

Urges Repeal of Military Training Law

An Albany dispatch to the New York Herald, under date of April 7, says: Abolition of the state military training commission, abandonment of technical military training and substitution of physical training and summer camps under the direction of the educational department, was recommended to the legislature tonight in a special message by Governor Smith in which he transmitted the report of Dr. Felix Adler, secretary of a subcommittee of the governor's reconstruction commission.

The governor put squarely up to the legislature the question of the continuation of the military training commission. He asked for action immediately "that he might veto before Thursday the \$150,000 appropriation in the annual fiscal bill providing for military training for boys between sixteen and eighteen years of age.

The governor suggested the legislature appropriate \$150,000, the same amount he proposes to veto, to carry on for six or seven months the system of training the committee recommends. Officials said tonight the summer camp system proposed to care for the 200,000 school boys, would cost the state \$10,000,000 a year.

INTERFERES WITH SCHOOL WORK

The committee said that while the present system of military training affected only one-third of the boys in the state between sixteen and eighteen years and added that it "also has the disadvantage of interfering needlessly with school work; it creates a false and temporary obedience, it is too brief to accomplish results, the instruction is given by officers instead of teachers, the system of exemptions is bad and the repetition of drills bores the boys."

"The committee believes that thorough citizenship, training and

physical development can be better attained in other ways, by thorough physical training and by summer camps," the report added.

This section of the report gave the committee's belief of technical military training — governing should be with the consent of the governed, the military ideas is the opposite, government without the consent of the governed."

The committee's suggestions continued:

"We have reached the conclusion that military training of a technical character for boys sixteen, seventeen and eighteen years of age is inadvisable, and we recommend that any features of military training which may continue to be used shall be employed solely for such values as they may have in physical, mental and moral development.

NEED FOR PHYSICAL CULTURE

"In view of the alarming disclosures of defective physique in connection with the recent draft, and in order that the state may possess citizens of sound body, better enabled to fulfill their duties, whether in peace or in war, we recommend that health instruction and all round physical development, including supervised games, receive the greatest possible attention in the schools of the state, and that whatever appropriations be necessary for this purpose may be generously furnished.

"We recommend the establishment of compulsory continuation schools for boys and girls who are at work up to the eighteenth year, and that in the curriculum of such schools a sufficient number of periods each week be set aside for physical culture.

"We recommend that as soon as the necessary funds can be supplied, state camps be established for boys of the high school age, as a means of inculcating in them habits of self-control, deference to rightful authority and the democratic attitude towards their fellows."

MR. BRYAN IN DETROIT

[Detroit Free Press, April 7.]

"I predict that when President Wilson brings back the league of nations covenant in its final arrangement it will be ratified by the United States senate by an overwhelming majority.

"Why do I predict that? Because I know senators intimately. I know they know they are elected by the people and they are more than anxious to keep an ear to the ground all the time. I know that some of them mourn the fact they are not so constituted physically they can keep two ears to the ground."

This confidence in the final fate of the proposed league of nations as expressed by William Jennings Bryan before approximately 6,000 persons in Arcadia hall Sunday evening marked the climax to that part of his discourse, delivered to about 15,000 persons at three meetings, that had to do with the league of nations.

He came to Detroit to talk prohibition as the chief spokesman of the Anti-saloon League of America and all of that element in the United States that represents and fosters national prohibition.

His reception in Arcadia hall was a large edition of similar welcomes accorded him earlier in the day. The first meeting was at 10:30 o'clock a. m. in Fort Street Presbyterian church, where he spoke to more than 2,000 persons, all the building would hold.

The second address was delivered at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the Tabernacle Methodist church, on

Woodward avenue, where in the main meeting and an overflow gathering Mr. Bryan spoke to more than 5,000 cordial listeners.

He correlated his two subjects — the league of nations and prohibition — by expressing his advocacy of the league idea and standing equally as firmly for a "league of sober nations," which would be all the more successful for the reason that, he contended, where liquor was removed there the desire of animus and war would be lessened.

Deafening applause, whistling, shouted greetings and a great fluttering of handkerchiefs announced the arrival of Mr. Bryan and Dr. Howard H. Russell, founder of the Anti-saloon League of America.

ARMY LIFE TERRIBLE, COL. HAYWARD SAYS

[From New York World, March 27.]

There is no danger of military spirit springing up in this country, Col. William Hayward told the Fifth Avenue Association at its business luncheon in Delmonico's yesterday.

"I hate Prussianism in America more than I would in Germany," Col. Hayward said. "There is not much glory in war, and I don't think many Americans aspire to be soldiers. War is terrible. Army life is terrible. The whole thing is repugnant to America, not only to the men who went forward but to the men who helped commercially and in other ways in the war.

"There were two things that impressed me particularly. One was the gallant French Army, the highest from a scientific standpoint. The other was the American doughboy, the man in the ranks. He saw what could be done and did it. I don't think it is fair to say we won the

war, though I think we did win it, for it could not have been won without us. The thing that won the war was the spirit of the American soldier."

MR. BRYAN AND THE LEAGUE IDEA

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who was seeking only to help England out of a dilemma.

The discussion and postponement of differences between nations has, it seems to us, been one of the prime features of nearly all proposals looking to the averting of wars. It is the one obvious and essential thing to be done.

Mr. Bryan, however, may have grounds for his claim to the suggestion of the machinery for obtaining such discussion and enforcing, if only by the force of public opinion, or the agreement of the parties to the dispute, such delay of an appeal to arms as might give time to discover that the resort to arms was unnecessary. — The State, Columbia, S. C.

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