

DRAFT AGE MUST BE EXTENDED

Washington, April 19.—Members of the house military affairs committee returned to the Capitol from the conference with military authorities today almost solidly convinced that draft age must be extended to from 21 to 40 years of age describing to the committee its essential news from the Picardy and Flanders fighting fronts, these War Department officials laid stress on the necessity of more man-power. They declare, it is said, that Lloyd George's declaration for Irish conscription showed emphatically that England has done nearly its utmost. Representative Kahn, of California actual leader of the committee, declared on his return that a bill to extend the draft age surely will be passed this session. He said it would be approved by both houses, so that on June 5, when it is proposed to register the men who have become 21 the last year, all men up to 40 would be summoned.

Men Above 31 Peculiarly Eligible.
There was every expectation among committee members that Secretary Baker, when he appears before this body Tuesday to outline his policies in executive session, will make this one of his leading recommendations. Military authorities and congress are agreed that men above 31 years of age who have no dependants are peculiarly eligible as fighting men. Division of the men above 31 like those below that age will be into classes one, two, three and four.

While physical rejections of men above 31 are expected to run higher as relating to front line duty, it is thought by the War Department that men of this age can relieve younger troops from many routine and more or less noncombatant assignment. A democratic member of the committee pointed out today that, when the house passed the original draft act, a year ago it fixed ages from 21 to 40 and that the present limits were a concession to the senate.

It developed, too, that when the house military committee voted down early this week a proposal to raise the draft age a majority of the committee expressed itself in favor of the principle.

Camp Should Be Cantonment.
Committee members were strikingly agreed, too, that the sixteen old National Guard encampments, which were of canvas should be rebuilt at once into cantonments. No member would admit that the remarkable agreement had resulted from a suggestion by the War Department. But all pointed out that this would increase the country's training facilities from around 600,000 men at one time to a million and a quarter.

Representative Kahn said the advantage of his was not offset by the lack of shipping to transfer the troops, once trained. He declared every week of training on this side would mean that that much less time would have to be spent in European drilling stations.

The conviction of the committee members that Baker will ask on Tuesday for an army of five million men was strengthened by today's conference.

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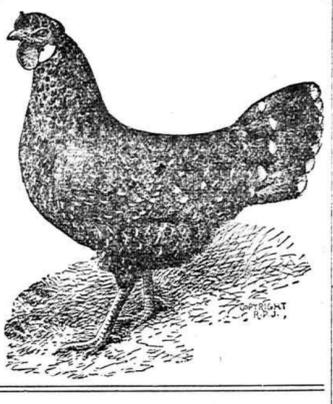
In the COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
A. J. Sturkie, as administrator of the estate of George Ann Williamson Plaintiff, vs. Henry Hooker, Thursday Courtney, Charles Hooker, Eunice Hooker, Mordie Hooker, Sebe Hooker, Ida Barre, Frank Gantt, Susannah Harsey, George Ann Lewis, Sarah J. Sturkie, Laura Cooper, Luther King, Mary Jackson, and Wiley Jackson, Defendants.

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C. M. Efrid,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
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