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## ORGANIZED LABOR DECLARES FOR UNIVERSAL MILITARY SERVICE FOR ALL AMERICANS

**"A World War is On and We Must Recognize It As a Situation With Which We Must Reckon"—Declaring Labor Distrusts Militarism It Really Fully "The Duty of the Nation to Defend Itself Against Injustice and Invasion"—Is Ready to Meet All Demands On It**

By J. P. Yoder, (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, March 13.—Organized labor of America virtually declared today for universal military service. The doctrine has been formally subscribed to not only by the millions of members of the American Federation of Labor, but by the four hundred thousand of more members of the four big brotherhoods of railway employees.

Subscription to the doctrine was announced in a 2400 word pamphlet issued by the labor council which, under the presidency of Samuel Gompers, concluded a day and a half session here early today.

The big, significant phase of the labor council's action, it was pointed out by one of the highest authorities in planning for national defense is the fact that Gompers is a member of the official national defense council, and as such, sits in conference with members of President Wilson's cabinet and the nations biggest capitalists, when that body meets.

The United States board of mediation and conciliation, which failed to prevent an open breach between the big four brotherhoods and the railroads last April will make a final effort to reach an agreement in the present recurrence of the controversy, the United Press learned today.

**Synopsis of Letter**  
Commissioners of the board are viewing with the utmost anxiety the recrudescence of the rail strike. Just what form the "final effort" will take is not disclosed but presumably it will consist of the customary offer of good offices.

It is recalled, however, that when the railroads called in the board to assist in the settlement last spring the big four brotherhoods, although nominally accepting the board's offer, refused ultimately to accede to any conciliatory concessions.

"We speak for millions of Americans," the pronouncement begins. "We are not a sect. We are not a party. We represent the organizations held together by the pressure of our common needs. We represent the part of the nation closest to the fundamentals of life. The power and use of industrial tools is greater than the tools of war and will in time supersede agencies of destruction.

A world war is on. Whether we approve it or not, we must recognize that war is a situation with which we must reckon.

The pamphlet then goes on to point out that new methods and tactics of modern war present problems vastly different from those of past wars.

"In no previous war," reads a portion, "has the organized labor movement taken a directing part.

**Understands Its Rights**  
Labor has now reached an understanding of its rights, of its power and resources, and must make definite constructive proposals."

Labor demands, it is stated the right in war time to be recognized as defender of wage earners against the same forces that in previous wars have made national necessity an excuse for ruthless methods. Heretofore,

## THAW DECLARED INSANE

Philadelphia, Mar. 13.—Harry K. Thaw was adjudged insane today by alienists, who examined him in the sanity inquiry started by his mother, Commissioner E. A. Ballard and six jurors made a report in common pleas court No. 5 adjudging Thaw insane. An order has been issued placing Thaw in custody of St. Mary's hospital where he has been confined since his attempt at suicide.

## TO AID STOCK RAISERS

Bend, Ore., Mar. 13.—With the purchase of the Central Oregon Bank here by the Swift Livestock & Packing company, it was announced today that the new owners would grant big loans for livestock raising purposes to ranchers within 100 miles of Bend. The Swift interests are taking this method of developing the livestock industry in the northwest. Other banks may soon change hands in connection with the plan.

## ASK LANE TO RESIGN

Portland, Ore., Mar. 13.—Seven petitions for the resignation of Senator Harry Lane are en route to Washington today bearing 500 signatures. This announcement was made by William B. Wells, a publisher, who has been very active in circulating petitions asking Lane to quit, and charging him with "humiliating" the state of Oregon by his stand on the armed ship bill.

## WILL BREAK WITH GERMANY

Peking, Mar. 13.—The Chinese government was expected formally to announce China's break in diplomatic relations with Germany today.

## PRESIDENT STILL IN BED

Washington, Mar. 13.—President Wilson was still in bed today and the cabinet meeting was again called off.

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## Sunk Relief Ship in Her Own "Open Lane"

Washington, Mar. 12.—German torpedoing of the Norwegian ship Storstad, official confirmation of which reached here today, may serve to halt Belgian relief work for 10,000,000 persons.

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## ABE MARTIN



"The" hardest thing a farmer raises is his boy. Miss Tawny Apple has a ukulele, but no shredded wheat skirt.

## THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Wednesday rain west, rain or snow east; southerly winds gentle near the coast.

## LAND FRAUD TRIAL

San Francisco, Mar. 13.—The trial of Frank P. Bull, Norman D. Cook and H. J. Reese, of Los Angeles, in connection with the Oregon land fraud cases was set Monday by Federal Judge Dooling for July 9.