was hinted at in official circles today. Such a meeting will draft the demands of democracy against autocracy. It will serve to make plain to the world that the allied battle is one of right; that no selfish considerations move them in their determination forever to remove the menace of Prussianism.

More than that, it will carry to Russia's millions, now bitterly aware of German duplicity through the Brest-Litovsk farce, the full reiterated pledge of the allies' democracy.

URGED BY AMERICA.

On Nov. 20 the United Press revealed that Colonel House, President Wilson's spokesman, then in London, was urging a re-statement of allied war aims. It was then stated that America desired all the allies' representatives to assemble, to lay on the table all their war aims and from this assortment to sort out all which by any possibility could be held undemocratic, subscribing to those that remained as the full and sole purposes of the allies.

Lloyd George's speech, as representative of full democracy in Britain's aim follows closely President Wilson's list of America's aims.

There was disposition here today to hold the premier's address as directed primarily toward the British people, although it was held it must affect German public opinion. But the British people have been demanding just such a re-statement with increasing insistence in recent weeks. The public's warm support of Lloyd George's list of aims indicated he had struck the chord of popular approval.

MEETS POPULAR APPROVAL.

Hobert Williams, head of the transport workers, for instance, declared today: "I believe Lloyd George has read

PUBLIC PEACE PARLEYS PLAN OF THE ALLIES

Old System of Settling the Fate of Nations by Few Men Behind Closed Doors Being Done Away With.

By J. W. T. MASON.

New York, Jan. 7.—Public peace negotiations are now in progress between the allies and the central powers. This is the inevitable conclusion from the open declarations being made by the various belligerent statesmen.

The negotiations are not following the time-worn custom of handing over the fates of nations to a few secret plenipotentiaries who have settled the outcome of previous wars behind closed doors.

Instead of duplicating these proceedings of the past, the people of the warring nations are now being publicly informed of every move the negotiations take. The negotiations themselves, are simply these announcements of the hostile statesmen spoken not principally to one another, but to the millions of people of all nations who are doing the fighting and the suffering.

KAISER LOSING GROUND.

The kaiser has demanded from the start that peace exchanges be conducted at a private conference, but it is a highly significant indication of the democratization going on in Germany, that even the German statesmen are being forced into making open statements of their terms.

A democratic peace parley is gradually taking form. It is now showing such an accumulation of energy that the reactionary kind of bickering for which the kaiser longs, has been made possible.

Lloyd George's new declaration of war aims was a democratic announcement of the Teutonic people. It is now for the German public opinion to demand that the kaiser's statesmen reply. There is every likelihood that this will be done quickly. The more speeches that are thus exchanged in public, the more will kaiserism be forced into the background.

FORCING GERMANY'S HAND.

Instead of compelling the German governing class to make a formal acknowledgment

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LAST MINUTE NEWS

APPROVED BY WILSON.

London, Jan. 7.—American Ambassador Page conveyed President Wilson's "cordial approval" of Premier Lloyd George's speech to the Welsh statesman, according to a well authenticated report here this afternoon. No details were available here as to the manner in which the American executive had thus approved Lloyd George's Saturday address.

JAPAN PREPARING.

Tokyo, Jan. 7.—Japan is preparing for any emergency at Vladivostok to protect the subjects of the allied nations and to fulfill her obligations to the entente. She will make no move against the Bolsheviks, however, it was added.

LENINE FOR PEACE PRIZE.

Amsterdam, Jan. 7.—The philosophical faculty of Constantinople has proposed Nicholas Lenine of the Russian Bolsheviks for the Nobel peace prize, according to word received here today.

POLICE PROTECT PLANT.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 7.—Special police details were on constant duty today to protect the office of the Seattle Daily Call and the plant of the Piggot Printing company from further mob raids, following destruction of mechanical equipment of the Piggot plant by two civilians and a group of men in sailor uniforms Saturday night.

PEACE WITH UKRAINA.

Amsterdam, Jan. 7.—Central powers delegates sat yesterday at Brest-Litovsk in plenary session as to peace with delegates from Ukraine, according to word received here today.

STOCK DIVIDENDS EXEMPT.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Stock dividends were held to be exempt from the income tax in a decision of the United States supreme court today. The ruling reverses the decision of the New York court in the case of Towne versus Eisner, collector.

Deceit by The Kaiser Denounced

German Socialists Protest Against the Terms of Peace Offered by Government to Russia.

MESSAGE TO TROTZKY.

Amsterdam, Jan. 7.—Independent Socialists in Germany have sent a message to Bolshevik Foreign Minister Trotsky advising him not to accept the German terms and to avoid a separate peace, according to a report received here today.

AMSTERDAM, JAN. 7.—Both majority and minority Socialists of Germany are opposed to the imperial German government's deceit in the terms of the peace offered Russia as to "self-determination of peoples," according to delayed messages received today from Berlin.

They quoted Philip Scheidemann, majority Socialist leader, and Dr. Haase, minority leader, as both protesting against the terms.

CONQUEST REPUDIATED.

"We Social Democrats," Scheidemann declared in the reichstag on Saturday, "repudiate all intentions of conquest and stand by the unrestricted right of self determination of peoples. We must have absolute clearness on these subjects. The chancellor's declarations are inadequate."

NO MORE EXAMINATIONS FOR THE BALLOON SERVICE

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 7.—The aviation examining board announces that until further notice no more examinations will be made for balloon service. Notices to all applicants to appear for examination are cancelled. Their applications, with all new applications received, will be placed on file. Examinations will continue to be made of applicants for flying ages not under 19 or over 30; for non-flying gas engineers, ages not under 19 or over 30, and supply officers and adjutants, ages not under 21 or over 36.

WEATHER WARMER FAIR RAIN COOL WEATHER

Forecast for Boise and vicinity: Rain tonight and Tuesday. For Idaho: Tonight and Tuesday, rain. Highest temperature, 48; lowest temperature this morning, 26; max temperature yesterday, 46.

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