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**U. S. ASKS HIGH COURT TO DISMISS DRAFT APPEALS**

**GOVERNMENT ASSERTS CONSCRIPTION NORMAL METHOD OF RAISING ARMIES.**

**Situation in Russia Shows Can Be No Safety With Absolute Freedom.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—In a brief made public tonight, asking the supreme court to dismiss cases attacking the constitutionality of the selective draft law, the government asserts that power conferred upon congress to declare war carries with it authority to compel military service either at home or abroad. Compulsory draft is declared to have been a normal method of raising armies ever since this government was established the legality of which has been repeatedly upheld by the courts. The situation in Russia is pointed to, without mentioning the name, as a demonstration that there can with safety be absolute freedom in civilized societies. "If the argument against this law upon constitutional grounds be not frivolous," says the brief, "then that adjective has lost its legal significance."

**Nine Appeal From Law.**

The cases now before the court include nine appeals from Minnesota, Georgia and Ohio, in which persons were convicted of either failing to register on June 5 or of attempting to block the operations of the act by urging others of draft age not to comply with it. Among the cases are those of Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, convicted in New York after having made speeches opposing the law. Argument on them probably will begin Tuesday.

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for the restraint of the liberty of the citizen to a certain extent," the brief sets forth. "Yet to protect most truly the liberties of people who live together in communities, it is plain that some governmental organization and some exercise of governmental powers are necessary.

**No Absolute Freedom.**  
"There is no absolute freedom in civilized societies. Our own history prior to the adoption of the constitution and the present experience of one of the allies vividly show moreover that the government which exercises least powers may be the instrument of tyranny in the hands of domestic disturbers as well as the facile tool of foreign conquerors.

"Illustrations may be cited without number to show that in order to protect the liberties of the people as a whole the individual citizen may incidentally or temporarily be restrained of his liberties. Yet military service, cited as an extreme example of restriction of personal liberty, is only temporary incidental to the security of the citizens as a whole, and only so far imposed as is necessary for the purpose. "The few who are compelled to serve do so that the many who remain at home at the present time and the generations to come in the future, may enjoy those blessings of freedom which this government was established to secure."

**Contention Unfounded.**  
The brief characterizes as "unfounded" the contention that compulsory military service is contrary to the spirit of democracy and says that while occasions for the draft in this country have been infrequent, "it has been resorted to without flinching when the emergency arises."

It was largely through this method that the revolutionary war was successfully concluded, the government declares, and under the conditions of modern warfare this means of raising an army "the most prudent and equitable method which can be shaped."

"War now is not a matter of men, but of nations," it adds. "All of the resources of the combatants, human and material, are thrown into the scales. As it is in the power of the government to compel, so it is the duty of all its citizens to give, regardless of personal preference, the service which they can most efficiently render.

"Those who bear the responsibility

of leadership must have also the power to assign every citizen to the station he is best qualified to fill. Nor is it any longer just to leave the performance of military duties only to the most ardent and patriotic, instead of distributing them with equity over the population as a whole."

Replying to the contention that the militia cannot be ordered out by the president or sent abroad for duty, the government says:

"It has long been settled under our scheme of constitutional government and the statutes, that the power resides in only one person to decide when the emergency arises which justifies the calling out of the militia—that person is the commander-in-chief, the president. It is not even for the governor of the state, much less a private militiaman, to say that the president has wrongly decided.

**No Appeal to Courts.**

"The president, of course, should be scrupulously careful not to exceed the bounds of his constitutional authority. But the matter is solely within his discretion and from a decision made in exercise thereof, no appeal lies to the courts. Correction for possible abuse is in the power of impeachment and frequent elections.

"On the facts in the present case, moreover, it certainly could not be said that the commander-in-chief has exercised his discretion unwisely. Evidence to this effect is now not altogether lacking to the public."

**FEDERAL AID TO MOTHERS IS PLANNED, SAYS REPORT**

Washington, Dec. 10.—Federal protection of motherhood through federal grants similar to those made for agricultural extension is proposed in the annual report of the children's bureau of the Department of Labor made public today.

The plan, which is the outgrowth of five years' study of maternal mortality, showing that at least fifteen thousand women die each year from causes connected with child bearing, suggests that state and federal authorities combine to make accessible for every mother the care she needs for herself and her babies.

The report shows a great lack of facilities for caring for mothers in the United States, particularly in the rural sections. Here, the statement says, women between the ages of 20 and 45 died at a rate nearly equal to men, although the male death rate is greater than the female throughout life.

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**GERMAN MENACE HAS GROWN WORSE, SAYS HITCHCOCK**

**DECLARES PRUSSIAN MORE FORMIDABLE NOW THAN WHEN U. S. ENTERED THE WAR.**

**Lodge States Case for Those Desiring to Include Turkey and Bulgaria.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—In the debate on the war resolution Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska declared the action against Austria was merely one of policy, not principle.

"It seemed to me," he said, "that a declaration against Austria might be construed as endorsement of the extreme demands of Italy upon Austria, including loss of Austria's Adriatic seaports."

Senator Hitchcock said he considered that the president in his address indicated this country would not support any plan looking to the dismemberment of Austria or deprive her of an Adriatic port. "So, such language, coming from the president, is notice to Austria that in entering this war we do not do it to dismember the Austrian empire, but solely because she is making war on the United States."

"The German menace today is greater than when we declared war on Germany," he continued. "We have been a little misled into believing that Germany could be crumpled by the forces against her. The English censors have raised the veil slightly and I hope that the American people will also obtain a greater realization of the situation than they have."

Senators Owen and Vardaman also spoke briefly in support of the resolution.

**Lodge Would Include Turkey.**

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts scored the Turkish government and declared that to secure unity Bulgaria should also be recognized as a foe.

"The executive and the state departments, however," said Senator Lodge, "feel that action at this time is undesirable. In taking these grave steps in a declaration of war it is essential that we should act with most entire harmony. There ought to be no division. But it is not unsuitable to briefly state the reasons of those who believe Turkey and Bulgaria should be included.

"I believe technically a case could be made out in regard to Turkey. Turkish troops are now being employed on the Italian front, where we may be called upon to take part at any moment. Our soldiers may soon be in conflict with Turkish soldiers. But the principal argument having real weight is the danger to American life and property in Turkey. I hope due warning will be given Americans there because we do not wish their names added to the long list of Turkish massacres."

**Cities Turkish Massacres.**

In a ringing denunciation of the Turkish government Senator Lodge declared: "The Turks have been the scourge of Europe and Christendom; the pest and curse, the birthplace of countless massacres, the cause of innumerable wars. Massacres of which they have been guilty surpass belief. And never have the massacres been more serious than since they

passed under German domination. At least one-half of the Armenians have been slaughtered in cold blood.

"The other half sought refuge in Russia. Such a government as that is a curse to modern civilization. My earnest hope is that the result of the war will be the final extinction of the Turkish government in Europe and that the Dardanelles straits will be free to all nations and no longer, used for bargain in trade."

Senator Lodge closed by declaring the Austrian war declaration a "just and righteous step" and expressed belief that the declaration against Turkey and Bulgaria merely was postponed.

**Position of Bulgaria.**

Turning to Bulgaria, Senator Lodge said there was no feeling of hostility to the Bulgarian people, but that the "czar of the Bulgars" was entered into an alliance with Germany.

"It would be difficult to find in history," he said, "a meaner or baser figure. Bulgaria, as the president has said, is the tool of Germany. Bulgaria has a legation in this city. If her officers are friendly to this country, they are traitors to their own government; if true to their own government, there is a legation representing Germany and her allies in the capital of the United States. I would like to see it removed."

**HITCHCOCK STATES REASONS FOR WAR ON AUSTRIA**

Washington, Dec. 6.—Senator G. M. Hitchcock took part in a lengthy meeting of the senate committee on foreign relations today devoted to the consideration of the question of war on Austria. At the conclusion of the meeting, Senator Hitchcock stated that he would support the resolution and that the committee was unanimous.

For some time Senator Hitchcock has been in doubt as to the policy of declaring war on Austria at this time. He has regarded Austria as Germany's unwilling partner, already anxious to make peace if the Italian demands could be modified somewhat so that Austria could save her seaports in the Adriatic sea. He therefore doubted the wisdom of a declaration of war which would seem to endorse Italy's extreme demands. The president removed the objection in the address to congress by using the following language:

"We do not wish to impair or rearrange in any way the Austrian-Hungarian empire."

This puts the United States on record and notifies Austria that we are not making war on her to deprive her of her Adriatic seaports.

The president emphasizes this still more when he declares in favor of an "assured and unmolesated access to the sea," and says specifically, "I am thinking now of Austria."

"Information has come to senators since the president's address, indicating that there are important reasons why the war which practically already exists between the United States and Austria, should be openly declared. We have Austrian ships in our harbors, we have Austrian subjects in this country, and it is important to establish the proper relation with them. Besides this there are international reasons," said Senator Hitchcock.

thousands of Bohemians, Poles and Hungarians, while technically Austrians, are not in sympathy with Austria or Germany, but are in sympathy with the United States. They would naturally be classed as alien enemies, but some action will be taken either by the president or by congress to recognize the friendly character of those aliens and the treatment accorded them will, of course, be a friendly treatment," he asserted.

**AUSTRO-GERMANS LOSE MANY MEN IN ITALY**

Washington, Dec. 10.—Rome dispatches today, confirming earlier reports of a lull after the fierce fighting in which the Teutons failed to break through the Italian lines, say the Austro-German commander sacrificed hundreds of thousands of his best men without improving his position.

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**FIVE THOUSAND NEW OFFICERS TO BE TRAINED**

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 10.—Thirty-five hundred student officers from seven national guard divisions are to be trained at Camp Stanley, San Antonio, the War Department announced today, making the camp here the largest officers' reserve training camp in the United States. It is estimated approximately five thousand student officers will be at the camp when it opens January 5.

Of this number 3,500 will come from the National Guard divisions and 1,500 from regular troop stations in the department and from colleges and military schools. The names of the National Guard divisions from which the men are to be sent has not been announced.

**How to Prevent Croup.**

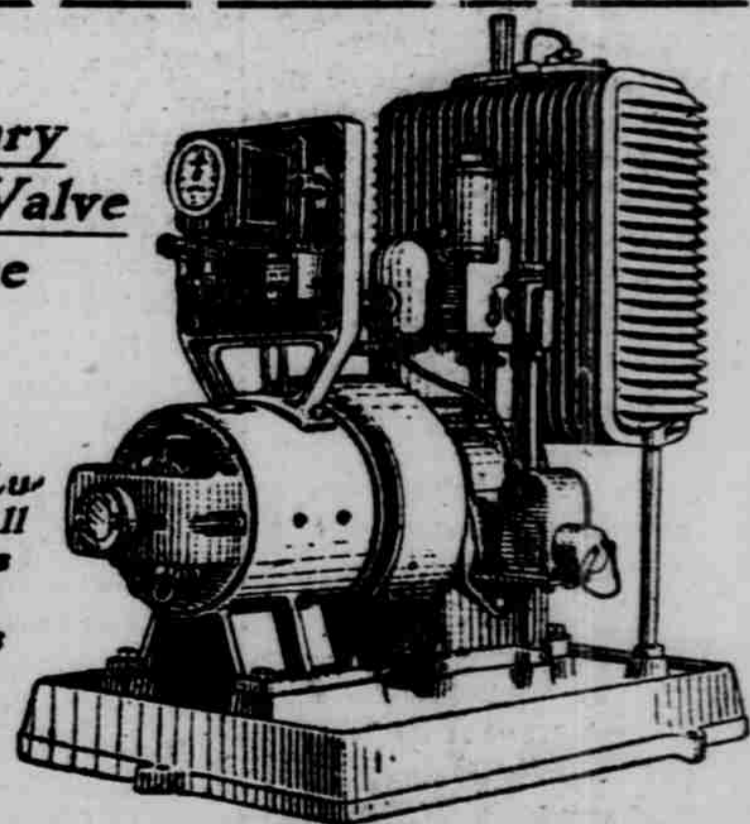
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