

# LESSON OF WAR BRITAIN TEACHES IS CONSCRIPTION

### Half-Willful and Half-Hearted at Washington Fighting Kaiser's Bat- tle in Opposing Selective Con- scription—Britain Met Failure Un- til Conscription Adopted.

By CLAS EDWARD RUSSELL.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—  
The half-willful and the half-heart-  
ed—these two elements on Capitol  
Hill now promise to help the re-  
nants of von Bernstorff's machine  
to hit the United States a deadly  
blow.

Somewhere that understands well  
the language of childhood ought to  
address to these simple minds a few  
kindergarten remarks, clothed in  
words of one syllable, and conveying  
these basic facts:

This country is at war.  
In this age wars are not fought  
as they were in the days of Joshua.  
There has been a war on in Euro-  
pe since August 1, 1914. Most of  
the simple souls on Capitol Hill  
haven't heard of this, but it can be  
proved to them from records and  
picture books.

In these two years and eight  
months of terrific experience and nu-  
merous of Europe have learned many  
things.

The first of these is that the old  
volunteer system of raising an army  
is just as obsolete as Joshua's  
swords and bucklers.

It will be news to the simple ones,  
but Great Britain performed with the  
voluntary system every test of which  
the mind of man can conceive and  
cling to it so long as human beings  
could possibly long to anything out-  
ward and was finally compelled to  
admit that it was no good.

Greater efforts to secure a volun-  
teer army than the British govern-  
ment made no government could ever  
make.

It spent \$100,000,000 in newspaper  
and billboard advertising. It filled  
the first pages of newspapers with  
the most solemn, earnest appeals. It  
covered every billboard with posters  
in every size of type up to six feet.  
It had an appeal on every taxicab  
wind shield, every omnibus, every  
railroad train. It loaded the mails  
with pamphlets. It held more than  
50,000 meetings. It sent out the  
ablest public speakers and most  
adroit canvassers.

Britain's Sad Lesson.  
All the time, from the hills of Kent  
you could hear the big guns going on  
the western front and for many  
months the threat of a German inva-  
sion was no empty dream.

And yet the thing would not work,  
and the military situation went to the  
bad because Great Britain had no  
army worth the name.

After all these most extraordinary  
experiments the following conclusions  
were forced upon even the most  
ardent champion of voluntary enlist-  
ments:

The voluntary system does not  
produce an army in anything like the  
numbers required.

It is desperately slow; while you  
are waiting and waiting for enlist-  
ments, the enemy is advancing upon  
you.

It gives you thousands of men that  
are no good to you. At least one-half  
of the men that offered themselves in  
Great Britain could not be moved  
into soldiers in two weeks, and many  
couldn't in any other length of time.

# MINIMUM PRICE CAN BE FIXED BY PRESIDENT

### Food Purchases Are Within the Au- thority of the President as a War Expense and Minimum Price Likely to Be Named in Order to Stimulate Production.

By GILSON GARDNER.  
WASHINGTON, April 18.—A min-  
imum price for staple food crops  
such as wheat, corn, potatoes, oats,  
etc., can and probably will be fixed  
by President Wilson by a simple ex-  
ecutive order. It is not necessary  
to wait for congress. Food pur-  
chases are within the authority of  
the president as a war expense, and  
such an order would be backed by  
the seven billions which congress is  
now making available.

To be of any help, the govern-  
ment's offer to underwrite this year's  
crops must be made before the seed-  
ing time is gone. This means that it  
must be made within the next thirty-  
five days. Handled as an executive  
matter, an incident to the war-mak-  
ing power, this can be done. To wait  
for congress would probably be fatal.

High government officials to whom  
I have talked say there is no question  
as to President Wilson's power to  
make this order. To buy the surplus  
crop—or to offer to buy it—is just  
as necessary now as to buy powder  
or shot.

"The government would not, as a  
matter of fact, have to take over any  
of the crops," one official explained.  
"It amounts in fact only to insur-  
ance, and like most insurance, the  
loss does not have to be met. Yet it  
would furnish a security and an in-  
centive to the farmer that would  
make him bring into use every road-  
side, every railroad right of way and  
every vacant lot."

Stop Speculation.  
That the board of trade in Chicago  
should be closed is the recommenda-  
tion of M. A. Taylor, president of  
the Livestock Exchange National  
bank of Chicago. To the advisory  
board of the National Agricultural  
society he has urged that in addition  
to fixing a minimum price for 1917  
crops the government stop all specu-  
lation in food.

The agricultural department learns  
that eggs are now going into cold  
storage at 34 cents, which is 50 per  
cent higher than last year, which  
broke all previous records. Bacon  
products have increased 12 cents a  
pound since the first of January—  
beef products are selling at a basis  
of 21 cents a pound slaughtered,  
which means 30 and 40 cents for  
choice cuts and 28 and 30 cents for  
the cheap cuts. These are typical  
of the market which is roiling in specu-  
lation and is rapidly approaching a  
panic.

WOMEN ENTER PLEA OF  
GUILTY TO ARSON CHARGE

ASHLAND, Ore., April 18.—Mrs.  
Nan Strickfadden and Mrs. L. Dreyfus,  
of Seattle, at a preliminary hear-  
ing today, confessed their part in the  
plot to burn the Strickfadden resi-  
dence here March 17 for the purpose  
of collecting insurance. The confes-  
sion coincided, the officers say, with  
the statement made by N. E. Hemphill  
just before he was found dead in the  
Rugene, Ore., jail where he had  
been placed last Wednesday after be-  
ing arrested for complicity in the  
plot. Mrs. Dreyfus and Mrs. Strick-  
fadden were arrested in Seattle about  
the same time. Mrs. M. Gaywood,  
of Medford, Hemphill's employer in the  
land business, is held in connection  
with the plot on \$5000 bail. She  
was arrested with Hemphill in  
Eugene.

While you are looking around with  
these antique devices, the nation that  
has universal military training is  
sweeping over you.

These are the facts. Great Britain  
never got an army until she began  
to conscript one. Up to the time that  
she yielded to the inevitable and  
adopted conscription she had not  
made a single military movement  
from Mons to Kut that was not a  
blunder and a failure. From the  
time she adopted conscription she  
has not made a military movement  
that was not a success.

Because when she adopted univer-  
sal service all men know that her  
meant business, that all must serve

like, that she was fighting with all  
her strength to win, and that there  
were no shirkers and no skulkers at  
home.

If the simple souls of Capitol Hill  
have their way we shall go floundering  
along in the same swamps in which  
Great Britain was mired for a year  
and a half.

A volunteer army? Oh, no, good  
matters. What you really want, you  
know, is an army equipped with  
bombs and arrows. That is what they  
used to fight with in your prelogical  
epoch, which was a little this side  
of the lower silurian.

## BELL-ANS

Absolutely Removes  
Indigestion. One package  
proves it. 25c at all druggists.

# WOMAN EXECUTED FOR SAYING KAISER SHOULD BE KILLED

Denial was made Wednesday by B.  
W. Paul of Paul's Electric store of  
the truth of a rumor that his sister  
had been executed in Germany for  
writing to him a treasonable utter-  
ance against the kaiser.

"I am not a German, nor have I  
ever had a sister in Germany," said  
Mr. Paul. "It was the sister of a  
friend of a friend of mine in Port-  
land who was executed."

"Several days ago I received a  
letter from my father in Portland  
telling me that this friend of my  
friend had received a letter from his  
sister in Germany in which she told  
of deplorable conditions and suffer-  
ing among the people of that country  
and wrote, incidentally, that the kaiser  
ought to have his head shot off."

"At the bottom of the letter was  
a terse comment made by the Ger-  
man censor who reviewed the letter  
to the effect that for her treasonable  
writing the writer had been executed  
that day."

"The story is true, for Mr. Under-  
wood of the Portland Credit Men's  
Association, who addressed the Med-  
ford Business Men's association last  
Monday night, told me that he had  
seen the letter."

# TIME TO SPRAY FRUIT FOR SCAB

Due to the fact that weather condi-  
tions have prohibited most of the  
fruit growers from applying the regu-  
lar dormant spray, it is very essen-  
tial at this time to make application  
for the control of scab. The New-  
towns and Spitz on the floor of the  
valley are no win an ideal stage of  
development for the late dormant ap-  
plication of lime sulfur. If San Jose  
scale is to be found, full strength  
lime sulfur 1 to 8 can be used, but  
if it is only necessary to control scab,  
lime sulfur 1 to 25 may be applied.

In orchards that were affected with  
scab last year, it will be economy to  
make two applications before the  
blossoms open. The next applica-  
tion to come in about ten days to two  
weeks.

Some varieties of pears are a lit-  
tle too far advanced to make an ap-  
plication of full strength lime sulfur,  
but where scab is present two ap-  
plications should be made before  
blossoming. Winter Nellis, Comice  
and those at present are in an ideal  
stage for the first application, and  
this can be made full strength or 1  
to 25. A second spray should fol-  
low in about ten days. Where it is  
not possible to get onto the soil to  
make the first spray, every effort  
should be made to apply a good spray  
in the "pink" stage. Bartlett, An-  
jou and Howells will be ready next  
week for the "pink" application. For  
detailed information call at county  
pathologist's office.

Dated April 18, 1917.  
CLAUDE C. CATE,  
County Pathologist.

# COUNCIL VOTES \$200 FOR AID OF SEVENTH COMPANY

Beyond voting to pay over immedi-  
ately \$200 into the sick and comfort  
fund of the Seventh company, C. A.  
C., but little business of importance  
was completed by the city council  
Tuesday night, although in its three  
hours' session much time was spent  
in debate over proposed ordinances  
to regulate and license motor buses  
and trucks; billiard and pool halls  
and public card rooms, and to regu-  
late bill posting and outdoor adver-  
tising. Final action will be taken on  
these measures at the May 1 council  
meeting.

The council voted to pay \$71 back  
salary coming to K. G. Rowland, for-  
mer director of the defunct city  
bowl, and during the discussion on  
this matter it was developed that  
Rowland and his attorney, W. E.  
Phipps, had in book several of the  
band's instruments and much of its  
music, all to the value of about  
\$300, holding it as security against  
the city until the \$71 back salary  
was paid.

It seems there was a misunder-  
standing as to the amount to be paid  
Rowland as to the city's and busi-  
ness men's share. The city was un-  
der contract to pay \$400 annually.  
Several councilmen believed Row-  
land, whose contract expired recent-  
ly, had been paid in full, but to clean  
up the entire matter and be done  
with it the council finally decided to  
pay Rowland's claim of \$71.

It was also voted by the council to

# GIRLS! THICKEN AND BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR AND STOP DANDRUFF

Try This! Your Hair Gets Wavy,  
Glossy and Abundant at  
Once.

To be possessed of a head of heavy,  
beautiful hair; soft, lustrous, fluffy,  
wavy and free from dandruff is  
merely a matter of using a little Dan-  
derine.

It is easy and inexpensive to have  
nice, soft hair and lots of it. Just  
get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's  
Danderine now—All drug stores recom-  
mend it—apply a little as directed  
and within ten minutes there will be  
an appearance of abundance, fresh-  
ness, fluffiness and an incomparable  
gloss and lustre, and try as you will  
you cannot find a trace of dandruff  
or falling hair; but your real sur-  
prise will be after about two weeks—  
use, when you will see new hair—  
fine and downy at first—yes—but  
really new hair—sprouting out all  
over your scalp—Danderine is, we  
believe, the only sure hair grower,  
destroyer of dandruff and cure for  
itchy scalp and it never fails to stop  
falling hair at once.

If you want to prove how pretty  
and soft your hair really is, moisten  
a cloth with a little Danderine and  
carefully draw it through your hair—  
taking one small strand at a time.  
Your hair will be soft, glossy and  
beautiful in just a few moments—a  
delightful surprise awaits everyone  
who tries this.

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LET US BE YOUR TAILOR  
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Automobile owners, do you know  
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your car is of the utmost importance?  
There are many blended oils shov-  
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Good oils make less carbon, less  
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Medford-Ashland-  
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AUTO LINE  
Starts from Medford daily via Ash-  
land first day the road opens,  
New T-Paragon Cars.  
C. E. GATES

pay Attorney Evan C. Reames an  
advance of \$250 on his fee of \$500  
for assisting City Attorney F. W.  
Mears in the Colby suit against the  
city to Hansen plan.

Blaine Klum, John Pierce and T.  
H. E. Hathaway, as a committee of  
the National Guards and Veterans'  
association, addressed the council,  
urging that the city make the \$200  
donation to the Seventh company  
fund at once. Part of this money  
will be used to tide over several  
members of the company who are  
without jobs and money, while they  
are being held here awaiting the com-  
pany's call into active service. Mem-  
bers of the company, although practi-  
cally held at the armory for the  
call, will not begin to draw pay until  
ordered into active service.

# BAD BREATH

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets Get at  
the Cause and Remove It  
Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets, the sub-  
stitute for calomel, act gently on the  
bowels and positively do the work.

People afflicted with bad breath find  
quick relief through Dr. Edwards'  
Olive Tablets. The pleasant, sugar-  
coated tablets are taken for bad breath  
by all who know them.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets act gen-  
tly but firmly on the bowels and liver,  
stimulating them to natural action,  
clearing the blood and gently purifying  
the entire system. They do that which  
dangerous calomel does without any of  
the bad after effects.

All the benefits of nasty, sickening,  
gripping cathartics are derived from Dr.  
Edwards' Olive Tablets without grip-  
ing, pain or any disagreeable effects.

Dr. F. M. Edwards discovered the  
formula after seventeen years of prac-  
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bad breath.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are pure-  
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May Designer **Mann's** Best Goods for  
Is Here. The Woman's Store no matter what  
Get yours. 14-22 North Central the price.  
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pockets and belts that are deli-  
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They come in all sorts of  
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plain colors, plaids, checks,  
stripes and figured effects  
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The assortment of styles in-  
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One dollar  
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the styles and  
quality far  
surpass any  
waist on sale  
at **\$1.00**

2--BIG SILK BARGAINS--2  
1000 yds. of 36-inch All  
Silk Taffeta, in the new  
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100 pairs of Heavy Cou-  
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all sizes, splendid value  
at \$1.00, sale  
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grade of Corsets, new  
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Should  
Look  
Ahead

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you in future years, the comfort and  
happiness of the other would depend  
not only on what you leave behind, but  
upon the way it is disposed of.

So much trouble, so much sor-  
row and such great losses have  
arisen from the mismanage-  
ment of estates entrusted to in-  
experienced executors that it  
has become almost a rule to  
place the executorship of your  
estate in the businesslike hands  
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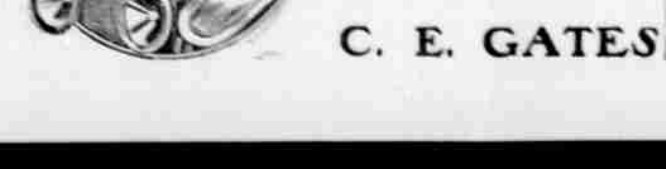
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glass shines as brightly as the sun.



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