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## COLD WELCOME FOR VOLUNTEERS

### MILITARY EXPERTS ARE OPPOSED TO THEIR ENLISTMENT

### NO CALL FOR SEVERAL MONTHS

### Will Take Two or Three Months to Provide Equipment for the Units Already Mobilized

Washington, April 18.—If the National Guard arm of defense is increased from 125,000 to 600,000 as foreshadowed by a decision from the War Department Saturday, it will be because the law confers such right upon the several States and not with the co-operation of the military experts, who were strongly opposed to it.

The department had planned to draft into Federal service only existing units of the guard plus such auxiliary troops as might be needed. Twenty States have applied for permission to raise new regiments, however, and Secretary Baker ordered a new study of the National Defense Act to determine whether the acceptance of new units up to the limits set in the act was mandatory.

Judge Advocate General Crowder took that view and his ruling was approved by the Secretary. An effort to prevent immediate organization of new regiments was made simultaneously, however. The governors were asked to see to it that existing units were filled up to peace strength before any new ones were organized.

Secretary Baker made it plain that the department would in no circumstances recognize skeleton organizations, but would require a reasonably full complement of officers and men for each new unit. If the State forces were raised to full strength the present total of more than ten thousand National Guard officers would have to be expanded to more than thirty thousand to provide the officer personnel for the full twelve National Guard divisions contemplated by the National Defense Act. The War Department has felt disinclined to add in this way to its already heavy burden in training officers for the war time armies that are to be raised.

Virtually all changes in the National Defense Law suggested by the army general staff were accepted by the committee. The amendments include authority to increase the general staff to ninety-two members, to increase the number of machine gun companies in each army division from ten to twenty-three and to increase the number of non-commissioned officers in each army unit.

The War Department was asked also to submit suggestions regarding addition of armored motor car companies, like machine gun companies, to each unit.

"Separation" allowances for soldiers' dependents in time of war, recommended by the general staff in lieu of the 850 monthly allowance given by Congress to dependents of National Guardsmen during the Mexican border service, were approved by the committee and included in the bill. These provide that, during war, dependents of enlisted men shall be paid \$15 monthly. If soldiers were killed in action, from wounds or diseases, the dependents would receive an amount equal to their pay for six months and, if in aviation service, a year's pay.

## KAISER TRIED TO BRIBE SCHWAB TO QUIT MUNITIONS?

Boston, April 18.—Mayor Curley has created a sensation by declaring in a speech at a patriotic mass meeting that an emissary of the German government offered Charles M. Schwab 100 million dollars if the Bethlehem Steel Company should cease making munitions for the Allies.

The mayor said he had received this information from Mr. Schwab himself about two weeks ago at the launching of an Argentina steamship at the Fore River yards in Quincy. Mr. Schwab told him, he said, that the offer was made two days before Congress declared that a state of war with Germany existed.

"And this great big American who stood for the great principles of the republic, refused," the mayor added amid applause.

## BERLIN STRIKE AFFECTS 125,000

Copenhagen, via London, April 18.—The number of strikers in Berlin is placed in even the semi-official report at 125,000 and is distributed according to the Tageblatt through machine works, some electrical establishments and part of the munition plants. The latter statement is interesting in view of a dispatch from the official bureau denying that the munition factories were affected. The Tageblatt says, however, that the great munition industries at Spandau have not been involved.

Reports in all the Berlin newspapers which have arrived here agree that the demonstrators were usually orderly although roughs resorted to occasional window breaking in the Unter Den Linden, the Friedrich and Liepzig Strasses and other central thoroughfares. Soldiers as well as police were used in cordons thrown about the Unter Den Linden and the Imperial Castle. Great crowds gathered in the neighborhood of the castle during the day and the temper of the crowd, particularly the women, is described as very bitter. The strikers denounced the farmers, the wholesalers, and the government in equal measure for responsibility for the food situation. Even Socialist leaders who opposed the strike made it evident to the authorities that a further curtailment of rations from any cause could not be borne.

No reports of a strike movement in labor centers outside Berlin have been received as yet. A Kiel dispatch says that the radical anti-war party got control of the greater Kiel Socialist assembly and passed resolutions against voting war credits. Another sidelight comes from Munich where a woman teacher was put on trial for "pacifist intrigues." She was acquitted on the ground that she was demented from overstrain.

## TORNADO WRECKS OKLAHOMA TOWN

Oklahoma City, Okla., April 18.—The town of Snyder, in southwestern Oklahoma, was struck by a cyclone tonight.

Many are reported killed and injured. The wires are down, and details have not been received. Later tonight automobile parties brought reports of many injured, but no deaths were reported. Assistance was rushed by train and automobile.

## RANTOUL HAS WOMAN MAYOR

Rantoul, Ills., April 18.—Complete returns show that Mrs. Marietta Chambers was elected mayor of Rantoul in Tuesday election.

## BALFOUR AND PARTY MISSING; RUMORED MISHAP IS DENIED

### Conference Set for Tomorrow is Cancelled--House Committee Rejects Selective Conscription Plan; Question Will be Fought Out in Open Meeting

By International News Service.

Washington, April 18.—The first round of the legislative battle for the enactment of a draft bill to raise an army of 500,000 ended in a draw tonight.

The Senate committee on military affairs, by a 10 to 7 vote, accepted the administration's plan, while in the House a provision delegating to the President the responsibility for applying the draft in the event of the failure of the volunteer plan was adopted by a vote of 12 to 8.

The alterations made in the administration plan by the House committee were bitterly resented by the President.

The bill as finally drafted by the committee will be introduced in the House tomorrow. It will then be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, thus permitting the issuance of both majority and minority reports and the bill will probably be brought again before the House for final and open discussion on Monday.

The whereabouts of Foreign Minister Balfour and the British Commission who are coming to close the final agreement for America's part in the war remained a mystery tonight. The State and Navy Departments declared that no information had been received as to when they would arrive in Washington.

The conference between President Wilson and the commissioners set for tomorrow has been cancelled.

Reports that the vessel bringing the commission had met with a mishap were denied. While the presence of a German submarine near the Atlantic coast is regarded as certain, reports of a naval battle in the vicinity of the Cape were unconfirmed.

The location of the citizens' training camps, which officers for the new army will be trained was announced late this afternoon by the War Department. They will be ready May 1 and training will begin May 8. The camps will later be used for training a large part of the 500,000 army.

North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee officers will be trained at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.; Georgia, Florida and Alabama at Ft. McPherson, near Atlanta; Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin at Fort Sheridan, Ills.; Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana at Little Rock; Oklahoma and Texas at Leon Springs, near San Antonio; Missouri, Kansas and Colorado at Fort Riley, Kansas.

## LUCKY ESCAPE OF RASH YOUNG WIVES

In the Charity Hospital this morning are two young married women who are recovering from poison taken in an effort to commit suicide. In one instance the absence of a husband is said to have been the cause and in the other case a desire to die resulted from a husband's determination to return to his home town against his wife's wishes.

Mrs. Roy O'Brien, 19, 1580 North Roman street, is the young wife who did not want to leave New Orleans. Her husband insisted on their returning to Biloxi, where they had been living. But Mrs. O'Brien was equally determined to remain in the city. So a quarrel came about and she swallowed bicarbonate tablets.

Her condition is not serious, however, and now she is sorry and will never do it again. As soon as Mrs. O'Brien is discharged from the hospital she and her husband will get the first train that leaves for Biloxi, she told a reporter.

The other case is that of Mrs. Claverie, 22, 526 Bourbon street, who swallowed poison because her husband, a traveling salesman, has been away for two weeks. She will leave the hospital this evening and is also regretting her act. She attempted suicide in her home Tuesday evening.

## POOR MEMORY COSTS WITNESS VERLANDER \$10

Failure to appear as a witness after he had been sent a subpoena cost M. V. Verlander, 3214 Henry avenue, \$10 in the United States District court before Judge Rufus Foster. His failure to respond to the summons and a telephone message, it is alleged, resulted in Judge Foster ordering U. S. Marshal Miller to bring him into court.

The house military affairs committee today adopted by a vote of 13 to 8 a sub-committee report authorizing the President to issue a call for 500,000 volunteers and providing that he may at a future date resort to selective draft.

The resolution, as it was adopted, is in plain defiance to President Wilson's wishes and to the advice of the general staff of the army, both of which desire to eliminate the volunteer idea.

The measure further vitiate the army plan by making the earliest age of which a man should be conscripted 21 and raising the age limit from 35 to 40. The act on of the house came in the face of the unanimous action of the senate committee in favoring the measure.

The measure adopted by the house means that persons under a majority cannot join either the volunteer or drafted armies.

The volunteer provision was adopted by the House Committee by a vote of 13 to 8.

Following is the committee lineup on the vote for the volunteer system.

For the volunteer amendments: Dent, Alabama; Fields, Kentucky; Quinn, Mississippi; Gordon, Ohio; Shallenberger, Nebraska; Gaidwell, New York; Wise, Georgia; Nichols, South Carolina; and Garrett, Texas. Democrats: Anthony, Kansas; Moir, Pennsylvania; Hull, Iowa; and Davidson, Wisconsin, Republicans.

Against volunteer amendments and for conscription: Olney, Massachusetts; Harrison, Virginia; and Lunn, New York, Democrats; Kahn, California; McKeezie, Illinois; Greene, Vermont; Tison, Connecticut; and Orango, Pennsylvania, Republicans.

## AUTO CAUSE OF ANOTHER DEATH

While attempting to cross the street at Lafayette and Dryades yesterday afternoon, Georgiana Thomas, 7-year-old negro girl, of 613 Dryades street, was knocked down and fatally injured by an automobile driven by A. V. Steeg, 1306 Felicite street.

The injured child was placed in Steeg's auto and rushed to the Charity Hospital, where she died a few minutes later. The accident apparently was unavoidable, but police are conducting a thorough investigation.

## THIEVES STEAL COPPER WIRES FROM THE POLES

Wire thieves early yesterday stole 150 feet of copper wire from poles along Orleans canal in the vicinity of City Park avenue. The wire, valued at \$150, is the property of the New Orleans Railway and Light Company. A series of wire thefts during the past year in different sections of the city have kept the police on the jump. A number of the thieves have been arrested.

President and decided to favorably recommend it for passage.

But the house committee, by a vote of 12 to 8, rejected the compulsory plan and decided that it would recommend a bill that will provide for the volunteer system in raising the army.

The action of the house committee greatly displeased the President. It was known that he will insist that the house itself reverse the action of its committee and pass the bill which the brains of the army say is necessary if this nation is to be a real factor in the war.

## CARRIED SIDE LINE TO BOOZE

### So Police Say Who Finched Denapolis for Handbooking

Joseph Denapolis, proprietor of a saloon at 303 Baronne street, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Patrolmen George Kaufman and Corporal Edward Smith, of the central station, on a charge of operating an affidavit with violating the Gay-Shattuck law by allowing gambling on premises, the police say.

According to Corporal Smith when he and Kaufman entered the saloon they found Denapolis seated at a desk on a raised platform. He had before him lists of horses, \$523 in cash and other paraphernalia which the police say was confiscated as evidence. Denapolis admitted he was taking bets on race horses. Corporal Smith said.

## FRENCH RIP VON HINDENBERG LINE

London, April 18.—The French today ripped terrific gashes into the southern part of the Hindenburg line. Five important towns were captured. Counter-attacks were snuffed out by French harrier of fire and Germans for the first time since battles began in the west.

taken by tonight since Monday total 17,000, an average of 8,000 daily. Total cannon captured since Monday number seventy-five.

## HOVERING NEAR DEATH

New York, April 18.—Sarah Bernhardt is hovering in a critical condition at the hospital tonight. Her doctors issued a statement saying that the outcome is still uncertain because of previous underlying conditions.

## BIG PACKING PLANTS TAKEN

Chicago, April 18.—The National Council of Defense and the Department of Agriculture have accepted the offer of the Chicago packers for the use of their plants.

## RIOTS IN BRAZIL

German Persons and Property Attacked.—Several People Killed. Buenos Ayres, April 18.—Anti-German rioting broke out here tonight. Police charged the mobs. German property was defended with difficulty. Rioting also occurred at Rio de Janeiro, and at Port-Alegre, At Port-Alegre, German business houses and homes were attacked. Reports from Rio de Janeiro say that several persons were killed in clashes between Brazilian guards and crews of German interned ships.

## GET GLAD HAND FROM JOHN BULL

London, April 18.—Both the House of Commons and the House of Lords this afternoon passed resolutions among wild cheers expressing their appreciation of America's entrance as an ally of the Entente powers.

## A SHORT LIVED SENSATION

Boston, April 18.—It was officially announced at the navy yard today that no evidence was placed in reports from three coast guard stations on Cape Cod that heavy gunfire had been heard off the coast. The positive statement was made that there had been no naval engagement and that warships had not exchanged salutes with foreign vessels.

## FLAMES CAUSE TWO TRAGEDIES

### TWO WOMEN LOST LIVES BY FIRE LAST NIGHT

### CLOTHES IGNITED BY FLAMES

### One Perished from Dropping of Lighted Match; the Other While Preparing Evening Meal

Two aged women, living in different sections of the city, were burned to death yesterday in their homes when their clothes became ignited while performing household duties.

They are:

Mrs. Anna Mitchel, 75, 1625 Josephine street.

Mrs. Amelia Wallard, 60, 2502 Banks street.

Mrs. Mitchel dropped a match on the tablecloth while lighting a lamp she had just filled, and before she realized what had happened, her dress was aflame. In attempting to put out the fire, she merely spread the flames to her sleeves.

In a very short while Mrs. Mitchel was completely enveloped. Frankly she ran about the house, Mrs.

the flames with

Mrs. Mitchel was taken to the Charity Hospital unconscious. She died shortly after 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Wallard was burned to death early last night when her dress caught fire while she was preparing supper in her home. Mrs. Octavia Martin, next-door neighbor, who extinguished the flames that enveloped the aged woman's body, suffered slight burns.

Stella Reilly, aged 11, 2616 Banks street, granddaughter of Mrs. Wallard, was passing the house and happened to drop in. She heard screams and running into the rear was horrified to find her grandmother a veritable pillar of fire.

The girl's frantic cries for help were responded to by Mrs. Martin. Snatching a blanket from a bed in the next room, Mrs. Martin threw it about the burning body of Mrs. Wallard and threw her to the floor. Thus she put out the flames.

When a Charity Hospital ambulance arrived a few minutes later, the surgeons pronounced her dead.

## ERRINSING ENDS HIS LIFE WITH A BULLET

Ernest J. Ehrinsing, 23, a book-keeper, killed himself in his home at 1124 Peniston street, by sending a bullet into his head shortly before midnight last night. The cause of his act is not known. He was unemployed.

Occupants of the house were awakened by the report and ran into Ehrinsing's room to find him lying on the floor with a smoking revolver in his hand. Blood gushed from his mouth, where he had faced the weapon's muzzle.

## RUSSIA WILL STAND FIRM

Washington, April 18.—Assurances reached Washington today that under no conditions now conceivable will the provisional government of Russia yield to the overtures from German and Austrian socialistic representatives to negotiate a separate peace.

## ARTICLES FOR A FINISH FIGHT

Washington, April 18.—To provide that the United States and the Allies formally agree that none will make a separate peace with Germany or her allies, a resolution was introduced yesterday by Senator Sherman of Illinois and referred to the foreign relations committee.