

FISTICUFFS MARK HOUSE DEBATE ON DRAFT MEASURE

Sponsors See Smaller Margin of Victory—Vote Expected Friday or Saturday

Washington, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Representative Fish (R-NY) proposed in the house today that compulsory military training be deferred for 60 days in favor of the volunteer system—the same draft bill amendment that barely failed in the senate.

Fish said the amendment to the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill, which the senate refused to adopt on a 43-41 vote, had for its only purpose "to permit and encourage the youth of America to volunteer."

"If adopted, then the president would call for 400,000 volunteers; if the 400,000 were not forthcoming in the 60-day period, he could induct 200,000, assuming that only 200,000 volunteered."

"I am not sure that we can get the men in 60 days, but I believe we can."

Washington, Sept. 5.—(AP)—With the spectacle of a hard-hitting fistfight on the floor to testify to the shortness of some tempers, the house began its final drive today for a decision on the Burke-Wadsworth compulsory military training bill.

Two days of general debate over, the chamber settled down to consider the measure section by section and to act on the scores of pending amendments. The vote on conscription was expected tomorrow night or Saturday.

Victory Margin Cut. Sponsors of the bill, rechecking their strength, made sharp downward revisions in earlier predictions that it would pass by 150 votes. Although still insisting it would not be defeated, they said they now expected the bill's margin would be from 50 to 75 votes.

The tense feelings engendered by the conscription debate burst out into the open last night when the epithet "traitor" was spoken and the house beheld Rep. Vincent (D., Ky.) and Rep. Sweeney (D., Ohio) throwing punches at each other in the well of the chamber while the galleries looked on.

The fight followed a speech by Sweeney, in which he assailed conscription and accused President Roosevelt of seeking to embroil the United States in war.

Wilson Cited. In the course of the speech,

Sweeney, who is 55, mentioned that the slogan during Woodrow Wilson's 1916 campaign was: "He kept us out of war." "And the people believed it," he said, "and they returned that individual to the White House."

"Then they were brought to their sense five months later when he put us into war." Sweeney returned to a seat beside Vincent, five years his junior, and abruptly the flare-up occurred. Each representative landed hard blows to the face and kept slugging until colleagues intervened. One grappled with the stocky Sweeney and rolled over a seat with him before he pinned him down.

Sweeney Apologizes. Sweeney subsequently apologized to the house. Vincent at first repeated his charge of "traitor"—but later withdrew it at the persuasion of friends. Each gave the house his version of the altercation.

Sweeney's account: "As I resumed my seat, the gentleman with whom I had difficulties called me a traitor. He repeated it again and you know what happened."

Vincent's account: "I served in the World war. . . . To say that my president of that time brought on that war to me was an untruth. The whole statement that the gentleman made here I resented very much."

"When he came down to sit with me, I got up and moved, and I shall continue to move as long as I am a member of the congress of the United States and he is a member of congress. . . ."

"I said I did not want to sit by a traitor to my country. Then he attacked me and you know what happened."

TWO ACCUSED IN WAR BLAME CASE

Riom, France, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The Petain government today lodged formal charges against Pierre Cot and Guy Lachambre, both former air ministers, in the war blame case before the supreme court and ordered their immediate arrest.

Cot and Lachambre were the first men named in the proceedings instituted by the Vichy regime to fix responsibility for France's pre-war policy, her unprepared entry into the conflict and subsequent conduct of the war.

Hitherto the case has been confined to investigations concerning various "Messieurs X" although it has been expected that ex-Premiers Reynaud and Daladier and General Maurice Gustave Gamelin would be called to account.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

ASHLAND CLAIMS LOWEST RATE ON ELECTRIC POWER

Ashland, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Ashland today claimed the lowest electricity rates in Oregon for towns of 2500-10,000 population not served by Bonneville.

A reduced schedule approved yesterday supplies electricity at 5 cents for each of the first 40 kilowatts, 3 cents for the next 45, 2 cents for the next 115 and 1 cent thereafter. In addition the schedule offers 20 kilowatt hours for lights for \$1 and for electric range for \$2.50.

California Oregon Power company said its comparable residential monthly rates were 4½ cents for each of the first 50 kilowatts, 3 cents for the next 75, 2 cents for the next 125 and 1½ cents thereafter, with the water heater rate at 8 mills per kilowatt. The company added that it was not fair to make such comparisons unless the whole rate structure, type and scope of service and taxes were considered.

HORTHY INAUGURATES HUNGARY OCCUPATION OF TRANSYLVANIA AREA

Satu-Mare (Szatmar-Nemeti), Transylvania, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Hungary's regent, Admiral Nicholas Horthy, astride a white horse, led the Hungarian army into this Transylvania city early today, beginning occupation of the war-lost territory Hungary regained by the Vienna Fiat of Germany and Italy.

The triumphal entry into this old frontier city started the Hungarian army's push toward the eastern Carpathians, ages-old barrier to invasion of Central Europe from the east.

The 72-year-old regent thus symbolically inaugurated Hungary's new and enlarged role as the military ally of the Rome-Berlin axis in protection of the Danubian basin against Russia.

The first unit of 2,000 men crossed into Transylvania at Kismarja at 7 a. m. (1 a. m. EST) as vanguard for an occupying force of 80,000.

WILLKIE PLEDGED AID IN CAMPAIGN

Rushville, Ind., Sept. 5.—(AP) Wendell L. Willkie, received pledges of presidential campaign

support today from Republican leaders of 22 eastern and mid-western states, gathered for an organization "pep meeting."

During a luncheon of fried chicken from one of Willkie's farms, the candidate asked the group to start an "aggressive drive" to get out the vote for the November election.

Rushville streets were decorated with flags and "welcome" signs in honor of the 100 national committeemen, committeewomen and state chairmen. The party leaders generally voiced optimism.

David S. Ingalls, Ohio national committeeman, told reporters "as of today, Ohio should go Republican for president, governor and senator." G. Mason Owlett, Pennsylvania committeeman, predicted a half million majority for the Republican ticket in his state.

LARGE CONGREGATION HEARS EX-PASTOR OF OLD J'VILLE CHURCH

Jacksonville, Sept. 5.—(Spl)—A large congregation gathered at the old Methodist church in Jacksonville last Sunday afternoon and enjoyed an address by Rev. Robert A. Hutchinson

of Salem, the occasion being the Pioneer Rally given by the Jacksonville Civic club.

Rev. Hutchinson was the last pastor to serve the old church. By a peculiar coincidence, it was just 25 years ago last week that he arrived in Jacksonville to assume his duties as pastor of the church.

Rev. Hutchinson, a fluent speaker, thrilled his hearers with an account of his travels

in Europe since leaving Jacksonville.

He is pastor of the First Congregational church in Salem.

The old church was filled with people Sunday while loud speakers accommodated the crowd unable to enter the church.

Washington Booming. Seattle, Sept. 5.—(AP)—An eastern concern of economic in-

vestigators listed Seattle and Spokane in particular today and

Washington state in general as well ahead of other Pacific coast areas in business improvement.

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