

LABOR RAISING VOICE AGAINST PLAN OF FORCE

Congress of British Unions Will
Oppose Proposal for
Conscription.

DEMAND GROWS FOR VOLUNTARISM

Agitation for Compulsory Ser-
vice Raises Bitter Feel-
ing in Britain.

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London, Aug. 24.—Nothing is known here concerning the Daily Mail's Hague correspondent's report that the Germans had decided to treat Canadian prisoners severely as a reprisal for alleged ill-treatment of Germans interned at Amherst, Nova Scotia. General Sam Hughes has no information that would suggest that Germans have been badly treated in Canadian camps of internment, and he emphatically denies that the German prisoners are badly treated. German officers are allowed to dine in a hotel. All interned Germans receive the utmost possible leniency. When General Hughes passed through New York Germans formally thanked him for the kindness and good treatment of Germans throughout Canada.

Hughes Indignant.

Gen. Hughes showed great indignation at "the false and malicious tales." He advises people to communicate with W. Welchel, M.P., of Waterloo, Ontario, if they desire to know the facts.

General Hughes, discussing with The Star representative, German threats of reprisals on Canadian prisoners in Germany, says the whole thing is buncombe. "We treated them as citizens until they showed themselves Germans. Most Germans in Canada will repudiate the Berlin allegations of persecution or bad treatment at Amherst or elsewhere. When interned they were well treated. Sanitation depends entirely on themselves."

Labor's Protest.

The forthcoming Trades Union Congress, England's labor Parliament, will voice the strong labor sentiment against conscription. John Hodge, M.P., chairman of the labor party states that at the request of the National Service League, he enquired of members of the labor party and found all strongly and decidedly opposed to any form of compulsory service.

The Daily Telegraph protests against the present agitation on the ground that the unity of the nation might be in danger of being broken. It declares the agitation has already brewed up a most mischievous, stormy atmosphere. The Telegraph acknowledges that conscription may come, but urges that the decision be left to the Government without public agitation. F. A. MCKENZIE.