

**SEND T. R. TO FRANCE
TO FIGHT, SAYS BECK**

Carnegie Founder's Day Audience Hears America's Ally Warmly Praised

PITTSBURGH, April 27.—That the United States, in gratitude to France, should send at least an army division to Europe to fight side by side with soldiers of Marshal Joffre under Theodore Roosevelt, because of the latter's similarity to Lafayette, was the plea made by James M. Beck, of New York, assistant Attorney General under President McKinley, before the annual founder's day meeting of Carnegie Institute, held in Carnegie Music Hall.

Greetings from A. J. Balfour, the British Foreign Minister; Marshal Joffre, Rene Viviani, the French Vice Premier, and Ambassador J. J. Jusserand were conveyed by telegram.

Mr. Beck told of the role France played in the American Revolution and said that the part she played in saving democracy and maintaining her integrity as a nation was made plain in the present war. He told of the sacrifices at the battle of the Marne and declared that democracy cannot deny the

place to which France is entitled in perpetuity.

"All honor to France, our ally, today," said Mr. Beck. "Cordial heartfelt greetings to her envoys as they step upon our shores. To me it will be a great regret if at least one division under the flag of our country is not speedily found fighting side by side with the soldiers of Joffre. It is especially desirable that the first division should be one of volunteers. As France sent to America its volunteers who served under Lafayette, let us hope that at no distant day the volunteers of America will be found in France under the inspiring leadership of that man whose noble impulses and chivalrous ideas remind us so strongly of Lafayette, our own knightly soldier and champion of right for right's sake, Theodore Roosevelt."

George W. Perkins spoke on the conservation of food. He asserted that the United States must feed the Allies, and that could be accomplished if a policy of self-denial, greater production and education for eating to live were adopted.

Opening of Snake "Season" in Berks

READING, Pa., April 27.—The snake "season" has opened here earlier than usual. Fred McEwen, of near Elverson, had what he describes as "quite an exciting experience" a few days ago. While going through a patch of weeds he saw a large black snake. "He succeeded in killing the reptile, which measured six feet and was about as thick as his wrist," declares a correspondent.

RARE FRANKLIN IMPRINT BRINGS \$760 AT N. Y. SALE

Total Return to Date for Halsey Print Collection Dispersed Amounts to \$377,269

NEW YORK, April 27.—Books, pamphlets, broadsides, manuscripts and autograph letters relating to American history brought \$7700 at a sale by Scott & O'Shaughnessy at the Collector's Club. George D. Smith paid the highest price, \$760, for "The Charter Laws and Catalogue of Books of the Library Company of Philadelphia," small octavo, printed by Benjamin Franklin and D. H. Hall in 1787. It is one of the rarest of the Franklin imprints.

The same buyer paid \$51 for "Constitutions of the United States and the Articles of Confederation," Philadelphia, 1781; presentation copy from John Adams to Mr. Cressier. A rare pamphlet printed in 1759 by Benjamin Franklin, relating to the Pennsylvania-Maryland boundary question, was bought on order for \$240.

The sale of Part IX of the Frederic R. Halsey print collection was concluded at the Anderson Galleries this evening. George D. Smith paid \$2525 for the second edition of "Le Monument du Costume," printed at Neuwied, Germany, by the Societe Typographique in 1789. The total for the session was \$4975 and for Part IX, \$7195.25. The grand total to date is \$377,269.

WAR MISSION TOPIC IS HOSPITAL SHIPS

Their Destruction Among First Questions to Be Taken Up by Visitors

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Measures to cope with the continued destruction of hospital ships by German submarines will be among the first questions taken up by the British and French commissions.

The only means open to France and Great Britain is to decrease the number of hospital ships and thus minimize the risk. In order to do that, it will be necessary to establish greater facilities for caring for greater quantities of Allied wounded in France, instead of transporting them across the Channel.

Great numbers of American surgeons and nurses will have to be added to the hospital units now in France, as well as larger quantities of hospital supplies.

Plans for accomplishing this will be taken up at once.

Vigorous protest has been made to the German Government by the International Committee of the Red Cross against its order of January, 1917, directing that all hospital ships marked with the Red Cross insignia be considered as warships and at-

tacked and sunk in a zone prescribed by the order, including the English Channel and the North Sea.

The protest was received at the State Department from Minister Stovall, at Berne.

Germany Drafts Men Hitherto Exempt

AMSTERDAM, April 27.—A German official announcement received here says that Germany has ordered a great number of exemptions to be drafted for field service. They will be replaced in the war industries by women and those liable for the national auxiliary service.

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