

WAR INSURANCE BILL HOTLY CONTESTED

Underwriters and Devotees of Present Pension System Take Up Arms Against New Measure.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Hearings on the administration soldiers' and sailors' war insurance bill were completed by a house committee today and an effort will be made to report it next Tuesday for immediate consideration.

Vigorous attacks on the measure are expected from two sources—insurance company interests who oppose the optional insurance feature, and those who want no interference with the existing pension system. Debate may be prolonged several days by the opposition, although ultimate passage by the house in virtually its present form is expected by leaders. General commendation of the bill marked the hearing today.

No Change in Existing Pensions.
The war insurance measure would have no effect on pensions now being paid, Secretary McArdle explained today in response to an inquiry from an old soldiers' home at Lafayette, Ind.

"This bill does not affect the old pensioners in any way," wrote the secretary. "It leaves them undisturbed in the enjoyment of the pensions they are receiving from the government for services rendered in previous wars."

Uncertainty of Future Legislation.
"No one knows better than the old soldiers of the country how unfair it is to leave the men who go to war to the uncertainties and inequalities of legislation enacted long afterwards for the compensation they ought to receive for death and disabilities incurred in the service. No one knows better than they how cruel it is for the government to make no provision for the support of dependent families of its soldiers and sailors when they are called into the service of their country."

"The pending bill is intended to prevent these injustices and is so framed as to make unnecessary haphazard pension legislation in the future."

Meat Regulation Next Object Of Food Administration

Washington, Aug. 25.—Early regulation of the meat industry was predicted here tonight following the departure of Herbert Hoover, the food administrator, for Chicago, to confer with meat packers and with Federal Trade Commission representatives, who are investigating packing methods.

Government supervision of meat packing and distributing concerns, with the institution of a licensing system, it is said, may be the next move of the food administration after it has completed plans for the control of the wheat industry.

U. S. War Expenditures Jump Sky-High During August

Washington, Aug. 25.—War expenditures of the United States, including allied loans, have mounted during August to more than \$24,000,000 every twenty-four hours. The figure, minus \$100,000,000, just loaned to Russia, are contained in today's treasury statement.

Winners in Playground Pushmobile Race And Red Cross Corps Ready for Service



Red Cross pushmobile ambulance: Max Caldwell of Gifford park, driver; nurses, left to right, Marie Bogard, Helen Caldwell, Margaret Cogan, Anna Wyman, Susie Wyman and Agnes Ryan. Pusher is Tom Wilson and the doctor is Charles Drummy.



Winners in city pushmobile championship: First—Car No. 19, Elmwood park, Thomas Knight and Walter Farwell. Second—Car No. 17, Miller park, Leo Nestlebusch and Harry Coppick.

Up-to-the Minute Gossip About Boys in Khaki at Omaha Camps

N. O. Thompson, of the headquarters company, Fourth Nebraska at Fort Crook, has seen his country at war or near it three times and each time has given his services. The first was in 1898 when Spain was the foe. Thompson was in Missouri then and joined the Third regiment at Kansas City. The second time came while he was in Minnesota in 1913, so he joined the First regiment of that state during the Mexican trouble. The third foe was Germany in 1917 and Thompson put out at once for the nearest recruiting station which happened to be that of the Fourth Nebraska.

Roy Kinkle, a former flute player in the regimental band of the Fourth Nebraska, whose time of enlistment was up and who had been absent for a while, re-enlisted Friday in the band in order to go to the front with his old friends.

For the ball game Friday afternoon for the benefit of the company fund of Company A of the Sixth Nebraska,

more than 2000 tickets were sold. The team, although organized less than two weeks, put up a good game with the City Rifemen at Gifford park before a big crowd, and won by a score of 15 to 9.

"One of the first things we will do with the money will be to buy equipment for the 'ball team,'" said Captain Broome. "This fund will be used to buy little extras for the boys, such as towels and soap and things not supplied by the government."

"Some of it may be transferred to the mess fund and there used for delicacies, not on the army bill of fare, such as fresh vegetables, etc. A company fund is a great comfort to the boys. It helps them out in time of need. All the companies of the Sixth are anxious to have good funds before they leave for Deming, as they wish to be prepared to meet all needs."

Mrs. Mollie Smalley, 1143 North Eighteenth street, gave the last of her four sons to her country when Elmer Smalley enlisted Friday in the Nebraska National Guard Reserve, bet-

ter known as the "Lucky Seventh." One son is fighting in France, one is in the navy, one was drafted and this last will help guard Omaha while the rest are away.

Companies D and K of the Fourth regiment at Fort Crook Friday purchased a fine phonograph apiece. The one for company K was bought with money sent the company by DuBois, Neb., where some of members live.

Crew of Devonian Saved, Says State Department

Washington, Aug. 25.—All members of the crew of the submarine steamer Devonian were saved, according to today's advices to the State department. In the crew were sixty-five Americans.

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PEACE PROPOSAL STIRS REICHSTAG

Michaelis Challenged to Take Definite Stand; Socialist Leader Charges Chancellor With Rank Falsehood.

(By Associated Press.)
London, Aug. 25.—Special dispatches from Amsterdam represent the scene in the Reichstag main committee Wednesday over Chancellor Michaelis' attitude on the peace resolution as a storm which would have resulted in jostling him from office in a democratic country.

According to these accounts, Dr. Michaelis was challenged to explain his real attitude toward the peace resolution, because when he said July 19 he supported it, he added: "As I understand it." This apparent qualification, said Herr Michaelis' challengers, had been seized by the annexationists, who claimed that the chancellor was really on their side.

Socialists Charge Falsehood.
Dr. Michaelis, in replying, made a

laborious explanation in which, while approving the general spirit of the resolution, he said differences of opinion were possible regarding the details and he had in fact noted such differences among the majority parties. This provoked an outburst on the part of the representatives of the majority parties, in the name of which Herr Friedrich Eber, socialist leader, made a declaration practically charging the chancellor with falsehood.

Herr Eber, said the majorities completely agreed about the significance of the resolution, which was unmistakable, and they insisted that the government prosecute a definite peace policy.

The Tageblatt says the affair is not merely of passing importance, nor can it be glossed over by a few smooth phrases. The paper contends it is clear that Chancellor Michaelis has not sufficient authority to control the situation, chiefly because he was chosen without the popular representatives having been consulted.

Chancellor Must Take Stand.
Copenhagen, Thursday, Aug. 23.—To the socialist and radical press in Germany Wednesday's political crisis is not altogether unwelcome, as it tends to clear the intolerable situation and to force Chancellor Michaelis to show his colors in the campaign which the pan-Germans, conservatives and army and navy groups are waging, ostensibly with his support.

against a peace without annexations and indemnities.
The radical-socialist, George Ledebour, declared that the revelations regarding peace conditions as published by James W. Gerard, the former American ambassador to Berlin, were further proof of the duplicity of the German peace policy.

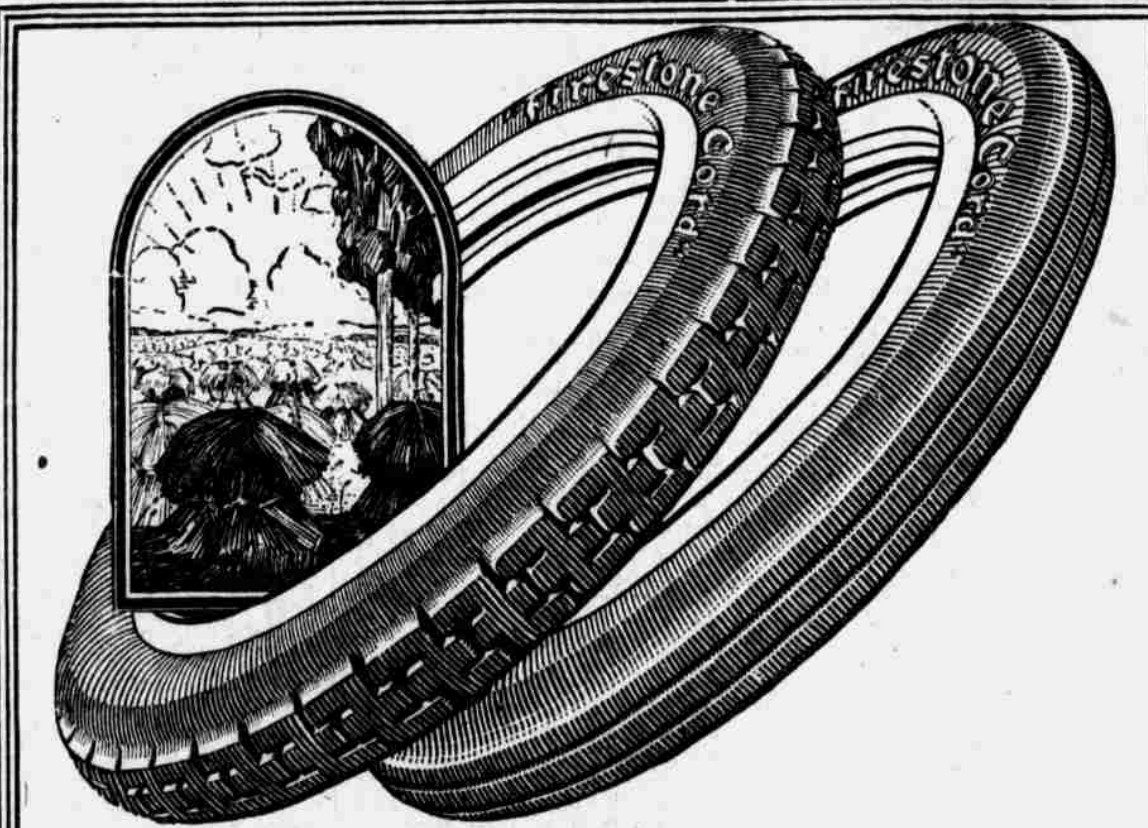
Count Friedrich von Westarp, conservative, contended that the resolution had only a harmful effect and must be thrown overboard.

Frisco Car Lines Tied Up; Police Can't Protect Workers

San Francisco, Aug. 25.—Complete tieup between 7 o'clock tonight and daylight tomorrow of all the lines of the United Railroads, 1,700 of whose employees are on strike here, was ordered late today by officials of the company, who said the action was taken because police protection was inadequate to safeguard the carmen after dark. This is the first time the entire system has closed down.

Russian War Minister Quits After Words With Kerensky

Petrograd, Aug. 25.—M. Savinkoff, acting minister of war, has resigned. His resignation was the result of military and political differences with Premier Kerensky.



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Every company of the Nebraska brigade has some sort of mascot. All soldier companies have mascots. But the Nebraska National Guard boys have the greatest collection of mascots of all.

Two companies have eagles. They are the Machine Gun company of the Sixth Nebraska regiment and Company K of the Fourth Nebraska regiment. They are both young eagles, captured in the mountains.

Company B of the Fourth has a Kentucky picaninni who smokes cigars and is otherwise ferocious. The original mascot of Company B was a black cat. One night the cat went to bed in the first sergeant's box, full of clothes and papers. When the sergeant awoke there were six black kittens beside the mascot. The boys immediately voted to change to a human black.

The first black boy went to the border with Company B. After the company returned to Nebraska, he asked for a furlough to go home. He never returned. One day another colored boy from Kentucky appeared at Company B's headquarters, and announced he was friend of the old mascot, and produced a scrawled letter of introduction. He is the new mascot.

Company D of the Sixth has a little white boy who was soldier-crazy. Most of the mascots are dogs, preferably bull-dogs. Whatever they are, they are not tame. Soldiers won't have a tame animal or a "dear little boy" for a mascot. They like wild mascots, who will fight no matter when or how.

The eagle of the Machine Gun company of the Sixth is called "Teddy," because he shows and uses his teeth so much. "Teddy" tears things up so much that the boys have constructed a private guardhouse for him. "Teddy" is usually in the guardhouse.

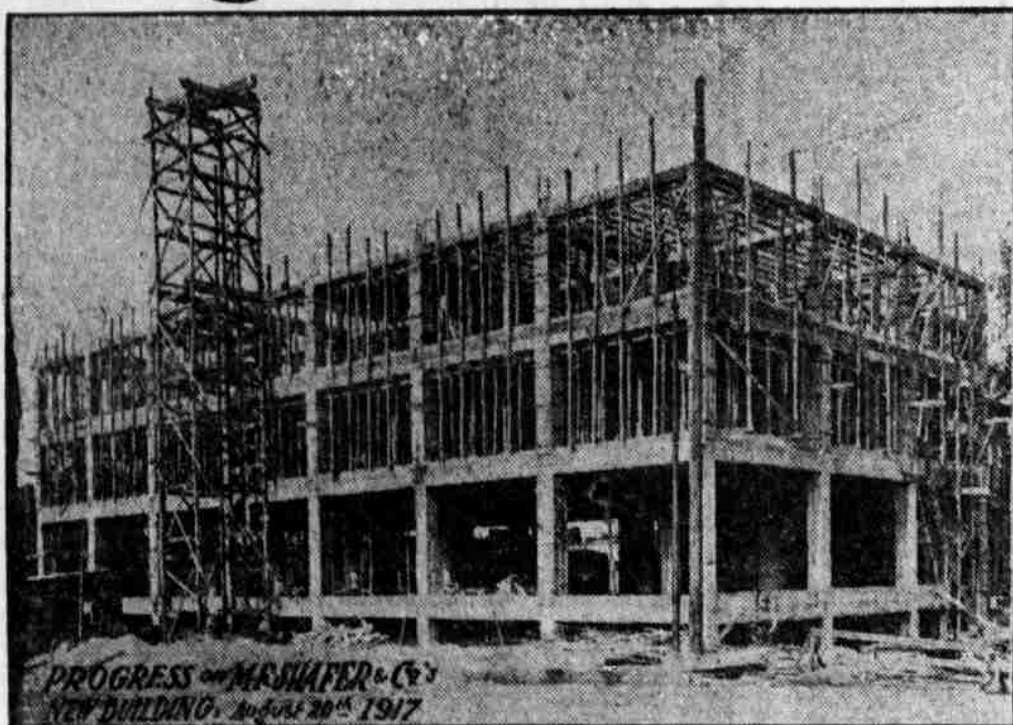
When the Nebraska boys sail for France, the ship that carries them will be like Noah's ark, with all manner of wild beast therein. And if a sub appears, they'll just let loose the eagles, who will fly down on the sub's periscope and bungle up its aim.

The bull-dogs that are mascots, and there are lots of bull-dog mascots, are being trained, but not tamed. They are being trained to fasten their teeth on a Boche's shinbone.

The greatest difficulty the boys have with eagles is to make them stay quiet. An eagle likes to screech in battle. In a battle with the Germans, a screech might give the foe the location of the company and that would be fatal to both the mascot and the soldiers.

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