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EX-PRESIDENT TAFT IS IN FAVOR OF CONSCRIPTION.

Believes Conscription to Build up Army for Nation's Defense Necessary—People Would be for It.

New York, Feb. 4.—Conscription to build up an army for the country's defense now the war is on us and for the future as well, was advocated here today by Former President Taft in an address on the League to Enforce Peace before the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

Stirred as the people are by enthusiasm at the break with Germany they would support a conscription measure, Mr. Taft believed, not only to meet the present situation "but for the future after the war shall end.

"Military duty is part of every citizen's duty. Very little service of any kind has been enacted from the great body of the people. Conscription is needed to discipline our native young men and to teach them respect for authority. It is needed to teach our millions of newly created citizens loyalty."

A whole volunteer system, he said, takes the flower of the country's youth anxious to sacrifice themselves, and leaves behind those who can only be dragged in by ultimate resort to law.

"Why not equalize the burden at once?" he asked. "Place it on all. Require at least a year's service with the colors from every man between 19 and 24. This need not interfere with capable men under 40. Such conscription would furnish a permanent trained force from the body of the entire people to supply an adequate defense whenever defense is nececsary."

Mr .Taft's remarks on conscription were in the nature of a preface to his prepared address on the League to Enforce Peace.

The present situation ,he said, should teach the absolute necessity for military preparedness for self-protection. We have no desire, he said, for difficulties with Germany and have done her no wrong, "yet she in violation of our rights proposes to do that which if, we value our honor and our vital interests we must resist by force. There is nothing else for a self-respecting nation of moral principle to do, he declared.

BASKET BALL GAME FRIDAY AT HIGH SCHOOL.

The Local Team Meets Strong Charlotte Aggregation.

The basket ball game between the local high school team and the fast quinted from the high school of Charlotte promises to be a thriller. The visiting boys are reputed to have the strongest team in this section of the state and they are coming here confident of taking the high school boys' measure. The local team however have been practicing hard for several weeks in anticipation of this game and feel that when the referee blows the final whistle they will be holding down the largest end of the score.

Whatever the outcome of the game thoe attending are promieed a battle royal a the home boys are determined to send them back a defeated team. The local bunch have met and defeate dthe strong Fruitland and Flat Rock teams and several others.

The boys should have a large delegation o frooters on hand to cheer them o nto victory. The game will be played on the basket ball court of the high school and will be called promptly at 4:00 p. m. The admission will be 15 and 25 cent.

The following is the line up of the local team:

Right Forward.....Sidney Ellison.
Left Forward.....Reggie Morris.
Center.....Jean Williams.
Letl Guard.....Horace Gray.
Right Guard.....Gordon Elsom.

O. ROY KEITH ENTERS BUSINESS FOR HIMSELF.

Leaves Hendersonville Wholesale Grocery Company After March 1st. Succeeded by Brother.

O. Roy Keith will leave the Hendersonvile Wholesale Grocery company after March 1st,and will conduct the O. Roy Keith company, merchandise brokers and distributors with offices and warerooms next door to H. M. Flynn at the depot.

Mr. Keith has been associated with his brothers in the wholesale grocery business for the past six years. There are five Keith brothers in Hendersonville now since Alton R. Keith arrived last week to take the position formerly held by O. Roy.

W. A. Keith is president of the Hendersonvile Wholesale Grocery company, C. G. Keith, secretary and treasurer, J. Mack Rhodes, vice president.

COLDWEATHER WORST IN MANY YEARS IN HENDERSONVILLE.

Recent Snap Causes Some Damage But Did Not Last Very Long. Plumbers Are Busy.

The thermometer reached as low as 4 below zero both last Friday and Sunday nights. This is the coldest it has ever been here within the past ten years.

The result of the freeze has caused considerable inconveniences with water works over the city. The big boiler at The Cedars bursted and another was rushed by express before the cold weather was over.

No doubt a great deal of suffering was experienced by the poor people of the community but so far no deaths or injuries have been reported.

SINKING OF THE CALIFORNIA INCREASES APPREHENSION.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Consul Frost, at Queenstown, cabled the State Department tonight that the British passenger liner California ha dbeen torpedoed without warning off the Irish Coast, and that the one American known to have been on board was saved. Some of the passengers and crew still missing, including two women and severa lchildren.

Frost's dispatch was as follows:

"Anchor Liner California has been sunk; bound Glasgow, presumably from New York. Two hundred persons o nboard; one death; 30 hospital cases; survicors reach here late tonight."

The captain of the ship is quoted as saying the submarine did not hail or give any warning before firing two torpedoes from a distance of 300 yards and sending the California down.

The American survivor was John A. Lee, of Montgomery, Ala., who is supposed to have been a member of the crew.

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Washington, Feb. 7.—Out of the German war zone of death and destruction tonight came the report of the sinking of the Anchor liner California with more than 200 souls abroad to startle Washington into renewed activity and apprehension. Earnestly and anxiously, President Wilson and his advisers scanned the fragmentary early information as to the sinking, to determine whether the destruction of the vessel constitutes the "overt act" that will plunge the United States into the midst of the world war turmoil.

At the White House there was solemn deliberation and serious shaking of heads. Every scrap of information as to the California sinking was hurried to the President at once. The momentous possibilities of the information were apparent in the conduct of every official.

All of the official data was contained in a report from Consul General Frost at Queenstown, which the state department declared was apparently based on inadequate information. This This contained no details of the incident, reported only one death. From the New York offices of the Anchor line came a report that 67 perished in the disaster. Consul Frost was at once directed to make a complete report. President Wilson and his advisers watched anxiously to determine:

Whether there were Americans on board the California, and wheter any Americans were lost.

Whether the vessel was sunk "without warning."

This latter question, the state department, declared, was the essential element which must be present to make the sinking of the California the dreaded "overt act." Early reports made no mentio no fthis circumstance.

Confident the nation is behind him ollowing the indorsement of his international position by the senate by an overwhelming vote, the President was tonight apparently determined to hold Germany to the strict letter of his ultimatum relivered when he announced the break with Germany to the Congress. Preparations placing the war machinery of the nation in order for instant use in case of need went steadily forward. Legislation increasing the military and naval resources was pressed vigorously in Congress. Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels reported both of thei rorganizations ready for instant service.

KILLING DOGS FAST.

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These are dog killing times. Chief Powers will deputize you any time if want to kill one. Tuesday a stray looking one walked up near Main street and Constable Barnett pulled down on it. The recent order made by the city council has resulted in the killing of anywhere from 5 0to 100 dogs according to reports. There has been nothing heard of a mad dog lately.

ALFALFA A GOOD SOILING CROP.

A reader, living in the mountains of North Carolina, writing to the Progressive Farmer, says: "I want to grow one acre of the best soiling crop for upland to supplement upland pasture next summer."

If the upland was rich enough and the crop had been sowed last fall after a good application of lime and inoculation, there is probably nothing that would give as much feed in a year as alfalfa. But that being out of the question for next year, we are inclined to favor the sowing of one of the larger growing sorghums, like the gooseneck or so-called Texas seeded ribbon cane. There is a possibility that a very early crop of Canada field peas and oats might be followed by sorghum or soy beans. It will depend largely on when the feed is most needed. If the period when the supplement is most needed is the dry period of the fall, when pastures are apt to be short, we think the best prospect is in sorghum.

For future years we suggest the use of a small acreage of alfalfa, or when it is not needed for soiling it can be cured for hay or in case of extremely bad weather put in the silo. In growing alfalfa, however, it must be remembered that it demands a rich, well-drained soil, that there must be an abundance of lime and if the bacteria are not already present the soil must be innoculated.

GOVERNOR BICKETT TO RIDE AT HEAD OF HIS STAFF.

Governor Plans to Make This State's Representation a Conspcicuous Feture of Inaugural Ceremonies.

Washington, Feb. 7.—It is planned by Governor W. T. Bickett, himself but recently inaugurated as chief executive of North Carolina, to make his state representation a conspicuous feature of the inaugural ceremonies here March 4. In the parade he will ride at the head of his newly appointed staff. Besides civic organizations in line it is the governor's intention to have a large detail of the organized militia from his state, recently returned from the Mexican border, take a prominent part in the great procession. He recently said the "Tar Heel" state intends to be conspicuous in the second inauguration of President Wilson "as we want to show Washington how proud we are of our representative in the cabinet, Josephus Daniels. We will bring the largest possible representation of North Carolina troops."

Time to Act is Right Now!

Take this trip of your life at the expense of the HUSTLER. Others are doing it and the field is open to you. Absolutely the best offer ever made by any newspaper in Henderson county.

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Call in at Once and Get Receipt Book with Samples

HUSTLER'S TRIP TO CAPITAL GROWING INTERESING DAILY.

Four Persons Working Hard to Make Trip Which Promises to be One of Big Events.

Theer are now three or four persons working hard for the free trips to Washington given away by the Hustler. With nearly a whole month in which to work there are indications that at least a dozen more persons will enter the plan by which they might receive a free trip to Washington to witness the great inauguration of President Wilson.

Late reports state that the inauguration will be held in spite of the threatening clouds of war. In fact a person will now see more real fighting machinery than ever before. The big parade alone is worth the trip and the women are going to take part in this event more than ever before.

There are a thousand and one things to see in the capital. It takes weeks and weeks to see it all but you can get a good idea of our nation's center within the few days limited for this trip.

Call in at the office and get a receipt book and begin at once. It does not necessitate a house to house canvass to get $50 in subscriptions. You can simply write a few letters and use the telephone and then go out and within a few days get the required number. And remember that if you do not get the required amount you have made money for we pay you 25 per cent of every cent you collect. If you bring us $1 after making a fair trial towards securing the trip we will hand you back 25c in commissions.

Could anything be fairer. Of course if you get the $50 we give you a round trip ticket from Hendersonville to Washington which cost us more than the commission allowed you in cash.

MRS. SUMMEY DEAD.

Aged Lady Dies After Long Illness. Buried at Mills River Presbyterian Cemetery.

Mrs. Martha Ann Corpening Summey, widow of L. C. Summey, of Mills River, died last Monday at her home. She was 88 years old and leaves nine children t o mourn her death. During her life time she had been a true Christian woman and her kind deeds will long be remembered by those who knew her best.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church at Mills River and interment was made at the cemetery near the church. Rev. George F. Wright officiated.

REVIVAL SERVICES.

To be Held in the Court House for Two Weeks Conducted by Revs. Morgan and Sanders.

A two weeks revival will begin at the court house Thursday, February 15, conducted by Rev. J. F. Morgan, assisted by Rev. Sanders. of Greenville and Prof. T. M. Lock will have charge of the music.

Rev. Morgan is a Baptist minister of this county and has charge of the pastorial work of the Crab Creek, Pisgha Forest, and Little River and Valley Hill Baptist churches. He lives in this city.

Meetings will be held every evening at 7:30 and members of all denominations are invited to attend.

Prof. Locke is from Greenville and has had a great deal of experience in organizing revival choruses. The musical program every night promises to be one of the strong drawing cards for the revival.

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MET IN REGULAR SESSION.

Plan Budget for Coming Year and Take up Vouchers From Tax Collector—6,848 Children.

Tht county board of education met in regular session last Monday and prepared a budget for the coming year of 1917-18. A list of the estimated revenues of the board was also prepared which shows that the county will receive next year $17,187.13 from the county abstracts; state fund $1,694.20; fines and forfitures, $1,888.52; delinquents $1,218.44; making resources amount to $21,988.29 to which is added about $9,000 in local township school taxes and about $3,589.90 from the state equalizing fund making a grand total of $34,000, which is the amount handled by this board every year.

The budget as estimated for the coming year is: Hendersonville high school $500; Mills River high school, $250; estimated tax collectors commission 2%, $400; contingent fund, $500; building fund, $1,650; releases and insolvents, $300; county superintendent salary, $1,000.00; making a grond total of $4,600. By subtracting this amount from the county school fund of $21,988.29 which leaves $17,388.29 and divide this amount by the total enrollment in the county which is 6,348 makes $2.73 amount per capita in Henderson county spent for education.

The board took up vouchers for the school fund from the tax collector to the amount of $9,900.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE MET LAST SATURDAY MORNING.

In Spite of the Weather About Twelve Farmers Braved the Cold. Heard Good Talk.

The members of the Board of Agriculture who met in the court house last Saturday heard a fine talk made by George Reese, farm product agent of the Southern railway company with headquarters in Greensboro.

Mr. Reese stated that he had heard about the organization in Henderson county and that his company had sent him here to offer any assistance possible in making the movement a success. He stated that his department dealt in the marketing of farm products which was today one of the livest subjects in existence. To market farm products properly means more money to the farmer, but he must be taught how to ship his products to best suit the consumers. Mr. Reese emphasised that the South was not now producing enough food stuff for its own consumption. He pointed out that the Southern railway alone employed 59,000 people and many of whom had families. The fact that all these people were consumers and not producers of farm products shows that a tremendous responsibility is placed upon those who live on the farm. A farmer must produce a surplus or he is not making good.

Mr. Reese explained the various bulletins gotten out by his company in which the farmers of Henderson county may get listed if they have anything to sell. He told that every member of the board of agriculture could get one of these bulletins every month.

The members present who have been working on securing names for the petitions reported that they had met with no opposition and that the entire county seemed to be in favor of a demonstrator.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROLONG DECISION A MONTH.

After Stating That They Would Decide Matter of Demonstrator This Month. Large Delegation Met Tuesday.

The most important subject with farmers of Henderson county just now is the question of whether the county commissioners are going to employ a farm demonstrator or not. In fact this question is just as vital with the city people and those who live in Hendersonville township and pay at least if not more than fifty per cent of the taxes.

The question was put as forcibly before the commissioners at a meeting Tuesday as it has ever been expounded before. Several talks were made by citizens from all sections of the county. A vote was taken of the men in the court house room and not a discenting voice against the commissioners employing a demonstrator.

The commissioners decided after a two hours meeting to continue the matter another month and that if there was no decided objection they would consider the matter favorably.

One of the most forcible arguments made in favor o fthe work was that stated by John Ewbank, a farmer, on the Horse Shoe road. Mr. Ewbank being secretary and treasurer of the Board of Agriculture state in behalf of that organization that it was started primarily to advance the cause of a demonstrator. He was in favor of employing one because the farmers of the county need a leader, a man who could travel over the county and bring the farmers closer together and at the same time give them advice about farming by explaining to them what other sections of the country are doing to increase the yields and improve the products.

Mr. Ewbank said that a good man should be secured, a man who could mix with his fellow men and one who was not afraid to show the farmer exactly how a thing should be done because he should know himself.

F. S. Wetmur told of what the demonstration work is doing for the farmer in Iowa, the state in which he formerly lived and farmed.

G. B. Hill of Edneyville stated that he had profited by the last demonstrator Henderson county had and that he was in favor of getting another.

W. A. Smith spoke strongly in favor of securing a demonstrator in arguing that those farmers who were not present after due notice of the meeting were undoubtedly in favor of the movement as the old rule of reason still stands good, "silence gives consent."

Dr. C. Few told the commissioners that he felt that they were going to employ a demonstrator, because they knew how much the agriculture interests meant to the whole county and how much the government was spending on the work. He told that if 10 boys and girls in each school district would get together in the demonstration work and just do one half as much as the average of the state boys clubs and girls canning clubs they would make for themselves over $50,000 in spending money.

A. S. Truex, secretary of the Board of Trade, stated that his organization had passed resolutions endorsing the movement in the strongest terms. He also told of once being in the goat raising business out in New Mexico and explained how the raisers of that state had gotten together and raised the price of their products over 300 per cent, bringing it up to the average o the other farm products and at the same time making it a very profitable business. He emphasized the need of organization with a leader.

E. W. Ewbank, stated that he was a farmer by birth, and that now there were two kinds of tillers of the soil, namely an agriculturist and a farmer. He told of being the former and gave his definition of the two. A farmer, he told, was one who worked in the country and spent his money in town. His idea of an agriculturist was one who lived in the city and made his money there and then spent it on the farm. Mr. Ewbank impressed upon the commissioners that the city was co-ordinate with the country and that he city grows in the same proportion as the farming lands grow around it. If the farms are not put to a high state of cultivation then the city is bound to lag. He urged demonstration work to be secured and stated that it was of vital interest to the citizens of Hendersonville.

C. F. Bland made a few remarks in favor of the movement, so did G. F. Garlington, K. G. Morris, W. S. Shitle. R. M. Pryor, H. A. Corriher, F. A. Ewbanks and others.

The commissioners room was filled with farmers and business men in sympathy with securing a demonstrator.

DIED FROM SMALLPOX.

Captain Snyder, contractor of the Bat Cave-Rutherfordton road died Saturday after a lingering illness from smallpox. He was a popular business man and his death is mourned by the many people who knew him in his home county.

CAPTURED MAN AND LIQUOR.

Chief of Police Otis Powers, and Sheriff Allard Case caught Nel Stroup with two gallons of moonshine liquor as he was getting off a freigh' train Tuesday night about 2 o'clock. Edgar Pace is said to have been with Stroup but he made his escape.

In seizing the liquor Chief Powers let the jugs come together too hard and one of them broke. Stroup was locked up in the jail by Sheriff Case.

PRES. WILSON HAS BROKEN RELATIONS WITH GERMANY.

Passports Handed Ambassador Bernstorff and all Americans Ordered Out of Germany.

Washington, Feb. 3.—President Wilson has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany and warned the kaiser that ruthless sacrifice of American lives and rights means war.

Similar action is waiting for Austria when she notifies this government that she joins in the campaign of unrestricted submarine warfare.

The President made formal announcement of his action to the country and to the world today at a joint session of congress.

Passports have been handed to Count Von Bernstorff. Ambassador Gerard with all his staff and all American consuls have been ordered out of Germany. All German consuls in the United States are expected to withdraw that the severance of relations may be complete. American diplomatic interests in Berlin have been turned over to Spain; German diplomatic intersts in the United States have been taken over by Switerland. Foreign diplomatic interests which the United States had in charge in Germany have been tuurned over to various neutrals.

Two years of diplomatic negotiation, marked with frequent crisis and attended with the loss of more than 200 American lives on the high seas, have culminated with an act which in all the history of the world always has led to war. Every agency of the American government has been set in motion to protect the country against acts of German sympathizers. These moves are of necessity being kept secret.

With the notice of severance of relations the United States sent to Berlin a demand fo rthe immediate release of 64 Americans taken from ships captured by German raiders in the South Atlantic.

At the request of the President Congress immediately after hearing his address began work on new laws framed by the Department of Justice to check conspiracies and plots against the United States which cannot now be reached under existing statutes.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Besides breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany, President Wilson has made a bold stroke to range the moral force of all other neutral countries along with that of the United States in the interest of peace.

The President has suggested to all the other neutrals that they break off diplomatic relations with Germany as the United States has done and has instructed all American diplomats in those countries to report immediately how the suggestion is received. The opinion in diplomatic quarters here is that European neutrals, at the very doorstep of Germany, threatened by her military power will hesitate to take such a step. The effect of the suggestion in other countries is being eagerly awaited.

This was the only known development of first importance which came out of a day of tense waiting which followed the actual announcement yesterday of the break with Germany.

Still hopeful that Germany will not ruthlessly sacrifice American lives or rights, the administration is awaiting developments, but leaving nothing to prepare the country for the eventuality of war.

The situation as to Austria is tonight unchanged. There is no doubt, however, that diplomatic relations will be broken with her when she announces her intention to adhere to Germany's course.

The President's invitation to neutrals to follow his action was contained in instructions to American diplomats to announce the break with Germany to the governments to which which they are accredited. It was contained in the following note:

"You will immediately notify the government to which you are accredited that he United States, because of the German government's recent announcement of its intention to renew unrestricted submarine warware, has no choice butto follow the course laid down in the note April 18, (the Sussex note.)

"It has therefore recalled the American ambassador from Berlin and has delivered passports to the German ambassador to the United States.

"Say also that the President is reluctant to believe Germany actually will carry out her threat against neutral commerce, but if it be done, the President will ask Congress to authorize use of the national power to protect American citizens engaged in their peaceful and lawful errands on the seas.

"The course taken is, in the President's view, entirely in conformity with the principles he enunciated in his address to the senate, January 7, (the address proposing a world league for peace.)

"He believes it will make for the peace of the world if other neutral powers can find it possible to take similar action.

"Report fully and immediately on the reception of this announcement and upon the suggestion as to similar action."

Thus it becomes apparent that in the shadow of war the President does not abandon his efforts for peace, and as the first step has moved to direct the moral force of the neutral world to compel Germany's return to an observance of international law at sea.