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NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS
 One of the first thoughts in preparation of a people for a struggle in which a clear brain, and unwasted brawn are to play an important part, is to remove any elements that weaken the individual and take from his manhood.
 The elimination of the liquor business, with the thought that it is the greatest destroyer of manhood, was considered a remarkably radical step in some of the countries across the Atlantic, but the success of the experiment has been so marked that this move is considered now by our government as a matter of course.
 Aside from the demoralizing effect of the traffic upon the manhood of the nation, the economic waste, which is enormous, is too great for a nation to tolerate in times of peace, and should not be permitted for a moment when the resources of the land are all demanded for the life of the nation itself.
 The traffic consumes hundreds of millions of bushels of grain annually, and this amount put into the legitimate channels of trade, where it can be had as food stuff, would be of material benefit to the nation.
 President Wilson is said to be in favor of the abolition of the traffic during the war, which would of course put it out of the nation for all time. In this as in his other measures, the people are with the president.

roads meeting in Portland, Saturday. Commissioner Adams advanced the idea that all German and Austrian prisoners should be shipped to the United States, and worked on the roads here.
 This would release many British and French men from guard duty, would eliminate the necessity of taking many of our men to Europe, and would obviate the feeding of those prisoners with food that is being shipped to Europe at heavy expense.
 The relentless submarine attacks against ships from Europe to America might also be affected should the fact become generally known that these ships contained German prisoners.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS
 (By Our Regular Correspondent)
 Miss Caroline Thronson and Roy Skeen appeared before the assembly Monday and delivered speeches of the highest order of senior addresses. Miss Thronson is one of our brilliant girls and will represent us at Bend, Field Day in at least two and probably more events—humorous division of declamatory contest, 2nd year shorthand and probably typewriting.
 Her address was characteristic of her usual work and was as Mr. Baughman said, beyond criticism. She gave the origin and history of our most popular National songs.
 Mr. Skeen gave an exceedingly interesting and instructive discourse on the progress of Argentina and her attitude in the present war crisis.

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CONSCRIPTION BILL IS ADOPTED BY CONGRESS
Both Branches Vote for Selective Draft, 24 Opposing in House, 8 in Senate.

Washington.—The nation will raise its army of 2,000,000 by selective conscription.
 The draft army bill passed both house and senate, the house by 397 to 24, and the senate by 81 to 8.
 The final vote came after an epochal session, during which the volunteer system advocates fought fiercely against the overwhelming current for the draft and died still struggling.
 Senators voting against the bill were: Borah, Gore, Gronna, Hardwick, Kirby, La Follette, Thomas and Trammel. Senator Lane did not appear in the senate and was not paired.
 In the house, eight republicans, 14 democrats and London, New York, socialist, and Randall, California, prohibitionist, voted against the bill.
 The others voting against it were: Bacon, Michigan; Burnett, Alabama; Church, California; Clark, Florida; Claypool, Ohio; Dill, Washington; Dominick, South Carolina; Gordon, Ohio; Hayes, California; Hilliard, Colorado; Huddleston, Alabama; Keating, Colorado; King, Illinois; La Follette, Washington; Lundeen, Minnesota; Mason, Illinois; Nolan, California; Powers, Kentucky; Bears, Florida; Sherwood, Ohio; Sisson, Mississippi.
 Joint conferences this week must settle differences between the measures. The senate bill authorizes the Roosevelt division which the house overwhelmingly rejected. The senate voted the army and congress dry while army prohibition was thrown out of the house by a point of order.
 The senate bill would draft men between 21 and 27; the house between 21 and 40. Other minor differences pertaining to exemption and the like will have to be smoothed out in conference early in the week.
 Speaker Clark, Minority Leader Kitchin, Representative Jeannette Renkin and others who earlier in the day voted against the Kahn amendment striking out the volunteer feature, lined up solidly for the bill in the final vote.

MAY HOLD CHICAGO MAYOR AS TRAITOR
 Chicago.—The federal department of justice will officially summon Mayor Thompson to answer for his utterances regarding the proposed visit by Field Marshal Joffre to Chicago.
 District Attorney Cline, announced his chief assistant, Joseph B. Fleming, probably will act on complaints made by a number of citizens.
 The chief point to be considered, according to Mr. Fleming, is whether the mayor shall be charged with "giving aid and comfort to the enemy," or with "seeking to interfere with the government in its plans to defeat the enemy." The constitution of the United States defines treason as "giving aid and comfort to the enemy."
 Mayor Thompson refused to invite General Joffre and members of the French commission to Chicago, partly on the ground that the city's large German population might not approve such an invitation.
 After it became known in Washington that the city council unanimously had extended an invitation on behalf of the city, it was announced unofficially that General Joffre and his party would visit Chicago before returning to France.

U-BOAT TOLL 1,600,000 TONS
German Puts British Tonnage Now at 7,000,000.

Amsterdam, via London.—In the first two months of unrestricted submarine warfare more than 1,600,000 tons of shipping was sunk by the Germans, Dr. Karl Helfferich, German secretary of the interior, told the Reichstag main committee. He asserted that the submarine campaign was proving a great success.
 "From our figures one may estimate the total tonnage still available for British trade at 7,000,000 to 10,000,000. It is clear the British merchant fleet cannot long bear sinking at the present rate. Adequate substitutions by new construction are impossible."
Joffre Wants Flag in France.
 Washington.—Marshal Joffre told the people of America through Washington newspaper correspondents who called upon him, that France cherishes the confident hope that the flag of the United States soon will be flying on her battle lines.

American Oil Tanker Vacuum Sunk.
 London.—The American oil tank steamer Vacuum has been sunk by a submarine. The captain and part of the crew and the naval lieutenant and nine American naval gunners are missing.

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