# COMPULSORY SERVICE ADVOCATED BY SCOTT

## Army Chief-of-Staff Tells Subcommittee Guards Are Incompetent

## HALF CAN'T HANDLE GUNS

### China and U. S. Only Nations Relying on Volunteers, Says Chamberlain Bill Friend

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. — The United States and China are the only nations of size relying upon volunteers for defense, declared General Hugh L. Scott, Chief of Staff of the United States army, testifying today at the compulsory military training hearing before the sub-committee of the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

In the course of a lengthy statement, General Scott indicte dthe volunteer system as undemocratic, unreliable, inefficient and extravagant.

"It is undemocratic because it shifts the burden of national defense from the shoulders of the many, where it rightfully belongs, to the shoulders of the few, whose financial condition in life or whose patriotism impels them to offer themselves to accept the risks and hardships of war," he asserted.

HELPS THE SELFISH

"Furthermore, instead of unifying our people to the extent where all individuals are willing to undergo sacrifice for the national good, it affords great opportunity for the selfish and nonpatriotic to stay at home in time of war and to fatten on the adversity of the nation and on the necessities of the families of better men who have volunteered for the country's defense."

General Scott declared that if the United States is ever to defeat the highly trained armies of possible enemies our forces must have a training and discipline equal to that of our opponent.

Citing the startling fact that sixty-three per cent of the National Guard called to arms for duty along the Mexican border were absolutely untrained in the use of firearms, General Scott used these and similar figures for clinching argument for the necessity of universal military training in this country.

The first serious effort in Congress to establish compulsory national military service in the United States since the Civil War was begun when the subcommittee of the Senate Military Affairs Committee began hearings on the Chamberlain bill, designed to create an army along the lines of the Swiss system.

Anti-militarists and preparedness advocates in large numbers were present to lay before the subcommittee—consisting of Senators Chamberlain, Thomas and Brady—their objections, criticisms and approval of the proposed legislation. The subcommittee hoped, however, to conclude the hearings about February 1 and to present to the Senate the revised draft of the bill designed completely to revolutionize the system of national defense.

Former Secretary of the Interior Walter L. Fisher, of Chicago, the first witness, attacked the Chamberlain bill on the ground that it would impose an unnecessary burden on the country and would fail to furnish the civic training its sponsors claimed for it.

CALLS EFFECT EVIL

"The whole agitation for conscription has had a bad effect," he continued. "It has dissuaded our experts from trying to formulate a scheme for actual military preparation which might have received popular support."

The German system of military training was held up as a detriment to the industrial and social progress of a nation.

Preparedness in Switzerland begins at the age of seven and instruction and practice thereafter are constant until the forty-eighth year is reached.

There are five stages:

The public schools, seventh to fifteenth year.

The cadet system, fifteenth to twentieth year.

First line of defense, twentieth to thirty-second year.

Second line of defense, thirty-second to fortieth year.

Territorials, fortieth to forty-eighth year.

Switzerland has no paid soldiers and no standing army, but with all her comparatively slight population of less than 4,000,000, she constantly has 500,000 soldiers ready at a moment's notice.

One thing makes her preparedness easy; target shooting is a national sport, just as baseball is here.

In the public school stage the preparedness is chiefly devoted to making the boys healthy, but the military idea is given by using the army commands. The cadet stage is a drilling stage, which is voluntary, but which no one ever shirks. The third stage is of more extended drilling.

In no one of the five stages is the man's entire time given up to training; only part of each day and most of Saturday and Sunday. The Swiss make their preparedness a sort of game, out of which they get a great deal of pleasure besides the satisfaction that they are making what they consider wellnigh a perfect defense system.

## BEQUESTS TO CHARITY

### John T. Martin and Ellen A. Kierman Remember Many Institutions

The will of John T. Martin, a liquor dealer, 2012 North Broad street, probated today, leaves an estate valued at $123,000 in trust for the benefit of Hannah W. Martin, the widow of the testator. It provides that upon the death of Mrs. Martin $80,000 sall go to charities and churches.

The charitable bequests are as follows: Five thousand dollars each to the Philadelphia Home for Incurables, Presbyterian Home for Aged Couples and Aged Men; Home for Aged Couples, 1725 Francis street; Home for Consumptives, Samaritan Hospital, Presbyterian Orphange, Presbyterian Hospital, Masonic Home, Children's Homeopathic Hospital, Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons, Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Broad and Diamond streets; Children's Seashore Home, Atlantic City; Sunday Breakfast Association and Children's Country Week Association and $18,000 to the North Presbyterian Church, Broad street and Allegheny avenue.

The will of Ellen A. Kierman, 1329 North Thirteenth street, disposes of an estate valued at more than $100,000 and leaves $500 each to St. Vincent's Home, Eighteenth and Vine streets; St. Vincent de Paul Society, connected with St. Malachy's Catholic Church; St. Vincent's Home, Seventieth street and Woodland avenue; Little Sisters of the Poor, Eighteenth and Jefferson streets; St. John's Orphan Asylum and House of the Good Shepherd. The major portion of the estate is left to children of the testator.

Other wills probated were those of George Malpass, Tenth street below Sixty-ninth avenue, Oak Lane, which in private bequests disposes of property valued at more than $100,000; Edward T. Gilbert, 3249 North Sixteenth street, $40,000; James G. Calnan, 710 South Fifty-seventh street, $15,000; Eliza A. Mereto, 2114 Vine street, $8000; John E. Halloway, 1427 North Fifty-fifth street, $40,000; Captain Mark C. West, U. S. A., who died at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, $2500.

### Buffalo Bill Recovering Rapidly

DENVER, Col., Dec. 18.—Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), who has been in a serious condition at the home of his daughter in this city, as a result of a threatened attack of pneumonia, is near recovery. His physician said today that he would be out again in a few days.

### Septuagenarian Handsomest Man

MARLETON, Pa., Dec. 18. — Although seventy years old, Major Stephen Drasher, a Civil War veteran, was awarded the prize as being the handsomest man at the meeting held of the Veterans' Bike.

# WHERE CONSTRUCTION OF FRANKFORD "L" HAS STOPPED

At the point pictured here, Kensington avenue near Ontario street, the building of the new line has suddenly ceased, ending Frankford's dream of rapid transit at an early date. It is to be noted that the upper structure rests on double pillars, one on each side. The foundations extend to Church street. From this point it is proposed to erect a line of single pillars on which the elevated tracks will be balanced, so to speak. But it has been found that the space between the surface tracks must be widened to accommodate these pillars, and here the hitch has come. The P. R. T. Company contends that time must be allowed for the manufacture of new switches to permit the surface tracks to be moved further apart. Meantime operations have been indefinitely halted.

# City News in Brief

CITY APPOINTMENTS today include Edwin R. Schofield, 4216 Ludlow street, chief draftsman, Bureau of Survey, salary $2000; Raymond C. Larkin, 2401 North Twentieth, assistant engineer, Bureau of Health, $1800; Charles F. Swan, 116 East Upsal street, engineer draftsman, Bureau of Surveys, $1000; and Lulu R. Jordan, 5135 Arch street; Laura E. Del Campo, 2940 Almond street, Anette Levy, 644 North Marshall street, Hannah L. Spike, 104 North Fifty-eighth street; Marie C. Walsh, 1914 Brown street; Elizabeth T. Hettel, 1500 Federal street, and Margaret V. Gallagher, 1640 Ritner street, typewriters, Bureau of Water, $2.50 a day.

CRACKSMEN FORCED an entrance into the saloon of Charles McCullough, 1412 South street, opened the safe, took $390 and a gold watch, and then refreshed themselves with two bottles of champagne. When the proprietor went to get some money he found the safe open.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC High School has raised $12,000 for the improvements to the new athletic field at Twenty-ninth and Clearfield streets. Alumni officers elected for the year are: President, William D. Armstrong; vice presidents, Casper Dreudling, John J. Murney and William Yettman; secretary, Laurence F. Heine; treasurer, Joseph A. Pfister.

INTERNED GERMAN SAILORS at League Island attended a celebration of mass by the Catholics of both ships yesterday. The Rev. Caspar Ritter, an assistant at St. Peter's Church, officiated.

THE PLAYGROUNDS ASSOCIATION has formed a "One Hundred Club," an organization to which each boy will be admitted when he has secured a hundred new members for the association. One boy has already qualified by gaining 125 members, and is president of the club. He is Harold Ekvall, of 242 Apsley street, Germantown. Two other boys have ninety-five apiece.

DR. WAYNE BABCOCK, professor of surgery at Temple University Medical School, is recovering from an operation for appendicitis at the Samaritan Hospital. He was operated on last Friday by Dr. J. H. Leedom.

A 250-POUND MAN, with a knife in his hand and a loaded revolver up his sleeve, won a debate on the streets of Manayunk. He is Samuel Denorra, and is in the safekeeping of the police. The loser of the debate was Patsy Fair, fifty-five years old, 140 pounds, who had fourteen stitches put in his face.

DIRECTOR KRUSEN today made a Christmas appeal for the sick and unfortunate in hospitals throughout the city. Gifts such as flowers, greens, fruits, books and games are the best for the patients, while a little sympathy or a visit goes a long way toward lightening their burden.

# BITTER SALOON FIGHT IN BOSTON ENDS TODAY

## "Billy" Sunday, Former Governor Foss and Others Lead "Dry" Forces

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 18. — The most dramatic campaign this city has ever seen on the question whether Boston shall license liquor dealers ends today. Tomorrow the voters will settle the question at the polls.

"Billy" Sunday, field general for the "dry" forces, will hurl the final blast into the liquor interests' camp. Tonight, at the tabernacle, the evangelish will sound the charge in a wind-up sermon.

Lined up on the side of prohibition, seconding Sunday, are many of the city's leading citizens. President Emeritus Eliot, of Harvard University; Major Henry Lee Higginson, Courtney Guild, Paul Revere Frothingham and former Governor Eugene N. Foss are among the leaders.

The latter has made an extraordinary offer to the city of Boston. He has agreed to make good to the city for five years any loss of revenue that may result from the city's going dry, if it will give him for five years one-half of any savings the city may make directly or indirectly as a result of this. He has agreed to post a bond of $1,000,000 to protect the city.

The "wet" adherents have enlisted in their cause hundreds of prominent business men throughout the city and have spent thousands of dollars in advertising.

Public demonstrations were held throughout the city yesterday by both sides. More than fifty rallies are scheduled by the "no-license" forces today, while the "wets" will canvass every quarter of the city.

"The trail of the serpent," perhaps the greatest sermon "Billy" has delivered against the liquor forces here, was given red hot to two overflow audiences of men at the tabernacle.

More than 3000, led by ex-Governor Foss, "hit the trail," while 20,000 cheered and stamped and pledged themselves to vote "dry."

### Shoe Machinery Suit Advanced

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Efforts of the Government to hasten consideration in the Supreme Court of the anti-trust suit against the United Shoe Machinery Company succeeded today, when the court advanced the case for hearing to February 26. The Government seeks to prove that the company is a combination in restraint of trade.

# LAW REFORMS HALTED BY DEATH OF HORWITZ

## Lawyer Was Working on Legislative Program to Aid Municipal Court

## PEPPER TO CONTINUE IT

### Dealings With Delinquents and Abolishing of Red Tape Sought in Proposed Measures

George Quintard Horwitz at the time of his sudden death last week, was working upon a comprehensive program of legislation which would enable the Municipal Court the more effectively to handle cases that come before the juvenile branch, it became known today.

Horwitz was acting as counsel for the Municipal Court in the preparation of the legislation, but his death occurred before the draft of the bills that will be presented to the next Legislature had been completed. George Wharton Pepper, who frequently has acted as legal adviser to the court, was asked today to complete the work begun by Horwitz.

The proposed legislation which the Board of Judges of the Municipal Court will urge the Legislature to enact includes the following:

Correct the legislative errors in the so-called "sixty-five cents a day" act, passed by the Legislature in 1915, but declared invalid by the State Supreme Court, through a technicality. The bill provided that deserting husbands sent to the House of Correction should get a daily wage of sixty-five cents, which was paid to his family. The new bill to be introduced will provide that this money shall be paid semimonthly.

A change in the act creating the Municipal Court so that the juvenile branch shall have jurisdiction over cases of mentally deficient children.

A change in the Municipal Court ac so as to do away with red tape in handling the cases of adults who are guilty of contributing to the delinquency of children. Such cases, which include the selling of cigarettes to minors and similar offenses, are now handled by the Grand Jury and the criminal court. The Municipal Court wants the power to impose a sentence of a small fine upon a summary conviction of the adults at any time they appear as witnesses against the children.

A more humane handling of unmarried mothers' cases, so that the unfortunate women and girls will not be subjected to the present series of humiliating hearings. They are now required to tell their story, first to a committing magistrate, then to a grand jury, then to appear for trial in the Criminal Court, before an order for support can be made. Other changes to provide for bonding the fathers, forcing the mto pay from the date upon which the child is born.

OTHER BILLS PLANNED

In addition to the program which Horwitz was preparing, other legislation is being prepared by the social organizations of the city, with the support of the Court.

The social organizations want a cor-ordination of the various charitable organizations that place dependent children and disburse the State appropriations to them. Three propositions have been advanced.

The first is that a State Board of Children's Guardians be created, with a proviso that only such children as are committed by the Board shall participate in the distribution of State funds.

### Big Fire at Jersey Shore, Pa.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Dec. 18.—Fire that caused a loss of $90,000 started in the Masonic Temple at Jersey Shore early this morning and raged four hours before it was under control. The Masonic Building was destroyed and several adjoininfi buildings were damaged. The extra stock of merchandise of the Allen store was burned. Aid was summoned from Williamsport, Lock Haven and Avis.

# News at a Glance

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Apparently one of the best things they're learning at Yale this year is to elope. First it was Walt Smith, of Kansas City, who married himself into Caroline Parker's Hartford home and out of his millionaire Kansas City father's will. Today it is Gilbert Collins, who said, as he and his bride started through Broadway, that he was Smith's roommate. He married Miriam McGerry. Smith is now a Hartford department store floorwalker.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The right of an individual to sut a railroad under Indiana law for failure to destroy weeds on its right of way was upheld by the Supreme Court today, sustaining a State court decision.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A case brought to test the constitutionality of the New York State law limiting the hours of labor of women was dismissed today by the Supreme Court. The court asserted that the resources of the New York State courts to adjudicate the case had not been exhausted. The case involved the conviction of the Charles Schweinler Press, charged with working Mary Cashal after 10 o'clock at night and before 6 o'clock in the morning.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—That there may be no crossing of wires in legislation proposed at the coming session of the general assembly for lowering food costs, Chairman George W. Perkins, of the Governor's food commission, was in the conference today with Mayors of more than twenty upstate cities.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Reversing a State court decision the Supreme Court today held that the Ohio Valley Tie Company was entitled to recover general damages from the Louisville and Nashville Railway after the Interstate Commerce Commission had awarded specific damages for rate overcharged.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Captain B. W. Allister, chief of the engineers of the United States Coast Guard, and Lieutenant F. A. Hunnewell, constructor, leave tonight for Pittsburgh to inspect the types of flat bottom river boats in use on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to obtain data for constructing three new coast guard cutters to be built by the Government for flood relief work.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—For the second time a Chinese will deliver the convocation address at the quarterly convocation of the University of Chicago. At the university exercises tomorrow V. K. Wellington Koo, Chinese Minister to the United States, will speak. Wu Ting-Fang, Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States from China, was the first Chinese to be so honored.

READING, Pa., Dec. 18.—Ames F. Strasser, sixty-one years old, of Temple, near here, fell dead from heart disease while at work today at the Temple furnace of the Reading Iron Company.

READING, Pa., Dec. 18.—Arthur T. Wadsworth, fifty-seven years old, and Sarah M. Erb, aged fifty-six, both of Philadelphia, came to Reading today and after procuring a license at the Courthouse, were married by the Rev. Dr. J. V. George. The couple returned to Philadelphia to reside. The groom is employed as a building inspector.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

DEATHS

SCHULZE.—Dec. 17, in Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. ANNA E. SCHULZE (nee Apel), widow of Henry Schulze, aged 78. Due notice of the funeral will be given from 549 N. 58th st.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

MOTHER'S HELPER, server, white woman. Rev. Higgens, 842 S. 57th. Woodland 215.

YOUNG LADIES for labeling bottles. Call National Drug Co. office, Wayne Junction.

HELP WANTED—MALE

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# PRESIDENT QUIZZED BY NEWS GATHERERS

## Resumes White House Conferences With Journalists After Lapse of Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Two score newspapermen blazed away today at President Wilson with interrogations of every governmental topic when he met them for the first time in more than a year for formal conference in his executive office.

The President let it be known the subject of place would be regarded as a sacred one and nothing should be said or done that might be misconstrued or that might arouse speculation as to this Government's possible course in the closing scenes of the war.

Mr. Wilson let it be known that his attitude on universal training is dependent entirely upon the plan which might be presented. The essential thing is how to work such an institution. It is not believed the Chamberlain bill covers all necessary ground. The federalized militia plan has not been thoroughly enough tried to convince the President that it is either a failure or a success.

On the Mexican situation the Government is now considering suggestions from General Carranza made before the American-Mexican Peace Commission meeting at Philadelphia today.

The President let it be known he expects his recommendations to Congress regarding clearing up the railroad legislation to go through. An extra session would be necessary only in case a sufficient amount of the recommendations were omitted to make the program worthless.

Any compromise program will not change the President's attitude toward the legislation he has recommended.

The Government is devoting much attention to means for raising revenues for the next fiscal year.

Convinced that bond issues are not good business except in emergencies, the President and his Cabinet are formulating their ideas as to how the money can be obtained. The President may go before Congress to discuss possible additional taxation.

# *Fierce Snowstorm May Hit City Tonight*

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It is fair, and the cold weather will continue, which means that the walking will not be bad, even if it is slightly slippery. The wind is very light, only about nine miles an hour.

Christmas shoppers started out in greater numbers than were noticed last week. Many were bundled in furs. They found an agreeable surprise awaiting them. The sun was on the job bright and early, and although the temperature dropped to 22 at 6 a. m., it began a steady climb upward.

Forcaster Bliss said the day was a little colder than normal for this time of year, but in no way unusual.

There is skating on both Hunting Park and Concourse Lakes today.

'Twas a bit of old Norway that was transplanted in Philadelphia yesterday. While jingling sleigh bells were heard in many sections of the city, even on Market street, and skating and sledding were affording delight to thousands in and about the city, ski drivers appeared on the roads in Fairmount Park in a rather startling innovation.

Residents of the Main Line and many suburbs enjoyed all forms of winter sports. The Merion Golf Club's skating rink was crowded, and the Haverford College campus proved to be the rendezvous for many sledding parties.

# REPUBLICAN CLUB RAID NETS TWENTY ARRESTS

## Haddington Organization Patrons Taken With Gambling Material and Liquor

Twenty men were taken prisoners and quantities of beer, whisky and other liquors were seized and dice, roulette wheels and other gambling devices were confiscated in a spectacular raid on the Haddington Republican Club, 6009 Market street, early today.

The raid was made by six policemen and the arrests were accomplished after several weeks of investigation. Two members of the "vice squad," Brendley and Fania, had been planning the raid. When sufficient evidence had been collected they took the police of the Sixty-first and Thompson streets station into their confidence and conducted the raid with their co-operation.

Twenty men, according to the police, were in the club about 2:30 o'clock this morning, when five plain clothes men entered the building. The sixth policeman, Fania, was participating in a crap game, with the purpose of "cinching" the evidence.

Several patrol wagons had been drawn up before the doors of the clubhouse and the men, liquor and gambling apparatus were driven to central station. The men had a hearing this morning and fourteen of them were discharged because of lack of evidence. The majority of them maintained that they were only "watching" the gambling.

The six who were held in $400 bail for a further hearing on December 22 gave their names and addresses as follows: James P. Whalen, 235 North Redfield street; James Willsman, 5512 Race street; Samuel Brown, Seventeenth street and Columbia avenue; John Boyd, 25 North Sixtieth street; George Watson, Lansdowne; James Brown, 402 South Sixty-first street.

A remarkable feature of the raid was the secrecy with which the vice squad men performed their work. Even Lieutenant Ellis, commander of the police station of that district, knew nothing of their activities until he was asked to furnish the patrol wagons and extra policemen.

No charge concerning the sale of liquor was made against the prisoners. They were merely accused of participating in a gambling game and maintaining a gambling house.

# JOHN R. K. SCOTT HOLDS TITLE AS AN "ABSENTEE"

## Congressman From Pennsylvania Draws $21 a Day, but Spends His Days Elsewhere Mostly

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Associates of Representative J. R. K. Scott, Congressman-at-Large from Pennsylvania, today recalled that he had attended only one session of this Congress, the opening day. They asserted that while it might be commendable to be directing the fight against Penrose in Pennsylvania, to do so to the neglect of his duties here deserved criticism.

Mr. Scott certainly is living up to his designation, Congressman-at-Large, for he was the worst absentee of any member last session and promises to live up to his reputation this session, they say. He receives about $21 a day for attending to his duties here. He has received $315 thus far this year, for which he performed no services.

### Foreigner Frozen to Death

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 18.—An unidentified foreigner was found frozen to death with his head hanging across a fence on William P. McConnell's farm, at Delaware City today.