

UNTRAINED BOYS' SPECTERS HAUNT HOUSE CHAMBER

Many Instances of Martyrdom To Nation's Unpreparedness Cited in Debate On Army Bill.

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING

Washington, March 13.—(Special.)—Specters of the American boys sent into battle untrained and martyred to the concrete instances of the tragic cost of unpreparedness to the folks at home have arisen to plague those congressmen who have defied their opposition to universal training on the ground that their constituents are against it and would reject them if they should vote for it.

Here is a sample, Representative Caldwell of New York, democrat, speaking:

Caldwell is eloquent.

"After the greatest war of all time, when America sent young manhood over there to fight for the cause of humanity, how did she send them? Some of my democratic friends over there who are against universal training will tell you, Mr. Bryan told us that 1,000,000 men would spring to arms over night, and they did. Yes, and they sent these poor boys across to the other side, a great many of them without even having told them how to load a gun. When I was over there a captain who had seen service in the trenches told me of cases where men in the trenches, ready to go over the top in a few minutes before the zero hour, said: 'Captain, I do not mind going over, but will you not please show me how to load the gun so that I can shoot when I get over there.'"

"In my district there was a boy who was drafted and was sent to three camps and then shipped across and was buried in the trenches in France within five weeks from the time he was drafted, and he never before he was called upon to draft had a gun in his hands. "Figures from Fort Slocum, N. Y., show that out of 10 men taken in the ordinary enlistment seven of them never had a gun in their hands before they were sent to the front. When this country is technically at war, when all the world is a seething volcano, when no man knows when the next outbreak will be, when no man knows what hour the clock will strike and the men of America will be sent again to defend the world, when you try, you, under the tutelage of men who are against training and were against the war, come in here and destroy the military bill designed before the war, paying no attention to the great lesson taught by the great holocaust. Shame on you men sent here to defend and protect the country, who will destroy the only means of defense we have and give us nothing in its place, so to speak."

"The gentleman from New York will undoubtedly admit that if the case he cited is true that there was a boy from his district who did not know how to load his gun; that such an incident was absolutely inexcusable in this last war, and that the officer who was called upon to furnish troops for replacement and sent this young man, should have been court-martialed," interposed Representative McKenzie of Illinois.

Blame on March. "Then you will have to court-martial your republican friend, Peyton C. March, for he issued the order that kept the units here, and required untrained men to be sent over as replacements to the other side," responded Mr. Caldwell. "It did not happen in one case, but in hundreds of cases, and any officer who served in the trenches in France will be able to point out repeated instances.

"I want to say that in nearly every instance when the boys were sent to the rear, but in many instances the poor boy who had never been given an opportunity to train himself was sent to his death because of the neglect of legislation of this country.

Mr. Caldwell puffed and continued: "What else? Because it costs money? It costs \$59 for every man who enlisted under the voluntary act, and under the act of 1917 it costs \$100 a month. Add up the expenses, total it all, and you have an army of 125,000 men being sent to the rear, and then on the other side figure the cost of equipment and clothes on the average to the man that you would get under universal training. Five dollars is his pay, and he will be well paid because of training. You will have to get together when you do, you will find that your universal training proposition will cost you less than any kind of a decent regular army will cost. I want to tell you something as a man who has studied some politics in his life, and that is that politicians think they make the issue, politicians struggle to make the issue, but there has not been a campaign for the national selection in my time in which any issue made by a politician was ever voted on by the people. The people make the issue, and mark my words, they will make an election day the people will now an issue in the selection and there will be the biggest surprised bunch of people on both sides of this house you ever saw in your life. It should not be surprised that every man, democrat and republican, who has a log at the other end of the capitol will be defeated. It does not make any difference which side they are on. The American people have made up their minds that they want things done and not talked about and the man who is afraid to do things is the man who is going to be turned out. I assure you that when you are trying to play politics with the American defense you are playing with a losing hand and that you will get it in a place where you are not looking for it and that you will get it plenty, too."

Market and Financial News of the Day

Live Stock

Table with columns for Receipts, Shipments, and various livestock categories like Hogs, Sheep, and Cattle.

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Financial

The New York Times. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, March 13.—After making progress forward in the first half hour of trading today, the stock market wavered for a time, upon receipt of rumors that the German government had fallen.

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Wall Street ended the week in a more cheerful frame of mind than in the week before. Income tax day was approached with only a flurry of activity, and all confidence was expressed in banking circles that signs of strain in the foreign exchanges, especially of sterling, would be temporary.

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Omaha Grain

There was a fairly substantial run of grain today, arrivals totaling 159 cars, against 37 cars last Saturday. Cereals receipts were 72 cars, compared with 76 cars yesterday, and 28 cars a week ago. Wheat was slow, little demand, and evidence for the better grades, of which the sales were made. Bids for this kind of grain were slow, but some of the lower grades sold around yesterday's figures.

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Chicago Grain

By CHARLES D. MICHAELS. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, March 13.—Sensational political news from Germany with a sharp break in exchange made the grain trade nervous and prices moved sharply within a wide range and closed easy. Net losses were 1/4 to 3/8 on distant futures of corn, and 1/2 higher on March. Oats lost 1/4 to 3/8 with July leading and barley was off 1/4 for the day.

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Canadian competition prevented the July market from sharing much in the strength of corn. Provisions lacked any aggressive support. Packers, however, were represented as buying hard.

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The records of the Clearing House association show that bank clearings in Omaha for that week still rated as 34th in population, and in volume of bank clearings for that week passed many larger cities in all parts of the country.

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