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Report of Executive Secretary From October 23 to November 18

The armistice has been signed and peace, unshackled, is once more abroad in the highways of the world. Your Chairman, Mr. Edward W. Hines, was in Washington when the momentous news came. He was called there for a conference with the War Industries Board and the Council of National Defense relative to matters affecting the work of State Councils. This meeting will doubtless be momentous in the history of the Kentucky Council, and the report of Mr. Hines will accompany the minutes of this meeting.

In the frenzy of joy which seemed to seize not only the people of the city of Louisville, but of other cities throughout our State, it seemed but right that our organization should call the attention of our people to those who had brought about the victory of justice and right. The following statement was issued from this office:

"In this hour of great joy at our deliverance, let us not forget to offer up a prayer for our Soldiers and Sailors. These and our Allies have saved the world from autocracy and all that autocracy means. To those who have died that we might live in peace, we pledge our unforgetfulness of their supreme sacrifice, and to those who live we will ever treasure them in memory for what they did for us, for our homes, and for the freedom of the world.

"Kentucky Council of Defense."

At a later date the Council of Defense, following the expected proclamation of President Wilson on this subject, will through the County Councils plan a proper celebration throughout our State of the freedom of the world from autocracy.

Influenza Epidemic.

Since our last meeting the epidemic of influenza has waned in certain sections of Kentucky, but in other sections there has been a marked increase in this terrible scourge. Mr. Hines has kept in touch with Major Fricks, of the United States Public Health Service, and Mr. R. C. Ballard Thurston, of the American Red Cross, and many nurses and physicians have been sent to the stricken districts. Under a resolution of the Kentucky Council guaranteeing the payment of the expenses of the nurses in visiting these districts in case local authorities did not make these payments, nurses were sent to Harlan, Benham, Wallins Creek, Pineville, Hazard, Middlesboro, Rockport and other places. Mr. Hines was able to arrange with Miss Baker, Head Nurse at the Base Hospital at Camp Zachary Taylor, to send all nurses relieved from duty at that institution to the office of the Kentucky Council of Defense for further assignments.

On November 9th a bulletin was sent to each County Chairman and letter written to each County Judge asking for a survey of the situation then existing in the county as to:

- (1) Number of dependents created by death of wage earners.
- (2) Local facilities for caring for the dependents.
- (3) Assistance which the Fiscal Court is willing to render.

Reports from many counties indicate that local relief is amply able to handle the situation in most sections of our state.

As soon as additional reports are received, a tabulation will be made.

Chairman of Committee on Speakers' Bureau.

Since our last meeting Mr. Marvin H. Lewis has accepted the important position of Chairman of the Committee on Speakers' Bureau of the Kentucky Council of Defense. Mr. Lewis' work as Chairman of the Jefferson County Committee of Four Minute Men is well known and the Kentucky

Council of Defense feels most fortunate in obtaining his valuable services at the head of this committee. Following an invitation from the Committee on Entertainment in Chicago of the American Alliance on Labor and Democracy, Mr. Sigmund A. Lee, Chairman of the Committee on Labor, was duly appointed to represent the Kentucky Council of Defense at this important gathering. I understand that a splendid tribute was paid to Mr. Samuel Gompers by representative persons from all over the United States.

Visit of Major Rutledge Smith.

On Wednesday, October 30th, Major Rutledge Smith, Southern Representative of the Field Division, Council of National Defense, paid an official visit to the office of the Kentucky Council. He was accompanied by Mr. Richard Farr, of the Provost Marshal General's Office. Many matters of great importance to the Council were discussed at length with Major Smith. I am glad to report that Major Smith was much impressed with the way in which the affairs of the Kentucky Council of Defense had been conducted. He paid the Council a great compliment when he stated that he had visited Kentucky last of the states in his district because he had suggestions to make to other Councils, but came to the Kentucky Council in a spirit of conference. Mr. Farr came in the interest of the Provost Marshal General's office with special reference to the aid given by the Kentucky Council in the detection of deserters from the National Army.

Since our bulletin on this subject many notices have been sent to our County Councils of delinquents from military service and I feel sure that much good has been accomplished by those at home persuading these deluded soldiers to return to service.

A letter was received from Dr. H. H. Cherry, who was forced to resign as a member of the Kentucky Council of Defense on account of the duties attendant upon the opening of the Western Kentucky Normal School, expressing his great appreciation of the resolution adopted upon his retirement. In the letter, he states: "I hope you will convey to the Kentucky Council of Defense at its next session a message from me of the deepest appreciation of the action they have taken."

Early Closing.

By reason of the influenza epidemic it was not possible to hold the open meeting with the merchants of our city and State on the subject of early closing as a means of conserving fuel and labor as originally planned. As time passed, however, conditions changed and the necessity for drastic measures was eliminated. The following statement was issued for the approval of the Executive Committee:

"In view of information received from the United States Fuel Administration to the effect that it has been decided that present conditions do not warrant any drastic order for regulating the opening and closing hours of offices, stores and other mercantile establishments, including places of amusement, etc., but that such measures for the conservation of fuel as can be taken without undue hardship or inconvenience are still desirable, the Kentucky Council of Defense would request that for the purpose of conserving fuel and labor the various business organizations within each community try to bring about by voluntary agreement of the different classes or lines of business in the community the adoption of reasonable measures for the saving of fuel and especially that to that end they encourage the establishment by agreement of such uniform opening and closing hours during the winter months as will materially shorten business hours.

"We would suggest in general for shops and stores 8 a. m. as to opening hours and 5 p. m. as to closing hours with an exception as to Saturday evening, 9 p. m. being suggested as the closing hour for that evening. "In lines of business or in communities in which these hours would cause inconvenience to the public, some shortening of business hours may still be possible without inconvenience or hardship. Whatever is done should be done without delay. Business organizations are requested to report to the Kentucky Council of Defense the action they may take in line with this request."

State Historian.

Mr. Fred P. Caldwell, State Historian, has accomplished great things in connection with his work of formulating a history of Kentucky's part in the war. Local historians have now been appointed in nearly every county in Kentucky and Mr. Caldwell advises that these are showing the greatest interest in their work. Now that the war has ended, steps will doubtless be taken by each county to perpetuate the names of those who lost their lives in the service.

In a letter from Mr. Elliott Dunlap Smith, Chief of the Organization and Information Section of the Field Division of the Council of National Defense, a fine tribute is paid to the work of the Kentucky Council.

By reason of changes in economic conditions, brought about by the signing of the armistice, radical amendments have been adopted by the War Industries Board regarding building permits under the Non-War Construction policy. These changes reached our office in a telegram from Mr. Hines, our Chairman, and Mr. McLennan, Chief of the Non-War Construction Section. A bulletin setting forth the various changes was immediately prepared and sent to each County Council so that as little delay as possible would be brought about in beginning the building of those projects permitted under the modified rules.

BUILDING RESTRICTIONS ARE RADICALLY AMENDED

By reason of changes in economic conditions brought about by the signing of the armistice, radical amendments have been adopted by the War Industries Board regarding building permits under the Non-War Construction policy.

Construction Projects Falling Within the Following Classifications Are Hereby Approved and No Permits or Licenses Are Required Therefor from the Non-War Construction Section of the War Industries Board:

1. Construction projects approved in writing by the facilities division of the War Industries Board.
2. All farm and ranch buildings, structures or improvements.
3. All buildings, structures, roadways, plant facilities, or other construction projects of every nature whatsoever, undertaken by the United States Railroad Administration, or by any rail or water transportation company, organization or utility (whether or not under the direction of such administration) or by the American Railway Express Company, or by the owner or operator of any telegraph or telephone line.
4. The construction, maintenance, improvement or development by Federal, State or Municipal authorities of highways, roads, boulevards, bridges, streets, parks and playgrounds.
5. The construction, extension, improvement, maintenance or repair of any public utility, including water supply systems, sewer systems, light and power facilities, and street and interurban railways.
6. The construction, extension or repairs of all irrigation and drainage projects.
7. Construction projects connected with the extension, expansion or development of mines of every character whatsoever or connected with the production and refining of mineral oils and of natural gas.
8. Alterations, constructions or extensions of, or repairs or additions to, plants engaged principally in produc-

ing, milling, refining, preserving, refrigerating or storing foods and feeds.

9. The construction of new, or the alterations or extensions of existing schoolhouses, churches, hospitals, and federal, state or municipal buildings, involving in the aggregate a cost not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00).

10. The construction of new buildings or structures not embraced in any of the foregoing classifications, or the repairs or additions to, or alterations or extensions of existing buildings and structures, in either case involving in the aggregate a cost not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

11. The construction of new buildings or structures not embraced in any of the foregoing classifications, or the repairs or additions to, or alterations or extensions of, existing buildings or structures in either case involving in the aggregate a cost not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) when approved in writing by the State Council of Defense or its duly authorized representatives.

12. Buildings begun prior to September 3rd, 1918, where a substantial portion of the buildings has already been constructed.

County Councils are urged to notify all applicants for building permits whose requests have been declined of the above modifications of the Non-War Construction policy and advise that if the proposed buildings come within the above modified rulings construction may begin.

SERVICE TO FAMILIES AFFECTED BY INFLUENZA

Kentucky Council of Defense.

Bulletin No. 34.

To the County Councils of Defense:

1. While the course of the epidemic of Spanish Influenza has practically run its course in many parts of the state, our attention has been called to the many serious after-results of the disease. Many homes have been completely wrecked, where one or both parents have died and left the children dependent upon the community, and in some instances the disease has left the victims incapacitated to care for themselves.

2. The situation is such that the Conference of Social Work of Kentucky called a meeting, November 2nd, in Louisville, to consider how the needs in the homes could be met. One of the most important questions was that of finding out what institutions and agencies we have in the state for handling these problems, especially for handling the problems of child welfare.

3. The Kentucky Council of Defense is interested in this whole matter, as the very strength of the State of Kentucky depends on protecting and safeguarding the child life of the state. But Before We Can Accomplish Much We Must Know What Facilities We Have in The State. We enclose copy of a letter which we have addressed to each of the County Judges in the State asking for this information. Your County Judge may not fully appreciate the importance of furnishing this information promptly and we must rely upon you to see that this is done. Please get in touch with your County Judge at once, and if he is unwilling to furnish the information requested please have it furnished at once through your appropriate committee.

4. The Lake Division office of the Red Cross has sent to your Home Service Section a letter relative to the relief work made necessary by the after-results of the influenza. The work the Red Cross is doing along these lines will undoubtedly result in every county being better prepared in the future to handle its problems. You Are Urged To Get In Touch With Local Red Cross Chapter And Encourage And Assist In Every Way In Establishing This Child Welfare And Social Work So That It Will Be A Permanent Work In Your County.

Kentucky Council of Defense,
Edward W. Hines, Chm.,
Pendleton Beckley, Exec. Sec.

BRITISH MISSION AT UNIVERSITY FOR A DAY

The University of Kentucky had the honor to entertain, Thursday, November 21, Dr. Arthur Everett Shipley, the Reverend Edward Mewburn Walker, Sir Henry Jones and Dr. John Joly, members of the British Educational Mission, who are visiting leading educational institutions of the United States for the purpose of bringing about co-ordination of American and British institutions and the arranging of curricula to permit students and faculties to exchange work.

Doctor Shipley is vice-chancellor of the University of Cambridge, Master of Christ's College and Reader in Zoology. He represents Cambridge on the Mission and is well known in the United States, in which he has on several occasions been a guest. He is a member of the Central Medical War Committee of Great Britain.

The Reverend Edward M. Walker is Fellow, Senior Tutor and Librarian of Queen's College and Member of the Highborn Council of Oxford and represents Oxford on the Mission. He has been associated with Oxford for 30 years. His scholastic interests lie in the field of Ancient History. He is a clergyman of the Church of England.

Sir Henry Jones, professor of Moral Philosophy in Glasgow University, is a Welshman and represents Glasgow University on the Mission. Sir Henry has lectured in several American Universities. He has worked wholeheartedly in the struggle with German militarism and by writing and speaking aided the campaign for voluntary armies of Great Britain.

Dr. John Joly has been professor of Geology and Mineralogy in the University of Dublin and represents that institution on the Mission. He was born in Ireland and educated at Trinity College, in which he held various subordinate positions before his appointment to the chair which he now occupies. His research in physics has taken the greater part of 30 years.

The Mission on its arrival in Lexington Thursday morning was met by a committee of citizens and university men and motored to Shakertown for lunch. They returned to the University campus in time to review the Student Army Training Corps.

From 4 to 6 o'clock Thursday afternoon the guests were entertained at tea at President McVey's home, Maxwell Place, where the members of the Mission met Governor Stanley and Mrs. Stanley, trustees, faculty and friends of the University.

At 7:30 Thursday evening Doctor Shipley, the Reverend Walker, Sir Henry Jones, and Doctor Joly were guests of honor at dinner at the Phoenix Hotel, when purposes of the Mission were presented by the visitors in short talks followed by a round table discussion in which it developed that since the commencement of the war British universities have devoted much thought to organization of advanced study and research and consequently to encouragement of interchange of students from other countries who wish to follow post-graduate and other courses or to qualify for doctors' degrees.

The members of the mission stayed in Lexington until 10:30 Friday morning. Before leaving they visited the College of Agriculture, Kentucky Experiment Station and Station Farm. As a result of the Mission's visit to Lexington, the University of Kentucky will later take up the matter of interchange of students and professors. It hopes to be among those American universities that will take early advantage of the scheme.

ENTITLED TO MAGAZINE

The Kentucky Council of Defense is asked by the Council of National Defense to designate three individuals in each county in addition to County Chairmen who should receive copies of the Council of Defense magazine. Names and addresses for such counties are called for at once.