

THE CONSCRIPTION BILL PASSES WITH A WHOOP

Both Senate and House on Saturday voted approval of the administration's proposal to raise a great war army on the principle of selective conscription, voting down by an overwhelming majority the volunteer army amendments around which opponents of the administration plan had centered their fight.

In the Senate the vote on the volunteer amendment was 69 to 19, and in the House it was 279 to 98, supporters of conscription marshaling a strength which surprised even the administration leaders.

Among the more important amendments adopted in the House was one empowering the President to exempt from the draft in his discretion persons engaged in agricultural work.

In the Senate there was a long debate over proposal to prohibit the sale or possession of liquor during the war. Several amendments were adopted, including one to make it unlawful to sell or give liquor to officers or men in uniform or to members of Congress or other officials, and then the Senate reversed itself and adopted a substitute simply forbidding the sale of liquor to soldiers in uniform and giving the President wide discretionary authority to make other prohibition regulations.

An amendment by Senator Curtis stipulating that men subject to draft who voluntarily present themselves, shall be recorded as volunteers, was accepted by Chairman Chamberlain and went into the bill.

Another long debate was evoked over amendments by Senators Thomas and LaFollette to exempt from conscription those having "conscientious objections" to military service. Both were defeated without a roll call, and the bill's exemption proposals left unchanged.

The debate on conscription brought some dramatic passages in both Senate and House. In the Senate the issue was fought out on Senator McKellar's amendment, which would authorize a call for 500,000 volunteers and not put conscription into effect unless the half million men did not respond within ninety days. Johnson of California also advocated a call for volunteers to place an American force in Europe immediately.

On a roll call the House rejected the volunteer army proposal by a vote of 313 to 109, an even greater majority than that by which the amendment had been eliminated from the bill earlier in the day on a teller vote in committee of the whole.

The parliamentary tangle resulting from the almost simultaneous action by the two houses, requires the next move to be made on the senate side. The bill must be repassed there, with unlimited opportunity, under, strict interpretation of the rules, for further debate and amendment. It then will go to conference, with the principal task that of harmonizing the two houses on the maximum conscription age, fixed by the senate at 27 and by the house at 40.

WAR DEPARTMENT IS SETTING MACHINERY FOR GREAT ARMY

With the enactment of the selective draft army bill the War Department has set machinery in motion to produce under the measure within two years a trained army of 2,000,000 men.

Within ten days after the bill is signed, every township in the country will be registering its young men for duty, and work will have begun on the sixteen training camps, where preparation of the forces for war will start in August or September.

Decentralization of administrative work will be sought by the department in every move it makes. Details will not be disclosed until the bill has passed, but it is known that registration will be carried on through Sheriffs and other officials, aided by postmasters or other federal agencies where that seems desirable.

On a date to be set every citizen affected by the act will be required on pain of heavy penalty to present himself at the nearest registration place, where machinery will be pro-

WHAT FRENCH HAVE DONE IN ONE WEEK OF DRIVE

In just one week the French in their great attack on the front from Soissons to Aubeville, nearly fifty miles, did these things:

- Took more than 100 guns, some of large caliber.
- Took approximately 20,000 prisoners.
- Occupied twenty good sized villages, not including hamlets.
- Reconquered about fifty square miles of French soil.
- Put out of action in killed, wounded and prisoners, on a conservative estimate, at least 100,000 German soldiers, the equivalent of seven divisions.
- Forced the German high command to throw in twenty divisions from their last reserves, their "strategic reserves" whom they were saving for a great offensive campaign, to save their whole front in France from disaster. And the battle only began!

THE "DISGRACE OF REIDSVILLE"

(By J. W. Dunn)

The writer cannot help feeling that Capt. Rich failed to strike at the root of the matter when he so forcibly commented on the scarcity of volunteers, after his inspection of our local Company Thursday night. The showing, in point of numbers, was pitiful. Of that there can be no question. But the cause does not lie altogether with the men who have failed to come forward and volunteer. They are all right at heart, but they have been subjected to a process during the past three years that has reduced their patriotic spirit, and left them guessing what they ought to do. Whether to come forward and serve their country, or hold back and take advantage of the sappy sentiment that has been permitted to exude so freely from the class of politicians who damned our President with the degenerate shibboleth of "he kept us out of war."

There never was a more degenerate cry sent up from a great nation than this political slogan. It came from the man who shoots from behind the hedge. From the German sympathizer, who knew the aims of the Kaiser. From the hoodler who wins elections not on their merits, but by craftily greasing the open palm of the degenerate elector, whose right to ballot would disappear were his works exposed to the light.

This cry, which has done more to mislead men, and pull them down from high ideals of patriotism and duty, than anything the writer knows of; supplemented by the intensely selfish attitude of the Stones, the LaFollettes and all the unsexed men who have opposed our nation taking taking its place beside the other glorious nations that have been draining the blood of their people in defense of human liberty; and the criminal determination of others to keep the nation in a state of unpreparedness—in a slabby condition that would preclude our joining issues with any third class nation that maintained a standing army, is something that has caused the writer bitter reflection on the shame that would be the heritage of these United States in the event of France, Russia and England bringing Germany down to the dust without our shedding a drop of blood to aid in this Godly fight.

Have our pacifist friends—save the mark; but have our pacifist orators ever for a brief moment seriously considered the fact that were the present war to culminate without our physical aid, we would be the most bitterly hated nation on this globe? And being hated—and heavens knows we would richly deserve it in view of the fact that this is not a fight for defence of England alone, or France alone, or Russia alone, but for the defence of the whole world from the domination of Prussianism being hated, would inevitably lead to war in the end. If any of our friends—our misguided, or ignorant friends, have any doubt upon this subject, and if they are open to human reason, or comprehend the meaning of language as it is spoken, we would refer them to a speech made by the Kaiser in 1908, at Potsdam, in which gave utterance to the words:—"After the war it will be time to set things right in America, and to teach my friends over there that I have not forgotten the object lesson which Admiral Dewey saw fit to give me some years since when we had that little altercation with Castro."—and ask them exactly what interpretation do they put upon that speech from a bloody tyrant who broke his solemn promise, and overran little Belgium? Is God's name let us have done with deceiving ourselves, and face stern facts. It may be all right to deceive others, but why make fools of ourselves?

We are not at war because we want it. We are at war because our President knows, and every man with the reasoning powers that God has given him knows—and has known for three years past—that if we did not go to war, inevitably the war would come to us.

Would our pacifist friends rather have a war on American soil or on European soil? Better have it on European soil and do it good and soon, and make a thorough job of it. And by going to war now, save our face, and release our children from the dread of war that England had writhed under during the past forty years the Kaiser was preparing for it, while the fat headed pacifists of the English War Office, and the incompetents in the House of Lords, cried—like our friends in the United States—Peace, while there is peace.

The Pacifist (with a big P) ought to be tabulated all over this country. His name ought to be written down in a book, and whenever the flower of our manhood is wiped out by a thoroughly well prepared ruffianly nation, he ought to be taken out at sunrise and given what is coming to him.

When he is taken out he ought to be permitted to hide his head in the sand like his prototype of the feathered tribe, the Ostrich, so that he might be spared the agony of facing death, which is the mark of the coward, and the badge of his kind.

The sooner we wake up in Rockingham county to the fact that this country is at war, and at war with the most bloodthirsty, unscrupulous and arrogant nation upon this earth, the better it will be for Rockingham county. And, being at war is but one thing to do—give up your sons—to die, if need be so that you may not be subjected to the brutality that has over-

SAILORS' LOVE LETTERS VERY MUCH TO THE POINT

Nowadays if a young man in the United States navy or in the naval reserve on duty wants to write home he receives a postal card upon which are printed the following terse sentences:

I am quite well.

I have just been admitted to the hospital.

I have been wounded. I am getting along well.

I have been sick, but I hope to return to duty soon.

I have received your letter, telegram, parcel, dated _____.

I have received no letter from you for a long time. (Signature)

(Date)

If the sailor desires to send this he very carefully crosses out the sentences which do not fit his case, signs his name, addresses the card and thereby finishes his task. He does not write another word, because he knows if he does the card will be destroyed. He does not try to make any funny marks or put any scratches or anything else mysterious on it.

He does not say where he is, on what ship he is, where he has been or where he is going. It's wartime, and over in England, where they invented the idea, they found early in the war that ingenious individuals who wanted to tell things they should not tell tried all sorts of things to slip some extra information home. Some of these individuals faced a firing squad.

Just as soon as one of our armies gets to a place where there is likely to be trouble the same censorship will go in for the soldiers.

Folk at home, however, can write fully, only they should not attack the administration, criticize the army authorities and cheer for the Kaiser in their communications. They might get into trouble.

Read the paper regularly

NEW CONCERN For REIDSVILLE!

We wish to inform the public that we will on Saturday, April 28th, open our Atlanta Wenny Stand on West Market Street in the quarters recently vacated by the express office. We extend a cordial invitation to the public to call and see us when in need of a quick lunch. We will carry a full line of Candies, Fruits and Ice Cream.

Atlanta Wenny Stand

J. G. XONIS, Manager.

NOW DYNAMITING U BOATS AS THEY ONCE KILLED FISH

Dynamiting submarines as people used to dynamite fish before it became illegal is the latest scheme of the English, according to Dr. McKim, the American veterinary surgeon who has just returned from a German prison camp, where he was one of the Yarrowdale prisoners.

"They attach a giant bomb to the tail of a patrol boat or destroyer," said Dr. McKim, "and drop it when a submarine is sighted. It explodes at a given depth and nearly blows the patrol boat out of the water. But the water transmits shock so readily that it also destroys the U boat."

taken Belgium, northern France (where the retreating Germans inoculated the poor people with tuberculosis germs as a parting gift), or Serbia, and other destroyed portions of Europe. Give up your sons; send them forth with a proud spirit, and give thanks to Almighty God that you have sons to send forth to do their part in this holy war, and do not, by breaking that proud spirit, send them forth as paltrons to bring discredit upon their fathers, and their nation.

Readers may think the writer pens these words without appreciating what war is. Not so; he has been nursed by heroes of Balaclava six hundred, and Inkerman veterans; the son of a British soldier who beat the advance in Burma at the tender age of eight years; was born in the heart of a nation that has ever been at war; has lost hundreds of old friends in the war, and whose only deep regret is that the determined policy of unpreparedness has operated to keep him ignorant of that military training that would justify him now, notwithstanding his years, offering himself in defence of the great and glorious country that has given him opportunity unobtainable in any other country on the face of the earth. His feeling is one of envy as he regards the youth of America today, with its opportunity of doing something for his country and having some small share in bringing to the nations of Europe the blessings of freedom that are the heritage of Americans.

We are at war—WAR—and the call is for volunteers. Shame on the man who withholds his service to a country that so richly deserves it.

Wives of Cabinet Members Make Appeal For Universal Thrift

Mrs. Wilson, wife of the president; Mrs. Marshall, wife of the vice president, and the wives of members of the cabinet have agreed to reduce their scale of living to the simplest possible form in order to set an example to other women of the country.

To do their part in the movement for the conservation of the nation's time and resources the women of the highest official families have decided to omit the usual formal entertaining and calling and to reduce to the minimum their social activities, so that they will be able to give more time and money to constructive preparedness and relief work.

They have agreed to pledge themselves to buy inexpensive clothing and simple food and to watch and prevent all kinds of waste. They have informally appealed to all the women of the country to join them, not only as individuals, but by organizing to prevent possible suffering later on.

Mrs. Wilson and Miss Margaret Wilson, the unmarried daughter of the president, are now paying more attention to the details of the management of the White House establishment than ever before.

Bad Cough? Feverish? Gripy.

You need Dr. King's New Discovery to stop that cold, the soothing balsamic ingredients heal the irritated membranes, soothe the sore throat, the antiseptic qualities kill the germ and your cold is quickly relieved. Dr. King's New Discovery, for 48 years has been the standard remedy for coughs and colds in thousands of homes. Get a bottle today and have it handy in your medicine chest for coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all bronchial affections. At your drug gist, 50c.

Sixteen Kentucky Distillers to Conserve Grain Supply.

James E. Pepper, head of a well known whisky distilling plant, has announced in Chicago that his plant in Lexington, Ky., will make no whisky during the progress of the war. He declares that his action is due to the shortage in grain and that it is the patriotic duty of every citizen to conserve the supply.

Fifteen other Kentucky distillers will take similar action. They all have offered to supply the government with their available stock of alcohol.

Stop Left Over Coughs

Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey will stop that hacking cough that lingers from January. The soothing pine balsams loosen the phlegm, heal the irritated membranes, the glycerine relieves the tender tissues, you breathe easier and coughing ceases. Don't neglect a lingering cough, it is dangerous. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is antiseptic and pleasant to take, benefits young and old, get it at your druggist today. Formula on the bottle. 25c.

LEAKSVILLE-SPRAY

Leaksville-Spray's community week continued through Friday night when it closed with an excellent program. Wednesday was health day and in the afternoon Mr. J. A. Baldwin of Charlotte spoke on "The Health Condition of a Community."

Dr. C. C. Hudson, health officer of the city of Danville spoke on "Tuberculosis—Its Prevention and Cure." His address was very fine and greatly appreciated by the large audience. (Thursday was Thrift and Home Economic Day and Miss Jameson of Raleigh spoke to interested audience on the best ways in cooking. Her advice was very helpful.)

Hon. A. L. French of Sunny Home Farm, Draper, N. C., addressed the audience on Thrift after which Rev. W. J. Gordon, representing the local ministerial association read resolutions of appreciation voted Miss Maud Hewetson for her excellent work in our community the past few years.

Friday was Home Day. The program Friday evening opened a short negro dialogue by the Junior Gynnasium Boys of the Y. M. C. A. followed by an excellent address on "Taking Care of the Children," by Rev. W. E. Abernethy of Reidsville.

Rev. W. J. Gordon made a short talk on the work of the Juvenile Court in Leaksville-Spray. Mr. Lynch presented the premiums for the Home Products as follows:

- Best Loaf Bread—Mrs. Nettie Vernon.
 - Best Biscuits—Dorothy Hodges.
 - Best Loaf Cake—Mrs. Polly Vernon.
 - Best Layer Cake—Lilly Lee.
 - Best Pound Butter—Mrs. Munsey Gilley.
 - Best Jar Jelly—Mrs. Dava Robertson.
 - Best Jar Canned Fruit—Hazel Price.
 - Best Jar Preserves—Mrs. Atkins.
 - Best Jar Pickles—Mrs. D. M. Walker.
 - Best Sofa Pillow—Mrs. C. R. Godfrey.
 - Best Tatting—Mrs. R. L. Lovell.
 - Best Embroidery—Mrs. B. F. Ivie.
 - Best Quilt—Mrs. C. J. Gilley.
 - Best Bed-Spread—Mrs. T. G. Taylor.
 - Best Article of Clothing (By Girl)—Mary Sue Farrell.
 - Best Article for Home (by boy)—Sylvester Green.
 - Best Handicraft—Majie Thomas.
- The School Premiums are as follows:
- Best English Work (primary grades)—Howard Jones.
 - Best English Work (intermediate grades)—Gladys Owens.
 - Best Drawing (primary)—Lucy Stegall.
 - Best Drawing (intermediate)—Garet Casey.
 - Best Science—Philip Ray.
 - Best History—Elizabeth Jones.
 - Best Writing (primary)—Laura Price.
 - Best Writing (intermediate)—Margaret Marshall.
 - Best Fancy Work—Elizabeth Jones.
 - Best Manual Arts—Laura Martin.
 - Best Geography (primary)—Beasie Clark.
 - Best Geography (intermediate)—Walter Pullman.
- Thrift Premiums are as follows:
- Best Cartoon on Thrift—Sylvester Green.
 - Second Best Cartoon—Ed Hobbs.

TO THE VOTERS Of the Town of Reidsville

At a meeting of a body of representative citizens, believing that no question is too great for the judgment of the people, and that they can be trusted to vote upon any problem in which they are vitally interested, it was decided:

- 1st. That we use this method of announcing the principles for which said meeting stood and the names of the parties chosen to represent them.
- 2nd. That the ticket chosen, individually and collectively, stand for a Progressive and Greater Reidsville, and in Expansion, Conservatism and a policy which would encourage New Enterprises so necessary to our growth and development, and to help carry the burdens of up-to-date municipal improvements.
- 3rd. That the people be informed that no sale of the Municipal Electric Plant can be consummated except by a direct vote of the people.
- 4th. That the question of selling the Municipal Electric Plant should be eliminated at this time and not made an issue in the election.
- 5th. That the following ticket was named for the various offices at the coming Town Election and we commend the above to all the people for their consideration.

DR. M. P. CUMMINGS, For Mayor
IRA R. HUMPHREYS, For Recorder
E. H. WRENN, For Solicitor

N. C. THOMPSON
G. E. CRUTCHFIELD
JNO. F. SCOTT
W. B. WRAY
J. F. SMITH
Commissioners

We solicit your serious consideration and support of the above named gentlemen.

JACK PINNIX, Chairman.

April 19, 1917.

Agricultural Premiums:
Best Exhibit of Corn—A. L. French
Best Exhibit of Wheat—J. R. Dunn
Best Exhibit of Rye—J. H. Haizlip
Best Exhibit of Rye—J. M. Price

Leaksville-Spray Community Week opened Tuesday with the session in charge of the Ministerial Association. After a Victrola concert Rev. R. E. White spoke on "Why the Working Man Should Attend Church." Rev. G. C. Brinkman "The Community's Debt to the Church;" Rev. W. J. Gordon on "The Churches' Debt to the Community;" Rev. J. F. Armstrong on "The Sunday School and Church in the Community;" Rev. T. M. Green on "The Graded Sunday School Lessons;" Rev. C. M. Anderson on "The Church Census."

All these talks were to the point and very much enjoyed. The evening program opened with a Japanese chorus by eight girls. Rev. G. C. Brinkman introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. J. A. Baldwin of Charlotte. He spoke of our splendid results of co-operation in this community and how much more we could do with continued co-operation among the people. His lecture was much enjoyed.

Mr. Luther Hodges of Chapel Hill spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. Jesse A. Self of Lynchburg is visiting friends here.

Mrs. M. L. Heiner and daughters spent Wednesday in Danville.

Miss Irene Dillon has returned from a visit to friends in Greensboro.

Mrs. C. H. Jones has returned from St. Leo's hospital in Greensboro very much improved.

Prof. C. M. Beach has been on the sick list for the past few days.

Miss Florence Hughes who has been teaching at Spray High School returned to her home in Greensboro.

Miss Jessie Knight of Ridgeway is visiting in Leaksville.

Read the paper regularly.

A Card.

We, the undersigned candidates for the position of Town Commissioners, chosen by a mass meeting of representative citizens of Reidsville, pledge ourselves, when elected, to give to the people of the town a vote upon the proposition of selling the light and power plant, and not dispose of, or dismantle same, otherwise. We are willing to abide by the wishes of the voters of our town.

(Signed)
W. B. WRAY,
JNO. F. SCOTT,
G. E. CRUTCHFIELD,
N. C. THOMPSON,
J. F. SMITH

MOTHER SUPERIOR

Says Vinol Creates Strength

Rosary Hill Home, Hawthorne, N. Y.—"I have used Vinol for many run-down, weak or emaciated patients with benefit. One young woman was so weak and ill she could hardly creep to my door for aid. I supplied Vinol to her liberally, and in a month I hardly recognized her. She was strong, her color charming and her cheeks rounded out."—MOTHER M. ALPHERA LATHROP, O. S. D.

We guarantee Vinol to sharpen the appetite, aid digestion, enrich the blood and create strength.

C. H. FETZER, Druggist.