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SENATE TO BEGIN FIGHT ON SELECTIVE DRAFT BILL TODAY

Made Order of Business in The Upper House Where It Displaces The Spy Bill—Passage of Measure Considered Certain in Face of Bitter Opposition by Supporters of Volunteer System.

HOUSE EXPECTED FALL IN LINE

Administration Members of Military Affairs Committee Preparing To Make Minority Report Favoring Conscription Measure.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The fight for the enactment of the administration's plan for raising an army by selective draft will open in the Senate tomorrow, having been made the order of business in the upper house where it displaced the spy bill today.

This will permit the Senate to get a 48-hour start on the House of Representatives in the race to get a measure providing for wartime organization of the United States army on the statute books. There is every indication that the contest in the Senate as between the advocates of conscription and the supporters of the old system of raising an army by voluntary enlistment, will result in victory for the administration's contention that the modern system of army enrollment is the desirable one for the United States at present.

The probable majority of the administration's plan has been variously estimated at from a dozen to forty. The almost certain favorable action of the Senate it is not believed can be accomplished before Tuesday or Wednesday. The debate will be long and bitter. It is certain that among the reasons advanced by some members of the opposition as to why the bill should not be passed will be the argument that the bill should be general in its terms and follow the lines laid down originally by the general staff.

In the House the report by administration members of the military affairs committee which on Wednesday refused to approve the conscription plan and favorably reported a volunteer bill is now in preparation. Representative Kahn, leader for the administration in the conscription fight, will make his views public tomorrow.

NOT TO INCREASE IMPORT DUTIES FOR REVENUES

Increases in Internal Taxation and Addition of Other Taxes Committee's Decision.

STRIKING ABSENCE OF PARTISANSHIP

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The opening session of the committee on ways and means which sat practically throughout today developed a remarkable absence of partisanship and expressed unanimity of opinion as to the methods to be pursued in framing the great war revenue bill to help pay for America's part in the world war.

Republicans and Democrats alike, realizing that in drafting a measure which must serve to increase the revenues of the United States to the total of \$2,000,000,000 per annum, came to a practical agreement that they would eliminate from the start all consideration of any added duties on imports and confine their efforts to framing a bill which would produce the needed Federal funds through increases in present internal taxation and the addition of other taxes wholly domestic in character.

MANY ALIENS FLOCKING TO COLORS OF U. S.

Poles, Austrian, Scandinavians and Other Foreigners Joining Army.

GREAT NUMBERS LEAVING THE MINES

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The alien-born population of the United States has begun flocking to the defense of the flag.

Representative W. Frank James, of the twelfth Michigan district, the inhabitants of which are largely alien employees of the iron mines there, tonight received a telegram from the president of the Business Men's Association of Ironwood, Mich., stating that great numbers of Poles, Austrians, Scandinavians and other foreigners had joined the United States army.

U-BOAT ALARM MADE LIFE ON SHIP MISERABLE

Passengers on French Liner Refused to Undress For Two Days and Two Nights.

AMERICAN WARSHIP SIGNALLED WARNING

NEW YORK, April 20.—Warnings of the vicinity of hostile submarines caused hours of anxiety to the passengers and crew of a French steamer which arrived today in an American port.

The last two days of the run to safety were made with every possible precaution. The steamer constantly changed her speed in order to render herself a difficult target for a torpedo. For two days and two nights the passengers did not undress. Only an American warship not far from America signalled the steamer and warned her that two enemy submarines were in the waters nearby.

TRY OUT THE NEW BOTTLING MACHINERY

New Coca-Cola Plant One of The Most Modern in Entire South.

The Coca-Cola people tried out their new bottling machinery yesterday and while the details of the plant is not in order for the full operation, enough was seen to know that it will be a decided success.

The machinery installed is something entirely new in these parts. It is automatic in its operation. The empty bottles are placed upon a chain belt, and they are not touched by human hands until they emerge, capped and ready for shipment to the trade.

Another feature is, that they have a refrigeratory system that chills the water before it is bottled, thereby, they claim makes a much better drink.

BOND BILL WILL LIKELY BECOME LAW TUESDAY

House and Senate Conferees Agree—Way Cleared For Speedy Action.

BILL AS PASSED BY SENATE APPROVED

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The \$7,000,000,000 bond bill will probably become a law Tuesday.

The conferees of the House and Senate having in charge the adjustment of the several points in disagreement between the two Houses came to terms today. On Monday, when the House meets the conferees on behalf of the House will report their agreement to that body where there is every reason to believe their action will receive approval and the bill be rushed to the Senate for similar action. The conference today resulted in acceptance by House members of practically all the amendments inserted by the Senate. This included the provision which Secretary McAdoo asked to have embodied in the act whereby the secretary of the treasury is authorized to deposit the funds from the sale of the one year certificates and the bonds in the trust companies and banks not members of the Federal Reserve system.

President Wilson is expected to sign the bond issue not later than Tuesday afternoon.

CENSORSHIP PROVISIONS ARE MODIFIED

Punishment for Defiant Reporters Not to be So Severe as First Proposed.

LAI D ASIDE FOR THE SELECTIVE DRAFT BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The censorship provisions of the espionage bill now before the United States Senate were materially modified today. The fight to liberalize the provisions of the bill dealing with the press, ended in a sort of compromise, although the main contention of the administration that adequate regulation and adequate punishment for offenses against the United States in wartime was won.

An amendment offered by Senator Thomas of Colorado, which provided that when only the intent to convey information to the enemies of the United States for use against the United States in time of war was proved, the penalties may become operative, were defeated by a vote of 34 to 40.

In the course of the debate Senator Stone, of Missouri, stated that it was the apparent intention of the Senate to take too tender care of the reporters whom, he asserted, were not deserving of quite so much solicitude as the opponents of the more drastic provisions seemed willing to extend.

Following the satisfactory remodeling of the censorship features of the bill the Senate laid it aside and under special agreement substituted the selective draft bill as the order of business for tomorrow.

WOMEN AID GUARD AS LEGISLATURE FAILS

DENVER, COLO., April 20.—Colorado's women voluntarily are paying a military poll tax.

MISS RANKIN TO FIGHT FOR WOMAN'S VOTE

Congresswoman Announces She Will Make Demands Before Senate Committee.

SUFFRAGETTES NOW PREDICT VICTORY

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—Representative Jeannette Rankin, of Montana, the only woman who has ever held a seat in Congress, has begun a fight in Congress for national woman suffrage.

Miss Rankin, who was elected on the Republican ticket, announced tonight that she will demand equal suffrage at a hearing to be given prominent suffragettes by the Senate Woman Suffrage Committee on April 26. Miss Rankin will be assisted in her petition by many women prominent in the national woman's party. The announcement of Representative Rankin that she would fight for equal suffrage created enthusiasm among suffrage leaders here tonight. Ever since her election last November Miss Rankin has been besieged by petitions urging her to lead the fight for suffrage when she took her seat in Congress but she continuously declined to tell any one what her position upon that subject would be.

Some of the more enthusiastic suffragettes declared tonight that Miss Rankin's stand for suffrage assured the passage of a national equal suffrage measure.

URUGUAY TAKES ARMS TO REPEL THE GERMANS

Troops Ordered to Border To Prevent Invasion of Teutons From Brazil.

FIGHTING CONTINUES IN SOUTHERN BRAZIL

BUENOS AIRES, April 20.—The government of Uruguay is using every arm of the service, including the militia to repel an invasion of Germans from southern Brazil, where fighting is believed to be continuing between the Germans and Brazilian troops. All Uruguayan troops were ordered into the field tonight, read a dispatch from Montevideo.

The condition in southern Brazil is described today as serious. The agitation along the border over which refugees have been flocking for two days indicates no abatement in the disorders in Brazil, which began with anti-German riots at Porto Alegre, and soon spread over a large area to the southward.

The Uruguayan government, said tonight's dispatches from Montevideo has ordered to the frontier the artillery and cavalry reinforced by a large portion of the infantry. It was said that the entire army had been mobilized at several points in the little republic. The national guard was ordered mobilized tonight to prepare to take the field if necessary.

FRENCH GAINS ALL ALONG THE TEUTONIC LINE

King George, Royal Family and Dignitaries Attend Service of Celebration.

ALL ENGLAND PAYS TRIBUTE TO AMERICA

King George, Royal Family and Dignitaries Attend Service of Celebration.

"STAR SPANGLED BANNER" IS SUNG

LONDON, April 20.—All England showed today how deeply the nation's feelings are toward America. It was America day from the King down. All Britains gave vent to the warmest of expressions for the new ally.

King George, the Royal Family and all the greatest dignitaries of the land attended an impressive service of celebration at St. Paul's Cathedral which ended with the general singing of "The Star Spangled Banner." The American flag and "Union Jack" were entwined in the Cathedral throughout the day.

Sing The Marseillaise As They Storm Forward in Answer to a Berlin War Office Statement That the Retreat on the German-Franco Front Had Ended—Siegfried Line Reached By The Attackers.

AT NO STAGE OF GREAT DRIVE HAS FIGHTING BEEN MORE TERRIFIC

LONDON, April 20.—A mocking echo came from French singing the Marseillaise as they stormed forward today in answer to a Berlin war office statement that the retreat on the German-Franco front had ended yesterday, a redoubtable new line, the "Siegfried line," having been reached. On and on swept the French soldiers into Teuton positions along the whole 60-mile front between Soissons and Auberive. Tonight the French official communique gave the total number of Germans taken prisoners on this front since last Monday at more than 19,000. The booty so far includes more than 100 German big guns.

Today's battle was centered chiefly upon several miles of front in the Argonne. At no stage of the new French drive have the Teutons battled so tenaciously, hit back so ferociously as within the last twelve hours. When, after a series of assaults that were characterized as bitter, the French finally carried some of the trenches that formed their objectives, they found them manned by dead Germans. Dead men stood as they had died in the pits, or sat in the bottom where they had crouched vainly seeking shelter from the earth disrupting shell fire. Smashing ahead toward Laon, the main strategic aim of Gen. Nivelle, the French today took by storm the village of Sancy, thus straightening out their front from Laffaux on the west to Jouy on the east. Midway between these two positions they faced the formidable fort of Halmeyon.

To the west of Sancy the French today were subjected to one of the most furious Teuton counter drives delivered since the spring operation began. For hours and hours the German guns had freshened up until finally at six o'clock tonight the Teuton infantry stormed forth along the line of Ailles and Burdeois. The first attacking waves were met by a murderous French fire and the assailants were literally cut to pieces.

In a series of brilliant bayonet charges the French wrested several important positions from the Germans in the Champagne to the east of Rheims. Meanwhile Sir Douglas Haig resumed his push against a portion of the Hindenburg line, pressing forward around Villers, midway between St. Quentin and Cambrai. The British here reported a point seven and a half miles from Cambrai, one of the key-points of the German defense line, as falling before their attacks.

BILLY SUNDAY GETS 1,500 MORE RECRUITS

Second Call in New York Went Forth to a Throng Composed Mainly of Women.

NEW YORK, April 20.—For the second time in New York Billy Sunday blew the gospel bugle tonight and nearly 1,500 of the 20,000 persons in his tabernacle plowed the "sawdust trail" to shake hands with him.

About half this number of "trail hitters" signed the cards, pledging themselves to fight under the sign of the cross. Unlike his first call on Thursday night the summons tonight went forth to a throng composed mainly of women.

SHIPPERS LOSE FIGHT AGAINST RATES INCREASE

Arguments Fail to Cause Interstate Commerce Commission To Change Views.

NEARLY ALL ADMIT INCREASE NECESSARY

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—American shippers today in an all-day hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission fought a losing fight against the petition of the railroads for a 15 per cent general increase in freight rates.

At the close of the day it was evident that unless more forceful arguments

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STATE FACES HUMILIATION, SAYS BICKETT

Must Not Fail to Meet Modest Demand on State for Naval Recruits.

ALL CITIZENS SHOULD TAKE ACTIVE INTEREST

Will the people of North Carolina be humiliated by the failure to secure the four hundred volunteers for the navy asked of North Carolina by the administration? It is the opinion of Governor Bickett that such will be the case unless the mayors or other interested parties in all towns with a population of twenty-five hundred or more, take the matter in hand and bring some pressure to bear on those eligible for enlistment, and induce them to answer the call to the colors.

The number named as North Carolina's part of the men required to bring the naval force up to war strength, is four hundred, but up to the present time, less than seventy-five volunteers have been received, according to a statement in an appeal by Governor Bickett for enlistments.

In a letter to Mayor Bangert, the Governor states: "I think that every citizen in the State will feel deeply humiliated if the State fails to meet so modest a demand as is now made by the government."

MR. ROY WHITE MAY SING AT MINSTRELS

May Come Here To Take Part in Elks Production on Next Friday Night.

It is rumored that Mr. Roy White, better known as "Buzz," will be here next Friday night, and sing in the Elks' Minstrel. He is some soloist, and made a decided hit in the Elks' Minstrel that were pulled off in Norfolk some time ago.

The date for the production of the local effort will be Friday, the 27th of April.

The cast had a lovely rehearsal last night at the club and the professor is very much pleased at the progress that is being made.

BILL FOR FOOD CONTROL TO BE PUT THROUGH

Leaders Of Both Branches Of Congress Promise to Speed-Up Measure.

TO INCREASE POWERS TRADE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—Legislative machinery was set in motion tonight to vest the greatest possible power in the government to fix maximum and minimum prices of food stuffs and to control food production, distribution and marketing. The legislation will be in close conformity to the recommendations made to Congress by Secretary of Agriculture Houston with the approval of President Wilson.

Senate and House leaders assured Secretary Houston tonight that a measure embodying the basic principle of his report would be introduced at once and rushed through both houses. Conferences of leaders were held to draft a bill that will grant the authority demanded by the President and his advisors.

The proposed legislation will also include every safeguard to protect civilian population of the country against any form of war profits, and to this end the powers of the Federal Trade Commission probably will be enlarged. Under present laws the commission is limited to finding unfair methods of competition and practices that prejudice public interests. The commission, it is said, will be further empowered to conduct a nationwide survey of the food situation, and provisions will be made for the funds necessary to conduct that task.

PROPOSES WILD GAME AS WAR TIME ASSET

DENVER, COLO., April 20.—W. B. Frazer, state fish and game warden, has presented to the state war council plans whereby the number of fish and amount of game in the state will be increased materially. The plan, which, it is believed will be adopted at once, will increase the stock in the state game preserves so that it will be no negligible factor if other food resources of the state are drawn on too heavily.

In cheering for Uncle Sam he sure you are not inspired by the cup that cheers.