

Twenty-Five Million Workers Protest German Indemnity.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. The United States army of one hundred and seventy-five thousand for fiscal year, was provided for by the appropriation approved today by the Senate sub-committee on military affairs.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23. The twenty-five million workers of Europe to slavery for the purpose of reconstruction, intensify national hatreds and destroy civilization, the Bureau of International Federation of Trades Unions has despatched to Lloyd George on behalf of the twenty-five million workers a message appealing delegates of the London Conference not to forget the efforts that have not will on the working class.

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Laymen's Convention.

The Convention of Lay Agencies of the Methodist Church held its third meeting at Gower Street last night, under the chairmanship of Mr. R. F. Horwood.

Last night's session was from point of interest, attendance, and enthusiasm by far the most successful of the convention. The importance of the general subject—"Sunday Schools"—coupled with the reputation of the speakers explain the added interest displayed.

The opening address was given by Mr. Wm. Soper on "The work of the Primary Department." Mr. Soper in his preliminary remarks referred to the difficult task of instructing the smaller children in that way which would yield the maximum result in the development of his mind and character. One type might be best appealed to by story, another through music, while others through the illustrations on the black board. If there can be found any justification for the establishment of teacher training classes it surely is apparent in the great problem of the service and the training the child to know God as he has revealed himself to man, to know Jesus Christ who became a little child, to inspire him to live as God's child, to be loving, trustful obedient, and to awaken in him a desire to do God's will. The speaker then quoted some interesting statistics which elicited quite an animated discussion before the session adjourned.

The second address was delivered by Rev. D. B. Hemmion, B.A., on the subject of "Teacher Training Classes." Mr. Hemmion should have been heard in order to be able to fully appreciate his address, and nothing short of a verbatim report of the Rev. Gentleman's speech could do justice to his effort. While firmly convinced that the establishment of "Teacher Training Classes" was a vital necessity in the present interest of best the Sunday Schools, teacher and scholar, Mr. Hemmion made it clear that he had the most profound respect for those Sunday School teachers, who as a rule are recruited from that class of people who are busily engaged during the six days of the week, and are from the laity class—yet have not the advantage of the Teacher Training Institutions. He could think of no one who had taken up a more important and more admirable work than that of the Sunday School, and said he could think of no greater reward that could come to one in the evening time of life than to be taken by the hand by a former Sunday School scholar of many years back and told that he owed his decision to live a Christian life, to his beneficent influence and help while under his charge at the Sunday School. Reference was made to the Teacher Training Class which he is at present conducting on Wednesday nights at the Institute Room of the Methodist College, and at which about forty teachers attend regularly, and said he would like to wish to all themselves of the privileges of that class will be cordially welcomed.

The third and last speaker was Miss M. Bradbury of the Methodist College staff. Miss Bradbury spoke on "The Work of the Senior Department" and delivered a most interesting address. The work of the Senior Department was to promote the systematic study of the Bible which she feared was not studied as much as it should be either in the home or in private, yet it was the Book of Books, replete with most interesting history, romance, the most beautiful poetry in fact all that is most worth while can be found in the sacred pages of the Scripture. Another objective of the Senior Department was evangelistic work. There was a time when ranks of the church membership were swelled a result of great revivals. But the present age demands personal contact and individual efforts. Christ called Peter and James and John and those called others. And yet another object was directed towards missionary effort, and the motto is, "Others," in closing Miss Bradbury made a very earnest and strong plea for help in the work of the Sunday School, that good citizenship may predominate. A country's greatest asset is not its area, its resources, but its people, it is therefore of the very highest moment that good, honest, upright men—men of character, men of principle, should be the aim and object of all our ministrations to the rising generation.

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