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SERVICE BILL AGREED UPON IN CONGRESS

PRESIDENT IS AUTHORIZED TO
RAISE TWO ARMIES OF HALF
MILLION EACH

EXEMPTIONS ARE SPECIFIED

Divinity Students and Members of
Certain Religious Sects Among
Those to Be Exempted

Washington, May 11.—How we
are to raise an army.

The selective service bill, as agreed
upon by house and senate conferees,
will raise 1,200,000 men immedi-
ately. The president is authorized
to bring the regular army and national
guard up to full war strength—
about 250,000, and 440,000, respec-
tively.

This will be done by employment
of the volunteer system until such
time as the president feels that
means inadequate—then he may em-
ploy draft.

The bill empowers the president to
draft immediately 500,000 males, not
exempted under the law, between the
ages of 21 and 30 inclusive, for mili-
tary service. All males between these
ages must register under penalty.

Boards will sit at points through-
out the country to pass on exemp-
tions. In addition to the first 500-
000 troops, the president is empow-
ered at any time to raise 500,000
more men by the process outlined
above.

Those exempted from draft under
the law are soldiers and sailors now
in service, divinity students, members
of well established religious sects,
whose creed opposes war and cer-
tain specified skilled workmen.
Others exempted are those having
persons dependent upon them for
support and those found to be phys-
ically or morally deficient. Married
men, as a class, are not exempted;
they are exempt only if they have
persons dependent upon them for
support.

The entire national guard, to-
gether with its reserves, can be
drafted into the regular army under
the bill.

Under the measure intoxicants
cannot be sold a soldier in uniform,
but he can be given liquor if he is
off the military preserves.

TWO JAPANESE WARSHIPS VISIT SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, May 11.—The Ja-
panese warships Tokiwa and Yakumo,
under command of Rear Admiral T.
Iwamura, with several hundred Ja-
panese naval cadets on board, steam-
ed into San Francisco bay today.
Army and navy officers here gave the
vessel an official welcome.

LEITER MAKES NEW FORTUNE IN WHEAT

Chicago, May 11.—Joseph Leiter
who, with his father, is reputed to
have lost \$10,000,000 in trying to
corner the world's wheat supply in
1898, has "come back" in May
wheat, it was reported today.

Leiter's earnings in the last few
months are estimated at \$2,000,000.
Agents of the allies, principally En-
gland, are also said to have cleaned
up between \$10,000,000 and \$15-
000,000 in the Chicago pit. Jesse
Livermore, who became a member
of the board of trade a month ago,
is reported to have made between
\$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000 in May
wheat.

TEDDY'S PLAN WILL NOT DOWN

Debate in Congress Shows a Strong
Effort Will Be Made to Author-
ize Roosevelt's Division

Washington, May 11.—That the
Roosevelt division issue is still very
much alive and kicking, was evi-
denced today not only in the sen-
ate, but in the house.

Representative Murray Hulbert,
New York, democrat, introduced a
bill authorizing Roosevelt to raise a
volunteer division as a part of Wash-
ington city's national guard. Hul-
bert voted against the Roosevelt di-
vision amendment to the selective
service bill on the ground that it
might interfere with plans in that
measure.

Another evidence of the fight that
still is to be made in the Roosevelt
volunteer issue came when Gardner,
Mass., and Austin, Tenn., objected
to the suggestion of Chairman Dent
of the house military committee that
debate on the Roosevelt idea be lim-
ited to two hours. Dent made this
suggestion when he formally pre-
sented the conferees' report today
and said he would bring the matter
up for formal consideration tomor-
row.

FARMERS PROTESTING LOSS OF FARM LABOR

Portland, May 11.—Northwest
farmers are vigorously protesting
against any legislation by which
conscription will drain still further the
rural districts of men. The coun-
try boys have outdone the city youths
in enlisting in both army and navy.
Further depletion of the farm labor
supply is opposed stoutly by the
farmers themselves.

NOTED SURGEON AND ARCTIC EXPLORER DIES

Portland, May 11.—Dr. David
Walker, veteran army surgeon, and
Arctic explorer, died at the home of
his daughter, Mrs. C. F. Frank, here
early today.

GOVERNOR SPEAKS HERE NEXT MONDAY

Governor Withycombe will be the
guest of this city next Monday, May
14. Plans are being made for his en-
tertainment during the day. He will
speak twice—in the afternoon at 4
o'clock to the school children in the
opera house, and in the evening at
the Chamber of Commerce dinner.
The Girls' Honor Guard will enter-
tain him with an auto ride follow-
ing the afternoon school children's
meeting.

FIVE BROTHERS JOIN ONE OREGON COMPANY

Cottage Grove, May 11.—When
the Sixth company, Oregon Coast ar-
tillery, is called to the colors, it will
have among its members, five broth-
ers in one family—all rugged Ore-
gon mountaineers. They are: Adois,
Grover, John, Reesom and Mari-
gnous Devine, sons of Thomas De-
vine, of the Elkhead country. Each
of the boys is an expert with the
rifle.

SAILINGS INDICATE THAT DIVER MENACE LESSENED

Amsterdam, May 11.—Dutch own-
ers of twenty-two Dutch vessels, la-
den mostly with food and which
have been in American ports for
many weeks, today ordered their
commanders to proceed to Holland.
The action was said to be due to as-
surances received from London that
"nothing now prevents resumption
of traffic with America."

DESPERATE ATTACKS MARK NIGHT BATTLES

British and German Troops Launch Attack After Attack
Upon the Opposing Lines Under Glare of Liquid
Fire With No Decisive Results

With the British Armies in France,
May 11.—Battling in the weird red-
dish flames of a veritable lake of
fire, British troops last night rolled
back a German attacking wave south
of the Souchez river. The Germans'
liquid fire lit up the whole bat-
tle with an eerie light that gave
British gunners exact range of the
attacking troops.

It was a night full of vigorous
fighting at a score of places on the
line.

The Germans are desperately seek-
ing to regain the initiative in the
fighting. Pressed back hard, with
his back tight against positions which
if lost, would be fatal to his plans,
Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria,
at General Hindenburg's bidding, is
launching attack after attack against
the British line. He has had little
luck so far.

Between Gavrelle and the Souchez

SERIOUS REVOLT AMONG RUSSIAN WORKMEN ENDANGERS NEW REGIME

Petrograd, May 11.—The Schis-
elberg munitions district revolted to-
day. Workmen and citizens of the
district announced their intention of
organizing a separate republic. Rep-
resentatives of the workmen's and
soldiers' committee left here at once
to dissuade the revolters from their
announced purpose.

The provisional president of the
munitions district was arrested by
the rebels. Just how serious the
revolt is was not made clear in dis-
patches received here. Apparently,
however, there was no violence.

Another instance of friction be-
tween the duma provisional govern-
ment on Russia's plans for the fu-
ture, was evident today, when it was
announced that the executive council
of workmen and soldiers was plan-
ning a world's "international."

The project embraces a meeting of
all varieties of socialists in some
neutral nation to discuss world prob-
lems. Those behind the plan insist-
ed the conference was not identified
with the June meeting of socialists
at Stockholm.

This Stockholm conference is being
regarded more and more as Ger-
many's most carefully planned move
for a separate peace with Russia. The
extreme wing of the socialist party
in Russia is flatly on record against
the meeting and its directors are
endeavoring to spread among the

ALLIED NATIONS AGREE WAR-RACKED BELGIUM RULE AT CONSTANTINOPLE AND DARDANELLES

Paris, May 11.—Belgium's flag to
fly over Constantinople and Belgium
to control the Dardanelles, is the al-
lies' revised plan for its war aims re-
specting Turkey. On high authority
today, it can be stated, that this
change in program has been thor-
oughly discussed in high official
circles of the allied governments.

Since new Russia denounced old
Russia's demand for dominating the
straits the Turkish problem has been
forced on the allies. To hand Con-
stantinople and the Bosphorus over

to any one of the Balkan nations,
would keep the future world's police
force busy restoring order. When
the new Russia, therefore, announced
its disapproval of such a plan, the
chancelleries of Europe all asked
themselves the same question: "Who
will hold the key to the Bosphorus?"
That key, it was learned today, is
most likely destined to be in the keep-
ing of King Albert's little nation—
a reward for the terrible sacrifice of
the kingdom and an acknowledg-
ment by the allies that Belgium can
be trusted to keep the faith.

people and among fellow socialists
here their conviction that the con-
ference is German-inspired, German-
aided and will probably be German-
controlled.

Petrograd, May 11.—"Complete
defeat of Germany will assure the
world's happiness. Peace now would
only be an armistice. Russia can-
not betray the allies with whom she
has been fighting for nearly three
years."

In these words today President
Rodzianko of the duma, pleaded with
the Russia governing body for un-
swerving continuance of Russia's part
in the war, and warned against in-
sidious peace moves inspired by Ger-
many.

"Do not forget," he added, "that
German workers, however socialist
they may be, ardently desire a Ger-
man victory and naturally, therefore,
support the government's aspira-
tions."

Twelve members of the workmen's
and sailors' committees left to plead
with the revolting forces for restora-
tion of order. In addition, Tachei-
dse, leader of the social democrats
in Russia, personally hurried over to
the munitions district to aid.

The Schisselberg is a district of
Petrograd lying down the river a
short distance. It corresponds, in a
measure, to the industrial section of
New York's East side.

HEARINGS HELD ON INCOME TAX

Representatives of Corporations Ob-
ject Stock and Dividend Tax Pro-
visions Before U. S. Senate

Washington, May 11.—While the
house continued debate on the gov-
ernment's \$1,800,000,000 revenue
bill, the senate finance committee
today began its hearings on the
measure. Testimony from those af-
fected by the income, excess profits,
beverages and tobacco taxes were
heard.

Paul D. Cravath, Bethlehem Steel
company, and J. A. Kratz, Lacka-
wanna Steel company, speaking on
the income tax, objected to tax on
stock dividends. They said none of
their stockholders objected to a tax
on incomes, but said that stock divid-
ends really don't amount to actual
dividends.

Kratz said that frequently there
would be double taxation because
stock and subsidiaries taxed might
be the property of the same man
who owned stock of the parent com-
pany which also would be taxed.
Both closed by urging that stock
dividends allotted before the law
takes effect be exempted.

The committee expects to complete
hearings next Tuesday night and all
briefs must be in by that time.

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE CONSIDERS WHEAT PRICE

Chicago, May 11.—The Chicago
board of trade will hold a special
directors' meeting this afternoon to
consider the continued high prices of
wheat. It is understood that steps
will be taken to curb speculation.

GERMANY'S FOOD SUPPLY WILL LAST TILL HARVEST

Amsterdam, May 11.—Despite un-
favorable crops in Turkey, Bulgaria
and Hungary, it is absolutely cer-
tain Germany will manage to
last until the new harvest. Food Dic-
tator Batocki told the reichstag in
Berlin today.

GERMANS COUNT ON SOCIALISTS' HELP

Copenhagen, May 11.—German
newspapers are beginning enthusias-
tically to "press agent" the so-called
socialist conference at Stockholm in
June. This press propaganda scheme
was regarded here today as most
convincing proof of the entirely Ger-
man character of the schedule.

In December, before Chancellor
von Bethmann-Hollweg sprang his
carefully prepared "peace proffer,"
all German newspapers suddenly
blossomed forth with predictions of
an "approaching happy event." The
ardor with which the German press
dwelt upon this theme and the par-
allel lines of thought about it were
too apparent to indicate anything
else than inspiration from the gov-
ernment.

Today, exactly the same sort of a
movement is to be discerned. Even
the same words—"an approaching
happy event"—are being used. The
inference to be drawn from these
German newspaper articles, is that
a separate peace with Russia is form-
ing.

Reliable information today was
that many of Germany's cleverest
statesmen were far from optimistic
over the possibility of a separate
peace with Russia. Out of the whole
peace plan, however, they had hopes
of persuading Russia to coax the al-
lies into accepting terms which
would be satisfactory to Russia and
satisfactory, likewise to Germany.

In view of this authentic in-
formation, the proposals of peace which
Bjorberg was reported to be bear-
ing took on additional significance.

ALL FACTIONS REPRESENTED ON COMMISSION

VERY REPRESENTATIVE GROUP
OF MEN ARE SENT TO HELP
NEW RUSSIA

ELIHU ROOT WILL BE LEADER

Commission Ready to Organize and
Plan for Important Task of Hold-
ing New Republic for Allies

Washington, May 11.—The presi-
dent has completed the personnel of
the commission which will go to
Russia for this government to assist
the provisional government of the
former empire of the czar.

The personnel will be announced,
probably today, as follows:

Elihu Root, Cyrus McCormick, C.
R. Berton, a New York banker;
Charles Russell, socialist leader;
James Duncan, vice-president of the
American Federation of Labor; Dr.
John R. Mott, Charles R. Crane, of
Chicago.

Major General H. L. Scott, chief of
staff, U. S. A., and Rear Admiral
James A. Glennon, will be the mili-
tary and naval members of this na-
tion's commission to Russia. It was
officially announced today.

The commission will get together
within the next few days to organize
formally. The fact that such men
as Root and Russell—men of such
widely different views on all matters,
governmental and economic—are to
be on the same commission, working
for the same democratic end, occa-
sioned no such surprise and comment
today as would be caused even six
months ago by so radical a personnel
of a government commission.

It was pointed out today that every
so-called class in America is repre-
sented. Root's admitted capabilities,
it was said, "need no discussion."

Russell and Duncan are considered
as eminently fitted as representatives
of the socialist and labor classes.
Both are expected to give to Russian
leaders just what they will have to
have in the line of advice on labor
and industrial problems. It is be-
cause the socialist movement will be
of such tremendous influence in the
formation of a republican form of
government in Russia that Russell
was chosen.

Charles R. Crane is well acquaint-
ed with Russian conditions. Berton
will be the commission's financial
representative. McCormick's experi-
ence as head of one of America's
greatest industrial enterprises is ex-
pected to prove invaluable. The
great need of Russia for agricultural
tools, it is thought, incidentally, can
better be remedied with McCormick
on the ground.

Mott is a great organizer.

TEUTONS GAIN POINT IN NEW BALKAN MOVE

London, May 11.—Fierce Teutonic
attacks succeeded in gaining the cen-
tral powers' troops a foothold on the
wings of positions taken by the al-
lies in their offensive on Wednesday,
an official statement from Saloniki
admitted today. The center positions
of the enemy's line was driven back
with losses to them.

"On Wednesday night, after heavy
bombardment the enemy attacked our
new positions to the southwest of
Ktastall, and obtained a footing on
Solais hill—an advanced position,"
the statement said. "The center of
this line was driven off by a counter-
attack."

"On Thursday a second attack was
repulsed."