

VOTE ON THE ARMY BILL NOT IN SIGHT

Debate Continues in Both Houses With Many of the Members Still to be Heard

CLARK IS AGAINST DRAFT

His Announcement Encourages Opponents of Administration Measure. Volunteer Advocates Mainly Heard.

Washington, April 24.—Debate on the war army bill continued in Congress today with the desire to talk about the methods the United States should use in raising her millions of fighting men unabated. Leaders in neither house could predict with confidence when a vote might be reached.

The House hopes to vote by Friday, but there are more than sixty members waiting to speak. In the Senate only a few senators have been heard and Chairman Chamberlain of the military committee tonight said many had indicated their intention to discuss the bill before agreeing to a vote. He probably will sound out sentiment tomorrow, however, on an unanimous consent arrangement for a vote as soon as possible. The way the Senate takes this suggestion may have much to do with the position of administration leaders. They are loath to resort to the Senate's new cloture rule, or to appear in any way anxious to curtail debate.

Opponents of the administration's selective draft plan found new hope during the day when Speaker Clark let it be known that he shares their views and would make a speech tomorrow in favor of the majority House committee volunteer amendment.

In the Senate, Senator LaFollette introduced a substitute for the administration bill proposing to eliminate the draft feature and submit the questions of raising an army to a referendum, through the Director of Census and postmasters.

Discussions today in both houses came largely from the friends of the volunteer system. It was not heard by large crowds either on the floors or in the galleries.

The longest speech of the day was made by Representative Fields, of Kentucky, a Democrat, of the military committee, who argued for the volunteer plan and declared that the War Department's proposal to draft youths under 21 years of age involved a principle of which he would not be guided by the military experts of this or any other nation.

MINISTER VIVIANI HEADS THE PARTY

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naval attaché of the French embassy at Washington; Stephane Lausanne, confidential representative of Colonel Spencer Cosby, U. S. A., assigned as Marshal Joffre's aide, came aboard soon after with dispatches and to greet the visitors. Admiral Mayo, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, called later. There was no saluting, the formality of firing salvoes of guns having been dispensed with by agreement.

"We are saving our powder for the Germans," remarked the commander of the French ship.

All the commissioners returned Admiral Mayo's call later in the morning. They lunched on board their own vessels, finishing just in time to receive Ambassador Jusserand, Major-General Scott, Chief of Staff of the Army; Assistant Secretary of State Long, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin Roosevelt, and several other officials, who arrived from Washington on board the Mayflower.

Upon his arrival, Ambassador Jusserand went into conference with Mr. Viviani and the leading members of the mission. Two hours later Mr. Viviani, Marshal Joffre, Admiral Cheprat, the chief representative, the Marquis de Chambrun (Lafayette's grandson); Mr. Hovelague, counselor, and Joseph Simon, of the ministry of finance, went on board the American vessel with Ambassador Jusserand and the American officials and remained there until their departure for Washington.

The technical advisors and staff officers of the mission came ashore late today from the French ship to spend the night at a hotel. They will leave for Washington tomorrow morning.

The mission will place itself at the disposal of the President during the entire period of its visit to this country. If he desires its members to remain in Washington for continuous conference, they will do so. They have received invitations to visit many cities in the east and west, however, and they may make several trips, providing they are not needed in Washington all the time.

TO RUSH ORGANIZATION OF DIVISION OF NAVAL RESERVES

Navy Department Wires N. C. National Guard Headquarters.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., April 24.—At North Carolina National Guard headquarters here today, a telegram was received from the Navy Department authorizing the completion of the formation of the division of Naval Reserves, the organization of which was started some weeks ago. The instructions are for the division to be organized just as quickly as possible and proceed with its equipment and preliminary training in preparation for early enlistment in the service. The three other divisions in this State, Washington, New Bern and Elizabeth City, are already in active service on shipboard.

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40 GERMAN FLIERS BROUGHT DOWN BY BRITISH MACHINES

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ed, deliberately stalled their engines, and standing the machines on their tails, slid backwards through the air, but all to no avail. It probably was the most wonderful air duel the war has yet seen.

The British pilot reported today that several times he felt sure he would get his adversary between his sights, but the latter invariably wriggled out of the line of fire. The British flier himself was kept busy avoiding the German, and once he had to dive almost perpendicularly. The combat did not break off until both pilots had fairly exhausted themselves and their petrol. Strangely enough, later in the day another British pilot encountered the same German machine. The Britisher was winging his way home after a hard day's work, but he jockeyed with the German for nearly a quarter of an hour before tying on.

In strange contrast to this was the experience of one British pilot, who somewhat peevishly complained last night that "I only got a rabbit." He explained this by saying that while his opponent had a good machine, he was a clumsy fellow and could not fight at all, and was sent spinning with the first burst of gun fire.

German Falls 10,000 Feet. Still another pilot mounted a fast new machine and deliberately allowed a German to get on his trail. Then he suddenly looped behind his adversary and caught him just within the sights, the burst of fire killing the German instantly. The machine swerved and the dead man pitched out 10,000 feet from the ground.

The fighting yesterday was all within the enemy territory. Several British machines had bullet holes through their wings, but sailed home unaided and took the air again this morning.

BULGARIAN SOCIALISTS SEND CONGRATULATIONS

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a group of political exiles in Brussels to return to Russia and release a corresponding number of interned civilians in Russia. The newspaper, Socialdemokratia, commenting on the possible exchange of interned civilians, says it has reason to believe that no obstacles from Germany will be placed in the way of return of the Russians. Concerning the presence of the Russians in Belgium, the newspaper says:

"It is to be recalled that Belgium was an important ante-bellum center for Russian revolutionists, a band of whom at the capture of Liege, defended a university building against the Germans until the building was demolished over their heads by artillery.

FINAL RECEPTION GIVEN MR. BALFOUR

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sing's reception. She passed the receiving line with other members of Congress and was cordially greeted by Mr. Balfour and the other guests of honor.

President Wilson remained a short time when he had shaken hands with the commissioners, and found opportunities to talk with Elihu Root, Senator Lodge and others.

GOVERNMENT TO PUSH HOUSTON'S FOOD PLAN

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tion is to be thrown behind the recommendations of Secretary Houston to Congress to strengthen the government machinery for controlling the food situation.

THE WILMINGTON PRESBYTERIAL

Grand Secretary Bonitz and Grand Chaplain Mendelsohn Go To Raleigh.

The 28th annual convention of the Grand Council, Royal Arcanum of North Carolina, will convene today in Raleigh to be in session for two days. The delegation is composed of the following: Grand Secretary H. E. Bonitz, Grand Trustee W. J. Toomer and Messrs. L. E. Robertson and Julius Sternberger, representatives of the two local councils—Cornelius Harnett and Carolina, and Dr. S. Mendelsohn, Grand Chaplain.

Among the special topics to be discussed are the recent appointment of a receiver for the Arcanum and later modified, and a report of the Supreme Council in session to which Dr. Mendelsohn was a delegate at Saratoga, N. Y.

BIG MEN LIKE THRILLERS

Detective Stories Provide Recreation Even For Literary Geniuses.

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

Somebody has made the astonishing discovery that literary men as well as men of affairs are fond of reading detective stories.

It is made every year or so and always there is what Uncle Remus would call a great "mirration about it. This year's crop mentions the President of the United States and the head of the university as fond of this kind of reading. The public library has obligingly printed a list of detective novels it has on hand. The list includes Chas. Reade's "Hard Cash" and Wilkie Collins' "Moonstone," with the newest works of the late lamented Thomas W. Hanshew.

Of course, brainy men read detective stories. Brainy men also attend circuses or go to baseball games and are fond of old-fashioned molasses candy and have more fun out of Christmas toys than some of their blase children do. That is because they have too much sense to become grown up. The brainiest man is he who retains the enthusiasm of prepubertal youth. The man who has lost a love of mystery, excitement, adventure, or who cannot keep the schoolmaster in his mind from shutting off illusions has lost a vital force.

It is very well for a man who requires only a modicum of relief from the cares of sustaining thought to take up "Hard Cash." But after some tremendous mental strain, such as settling a submarine crisis, for instance, one might with profit turn to that other kind, which opens with: "Bang! Bang! A woman's shrill scream pierced the midnight air!"

NEGRO TO DIE FOR MURDER OF PATROLMAN WILLIAMS

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Charlotte, N. C., April 24.—At a special term of court at Monroe, N. C., today, Bunk Maske, a negro, was sentenced to be electrocuted May 25 for killing Patrolman Edgar Williams, at Wingate, near Monroe, March 17. The officer was killed while trying to arrest a negro who later was wounded several times by shots fired by a posse he held at bay several hours.

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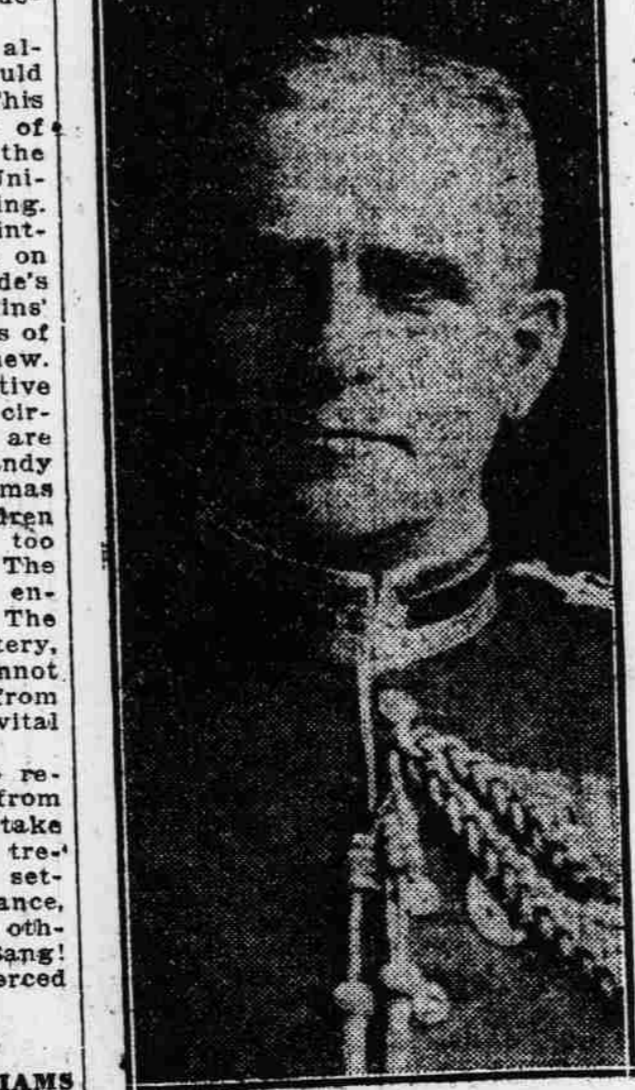
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Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, former Minister of Militia for Canada, now in the United States, paid his respects to this country for the war problems and prophesied that it means more for the ally cause than people now realize and must effect a corresponding depression in Germany.

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