

BIG LESSON OF WAR IS NEED OF ARMY REFORM

Universal Military Service in Great Britain Would Have Averted Great War—Paid Army and Volunteer System Unreasonable, Unsound and Undemocratic.

By CHARLES EDWARD RUSSEL
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—To serve the republic—all of us—of none of us.

That is the only idea that is safe, reasonable or democratic. The magnificent motto of democratic Switzerland, "All for one and one for all"—that should be ours no less.

The present military policy of the United States—if we can be said to have one—is to hire some few of us to go out and fight for the rest of us, who sit in fat ease at home.

Is Utterly Foolish

It is rotten. It is undemocratic, it is selfish, it is utterly foolish.

We ought to have learned that last from the experiences on the frontier last summer—if they taught us anything.

In this age, any nation that depends for its defense upon a volunteer service and a band of hired mercenaries, is sleeping on the verge of destruction.

This is no new discovery to anybody that was privileged to be in Europe when the present war began.

I was in England a month after the outbreak to that drama turned up, and what I saw sent glimmering the last illusion on the subject.

Great Britain had a military system like ours. She depended upon volunteers and an army that fought for hire, and in all human experiences no system ever went more completely to smash.

Service Due From All

There was the plain situation, as clear as the day to anybody that cared to look at it. Great Britain would never have an army until she made service the duty of all and not the paid job of a few.

All the men in the government knew it perfectly well. Whatever they might say for public consumption, they knew the truth, and in private they acknowledged it.

Day after day the country rang with appeals, meetings were held in every corner of the realm, the government spent \$100,000,000 in advertising in the newspapers and on bill boards.

Men would not enlist on the mercenary basis; they would not be a band of jonnissaries while others sat in fat ease at home.

So Great Britain wasted 18 months in which she took practically no part in the land war because she had no men to put in the field.

But if the leaders in the government knew the truth why didn't they say it?

A Dead Formula

Because of a fetich, a superstition, a dead formula, a word!

"Conscription"—that was the dread bogey that lay in the path. Great Britain never had resorted to conscription, therefore it never must resort to it. Our forefathers fought on the volunteer plan and therefore we must fight on it. It was equally true that our forefathers used rifles and canoes, but nobody thought of that. Nobody thinks of anything when there is a handy fetich to cherish us.

So the situation drifted along, the fetich worshippers terrorizing the government, no British troops to speak of on the continent and none in sight.

Then Lord Derby hit upon the happy scheme of putting conscription to work but calling it by another name, and after wasting 18 months of precious time Great Britain began to get an army.

It is a terrible responsibility that these unfortunate slaves of the fetich assume.

Twelve years ago the British government, then in the hands of the conservatives, prepared a bill for universal military training and service, and these fetich persons frightened the government out of the idea.

Would Have Prevented War

If they had kept still there would be no war now.

A few years later discerning men like Lord Roberts and Robert Blandford saw that Great Britain in its unprotected state was certain soon or late to be attacked by Germany.

The fetich persons howled down all these warnings.

There is in all Great Britain today not one thinking creature that does not regret bitterly that a deaf ear was turned and eyes were resolutely closed to the certain facts.

Fire eating jingoes are rightly defeated. Yet it must always be a

WHITMAN ASKS LEGISLATION TO CUT HIGH LIVING COST

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Definite measures to meet the food situation were considered today by state and city authorities. Governor Whitman and some of the members of the state legislature see hope in the immediate passage of the food and market bill introduced.

The women's anti-high price league sent a delegation to the board of estimate this morning to demand an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to be used in buying food to be sold to the poor at a low price. This organization announced that if its plea was unsuccessful it would urge that beginning Monday children be kept out of school until conditions had improved.

In some of the tenement districts, the boycott has taken the place of the riot as a means of protest. The boycott, however, has not been altogether peaceful. A number of women were attacked by infuriated housewives, as they came out of shops carrying meat and fish. A score or more of arrests were made yesterday.

The food and market bill which the governor is known to favor, contains an emergency clause which authorizes the commission that would be created under this act to take such measures to secure relief as it may deem desirable, in case of an emergency creating or threatening to create a scarcity of food. One authority today expressed the opinion that if a real crisis arose the food commission would have virtually dictatorial powers.

ALLIED TYRANNY REVOLTS GREECE DECLARES KING

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ents for absolutism and militarism. It is just the other way around. Venizelos stands for whatever suits his own personal book. His ideas of government is an absolute dictatorship—a sort of Mexican government I take it. When he was premier he broke every man who dared to disagree with him in his own party. He never sought to express the will of the people; he imposed his will on the people. The Greek people will not stand for that. They demand a constitutional government in which there is room for two parties, liberals and conservatives, each with a definite program, as in the United States or England or any other civilized country, not a personal government where the only party division is into Venizelists and anti-Venizelists.

Not Pro-German.

"That is one thing I wanted to say. The other is about the effect of the so-called German propaganda in Greece. The entente powers seem to have adopted the attitude that everybody who is not willing to fight on their side must be pro-German. Nothing could be farther in respect to Greece. There is a present resentment against the allies in Greece—and there is a good deal of it, especially since the blockade is due to the allies themselves and not in any German propaganda. The proof of it is that when the so-called German propaganda was at its height there was little or no hostility towards the allies. It has only been since the diplomatic representatives of all the central powers and everybody else whom the Anglo-French secret police indicated as inimical to the entente, have been expelled from Greece and any German propaganda rendered virtually impossible, that there has grown any popular feeling against the entente.

question if they do as much harm as the fetich crowd.

We have here in America more than our share of them. A bill to make service for the republic and defence of its life the common duty of all has been introduced in the senate and they are going to beat it.

If, five years hence or ten, we find ourselves in the terrible position Great Britain was in at the outbreak of this war, I hope there will be no error about the responsibility.

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JUDGMENT FOR SUM OF \$73,262 GIVEN SWEENEY

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trial, which the plaintiff prevailed in, was unfairness in the classification of adobe as earth or hardpan. It was classified as one or the other; while, as a matter of fact, it was more difficult to work in than solid rock, it was held. The price paid for a cubic yard of excavation in earth was 29 cents and of hardpan 35 cents.

Judge Davis held that the material known as adobe did not come within these specifications and that 75 cents a cubic yard was a reasonable allowance for removing it.

Judge Davis found that \$39,000 of the winter work required by delays must be paid for at force account prices, that is, the fixed prices for day work.

It was also held that the claim of the plaintiff for force account on three culverts should be allowed. These culverts, 50 feet high and 100 feet long, were constructed by the contractor under protest and were crushed by shifting earth, necessitating reconstruction.

County Contentions.

Jackson county contended by Southern Pacific and other engineers and by many expert witnesses that Mr. Sweeney had already been paid some \$20,000 more than entitled to under original contract, that ample allowance for extras had been awarded, and that Sweeney's losses were due to his own extravagant methods of construction, his failure to use steam shovels and modern equipment and his inefficiency. The county contended that the state engineer had allowed Sweeney something over \$7,000 in force account; more than \$5,000 too much in classification, \$13,700 for extras in the final estimate, in addition to classifying the adobe as hard pan.

The decision of the court in full, is as follows:

The court finds:

First—That the award of the county engineers should be set aside;

Second—That the amount of excavation fixed by the county engineers is more correct and should be adopted;

Third—That the classification of the plaintiff's engineers is more nearly correct and should be adopted;

Fourth—That the material known as "adobe" does not properly come within the specifications of the contract and that the price of 75c per cubic yard is a reasonable allowance for moving the same;

Fifth—That the claim of plaintiff

for force account on the Steinman section should be allowed;

Sixth—That the allowance of \$2,000.00 made by the county engineers for damages on the Dollarhide bridge is reasonable and should be adopted;

Seventh—That the claim of the plaintiff for force account on the three culverts should be allowed;

Eighth—That the miscellaneous force account allowed by the county engineers, less the accounts for the Steinman section should be allowed;

Ninth—That the claim for material on hand should be allowed;

Tenth—That the claim for damages on the Siskiyou curve should be disallowed;

Eleventh—That the claim for crowning and super-elevation should be disallowed;

Twelfth—That the claim for damages on account of not being able to employ station men should be disallowed;

Thirteenth—That the plaintiff is entitled to costs and disbursements.

On the annexed sheet is the estimate of the court in detail, showing balance due to the plaintiff, \$73,262.25, together with interest at six per cent on \$71,262.25 from May 4th, 1915, amounting to \$7,707.93, and the decree of the court will be entered accordingly for plaintiff for that sum.

In conclusion the court desires to thank the respective counsels for their diligent and able assistance rendered the court in the preparation, presentation and arguments of this case.

Attorneys for Sweeney were, Carey and Kerr, S. B. Houston, Leval H. McCarty, Robert D. Searey; for the bank were Chamberlain, Thomas, Kramer and Humphreys, and for the county, A. E. Reames.

An appeal will at once be taken to the supreme court.

FROM POVERTY TO RICHES. UNCLE LEAVES FAT LEGACY

PORTLAND, Feb. 22.—When Emil Langendorfer, aged 21, private in Troop A, Oregon cavalry, was mustered out of service today, he was penniless and owed the troop canteen 65 cents. In his extremity he sought and obtained employment at the troop stables, where the mounts of the discharged cavalrymen will be cared for until their further disposition is ordered.

As he curried the horses a caller was announced for Langendorfer. It proved to be his brother, Arthur Langendorfer, and the uncle he brought was that their uncle, Jacob Henry Langendorfer, had died in New York Wednesday night, leaving to the two brothers, his nephews, and their father, Charles Langendorfer, the bulk of his fortune, estimated at upwards of \$500,000. The father left today for New York to claim the legacy. Emil Langendorfer went back to his currying after after the news, and Arthur, who is 26, returned to work on his dairy farm near here.

BOX CAR RULES SUSPENDED TO AID FOOD SHORTAGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—To relieve the freight congestion at Chicago rules requiring box cars to be kept on their home lines have been relaxed and New York Central equipment is to be used with the preference given to food supplies. This was announced today by the inter-state commerce commission.

The New York Central's action to relieve Chicago with its own box cars is interpreted as a virtual suspension due to the emergency at Chicago, of rules recently promulgated by the American railways association and now in effect which prohibit the use of empty cars off their own lines and requires the railroads to dispatch foreign empty cars to home lines in trainload lots.

Reports to the commission and to the car service commission of the association indicated that the work of relief at other congested points, notably Cleveland, Detroit and Cincinnati was proceeding satisfactorily.

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