

“U. S. SOLDIERS IN EUROPE,” CALL IN WAR BILL DEBATE

APPEALS MADE FOR ‘SELECTION’ TO RAISE ARMY

Move Started to Permit Roosevelt to Raise Expedition

HYBRID VOLUNTEER SCHEME IS OPPOSED

House Measure Designed to Force Trial of Old Plan First

WEEKS MAKES APPEAL



REPRESENTATIVE KAHN Republican member of the House of Representatives...

Division of applause in the House debate on army selection as against the volunteer system today indicated a clear majority for the President's selective plan.

Army selection versus the volunteer plan for massing America's fighting forces was the issue in Congress today as both houses opened debate on the Administration army bill.

Amendments were offered in both branches, one in the Senate paving the way for Colonel Roosevelt to raise his volunteer army to go to Europe at once.

The House and Senate adopted the \$7,000,000,000 war credit bill as reported out by the conferees, and it goes to the President.

A bill was introduced in the House empowering the Council of Defense to fix all food prices during and one year after the war.

Party lines are obliterated in the general army fight, the President now finding his strongest support among the Republicans.

SENATE ARGUES PLAN FOR SELECTIVE DRAFT

WASHINGTON, April 23.—America will send an army to the European trenches “if we ever get an army fit and equipped.”

This was the declaration of Senator Williams, Administration leader, on the Senate floor during this, the second day of debate on the Administration's army bill providing selection as the means of raising this army.

Senator Wadsworth, New York, was denouncing the volunteer system as inadequate, inefficient and impossible. Hiram Johnson, California, was fencing in the interest of an amendment by Harding, Ohio, which, if accepted, would permit Roosevelt to raise his division and take it to France.

“It will be nine to ten months before we can send an army abroad,” declared Wadsworth.

“If we are going to fight otherwise than with money,” interrupted Johnson, “what objection is there to calling for volunteers in conjunction with the selective draft?”

“Because,” said Wadsworth, “our own and the British navy, thank heaven, are

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RUSSIA BEHIND UNITED STATES, SAYS KERENSKY

Will Stand by Wilson for “Peace Without Victory”

HAILS AMERICA AS DEMOCRACY'S AGENT

Socialists Ready to Fight to Bitter End Against Autocracy

INSIST ON SINCERITY

Want Indemnities for Poland and Belgium, but No Other Exactions

By HENRY SUYDAM Special Cable to Evening Ledger and Brooklyn Eagle.

PETROGRAD (via London), April 23.—“The Russian masses, whom I represent in the Provisional Government recently established, fully endorse President Wilson's war aims.

“Provided the President was speaking not as a diplomat, but as the mouthpiece of the American people when in his peace note in December, he proclaimed a desire for peace without victory and the establishment in Europe of governments along lines of racial development, the world will find the Russian soldiers, Russian sailors and Russian workmen lined up solidly behind him in his desire to free the German people.

“Our aim is not to inflict penalties that would be provocative of future strife. The Russian people are not against proper indemnities, but they are determined that improper punitive exactions must not be imposed.”

These first authoritative statements of the exact attitude of Russian soldiers and workmen, who now admit the policies of the Government, were made to me today by A. F. Karensky, Minister of Justice. He declared that the telegram sent to him by New York Socialists urging against a separate peace was gratuitous and unnecessary, for the Russian masses are inspired with a profound enthusiasm to continue their consistently defensive war to a finish.

BIG MAN OF REVOLUTION As the chief figure of the revolution and the one man on whose shoulders now rests the destiny of Russia, Karensky, representing the Socialists, the army, the navy and the workmen, speaks—the most powerful personality of the new Government.

“The revolution,” he declared, “instead of causing weakness in the military alignment of the Entente Powers, has caused positive strength. No conditions could have been more shockingly outrageous or more dangerous to the Entente than the disorganization of the Russian armies last January.

“At that time, with only two days' food supply on hand, instead of three weeks' supply, as at the beginning of the war, desertions were so frequent as to cause serious impairment of morale.

“Seventy per cent of the blast furnaces engaged in turning out munitions were not working because of the shortage of fuel, and the metal output had decreased 75 per cent.

PETROGRAD MENACE ENDED “Had the Germans made an advance this spring with the old regime still in power Petrograd would have fallen.

“Everybody in Russia knew the imminence of danger and realized that revolution was absolutely necessary for the safety of the nation. This explains why it was accomplished with such unanimity.

“Our technical organization has increased tremendously under the new government. Moreover, certain military aspects of the

GAVVY'S ERROR SPOILS OESCHGER'S PITCHING

Joe Holds Brooklyn to Four Hits, but Dodgers Win, 3-1, When Cravath Muffs Fly

Another Bitter Pill

By Staff Correspondent

Table with columns for Brooklyn and Phillies scores and statistics.

Table with columns for Philadelphia and other teams scores and statistics.

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Uncertain late this afternoon, with probably showers; generally fair and somewhat clear tonight and Tuesday; gentle variable winds, becoming northerly.



AMBASSADOR ELKUS Although the Turkish Government has broken off relations with the United States, he will not be able to leave Constantinople at once because of illness from typhus fever.

BRITISH FORCES SEIZE TOWNS IN DRIVE ON DOUAI

Takes Guemape and Gavrelle in Smash Along Scarpe River

BRITISH REPORT GAIN IN CAMBRAI PUSH

PETROGRAD, April 23.—German troops attacking Russians on the Aa River (Riga front) tried a new projectile glass bullet, today's official statement said.

The War Office also reported from the Caucasus front that on April 15, at Cheraban, Arabs fell on a Russian squadron escorting a British military agent, but that the squadron forced its passage through the attack as far as Bakube.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES AFIELD, April 23.

Slow, steady smashing by British forces all the way from around Lens to around St. Quentin brought in prisoners running into four figures today. Unofficial headquarters reports declared the towns of Guemeppe and Gavrelle had fallen into British hands. A vast quantity of booty is being captured all along the front.

Guemeppe is located on the main road from Arras to Cambrai, about five miles distant from Arras. It lies directly to the south of Monchy.

Gavrelle is on the main highways from Arras to Douai, about equally distant from the two cities. It is the point at which the British have approached closest to Douai so far. The newly captured town is only eight miles from Douai.

LONDON, April 23.—Over a wide front on both sides of the River Scarpe, Field Marshal Haig early

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CITY AND STATE MUST PREVENT FOOD SHORTAGE

Mayor Approves Report of Committee on Farm Problem

WILL MOBILIZE ALL SCHOOL CHILDREN

Industrial and Financial Leaders Begin Work as Board of Strategy

EMERGENCY IS PRESSING

Stern warning cautions that Pennsylvania is in danger of suffering from want of sufficient food came this afternoon from two official sources.

Mayor Smith accepted and approved an investigating committee's report, in which the farm food problem is held to be pressing. The urgency of getting more labor for farms, says this report, “cannot be exaggerated.”

The Mayor at once started to carry into effect every one of the recommendations made. The program includes mobilization of thousands of school children in all forms of service. Chief among them is agriculture.

EDMUNDS APPROVES

Henry R. Edmunds, president of the Board of Education, and several other members of the board, this afternoon held a conference with the Mayor relative to the plans to utilize schoolboys twelve years and over on the farms. Mr. Edmunds approved the plan of the Mayor to immediately utilize the boys, and arrangements will be completed at another conference to be held this week.

Dr. John E. Garber, superintendent of schools, said today in regard to the schoolboy farmer plan:

“Our idea is to release for farm work boys of twelve years and over who are sufficiently advanced in their studies to be assured of promotion. I should say that there are about 1000 boys in this city in that class—boys whose parents are willing that they should go to the farms for the summer. The idea is to get them to the farms immediately. Many farmers in the vicinity of Philadelphia have not as yet planted crops because they cannot obtain the labor and others have not planted as large an acreage as last year for the same reason.”

Charles C. Heyl, president of the West Philadelphia High School for Boys, announced today that he had listed 200 boys whose parents are willing that they should go to the farms for the summer. He said that these boys would work under the supervision of members of the faculty.

This work of banding together the public and private school children for war work will be carried on by a body to be called the Philadelphia school mobilization committee. Franklin Spencer Edmunds, former Board of Education member, was announced as the Mayor's appointee for chairmanship of the committee. Other members are to be appointed.

Later this afternoon E. T. Stotesbury, W. W. Atterbury, of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Arthur W. Sewall, president of the Barber Asphalt Paving Company, and Alva C. Dinkey, president of the Midvale Steel Company, met as a board of strategy to

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British Advance on Tigris

LONDON, April 23.—British forces in Mesopotamia have driven the Turks farther from the Istanbul position, the War Office reported today. The British are only six miles from Samarra, northwest of Bagdad, where they are now attacking the Turks' new positions.

BUSH HURLS GREAT GAME FOR ATHLETICS

Grover's Brace of Errors Sends Senators Ahead in 8th, but “A's Win Out in 9th

Whee! This Was Close

By Staff Correspondent

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AUDITOR GENERAL DEFENDS ACTS

Powell Crosses Swords With Penrose Inquisitors

LATEST SPORTS

BASEBALL SCORES

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Table with columns for Athletics, Washington, and scores.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for Boston, New York, and scores.

POSTPONED—RAIN

Table with columns for Pittsburgh, St. Louis, and scores.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns for New York, Boston, and scores.

OTHER GAMES

Table with columns for Episcopal Acad., Penn Charter, and scores.

Table with columns for Germantown High, Central High, and scores.

Table with columns for Frankford High, Northeast High, and scores.

Table with columns for Catholic High, West Phila., and scores.

BALFOUR MAY SPEAK BEFORE U. S. SENATE

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Arthur J. Balfour, British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, may speak before the United States Senate. Vice President Marshall asked him if he would be willing to do. He replied that he thought it should be left for future discussion as to desirability and advisability.

RUSSIA WILL STICK, U. S. IS TOLD

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Russia is “no more likely to abandon the war without achieving her object than is the United States,” according to a telegraphic report from Russia received today by the State Department.

RESERVE OFFICERS CALLED TO COLORS

WASHINGTON, April 23.—All retired army officers who are physically fit for service in the field have already been called to the colors or are now under consideration, officials of the War Department announced today. There are about 1000 officers on the reserve list.

SCHWAB OFFERS HIS PLANTS TO GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, April 23.—“All my plants are at the Government's command,” Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation told Secretary of the Navy Daniels this afternoon. “I want you to know that we want to give the Government the greatest possible measure of co-operation in this time of national emergency.”

GERMANS BEGIN SEA DRIVE ON RUSSIA, REPORTS SAY

PETROGRAD, April 23.—A German battleship and cruiser squadron has left Libau presumably to attempt an attack behind the Russian lines on the Baltic, according to official word from here today. It was reported also that another German warship squadron was on its way to the

BALFOUR PAYS HIS RESPECTS TO PRESIDENT

British Party Already Has Intimation of America's Purpose

U. S. PLEDGED TO END PRUSSIAN AUTOCRACY

Head of High Commission Discusses Policy for Nearly an Hour

HERE ONLY TO COUNSEL

Points to Be Discussed by British Commission

THE questions on which the British High Commission will advise with the United States are about as follows:

- 1. The complete measure of participation by the United States navy in clearing the seas of the German submarine menace and in patrolling certain sections of ocean against German commerce raiders.
2. The manner of the distribution of the three billion dollar loan which Congress has set aside for the benefit of the enemies of Germany.
3. The best plan for combating the German effort to starve Great Britain and France and the establishment of safe sea lanes which will be properly protected so that an uninterrupted procession of food supplies and needed munitions can go forward from this country.
4. How the Entente veterans can aid and assist the United States in preparing its armies for actual participation in the war.
5. What methods are to be adopted by the United States to prevent foodstuffs shipped from here to the neutral nations of Europe falling into the hands of the enemy.
6. How the United States can benefit as the result of the espionage experiences of the Entente nations.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—All of the resources of the United States—men, money and foodstuffs—are pledged to crush Prussianism.

That was the dominant thought pressed home here today to the Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, former Premier of England and present foreign Secretary, and the members of the British war mission, though there were no formal statements to that effect.

And the entire day was devoted to the requirements of international courtesy, the Britons visiting the chiefs of the Government, commencing with President Wilson. Through all of the “visits of courtesy” it was made plain by the representatives of the greatest world republic that in espousing the cause of democracy the United States has pledged its all, and that it would back Germany's enemies to the fullest extent to end forever autocracy as represented by Prussianism.

The program for the various conferences is still tentative. Still the French mission reaches Washington most of the time will be devoted to getting acquainted so far as the British mission is concerned. Meanwhile the experts of the mission, the men who are to discuss the grave problems of finance, war and naval operations, will shape the way for definite action in a hurry. It was made plain by the British leaders that they are here to assist the United States by counsel, so that the dangers that they encountered can be minimized as much as possible for the United States.

BALFOUR MEETS PRESIDENT

The great event today was the meeting between President Wilson and former Premier Balfour. It took place in the White House, the first time in many years when a diplomat of the standing of the British representative has been received by the President. It was made plain by the British spokesman of republicanism as represented in the United States. Officials afterward described the meeting as “most instructive.” Mr. Balfour was introduced to the President by Secretary of State Robert Lansing, and for three-quarters of an hour they conversed, the subject matter of their conference being known only to themselves. It was very plain from Mr. Balfour's attitude, however, that he was greatly pleased by his reception generally.

As the President and England's greatest diplomat talked through the open windows filtered the strains of “America” and “The Star Spangled Banner,” played by circus bands marching down the sunlit avenue in front of the White House.

The reception at the White House lasted

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\$49,660,000 More for Naval Armament

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Secretary McAdoo, of the Treasury Department, today submitted to Congress for the Secretary of the Navy a supplemental estimate of \$49,660,000 for arms and ammunition for 1104 merchant vessels.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN BASEBALL TODAY

Table with columns for National League and American League scores and statistics.

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