

HOW CONSCRIPTION WORKED OUT IN THE U. S. CIVIL WAR

There is a growing belief that as the city happened to be denuded of militia at the time, the police were quite unable to deal with the situation that developed when on the following Monday the mob stormed the recruiting barracks, beat the officers in charge, and set fire to the building. Throughout the week, indeed, there were hundreds of such fires started, for the worst element in the city was let loose, and roused and burned in wholesale fashion.

Hundreds Killed.

Newspaper offices were attacked and wrecked, the Tribune being one of the victims. The Herald property was defended by a strong force and escaped. In the clashes with the police several women and men were killed. When the mob got the upper hand it was most brutal. Col. O'Brien of the Eleventh New York State Volunteers, after dispersing of a crowd at a street corner, was injured and entered a drug store to obtain medical aid. The mob stormed the place, forced the wounded colonel into the street, hanged him to a lamp post and dragged the body through the streets, mutilating and trampling upon it. The Mayor, finding himself unable to cope with the situation, appealed to the Governor of the State who took charge, and an appeal was sent to Washington for troops; but before they could arrive more than 200 persons had been slain, and millions of dollars' worth of damage done. Later on the city had to pay claims amounting to \$1,500,000.

Law and Order Triumph.

The announcement that troops were on the way to the city, and that the Government had abandoned the drafts for the time being, did not cause the rioters to desist. Their particular victims were negroes whom they began to blame as being the original cause of the war, and consequently of the draft rule. Dozens of them were shot in the streets or hanged, and thousands fled from the city for their lives. Indeed many thousands of citizens of all kinds left the city and sought refuge in different parts of the country. When the soldiers arrived, however, it was not long before order was restored. A detachment under Col. Winslow having ordered a mob to disperse, and the rioters standing fire, a howitzer was turned upon them, and 40 were instantly killed, while scores were wounded. These stern measures had the desired effect, and by the end of the week the city was as quiet as ever. Shortly afterward drafting was resumed, and the conscripts went quietly, if unwillingly to their posts in the army.

An Unfair Law.

It cannot be doubted that the conscription law resorted to by Lincoln was very unfair, and would be as fiercely resented and resisted to-day by British subjects as it was by American citizens half a century ago. It contained a provision that any man drafted might escape military service by paying \$300. This, of course, was unfair to the poorer classes, for it meant that they alone were to be forced to become soldiers. It was not a call to arms for the whole able-bodied male population. Conscripts were drawn by lot. Each district was required to furnish so many men. All the names of eligibles were placed in a wheel, and as many as were needed were drawn, the victims of chance were then required to become soldiers, but those who were wealthy enough could easily pay for substitutes. The unfairness of the arrangements, even more than the fact that the people of the North were getting tired of the war, led to the riots in many parts of the country.

Rioting Begins.

The most serious of them occurred in New York, details of which were given by the New York Herald a few days ago. The first drawings took place on a Saturday, a crowd quickly looking on. The names of the conscripts were published in Sunday editions of the Herald and other papers and at once the fomenters of trouble had been drawn to resist with arms if necessary the efforts of the military authorities to enlist them and

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Turk Atrocities On Armenians

Men Beaten to Death, Children Killed and Hundreds of Women Outraged

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—Documentary evidence of the atrocities inflicted by the Turks upon the Armenians was made public to-night by the committee formed by Charles R. Crane, Cleveland H. Dodge and others to investigate the facts of the Armenian massacres, which is also taking steps to aid sufferers.

The committee states that the evidence was collected from sources that are unquestioned as to the veracity and authority of the writers, but that for obvious reasons their names cannot be given and in most cases names of towns and cities must be concealed.

Quotations are given in the committee's report from 24 sources, some of which give detailed descriptions of instances where Armenians have been put to death, women violated and children slaughtered, of robbery, torture and death by starvation, and of terrible privations endured in long marches to the desert regions to which the Armenians have been exiled—crimes described by the committee as surpassing "in their horror and cruelty anything that history has recorded during the past thousand years."

Describing, under date of June 20,

the wholesale deportation of 25,000 Armenian inhabitants of Zeitoun to the Konieh region, Aleppo and places in Mesopotamia, one writer says:—

The orders to the commanders may have been reasonably humane; but the execution of them has been unnecessarily harsh. Whole villages were deported at an hour's notice. In many cases the men were bound tightly together with ropes and chains. Women with little children in their arms, or in the last days of pregnancy, were driven along under the whip like cattle.

Another writer tells of the cruel use of the bastinado in a certain prison where Armenians were held.

"At the time of the Romans," he writes, "forty strokes were administered at the very most; in this place, however, 200, 300, 500, and even 800 strokes were administered. A young man was beaten to death within the space of five minutes. Apart from the bastinadoing, other methods were employed, too, such as putting hot irons on the chest."

Another authority describes the use of the bastinado and fire torture in the efforts of the Turkish authorities in an unnamed town to extract information as to arms in the possession of the Armenians. Telling of the expulsion of the Armenian inhabitants, he writes:—

"The men were sent off toward ——— in groups of from 30 to 150. Various reports have been circulated, the only one generally accepted being that they were killed. One Greek driver reported seeing the mound under which they were buried.

Germany Seeks Aid Of Spain and Sweden

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The Rome correspondent of the Morning Post cables that he is informed that Germany is taking two more diplomatic moves against the Allies. One is in Spain, he says, where she is with an offer of Gibraltar and Morocco, and the other is in Sweden where the bait is Finland. Germany's condition is that the two countries shall enter in the European war at a movement convenient to herself, and that Spain shall give her that part of Morocco which she had marked out as Germany's at the time of the Agadir affair.

18 MONTHS FOR SHOUTING "VIVE LA FRANCE"

BERLIN, Oct. 10.—Lieut. Jacques Delacasse, son of the French Foreign Minister, who is a prisoner of war at Halle, has been sentenced to detention for one year in the fortress for having spoken abusively of Germany and declined to obey orders.

Many cases of individuals charged with having expressed anti-German sentiments in Alsace have been heard by a court-martial at Strassburg. The Abbe Moreau of Wanzel, who, at a meeting of councillors of the church, shouted "Vive la France" was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment.

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"The men were sent off toward ——— in groups of from 30 to 150. Various reports have been circulated, the only one generally accepted being that they were killed. One Greek driver reported seeing the mound under which they were buried.

"The panic in the city was terrible. Many of the convicts of the prisons had been released and the mountains around ——— were full of outlaws. It was feared that the women and children were taken some distance from the city and left to the mercy of these men. The women believed that they were going to worse than death, and many carried poison in their pockets to use if necessary.

In a similar description of scenes attending the expulsion of Armenians from another community, a writer says:—

"A number of lighters have been loaded with people at different times and sent off towards ———. It is generally believed that such persons were drowned."

In the nearby village, says the same writer, he was informed by a reliable witness that 45 men and women were taken a short distance from the village into a valley, the women violated and the men shot.

ONE-FIFTH OF OUR DUTY

Vancouver World.

The plain fact remains that no city and no province and no class of people in Canada has yet done what it ought to have done. Canada has sent about one-fifth of her men to the front that she ought to send. Is that cause for parochial boasting? Is that something to be proud of? Rather it is not cause for shame because as a people we have done so little? No part of Canada has yet contributed anything like the proportion that England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales have contributed. And the war is just as much our war as theirs. Our business just now is to increase our efforts, to enlarge our contribution, to our common defense, and not to engage in controversy as to recruiting. There will be glory enough for all when the war is won.

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part of the troops which had been already concentrated on the islands in the Aegean for the purpose of using them on Gallipoli Peninsula. As these troops were composed exclusively of French and British the Italians naturally did not find a place among the detachments disembarked at Salonika. Hence," comments the Corriere Della Sera, "Italy's absence from Salonika today is a forced one."