

## MR. BALFOUR AND AUSTRIA'S PEACE NOTE

London, Sept. 16.—A. J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary, giving his personal view points on the Austria peace note to visiting journalists said:

"It is incredible that anything can come of this proposal. Coming after the recent speech of Friedrich Von Payer, the German Imperial Vice Chancellor, this cynical proposal of the Austrian government is not a genuine attempt to obtain peace. It is an attempt to divide the Allies."

Mr. Balfour said no one should take upon himself the task of rejecting with a light heart any proposal which would shorten the war. He also declared that no coalition ever had been so strong as the Allied coalition and that the enemy would not succeed in destroying it.

Conversations such as were proposed by Austria-Hungary, Mr. Balfour said, undoubtedly would have great value under certain circumstances. He said they would serve to smooth out obscurities such as questions of pride, etc., but he declared that the questions now between the belligerents were definitely defined.

"I am not taking the proposals of two years, ago or of last year, but of last week," Secretary Balfour said.

"The German Vice Chancellor, speaking for the German government, clearly and without obscure verbiage, indicated where Germany stood on the questions of Belgium, Alsace-Lorraine, the German colonies and the Brest-Litovsk and other treaties."

The foreign secretary said he agreed with the Austrian note when it pointed

## THIRTEEN MILLION MEN REPORTED UNDER NEW ACT

### The United States Will Have Enormous Man Power Available for the War—An Army of Four Million Men to be in France by Next June—A Constant Flow of Men Overseas Will be Maintained

Washington, D. C., Sept. 14.—America's man power, estimated at more than 13,000,000, which registered Thursday, will be classified and ready for call to the service in compliance with the War Department's program of having an army of 4,000,000 men in France by June next, within 100 days, if plans completed by Provost Marshall General Crowder, the chief draft official, are carried out.

Thursday's registration of men between the ages of 18 and 45 years, exceeded the advance estimates for strength announced by the War Department, and draft officials are now concentrating on speeding up the classification of all men in order that a constant flow of men into camps will be maintained, beginning in October.

The Secretary of War, Mr. Baker's visit to France, seemed to be timed

ed out that the whole of civilization was at stake and that the prolongation of hostilities was a risking or sacrificing of a great deal that was really dear to everybody interested in the progress of mankind.

for the offensive began by the American and French troops in the Lorraine sector on Thursday. Coincidentally the activity at the front began while America's millions at home were registering for future military service. These two incidents have greatly impressed official Washington, and henceforth, speeding up processes will be the watchword of the Government.

That President Wilson will brook no interference with the progress of the war program was evidenced Friday when he took drastic action to impress both employers and workers that the awards of the National War Labor Board must be adhered to. The President authorized the War Department to take over and operate the plant of the Smith & Wesson Company, of Springfield, Mass., which had declined to accept the decision of the War Labor Board.

#### Drastic Treatment for Strikers

He has promised similar drastic action if the 4,000 machinists now on strike in Bridgeport, Connecticut, munitions factories do not immediately return to work. In the latter case the President warns that he will direct that no plants working on Government contracts will employ these men, and that moreover, they will be denied deferred classification under the draft act on industrial grounds. This would operate to place strikers under the "work or fight" ruling of the War Department, and they would automatically be inducted into the Military Service.

The fight for the creation of a separate department of aviation under a new Cabinet officer probably will be carried to the floor of the Senate, despite the strong opposition of the Secretary of War, to the proposal. The Senate Committee on Military Affairs considered this Bill for some length Friday and although a final vote was not reached, it is indicated that the sentiment within the committee favors the proposal. The Assistant Secretary of War, Benedict Crowell, who in the Secretary of War Mr. Baker's absence is acting chief of the War Department, yesterday expressed the opposition of the department to this measure in a letter to the senate committee. This expression of disapproval, however, may not prevent consideration of the measure in both Senate and House.

The House has been occupied during the past week with the usual protracted general debate which always precedes detailed consideration of revenue legislation. The debate has been colored by the usual section and political exchanges between members from the several parts of the country. No action has been taken on the revenue measure as yet. Consideration of the revenue measure was postponed long enough Friday for the House to pass upon legislation recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury Mr. McAdoo, which exempts from taxation

#### CURING SKIN TROUBLES

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You simply apply a few drops of freezone on a tender, aching corn and soreness is instantly relieved. Shortly the entire corn can be lifted out, root and all, without pain.

This drug is sticky, but dries at once and is claimed to just shrivel up any corn without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin.

## MAUDE ADAMS SERVES SOLDIERS IN Y. W. C. A.

(N. Y. Evening Post.)

"Gimme dish o' them peaches and a cuppa coffee."

Thus the stocky, mule-skinning doughboy proclaims his inward wants at the cafeteria counter of the Y. W. C. A. Hostess House, on 6th street, near Third avenue.

A Y. W. C. A. worker, tall and rather slender, smiles at him. He grins back; she passes him his food; he thanks her and moves on with his tray to the cashier.

Accepting a small portion of his thirty per in thin dimes and a nickel, the lady cashier bends toward the soldier person.

"Do you know who that was who served you?"

He seizes the tray, holding the edge close to his stomach, with anticipatory relish.

"Naw!" and he starts away.

The cashier gestures him back.

"That's Maude Adams."

"No?" comes an explosion; "Is that right?"

He turns a backward glance toward his server. "Gee!" The tray all but gets out of control, but finally he reaches a table, places the food thereon, looks at it with worship in his eyes, turns another discreet glance toward the tall woman busy at the counter, and slumps to his meal.

"Bill, d'ja know that's Maude Adams passin' the beans to those birds?"

Bill is moved, as was his pal, and they put their heads close to the table and tell each other how lucky they are to be in the army.

All of which might convey the impression that Miss Maude Adams, known wherever the English drama has touched people's lives, however lightly, is being glorified for the work she does as a worker in Y. W. C. A. Hostess House No. 1. Far from it; her services there come from a genuinely modest and very real desire to be of some help to Uncle Sam's nephews.

Many of the men who pass through the Hostess House don't know that one of the greatest dramatic geniuses of all time is there as a worker. Miss Adams talks quietly and interestingly to dozens of soldiers who don't know her identity and see in her simply a fine, womanly personality, whose touch with theirs has a strange potency for better spirits and a more optimistic outlook.

\$30,000 in Liberty Bonds of the forthcoming loan held by any individual and further exempts from taxation all interest on the bonds of preceding issues. This legislation, Mr. McAdoo informed Congress was essential to prevent a declining bond market.

#### The Political Trend

The sensitiveness of the Wilson administration toward the political trend was shown this week in a sharp exchange of correspondence between Joseph P. Tumulty, Secretary to the President, now his political man of the Republican National Committee. Without making positive charges, statements issued from the White House sought to convey the impression that the Republican party leader had made statements charging the Democrats with a willingness to participate in a negotiated peace. This statement was denied by Hays and this political preliminary to the Fall election bouts became virtually a draw. Its chief significance seems to lie in the sensitiveness of the Wilson regime to any criticism of its conduct of the war, his sensitiveness, it is pointed out, was not soothed a great deal by the results in the Maine elections this week, which overwhelmingly favored the Republicans.

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