

CALLS LABOR DRAFT UNPATRIOTIC STEP

Secretary of Labor Tells Congress Proposed Measure Is Not Needed.

"COERCION WRONG" Says Public Opinion Will Not Tolerate Conscription for Private Gain.

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Conscription of labor, Secretary Wilson told Congress in his annual report yesterday, is not likely to be necessary for the winning of the war, but he suggests that should it become necessary for the Government to conscript labor, it should at the same time conscript the industries on which they are engaged.

"Almost insuperable obstacles arise," says the Secretary of Labor, "when labor disputes occur under circumstances in which employers permit organization by their workmen only on pain of dismissal. Since in such cases the workmen have no responsible business representatives, only one party to controversies can be conveniently or satisfactorily heard. In such cases, also, the workers, being prevented by their employers from organizing on a business basis, tend to fall away from the pacifying influence of conservative, constructive and responsible labor organizations and to come under that of irresponsible revolutionists. As most labor lawlessness is traceable to this cause, responsibility for it cannot be wholly diverted from the policy—hardly patriotic in time of war—of arbitrarily obstructing labor organization of the conservative type."

"The department is of course aware of proposals, more popular earlier in the war than now, to settle labor disputes by coercing wage earners. But these proposals are both unfair and impracticable. They are also widely regarded, and not without reason, as unpatriotic. It is enough to say of them here that in the view of this department public sentiment can not be expected to tolerate conscription of labor for private profit. Should industrial conscription become really necessary in order effectively to prosecute the war, a policy less likely to be considered one-sided would be desirable. It would seem—that is, if workers were to be conscripted for industrial purposes—that the working opportunities to which they were assigned ought to be commandeered, so as to make such workers not coerced servants of employers but employees of the Government itself."

"There is, however, no reason for apprehending a necessity for any kind of labor conscription in order to settle or prevent disputes between employers and their employees which may interfere with a vigorous prosecution of the war. In every case in which responsible representatives of disputing employers are willing to negotiate considerably with responsible representatives of conservative labor organizations which represent their disputing employes in the spirit in which they would negotiate with business competitors, labor disputes can be settled speedily, effectively and without friction through the mediation service of the Department of Labor. By simple and fair systems of collective bargaining between the Government, labor organizations and business organizations, all labor disputes prejudicial to an effective prosecution of the war can be promptly eliminated from war problems. Not only can this be done, but it can be done to the satisfaction of all concerned and in harmony with every patriotic purpose."

"Our greatest need is the spirit of self-sacrifice for the common good—a sacrifice of our pride, sacrifice of our prejudices, sacrifice of our suspicions against each other, sacrifice of our material comforts, sacrifice of our lives, if need be—to carry on unimpaired the democratic institutions handed down to us by our fathers."

CITY AND CAMPUS

Mrs. Mary E. Esrey left yesterday for Moberly to visit her sister.

Mrs. C. E. Combs left yesterday for St. Louis to visit her sister.

Mrs. C. Kulmus left yesterday for Leavenworth, Kan., where she will visit her son, E. C. Kulmus.

Miss S. E. Petty, who has been visiting here, returned yesterday to her home at Louisiana.

Mrs. C. Howard left yesterday for St. Louis to visit friends.

J. L. Mather went to Hallsville yesterday on business.

B. N. Stanberry went to Moberly yesterday on business.

B. M. Payne went to Mexico, Mo., yesterday on business.

E. R. Leavel left yesterday for Westphalia, Kan., on a business trip.

F. E. Alexander went to Sturgeon yesterday on business.

J. W. Dorsey went to Moberly yesterday on business.

J. W. Oliver went to Centralia yesterday on business.

J. R. Andrews, who has been here on business, returned yesterday to his home at Moberly.

Mrs. D. E. Stewart left yesterday for Wichita, Kan., to visit her father, Robert Stewart.

D. W. Chittenden returned Sunday night from Chicago, where he assisted W. S. Corsa in showing his

Percheron horses at the International Live Stock Show.

Miss Irma Locke was a dinner guest at Christian College yesterday.

Miss Jessie Gant of Brashear, who has been visiting Mrs. M. J. Givan, returned home yesterday.

T. J. Nichols of Moberly, who has been here on business, returned home yesterday.

C. R. Thomas, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. J. B. Ross, left yesterday for his home in Los Angeles.

Miss Alice Durrett of Marshall, who has been visiting Miss Eleanor Comber, a student in the University, returned home yesterday.

The Rev. B. E. Reed of Webster Groves, who held services in the Calvary Episcopal Church Sunday, returned home yesterday.

W. E. Johnston, 302 Ripley street, went to Armstrong yesterday on business.

The Rev. L. Acker of Moberly, who preached at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday night, returned home yesterday.

Mrs. A. W. Pasley left yesterday for Kirksville, where she will visit her son.

Miss Ruth Scipes, who has been visiting her sister, Miss Martha Scipes, returned to her home at Slater yesterday.

The Young Ladies' Missionary Circle of the Baptist Church met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Guitler.

The monthly meeting of the Baptist Missionary Society will be held at the church Friday afternoon.

C. O. Ransford will preside at the quarterly conference of the Methodist Church this evening.

The Young People's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. O. Selders, 1 Willis avenue.

Alpha Zeta, an honorary agricultural fraternity, met at the Y. M. C. A. Building last night. A talk was made by Lieutenant George Catts.

R. E. Gobin, a student in the University, has gone to St. Louis to be examined for the Navy.

Mrs. C. H. Laughlin, who has been visiting relatives near here, has returned to her home in Independence.

Mrs. W. M. Heller and her little daughter returned this morning to their home in Moberly after visiting in Columbia.

Miss Rachel Edwards has gone to her home in Centralia to spend a few days.

Mrs. Irene Blood left this morning for Tarkio.

Miss Minnie Fowler, who has been visiting Miss Merle Davidson, left this morning for her home in Bellflower.

Mrs. E. F. Schwartz left this morning for Columbus, Ohio, where she will visit.

Miss Marguerite Rickert returned today to her home in St. Louis after spending the week-end at the Kappa Alpha Theta house.

Elmer Apgar, a student, underwent an operation on his throat at Parker Memorial Hospital yesterday.

Mrs. Susie Dean, who was operated upon yesterday at Parker Memorial Hospital for appendicitis, is in a serious condition today.

The University High School students were vaccinated for smallpox at Parker Memorial Hospital today.

Mrs. Carl Kehr, who has been visiting in St. Louis for the last few days, returned home yesterday afternoon.

F. E. Dean returned to his home at Hermann today after accompanying his wife to Columbia. Mrs. Dean was operated upon for appendicitis at Parker Memorial Hospital yesterday.

Miss Blanche Messick returned yesterday after few days' visit at Fayette.

The Bird Club will meet at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the Biology Building. The topic will be, "Winter Birds."

E. O. Snedeker returned to Columbia yesterday from his farm near Laddonia.

Walton H. Holmes, Jr., a student in the School of Journalism of the University, has left to enter some branch of the military service.

Miss Alice Durrett of Marshall, who has been the guest of Miss Eleanor Comber, a senior in the University, returned home today. Miss Durrett was a student in the University last year.

W. Searey Ridge, a student in the School of Law of the University, left today for Great Lakes, Ill., where he will enter the Great Lakes Naval



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Training Station. His wife accompanied him and will remain with him during his period of training.

Lieutenant Joseph D. Stewart of Chillicothe has been transferred from Camp Funston to Fort Leavenworth, where he is assistant to the quartermaster. Lieutenant Stewart was graduated from the School of Law in 1913.

Samuel E. White, a former student in the University, is in the balloon school of the army. He has been in training in San Antonio and is now in Nebraska. He expects to finish his training January 15. His sister, Miss Clara White, is a student in the University.

Otto Conrades, James Barlow, James Wells and John Fehsenfeld, graduates of the University, and W. T. Angle, a sophomore in the University last year, were here Saturday to take examination for the Third Officers' Training Camp. They were guests at the Farm House Saturday night.

The Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Pirkey, who have been visiting C. C. and J. O. Bateman, Mr. Pirkey's uncles, left yesterday for Louisville, Ky., to visit relatives. From there they will go to Balboa Heights, a suburb of Panama City, where Mr. Pirkey will have charge of the Y. M. C. A. work among the soldiers and sailors stationed there. He will also preach at the First Baptist Church.

GIRLS AS ARMY DENTISTS.
Soldiers' Teeth May Be Cleaned by University Women.

Should the Preparedness League of American Dentists accept the offer of services from seventy-five young women students of Columbia University, army recruits soon may have their teeth looked over by young women dentists.

The young women, having completed the course in oral hygiene at Columbia, are fully qualified dental hygienists and each has a license to practice this brand new profession. The young women want to clean the teeth of the soldiers before they go to camp.

Play Reading Club to Meet.
The Play Reading Club will read "Hindle Wakes," by Houghton, at its meeting at 7:30 o'clock next Monday evening at the Faculty Union.

MAY CLOSE WINTER SCHOOLS

Fuel Administration Considers This Method of Saving Coal.

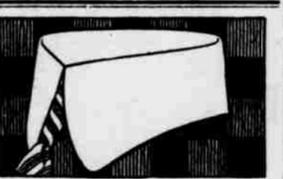
Closing of every school in the northern and central states in January and February as a coal conservation measure is being considered by the National Fuel Administration, says the New York World.

It is pointed out by the officials that such a discontinuance of school sessions would result in a tremendous saving of coal. The plan contemplates making up for the two months' vacation by continuing school one month longer next spring and starting one month earlier next fall.

Besides the coal conserving advantages, the Fuel Administration sees the possibilities for expanding school garden activities, thereby encouraging food production. As a final advantage, it is stated, the continuance of school in two summer months would tend to discourage summer travel and relieve the railroads of considerable non-essential traffic.

Mayor Boggs Is Explosive Licensor.

Although he had recommended someone else for the place, Mayor James E. Boggs received notice from the Government yesterday that he had been appointed licensor of the making of explosives in Boone County, with duties to investigate all requests for permission to make explosives. It has been illegal to make explosives without a permit since November.



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RED CROSS WANTS VOLUNTEERS

Monday Set Aside as Day for Unso-licited Registration.

"Monday is volunteer day in the Red Cross membership drive," said H. S. Jacks, publicity manager for the campaign, today. "Ten million registered voluntarily for the draft last June, and Boone County had no slackers. We want the citizens at home to do likewise and join the Red Cross voluntarily. Persons will be stationed at easily accessible places, later to be announced, to receive

membership blanks. After Monday, a canvassing committee will be appointed if necessary.

"Every man, woman and child with a heart and a dollar can join the Red Cross and help mobilize the heart and soul of America in the united support of our soldiers and sailors and their dependent families. Half the membership fee of \$1 goes to Washington for national work and the other half remains here for the purchase of material and supplies for the Boone County organization."

The Gifts for men are spread out, all over the store.

A Man's Plea to Old Santa

—For years and years, my dear old friend Santa, you and I have been filling the stockings of mother and the children. You've had most of the glory, but if it hadn't been for my little old check book your sleigh, and your clothes and your whiskers would have been sold for taxes long ago.

—I don't begrudge you any of your joy or any of your pleasure, or any of your glory, but won't you please, just for once, tell the folks what I really want in my Christmas stocking.

—I don't want a new fern for the library

—I don't want a new door mat—they are always in the way.

—I don't want a new furnace shovel—I hate the one I've got now.

—I don't want something flossed up and stitched.

BUT THERE ARE MANY THINGS I DO WANT

—Things I'd like to have, but wouldn't buy for myself. If somebody would give them to me, if somebody would only stop and think about what I really want, I'd have a merry Christmas just like I used to have when I was a boy.

—TELL THEM I WOULD LIKE

—Silk Shirts—You know I don't like to spend money for them myself.

—New Neckties—I never had enough, you know.

—Or a Fur Cap for these wintry days in my auto.

—And it's about time I had a new pair of Gloves, if someone would only think.

—And if all of them would chip in I know I'd like to have a New Suit—Yes, and maybe an Overcoat would not be bad.

—A House Coat, A Bath Robe, any of them, will make me feel more like Christmas.

—If you run across any more of my friends, Santa, just tell them I'd like some new Handkerchiefs, some new Pajamas, some warm Driving Gloves, a new Walking Stick or any other things of this kind that you happen to remember.

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