

### CHILD LABOR LAW APPEAL ASSAILED

#### Would Be One of War's Greatest Crimes, Declares Mrs. Catt

### ENGLAND REGRETS STEP

NEW YORK, May 18.—Repeal of the national child labor law so that children could replace men called to war would be as great a crime as any committed during the conflict, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, national president of the National Woman Suffrage Association, declared today.

"There has been no crime committed during the war and there will be no crime committed greater than would be the repeal of the national child labor law," Mrs. Catt said.

"It required a generation of time and effort to secure it, and its repeal would mean the sacrifice of another generation—the children whom the enemies of that law are lying in wait to exploit."

"After we have passed through such a three-year struggle as has destroyed the manhood of Europe it will be time enough to talk of crowding the children into ranks of labor made vacant by the demands of military service."

"Let them be filled by men too old for war, but able to do any work that may be required of them. In addition to these men is the great reserve force of women waiting to be called on. Not until the last one of these two classes has been utilized let employers of labor dare lay hands on the children of the nation."

The National League of Women Workers joined in the protest against the contemplated suspension of the law, declaring its "willingness to co-operate against any effort to break down labor restrictions guarding the children."

CHICAGO, May 18.—"It is a very great shame even to consider setting aside the Federal child labor law during the war, especially as there is no present emergency," was the statement today of Miss Mary McDowell, resident head of the Chicago University Settlement.

"England rushed into a similar situation at the beginning of the war, and now is regretting it. The juvenile delinquency in that country has increased 25 per cent as a result of taking children from school and putting them to work."

"Fortunately, many of our States have adequate child labor laws which will not be affected by any action Congress may take."

Miss McDowell is one of the best known child labor law promoters in the Middle West.

### U.S. Blow Can End War, Lord Derby Asserts

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same deck, fought and defeated British apathy when that effort seemed hopeless.

"Americans are quicker at some things than the British," Lord Derby resumed after a moment. "I believe America will get a quicker start than we did—if the people appreciate the size of the job."

CAN TRAIN ARMY QUICKLY  
"Can the American army be trained as rapidly as the new units of the British army—that is, in three months?" was asked.

"There, again, American quickness will probably show itself," the war head returned. "The fact that the British are now able to train men in three months partly due to their dealing with seasoned organizations from the front."

"But I should say that three months' training in America, plus a certain amount of necessary training in France, would make the fittest kind of soldiers from entirely raw material."

"The matter of getting a small American contingent over there earlier in one which American soldiers must decide for themselves, but I have no doubt of the effect it would have on the British. The French are less timid, and it would affect them even greater."

"What about Americans on the Russian front?" Lord Derby was asked.

"That is entirely a matter for American soldiers to decide. It certainly could not fail to inspire the Russian people."

EFFECT ON GERMANS  
"There is another phase of this question of moral effect about which little has been said, and that is the effect on the German people when America actually takes the field. Think what it means! Many Germans have looked to America as a sort of heaven. Many have been struggling for years in the hope of emigrating there. Now it will seem that the gates are closed. This effect on the German people may possibly be the most important single proof that they are the worst victims of the system for which they are being slaughtered to defend."

"No one can question the tremendous effect of the first appearance of an American army, however small, in the fighting line."

"But, after all, that's not the main thing. That won't end the war."

"Not until America begins making war as though she alone faced Germany will there be a possibility of predicting when the end will come, and I know that is the spirit in which the American nation is taking up the conflict."

Students Exhibit Work  
Cabinets, tables and other articles made by students at the James O. Blaine School are on exhibition this afternoon in the school building, Thirtieth and Norris streets, under the supervision of the principal, Edwin Y. Montany. One of the exhibits was a miniature house, four feet long and three feet wide, furnished in detail.

### FRIENDS CHEER DEPARTURE OF HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS



Base Hospital No. 10, organized by the Pennsylvania Hospital, equipped to full war strength, as it left West Philadelphia Station today, bound for a port from which it will sail for France and the western war front. The upper illustration shows several members of the party aligned in front of Calvary Presbyterian parish house, Locust street above Fifteenth, prior to leaving for the station.

### CITY'S FIRST UNIT OF RED CROSS OFF

#### Pennsylvania Hospital Corps No. 10 Cheered on Start to France

#### 27 DOCTORS; 65 NURSES

Philadelphia's first detachment for the front left today when Base Hospital No. 10, organized by the Pennsylvania Hospital, steamed out from the West Philadelphia yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad at 10:13 for Jersey City.

Laden with six months' supplies and ready for any medical duty the 245 men and women comprising the hospital corps left amid a farewell as noisy and tearful as 1500 friends and relatives could make it.

There was something different about the farewell, not only because this was the first party to leave for active service on the western front, but because of the prominence of many of the men attached to the hospital.

There was Dr. Richard H. Harts—Major now, rather—who will have charge of medical operations; there was "Tommy" Barratt, son of Judge Norris S. Barratt, and H. B. Kraft, son of Prosecutor of the Pleas Kraft, of Camden, and scores of others.

Judge Barratt's son will run an ambulance when he arrives on the other side, and this morning he was in charge of a Red Cross ambulance and acted as an aid to Major Harts and Major M. A. Delaney, U. S. A., who is in charge of the military operations of the base hospital.

INSPIRING SCENE  
The scenes at the yards in West Philadelphia, with prominent folk there shouting "good-bys," was a duplication or a similar scene at the Calvary Church House, Fifteenth street above Locust, when the staff reported for muster at 8 o'clock this morning.

The corps is composed of 150 men, who will serve as orderlies and stretcher-bearers; sixty-five nurses, three stenographers and twenty-seven physicians. The 150 men lined up at the churchhouse shortly after 8 o'clock and marched to the yards, after leaving behind a big crowd that came to make their "adieu" cry.

They marched to the yards, while the luggage of the corps was being shipped out in four big motortrucks, which also carried, in addition to personal belongings of the

group, supplies for six months and a few dental supplies.

The corps staff arrived long before the train left in order to give everybody opportunity to say the last words with the home folks. At first even this was denied them, as only members of the hospital corps were allowed inside the line; but when Captain Harry B. Williamson, of Company B, First Pennsylvania Infantry, who commanded the detachment guarding the train, arrived on the scene, he allowed the 1500 men, women and children assembled to go inside.

When the corps was assembled before train time all were wearing little aluminum badges, on which was a figure, reading "Base Hospital No. 10, U. S. A., Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia." The badges were the gift of Dr. George S. Crompton and the new men attached thereto was that every 24 of the patients treated by the hospital when they begin actual operations back of the trenches on the western front will be given a bronze replica of the badge.

All of the 245 men and women were in fine condition, while Major Harts was plainly proud of his charges. "We are ready for instant service and feel as fit as a fiddle," he said.

Miss Margaret M. Dunlop, who is in charge of the nurses, was equally proud of them. "None of the nurses were in uniform, it being announced that they would receive uniforms on arrival in France. The complete personnel of those accompanying the hospital unit was published in yesterday's EVENING LEDGER.

There was many scenes of interest through the big crowd. Three-year-old Norman S. Healy, of 2519 Media street, was up front in uniform to see his uncle off. His

uncle is F. H. MacMillan, a social service worker at the West Branch Y. M. C. A., and he is to perform religious work in the corps.

A large body from the French colony went to the yards to see Frank Dejean, chief of the St. James Hotel, who served a year in the French army, off with the base hospital, for whom he will be cook.

Then there was a delegation from South Philadelphia which included three South Philadelphia boys, Paul Williams, of 1825 South Eighth street; Irwin Hamilton, of 1512 South Ringgold street; and Joseph Strain, of 2298 30, Albuca's street, on the back and wished them goodnight.

College students were present to see two of their comrades, Joseph G. Carpenter, of the U. of P., and C. E. Pancoast, of Haverford, off. Pancoast is to be the bearer of the Red Cross flag, while Prosecutor Kraft's son will bear the American flag.

### HONDURAS BREAKS OFF RELATIONS WITH KAISER

#### Central American Republic "Takes Its Place Beside the United States"

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Honduras has broken diplomatic relations with the Imperial German Government.

This information was conveyed to the State Department this afternoon in a cablegram from American Minister Ewing at Tegucigalpa. The American embassy's dispatch was dated yesterday afternoon. It is said "The President has just announced that Honduras has broken relations with Germany and that Honduras taken its place beside the United States."

### REPUBLICAN SENATORS ATTACK SHIPPING BILL

#### Oppose Giving Too Much Power to President in Commandeering Vessels During War

### "FRAUGHT WITH DANGER"

#### Weeks, of Massachusetts, Says Transportation Section Would Produce Industrial Stagnation

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The shipping section of the \$2,200,000,000 Army and Navy war budget was subjected to spirited bombardment from the Republican side of the Senate this afternoon. The section carries an appropriation of \$758,000,000 for shipping to defeat the submarine warfare, and confers authority upon the President to commandeer any or all shipbuilding facilities not material in the United States.

"Is the President to be the sole arbiter of the price to be paid for commandeered vessels?" inquired Senator Gallinger, the Republican leader, in charge of the bill, explained that if the owner of commandeered vessels was dissatisfied with the price he could take his case to court.

"Well, we all know how hopeless that is," said Senator Gallinger. "I presume we are going to give the President practically every power to do pretty much as he pleases throughout the war. I believe that it is a dangerous situation. It ought to be halted some time in some way to give the private citizen an opportunity to present his side of the case."

Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts, declared the shipping section was "fraught with great danger" and would "produce industrial stagnation."

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Reichstag Adjourns Until July 5  
AMSTERDAM, via London, May 18.—The Reichstag has adjourned until July 5. The Social Democratic Deputies voted against the military and other budgets, both factions of the party uniting in their opposition.

Life Sentence for Slaying Manicurist  
BOSTON, May 18.—Irving E. Olmstead, forty years old, of New London, today pleaded guilty in the second degree to the murder of Violet C. Mooers in her manicure parlor on March 13 and was sentenced to the Charlestown prison for life. He received the sentence calmly. He is married.

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