

# SENATE DEFEATS DRAFT AGE RAISE

## Fall Amendment to Army Measure Is Rejected by Vote of 49 to 25.

# SHIP SHORTAGE IS FEARED

## Senator Warren Warns Vessels for Troop Movement to France Soon Will Be Reduced by Expiration of Contracts With Allies.

Washington, July 1.—The senate on Friday, by a vote of 49 to 25, rejected the fall amendment making the draft age limits twenty to forty years, in lieu of the present limits of twenty-one to thirty-one years.

With the defeat of this amendment the chief obstacle to the passage of the \$12,000,000,000 army bill was removed.

A test vote on a motion of Senator Hardwick of Georgia put the senate on record in favor of lowering the draft age limit below twenty-one years. Senator Hardwick moved to substitute twenty-one years for twenty years as the minimum age limit in the fall amendment. His motion was rejected by a vote of 41 to 33.

Several amendments offered to the fall amendment were voted down.

Senator New of Indiana proposed an amendment involving the principle of universal military training. It provided for the training of young men, beginning at twenty years. Senator Warren of Wyoming spoke against it.

Senator Warren warned the senate that shipping for troop movement to France soon would be reduced by the expiration of contracts with the allied governments.

The new amendment was voted down without a roll call.

Senator Hitchcock brought up his amendment designed to remove embarrassing international complications by exempting neutrals from the draft. After some modifications, which may be revised, it was adopted, 43 to 16.

Senator McCumber of North Dakota declared for an army of 5,000,000 men. "And by that I mean 5,000,000 fighting men," he explained; "not 5,000,000 men of whom only 60 per cent are fighting men."

# U-BOAT IS BEATEN—SCHWAB

## Master Shipbuilder Says America Will Be Greatest Maritime Nation in the World.

Chicago, July 1.—Charles M. Schwab, master shipbuilder of the world and premier business man, came to Chicago spreading the spirit of victory.

"The submarine?" he said in response to a query. "It's beaten already. I seldom make predictions, and I'm not breaking that rule now. I'm simply telling you a fact."

"And about the shipbuilding program?" he was asked.

"We will launch between 90 and 100 ships on July 4," he said, "with a total tonnage of over 500,000. The United States in time will be the greatest maritime nation in the world. The American flag, which has virtually been driven from the seas of commerce, will be seen in every port in the world after the war. It will revolutionize our whole national life."

# NEW CZAR ON RUSS THRONE?

## Bolshevik Government Reported Overthrown by Korniloff and Huns—Grand Duke Proclaimed.

London, July 1.—The bolshevik government in Russia has been overthrown and Nicholas Nicholavitch has been elected emperor, according to a wireless dispatch from Stockholm. Nicolai Lenin and Leon Trotsky, respectively the bolshevik premier and foreign minister, are reported to have fled. The wireless dispatch added that troops under General Korniloff and General Kaledines, and also German forces, had occupied Moscow.

The German newspaper Deutsche Tageszeitung credits the rumor in Russian circles that "the overthrow of the bolshevik regime in Russia is imminent," said an Exchange Telegraph dispatch.

# HOUSE PASSES BOND ISSUE

## Measure Authorizing \$8,000,000,000 Approved Without a Dissenting Vote.

Washington, July 1.—Without a dissenting vote and with virtually no debate, the house on Friday passed the bill authorizing an additional bond issue of \$8,000,000,000.

250,000 Tons of Sugar Sold. New York, July 1.—An option to buy 250,000 tons of Cuban sugar of the 1917-18 crop has been exercised by the international sugar committee, according to an announcement by the committee here.

Eight New Major Generals. Washington, July 1.—Nominations of 1917 brigadier generals in the National army to be major generals and of 43 colonels to be brigadier generals were sent to the senate by President Wilson.

# LIEUT. JAMES C. STALEY



Lieut. James C. Staley, arrested in connection with the investigation of alleged graft made on government contracts. It is expected that further investigation will reveal the men "higher up" who were guilty of awarding government contracts to big concerns and collecting undue remuneration therefor.

# SAYS NO PEACE NEAR

## REICHSTAG GIVEN WAR AIMS BY VON KUEHLMANN.

### Quotes Asquith About Britain Being Open to Peace Offer—Blames Russ for Conflict.

Amsterdam, June 27.—Reviewing the military situation in the reichstag at Berlin Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, foreign secretary, declared that victories had given the Germans the initiative in France.

"We can hope that the summer and autumn will bring to our arms a new and great success," he continued.

"When one makes a wide survey of events one must ask whether the war, according to human calculations, will last beyond the autumn or the winter or beyond the next year. There is a common idea among the people that the length of the war is something absolutely new, as if the authoritative quarters had in our time never reckoned on a very long war. This idea is incorrect."

Dr. von Kuehlmann quoted Von Moltke, who in 1890 in the reichstag said that if war broke out its duration and end could not be calculated.

"The declarations of our enemies, especially of English statesmen, allow as yet no peaceful ray of light to fall on the darkness of this war."

Germany cannot blind herself to any pledges in regard to Belgium, Doctor Kuehlmann said, and that in view of Germany's resources "our enemies must perceive that the idea of victory for the entente is a dream."

Dr. von Kuehlmann also declared that, considering the magnitude of the war, its end can hardly be expected through purely military decisions alone and without recourse to diplomatic negotiations.

# RUSSIA TO FIGHT—KERENSKY

## Former Premier Makes Statement at British Labor Meet in London—Will Visit U. S.

London, June 28.—Alexander Kerensky, former provisional premier of Russia, who was ousted from power by the bolsheviks, has arrived here on his way to America.

Kerensky reached London incognito four days ago from Moscow. Since then he has moved about quietly, though busily, conferring with prominent Russians in England over the necessity of entente allied assistance in Russia.

Kerensky was introduced to the British labor conference here on Wednesday, and was received by the delegates with loud cheers. He said:

"I have just come straight from Moscow, and it is my duty as a statesman and a Socialist to tell you and the people of the world that the Russian people, the Russian democracy, are fighting against tyranny."

"I believe, indeed I am certain, that the Russian people will shortly join you in the fight for the great cause of freedom." Kerensky expects to go to America in a week or ten days.

Kerensky's appearance before the laborites was a complete surprise. When Arthur Henderson, minister without portfolio in the British war council and former labor leader in the house of parliament, introduced him, he spoke in Russian.

# Czar Is Reported Slain.

Copenhagen, June 27.—Russian Red guards have broken into the residence of Nicholas Romanoff, the former Russian emperor, at Ekaterinburg, and murdered him, according to the Russian newspaper Vjiti, says a Stockholm dispatch to the National Tidende.

# Add 129 to Enemy Trading List.

Washington, July 1.—One hundred and twenty-nine foreign firms were added to the enemy trading list by the war trade board. Mexico heads the list of additions, with 63 firms, with Spain second with 20.

Philadelphia Newspaper Suspends. Philadelphia, July 1.—Announcement was made that the Evening Telegraph has been purchased by Cyrus H. K. Curtis, owner of the Public Ledger. The Evening Telegraph ceased publication Saturday.

# FORMER CZAR SHOT TO DEATH

## Kiev Dispatch Confirms Report Russian Ex-Ruler Was Killed by Bolsheviki.

# HIS FATE DECREED BY COURT

## Son of Deposed Autocrat Declared to Have Passed Away While in Exile—Grand Duke Heads Counter-Revolution.

London, June 29.—A dispatch from Kiev dated Wednesday declares the report of the assassination of former Emperor Nicholas has been confirmed. It is stated he was killed by bolshevik troops during their retreat on Ekaterinburg.

The Kiev message was received at Basel, Switzerland, and forwarded here by the Havas correspondent in that city.

A dispatch from Geneva says: "The Ukraine bureau at Lausanne announced it has received confirmation of the report that the bolshevik authorities at Ekaterinburg condemned Nicholas Romanoff, the former Russian emperor, to death after a short trial and then shot him. Details of the reported execution are lacking."

Rumors are current in Petrograd that Alexis Romanoff, son of former Czar Nicholas, died a few days ago, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, reported at the head of a counter-revolutionary movement, now is at Omsk, on the Siberian steppes, according to Russian advices forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Copenhagen.

Former Czar Nicholas was the last of the house of Romanoff.

Nicholas succeeded his father, Alexander III, in 1894. Thirteen days later he married Princess Alice of Hesse. Under his decree Russia was changed from an absolute monarchy to a constitutional monarchy.

With the outbreak of the world war the former czar seemed to have gained vast popularity among his subjects. Then came defeats for his army and revolt in his empire.

On March 15, 1917, a deputation from the duma demanded his abdication. He signed it, and with his family was taken a short time later to Tobolsk, a squalid Siberian city.

Dispatches telling of the former czar's removal to Ekaterinburg said his son, once heir apparent to Russia's throne, was too ill to be moved. The boy had been the victim of a mysterious malady from boyhood.

# MAY TRAIN ALL U. S. YOUTHS

## President Reported Preparing to Advocate Universal Military Training as War Measure.

Washington, June 29.—President Wilson, it was learned from an authoritative source, is preparing to advocate universal military training as a war measure.

The tentative plan of the administration is to submit to congress at an early date, a bill extending the draft age and also establishing universal military training for American youths below the draft age. It transpired on Thursday that the prospective embodiment of this plan in an administration measure accounted for Secretary of War Baker's urgent recommendation that the senate postpone action on the proposed extension of the draft age until the war department completes a survey of national man power and brings in a comprehensive scheme for the expansion of the army.

The general staff of the army is now formulating the entire plan for the development of the armies which must be relied upon to defeat Germany.

# MAY BAR BEER IN 90 DAYS

## Senate Agricultural Committee Agrees on Prohibition Rider for Appropriation Bill.

Washington, June 29.—The senate agricultural committee on Thursday agreed upon an amendment to the emergency agricultural appropriation bill providing for national prohibition.

Under the amendment the manufacture and sale of whisky and wine would be prohibited after June 30, 1919, and the manufacture and sale of beer three months after the approval of the bill by the president.

The amendment was framed by Senator Norris of Nebraska as a substitute for one by Senator Jones of Washington, and was adopted by the committee by a vote of 8 to 3.

Chairman Gore said that an effort would be made to bring the bill up for consideration at once.

# Fox Quits Bible Society Post.

New York, July 1.—The American Bible society announced the resignation of Dr. John Fox, D. D. LL. D., who for 20 years has served the society as corresponding secretary. The resignation will take effect July 1.

# Drummers May Get 2 1/2-Cent Rate.

Washington, July 1.—After hearing arguments of commercial travelers, Gerrit Fort took under consideration for recommendation proposals for a universal mileage book containing 5,000 miles at 2 1/2 cents a mile.

# MRS. WM. CUMMINGS STORY



Mrs. William Cummings Story, former president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was arrested in New York on indictments charging her with grand larceny, petty larceny and conspiracy in connection with the affairs of the National Emergency Relief society, of which she is president.

# NO CHANGE IN DRAFT

## SECRETARY BAKER HAS NEW ARMY PROGRAM.

### War Chief Declares 3,300,000 Men Will Be in the Service by August.

Washington, June 28.—After Secretary Baker and General March had opposed revision of draft age limits and announced that within 90 days the war department would submit a new and enlarged army program, the senate military committee on Wednesday voted against any legislation to change the draft age limits from twenty-one and thirty-one years to twenty and forty years.

Senator Chamberlain announced that it is proposed to call in August 300,000 draft men, in September 150,000, in October 150,000, in November 150,000 and in December 125,000.

These, he said, are expected to exhaust class I.

Senator Hitchcock gave figures stating that in August, when the final call on men in class I will have exhausted that class, there will be 3,300,000 men in the army and the highest estimate of the number of American troops which will be in France by that time is 1,450,000.

Secretary Baker said an "enlarged" program for the army is planned in a formal statement made after he had been closeted with the committee for nearly three hours with his aids.

# HUNGARIAN TROOPS MUTINY

## 2,000 of Emperor Carl's Soldiers Sentenced to Die—General Strike in Budapest.

Paris, July 1.—There have been rebellious outbreaks in the garrisons of the cities of Gyor and Pecs, Hungary, as a result of which 2,000 of the military involved in the mutiny have been condemned to death, according to reports received by the Matin.

Both Austria and Hungary are affected by the revolutionary movement, which is said to be in progress on a large scale in Austria, the newspaper's dispatch says. The spirit of revolt is said to be strongly pervasive in the army. Violent demonstrations are reported to have occurred in numerous cities.

# WILL CONFER ON CAPTIVES

## Germany Accepts Invitation of U. S. to Send Agents to Berne for Conference on August 5.

Washington, July 1.—Germany has accepted the invitation of the United States to send representatives to Berne, Switzerland, for a conference on August 5 with an American delegation on the general subject of exchange and treatment of prisoners of war.

# U. S. Flyer Killed.

Dayton, O., June 29.—Archie Freeman of Dayton, an airplane pilot, was killed and Robert Ahlers of Dayton, an ignition expert, was seriously injured when an airplane in which they were flying fell at Moraine field, near here.

# Girl Acquitted of Murder.

Chicago, June 29.—Pauline Plotka was acquitted of the murder of Dr. Anton Jindra by a jury in Judge Sabath's court. The jury deliberated three hours and a half. It is reported that five ballots were taken.

# SUGAR RULES DRASTIC

## Nebraskans Asked to Use But Two Pounds Per Capita Monthly—Certificates for Distributors.

New sugar regulations, which became effective July 1, are the most drastic yet promulgated by the food administration. They provide that all retail grocers must keep a check on their customers and sell sugar only to the amount of three pounds per month for each member of the family. Every grocer is expected to know the number of individuals in the families who buy from him. Under the national rules each consumer will be permitted to use three pounds of sugar per month, but the Nebraska food administration has made an appeal to people of this state to use only two pounds per month per individual. This does not apply to sugar to be used for canning and preserving. Four new classifications are added under the rules, and include the essentials and less essential manufacturers, making six classifications in all. The new classes are wholesalers, retailers, public eating places and bakers. Every distributor and user of sugar, with the sole exception of the consumer, can buy sugar only upon presentation of a certificate issued by the federal food administration for Nebraska. With a few exceptions, these certificates must be secured from the Omaha office of the administration.

Nebraska is called upon to furnish 4,000 men in the July draft summons. The draft selects will go to Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Ia., for training in place of Fort Riley and Camp Funston, where all the other Nebraska men trained.

The world's record price for heavy beef cattle, selling on the open market, was established at the South Omaha market when 33 steers, shipped by Elmer Graham of Creston, this state, sold for \$18.25 per hundred.

The interstate commerce commission has ordered that all points on the line of the Burlington railroad west of Curtis, and including Sterling, Colo., be included in the standard mountain time zone hereafter.

The state council of defense is sending letters to all county superintendents advising them to examine all English language text books to see they are thoroughly American in their teachings.

Sugar sales by wholesalers to retailers hereafter shall be limited to not more than a two weeks' supply, according to a ruling promulgated by the food administration for Nebraska.

Speaker Champ Clark of the lower house of congress, it is said, will speak at the meeting of the democratic state convention at Hastings, July 29, if congress is not in session then.

Fire of an unknown origin partially destroyed the building occupied by the Custer County Republican at Broken Bow. The plant of the Republican was severely damaged.

A large amount of grain was destroyed by fire when lightning struck the Farmers' Grain Elevator at Scotia. The elevator, which burned to the ground, will be rebuilt.

Over 100 threshmen met at Falls City recently and perfected an organization for the purpose of co-operating with the farmers to save every grain of wheat.

The new consolidated school building at Irwin is now practically completed. It is one of the finest structures of the kind in the state.

Refining plants to cost in the neighborhood of \$8,000,000 are in course of construction in the potash districts of western Nebraska.

Several school districts in Gage county voted to issue \$50,000 worth of bonds to build a consolidated school house at Filley.

Major L. E. Hohl of Albion, who is with the American forces in France, was cited for bravery by the French government.

Gurdon W. Wattles, Nebraska food administrator, was married the other day at Estes Park, Colo., to Miss Julia Vance of Lincoln.

The army casualty list of June 27 reported Corporal Joseph E. Palmer of Broken Bow as having died of wounds in France.

Women are driving Ford cars, used to pull binders in the harvest fields of Gage county. The plan is proving successful.

Many country school districts in Colfax county are raising the salaries of rural teachers from \$45 to \$80 a month, and good teachers are said to be scarce at \$80.

Nemaha county tabulations of the assessor's reports show an increase of nearly \$2,000,000 in the value of the personal property of the county above 1917.

More land is being broken up this season in Kimball county for 1913 fall wheat than in the past four or five years put together.

The Gage county defense council at a meeting at Beatrice passed resolutions against the use of the German language in any town in Gage county on the streets, or at any meeting.

The congregation of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, near Stella, bought \$24,500 worth of Liberty bonds and \$7,000 worth of War Savings Stamps.

Wencesl Miklas, 19, and Miss Adella Cunk, 17, of Dodge, were drowned in Wordeman lake, near Wisner, when a boat in which they were rowing, capsized.

# Asks Aid in Compiling List.

Governor Neville is seeking the aid of Nebraskans in the work of compiling a list of soldiers and sailors from this state who have entered any branch of the service in order that they may be permitted to vote under the new Nebraska franchise law. The governor also plans to keep a record of the achievements of Nebraskan lads in the fight for justice and freedom. This is an important service which every Nebraskan can render the boys. In forwarding the information, as indicated below, address it to "Governor Keith Neville, Nebraska Soldiers Bureau, State House, Lincoln, Neb."

Nebraska Soldiers and Sailors Data. County of .....  
Soldier's name.....  
Home address.....  
Date of birth.....  
Date of enlistment.....  
Nearest relative.....  
Address.....  
Organization and rank.....  
Present address.....

The state railway commission refused to comply with a request from Director General McAdoo that express rates in Nebraska be increased some 37 1/2 per cent without a hearing to substantiate the raise. Mr. McAdoo, in his request, said he desires uniform rates to prevail over the entire country, and while he might file rates himself, he would prefer that the commission do so. The rates in Nebraska are 25 per cent lower than in most states. All but five state commissions have accepted the interstate commission rates, 25 per cent higher than Nebraska. To this the director general proposes adding 10 per cent more.

According to Governor Neville's proclamation calling for primary election August 20, candidates will be nominated for state executive offices, a United States senator and congressmen, senators and representatives of the state legislature on all party tickets. The nonpartisan slate will name six supreme court judges, four regents of state university, two superintendents of public instruction, four candidates for district judge in Third and two in the Tenth judicial districts.

A circular has been sent to local authorities by the State Council of Defense advising them not to permit organizations that promulgate alleged disloyal or unpatriotic literature and propaganda to hold meetings. It is presumably aimed at the Nonpartisan league, which the council recently asked to leave the state.

According to reports filed at state Red Cross headquarters at Omaha, Nebraska is one of the best organized states in the union for Junior Red Cross. Nebraska has twice as many junior auxiliaries as Michigan or Wisconsin, and only six less than Illinois, a state with eight times the population of Nebraska.

The Adams county council of defense has issued an order barring the speaking of German in all public places in the county. The order bars telephone conversations in German and calls for discontinuance of German newspaper subscriptions at expiration.

Second Lieutenant Robert H. Flansburg of Lincoln, member of one of Nebraska's best known families, was killed in action in France on June 15. Lieutenant G. P. Cather of Bladen, is another Nebraska officer to be reported killed in action, the date of his death being given as May 28.

Abandonment of the Nebraska annual state fair and utilization of the fair grounds at Lincoln as a permanent concentration camp to house from 4,000 to 6,000 soldiers during the period of the war is under consideration by state and government authorities.

Fear that it would raise bad feeling against the negro race, a restraining order was secured by Attorney General Reed from the Lancaster county district court prohibiting a Lincoln motion picture show from exhibiting the "Birth of a Nation" on the screen.

The Omaha Chamber of Commerce sent a message to Governor Neville approving the stand of the governor opposing the petition of the Nonpartisan League asking for the removal of R. L. Metcalfe of Omaha from the State Council of Defense.

A scheme is being worked out by Omaha business men whereby regular automobile truck lines are to be established within a territory of 100 miles of the city for the purpose of transporting live stock to the South Omaha market.

Five counties reporting the State Board of Assessment all show increases in valuation amounting to \$719,085. They are Banner, with \$113,167; Dundy, \$179,550; Grant, \$119,089; Phelps, \$150,194; Perkins, \$148,085.

Boyd county has a woman aspirant for the office of sheriff. She is Mrs. Christiansen of Monow, and has filed for the republican nomination. She has only one hand, but it is reported she can handle a gun with fair accuracy despite this handicap.

The webworm has invaded several sugar beet growing counties of western Nebraska and the crop is seriously menaced, according to reports reaching Assistant State Entomologist Swenk at Lincoln. Instructions as to how to combat the pest have been sent throughout the district.

In the counties of Nuckolls, Furness, Gosper, Frontier, Perkins, Keith, Morrill, Banner, Box Butte, Cherry, Grant and Scottsbluff, school land valuations under sale appraisements have been increased \$32,000 over the old lease appraisements.