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NEG TALKS AS ONE READY VICTORIOUS

For Has Evidently Sur-
vived to Hindenburg to
Save His Place

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(Press staff correspondent.)

May 17.—Germany is no
singing possum, letting hints
through her censorship show-
ing popular waves for peace
to pull her enemies into the
war, uncompromisingly to
the end. And Amer-
icans in this new develop-
ment for throwing all America's
weight into the fray.

As close ringside seat to the
opinion is universal among
allied officials and citi-
zens German Chancellor Von
Holtweg's speech, Copenhagen
of all neutrals to the
of the conflict and less sub-
stantive influences.

Speeches and allies here regard
speech as that of a leader
in a small sized brush with
the political elements. They
could never have made so un-
usually curt an address if he
were of his grip. They held the
had fluted recently the flood
blows from Germany's propa-
ganda that Germany is
quit. They hope Holtweg's
will stand for continuation of
will eradicate that element in
which has counseled for pas-
sivity in the war in the hope
may be getting ready for a

Human People Optimistic.

German officials here inter-
almost universal approval of
speech as voiced in German
as an indication that the
has survived the political
career. They are not by
sure there ever was a serious
threatening Holtweg's
it may have been a very elev-
propaganda move to spread
reports of internal dis-
trust reports from Ger-
well as to influence
the United States.

socialists have already ap-
phen great stock in those Ger-
they are working for peace
"revolution" in Germany.

appeared that Holtweg was
ever, if not stronger, and
will retain his strength unless
U-boat campaign fails or
some other stroke against the
powers.

optimism for victory in Ger-
overwhelmed the radicals and
disapproval over failure of the
immediately to institute re-

100 PUPILS TO ENLIST

Wash., May 17.—Thirty-five
high school pupils in the state
will enroll for agricul-
service tomorrow under a
plan issued by Governor Lister.
They will harvest Washington

BE MARTIN

are funny till they try t'
Mops has been nomi-
nated for secretary
suppression of
Oregon Players.

SENATE QUIBBLES ABOUT ARMY BILL AND DOES NOTHING

Fight Over Wording: "During
Existing Emergencies" and
"During Present War"

LAFOLLETTE AND STONE ARE TROUBLE MAKERS

Chamberlain Says If Bill Goes
to Conference Again It
Means 30 Days Delay

Washington, May 17.—Despite presidential pressure for real action—and quick action—on war legislation, the senate today continued quibbling and "hair splitting" on the selective service army bill.

Apparently a breach between White House and capitol was growing wider while the nation waits for a method of raising an army.

Over three hours were spent in wordy wrangling over whether the men chosen for the army should serve during "the existing emergency" or during "the present war."

Senators McKellar, Hoke Smith, Hardwick and Reed declared the latter words should be used. To change the wording to suit them would once more throw the measure into conference.

Hardwick was particularly bitter in urging the change.

Under the present wording, "an emergency" could still be held to exist if we got into war with some teapot central or south American country," Hardwick shouted.

"We couldn't get into such a war without consent of congress," Kellogg of Minnesota, interposed.

"We did in Mexico," said LaFollette. "We did in Santo Domingo, Haiti, Vera Cruz and elsewhere," added Smith of Michigan.

The Kaiser's Senators.

LaFollette declared he saw a "deliberate attempt to fasten the draft system on the country permanently by the mili-
tarians."

Chamberlain, Oregon, in charge of the bill, eloquently protested against "further delay with danger at our door." He accused senators of hair splitting. He was especially aroused over charges that "some influence—some motive" must

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First Call for Troops Will Be In September

Washington, May 17.—The first 500,000 men under the new selective service bill will not be called until about September 1, it became known today.

Secretary Baker, in a letter to Senator Jones, Washington, said that the delay in the call is due to "the depleted state of war supplies."

Senator Jones had written Baker asking if conscripted troops could not be used to help harvest the coming crops. Baker's reply said that owing to the depleted state of supplies, "it will not be practical to call out the first 500,000 men until about September 1," and that therefore, "there will be no appreciable interference with the labor supply of the country until that date."

Baker added that when the men are called they will have to be continuously trained to the colors until they are sent abroad. As the period of training before they are sent "will at best be all too short," he added, "in justice to the men, it must be intensive and continuous."

TO TRAIN NEGROES

San Francisco, May 17.—An independent training camp for negro reserve officers will be established soon in the western army department, according to an announcement today. All negroes who have been recommended for reserve commissions will be excused from other duty until the camp is established.

Good Roads Convention In Session at Medford

Medford, Ore., May 17.—With the leading good roads workers of the three Pacific coast states attending, the annual convention of the Tri-State Good Roads association got into full swing here today, the second day of the gathering.

Governor Withycombe in an address before the convention yesterday declared that good roads were essential to national defense.

The following officers were elected last night:
President, J. A. Westerlund, Medford; vice-president, C. C. Chapman, Portland; executive secretary, George E. Boos, Medford; treasurer, J. Edgar Allen, San Francisco; directors, W. C. Leever, Central Point, Ore., and A. Warren Gould, Seattle.

live affairs by the duma. The delegates are representatives of the Russian people themselves.

When the revolution succeeded the Russian people spontaneously began considering some way of taking advantage of the lessons in cooperation and popular rule and the experience they had gained in the zemstvo and the cooperative societies under the old autocratic rule. Such organizations as the zemstvo and peasants' unions proper food to troops at the front and endeavoring to balance distribution of food. Many of the present leaders of the ministry were prominent in these organizations—having become prominent because they were originally chosen by the people.

A Sort of Zemstvo

But with the revolution a success, the people began electing delegates to meet in the duma, building to act as a sort of zemstvo organization to aid in governmental administration. Workmen all over Russia met in barracks, trenches, workshops and peasants' unions, to choose representatives. These delegates hastened to Petrograd. Entirely unofficial, they nevertheless, really constitute the nearest approach to "the voice of the people" now possible in Russia.

The delegates occupied the Duma building. The structure now resembles a convention hall in which a national Christian Endeavor society is meeting, or the federation of labor, or the Rurarians. Improvised signs in the corridors tell the delegates at what rooms to register, where to find lodging and when meetings will be held.

Have All the Power

Because the workmen and soldiers have all the rifles, they predominate over the purely peasant classes. Moreover, the fighting class is backed by the majority of the people.

With this unofficial assembly added to the Russian governmental machinery, the duma has been entirely superseded.

The officials selected by the now retired duma cannot give orders now with out the sanction of the workmen and soldiers. The assembly have appointed

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ARMY BILL READY FOR PRESIDENT

After Many Days of Acrim-
onious Debate Senate Today
Passed the Bill Authorizing
Army of 1,600,000

Washington, May 17.—The great selective service army bill, calling for 1,600,000 troops is now ready for the president's signature.

After acrimonious debate which endured for six and a half hours today, the senate finally approved the measure, 65 to 8.

Those who voted against it were: Senators Gore, Griggs, Hardwick, Kirby, LaFollette, Norris, Stone and Trammell.

AMERICAN COMMANDER REPORTS: "WE'RE READY FOR IMMEDIATE DUTY"

London, May 17.—Knowing that American destroyers are today combing the seas along with British warships searching for submarines, the terse announcement of the American commander "We're ready for immediate duty" upon arrival of the flotilla at Queens-town sent a thrill through England today.

That the American vessels arrived on this side ready for instant action, and that one of the destroyers has already had a brush with a submarine became known following the first admiralty statement announcing their presence.

The British admiralty never discloses details of actions between its patrol vessels and submarines—unless there have been casualties to the British forces. The same plan presumably will cover whatever the admiralty may have to say regarding the American destroyers in action. In the preliminary announcement, however, it is believed the admiralty desired to let the people of England know that the Americans were "in the thick of it" and therefore permitted announcement showing the destroyer-U-boat action. What the outcome of the brushes, the admiralty withheld.

Every British naval officer and seaman who has seen the American flotilla is open-voiced in admiration of the business like appearance of both ships and men. The destroyers had been "cleared for action" on the way over, stripped down to fighting trim and the personnel drilled to the second.

London newspapers glowed in relating the incident of how British officers who boarded the American flotilla commander's flagship to bid him welcome and to take tea with him, learned that the American commander expected to begin duty the next morning.

The British had expected several days "tuning up after" the trans-Atlantic run.

CONVICTED MURDERER TELLS OF BLACK HAND

Gang of 150 Has Terrorized
California for Eleven Years
Says Informer

San Francisco, May 17.—Revelations of five murders, the destruction of 28 homes and the terrorizing of wealthy Italians into the payment of thousands of dollars by a black hand gang of 150 members were placed in the hands of the San Francisco police today by Joseph Pendone, under life sentence for the murder of Gaetano Ingrassia, Thanksgiving day. Today, with San Mateo county authorities, Chief of Police White is probing the story deeper.

For 11 years the gang has been extorting money and carrying out threats of death or destruction of property against prominent Italians of the bay counties. The murders Pendone told of include those of Francesco Palazzotto in 1915 in San Francisco; Mrs. Josephine Banacorso at Mountain View in 1913, and Joseph Mello at Mountain View in 1914.

According to Pendone the gang has headquarters in San Francisco, San Jose, Berkeley, Pittsburg and Martinez.

INDICTS CONGRESS

New York, May 17.—Declaring congress is guilty of treachery to the United States, the New York World today again pleaded for quicker action on the army bill.

"It is difficult to write temperately of the treachery to the United States, its allies and the cause of human freedom revealed by treatment of the army bill at the hands of congress," said the World.

"Congress may be sincere in its attitude toward the army bill, but if so, it can defend its patriotism only by indicting its inaction. A more shameful or shocking exhibition would be difficult to stage even in distracted Russia."

FIFTY SOLDIERS POISONED

Pittsburg, Pa., May 17.—Fifty soldiers belonging to a Philadelphia company on guard in the Pittsburg district were ill today with poisoning symptomatic of that which caused the death yesterday of Lieutenant W. F. Corcoran.

All ate bread pudding served them at the restaurant of Carl Miller, who is now under arrest and in close confinement.

No further deaths are expected, physicians attending the men stated shortly before noon, though some of the men are in "bad shape."

GREAT CROWD GATHERS AT CHOATE FUNERAL

New York, May 17.—Representatives of the humble and the exalted of all the civilized nations of the world except those with whom the United States is at war, paid final tribute to the memory of Joseph P. Choate in the brief and simple funeral service for the lawyer-diplomat at St. Bartholomew's church here today.

Madison avenue in both directions for blocks was lined with hundreds of the rich and poor, the great and the obscure, the young and the old, who knew and were known by the beloved patriarch of the law, on equal terms.

It took 150 patrolmen and a squad of mounted officers to handle the crowds. The church was packed to the doors. The service, attended, though it was, by the great men of many nations, was brief, simple and not at all funeral—as Choate himself had requested.

People of All Nations and of All Stations Pay Tribute to Great American

Among the active pall bearers were Mayor John Purroy Mitchell, J. P. Morgan, British Ambassador Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British naval attaché of the British embassy, Guy Gaunt and M. Hovelague, inspector general of public instruction of France and members of the French war mission.

The only floral offerings were half a dozen magnificent pieces grouped in the chancel.

Among these was one from the British embassy at Washington. It was the Cross of St. George on a white background with a British jack on either side.

As the strains of the "King of Love My Shepherd Is" died away the Right Rev. Dr. Charles H. Brent, bishop of the Philippines read the Episcopal funeral service. The bishop was assisted by the Rev. Leighton Parks, pastor of St. Bartholomew's and the Rev. George Merrill of Stockbridge, Mass.

Burial on Home Farm.

The service was concluded with the singing of "Rise, Rise, Imperial Salem, Rise," after which the casket was wheeled slowly to the entrance and taken to Grand Central terminal where it was placed aboard a special train for Stockbridge. Burial will be on special plot on the Choate estate there.

The crowd along the street stood motionless and with bowed heads, as the procession left the church.

At Stockbridge the casket will be placed on one of the Choate estate farm wagons drawn by the great lawyer's favorite team of horses, driven by an Englishman he befriended in London years ago and escorted by 20 boys from the surrounding countryside who have been helped along by Choate in many ways.

The funeral party was accompanied by Honorary Pallbearers from the New York Bar association and the American Bar association, the New England society, the American Peace Centenary committee, the Pilgrims of New York and the New York Board of Aldermen.

These delegations included such men as Charles Evans Hughes, Levi P. Morton, Alton B. Parker and Frank B. Kellogg.

\$2,245,000,000 IS SIZE OF BILL SAYS CHAIRMAN KITCHIN

Treasurer McAdoo Says
\$445,000,000 Must Be
Added to Meet Demands

TOTAL \$6,464,949,922
TO MEET SUMS ASKED

Radical Revamping of Bill to Increase Revenues Is Made Necessary

Washington, May 17.—Four hundred and forty-five million dollars additional must be added to the \$1,500,000,000 revenue bill now before the house, making it total \$2,245,000,000, Chairman Kitchin of the ways and means committee told the house today.

Kitchin read a statement from the treasury department showing that the total amount of appropriations passed and pending in congress, necessary for war must be raised to cover appropriations already asked.

Representative Leavort, Wisconsin, moved to increase from 11 to 13.75 per cent the surtax on the amounts by which incomes exceed \$50,000, but do not exceed \$90,000. This was adopted.

"I propose to ask that the tax on all incomes above the \$50,000 mark be increased by 25 per cent," Leavort said.

Kitchin caused a sensation when he favored this amendment. He had opposed all former amendments to increase the income tax. He said he will need every dollar that can be raised.

"If the committee had known about the additional \$445,000,000," Kitchin, "we should have put more taxes on incomes and excess profits and other items and should have found additional sources of revenue."

Representative Fordney, Michigan, ranking republican member of the ways and means committee, proposed a two cent tax on all bank checks of \$100 or less, saying this would raise \$1,000,000,000. The ways and means committee split sharply over the question of raising additional taxes. Representative Hill, Connecticut, a committee member, insisted that the whole bill be sent back to the committee and perfected.

ARGENTINE PLACES AN EMBARGO ON WHEAT

Supposedly This Does Not Ab-
rogate Trade Recently Made
with England

Buenos Aires, May 17.—The Argentine government today announced a prohibition on the exportation of wheat.

It was the government's second announcement of an embargo. The first, effective early in April, was held in abeyance through protest of Great Britain, backed by the United States.

At that time the British government threatened to cut off all shipments of coal to Argentina. Inasmuch as the republic is entirely dependent on imported coal, paralyzation of its industries was thus threatened. The United States was reported tacitly to have joined in this application of pressure on Argentina to resist, the original embargo was changed.

The settlement provided that England should be permitted to purchase an enormous quantity of Argentine wheat, the same to be repaid late in the fall when the Australian crop was harvested.

Whether the embargo today is with regard to this agreement with England or is an independent step by the republic was not made public.

RUSSIANS GET AN OBJECT LESSON IN GERMAN DUPLICITY

When Russian Regiment Re-
fused to Fraternize Posi-
tion Is Attacked

ARE OVERWHELMED BY
ASPHYXIATING GASES

German Guns Again Roaring Over Greater Part of Front —Russian Flotilla Attacks

Petrograd, May 17.—Fraternizing between Russian and Teutonic soldiers has stopped along practically all the northern front, according to a Nord-Sun agency dispatch received today.

The cessation of friendly relations was caused by one incident which, it was said, brought home to the Russian troops the duplicity of the Germans and the hint that the Teutons had some ulterior purposes behind their efforts. It happened on a sector of the Riga front.

A certain Russian regiment has withstood all German blandishments to come out and talk over things. The position held by this regiment was overwhelmed by asphyxiating gases, intense rifle and artillery fire and a hurricane of hand grenades and trench mortars. Mines were exploded nearby.

The Nord-Sun dispatch declared German guns now were roaring over a great part of the front since the soldiers stopped fraternizing, but that Russian army morale was being excellently maintained despite this continuous pounding.

Russian aeroplanes flying over the Black sea harassed the enemy in Rumania, compelling the Teutonic abandonment of the Rumanian bank of the Danube. Later when the Germans tried to re-cross, the Russian flyers again threw them back.

The news of a Russian submarine flotilla shelling and sinking a battery on the Bosphorus was also printed here today. Heavy damage was said to have been inflicted on the Turkish position.

Cayuse T-bone Steaks for Portland Epicures

Portland, Or., May 17.—T-bone steaks for 7 1/2 cents a pound, and choice cuts of meat for 5 cents!

What do ye think o' that? Not beef, it's true, but choice horses direct from the plains of eastern Oregon. A carload of horses, 22 in all, rounded up by Indians on the Warm Springs reservation, will arrive at the Portland stock yards tonight, Monday morning Edward Kinzer, butcher, will open the Eastern Oregon Horse Meat Market—probably the only exclusive horse meat market in the west.

Horse meat will be sold at from four to 7 1/2 cents a pound. The horses ran wild in eastern Oregon and eastern Washington and can be rounded up in almost any number. They are too small for ordinary use.

Prospective Officers Hear First Lecture

San Francisco, May 17.—Prospective officers for the United States army at the Presidio training camp attended their first lecture on military organization today. Army officer-instructors lectured and answered questions submitted in writing by the students. This preceded a second afternoon of intensive squad drill. All of yesterday was devoted to instruction in the schools of the soldiers and the squad.

The first hours of instruction have convinced the student officers that it is all work. After devoting all day to drill, last night the men were confronted with two hours' study, preparing questions for today's lecture and today's program offers no respite.

THE WEATHER

VICAR OF ALASKA
Rome, May 17.—Pope Benedict
today appointed the Jesuit father
er Cremonesi as vicar of Apos-
tolic in Alaska.

Oregon: Tonight
and Friday un-
settled, probably
showers; warmer
east; light
southerly
winds.

