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REVISE PLANS FOR TRAINING WAR ARMY

SIXTEEN CANTONMENTS INSTEAD OF THIRTY-TWO WILL BE LOCATED.

PLACE MANY UNDER CANVASS

Shortage of Funds, Material, Labor and Transportation Facilities Caused the Number of Cantonments to Be Reduced.

Washington.—Important revisions in the plan for training the war Army have been made by the War Department, which announced that the half million men to be called to the colors in September will be concentrated in sixteen cantonments instead of thirty-two, and that many of the forces probably will be put into tents instead of wooden barracks.

Lack of funds, material, labor and transportation facilities, Secretary Baker said, caused the decision to reduce the number of cantonments. The larger number seemed practicable, but that would have made a much greater demand on the overtaxed resources at the Department's command.

Although the change will upset all the tentative plans for camp locations made by department commanders, it is not expected to delay beyond September 1 the mobilization of the great draft Army. Four of the sixteen cantonment sites provided for under the new plan already have been selected, and choice of the others is expected soon. Secretary Baker indicated that building would proceed as rapidly as possible. The four sites selected are at American Lake, Wash.; Atlanta, Ga.; Ayre, Mass., and Wrightstown, New Jersey.

A more plentiful supply of canvas than expected made it possible to put some of the troops under tents. Most of the tents used probably will be placed at Southern camps.

In making the announcement, Secretary Baker said also that forces in excess of those which could be cared for in the sixteen cantonments would be placed under canvas. This was taken as referring to National Guard divisions, although the Militia Bureau has received no instructions in this regard.

There is no indication of an intention to alter the plan for formation of sixteen divisions of the guard. The questions of filling these up to war strength probably will not be settled until selection of men for military service in the draft Army begins. Under the law, either the Regulars or Guard can be filled up with men from the selected lists if that is desired.

MANY LIVES LOST IN STORMS IN MIDDLE WEST

Towns in Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri Are Stricken.

Kansas City, Mo. — Twenty-one known deaths, more than one hundred injured and unestimated property damage resulted from a series of tornadoes that swept several towns and sections of south-eastern Kansas, north central Oklahoma and southern Missouri.

With 400 houses reported destroyed at Coalgate, Okla., a town of 3,000 inhabitants, and possibly 200 at Coffeyville, Kan., it was feared that the death total at these two places would be high. One message said that 13 bodies had been counted at Coalgate, and that the business section of the town was virtually destroyed.

Three persons were killed, several seriously injured and much property was damaged by a tornado which struck Moore, five miles southeast of Olathe, Kan.

Unconfirmed reports from Buffalo, Mo., told of considerable damage there. Another storm was reported to have passed between Springfield and Lebanon. All wires were down both directions.

Nine persons were injured two persons fatally, by the tornado which passed north of the town of Seminole, Okla. Much livestock was killed and crops in the path of the storm were badly damaged.

Best Remedy For Whooping Cough.

"Last winter when my little boy had the whooping cough I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. J. B. Roberts, East St. Louis, Ill. "It kept his cough loose and relieved him of those dreadful coughing spells. It is the only cough medicine I keep in the house because I have the most confidence in it." This remedy is also good for colds and croup.

Why Are We At War.

Why are we at war? Why is the night darker than the day? The pacifists working under the influence of Germanism would ask us this foolish question on top of all of the outrages that have been perpetrated against us and as the New York World says: "What is said to be going on in Russia is what the Prussian war machine planned also for the United States. It filled the country with spies, bribe givers and conspirators; denied our right to neutrality; beguiled an element of our citizenship from its true allegiance; carried on a seditious political agitation against our Government; levied war upon our industry and commerce; sought to embroil us with Mexico and Japan, and, because these undertakings failed, impudently warned us off of the seas on pain of death.

"Conditions in Russia have been more favorable to German propaganda of this kind, and we see the results in open defiance of authority, military disaffection and industrial and agrarian revolt. A Russian democracy reduced to anarchy and eventually self-annihilation would be a greater triumph for Prussian autocracy than any of which it boasts upon the battlefield. America stood the test, but we shall not know for some time yet what the fate of the newest republic is to be.

"In spite of these treacheries, which are only repetitions of our own recent experiences, there are Americans under German influence who are asking even now why we are at war and what we hope to gain by war. Belgium, Serbia and Armenia have been forgotten. The perfidious disregard of treaties has been forgotten. The massacres of the sea have been forgotten. The lawless challenge to us and to the whole world forbidding foreign commerce except upon conditions denying national sovereignty and right has been forgotten. Militarism's broken pledges, its disregard for every humane consideration that stood in its way, its avowed purpose to reduce the earth to subjection, enforcing its hideous conceptions of Kultur especially upon weak democracies—all these have been forgotten by every man foolish enough to preserve enough to ask the question which Potsdam and its agents put into his mouth.

"The ruling class in Germany knows why we are at war and what expect to gain by war. It knows that it is an arch-offender against civilization and that as surely as surely as we triumph it is to be punished by the only restraint it recognizes, which is force. It knows that it is running amuck for the last time. It knows that the peace to come will be a just and democratic peace, and not the hateful thing of terror, humiliation and plunder going by the name of Prussian peace.

"It suits Kaiserism to maintain that it is not at war with the United States and that it is unable to understand our purpose, but no American can echo that mockery without a confession of guilt and shame."

MODIFICATION OF WAR TAX LEVIES ARE CONTINUED

Washington.—Exemption of popular price moving picture theaters from amusement taxes and the levying of a new federal license tax on automobile owners ranging from \$7.50 to \$25, with reductions for cars used a year or more, were agreed upon by the senate finance committee in continuing revision of the house war tax bill. With its task virtually completed the committee adjourned for the week.

SPY SYSTEM IN NEW YORK IS UNCOVERED

GERMAN SPIES SHIPPED HIGH POWER WIRELESS OUTFITS TO MEXICO.

MAIL WAS SENT TO GERMANY

It Was Intimated That Through This System Germany Learned of American Destroyer Fleet Movement to England.

New York.—Evidence that two complete high-powered wireless installations, assembled here from various sources, were shipped piecemeal to Mexico, supposedly for use of a German spy system in this country, was unearthed in connection with the arrest of three men on charges of conspiring to send mail containing military information, surreptitiously from the United States to Germany through members of Norwegian ship crews.

It was intimated by the United States Commissioner, before whom the alleged plotters were arraigned, that it was through their instrumentality that advance news of the impending arrival in England of the American destroyer fleet was sent to Germany before it even became generally known in this country that it had sailed.

With only a scratching of the surface of the mass of evidence in the Government's hands, indications have been found that the secret mail system was operated both ways between the United States, Germany and Mexico. Several hundred letters have been seized, written in English, German and Spanish, and some apparently in code. They are being translated in the expectation that they will open the way to full revelations of the alleged spy plot which is said to point to other places besides those under arrest.

The prisoners are Harry F. Perissal and Irving Bonaparts, both said to be American born, employed by a German electrical company here, and Axel E. Melcher, said to be a naturalized citizen from Sweden.

PROHIBITION TAX IS NOW PROPOSED ON WHISKEY

Committee Measure Would Prevent Manufacture During Period of War

Washington.—Prohibition legislation was approved by the senate finance committee as a new feature of the war tax bill.

Prohibitive taxes upon distillation of whiskey and other spirits for beverage purposes, with a ban upon their importation, were agreed upon by a substantial majority of the committee.

Taxes fixed by the house on beer and wines were left unchanged though they have not yet been finally approved.

General suspension of beverage production by distilleries and use of liquor now in bonded warehouses probably would be the effect of the new tax section if enacted into law.

Curtalement of liquor consumption during the war and conservation of foodstuffs used in manufacturing distilled spirits, Chairman Simmons said constituted the dual object of the committee in adopting the substitutes for the house rates.

AVIATRIX BOOSTING LIBERTY BONDS SALE.

Cleveland, O.—Ruth Law, aviatrix, in a biplane, circled over Cleveland and environs dropping "liberty loan bombs." She has been secured to make another flight, but the weather was so fine she decided to make the trip now. She started from Nola Park in East Cleveland and flying at a height of 5,000 feet, dropped liberty bond literature. Thousands watched her flight as she circled along the lake front.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS

Another List of the Boys Who Registered.

It is the intention of The Democrat to publish the full list of those who registered for the army in Watauga, but we can only do it by installments as our type is inadequate to the job of publishing them all at once. Here is another bunch of the patriotic boys who so willingly tendered their services to the government:

BALD MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP.
W. L. Adams, R. L. Byland, R. C. Cox, M. H. Greer, Jerry Green, R. R. Griggs, R. L. Grogan, C. H. Howell, A. Y. Howell, V. Howell, C. R. Johnson, Fred Krider, J. E. Lewis, D. E. Look-abil, W. P. Maxwell, C. C. Miller, E. S. Moretz, J. M. McGuire, W. F. Norris, Nate Phillips, A. C. Phillips, M. H. Stephens, W. S. Tatin, J. B. Todd, Greek Todd, O. N. Wagner, T. J. Wall, Esaw Winebarger and A. C. Winebarger.

BEAVER DAM TOWNSHIP.
S. B. Adams, R. M. Adams, Thomas Arrant, Don Arrant, Thos Banner, W. S. Christian, R. L. Combs, Clyde Combs, Coy Cook, Walter Cook, Charlie Cornett, A. L. Dishman, S. C. Dishman, C. P. Dougherty, M. H. Edmisten, J. C. Eggers, Livville Eggers, S. C. Eggers, R. A. Eller, C. M. Eller, J. A. Farthing, C. J. Farthing, J. B. Farthing, Bert Farthing; Eugene Gragg, Wm Gragg, R. F. Guy, T. L. Guy, W. G. Guy, R. H. Hagaman, F. Hagaman, D. C. Hagaman, F. Council Hagaman, Mill Hagaman, Jethro David Hagaman; Donley Hagaman, L. R. Hoffman, Jas. Isaacs, B. C. Isaacs, Hill Isaacs, G. M. Johnson, Lee Johnson, Chas. Johnson, W. H. Johnson, W. J. Love, Coy Love, Grant Lowrance, Eld Matheson, John May, Mack May, Wm. May, C. F. Moody, Stacy Moody, F. R. Moore, Sherman Moretz, Roy Norris, D. S. Norris, P. W. Palmer, Clyde Perry, C. P. Phillips, Thos. Potter, G. G. Reese, A. L. Reese, G. W. Robinson, J. M. Sherwood, G. R. Sherrill, Carl Smith, L. W. Stansberry, T. E. Stansberry, J. H. Stansberry, W. B. Swift, C. P. Swift, Ben Swift, R. D. Swift, N. E. Tester, A. C. Tester, D. A. Thompson, C. F. Thompson, W. R. Vines, J. W. Vines, J. F. Warren, R. J. Ward, G. C. Ward, Raleigh Ward, Linney Whittington, A. L. Woods, A. C. Williams, E. S. Williams, C. W. Wilson, William Wilson, W. G. Wilson, W. W. Wilson, G. A. Wilson.

BLOWING ROCK TOWNSHIP.
J. F. Andrews, J. J. Austin, W. M. Aulton, L. J. Benfield, H. G. Benfield, I. W. Bolick, R. A. Bolick, S. B. Brown, J. E. Bradshaw, B. C. Cannon, I. H. Cox, R. M. Coffey, W. L. Coffey, A. L. Coffey, C. S. Deaton, Carl Dula, L. K. Gilley, C. S. Greene, Comodore Greene, R. T. Greer, H. G. Greer, C. T. Hartley, B. C. Hartley, J. J. Hartley, W. L. Hartley, C. R. Hartley, J. L. Hamlet, T. I. Holloway, G. L. Hodges, H. F. Ingle, J. B. Knight, Will Lentz, Fred H. Rennell, Collins Eugene Pearson, E. G. Pitts, F. E. Shore, W. W. Shore, R. H. Shore, C. M. Shore, T. H. Shull, C. R. Spann, J. I. Teague, W. C. Teague, Virgie Walser, C. R. Walser, A. H. Walser, C. G. Ward.

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TRAIN OFFICERS FOR MERCHANT MARINE.

Washington.—A campaign to recruit and train 10,000 men to officer the ships of the new American merchant marine was announced by the Federal Shipping Board and the Department of Commerce. Henry Howard, of Boston, has been appointed director, with offices in the Boston customs house. The first nautical training school under Government direction was opened near Boston. Fourteen similar schools will be established along the Atlantic coast.

MORE TRAINING CAMPS ORDERED

EIGHT CAMPS TO TRAIN OFFICERS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN JULY.

MATURE MEN ARE WANTED

Volunteers Between 31 and 44 Will Be Trained to Officer Second Increment of Half Million Men to Be Ordered.

Washington.—A second series of officers' training camps will be held between August 27 and November 25 in eight locations, to develop officers for the second increment of 500,000 men to be called into service by the selective draft, Adjutant General McCain announced. In general, qualifications for admission to these camps will be the same as for the first series, but a strong effort will be made to obtain men above 31 years of age and the number admitted to training will be smaller than in the present camps.

Applications must be sent to the commanding generals of the department in which the applicant lives, between June 15 and July 15th. Citizens between the ages of 20 and nine months and 44 years are eligible.

The camp sites chosen and the areas from which applicants will be assigned are as follows:

- Fort Myer, Va.—Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.
- Fort McPherson, Ga.—New York City and contiguous territory, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.
- Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.—The greater part of New York State, the northern part of Pennsylvania, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina.
- Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.—The southern part of Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana and Kentucky.
- Fort Logan, H. Roots, Ark. (or other place to be designated)—Wisconsin, Michigan, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas.
- Fort Leon Springs, Tex.—Illinois, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma.
- Fort Riley, Kan.—Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Colorado.
- The Presidio, San Francisco—Utah, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and California.

SENATE PASSES BILL PROVIDING FOOD SURVEY

Already Passed in House and Now Goes to Conference.

Washington.—The first of the administration food bills, already passed by the House, passed the Senate without a record vote. Numerous amendments were attached to the measure, which provides for a food survey and crop stimulation, and it was sent to conference where the differences will be thrashed out while the two houses are considering the second administration measure, providing for food control and price-fixing.

The bill, as finally accepted by the Senate, provides for a comprehensive survey of food resources, and for the stimulation of agriculture, and restricts drastically the storing of foodstuffs, fuel and other necessities and speculation in futures. The restrictive provisions were added by the Senate. Hoarding or storage of food, fuel or other necessities of life in order to limit the supply or affect the prices would be made a felony under the senate hearing amendment, but farmers who hold their own products would be excepted.

A Word To Mothers.

There seems to be more than the usual number of children suffering from measles, whooping cough and other children's diseases this spring. Do not neglect any cold, for a cold weakens the system and makes a child more liable to attack of more serious ailments. Foley's Honey and Tar relieves coughs, colds and croup. Sold everywhere.

THREE AMERICAN SHIPS ARE SENT TO BOTTOM

London.—The sinking of three American ships was announced. The vessels were the Dirigo, the Frances M. and the Barbara. All were shelled without warning and then sent to the bottom with bombs, but the only loss of life reported was that of Third Mate John Ray, of the Dirigo, who was drowned while attempting to enter a small boat. The Dirigo was sunk May 31, the Frances M. May 18 and the Barbara May 24.

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