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UNIVERSAL DRILL WOULD MAKE U. S. IMMUNE FROM WAR

Maj. Gen. Scott at Hearing Warns of Attack if Volunteer System Is Not Discarded

Washington, Dec. 18. — Advocates and opponents of a system of universal training for military service to replace the volunteer system as the main stay of the nation's defense had a hearing to-day before the Senate Military committee on Senator Chamberlain's bill for universal training which is supported by the army general staff.

While representatives of organizations opposed to universal training headed by Walter L. Fisher, former secretary of the interior gave their reasons for opposing it, Major General Scott, chief of staff of the army, detailed to the committee why the general staff considered the volunteer system wholly broken down, inefficient and useless, and urged that it be discarded for a universal system of liability to training and service.

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NEW ITEMS TOTAL CLOSE TO \$70,000

Upon what basis the city commissioners at the budget conference this evening, will pare the tentative departmental estimates for 1917 in order to keep down the tax rate, was a matter of considerable conjecture in city circles to-day, for despite the reticence of the councilmen to discuss the tentative totals, it was said that the skeleton ordinance called for an expenditure of close to \$70,000. New items it is understood will run close to \$70,000.

All that the commissioners would say is that the tentative estimates will naturally have to be pared and pared considerably. Some idea of the city's revenues for the coming year will be at hand this evening.

The commissioners would not discuss their requests, other than the \$5,000 for a bathing beach and bathhouse and \$3,000 for a new road along Woodland lake asked by Park Commissioner Z. Z. Z. Z.

That City Commissioner W. H. Lynch will ask for considerably more for street repairing and for resurfacing, is generally understood although the commissioner will not say how much he wants.

In Commissioner H. F. Bowman's bureau of health estimates however is an item of \$25,000 for a municipal hospital, it is said. The other big single item, it is understood, is Mayor E. S. Meals' request for thirty additional policemen. This will mean more than \$30,000 in itself.

Pension Mutual Case Before County Judges

Dauphin county judges sat this afternoon in the proceedings instituted by the State Insurance Department for appointment of a receiver for the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Pittsburgh. Deputy Attorney General W. M. Hargest, who submitted the petition, read the answer of the company and declared that there was "not a word denying insolvency."

Counsel for the company declared that the State had taken a position denounced as "outrageous by Stephen Stone, in refusing to permit a merger. It was contended that the merger would protect policyholders. This was denied by the State.

While the hearing was under way equity proceedings were started against the State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner to secure return to the Union Casualty Company, Philadelphia, of bonds deposited with the Commonwealth to protect policyholders. The securities are valued at \$100,000. The Union Casualty has been summoned to show cause tomorrow why a receiver should not be named.



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REV. SANDS DIES; PASTOR 50 YEARS

Funeral of Venerable Minister of United Evangelical Church



Funeral services for the Rev. J. G. Sands, veteran minister of the United Evangelical church, who died Saturday at his home, 450 South Fourteenth street, from a stroke of apoplexy will be held Wednesday at 10.30 o'clock.

Mr. Sands, who was 82 years old, spent more than half a century in the ministry. He was licensed to preach on March 3, 1862, under the conference presidency of Bishop W. W. Orwig. After spending five years on the local circuit he was received into the conference and placed on the Chester circuit, afterward serving at the following places: Reading, Lebanon, Trappe circuit, Schuylkill Haven, Conestoga circuit, Easton, Wilkes-Barre, Lansford, Sunbury, Tower City, Steelton, Port Carbon and Pottstown. He retired from active service in 1907.

The Rev. Mr. Sands was a member of the Park Street United Evangelical church and was loved and honored by all who knew him. His wife, who survives him, suffered a stroke about six years ago but she recovered partially. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary seven years ago. He is also survived by five daughters, Mrs. W. S. Harris, 1851 Whitehall street, Mrs. LeForest Heath, of New Hampshire, Miss Elizabeth Sands, of Pittsburgh, and Miss Anna Sands and Miss Mabel Sands, both teachers in the public schools of Steelton.

Funeral services will be held in the Park Street United Evangelical church Wednesday morning at 10.30 o'clock. Burial will be made at Reading.

40,090,000 Acres of Winter Wheat Sown; Condition Near Normal

Washington, Dec. 18. — Winter wheat was sown this Fall on an estimated area of 40,090,000 acres; an increase of 887,000 acres over the revised estimate of the area sown in the Fall of 1915, the Department of Agriculture to-day announced.

Condition on December 1, was 85.7 per cent, of a normal compared with 87.7 last year; 88.3 in 1914, and 90.2 the ten-year average.

Rye sown this Fall is estimated at 4,214,000 acres, an increase of 740,000 acres over the revised estimate of the area sown in the Fall of 1915.

Condition of rye on December 1 was 88.8 per cent, of a normal, compared with 91.5 last year, 93.6 in 1914 and 92.9 the ten-year average.

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W. H. HENDERSON AT OFFICE

William H. Henderson, of 111 South Front street, ticket agent for the Pennsylvania railroad, who has been nursing a broken leg since September 14, was at his office to-day. The accident happened at Colorado Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson were members of an excursion party made up of railroad ticket agents and their families. In stepping from an automobile Mr. Henderson fell, fracturing the left leg at the thigh. He was confined to his rooms at Hotel Albany until three weeks ago when he came east. With

the aid of a steel brace, and using crutches Mr. Henderson is able to move about slowly.

POPE WON'T MEDIATE

Rome, Dec. 17, via Paris, Dec. 18. — Pope Benedict has no intention of attempting to mediate among the belligerents at present, according to a statement issued to-day by the Vatican. The statement says that neither the Pope nor the Holy See have made or wish to make any comment regarding German's peace proposals and that therefore any announcements attributed to them are absolutely unfounded. It is added that the Pope naturally has an ardent desire for peace, but that he does not believe that any intervention at the present moment would hasten its conclusion.

STOUGH IN CINCINNATI

The Rev. Dr. Henry W. Stough, who conducted a seven-weeks' evangelistic campaign in this city two years ago, will open a six-weeks' campaign in Cincinnati, Sunday, December 31.

The Rev. Solomon Landis Dies on 87th Birthday

Union Deposit, Pa., Dec. 18. — The Rev. Solomon Landis died on Thursday evening at his home in Main street, after an illness of a year. He died on his 87th birthday and was one of the oldest ministers of the United Brethren church. He is survived by five children, Agnes and Addison, at home; Irving, of town; Jacob, near Linglestown, and Edward, near Hoernewstown.

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