

African Conscription a Dangerous Practice; May Be Menace to All Europe

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London, April 14.—The conscription of Africa by France is one of those tremendous events which alter the destinies of nations. The people who vote "hats off for France" at the attempt of French militarism to destroy Germany do not appear to have the faintest idea of the magnitude of the conception or its effects on the not distant future.

French conscription laws affect the pick of the fighting races of Africa, both in the north and northwest—the mixture of Arab and Berber which conquered Spain, overran the Pyrenees, and held the bulk of the Iberian peninsula for 500 years and the south of it for 800 years; the negro-Arab-Berber mixture which held sway from the Senegal to the Niger for 1,000 years and produced great rulers, warriors, thinkers, and preachers.

In Europe, French militarism has, so to speak, annexed the Belgian army, which acts with it under a secret military agreement. We fought, we were told, for the independence of Belgium. In all essential respects Belgium is now a French province and under French pressure, she has replaced the voluntary service by conscription.

France in Poland.
French militarism is heavily subsidizing Poland to maintain an army of 500,000 men, staffed by numerous French officers, and under French influence. The "Little Entente," politically subservient to France, has altogether some 2,500,000 soldiers under arms.

In these circumstances "security for France" seems somewhat superfluous! Mr. Ramsay MacDonald uttered the most poignant sentence in the recent debate in Parliament when he said: "What about security for us?"

It is far less a matter today of obtaining "security for France" than of obtaining security of France, including the French people, our people, and the German people, against the recrudescence of a Napoleonic militarism with resources in men and raw material which Napoleon never dreamed of in his wildest moments.

To low-tow, as the present conservative government of this country is now doing, to that militarism, to wait with puzzled brow and folded arms while an imperialist program on the largest possible scale develops before our eyes, is the maddest of follies, the most ruinous and disastrous of miscalculations.

To allow Germany to be destroyed without moving a finger to save her, actually to be accomplices in her destruction, is utterly fatal to peace and to our own security.

1914 and Today.
In the years of 1905-14 friendship to France demanded that we should work with the public men and forces and influences in France making for a healing of the ancient feud, instead of with the Delosses, the Clemenceuxs, the Millerands, the Poincarens, who were working for its perpetuation. So in the year which saw the war close and the path open for a peace of reconstruction, friendship to France required that we should work with Woodrow Wilson for such a peace, instead of with Clemenceau for a peace of revenge; so today friendship for France necessitates plain and honest speech, and firmness of policy coupled with proof of national disinterestedness.

The cabinet, yielding to the representations of its titled members, one of whom at least, is never so happy as when cutting a dash in "high" Parisian society; yielding to the clamor of the Rothermers and the Balmfords, yielding to the blind obstinacy of those to whom the cult of hate is as the breath of life, yielding to the interests of the British heavy metal industries, takes the course which, fatally, inevitably, leads directly to a future irretrievable mutilated and bleeding Germany.

The city of it; the tragedy of it; the blindness of it!
In deploring that policy we, who are accused of being enemies of France, are her truest friends.

FORMAL ORDER
In Rouse Matter is Signed by Judge Thomas Calvert.

Judge Calvert signed the formal order in the Rouse injunction proceedings against the city Saturday morning in pursuance with the conclusion of the hearing Monday night before his honor when by agreement the status of the injunction case was continued pending the outcome of a trial by jury for damages alleged by Mr. Rouse to have been sustained by him. The order reserves all rights for both parties in the body of the article, which is brief, and a footnote attached at the instance of counsel for the city reads: "All rights for both parties are reserved to move and object for appointment of appraisers in condemnation as is provided by law."

The order sets forth that the matter involves question of great importance and that the status is continued without prejudice to the interests of either party.

ASKS DATA
Government Calls on Sugar Men for Their Records.

(By the United Press.)
New York, April 14.—The first definite step in the government's investigation of the sugar price situation was revealed today when members of the New York Sugar Exchange received from the United States district attorney's office a letter from asking for submission of all records of their transactions in raw and refined sugar from January 1 to April 1.

REPUBLICAN CHIEFS TWO MEN CHARGED WITH AIDING GET-TAKEN IN CUSTODY MOREHOUSE PARISH

(By the United Press.)
New Orleans, April 14.—The arrest of 31 citizens in Morehouse Parish on information sworn out by Attorney-General A. V. Cocco is expected as soon as District Attorney David I. Garrett of that parish gets back to Bastrop and places the warrants in the hands of deputies. The data were placed in the hands of Garrett last night, who immediately took a train for Bastrop following a conference with Attorney-General Cocco.

Charges of conspiracy, murder, assault with deadly weapons, kidnapping and other alleged offenses were filed against members of the masked mob which terrorized the parish and murdered two men last year.

Arrested at New York. To Be Arraigned in Georgia Later Part Month — In Custody 2 Hours After Action Jury

(By the United Press.)
Atlanta, April 14.—Dominick Didato and Abe Silverstein, arrested at New York late yesterday on charges of having aided Gerald Chapman, "million dollar mail bandit," to escape from St. Mary's Hospital at Athens April 4, will be placed on trial at Athens April 23, it was announced today at the Department of Justice' local headquarters.

Eleven Per Cent. Raise in Wages for Employes of Big Packing Houses Announced

(By the United Press.)
Chicago, April 14.—Improved conditions in the packing industry were given as the reason today for an 11 per cent. increase in wages to more than 200,000 workers, to go into effect Monday. Unlike advances during the wartime peak of wage increases agreed upon by management of companies and the unions, this raise is not based on living costs but the proposition that the industry could better sustain a larger pay envelope.

Roads Sentences Imposed on Prisoners in Superior Court; 12 Months for Two

Sherman Cobb, convicted of forgery in Superior Court, was given eight months on the roads. Aaron Will Rouse, convicted on two counts, were given 12 months each.

FIVE MEN WOUNDED IN FUTILE EFFORT TO ROB A PAY CAR

Employees of Detroit Foundry Company Repulse Gang — Three Defenders and Two Attackers Shot in Gun Battle

(By the United Press.)
Detroit, April 14.—Five men were seriously wounded in a gun fight between employees of the Charles B. Bohn Foundry Company and bandits who failed in an attempt to rob the company's pay roll car, containing \$12,000 today.

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Agent of Out-of-Town Store Barred by Peculiar Ordinance.

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(By the United Press.)
Dublin, April 14.—Austin Stack, cohort of De Valera, was captured by Free State forces in the Tipperary hills today, a dispatch from Clonmel stated. De Valera, fugitive leader of the irregulars, apparently has escaped in the dragnet, a reliable dispatch from Clonmel stated.

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Governor Seems to Have Complete Confidence in Commission on Shipping

(Special Capital Correspondence)
Raleigh, April 14.—Governor Morrison's renewed enthusiasm over the ship ownership and operation which he proposed for the State at the late session of the General Assembly, is interpreted to mean that his excellency has faith in the forthcoming report of his commission investigating the question, and that when the special session convenes the body of the whole will ratify the report.

CONTRACT FOR NEW PASSENGER STATION HAS BEEN SIGNED

Work Will Start in Few Days, Says Builder—More Than 600 Feet of Sheds. Building Larger Than That at Goldsboro

Robert L. Blalock, local builder, today stated that the contract had been signed for construction of the Kinston union passenger station. Work will be started on the building within a week, it is possible. It is to be completed by September 15. The plans call for nearly 600 feet of sheds leading from the station to the tracks of the Norfolk Southern and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

Farm Labor Shortage is 50 Per Cent. Before Time for Planting, Experts Declare

(By the United Press.)
Chicago, April 14.—A farm labor shortage of more than 50 per cent. exists throughout the Western States, employment experts today declared. The shortage will grow if present conditions do not improve as spring planting begins, and farmers in some sections will be unable to put in normal crops.

Sex Irregularity Worst of Vices, Say Students; Dean of Women Fully Vindicated

(By the United Press.)
Austin, Texas, April 13.—The dean of women is vindicated. Nay, more, she is vindicated by her chief antagonists, the students themselves.

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