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The legality of the draft law will soon be tested in the supreme court where it will be argued that it is in violation of the 13th amendment to the constitution which reads, "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist in the United States." It will be alleged by the defendants, who were duly convicted in a lower court for violation of the law, that to force a man into the army without his consent constitutes "involuntary servitude." The legal department of the government does not seem to be much worried over the outcome so far as this particular contention is concerned. Another question has been raised that gives more concern and over which constitutional lawyers differ. Is it constitutional to send the draft army out of the United States? To solve this problem the government has engaged the services of Hannis Taylor, an authority on constitutional law, to represent those who claim that it is unconstitutional. "Understand me," says Mr. Taylor, "I am not opposed to this war, nor am I in the service of any pacifist or similar organization. I believe there is a terribly important question as to the preservation of the constitution at stake, and there are others who believe as I do; and they are determined this case shall be argued properly and decided properly before these boys are sent abroad." To support his contention, he gives the opinions of several others, among them being Former Attorney General Wickersham and President Wilson. It is hoped to get an early decision from the supreme court and according to information from Washington none of the draft army will be sent to Europe until the question is settled.

The Senate has begun the consideration of the war revenue bill. Senators LaFollette, Gore and Thomas have submitted a substitute which would be adopted if the wishes of the people were considered. It simply places the cost of the war where it belongs; upon the rich and those who are making billions out of the war. But the substitute will not be adopted. The people haven't enough representatives in congress.

The governor of Arizona may have to call out the militia to suppress the "mob" at Bisbee that drove out the I. W. W. and citizens of the town who wouldn't dance to the mine owners' music. It appears that anarchy under the auspices of dividend capitalists is no more respectable than that fomented by the I. W. W.

Peace talk continues. The pope is the latest to send out a white dove. Some time this war is going to stop as quickly as it was begun. When peace does come we want it to be the end of militarism not only in Germany but in every country on the face of the earth.

Candidates have commenced to be mentioned for next year's battle and in the list are quite a number who should never get beyond just being mentioned.

Our governor has concluded to let the boys have a few days' hunting and take chances on a few thousand acres of timber burning.

**HONORED BY CHINA**

Battling Aviator Lufbery Awarded an Oriental Decoration.

**GET IT BEFORE PRESENT WAR.**

Premier Air Fighter in Lafayette Escadrille Officially Credited With Destroying Ten German Airplanes and Having Actually Shot Down Sixteen. Tunic Liberally Decorated.

Paris.—Victor Raoul Givas Lufbery, second lieutenant in the French army and premier aviator in the Lafayette escadrille, being officially credited with destroying ten German airplanes and having actually shot down sixteen, is entitled to wear one other medal beside the Legion d'Honneur, Medaille Militaire, Croix de Guerre with four palms and British military medal, which he carries on the breast of his khaki tunic.

He is the holder of a Chinese medal with a lengthy, unpronounceable name given to him before the war when, with Marc Pourpe, a pioneer French



Photo by American Press Association. LIEUTENANT LUFBERY.

aviator, he went to Indo-China and then to China and flew in the principal cities there. This particular Chinese medal, which is in the form of a heavy gold slug, larger than a twenty dollar gold piece, and attached to a yellow and purple ribbon, entitles the wearer to the services of eight servants, all of whose wages are paid by the Chinese government at any time when the carrier of the insignia is on Chinese soil.

"No; I haven't been wearing my Chinese medal during the war," said Lufbery, "but if China comes in as an ally I suppose I will wear it. The trouble is it's so heavy that I'm afraid it will make me round shouldered."

Before the war Lufbery lived in Wallingford, Conn., and his father still resides there. He has a brother in the French infantry and another in the artillery. He began in the French army as a mechanic and then was attached to the original American escadrille as a mechanic's helper. His qualities as a pilot were discovered one day when he obtained permission to make a flight, and then when he disclosed that he was an American citizen the American aviators insisted that he be accepted at once as a sergeant pilot. He made a series of flights next day before several aviation officers and was brevetted immediately.

**Swallowed by the Earth.**  
Scranton, Pa.—While Mrs. Theodore Barton of 1107 Hampton street was pulling weeds out of her garden the earth suddenly began to settle, with the result that in an instant she was precipitated into an old mine working, eighteen feet below the surface. When the earth gave way the woman called for aid, and several neighbors responded. They managed to rescue her with the aid of a rope and ladder. She was uninjured.

**EVEN SQUIRRELS FEEL HIGH COST OF LIVING**

Altoona, Pa.—Altoona squirrels know a good thing when they see it, and Herbert C. Hoover has nothing on them for food conservation. Bags of peanuts have disappeared like magic from a stand at Lakemont park recently. The proprietor set a watch. He saw a bushy tailed visitor drop from a tree to the roof. Then he wiggled his way to the stand, grabbed his goobers and beat a retreat as well as a peanut vendor. They trailed him and found his little home in the tree was filled with peanuts for the hard winter ahead.

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**MESSAGES FLOATED YEARS.**

One of Three Bottles Found Was Set Adrift in December, 1914.

Washington.—Several instances of messages in bottles having floated about the Pacific for years before being recovered have been announced by the United States hydrographic office.

A bottle set adrift by Captain S. Nagasue of the Tamba Maru (Japanese) Aug. 17, 1915, 900 miles east of Kamchatka, was recovered May 15 last near Moelips, Wash. Another bottle set adrift in December, 1914, off Cape Corrientes, Mexico, was found Feb. 22 last 240 miles north of Christmas Island, in the latitude of the Hawaiian Islands.

A third bottle, tossed from the schooner W. H. Marsten by Captain F. Wann Feb. 14, 1915, 2,940 miles east of Chile and 600 miles south of Easter Island, was picked up Jan. 21 last four miles south of Wanganui Island, New Zealand.

**FINDS PICTURE WRITINGS.**

Ranchman Wandered Into Canyon Looking For Lost Cow.

Las Cruces, N. M.—J. L. Ford, a ranchman of the Pecacho neighborhood on the west side of the Rio Grande, near this city, reports what may be an important archaeological find.

In hunting for a lost cow he was led into a deep canyon, where his attention was attracted by picture writing on the canyon walls. These were done in a yellow pigment and were apparently very old. They represented a lightning bolt, deer and spearheads.

Several mortars were also found, in two of which the pestles still remained. This canyon is near the cave from which several years ago Dan Reid of this place took the mummified remains of a man, supposedly that of an Indian, with an arrow protruding from his chest.

**Plums Landed Twenty-one Years.**

Ablene, Kan.—Plums that were canned twenty-one years ago were served at the wedding of their granddaughter, Miss Wisman, by Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Whiteley of Ablene. The plums were canned soon after Miss Wisman was born. They were placed in a two quart glass jar.



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