

## THE PUBLIC FORUM

**MILITARY TRAINING.** — Let us consider in a serious and intelligent manner this insistent and loud demand from certain quarters that our sons be compelled, for two or more years, to give up school or a trade half learned in order to learn the arts of war.

Who are the people who make demands of such vital sacrifice on the part of the young men and boys of this republic? Are they men who themselves by their deeds have proven their patriotism and brotherly love for humanity, or are they the same men who at a mere whisper of war tremble and shake in their boots and cry to the government and the people for protection for themselves and their vast property interests?

If the workingmen will pause for a moment and think they will quickly realize that the men who are now using their powerful influence with congressmen and the press to force through congress what they are pleased to call a "universal military training bill" were not only charged with organizing and maintaining an "insidious lobby against the best interests of our country," but the same was proved to be a fact.

Why not say to these men now and in a loud voice, in answer to their cry for protection, that we will fight with you to protect our country when necessary, shoulder to shoulder and to the finish, but we will not fight for you and your gold, which you have and are now wringing from the men who toll through agents they have corrupted and made their puppets and placed in high government positions to do their will.

When the necessity arises and our president calls for fighting men—sturdy men of courage—where will you find the slackers who will pay bounty for substitutes and who will defend their flag?

Had the men who are crying now

for militarism paid their legitimate and legal taxes to state and government even the past five years the total would have amounted to such a vast sum as to be sufficient to establish and maintain in every state in the union colleges where every high school graduate could enter and receive free both a military and technical education and become men to be proud of, ready to take up the problems of life and humanity and skilled in the arts of war if called upon to defend our country.

Our "unseen government" has many times in the past urged a "big army," but never before has it had such a favorable opportunity of putting it over on us. Wake up, workmen, before it is too late! — F. Voshell.

**CHICAGO HEALTH.**—This is an answer to the article signed Chicago Health Dep't. Please read carefully the following from a citizen who is not too busy to interest himself in the welfare of others, if that is really of any use. I am interested in The Day Book Forum, but occasionally I ask myself this question, does all this discussion do any good?

Most of those in Chicago Health Dep't are physicians with past medical and surgical degrees of study of human anatomy, fitting them to serve humanity in relieving pain and restore health. This knowledge gained guides them in attending the sick or examining school children, taught to impress upon all confidence at first approach with a gentle voice, a kind appearance and a light touch with hand, assuring the child or patient that they will get well—a mental application, stimulating hope. Then the operation or some pills.

My experience with physicians, and it holds good I think with M. D.s in Chicago Health Dep't service, as a rule shows they are helpful, kind and considerate and want to do something beneficial for suffering humanity and the school children of