

### CONGRESS UNIT FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE

Only One Voice Raised Against Preparedness and that is Solitary Socialist.

#### DAY OF DEBATE IN HOUSES

WASHINGTON, March 18.—National defense legislation overshadowed every other legislative issue today in both houses of congress. The fact standing out most sharply from a whole day of debate and discussion was that only one voice had been raised against military preparedness as a national policy; that of Myer London of New York, the only socialist member of congress.

The house completed more than half of its set schedule of ten hours' general debate on the army increase bill. More than two score members expressed their views. The great majority favored the committee bill, which is the most sweeping military measure ever considered in the country in peace times.

Many amendments offered. Many amendments to be offered were announced, however, and the prospect of passing the bill by tomorrow night virtually vanished. It may be late next week before the final vote is taken.

In the senate Chairman Chamberlain announced that he would seek to have the military committee's perfected army bill taken up next Monday. The water power bill must be displaced to permit this. President Wilson's appeal for haste on preparedness measures, it was thought tonight, would lead the power bill advocates to yield their places without a struggle.

The failure of any organized opposition to the purposes of the army bills to show itself on the house floor led Representative Hay, chairman of the house committee, to abandon the night session provided for under the special rule which gives the bill right of way. The accumulation of amendments to be offered also influenced his decision. They cannot be taken up until the ten-hour general debate is ended. After that the five-minute speech rule will apply, so it was regarded as useless to hold night sessions in an effort to get through tomorrow night.

#### Debate Begins Today

The general debate will conclude early tomorrow and the struggle with amendments begun. Several members of the committee, all of whom signed the report on the bill, will propose changes in specific sections. They are not bound by any committee agreement. As member after member added his approval to the plan for increasing the army during the day, interest in the debate flagged. It was too one-sided to attract a crowd. At times there were not more than a score of seats filled on the floor.

Party lines were utterly forgotten in the discussion. Representative Hay faced the house for an hour, delivering no set speech but ready to answer questions from any quarter. Representative Kahn, ranking minority member of the committee, frequently intervened to aid the chairman in presenting the committee's views. The two disputants there was no one to lead an opposition.

#### Gardner Attacks Bill

The bill was attacked sharply by Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, republican. He declared that while "it makes a noise like preparedness, it is not a very noisy noise." To support his assault upon the figures as to what the bill would accomplish prepared by Representative Hay, Mr. Gardner read a copy of a letter from Secretary Baker, the new head of the War department.

The letter disputed the accuracy of the figures by which Mr. Hay sought to show that 1,324,790 men would be immediately available for a national army if the house bill was enacted. Using the same method of calculation as that employed by Mr. Hay, he said, "we should have now available without any legislative increase 1,284,790 men who have had some military training."

"In other words, the letter added, 'the only immediate effect of the passage of this house army bill would be to increase the regular army by 40,000 men, and even that increase being added in four annual increments, would require about four years' time to be recruited and a still longer time to become effective.'"

The letter presented reports and figures to support a conclusion that the actual number of men of military age in the country who have had any military training at all is 474,700. "The only adequately trained men in the country," it concluded, "are the regular army and the army reserve."

The severity of this official arraignment of the house bill astonished many members. At the War department Secretary Baker said there was no controversy between Mr. Hay and himself. The variance in figures, he explained, resulted from different opinions held by officers of the war college, which supplied the information contained in the letter to Representative Gardner and the adjutant general's office, the source of Mr. Hay's estimates.

#### Boxer Kills Opponent With Blow to Throat

PHILADELPHIA, March 18.—Andrew Crowley, a featherweight professional boxer of this city, was almost instantly killed tonight in a bout with Mike Malone, also of Philadelphia.

Death, according to the police, was caused by a blow on the larynx in the third round. Up to this point the bout had been an even terms. Then Malone staggered Crowley with a right to the jaw and followed it with a stinging blow to the throat. Crowley dropped to the floor and died a few minutes later. Physicians say he was choked to death as a result of the blow on the throat. Lew Bailey, manager of the club, was arrested and later released. Malone and six seconds were locked up. The bout was to have gone six rounds.

### Damrosch Talks of Composition That Will Be Played in Omaha

The transcontinental tour of the New York Symphony orchestra with Josef Hofmann, the famous Russian pianist, as the soloist during the months of March, April and May of this year, playing at the Omaha Auditorium Friday night, March 24, naturally brings into the public eye Walter Damrosch, who has been the conductor of this great orchestra for the last thirty-two years. Whenever orchestral music is known and loved in the new world, Walter Damrosch is called the "Dean of American Conductors," but great as is his fame as a conductor, his skill as a composer bids fair to surpass his long acknowledged supremacy with the baton.

Of the recent Damrosch works, one of which will be presented here, the incidental music to "Iphigenia in Aulis" and the "Medea" of Euripides, written for Miss Margaret Anglin's productions of these two Greek tragedies at the University of California last summer, much has been written and everywhere the new compositions have been received with expressions of unadulterated joy. Within the opinions of the critics are always interesting the viewpoint of the composer himself. It has been set down so that first-hand knowledge of the why and wherefore may be used in the language of the man who has exerted such a wide influence on music in America.

Says Mr. Damrosch: "I am not a slave to the Archais. I think it is folly for a modern composer, appealing to modern tastes, to ignore the marvelous development in the art of music, and turning his back on the modern orchestra, to try to reproduce the ancient Greek scales. If such a practice in the music were to be logically operative in modern presentation of Greek drama, then the star herself would not appear, but a masked and stilted gentleman would assume the roles which Miss Anglin makes marvelous. No, I only employed one of the forms of the Greek scale, incidentally and meagerly, as, for instance when I wanted a priest's march or to suggest an ancient ceremonial. I did not seek to out-Stravinsky Stravinsky in my instrumentation. There is no suggestion of the horror in the music of Strauss' orchestra when John the Baptist's head is cut off."

"I am unalterably opposed to such debasement of the noble art of music. I have sought in the 'Medea' episode, where the children are murdered 'off stage' to suggest in my music the pity, the terror and the horror of the act, but my means I hope, are the legitimate means of music. Both Miss Anglin and myself were in complete accord concerning the aims to be kept in view throughout these productions. We sought to render them intelligible to modern minds; to employ all things modern, which would not contradict the spirit of the original plays and developed by every possible and legitimate means the intrinsic nobility and grandeur of these mighty dramas."

The program as definitely announced includes several solo parts in addition to Josef Hofmann and will be as follows: Symphony No. 1 in E Minor—Andante Allegro con anima—Andante cantabile—Violin solo, Tchaikowsky—Excerpts from "Iphigenia in Aulis"—Entrance of the Maidens of Chalcis—Achilles Racing the Chariot—Melodrama for flute, clarinet and harp—Meadow, Kinoidi, Langenus and Lotito—Iphigenia's Farewell—Violoncello solo, Jacques Benard—Concerto for Piano with Orchestra in G Major—Moderato con moto—Andante—Allegro. Mr. Hofmann.

### Fred Fulton Knocks Out Fireman Flynn

MILWAUKEE, March 18.—Fred Fulton, of the Rochester, Minn., heavyweight boxer, tonight knocked out Fireman Flynn of Pueblo in the second round of a ten-round contest.

Flynn bored in madly in an effort to reach Fulton with in-fighting. He failed to get inside of Fulton's guard and the latter sent right and left jolts to the face at will.

In the second round Flynn bored in again and a few more jolts made him an easy prey for the first open blow of the bout, when Fulton sent a right to the jaw, knocking Flynn senseless.



Walter Damrosch

### DOANE HAS BETTER OF TRIANGLE TALK

Debaters from Crete Win Twice, to One Win by Bellevue Clan.

#### COTNER IS TWICE DEFEATED

At Bellevue—Doane won from Bellevue college. At Cotner—Bellevue won from Cotner. At Crete—Doane won from Cotner.

Doane college debaters won twice in a triangular contest staged Friday and Bellevue won once. Cotner lost in each debate.

The stage was set at Bellevue, at Crete and at Bethany. Bellevue lost at home and won away. Doane won at home and at Bethany and Cotner lost at home and away.

The question: "Resolved, That the United States should immediately and substantially increase its armament."

The decision was unanimous against Bellevue in favor of the Doane team at Bellevue. The teams were as follows: Bellevue, Affirmative—Handall Blatt, Samuel Klinger and Jack Phelps. Doane, Negative—Messrs. Daniel, Hobson and Orville Johnson.

At Crete—Doane won from Cotner by unanimous decision from Cotner at Crete. The teams: Doane, Affirmative—Roger Blatter, Joseph Heika and Ray Nadrow. Cotner, Negative—Paul Kennedy, Glenn McTear and Orville Johnson.

The choice was also unanimous in favor of Bellevue at Bethany, where Cotner met Bellevue. The teams: Cotner, Affirmative—Garland Nichols, Alonzo Knight and L. A. Brumbaugh. Bellevue, Negative—Garwood Richardson, Bernice Miller and Seymour Smith. Judges—Don L. Love, Judge S. H. Sedgwick and Frank A. Harrison.

### Little Katherine Remains with Her Foster Parents

Little Katherine Newman-Green will remain in Omaha with her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Green.

The bitter legal battle which was being fought in district court ended at least for the time being—yesterday evening when the juvenile judge handed down the decision that the pretty 7-year-old girl should remain with Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Green, 211 North Fifty-first street. Green is a well-to-do business man.

Katherine's real father, a poor cobbler, who returned some time ago from Eugene, Ore., to claim his daughter, left the girl in strange hands several years ago. She endured many hardships, finally being taken into the Green home and adopted, not legally, however. Her life with the Greens has been happy.

At the hearings in court when Katherine was asked if she wanted to go to Oregon

with her father, she shuddered and clung to her foster parents. In rendering his decision the judge said that he wished to make it clear that it was an intermediate one. He made the Greens promise the court that in leaving Katherine in their possession, she would be brought up in the faith of her father—Jewish. If they did not do this, Judge

Sears warned them that the child would be given back to her father. Topeka Signs Kruger. KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 18.—The signing of Arthur Kruger, an outfielder, by the Topeka club of the Western league, was announced here yesterday. Kruger played last year with the Kansas City team of the Federal league.

FRANCE SPENT OVER 20 BILLION FRANCS IN 1915. PARIS, March 18.—France spent more than 22,000,000,000 francs in 1915, said Poincaré, minister of finance. The chamber adopted the credit of 7,500,000,000 francs for the second quarter. This is equivalent to a daily expenditure of \$7,000,000 francs.

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