

No Compulsory Military Training

Following is a bulletin issued by the American union against Militarism, Washington, D. C.:

Detailed reports from London regarding the great new education act which parliament has passed, remodelling from the ground up England's entire educational system, show one striking omission, an omission upon which Americans may well ponder:

The act contains no provision what-

soever for compulsory military training.

This omission is all the more significant in that England is infested with so-called "defence leagues," differing in no respect from those in the United States, which have been campaigning furiously for compulsory military training. They have argued its alleged military, educational and industrial advantages, and the powerful London Times has given them much space and prestige. But H. A. L. Fisher, the Minister of Education, told a delegation from the Miner's Federation some months ago that the government had canvassed the ques-

tion of compulsory military training and had decided that the innovation has neither educational nor military value and would not be adopted.

The significance of this news it would be hard to exaggerate and yet scarcely a single American newspaper, with the exception of that curiously excellent paper, the Christian Science Monitor, has seen fit to inform its readers of the fact.

This new education act abolishes entirely eleven distinct acts and modifies parts of eleven others. Not all of its provisions can be realized until several years after the war but the broad scheme is there in final shape. The act provides for physical training for the English boys and girls but of military training there is not to be a trace. England, with a war on her hands, with her enemy a stone's throw away, somehow manages to study her own situation coolly and keep her head. Of how many inland American communities can that be said!

These facts are authentic. Get them into your local paper; get them into your church paper if you have one. Perhaps the realization that old England has not been stampeded into Prussianism may help restore some American school boards to sanity.

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THE TWO WILLIAMS

The following is an extract from an article by Simeon Strunsky in the New York Evening Post of November 18, 1916. In discussing the 1916 elections, Mr. Strunsky closed his article with a reference to Mr. Bryan, which will be found interesting at this time. It follows:

In speaking of the two Williams, Hohenzollern and Bryan, * * * * it occurs to me how strangely the life ideas of the two men have been brought into contact. In 1896 William of Hohenzollern, aged 36, began his crusade for God, autocracy, and a big navy, and William J. Bryan, aged 36, made himself the leader of an ethico-social crusade. What we may roughly call the Hohenzollern idea is now in conflict with the Bryan idea, and it looks as if William of Nebraska will win out. Many people are now saying that mankind shall no longer be crucified on an Iron Cross."

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