

# Military Training in Schools

One of the most immediate effects of the great war in Europe has been to stimulate among the American militarists the determination to secure military training among all the school boys of our country, with a view ultimately to develop a great army after the European pattern, says the Advocate of Peace.

At a meeting of the department of superintendence of the National Education association, held in Cincinnati, February 24, 1915, the war department proposed the appointment of a committee of conference, in order to secure the introduction in the public schools of military drill as a direct preparation for the event of war.

The educators, however, immediately scented danger. The superintendent of public instruction in the state of Pennsylvania, Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, made a significant speech of protest, and succeeded in counteracting the proposals of the war department. Practically the entire audience of superintendents rose and vigorously applauded, giving Dr. Schaeffer a genuine ovation.

The military men, though much disturbed by the attitude of these leading educators, are not discouraged, and are following up their proposals by the usual appeals to patriotism to rally their forces. It is a situation fraught with grave danger to the nation. The friends of peace ought at once, all of them, to bestir themselves, for unless strenuous efforts are made to prevent militarism from invading our schools, it is certain not to be long before we shall see it an accomplished fact.

Some of Dr. Schaeffer's remarks deserve careful consideration:

"It is a widespread notion that military drill benefits a boy's physique and that it is an essential part of physical education. If this be so, why are the girls excluded from military drill? The war brides need as much bodily health and vigor as the soldiers who marry them, if future

generations are not to show signs of decadence. Military drill for girls would be the logical conclusion if military drill were essential to the development of a healthy body and a sound mind. Investigations have shown the contrary to be true, and in these days nothing in educational practice is considered conclusive unless based upon scientific experiments.

Dr. Schaeffer then quoted various authorities to show the defectiveness of military drill as a means of physical culture. From the consideration of physical grounds he proceeded to the moral aspect of the question:

"Military drill seeks to develop unquestioning obedience, but it does not develop obedience to conscience, to a sense of right, and to the divine imperative of duty. . . . Having been taught by militarism that it is permissible to suspend the Decalogue for his country's sake, he (the pupil) is in danger afterwards of repealing the Ten Commandments for his own sake whenever any advantage can thereby be gained in the political or financial world."

Continuing, Dr. Schaeffer asked the question, Will preparedness for war prevent war? "The present European war is the answer to that question. . . . There might have been no war if there had been no military class anxious to try the inventions and preparations which had been made during four decades." In conclusion, he pleaded for the teaching of history from the peace point of view, and, after referring to the Civil war, exclaimed: "If we would avoid plunging the land of the Stars and Stripes into another hell, let us keep military drill out of the public schools."—San Francisco Star.

## INDIAN BOY TELLS WHO WINS IN WHISKEY TRADE

The United States Indian service has just completed a gold-silver-bronze medal contest for essays on the subject "Alcohol and My Future." The territory of the United States is divided into supervisors' districts. The best essay in each grade for a supervisors' district wins a silver medal. For the best essay from each grade in each school in the United States a bronze medal is given, and for the best essay furnished from each grade in the entire United States a gold medal will be given. The grading of papers for the supervisor's district of Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado, excepting schools like Phoenix, Albuquerque and Santa Fe, which form a class of their own, was assigned to Superintendent Perry of the local Indian school. His work in this contest has just been finished and the papers forwarded to Washington for final action.

Among the many unique statements found in these papers by Superintendent Perry was one furnished by an Indian boy in the Leupp school, Arizona, which is as follows:

"The distillery gets four gallons of whiskey from one bushel of corn, and the whiskey retails for \$16.80. The amount is apportioned as follows:

- The farmer for corn gets . . . . \$ .45
  - The government, for taxes, gets 4.40
  - The railroad, for hauling, gets . . . . .80
  - The manufacturer gets . . . . . 4.00
  - The drayman gets . . . . . . . . . .15
  - The saloonkeeper gets . . . . . . . . 7.00
  - The man who purchases the whiskey gets . . . . . . . . . . drunk
  - His wife gets . . . . . . . . . . hungry
  - His children get . . . . . . . . . . rags
  - The man who votes for the saloon gets . . . . . . . . . . fooled
- Albuquerque (N. M.) Journal.



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## THE DELUDED PEOPLES

The fact that the people of neither Germany, France, England, Russia, Belgium, Austria, nor Serbia, had any voice as to the beginning or prosecution of this monstrous war, is something to think about.

The people of the various nations at war are furnishing the fighters and doing the fighting; they are dying by hundreds of thousands; they are paying the eighty-five million dollars a day which is the present cost of the war. For a hundred years to come, the people—the farmers, the artisans, the clerks, the shopkeepers, and their wives and children and descendants—will be paying for this war.

They didn't want the war. They were never consulted about it at all. From the beginning it has been the people, the common, every-day, peace-loving, home-keeping people that have perished and paid. Their blood and treasure have been wasted and wanted over a hundred European battlefields. Their widows and orphans have been starved, terrified and persecuted. Their cities have been razed, their churches desecrated, their marts dismantled and their farms turned into graveyards.

And they don't know what it is all about. Who wished this war on the good people of the twelve nations now engaged in it? What power, what interest, what conceit, what arrogance, what miscarriage of government can it be which, at this day and stage of so-called Christian civiliza-

tion, can plunge so many millions of rational people into so barbaric and futile a carnage.

No writer or statesman has yet given even a partial explanation of the cause and origin of this war. All we know is that the people of the countries at war did not and do not want war.—The Minneapolis Journal.

## NOT RICH

"Every time Dubson opens his mouth he gives himself away."

"Even at that, he's no philanthropist." —Birmingham Age Herald.

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