

GARRISON'S PLEA FOR 25,000 NEW TROOPS IGNORED

House Committee Also Passes Up Defense Problem in Army Budget.

\$101,000,000 AWARDED: LESS THAN WAS ASKED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The military appropriation bill authorizing \$101,000,000 for the maintenance of the War Department in the fiscal year beginning July 1 next was ordered reported to the House today by the Committee on Military Affairs. The bill is notable in that it disregards the military estimate of War Department's requirements for an increase of 25,000 of the regular army and the creation of a trained reserve.

The committee lastly ignores the disclosures of the last few weeks as to the inadequacy of the national defenses and appropriates about \$3,000,000 less than the amount the Secretary of War estimated should be used in the new fiscal year.

However, no reductions were made in the appropriations for the national defense, despite the manifest purpose of the committee to economize. Where economy was practised was in such matters as transportation and kindred subjects.

The committee granted \$400,000 for the Signal Corps, which will provide another squadron of eight air machines. Republican members of the committee made it plain today that a fight will be made on the floor of the House to increase the appropriations of the army, especially those expenditures that deal with the size of the military establishment and equipment designed to add to efficiency.

Representative Hay of Virginia, chairman of the Military Committee, is a determined opponent of the latter reduction. He is likewise opposed to an increase in the standing army and in entire sympathy with the purpose of the Administration to smother the standard inquiry as far as possible. The military bill will come up for consideration early in the new year. That it will be debated vigorously by both sides is assured.

The bill was introduced today by Representative Anthony of Kansas, Republican member of the Military Committee, proposing the addition of fifteen regiments of infantry, five regiments of cavalry and five regiments of artillery to the standing army, if possible. The military bill will come up for consideration early in the new year. That it will be debated vigorously by both sides is assured.

In a statement issued today Mr. Anthony said it was not his purpose to make the question of national defense a political issue, but he insisted that the army should be enlarged and its equipment brought up to date. "I am not in sympathy with some recent proposals of Representative Gardner," said Mr. Anthony. "The weakness of our regular army is not so much in its equipment as in its organization. It is not in a position to provide for the garrisoning of the Panama Canal Zone, Hawaii and the Philippines and for the defense of our coast, according to the General Staff."

"We need more soldiers and my bill will I think more nearly meet the needs of the country than the proposition of the Secretary of War to increase the strength of the existing organizations of the army."

In a communication sent to the White House today Secretary of War Wood asked for an appropriation of \$254,371 to cover a deficiency for transportation in the army caused by the chartering of ships to carry troops to the Philippines, and planning the need for this fund Secretary Garrison said:

"The necessity for the submission of this estimate is caused by the extraordinary expenses incurred in the chartering and refitting of transports for use in connection with the movement of United States troops to Vera Cruz and transportation of supplies thereto, also for the travel allowance to enlisted men on discharge, the cost of which has exceeded the amount appropriated and allotted therefor."

PLAN TO AID ARMY.

Illinois University Head Would Have Colleges Turn Out Officers.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 19.—President James of the University of Illinois has addressed an open letter to President Wilson on the subject of the nation's military defense, suggesting that advantage be taken of the system in State educational institutions whereby students get two years military training to develop capable army officers for war necessity.

President James calls attention to the lack of a sufficient number of properly trained officers to man the regiments of militia or National Guard. This same difficulty, he says, is now being acutely experienced by England. He added:

"If the Federal Government were to offer \$250 a year to each student who would pledge himself to give his extra time to a study of military tactics and practical drill for four years, I have no doubt that anywhere from 100 to 250 Brevet officers of the Second Lieutenant grade could be graduated from the University of Illinois every year and the corresponding numbers from similar institutions."

PLANNING TO HOLD EDISON. Oranges to Improve Water Service to Keep Big Plant.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Officials of Orange and West Orange companies today announced the purchase of the big plant of Edison, Ill.

SAYS COMMITTEE TRIES TO HIDE UNPREPAREDNESS

Ex-Secretary of the Navy Meyer Criticizes the Attitude of Congress.

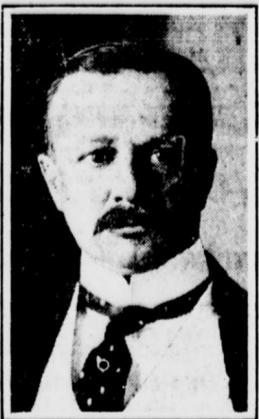
By GEORGE VON L. MEYER, Ex-Secretary of the Navy.

By Telegram to THE SUN.

HAMILTON, Mass., Dec. 19.—The majority of the present Naval Committee, by their unwillingness to summon certain officers, have shown that they are in sympathy with the Administration not to allow the people to know the exact condition and the actual unpreparedness of the navy in personnel, ships, material and ordnance.

This is autocratic and at variance with the principles of Democratic government. Enough has been demonstrated to agitate the public mind as to conditions in the navy which should be given a thorough investigation by an unbiased or expert committee. Demoralization already exists in the personnel. Battleships should not be turned into kindergartens; superfluous navy yards should not have been reopened; expert aids to the Secretary of certain divisions should not have been abolished and thus unbalanced the organization of the Department, which in case of a crisis would show defects similar to that of the War Department during the Spanish war.

Publicity is now required in order that the country may intelligently make their demands felt in Congress. The remedies I suggest are adoption of the budget form of appropriation duly considered by a



George von L. Meyer.

REAL INDIAN TO CHANT AT TREE IN MADISON SQ.

Churches to Contribute Many Singers for the Christmas Celebration.

The Tree of Light in Madison Square this year will have a real North American Indian, Lewis Oskenont, a Mohawk, to sing Indian chants. Plans for the tree provide for the big star at the top to blaze into light at 5:30 on Christmas eve, while the Metropolitan chorus ring out and a chorus led by four trumpeters swings out of Dr. Parkhurst's church into the square.

Nearly every church in the city has contributed chorists to sing Christmas carols for half an hour.

On Monday night, December 28, the Salvation Army will give a programme of music and songs. Another programme is being arranged for New Year's eve. It is rains Christmas eve the Municipal chorus will sing in Dr. Parkhurst's church.

Another interesting Yuletide celebration planned for the week will take place Saturday night at Dromey's Dancing Academy, West Fifty-ninth street, at Columbus Circle, where the Irish societies of the city will celebrate St. Stephen's day. Many old Gaelic customs will be revived, and there will be Irish and American dances.

A Christmas tree party for negro children will open St. Mark's School, at 65 West 128th street, on Wednesday afternoon at 8 o'clock. Mother Katherine, president of the mother house at Cornwell, Pa., and Cardinal Farley will attend. There will be a Santa Claus with a pack full of toys and tea will be served for grownups.

A. H. WOODS AIDS SANTA CLAUS.

Manager Will Give Receipts of "Kick In" Performance to Poor.

In line with the other philanthropic acts of the day, the theatrical profession comes the announcement that A. H. Woods will donate the receipts of his biggest New York success, "Kick In," at the Republic theatre next Tuesday evening, December 22, to the Santa Claus Association of New York for the poor children of the city.

In commenting on this announcement Mr. Woods said: "While there is much suffering in Europe caused by the war and the devastation of the country, its effects are keenly felt right here in our midst, and with the belief that 'charity begins at home' I am most willing to fall in line and cooperate in every way possible to relieve the needy and bring a small amount of Yuletide happiness to the poor of our city."

Leaves 120 Descendants.

Leaving twelve sons, three daughters, eighty-nine grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren, Abraham Edelstein, 81, died at his home, 1565 Fulton avenue, The Bronx, on Friday.

DR. MEZES, NEW HEAD OF CITY COLLEGE, HERE

Will Be Welcomed by Students and Faculty To-morrow.

Dr. Sidney Edward Mezes, the new president of the College of the City of New York, came to the city a day ahead of his scheduled time yesterday and unofficially took up his new duties. He will be welcomed by faculty and students to-morrow morning, but will not be formally installed for some time. He is not in favor of the regular college installation and final decision on the matter, he said, would have to come from the board of trustees.

Dr. Mezes declined to comment upon his future plans for the college before they were worked out in a council of the faculty and the trustees. "I look forward," he said, "to the encouragement and support not alone of the faculty and the students but also of the citizens of this city. My office shall always be open to this larger student body, for I regard every citizen in a very real sense as a potential student."

What I have said of these potential students applies in a higher degree to the actual students of the college. I shall hope for a full measure of self-government with the honor system, and it has well worked well here. He is not in favor of the subject of college athletics. The new president, who is six feet tall and slenderly but strongly made, was a well known broad and high jumper in the University of California thirty years ago, and conversely spoke with more than the college executive's interest on the subject.

The completion of the Lewisohn stadium, he said, "will give the premier kind of athletics a new stimulus. College athletics as an exhibition of skill or prowess has been greatly overdone in this country. When exercise leads to the overdevelopment of the few rather than to the training of the many it is uneducative and unjust. I hope that the stadium which Mr. Lewisohn has given to the city will be used by the entire student body, and wherever possible by other city students also."

LINERS STOP UNTIL WAR'S END.

Last of Royal Mail Ships Leaves Here for London.

The Royal Mail liner Essequibo left New York for London by way of the West Indies yesterday, having made the last voyage of a Royal Mail steamer to this port until after the war. It was also the first of the Essequibo, which is the newest ship of the line.

Capt. J. G. K. Charet said that after the war the Royal Mail would institute a weekly service instead of a fortnightly service, but that there would be no more trips here until the end of the war. The Essequibo carried 125 passengers.

MEXICO CONDITIONS WORSE THAN EVER

Exchange at Lowest Ebb—Gutiérrez to Spend \$7,500,000 in "Panic."

NEW EXECUTIONS ORDERED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Conditions in Mexico city are deplorable and show no signs of improvement, according to a dispatch received here today. The State Department received a report that exchange is at 1750, the lowest figure yet reported. The Government has recently been buying American securities.

The Gutiérrez authorities have provided for the expenditure of 15,000,000 pesos (\$7,500,000) in the pacification of the country.

According to State Department advices arrests are still being made, but it is not known whether or not there have been any further executions.

From New York no change is reported. Secretary Garrison received a dispatch today from Gen. Bliss, but no mention was made of any resumption of the firing across the border. Gen. Scott, Chief of Staff of the army, will reach Gen. Hill at Vera Cruz, and is expected some definite result will be forthcoming as soon as he can arrange to talk with Maytorres and Hill.

The State Department announced today that Messrs. Franks and Dunn, reported to have been robbed and killed near Nacozari a few days ago, were found to be British subjects. It was reported they were Americans.

Reports from Mexico city state that 20,000 Constitutionalists were engaged in the defense of Puebla against the Zapatista attack, finally abandoning the town without much fighting. Burned seven colleges and abandoned a car of small arms and one and one-half cars of ammunition.

SCOTT AT NACO TO-DAY.

Chief of Staff to See Hill and Maytorres at Once.

El Paso, Dec. 19.—Gen. Hugh L. Scott, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, came through here this afternoon en route to Naco. He declined to discuss his plans further than to say that he would be accompanied by Gen. Maytorres, and attempt to have them cease fighting or move their battle ground. Gen. Scott was joined here by Brig. Gen. Francisco P. Davis, commanding the Sixth Infantry. Gen. Davis' headquarters is now at Naco. Andreas G. Garcia, counsel here for Carranza, called on Gen. Scott.

Gen. Carranza's special agent of the State Department, returned this morning from a visit to Gen. Hill and Maytorres at Naco. He gave the impression that he did not believe it would be wise to use force to prevent further firing into Arizona.

Three batteries of artillery from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, arrived in this city early today. To-morrow Gen. Bliss will have 5,000 men at Naco, including six batteries of field artillery of four guns to the battery.

Gen. Villa has moved to Guadaluajara and established headquarters there. From Guadaluajara he will direct a campaign against the Villa forces, which will be under the command of Gen. Medina, convention Governor of the State of Jalisco.

A severe defeat has been inflicted by the Villa forces against a strong detachment of Carranza troops at Matamoros, State of Tamaulipas according to the consulate here. Victoria, capital of the State, is now threatened, and its early fall is expected.

Carranza issued a decree today at Vera Cruz to all loyal officers, authorizing them to summarily execute without court-martial any ex-Federal forces. Identification is all that is necessary to warrant executions. This action has been taken, it is explained, because many ex-Federal forces violated the amnesty granted following the abdication of provisional President Carranza.

Carranza agents here also declare that wholesale executions are taking place in this city, but that these are the result of political intrigues. Notification has been received of the execution at the capital of Pulido Martinez, chairman of the Zapata delegation to the Aguascalientes conference. He was executed on orders of Villa, Carranza adviser state.

Ten trains of valuable war material were being waiting in the yards at Guadaluajara were abandoned by Gen. Dreguez when he evacuated the city. A message received here states that Carranza has demanded repayment of taxes by large forces of troops from the Villa forces and that protests have been made.

San Luis Potosi has again been captured by Gen. Gonzalez, according to Carranza's advisers, but these are denied by Villistas.

FIGHT FOR UNION BANK PAPERS.

Goldstein, Holding Them for \$18,500 Fees, Gets Court Order. Supreme Court Justice Aspinall in Brooklyn yesterday signed an order directing Assistant District Attorney Goldstein to appear on Tuesday before Justice Clark to show cause why he should not turn over to Joseph G. Deane all of the papers in his custody relating to the affairs of the defunct Union Bank with the exception of those which are part of the prosecution of Edward M. Grout and David A. Sullivan.

Mr. Deane, who was named to succeed Mr. Goldstein as counsel for the bank in all matters not connected with the Grout and Sullivan cases, made the application for the order. He said that Mr. Goldstein refused to give up the papers unless paid in full or given security for services rendered the bank, the value of which he placed at \$40,000.

On learning of the court order Mr. Goldstein declared that he welcomed the opportunity to settle the dispute regarding his fees and would waive the five days notice that usually accompanies such orders.

So far Mr. Goldstein has received \$21,450 for his services as counsel for the bank, and he contends that \$18,500 is still due him.

District Attorney Cresney yesterday employed with much emphasis that his disengagement in the affairs of the bank had not interfered with his work as Assistant District Attorney.

TWO ATTACKED BY MAD CAT.

Blow From Policeman's Club Ends Animal's Life.

A mad cat in the cellar of 209 East 108th street attacked Michael Corvo, owner of the house, and Louis Lipschitz, a plumber of 326 East 120th Street, last night. The men went into the cellar to repair a leak in the water pipes. The cat bit both about the legs and arms before they escaped.

Policeman Schimmermeyer of the East 104th street station was summoned. He wore a rubber coat and boots and entered the cellar with his nightstick drawn. The cat attacked him, but a blow from his club ended its life. He was not bitten. The dead animal was taken to the station house to be examined. The two men were told to go to the Pasteur Institute for treatment.

FAIR SKY AFTER STORM SIGNAL.

Weather Man Changes Mind After Warning Steamships.

The weather man sent out a storm warning for ocean steamships at 4:30 yesterday afternoon, but last night the Washington forecast for this vicinity forecast fair weather and colder for today. Increasing cloudiness is prophesied for Monday, probably followed by rain or snow, with fresh westerly winds.

Although there was a drizzling rain most of yesterday afternoon, only seven one-hundredths of an inch had fallen up to 8 P. M. The temperature yesterday was 41 degrees maximum at 1:30 P. M. and was lowest at 4 A. M. when the thermometer registered 28 degrees.

MILITARY DRILL FOR PRINCETON.

Five Hundred Students in Favor of Having Instruction.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 19.—Five hundred students have signed a paper in favor of having military instruction at Princeton, and it looks now as if the faculty would grant their request. Participation in the drilling will be voluntary.

Dr. Joseph E. Baycroft, head of the department of physical education, is chairman of the special faculty committee on the matter and he has been in communication with Gen. Leonard Wood. The government will send an army officer here if requested. The government also will supply rifles, belts, bayonets and ammunition.

MOON IN HOUSE DARES HEFLIN TO "STEP OUT"

Alabama Member Came Near Accusing His Colleague of an Untruth Over Railroad Bill Vote Charges—But Neither Left the Floor to Fight.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—There was another "near fight" in the House today, with the usual invitation by one member to the other to "step outside." This near fight, with its dare to visit the "never, never land" of the House, came as the aftermath of the insinuation made yesterday by Representative Moon, chairman of the Committee on Post Offices, that twenty-five Democrats who voted against a rule that he proposed were influenced by a desire to serve the railroads.

One of the twenty-five included in Mr. Moon's accusation was Representative Heflin of Alabama. Mr. Heflin made a vigorous reply to the charge of Mr. Moon and came pretty near to calling Mr. Moon a liar, so near in fact that Mr. Moon attacked his veracity that Mr. Moon concluded. Then Mr. Moon shouted:

"The gentleman will not say to me on the outside that anything I say is untrue." Heflin retorted that he would stick to the reply on the inside, outside of any old side. There resulted great excitement, vigorous pounding of his desk by the speaker, but no move by either of the gentlemen to step toward the door.

Finally another gentleman from the South made a point of "no quarrel." The speaker ordered the sergeant-at-arms to direct the two belligerents to take their seats. Moon and Heflin sat in their seats glaring at each other and surrounded by friends. On restoration of order it was realized that as usual there was to be no fight, whereupon members lost interest in the proceedings and many of them left the chamber.

The rule that caused the trouble yesterday and today provided that certain provisions of the post office bill might be considered, objections made by members to be of no avail. One provision authorized a readjustment of railway mail pay on a basis objectionable to the railroads and in a manner that many members believe to be unfair to the carriers.

For this and other reasons twenty-five Democrats who first voted for the rule and then switched at the last moment were accused by Mr. Moon of deserting the Democratic Administration, following the Republican leaders and doing the bidding of the railroads. He said among other things that he would "rather be a thief than a thief," and characterized the twenty-five Democrats as "craven cowards."

The inference was strong in Mr. Moon's speech that the railroads had used undue influence to defeat the rule. Moon himself said today that he did not intend to initiate there had been corruption. He gave this peculiar conception of the duty of a member of the House, speaking of the Democrats who voted for the railroads: "You voted against a proposition that was favored by the Administration and accordingly you were entitled to the re-usage you received."

The controversial rule was reported in a modified form today. Under this rule amendments may be offered to the provision in the post office bill proposing the readjustment of railway mail pay approved by the Post Office Department. Also it permits amendments to a provision reducing salaries of postmasters and to the proposal of the Postmaster-General that he may make experiments in the rural service on a contract instead of a salary basis as at present.

Arrived by the White Star liner Babo from Liverpool: Mrs. Katherine L. Appleton, Charles E. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Kirby, Mrs. Amy Lacey, G. T. Boardman, Mrs. P. Lloyd, Harold L. Brown, Mrs. George A. Castle, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. W. D. Crumpton, A. L. P. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Field, F. A. Gould.

Agents of rival Jersey City undertakers vied over the possession of the body of Randolph Weisenborn, Newark, representative of the American Lead Pencil Company, yesterday until the police interfered and took the body to the county morgue. Later County Physician George A. King settled the dispute by turning the body over to Undertaker George Meade, who had been engaged by Weisenborn's wife, from whom he was living apart. The defeated undertaker was George P. Brackner of Jersey City Heights, who had been called by Weisenborn's brother.

Weisenborn was found dead of a hemorrhage in the bathroom of his boarding place at 72 Madison avenue early yesterday. He had been separated from his wife since May, 1913, and a suit for divorce was pending. Mrs. Weisenborn made her home with their three children at 328 Arlington avenue, Jersey City.

When she heard of her husband's death she engaged Meade to care for the body. Mr. Brackner, who had been engaged by Weisenborn to prepare the body for burial, the agents for both undertakers arrived at the scene at the same time, and then engaged a wrangle over the possession of the body. This resulted in the police ordering the body taken to the morgue. Yesterday afternoon Dr. King issued the death certificate to Meade and the mortician was called.

Weisenborn was 59 years old. He had been associated with the American Lead Pencil Company for forty years. He was well known in Masonic circles.

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