

DRAFT CONFEREES ARE WIDE APART

Roosevelt Volunteer Amendment the Chief Point of Difference.

CAN'T AGREE ON AGE LIMIT

Washington, May 7.—Conferees on the war army bill in a four-hour discussion today failed to reconcile differences and adjourned until tomorrow.

Decided difference arose over the senate Roosevelt volunteer army amendment.

Other differences included the senate prohibition amendment and the age limits of men subject to draft. The senate bill fixes the limits between 21 and 27 and the house between 21 and 40.

There was talk of a compromise by which the senate would get the Roosevelt volunteer amendment and the house the age limits, but it was said there was nothing to make this appear more than a possibility.

House conferees, who were among the leading advocates of the volunteer system as against the selective draft when the bill passed the house, have insisted they cannot now support the volunteer provision by accepting the Roosevelt amendment.

Discussion is expected to continue for several days before conferees despair of an agreement.

Eight Thousand Jews Are Driven From Homes in Jaffa

New York, May 7.—The entire Jewish population of Jaffa, Palestine, about 8,000 men, women and children of many nationalities, were forced by the Turks on April 1 to evacuate their homes and flee from the city, according to a cablegram received here today by the provisional executive committee for General Zionist affairs.

The roads leading from Jaffa were thronged with starving people, some dying by the roadside and mutilated bodies of rich Jews were found on the sand dunes, the message said. Two Jews were hanged for opposing looters.

Prior to the evacuation of Jaffa, the message said, 300 Jews were deported in "a cruel manner" from Jerusalem.

House Votes to Put Interned Ships of Enemy Into Service

Washington, May 7.—The resolution, already adopted by the senate, authorizing the president to put into service vessels of the enemy in American ports, was adopted by the house today without a record vote after an all day debate.

Discussion revealed that there is a secret clause in the agreement with Denmark concerning the purchase of the Danish West Indies, providing that interned ships in the islands would not be seized.

Administration leaders said it was not a subject to be debated publicly.

Louisiana Sugar Crop Double That of 1915

Washington, May 7.—The Louisiana sugar crop of 1916 was practically twice as great as the crop of 1915. Figures compiled by the Department of Agriculture show the 1916 crop was 607,800,000 pounds, as against 275,000,000 pounds in 1915.

Political Control Makes Public Ownership of Railroads Dubious

Washington, May 7.—Political control in a democracy is one of the evils that makes government ownership of railroads of dubious value, W. McAthworth of the British commission which recently investigated Canadian roads, told the joint congressional committee investigating transportation problems in the United States. He said government ownership was unsuccessful in most countries that tried it.

"It is impossible," said McAthworth, "to obtain satisfactory results on government railways in a democratic state, unless the management is cut loose from direct political control. Neither Australia nor any other country with a democratic constitution—perhaps an exception ought to be made of Switzerland—has succeeded in maintaining a permanent severance. In France, Belgium and Italy parlia-

mentary interference has never been abandoned for a moment.

The facts show that parliamentary interference has meant running the railways, not for the benefit of the people at large, but to satisfy local and sectional or even personal interests. They show further that under parliamentary management it is easier to get money for big schemes of new construction than for inconspicuous day to day betterments and improvements which probably could produce much greater public benefit."

Mr. McAthworth said some day the people might decide to constitute a branch of government to run the railroads which would not be subject to popular interference and be independent of parliamentary control. Such a board, he said, might remove many existing objections to government

GOVERNOR CALLS MEET TO DISCUSS FOOD PROBLEMS

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president of the Board of Regents of the state university; D. P. Hogan, president of the Federal Farm Loan bank; James C. Dahlgren and Frank G. Odell, of the Federal Farm Loan bank.

The executive committee consists of the foregoing, and: W. Short-hill, chairman of the Farmers' Co-operative Live Stock association; C. W. Pugsley, director of extension work at the University of Nebraska; J. D. Ream of Broken Bow; W. B. Tagg, president of the Omaha Live Stock exchange; Ballard Dunn, in charge of the Western Association of Railways; T. P. Reynolds, president of the Omaha Central Labor union council; Mrs. J. N. Paul of St. Paul, president of the Nebraska Woman's Federation.

These are the things the committee purposes to do:

Organize a vast efficiency body with ramifications in every community throughout the state.

Prevent duplication of effort and utilize to the utmost every resource that will increase the state's capacity to feed men and animals.

To co-ordinate the municipal gardening plans in cities, towns and hamlets under the direction of experts working in conjunction with the committee.

Stimulate the efforts of farmers to increase acreage under cultivation and teach city-bred persons on farms how to get the most from their efforts.

Stop speculation in food stuffs.

Speed up business organizations so that some of the workers can be released for important duty elsewhere without impairing efficiency.

Train women for effective work of every kind from nursing the sick to driving automobiles.

Institute course of training in jobbing houses, public service corporations and manufacturing.

Prepare to place at the nation's disposal the largest possible number of men for the army and navy.

Mobilize every resource that may mean more food for the men at the front and the home guard.

Beginning Tuesday, May 22, mass meetings will be held at the Omaha

municipal Auditorium, lasting until Friday night. At these meetings the problem will be handled in sections. It will amount to a convention of subcommittees and delegate-teachers-to-auxiliary-organizations farther on down the line.

At the opening meeting Tuesday Governor Neville will be the principal speaker, and will be followed by others who will explain the details of the plan. Following this, leaders of each subcommittee will tell the audience what is expected and how to get results.

Mayors of cities and towns will be asked to appoint delegates to these meetings, and these delegates, after attending the mass school of instruction, will become instructors and leaders in the parts assigned them. The smallest communities in the state are expected to send at least five to thirty delegates.

On Wednesday the gardening problem will be taken up, and the audience taught something about farming, farm animals, etc. On Thursday will be explained the elements of the distribution plan, which will consider speculation, economic handling and buying, food hoarding, etc. On Friday waste materials, food preservation, balanced diets, etc., will be taken up.

Lloyd George Back From French Capitol in Safety

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ALIENATION SUIT TAKEN FROM JURY

Witnesses for Plaintiff State Facts Different From Evidence Expected.

LAWYERS IN HOT WRANGLE

The \$25,000 alienation suit brought by Ralph Antisdal, 1309 South Thirty-first street, plow expert, against J. Harry Osborne, president of the Osborne Realty company and a resident of the fashionable Field club district, in Judge Troup's court, "blew up" when the judge, at a motion of the plaintiff, took the case from the jury.

Antisdal, a young married man, alleged that Mr. Osborne, gray-haired real estate operator, alienated his wife's affections.

The case was begun at 9 o'clock in the morning and Judge Troup took it from the jury at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

In making the motion counsel for Antisdal said "the two principal witnesses testified just opposite from what they told us they would."

"They never had a case in the first place; it was just a clear case of blackmail," retorted W. J. Connell, chief counsel for Mr. Osborne.

Frequent and bitter wrangles between opposing batteries of lawyers marked the opening of the case.

The testimony of the first witness, Mrs. Bessie Antisdal, wife of the young plow man, proved both a legal bombshell and a boomerang in the camp of the husband's attorneys.

Wife Denies Charge. She strenuously denied that she had ever been automobile riding with Osborne. She declared the only relations she had had with him were those of business man and his client. She testified she had talked with him about a real estate transaction, but had never "visited him."

"A brazen attempt at blackmail thundered W. J. Connell, chief counsel for Osborne, in his opening arguments to the jury. "We will show," he said, shaking a finger at Antisdal's attorneys, "that the only trouble in the Antisdal household was caused by the

husband himself and that this case is merely an effort to extort money from a man of high standing in the community."

Antisdal's attorneys told the jury that Mr. Osborne's alleged attentions to the young wife brought about separation between the couple.

The Antisdals were married in Omaha September 11, 1916. They separated about a month later.

On the witness stand pretty Mrs. Antisdal, nattily attired in a tailored suit, testified that "her husband's people were chiefly instrumental in causing trouble between them."

"He made fun of me in the presence of his grandma, his aunt, father and two brothers," she said.

After Mrs. Antisdal had repeatedly refused to answer questions put by her husband's attorneys, the plow expert's counsel told the judge she was a "hostile witness."

"They're trying to impeach their own witness," roared Lawyer Connell. Another witness was Mrs. Anna Bernhardt, 2506 South Twenty-first street, mother of the young wife, with whom she has made her home since she and her husband separated.

Antisdal is employed at the Oliver Chilled Plow works.

Mr. Osborne is associated with his two sons in the real estate business. He and Mrs. Osborne were on their annual trip to Florida when the alienation suit was filed against him last winter.

"A rank attempt at blackmail," was his comment on the case.

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