

CONSCRIPTION WINS BY BIG HOUSE VOTE

Administration Forces Throw Out Amendment Calling For Volunteers System; Army Bill Assured Now of Passage as Drawn by United States Military Experts; Votes Stands 279 to 98

Washington, April 28.—Administration forces overthrew opponents of the administration selective conscription bill in the House on the first vote to-day and struck the volunteers amendment from the measure.

The vote came on an amendment by Representative Kahn, who has led the fight for the administration bill, moving to strike out the volunteer amendments inserted by a majority of the military committee against the protests of the President and the army war college. It assured the passage of the bill as drawn by the army experts.

The vote to sustain the provisions of the administration bill was 279 to 98.

Wilson to Get Bill The bill probably will be in President Wilson's hands for his approval within the next day or two unless slight changes made in the measure by either House require a conference. As soon as the President signs the bill plans already formulated by the War Department will be put into execution.

Debate in the Senate to-day was begun by Senator Harding, of Ohio, in support of the administration bill and also his amendment to permit Colonel Roosevelt to raise four divisions of volunteers for immediate service abroad.

Senator Harding said the amendment was not to be misconstrued as inimical to the general plan of conscription which he endorsed.

Need T. R.'s Division "It does not underestimate the importance of the preparation of an army of a million men," he said, "while laying the foundation of ten million more. It is a new and a new glow in every allied camp, a new fire on every battle front in Europe."

Many Favor Roosevelt Senators Curtis, Republican, of Kansas, and Smith, Republican, of Michigan, also endorsed the Roosevelt plan. Senator Lodge spoke at length in its favor.

"I can see no reason why men over twenty-five who earnestly desire to

What Selective Draft Means For America

Washington, April 28.—Here is what will happen when the selective conscription bill becomes a law:

1. The President will designate by proclamation a day of registration, the voting precinct being used as the smallest unit for enrollment. The governors of the various States will be asked to have the sheriffs of the counties appoint registers to take the names of all males between the ages of nineteen and twenty-five.

2. The State officers will exempt from military service those engaged in industries, including agricultural, found to be necessary to the maintenance of the military or the effective operation of the military forces, or the maintenance of national interests during the emergency, and those whose relatives are absolutely dependent upon them.

3. Those not exempted will be reported to the War Department, which will make further exemptions.

4. It is estimated that by August 1 the 500,000 men desired will be in training camps. In the meantime the Government must provide equipment for the recruits.

5. It is estimated that the registration will result in an enrollment of 7,000,000, and about 40 per cent of this number will be needed out on account of physical disabilities. The 500,000 to be selected from the remaining 60 per cent, will be chosen by lot.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Generally cloudy and continued cool to-night and Sunday, probably rain Sunday.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Overcast and continued cool to-night and Sunday, probably rain Sunday; fresh north shifting to east winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will continue to fall slowly to-night and probably Sunday. A stage of about 4.4 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Sunday morning.

General Conditions The weather is unsettled over most of the country. Rain has fallen in the Ohio and Middle Mississippi valleys, the eastern and southern portions of the Plains States and the extreme Rocky Mountains and over the Pacific slope. Rain has fallen also in the Upper St. Lawrence Valley, Southern New England, Eastern New York and the District of Columbia, and snow in Northern New England.

BRITISH OPEN NEW SMASHING ATTACK ON THE GERMAN LINES

Teutons Throw Fresh Divisions Into Fray in Efforts to Stop Gen. Haig's Steady Advance North of the Scarpe

ENGLISH THROW DEEP WEDGE INTO ENEMY

Greatest Discontent Seething in Austria Hungary as Well as in Germany; Berlin Makes Frantic Appeal to Stop Strikes

Another smashing drive by the British on the French front was begun to-day, General Haig reports an advance on an extended front north of the Scarpe.

The attack already has scored good progress and is continuing. Heavy fighting has developed, the Germans throwing fresh divisions into the fray.

The field of the new push lies within the ten mile front from the Scarpe to the coal city of Lens, which the British have had under their guns on three sides for nearly two weeks.

German Army Slipping "General Haig already had pushed a deep wedge into the German line three miles north of the Scarpe, and was fighting to-day to enlarge this opening. Every yard he gains there is making the German front between that point and Lens more difficult to hold.

A consideration of the force of the present heavy attack seems to be aimed at this part of the line. At two points along this stretch the British reported to have advanced more than a mile as far as Arleux and Oppy, but definite possession of these villages apparently was a question for furious fighting of the day to settle.

French Are Active While the British apparently are thus giving the Germans more than

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New Farm Agent to Attend Farmers' Meeting at Mechanicsburg Tonight

H. G. Niesley, new-appointed Dauphin county farm agent who will come to Harrisburg next week to assume his duties, will be present at the farmers' meeting at Mechanicsburg to-night. The meeting will be addressed by Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, Carl Vrooman. Mr. Niesley will attend this meeting in order to obtain the latest views of the federal government about increasing the acreage of the county.

Mr. Niesley has been spending the past week in Berks county with the county farm agent there getting acquainted with the conditions of the county's agriculture. Mr. Niesley's headquarters in Harrisburg will be at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Kunkel building.

Second Baptist Church Is Destroyed by Fire

The Second Baptist Church, in North Cameron street, was destroyed by fire early last evening. It is believed that the heat of a furnace started the interior of the walls blazing.

Flames had gained considerable headway before the water could be thrown on. The building was an old one and the damage is estimated at \$5,000. The pipe organ given the church by Andrew Carnegie is a total loss. As a result of the fire services to-morrow will be held in the Hoerner Building, Thirteenth and Market streets.

FORD IN NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax, N. S., April 28.—Henry Ford, of the Detroit automobile manufacturer, arrived to-day accompanied by several other Americans. Beyond saying that the party had been by an explosion. Mine officials said it was feared all had perished.

As soon as the first rescuers emerged early to-day another crew entered the mine bearing stretchers. Outside the mine scores of volunteers pressed forward eager to be in the next shift to go inside.

The rescue crews are unable to make their way down the main mine slope, but by working along the airways have gone a considerable distance.

STUCK BY TRAIN

Ralph Bittling, 1931 Fulton street, who was struck yesterday by a train near Division street in the Pennsylvania yards, is still in a serious condition in the Harrisburg Hospital. It is believed that his skull is fractured.

PORTER FOUND DEAD

John O'Brian, 45 years, Philadelphia, was found dead by the crew this morning. Coroner Jacob Eckinger made an investigation and pronounced death due to acute indigestion.

TO PUNISH EMPLOYERS

Copenhagen, April 28.—The Hejmdal publishes an announcement of the Prussian military authorities that desertions from frontier districts will be punished in the same way as desertions from the front. The penalties range from five years imprisonment to death.

CITY FARMERS ARE BUSILY SWINGING RAKE AND HOE IN CULTIVATION OF THEIR LOTS



These pictures were snapped at Bellevue Park and show the progress made by the industrious gardeners under the direction of Shirley B. Watts, superintendent of the Chamber of Commerce food conservation campaign.

GARDENERS ARE RAPIDLY GETTING PLOTS PLANTED

Hundred Amateur Farmers Are Working Hard on Bellevue Park Tract

Shirley B. Watts, superintendent of the Chamber of Commerce garden plots is progressing rapidly with the work and more than 100 plots have been given out in the Bellevue Park section. Those who have been assigned to plots have been working on them the last few days and the greater number are already under cultivation.

Superintendent Watts yesterday received a plot of ground 100x100 feet, from Backenstoss and Brothers, located near the Children's Industrial Home. This section will be laid out and distributed as soon as possible.

Plans to Enlist Students The plan to increase the food supply through garden work, will be taken up at a special meeting of the school board to be held on Monday afternoon, at 3.30 o'clock.

A report on the situation with recommendations will probably be made by the teachers' committee composed of members of the board. This committee with Superintendent E. E. Downes went over the situation at a special meeting.

The Agricultural Committee of the chamber has secured J. B. Scherrer, extension vegetable gardener, of Pennsylvania State College, to give an illustrated lecture on gardening, on Thursday night at 8 o'clock, in the Technical High School auditorium. Not only owners of Chamber of Commerce garden plots will be invited to attend the meeting, but it will be open to the public.

CITY MERCHANTS WILL VOTE ON WAR FINANCE

How is the war to be financed? How shall business be taxed? These two questions of vital importance to every businessman at this time are going to be voted on by the board of directors of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce at the request of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America next Thursday.

A circular letter was mailed to every member of the Chamber requesting them to carefully consider suggestions embodied in the letter, and asking them to submit their written views as soon as possible.

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RUSSIA READY AND WILLING TO CONTINUE WAR

Petrograd, April 27.—via London, April 28.—Minister of Justice Kerenky gave to a representative of the Associated Press to-day a clear presentation of the present status of political and economic affairs in the country and with the aid of concrete facts, contradicted the assertions and rumors of alarming disorganization in the army and factories generally circulated in the last few weeks. The minister declared that not only is the army better prepared and more willing to fight than before the revolution, but that the factories are putting out more ammunition than at any previous stage of the war.

Most of the weakness attributed to the present government are the [Continued on Page 9]

Chamber of Commerce Members Consider Taxation of Business

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PROHIBITION FOR THE ARMY

Washington, April 28.—In its first vote on the administration army bill to-day, the Senate adopted a most drastic prohibition amendment, making it unlawful to sell or give any liquor, wine or beer to any officer or man in uniform or knowingly furnished liquors to any person in the army.

TECH SECOND, CENTRAL LAST

Philadelphia, April 28.—In the one mile relay first honors went to McKinley Manuel, Washington, D. C.; Harrisburg Technical was second; Steelton was third, Reading, fourth, Binghamton, fifth. Time 3.35 3-5. Harrisburg Central was last.

VOLUNTEERS ADVOCATES ASTOUNDED

Washington, April 28.—Sponsors of the volunteer amendment were astounded at the tremendous strength developed by the advocates of selective conscription. When announcement was made that the volunteer clause had been bowled out there was thunderous applause from the floor and crowded galleries.

MAY APPOINT SOCIALIST

Washington, April 28.—President Wilson has under consideration the appointment of an American Socialist to the commission headed by Ethel Root, which soon will be sent to Russia. Since Socialists and labor leaders make up a large part of the controlling element in Russia, such an appointment appears probable.

GRANGERS' PICNIC CALLED OFF

Chambersburg, April 28.—Because of the war and the general conditions and mainly because the farmers will likely be too preoccupied to attend the Great Grangers Picnic at Willows Grove, will not be held this year. This would have been the 44th annual gathering.

CHICAGO, APRIL 28.—Colonel Roosevelt in his first war speech delivered here to-day urged that the use of grain for the manufacture of alcoholic drinks be prohibited for the period of the war. He urged obligatory military training, the expansion and improvement of the navy, and asserted that an expeditionary force be sent to France.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Edward S. Miller and Elizabeth Florence Walmer, Penbrook, Steve Seario and Liz Zrinski, Steelton, Ellsworth Ray Wozral, Harrisburg, and Mary Copenhagen, Lebanon.

McILHENNY WANTED PART OF COMMISSION, ITTNER TELLS PUBLIC

Sensational Statements Issued in Reply to Newspaper Interview; St. Louis Architect Says He Heard How Architects Were Accustomed to Leave "Money in Drawers" For the Then Boss; McIlhenny Wanted to Keep Hold on Contracts and Materials; Story Supported by School Supply Officials; President Stamm's Interview

Grave reflections upon the manner in which architects have been selected by the Harrisburg School Board in past years and assertions that George W. McIlhenny made offers to procure the one necessary vote to elect William B. Ittner, of St. Louis, as architect for the new high school buildings, if the St. Louis man would pay him one-fifth of his commission, are made in a sworn statement by Mr. Ittner made public to-day.

The affidavit of Mr. Ittner is accompanied by affidavits bearing the signatures of L. D. Petrie and T. M. Boyd, both of Chicago, and William T. Stewart, of Philadelphia, all officials of the American Seating Company, setting forth their efforts to procure the influence of Mr. McIlhenny in favor of Ittner's selection.

outlining at some length what transpired at several conferences held by Ittner and McIlhenny, and McIlhenny and the Seating Company, representatives of the St. Louis man should be given the work.

The statement of Mr. Ittner and the accompanying affidavits are in reply to an interview given out a week ago by Mr. McIlhenny presenting his side of the Ittner conference and the efforts of the Seating Company officials, with which Mr. McIlhenny was connected at times as sub-agent in this city, to have him use his influence for Ittner.

Refused Commission Offer Ittner asserts that he refused the alleged offer to split his commission with McIlhenny, made through a third party, and admits that he made a mistake in ever conferring with him. McIlhenny, he says, wanted also to see that local materials were used under certain conditions and local contractors favored. McIlhenny also tried to induce Ittner, it is said, to favor the site on the bluff at Herr

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PROSPECT OF GRAVE LABOR Trouble Throws Shadow Over All of Germany

Copenhagen, via London, April 28.—The prospect of grave labor troubles throughout Germany on May day overshadows everything else in the German press. General Groener's address to the Reichstag committee, the manifesto of the Federation of Labor, against strikes, and editorial appeals to the same purport predominate in the newspapers, the war, the organization which has led the general military situation being very much subordinated.

Where there is no smoke there evidently must be some fire. The manifesto of the metal workers' union, the organization which has led the leading part in the previous strike is worded in a curiously dubious manner. Why are ostensibly directed against strike agitators it gives the impression of being a very half-hearted document. The manifesto argues that a general strike is unnecessary because of the stoppage of work in the iron works, munition plants and transportation systems would be sufficient to immeasurable difficulties of the situation.

DRIVE FOR MEMBERS WILL NOT CONCLUDE UNTIL NEXT SATURDAY

The Red Cross membership campaign will not end to-night. Many of the precinct teams, because of a late start this week, will continue the house-to-house canvass undisturbed until next Saturday.

PLenty OF FOOD AT Markets, But Prices Still Remain High

While there was plenty of food on the local markets this morning the prices still remained very high. Eggs were selling at from 30 to 35 cents per dozen. New green beans and new potatoes sold for 25 cents per quart peck, while some asked 55 cents per quart peck for large new potatoes. Spring onions brought six and seven cents a bunch and rhubarb sold for from five to ten cents per bunch. Butter was scarce and sold for 48 and 52 cents per pound.

A great many farmers expressed the opinion this morning that they would stop making butter, because of the high price of feed. They will feed their cattle only hay and fodder and stop feeding bran and chop all together.

RESTRICT EXPLOSIVES

Washington, April 28.—The administration bill to restrict the sale of explosives has been ordered favorably reported to the House by the mines committee.

DEATH OF ONE OF GERMANY'S MOST NOBLE SUBMARINE COMMANDERS, REPORTED

Copenhagen, via London, April 28.—Lieutenant Commander Peter von der Most, one of the most successful of the German submarine commanders, had perished in the submarine U-101, which sank in the North Sea, carrying with it the newspapers of his home town, Koenigsberg, carry an official death notice although the admiral has said nothing of the loss of his boat.

Commander Metz was mentioned in dispatches in February as being in charge of a submarine which destroyed 52,000 tons of shipping in one day.

BRAZIL MAY ENTER WAR

Rio Janeiro, April 28.—The decision as to whether Brazil will follow the breach of relations with Germany by a declaration of war will be made by the Brazilian congress when it convenes on May 2.

G. A. R. LEADER DIES

Cincinnati, April 28.—Captain W. C. Johnson, former commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died here yesterday. He was 74 years old.