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F. D. ROOSEVELT FOR GENERAL TRAINING

Compulsory service and universal military training were strongly urged today by Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant Secretary of the Navy, in an address in Tremont Temple, under the auspices of the Special Aid Society.

Mayor Curley, who introduced the speaker, prefaced his remarks by saying that city employes could go to Plattsburg or serve in the naval cruise without loss of pay.

"We owe it to the government as our distinctive privilege as citizens of the United States to come forward in time of need in the defence of our country," said Mr. Roosevelt. "There should be an enumeration of the people, a census taken of all hands, men and women, so that we may determine where each one fits in. To know what to do beforehand in the case of emergency saves time, effort and human lives. So with this in view I advocate compulsory service and universal training."

"We should follow the example of Switzerland and Australia and especially benefit by what the labor party of the latter country did in the interests of universal service."

Asked by Whitfield Tuck of Winchester whether President Wilson believed in a much larger navy, Mr. Roosevelt said:

"President Wilson has felt for some time, giving this whole subject much consideration, that the whole line of defence on our coasts is inadequate."

"We must have a 100,000 two-line reserve besides the regular service, and we ought to have for the naval cruise at least from 2,500 to 3,000 men."

"New England needs to take a more active interest in this coast defence."

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STOCKS AND INVESTM

By W. H. ROSS, Financial Edit

Stocks were strong in New York at noon after ranking high from the opening. A few issues showed losses at the end of the morning. Outside buying was renewed after the start. It was evident in U. S. Steel and a number of railroads and several specialties. Marine preferred weakened. Trading was of good volume.

Gains at 12 o'clock included American Beet Sugar 2 at 86 1/2, a new high record, American Sugar 1, American Zinc 1, Butte & Superior 1 1/2, Anaconda 1/2, Utah Copper 3/4, Chino 3/4, Kennecott 3/4, American Can 3/4, U. S. Steel 1, American Smelting 3/4, N. Y. Air Brake 3/4, Lee Tire 5/8, Woolen common 1 1/2, American Loco 1/2, Baldwin 1/2, Crucible 1/2, Distillers 1/2, Maxwell 1/2, Studebaker 1/2, Willy-Overland 1/2, Westinghouse 1/2, Industrial Alcohol 1/2, Canadian Pacific 1 1/2, Southern Pacific 1/2, Atchison 3/4, Reading 1 1/2, N. Y. Central 1 1/2, New Haven 1 1/2, St. Paul 1/2, Norfolk & Western 3/4, Baltimore & Ohio 1/2 and Union Pacific 1/2.

Among declines were Marine preferred 1/2, Mexican Petroleum 3/4 and United Fruit 1/2.

Gains in Boston included Gulf common 3/4, preferred 1/2, U. S. Smelting 1/2, Old Dominion 1 1/2, Allouez 1/2, Calumet & Arizona 1/2, Copper Range 1/2, Mohawk 1, Osceola 1/2, Quincy 1/2, Butte & Superior 3/4, American Zinc 3/4 and New Haven 1 1/2.

Among declines were North Butte 1/2, United Fruit 1/2 and United Shoe 3/4.

During the noon hour Beet Sugar sold at 87 1/2, up 4 1/2.

Buying orders accumulated over Sunday, indicating renewed public interest in the market, and prices were up and trading active in New York at the opening. Among strongest issues at the start were American Beet Sugar, American Woolen common, Baldwin, Butte & Superior, Crucible, Goodrich, Marine preferred, Lee Tire, Studebaker, United Fruit, U. S. Smelting, U. S. Steel, Canadian Pacific, Reading and Union Pacific. Coppers responded the least of any class by the bullish sentiment produced by the belief that Colonel Roosevelt will do nothing to prevent the election of Mr. Hughes. Short covering helped the advance. Orders to buy came from all parts of the country. As soon as initial demand was satisfied there was profit taking, and while prices ruled higher than at the close on Saturday, the

list averaged below level.

In Boston, when opened firm, Atlantic Indles issues were Both common and preferred new record number of copper gains. Copper Range active. U. S. Smelt So were Zincs. Lom more active than usual was not broad.

In London spot features were off 1/2 by the remained unchanged and futures declined 1/2 to 1 1/2. Spot lead was futures 2 1/2 down declined 1/2 with fu

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Following is the ra leading New York sto

Saturday

close,

Alaska	2 1/2
Am. Beet Sug.	83 1/2
Am. Can	58 1/2
Am. Car & P.	60 1/2
Am. Locomo	73 1/2
Am. Smelting	98
Am. Sugar	111
Am. Woolen	47 1/2
Am. Zinc	85 1/2
Anaconda	84
At. T. & S. P.	106 1/2
Anglo-Fr. ss.	95 1/2
Baldwin	96 1/2
Balt. & Ohio	92
Beth. Steel	41 1/2
Butte & Sup.	98 1/2
Can. Pacific	47 1/2
Cent. Leather	54 1/2
Chic. & Ohio	66 1/2
Chic. & St. P.	100 1/2
Chic. & R. I.	29 1/2
*Chandler	118
Chino	85 1/2
Col. Fuel	42 1/2
Crucible Steel	86
Dis. Securities	47 1/2
Eric	35
Gen. Electric	172
Goodrich	77 1/2
Gr. North Ore	37 1/2
Green-Can.	46 1/2
Ill. Central	108
Inspiration	46
I. M. M. etc.	26
I. M. M. pf. etc.	96 1/2
Kennecott	83 1/2
Lack. Steel	71 1/2
Leshli Valley	87 1/2
Lee Tire	52 1/2
Maxwell	85 1/2
Mex. Petrol.	108 1/2
Miami	55 1/2
N. Y. Air Brake	137
N. Y. Central	106 1/2
N. Y. N. H. & H.	61 1/2
Nor. & West.	125 1/2
No. Pacific	115 1/2
Penn. Ry.	58 1/2
R.N.M. Springs	47
Reading	104 1/2
R.I. & Steel	47 1/2
Shat.-Ariz.	31 1/2
So. Pacific	29
Studebaker	142 1/2
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U. S. Steel	102 1/2

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