

HOUSE DEBATE ON ARMY BILL BEGINS MONDAY

Majority and Minority Reports Upon Selective Draft and Volunteering to Be Filed Saturday—Friends and Enemies Line Up for Impending Fight Over Two Systems.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Debate on the administration army bill will begin in the house Monday. An agreement was reached today by house leaders and consideration of the measure is expected to last from two to three days. Majority and minority reports will be filed with the clerk of the house on Saturday.

The house adjourned this afternoon until Monday.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Friends and opponents of the administration army selective draft bill lined up in congress for the impending fight over the two systems.

House for Volunteers.
In the house the military committee was ready to report the administration measure with amendments providing for calling volunteers on increments of 500,000 each and authorizing drafts only when the president decides the volunteer plan is not adequate to produce the army desired.

An attempt probably will be made to pass the measure for passage Monday.

In the senate the military committee had voted ten to seven to recommend the administration bill as it was drawn by the general staff. This was to be reported today and it may be passed by the senate without awaiting further action.

President Wilson was still determined that the selective draft plan should prevail and it seemed possible that if necessary he would appeal directly to the people on the ground that the nation's safety depends on prompt enactment on the general staff bill.

Kahn Leads Fight.
Preparing to lead the fight in the house for the administration bill, Representative Kahn, ranking republican member of the military committee, conferred today with Secretary Baker. It is expected Mr. Kahn will present his minority report. A letter from Secretary Baker to Chairman Dent two days ago in a final effort to get the committee to approve the administration plans, which outlines clearly the purpose of the military experts to provide places for 750,000 individual volunteers in the expanded regular army and National Guard and their reasons for distrusting any scheme for taking in units as proposed by majority of the house committee.

Representative Kahn will have available also a detailed study of England's struggle with the volunteer system made by American military experts, who personally watched the process. It is understood these reports graphically picture the failure of the system under its greatest test in history and point out the costly delay the experiment cost and the attendant military disasters at the front charged to it.

The bill as amended by the committee was adopted today by Chairman Dent. It was referred to the committee for perfunctory report. Mr. Dent expects to report the bill Monday and take it up in the house Tuesday.

AUTHORIZE ISSUE OF WAR CERTIFICATES

NEW YORK, April 19.—The New York federal reserve bank announced today that the secretary of the treasury had authorized and issue of \$2,000,000,000 two and one half per cent government certificates of indebtedness maturing July 1, 1917. It was stated that in case the government authorizes its proposed bond issue for war purposes subscriptions would be received by the federal reserve banks.

CONFEREES WORKING UPON SEVEN BILLION WAR LOAN

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Senate and house conferees today took the \$7,000,000,000 war financing bill to reconcile the differences between the measure as passed by the two houses. Senate amendments to the house bill have been approved by the treasury department, which is urging quick action.

With Medford trade in Medford made,

THE GREAT BLUE TENT

Now that the United States has entered the war, general attention is being called to the remarkable poem on our flag penned by the noted American author, Edith Wharton and cabled by her from Paris to the New York Times two years ago. The challenge to the Stars and Stripes to live up to its history follows:

BY EDITH WHARTON.

Come unto me, said the Flag,
Ye weary and sore oppressed;
For I am no shot-riddled rag,
But a great blue tent of Rest.

Ye heavy-laden, come
On the aching feet of dread,
From ravaged town, from murdered home,
From your tortured and your dead.

All they that beat at my crimson bars
Shall enter without demur,
Though the round earth rock with the wind of wars,
Not one of my folds shall stir.

See, here is warmth and sleep,
And a table largely spread;
I give garments to them that weep,
And for gravestones I give bread.

But what, through my inmost fold,
Is this cry on the winds of war?
"Are you grown so old, are you grown so cold,
O Flag that was once our Star?"

"Where did you learn that bread is life,
And where that fire is warm—
You, that took the van of a world-wide strife,
As an eagle takes the storm?"

"Where did you learn that MEN are bred
Where hucksters bargain and gorge;
And where that down makes a softer bed
Than the snows of Valley Forge?"

"Come up, come up to the stormy sky,
Where our fierce folds rattle and hum,
For Lexington taught US how to fly,
And WE dance to Concord's drum."

O Flags of Freedom, said the Flag,
Brothers of wind and sky;
I, too, was once a tattered rag,
And I wake and shake at your cry.

I tug and tug at the anchoring place,
Where my drowsy folds are caught;
I strain to be off on the old fierce chase
Of the foe we have always fought.

O People I made, said the Flag,
And welded from sea to sea,
I am still the shot-riddled rag
That shrieks to be free, to be free.

Oh, cut my silken ties
From the roof of the palace of Peace;
Give back my Stars to the skies;
My Stripes to the storm-striped seas.

Or else, if you bid me yield,
Then down with my crimson bars,
And o'er all my azure field
Sow poppies instead of Stars.



EDITH WHARTON

NEWPORT ELECTED CAPTAIN OF HOME GUARD COMPANY

Immediately following the election of officers at the high school assembly room Wednesday night, the members of the Medford home guard, company A, adjourned to the street and held their first drill. The business and professional and other citizens, most of whom are of middle age, drilled hard for an hour and a half. No one was injured. A number of pet corns were agitated, however.

Officers were elected as follows: Executive committee, Mayor C. E. Gates, chairman; George C. Collins, and H. L. Walther, Captain, Freeman Newport; first lieutenant, E. E. Kelly; second lieutenant, H. B. Clark. The non-commissioned officers will not be chosen until after a few more drills. Until further notice the company will drill every Wednesday night at 7:30 with the high school assembly room as headquarters.

Captain Newport, who is Medford agent of the Pacific & Eastern, and for five years prior to leaving here last September was agent of the railroad at Eagle Point, is well qualified to head the company. For years he served as sergeant in company D, Seventh United States infantry, and during the last fifteen months of his regular army service served as drill master at the Presidio, San Francisco. The company also has able lieutenants, as Judge Kelly is a Spanish-American war veteran and

Mr. Clark had several years' national guard experience. Following his election as captain, and when called upon by Mayor Gates for a few remarks, Captain Newport created much laughter when he said tersely, "Fighting men don't talk much."

The latest recruit of the company is Judge W. E. Crews. By next Wednesday it is expected the membership will reach 125. Any male citizen of Jackson county of good character above the age of 18 is eligible to membership.

FAIL TO CHECK FRENCH

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The violence of the French attack threw the enemy into such disorder that he was unable to bring up reserves quickly enough and consequently lost several guns. Toward the end of the day the French made further progress between the plateau of Vally and Braye, all villages south of the famous Chemin Des Dames being taken.

Three Mile Advance.

The advance toward Courtecon during the last three days has been even greater and amounts to more than three miles in depth. In the center the battle raged furiously in the region of La Ville-Aux-Bols. The wood east of the village, two thousand yards long by five hundred yards in depth, was very strongly held by the enemy, no less than 180 machine guns being crowded into it. All these were captured, together with 1800 men by a clever maneuver which cut off the wood from the rest of the line.

The army on the right, from Prunay to Auberville, by skilful maneuvering, cleaned the Germans out of the heights in front of the village of Moronvilliers. On one of the crests

PORTABLE SIGNS ORDERED FROM STREETS OF CITY

In accordance with special instructions from the city council, Chief of Police Hittson was busy Thursday in ordering all portable signs removed from the sidewalks in front of stores and hallways. The council regarded the signs as unsightly and as impeding the progress of pedestrians.

The council will also order that all electric signs not placed in accordance with city regulations, especially those that are suspended far out over the sidewalk, be replaced in conformity with the city ordinances, thus doing away with a fire menace and a source of danger to pedestrians during a high wind.

Chief Hittson and Electrical Inspector Hinman have been handicapped somewhat in the past in trying to enforce the ordinances relating to movable and electric signs, by appeals made by offenders to councilmen. Now the council has decided to back up both officials in these matters.

several heavy guns were captured. On the whole, when the wretched weather and the difficulties of the terrain are considered, the day's work is considered most satisfactory and it is believed paves the way for more rapid progress in the near future.

Dr. Hargrave, Farmers and Fruit-growers Bank bldg. Phone 230.

FEDERAL BUILDING OFFERED FOR USE OF RED CROSS

Flags can now be flown from the Medford federal building and recruiting banners hung out also, and the local branch of the Red Cross can have its headquarters in the building if it desires and can recruit members in the lobbies. Orders to the above effect were received Thursday from the United States treasury department, which has charge of all federal buildings. The orders read in part as follows:

"In view of the international conditions now existing, the department regulations forbidding the display of the national ensign and recruiting banners from windows of federal buildings are temporarily suspended. The American Red Cross is regarded by the department as having a quasi-official status, and the solicitation of funds and members by duly authorized representatives of the society may therefore be permitted in the lobbies of public buildings. "If desired, temporary assignment of available room may be made."

DISTILLATE OIL SPRAY.
We have a car of Distillate Oil Spray on the road. All fruitgrowers who wish to use this spray should get their orders in at once. ROGUE RIVER CO-OPERATIVE FRUIT GROWERS ASS'N. 264 J. W. Perry, Manager.

Fresh chocolates at De Voe's.

CHILDREN IN INDIAN GARB AT THEATRE

Hundreds of children either in Indian costume or garb of foreign countries enlivened the downtown streets Thursday forenoon, being en route to the Page theater for rehearsal of the operetta, "Hiawatha's Childhood," and the drills and folk games to be presented by the pupils of the public schools at the Page theater Friday afternoon under the auspices of the physical training and music departments.

The entertainment begins at 2:30, but the doors will be open at 2 o'clock. All seats are 25 cents each. Judging from the number of tickets already sold, the theater will be filled to capacity tomorrow afternoon.

The operetta will be presented by the high school orchestra and choruses. Charles Abbott will play the part of Hiawatha, Myrtle Parkeypile that of Nokomis, and Inago will be played by Dwight Phipps. There will be a chorus of Indian youths, maidens, wind spirits, fireflies, etc.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC PROFITS INCREASE

NEW YORK, April 19.—The 1916 net income of the Southern Pacific company and subsidiaries was \$35,422,514, an increase of \$7,268,083, or 25.82 per cent, according to the annual report issued today. Total operating revenues were \$163,427,423, an increase of \$20,950,518, or 14.71 per cent. The total operating income was \$52,008,200, an increase of \$8,479,733, or 19.48 per cent.

PERMIT RAILROADS TO FILE INCREASES

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today issued a tentative order permitting the railroads to file supplemental tariffs increasing freight rates 15 per cent as applied for, effective June 1.

The order was made tentative so that shippers and other organizations interested might state their views upon it at a hearing beginning here tomorrow.

At the close of the hearing, should the commission deem it desirable to adopt another method in dealing with the application for a general increase, the tentative order will be withdrawn leaving the situation as it was before the order was issued. All commodities with the exception of bituminous coal and coke and ore, upon which advances already have been made, are included in the commission's order.

RUSSIA TO FINISH WAR

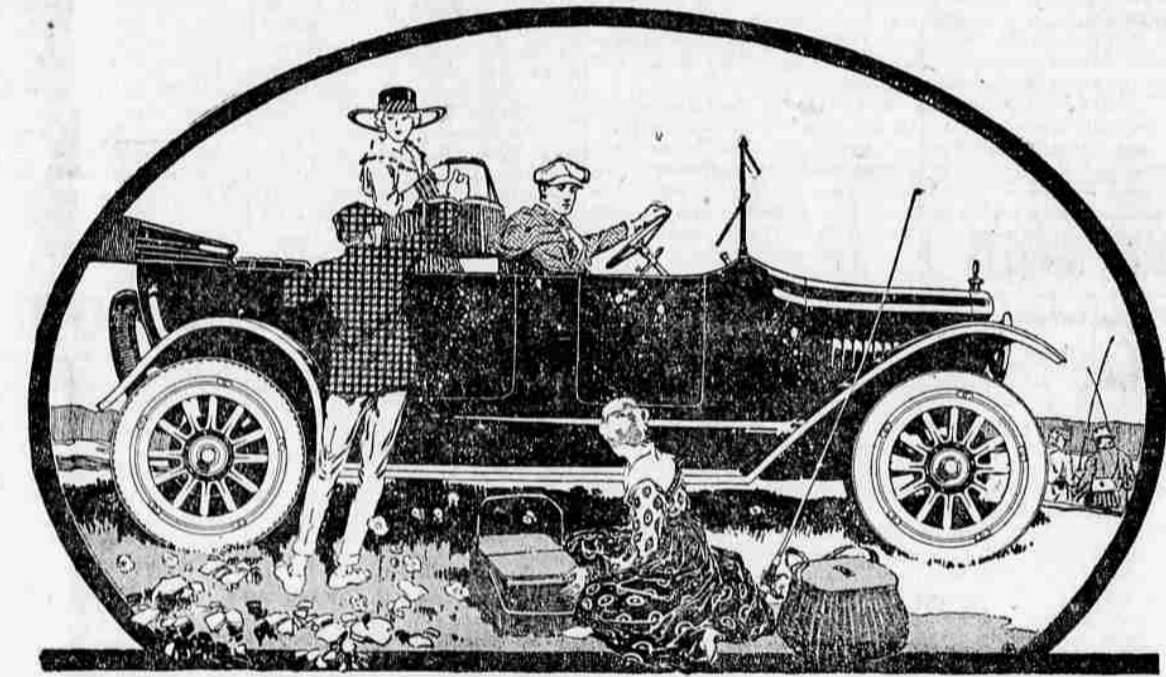
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dent Wilson. The Russian people know why they are continuing the mortal struggle. They respect the obligations arising from their alliances and will not give up their rights."

Exile Criticized.

PETROGRAD, April 19.—The Petrograd papers severely criticize a speech made by one of the returned socialist exiles, Lenine, in which he advises the provisional government to solicit peace with Germany. The Russkoye Volia says that there is no difference between Lenine and Sturmer, both of whom sought to impose on Russia a shameful and disadvantageous peace.

The Novoye Vremya says that the Russian people never understand the psychology of Lenine and his friends—"which is that of William and Hindenburg."

The season is getting late. Seed with heartless barley. We have it in any quantity. L. B. Brown.



April Allotment at Old Price After May 1st, All Cars New Price

Last Chance for You to Own a "World's Non-Stop Record Champion Car" at the Old Price

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