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BOTH SENATE AND HOUSE PASSED THE SELECTIVE DRAFT BILL

Action Taken Late in the Night Insures Raising of Gigantic Army--Amendments Brings Minimum Age Limit to 21 Unless Parents Consent

By International News Service.

Washington, April 28.—The selective draft bill passed the House at 11:39 o'clock tonight by a vote of 397 to 24. To make the service better for the enlisted man or the man drafted from any occupation, the pay of enlisted men is increased by the bill from \$15.00 to \$30.60 a month. This increase provided by the House tonight makes the soldiers of the United States best paid in the world except those of Canada and Australia. The House as a committee of the whole voted for conscription by 215 to 109. This was the actual test vote on the question. The bill, in somewhat different form, was passed later by the Senate by a vote of 75 to 15. The Senators voting against it were Hardwick, Kirby, Gore, LaFollette, Borah, Thomas, Smith and Gronna. As it passed, the House bill would draft single men between the ages of 21 and 31, the President having authority to designate which ages shall be called to the colors first. The Senate measure would conscript single men between the ages of 21 and 27 inclusive. The difference in the provisions will make it necessary for the measure to be sent to a joint conference of House and Senate members, by whom the ages may be determined.

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CHALMERS PHOTO

Paris, Sunday, April 28.—Chalmers, a member of the French parliament, is expected to arrive in New Orleans tonight. He is expected to give a lecture at the University of Louisiana.

SENATE MOVES TO LET ROOSEVELT GO

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GRANTS PERMISSION TO VISIT IRELAND

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O'DONNELL CASE ARGUED

Arguments in the O'Donnell trial case were heard by the Supreme Court yesterday. The case is for the right of the late American was presented by Assistant Attorney General.

TOM GREER VERY ILL

The friends in this city of Thomas Greer, president of the State Federation of Labor, were told today that he is very ill. He is expected to die in the near future.

SOLD ON WRONG LICENSE?

Henry Zuber, grocer and barroom keeper, 2529 Dauphin street, was arrested last night charged with selling liquor to negroes on a white license. The arrest was made by Patrolman Sharp.

CANNOT VISIT NEW ORLEANS

The members of the French War Commission will not be able to accept the invitation of New Orleans to visit this city. Mayor Behrman yesterday received the following telegram from them: "Monsieur M. Behrman, Marshal Joffre, Admiral Coghnet and the members of the French War Commission express warmest appreciation for your kind invitation, and regret extremely that the shortage of their stay in America absolutely precludes their accepting it."

BURGLARY IN CALHOUN STREET

Mrs. John Hans, 1931 Calhoun street, returned home Friday night to find that her residence had been broken into and ransacked. An investigation revealed that clothing and lace valued at \$75 had been stolen. Police have no clue as to the thief.

RESCUED FROM DROWNING

George Winters Saves Robert Miller From Death in Canal

Standing while walking on the edge of the New Basin canal at Julia and Saratoga streets yesterday afternoon, 14-year-old Robert Miller, an inmate of St. Alphonsus Orphan Asylum, fell into the water and was rescued by George C. Winters, of the New Basin canal board. The lad was taken to the Charity hospital, where he was kept overnight. His condition is not serious.

VENERABLE LADY CALLED TO REST

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