

DEFEAT OF TRAINING IS LAID TO PACIFISTS

Friends in Congress Proud of Showing, However.

CHAMBERLAIN POKES FUN

Senate and Galleries Entertained by Attack on Speech Made by McKellar Before War.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 10.—Universal military training appears to have been defeated so far as the session of congress goes, but its friends are proud of their showing, and particularly of having revealed that the present opposition is directed largely by the same pacifists who fought preparedness almost to the day that the United States entered the war against Germany.

Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, in speaking for universal military training as proposed in the Chamberlain bill, upset the composure of Senator McKellar of Tennessee, as leader of the opposition, and entertained the senate and galleries pleasantly when he read in the course of his argument some excerpts of a significant speech delivered by McKellar in the senate on May 13, 1916, 11 months before congress declared war.

Old Speech Is Flaunted.
Holding the congressional record of that date in his hands, Senator Chamberlain read from Mr. McKellar's remarks these interesting passages:

"I have not the slightest idea of our becoming involved in war with any European country. I have absolute confidence in the president and his ability to keep us out of this European war, and keep us out with honor."

"Certainly I see no reason why we should go to war. We cannot go to war without congress declaring it, and I do not know of a man in congress willing to vote for a resolution declaring war on any European country."

Big Standing Army Opposed.
"If we were to build up a large standing army like that provided for in the Chamberlain bill, a fight in president could get us into war without declaring it."

"Of course, President Wilson would not do this, but some other president more easily excited might do so." At that time, just as he is now, Senator McKellar was leading a fight on universal military training as carried in the national defense act, otherwise known as the Chamberlain bill, then under discussion. The country was on the verge of war, which history records, was stayed off to permit Mr. McKellar's party to make a winning campaign on a platform of pacifism which had for its slogan, "He kept us out of war."

Comment Made on Remarks.
Commenting on McKellar's remarks, Senator Chamberlain said: "Think of it, less than a year before the time when America, on the recommendation of the president of the United States, declared war against Germany."

"I honestly believe that if the senator from Tennessee had bent his efforts toward creating a large citizenry soldier or a large standing army at that time, in view of the troubled condition of the country, we would not have had any war with Germany, but the senator opposed a larger army, he then opposed universal military training, he opposed anything that squinted toward what he and others called a militaristic system in this country, and it was because of this fact, because senators stood on the floor of the senate of the United States and gentlemen stood on the floor of the house of representatives and opposed everything looking toward the preparation of America to fight."

War Prevention Missed.
"If we had all gotten together and put our shoulders to the wheel and said 'We will not only organize a large army, if we had, but we stand ready to train every young man in this country in the science of war, and we will do it at a moment's warning—if we had done that instead of declaiming against the so-called fear of cultivating a militaristic spirit, we would not have had any war."

"I sometimes think this appeal against the so-called militaristic spirit has tended to enervate the young men of the country, that it has tended to destroy national pride and patriotism, and nothing but this war, which brought the sons of the rich and the poor alike together and made them confer with each other and realize the situation, ever aroused in them in a spirit of love of country that was going to miss."

Senator Chamberlain referred to his having been pilloried during the war by democratic colleagues for disagreeing sharply with the president, whereupon he pointed out that in advancing military training he is in perfect agreement with President Wilson now while his former critics are opposing Mr. Wilson. Then referring to Senator McKellar's position now and before the war, he continued:

Present Stand Discussed.
"The senator from Tennessee differs from the president about the troubled condition of the world now. He does not think there is anything that exists today that necessitates the training of the young men. The president seems to think that the troubled condition of the world requires some sort of training for the young men of the country."

"The senator from Tennessee may be mistaken now, just as he was mistaken in 1916. He said that the president would not get us into the war; that he would keep us out of the war; that there was nothing to fight about. But the president advised us to get in and the senator helped get us in, and now the president says there is a troubled condition that necessitates the training of the young men. The senator from Tennessee says there is no need of it, that there is no use to train them now. Who is right?"

"I think the president is right."

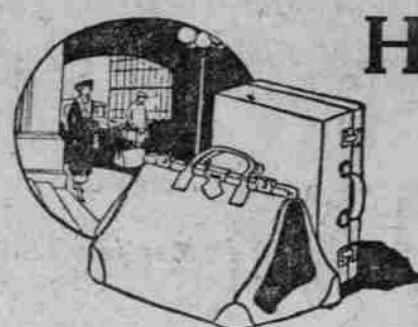
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