

BOTH HOUSES AGREE BIG ARMY NEEDED

Only Question Is Over Draft or
Volunteers—Staff Bill
Certain in Senate.

BITTER FIGHT IN HOUSE

Representative Kahn in Unique Po-
sition as Administration Lead-
er—Votes by Thursday
Regarded as Probable.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—With both houses of Congress debating the war Army bill, it became more than ever apparent that there is no fight over whether a great Army shall be raised, the only question being what strength can be mustered by opponents of the selective draft plan.

In the Senate, passage of the General Staff bill virtually without change is regarded as the more certain. House side the President's supporters also are confident of success, though the contest there will be bitter. Discussion in the Senate may continue until Saturday, but the House, under a tentative agreement for 18 hours of general debate, probably will be ready to vote by Thursday.

Most of the speeches in the House were in favor of the Administration plans, after Representative Dent, chairman of the military committee, had made an opening statement earnestly supporting the bill as amended by his committee to authorize calls for volunteers, with provision for applying the draft only if the volunteer system fails. Representative Kahn, of California, ranking Republican of the committee, appeared in the unique position as spokesman for the President and leader of the Administration forces. Representatives McKenzle, Illinois; Crago, Pennsylvania; Diney, Massachusetts; Lunn, New York; Greene, Vermont; Adamson, Georgia, and others, spoke for the draft as the only effective method of raising the Army needed. Representative Nichols, of South Carolina, joined Chairman Dent in championing the volunteer plan.

Senators Wadsworth and Weeks, vigorously advocating the draft, and Senator Thomas as strongly opposing it, made the principal addresses in the Senate.

Chairman Chamberlain, of the Senate committee, said tonight that he might seek unanimous consent Wednesday for a vote that date or Thursday. He said he did not expect to endeavor to use the new clause in the bill because he was not certain he could get the two-thirds necessary to invoke it and because it might result in more talk than would follow in the normal course.

OREGONIANS FAVOR DRAFT

Mr. Hawley Only Representative to
Prefer Volunteer Plan.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, April 23.—Representatives McArthur and Simeon will support the Administration selective draft bill. Representative Hawley inclines to the opinion that volunteer resources should be exhausted before resorting to the draft. In a statement of his position Representative McArthur said:

"I have nothing but the highest praise for the volunteer who offers his services to his country, but the volunteer system is a failure and is all wrong. It places upon the shoulders of a willing few the burden that should be borne by all able-bodied men of military age. I am a strenuous believer in compulsory military service and the selective draft as merely the emergency application of this plan. I shall support it."

"I am not in favor of passing the question up to the President, for he and his military advisers have already made their recommendations and Congress should not dodge or side-step its responsibility."

Senator Jones and Representative Johnson, of Washington, today conferred with Secretary Baker to urge the use of American Lake camp site as an Army training camp. Secretary Baker said negotiations are under way as a result of which the Government soon will be given title to 7000 or 8000 acres of this site and other portions will have to be condemned.

If General Bell, commanding at San Francisco, will recommend the establishment of a training camp at American Lake, the Department will proceed at once to erect necessary buildings without waiting for the formal passage of title, and will send troops as soon as the camp site is ready. General Bell is expected in Washington in a few days.

Veterans Asked to Tonight's Lecture.

General Beebe has asked that all members of the old First Regiment, Oregon National Guard, and the Business Men's training class drilling lately at the Armory, attended the lecture tonight at 8 o'clock at the Cen-

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JANITOR, 70, DENIES GUILT

Theodore Brown, Oregon City Ac-
cused by 4 Little Girls.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—Theodore Brown, 70, janitor of the Park Place School, pleaded not guilty to a charge of contributing to the delinquency of four minor girls when arraigned before Circuit Judge Campbell today.

Brown was indicted on four charges by the last grand jury after the investigation by the district attorney. The evidence given by four little girls, each about 11 years old.

Brown was arrested last week near Independence, where he had gone to visit his son. He was released under \$500 bonds.

Judge Campbell set the case for hearing in June.

GOLDEN WEDDING PLANNED

Mr. and Mrs. August Albrecht, of
Vancouver, to Have Celebration.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 23.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. August Ferdinand Albrecht will have been married 50 years April 23, and they are planning to celebrate their golden anniversary on that date. They live near the Vancouver car barns.

Mr. Albrecht is 77 years old and Mrs. Albrecht is 68.

They have four daughters and four sons—Edward, in Alaska; Charles, in Bend, Or.; William, in Buffalo, N. Y.; Henry, in Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Hulda Albrecht, in Hamilton, Ont.; Mrs. Louise Geer, in Toronto, Canada; Mrs. Augusta Warner, in Buffalo, N. Y.; and Mrs. Charles Langendorfer, of Vancouver.

ELECTION SHOWS APATHY

Absence of Political Awakening Is
Noted by Japanese Press.

TOKIO, April 23.—The result of the election shows a regrettable apathy as to the constitutional development and an absence of a political awakening, according to the Jiji, the Asahi and the Nichi Nichi, leading papers of Tokio.

The opposition press declares that the government victory is fleeting, and insists that the alliance of the Seiyukai party (Constitutional party), with Count Terashima is temporary and certain to precipitate a ministerial crisis. It bases this belief on the ground that the Seiyukai is opposed to non-party ministries.

N. E. A. TO HAVE BARBECUE

Columbia River Salmon to Be Served
to Convention Delegates.

Visitors to the National Education Association convention here this Summer will be treated to a salmon barbecue, something sufficiently distinctive, it is thought, to make all participants recall the Rose City with pleasure ever after.

The Columbia River's famous food fish will be served to the delegates in Washington Park on the afternoon of July 13, 4 to 8 o'clock. The barbecue will be under the joint auspices of the social committee of the N. E. A. general committee and the Federated State Societies of Oregon.

TWO IN LIQUOR CASE FINED

Jail Sentences Also Imposed in
Friars Club Cases.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—A sentence of \$250 and 90 days in jail was imposed against Harry Sullivan and Martin Denny this morning by Circuit Judge Campbell, of the State Circuit Court. Both the men were charged with selling liquor until they obtained from the Supreme Court a writ of probable cause, which would give them grounds for a new trial.

Judge Campbell, who could have issued the writ, refused to do so, declaring that the men, who were charged with bootlegging at the Friars club, had no grounds for the action.

PLOWS TO BE FURNISHED

Tractor Dealers Also Pledge Aid in
Food-Production Work.

Implement dealers of Portland are enthusiastic in their willingness to cooperate with the Oregon Patriotic Service League, by furnishing implements for putting the ground in shape for early and extensive planting, in the crops that will increase food productions.

Mrs. H. R. Reynolds, representing the League, conferred with the managers of the Oliver Plow Company and the Parquer Machinery Company, who yesterday agreed to plow 50 acres in Eastmoreland, the former furnishing plows and the latter tractors.

TRAIN HITS GLEN FISHER, 9

Leona, Or., Boy Runs on Track
When Playing With Companion.

LEONA, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—Glen Fisher, 9, son of Henry Fisher, of Leona, Or., may die of injuries received here today when Southern Pacific passenger train No. 15 struck him. He ran in front of the engine after seeing his boy companion's hat.

The lad's right arm, elbow and head were hurt and he was injured internally.

Mrs. Hancock Charges Cruelty.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—Ill treatment, culminating in a threat to kill her if she informed the police, is charged by Mrs. Maude Ruby Hancock in a suit for divorce filed today in Circuit Court against Albert Hancock. They were married in Vancouver, Wash., October 1, 1915.

Child Is Rushed to Operating Table.

After a race all the way from Corbett in the automobile of her father, David Butler, little Glennie Butler, aged 9 years, was operated on at the Good Samaritan Hospital late last night for acute appendicitis. At a late hour the child was reported doing well.

Mill Guards Shoot at Prowler.

Guards on duty at the St. Johns woolen mills shot twice at a man who was seen climbing the fence at the mills last night yesterday morning. The man fled up the railroad tracks toward Portland and escaped.

Scandinavian-American Line Runs.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The Scandinavian-American line announced today that passenger service between New York and Copenhagen, interrupted February 1 by the German war-zone decree, had been resumed.

FARMERS AGREE TO PRICE REGULATION

Secretary of Agriculture Rec-
ommends That Power Be
Given to Executive.

SENATE COMMITTEE SITS

Commission Appointed to Investigate
Prevailing High Prices Invites
Governors of All States to
Send Representatives.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Today Congress took up the food problems in public hearings by the Senate agriculture committee, at which Secretary Houston set forth the administration's food-control programme.

At the same time the Federal Trade Commission, directed by President Wilson to investigate with the Department of Agriculture the cause of high food prices, asked all state Governors to send representatives to Washington April 30 for a conference on state cooperation in the inquiry.

Before appearing at the committee hearing, Secretary Houston put his plans before the heads of the five big farmers' organizations and received assurances of support.

The farmers' representatives promised even to endorse legislation giving the Government power to fix minimum and maximum prices in an emergency.

As its part in the Government's plans, the Department of Labor announced that it had undertaken the mobilization of 1,000,000 boys as active farm workers, to be known as the United States Boys' Working Reserve. Its operations will be directed from Washington by William Edwin Hall, of New York, president of the Boys' Club Federation.

Mr. Hoover's Work Defined.

The announcements of the day bearing on the food situation were a definition of the duties to be performed by Herbert C. Hoover, as chairman of the food commission of the Council of National Defense, and the statement that William J. Bryan would tour the West to help spread the Agricultural Department's appeal for increased food production. Mr. Hoover, it was announced, will advise as to the best means of assisting the allies to meet their food needs, and will assist state agencies and communities in meeting their food problems.

Cooperating with Secretary Houston before the Senate committee were the representatives of the farmers' organizations. Mr. Houston amplified his letter to the Senate last week and answered many questions. He said the Department of Agriculture lacked machinery to obtain an accurate estimate of the food supply and needed legislation to provide it.

Staple Foodstuffs Short.

Aside from the wheat and potato crops, there had been an indicated shortage of staple foodstuffs, the Secretary said. The Nation needs for its normal domestic requirements about 640,000,000 bushels of wheat a year, he explained, including 80,000,000 bushels for seedling purposes. That amount was about this year's crop. "The year the Nation had a 'carry over' of about 170,000,000 bushels of wheat. From July 1 last until March 1 last the amount exported was about 130,000,000 bushels. With all these facts in mind the Secretary said it was hard to determine the cause for \$2.32 wheat. "Probably this year's crop will be an economic justification. As to what extent prices may be controlled, I have no facts to base an opinion."

High Prices Discussed.

Figures were given showing that the production of corn, barley, oats, rice, milk, butter, eggs and other food products this year were greater, or at least equal, to the average for the last five years, and that production had increased.

"I think," Mr. Houston said, "the high prices are due to a combination of circumstances."

"A combination of circumstances and people," suggested Senator Kenyon.

"Maybe," replied the Secretary. Secretary Houston said he had heard there had been already a shortage of quantities of food by people alarmed over the situation, but he did not believe this was general. In his opinion the farmer is sure to find high prices continuing even if peace were to come now. But he said, the farmer should be guaranteed a minimum price for the things the Government told him he should grow to help the Nation.

"The sentiment throughout the country is fine," he said. "The farmers are willing to respond to the best of their ability. There are some difficulties in their way, but the farmers are just as patriotic as the rest of us. It is natural, however, that when they are asked to pay increased prices for seed and fertilizer they should ask: 'Where do we get off?'"

Minimum Price Proposed.

"I suggest that we should have legislation to fix a minimum price. I don't believe Congress should attempt to fix prices of things that would be subject to shift, and the power should be conferred on the Executive. Perhaps in certain extreme emergencies there should be the power to fix maximum prices. There might be causes of speculation that could be controlled."

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that way. I suggest that you confer the power on the Council of National Defense, to act at the direction of the President in fixing maximum and minimum prices."

Mr. Houston said he did not believe the power to fix prices would have to be exercised and he did not think the Government should go into the whole business.

The Secretary said he had no accurate estimate of the grain going into alcohol except that its value last year was \$145,000,000.

The Department of Labor's boy mobilization plan contemplates the establishment of enrolling stations in every city in the country. Boys from 15 to 19 years of age, under proper supervision, would camp on farms wherever their services were needed.

"It is planned to enroll boys who can be used to advantage wherever there may be a shortage of labor, especially in agriculture," said the Labor Department announcement. "There is now a great need for help in the preparation of fruit and vegetables for canning, and also for planting operations in several northern states, including the whole of New England. It is expected that Director Hall's first work will be to care for enlistments of forces of boys to help the canners and the New England farmers."

"Boys under age for enlistment, but able to be of service, will be welcomed to join the reserves. It is intended that nothing shall be done that will in any manner tend to break down accepted standards of child legislation and child life."

FLAG IN CHURCH ROLLS

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL PASTOR
GETS ANONYMOUS LETTER.

Writer Objects to "Old Glory," but
Rev. W. C. Kantner Says Banner
Nevertheless Will Stay.

Rev. W. C. Kantner is pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church, of this city. A week ago the church was decorated with the Stars and Stripes, but no reference was made to war conditions except in the prayer. Last Wednesday the following communication came to his address: "The letter is given just as it was written, the author using a typewriter and the style of composition for the purpose of disguise."

"Preacher pilgrim church
I see you are for a fight
when
I came to the church door and saw
the flag up I went home with my dollar
in my pocket that was meant for you
you will not gain any souls by fight-
ing."

The church has lost one helper, an interested onlooker.

At the morning service last Sunday the pastor read the letter to his congregation and then remarked that if Pilgrim Church could only be supported by being disloyal to the American flag it ought to die, and if the pastor would have to depend upon such support he, too, had decided to use the flag. Dr. Kantner's statement was heartily applauded.

HARRY FALLMAN, 60, DIES

Heart Disease Fatal to ex-Store-
keeper of Rex, Or.

Harry Fallman, formerly a storekeeper of Rex, Or., and for many years a photographer at Third and Madison streets, died last night at the Lenox Hotel, 243 Third street, of heart disease. Mrs. Fallman was with her husband at the time of his death. He was 60 years old.

With his wife Mr. Fallman had just returned from California.

The body was taken in charge by the coroner. It will be taken today to the East Side Funeral directors' establishment. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

PENSION FUND \$7,500,000

Episcopal Church Surplus Disposition Not Decided On.

BOSTON, April 23.—The reserve fund of the Episcopal Church fund, of which \$5,000,000 was sought originally, has passed \$7,500,000, Bishop William Lawrence announced tonight. The exact use to which the overflow will be put is uncertain because the insurance department of the state of New York must pass on the proposition. In time, Bishop Lawrence told the club, the overflow would go to the aged or disabled clergy or to the widows and orphans of clergymen.

RESERVE DIRECTOR NAMED

Edward Elliott, of San Francisco,
Is Appointed to Bank Position.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Edward Elliott, professor of international law at the University of California and ex-holder of the same professorship at Princeton University, was appointed a class C director of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco today.

He fills a vacancy made when E. C. Bradley resigned to become assistant to Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior.

Accident Ends Artist's Driving.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Mrs. Edgar De Wolfe, artist and society woman, renounced automobile driving yesterday, after running into and seriously injuring John Carolan, a 16-year-old boy. A month ago Mrs. De Wolfe ran



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BLAST ON TRACK MYSTERY

Car Runs Over What Is Thought to
Have Been Dynamite Cap.

Passengers were severely shaken and the car was filled with smoke when St. Johns car No. 1 ran over what is thought to have been a dynamite cap shortly after 10 o'clock last night.

The explosion occurred on Killingsworth avenue between Delaware and Wilbur avenues. Responsibility for the explosion has not been fixed.

Many Attend Mission at Sellwood.

A large congregation is in attendance at the two weeks' mission that opened at St. Agatha's Church, Sellwood, Sunday. This week's services are

for women and next week's meetings will be for men. Rev. Edward Power, of the Methodist Church, is conducting the meetings. Father John Connisky is pastor.

NEW ROAD MAY TAP MINES

Inquiry Into Coos and Curry Min-
eral Deposits Indicates Move.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—W. H. Zuber, a California geologist and mining expert, after a six months' investigation of the mineral district in the vicinity below Powers, in Southern Coos and Eastern Curry, departed for Oakland to submit his various reports to C. A. Smith, of the Coos Bay Lumber Company, on whose authority Professor Zuber made his investigations.

The mineral belt contains coal, iron, gold, platinum and copper deposits.

League's Tea Postponed.

The tea that was to have been given by the Patriotic Conservation League at the Meier & Frank Company tonight and at the Olds, Wortman & King store Thursday of this week has been postponed until Thursday of next week on account of the tea that will be held at the Multnomah Hotel tomorrow.

Governor on Eastern Tour.

SALEM, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—Governor Withycombe left today for a trip through Eastern Oregon, and while gone will speak at La Grande, Ontario and Vale. He expects to return in time to speak in Portland Friday.

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