

ROOSEVELT ATTACKS OBJECTORS TO WAR

Tells Camp Merritt Men Conscientious Complainers Should Be Deprived of Votes.

DEDICATES SOLDIERS' CLUB

Enlisted Men Cheer Colonel When He Says Nation Won't Stop Fighting Until Victory Is Won.

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CAMP MERRITT, N. J., Jan. 30.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt today dedicated Merritt Hall, established as the soldiers' club here by Mrs. Wesley Merritt, widow of the late General Merritt, Indian fighter and civil war veteran. The Colonel received an ovation when he spoke, first to 1,000 officers and their relatives in the club house, and later to 4,000 enlisted men in the Y. M. C. A. building.

"You have drawn the great price of the generation," Colonel Roosevelt told the officers and men. "In the future you won't have to explain to your children or your children's children why you did not go to war. It will be more comfortable to explain why you did go to war."

Colonel Roosevelt made a plea for universal military service, and attacked the "conscientious objector to war" as one who ought not to be allowed to vote because he will not fight for the well-being of his country. He advised the testing of conscientious objectors by placing them on mine sweepers or by allowing them to dig frontline trenches.

"We did everything we could to keep out of war," the Colonel declared. "But now that the nation has gone in, it ought to go in as an honorable man goes into a fight. We don't want to hit if we can help it, but if we hit we don't want to hit soft; go in for business. If you hit a man only a little, he'll hit you. But when you hit him, put him to sleep."

The last sentiment was greeted with cheers by the enlisted men.

Addressing the women, Colonel Roosevelt said: "We have got to see this war through no matter how long it takes. We don't care what suffering and what sacrifices there are, this war has got to be put through until we bring Germany to her knees. The peace

we want is not the one Germany wants. It is the peace we will choose to give Germany—that will count. If there is an inconclusive peace this war will have to be fought again."

The training camps of the country were referred to as "the great universities of American citizenship" by the Colonel. He declared there is no room here for a "fifty-fifty citizenship."

A remark that the enlisted men greeted with applause was, "We have gone into this war and we won't stop until we have won the peace of overwhelming victory. This is the peoples' war, and we are in it fighting for the rights of others as well as for ourselves. When it's over it will be understood that it is not safe to monkey with Uncle Sam."

"I guarantee that you men, after a little experience, will put it over any Hun organization," was a declaration that evoked cheers and handclapping.