



WAR FEELING AT YALE.

Cruiser Fund Subscription Almost Universal—Forming a Battery.

Yale is full of war interest and war activity and the feeling is stronger and more dead in earnest day by day.

The increased number of men at the military drills was the first sign of the serious feeling that took the place, as soon as the situation was actually defined, of the humor which appropriated all the serviceable elements of the international difficulty.

Following that came the enthusiastic endorsement of the plan to give some suitable gift to the cruiser "Yale." The subscription has been practically a universal one and the various class meetings, which have been called in connection with this work, have developed the greatest enthusiasm. A few informal and inconsequential rushes between the Sophomores and Freshmen, have been thrown in, just to relieve the tension.

Finally definite announcement has been made of the organization of a battery of Horse Artillery, whose equipment has already been provided for, and whose members expect to be called to Niantic for training at once and into active service as soon as they are fit.

The Cruiser Fund.

The desire to make some gift from Yale to the cruiser Yale took definite form on Thursday of last week when committees from the different classes, and different departments were organized by the Yale News and went directly to their work. The underlying plan was to secure a subscription of small amount from each, and to make the subscription nearly universal.

It was desired to have the subscription from graduates and students of the whole University, and to this end the following committees were appointed to receive contributions from their respective classes and departments:

- '98—Edward Sawyer, A. D. Baldwin, and H. B. Wright.
- '99—C. A. Brayton, Jr., G. D. Graves, and W. F. Whitehouse.
- 1900—F. B. Adams, J. D. Dana, and P. A. Rockefeller.
- 1901—W. T. Townsend, L. M. Thomas, and L. B. Carter.
- '98 S.—J. W. Alsop, W. F. Cochran, Jr., and S. G. Moon.
- '99 S.—Thomas LeBoutillier, S. F. Shattock, and J. McL. Walton.
- 1900 S.—F. H. Swift, W. R. Bassick, and O. H. Schell.

Law School—E. W. Beattie, '98; W. H. Clarke, '99, and C. H. Studinski, 1900.

Divinity School—A. E. Fraser, '98; H. A. Jump, '99, and H. W. Kidder, 1900.

Medical School—J. S. Loomis, '98; W. J. Maroney, 1900, and O. R. Witter, 1901.

Graduate Department—Yandell Henderson, '95.

A meeting of all the committees was held on Thursday afternoon for an informal discussion of plans for raising the money. It was decided that each committee should determine the method to be used in carrying on the subscription in its department. For the convenience of those who might not be seen by members of the committees, it was decided to make provision at the

Yale Co-operative Store for the receiving of contributions and subscriptions.

As a preliminary step it was voted to send a large Yale banner to the cruiser, and Yandell Henderson, '95, H. B. Wright, '98, and S. G. Moon, '98 S., were appointed to take charge of the matter.

Edward Sawyer, '98, was chosen General Treasurer of the committees, and H. B. Wright, '98, General Secretary.

Lewis S. Welch, '89, of the ALUMNI WEEKLY, was asked to take charge of the funds received from graduates, and to communicate with the alumni associations with a request to receive and forward subscriptions. The Secretaries were accordingly addressed in a letter urging them to bring the matter at once to the attention of their respective associations and to push the work of contribution with all possible speed.

RUSH WORK BY THE COMMITTEES.

The various committees took up the matter with a promptness and enthusiasm which at once assured the success of the fund. The Class of Ninety-Nine met on Thursday evening, and were addressed by G. D. Graves, D. H. Day, and M. Kellogg, who gave the plans of the committee and made an appeal for a generous contribution. Mr. Kellogg also advocated the forming of a company from the Junior class. The sum of \$175 was subscribed from Ninety-Nine, most of which has already been collected. A further canvass is under way.

A most enthusiastic meeting was held by the Class of Nineteen Hundred on Friday evening. F. B. Adams presided as Chairman, and spirited addresses were made by J. D. Dana, J. C. Greenway, and J. M. Hopkins. Nineteen Hundred has now subscribed \$350 to the fund, \$200 of which has already been paid in. The Class of Nineteen Hundred and One met on Friday and were addressed by D. H. Day, '99, who spoke on the purposes of the fund. The contributions from the Freshman class to date amount to over \$200. The Class of Ninety-Eight has already subscribed \$125, and a large number of the Class still remain to be canvassed.

The members of the Scientific Department have responded very liberally to the fund, and many more subscriptions have been promised. The Class of Ninety-Eight Sheff. held a very enthusiastic meeting and were addressed by J. W. Alsop and W. F. Cochran, Jr. A canvass of half of the class resulted in a subscription of \$60. About the same amount has been given by Ninety-Nine Sheff., and a large number of the Class have not yet had an opportunity to contribute. Over \$100 has been subscribed by 1900 Sheff., and the committee expects to increase this amount materially.

Yale Horse Battery.

As the WEEKLY goes to press, about one hundred students principally members of the Academic and Scientific Senior classes have definitely decided to join a battery which will go to the front with Connecticut's quota of troops. It is expected that the battery will be made up entirely of Yale students and graduates. A special invitation to graduates of recent years is printed elsewhere.

The plan of the Battery has been very carefully worked upon since the first assurance of hostilities. Messrs. Parkhurst and Chappell have been both at Washington and Hartford, and have conversed with all the National and

State officials whose permission is necessary or advice valuable. The plan was originally for a machine gun battery, but it seemed best finally to change to a battery of horse artillery. A full complement of 175 men will be required and the armament will be six 3½ inch rapid fire guns.

The training is of a very severe order and drill will begin in the near future at the State grounds at Niantic, whither tents and equipments are already on their way from Washington. Constant drills will be held there, and in the near future the men will probably be transferred to Chattanooga. The next transfer will probably be to Tampa, Florida, in order that the men may become acclimated to the weather which they will probably encounter in Cuba. By that time it is hoped that the training will have put them into good condition and that they will be ready for active service.

The difficulty of the work and its serious nature have been fully considered and appreciated by the men who have been instrumental in organizing the Company. They understand the very important and very active part taken by horse artillery in engagement, and the fact that the army is short in this direction and that any effective battery will probably be called into early service.

It was first expected to restrict the company to Scientific and Academic Seniors, but later the opportunity to enlist was thrown open to the entire College. As is indicated by an announcement printed elsewhere, the organization will welcome graduates of a few years standing to their ranks, as they desire to secure the best material possible and yet keep it a Yale company. They realize that they must fill up their complement at an early date.

AS TO DIPLOMAS.

As to diplomas, no action has been taken by either the Academic or Scientific Faculties. It is expected, however, that there will be no objection in the Academic Faculty to giving men their diplomas who are called into service between now and the end of the year, and who have up to the point of leaving maintained the stand which would entitle them, if kept up, to their degree.

Yale Naval Militiamen.

About fifty Yale men, graduates and undergraduates, are members of the New Haven branch of the Connecticut Naval Reserve, and will go out on patrol duty with the force when called upon by the Government. The patrol will not extend over the entire Sound. The Connecticut Naval Reserve and the Second Battalion of the New York Reserve, stationed on four torpedo boats (converted yachts), six gunboats (converted steamers) and four ocean-going tugs to be used as dispatch boats, will guard the strategic points of the entrance to the Sound. Headquarters will probably be established on Block Island and the patrol will extend over and include Point Judith, Montauk Point, Gardiner's Island and Block Island.

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Important Insurance Ruling.

The generous attitude of the Prudential in regard to policies on the lives of those in the Army and Navy or in the militia of the several states is given in the regular advertisement of the company elsewhere. Policies hold without assessment or any special condition—Adv.

TO ALL ALUMNI.

The Appeal of the Committee for Gift to Cruiser Yale.

The following very important announcement is made by the Committee on the fund for the gift to the cruiser Yale to all alumni of Yale:

To the Alumni of Yale:

A committee, representing all the classes and departments of the University, has been at work for several days raising funds for a gift to the cruiser Yale, which will show the appreciation of the honor done the University by the Government and will attest as strongly as possible the loyalty of all Yale men. With only five days of work and a subscription in which no one was urged to make his gift more than a dollar, nearly one thousand dollars has been raised here; and before the canvass is done in the University, it is confidently hoped that this sum will not fall short of fifteen hundred dollars.

The Committee appeals to the alumni of Yale in all parts of the country to assist in this work. The time has been short and the need of instant action was felt. It was impossible, therefore, to communicate in advance with the alumni and secure the appointment of a committee representing all the classes and associations. It seemed necessary to make New Haven the center of work and to allow the committee already appointed to do that work for the present. If you believe in the motive of the gift, you are therefore urged to send your subscription to New Haven at as early a date as possible. Only one dollar is asked for from each alumnus, but any larger sum will, of course, be very gratefully received.

A further alumni representation is being gathered on this Committee, but cannot be given in this issue of the WEEKLY. This much, however, can be said: Any important step, like the choice of the form of the gift, will not be taken without full consultation with representative graduates and their endorsement and the endorsement of the entire University in mass meeting assembled. The Navy Department has, through Mr. Roosevelt, expressed its great pleasure at the action of Yale, and has suggested one or two forms of gift of a nature which can serve as a permanent memorial either at New Haven or Washington after the cruiser Yale has become again the steamer Paris.

As early a response as you can conveniently make is very much desired, and you are strongly urged not only to send in your own subscription, but to use your influence in securing subscriptions from others. Please send your checks to the Cruiser Fund, YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY, New Haven, Conn., and make them payable to YALE ALUMNI WEEKLY, Agent, or to Edward Sawyer, Treasurer.

For the Committee,
HENRY B. WRIGHT, Secretary.