

MEN WEPT OVER NEBRASKA SCRAP

Drive Stirred People So Deeply 'It Got Down in Their Shoes,' Newspaperman Tells Publishers;
It Was the People's Party.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 23.—In Nebraska, a drive for scrap metal produced 87,000 tons in 18 days. Here is how it was done.

"It was like a cross between a horse race and a Billy Sunday revival," said J. H. Harding of The Omaha World-Herald, telling about the Nebraska drive at a meeting of newspaper publishers in Washington.

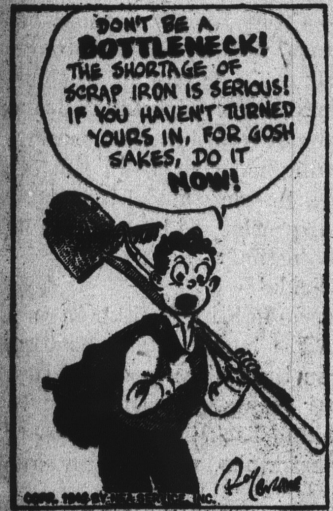
"Before the drive was over," Mr. Harding continued, "I had fellows coming to my office and weeping about it—not women, mind you, but men. It stirred them so deeply, it got clear down to the bottoms of their shoes. That's what it did to everybody, all over the state.

"A woman gave the shell casing her husband brought home from Verdun. He died a year after he came home from wounds he got over there. The shell casing was what she had to remember the last war by. And when she handed that to the truck driver and told him what it was, the truck driver bowed.

"That's what the drive did to people.

Stuck Out Chests

"Take the WPA fellows who worked on the collection trucks and sorted the scrap. They stuck their chests out as they never had before on a WPA job, gentlemen.



They aren't young men on the WPA, but they pitched in and handled this heavy stuff and got hurt and worked like Trojans and loved it, just as everybody else did.

"One old fellow said to one of our reporters one day, 'Look at the telegram I just got from my kid who landed in England. I've got three boys in the service. I'm doing just as much for this country as they are. I'm proud of them, and I'm proud of the work we're doing down here.'

"This whole thing, gentlemen, is something that was done by the plain people, not the big shots. We didn't use any of the fellows who've run to death with jobs like you've got in your towns, the men whose names are well known and whose asked to do everything. We didn't want them and we didn't have to have them.

Get Scrap Together

"The Red Cross and other organizations came in and said, 'What can we do to help?' We found a job for them. Red Cross block chairmen say everybody in their blocks and said: 'Get your scrap metal together, because on such and such a day they're coming in here to get it.'

"The day before the truck hit that district, the Boy Scouts came along and rang doorbells and said: 'Get your scrap metal out on the sidewalk so the truck can pick it up easily tomorrow morning.'

"In the evening a sound truck that was donated by the gas and water people went through the district and said 'Put out your scrap'

again. They blared that to every home.

"The truck driver would come along with a WPA helper to pick up the load. It sounds like a pretty thorough job, but my gosh, there was a lot of stuff left. We had a lot of complaints afterward that we hadn't come for the scrap and we wrote an editorial and said: 'Listen, Omaha citizens, this isn't our job, this is yours; this is all donated labor, and if they missed you, we're sorry. Get it in your wagon and bring it in.'

Metal Blocks Street

"Yet on the last day of the drive, when we told Omaha kids that all theaters in town would give a free movie on Saturday morning and the admission would be five pounds of scrap, 12,000 kids laid 150,000 pounds in front of the theaters, blocking the streets.

"One woman called up a coal man and told him she wanted a ton of coal. As he was finishing delivering it she said: 'Would you mind doing me a little favor? I've got an old icebox here, and the kids want to go to the show, and that's all the scrap we've got. You just load it up and take it over there with the kids.' And he did.

"A couple of little boys found an old rail and that was all the scrap they had to get to the show. They couldn't move the rail and they stood there crying, and a truck driver saw them. He drove his truck eight miles to bring the rail into town so those kids could go to the show.

"I repeat some of these things, gentlemen, because they show you how the people felt. It was the people's party.

"I get so darned worked up, gentlemen, that I could talk all night about it."

VANNUYS BACKS BILL TO SPEED UP JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—His experience as U. S. district attorney in Indianapolis during the first world war caused Senator Frederick VanNuy (D. Ind.) to favor a bill to speed up felony cases in federal courts, he said today.

As chairman of the senate judiciary committee, Senator VanNuy brought forth a favorable report on such a measure which has the backing of the justice department and the judicial council.

Under its terms trial can proceed at once in all federal felony cases, except the capital offenses of treason and murder, upon the filing of information by the district attorney.

Rather than remain in jail, through failure to make bond before any grand jury action can be taken, the prisoner can waive his constitutional rights and have the trial proceed. Although the action on information may be launched either by the prisoner or the prosecutor, it cannot proceed without his consent.

STEINHARDT COMING HOME

ANKARA, Turkey, Sept. 22 (U. P.).—(Delayed)—American Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt plans to leave for Washington soon to remain for a few weeks and to consult President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull. It was understood today. He will fly from Adana, in southern Turkey.

Wadsworth Fears for Army's Fighting Quality Unless 18-Year-Olds Are Called

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—The fighting quality of the army will go down if there is too great delay in bringing men of 18 and 19 under the selective service act, Rep. James Wadsworth (R. N. Y.) charged today.

Mr. Wadsworth, co-author of the first draft act and sponsor now of legislation to move the minimum

draft age from 20—its present level—to 18, said he intended to press for the earliest possible action by the house.

"The more we take in older men, the less will be the endurance and fighting qualities of the army," he said. "Gen. Hershey (director of selective service) has made it perfectly plain that the army is now taking in hundreds of thousands of older men.

"These men are good intellect-

ually, and just as patriotic as younger men, but there must be young men in the ranks to help win the war.

"Older men help fight the war, but history shows the younger men are in there at the finish. At the end of the Civil war the average age of soldiers in the Union army was 19 years and 6 months. In the Confederacy the average was even lower."

At a time when the population

of the country was much smaller than today the Union army, he said, had two million men under 22 years of age.

The New York congressman, veteran of two terms in the senate, where he was chairman of the military affairs committee, said that in his opinion the house was ready to accept his bill.

According to Gen. Hershey and other army officials, the supply of single men, including those with

dependents, will be exhausted this fall, and it is likely that calls for married men without children will begin in December or January.

An ultimate total of 10,000,000 to 13,000,000 men has been forecast for army and navy combined, and it has been indicated the strength of the army alone would be about 4,500,000 by the end of the year.

The supply of childless married men will be exhausted about a year from now unless congress author-

izes the drafting of 18 and 19-year-olds, according to estimates, and the drafting of married men with children would follow that.

Mr. Wadsworth's proposal to lower the draft age has been referred by the house military affairs committee to the war department for a report—the usual legislative procedure—and what this report recommends may point the way to what the committee does.

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