

# NEWS OF THE ARMY, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

## Continental Army Fatal Defect in Plans, Says Service Journal | Social Activities of Posts and Navy Yards Told in Dispatches

"In a few weeks Congress will meet to determine under the guidance of the President what shall be done to meet the desires of a majority of our citizens in the matter of providing adequate means for the public defense," says the Army and Navy Journal.

"There will be little argument as to the right of a nation to demand at the hands of its executives and sufficient preparation against war. There will be even less doubt in the public mind as to the honest intention of our political leaders to heed the public voice now that it is thundering this positive demand throughout the country. Undoubtedly the bills which are to be presented to Congress will be framed in the best of good faith and will be quite free from any suspicion that there is an intention to deceive the country with a false sense of security. We presume the controlling motive back of every legislator's action will be a desire to win the confidence of his constituents in the choice of a course which will merit and win general confidence.

"The program of the government will succeed or fail according to the measure of public confidence which will be won. Our people are reading daily about war and they are growing more convinced hourly that they want peace of it. A makeshift, temporizing policy will not satisfy the people who now know what they want. They want nothing less than the best protection that can be devised. Amateur semi-political plans will not satisfy this people this time. Clever politics are ordinarily sufficient in a republic where most of the voters are too busy to make any close study of current affairs. The issue this time is too great to be hidden in the shadow of any political giant.

"No man in the United States is big enough or persuasive enough to satisfy the country with anything less than the best in the way of military and naval re-organization. Mere patriotic honest intention will not do, and personal influence, no matter how highly placed, must not seek to impose upon the country unprofessional experimental devices. The people of these United States expect a plan to be produced which shall embody completely the expert professional projects of our soldiers and sailors who have learned their trade.

"The public mind is fully advised that war is now a science and by no means the haphazard affair that so many silly politicians thought it almost as late as yesterday. There will be no confidence in plans devised within a few weeks by men whose whole record shows them to have been blind to the facts during long years when the pleadings of professional soldiers and sailors were hushed and dismissed by these very men who now discover at this late date the error of their previous way. Can it be possible that men blind from birth shall perceive with their newly acquired ability to see

the best way almost as soon as they open their eyes? What miracle shall give them such wisdom?

"The plans as now outlined are not the best that could be suggested and they will satisfy no professional officer in the service. It is true that there is a tendency among officers to accept anything that suggests some improvement, because they had about resigned all hope that anything ever would be done. From that point of view, and that only, the suggestions appear acceptable—as a makeshift better than nothing.

"The fatal defect in the plan is the proposal to create a large force of summer camp soldiers to be known as 'continentals,' in the hope that the country will mistake such amateurs for real soldiers. There are not now enough officers in the army to carry on properly the work of the regular service and perform the detail duties which are demanded under present conditions. Unless the regular and national guard plans of progressive instruction are to be abandoned entirely, there will be few, if any, officers available to train the continentals. There is every reason to anticipate that this new force, very lightly officered and thinly disciplined, would become a paper army of the most amateur type.

"We believe the best professional students will agree that the regular establishment ought to be increased more than is proposed; that to make the organized militia an efficient force it should be nationalized under War Department control and that payment of compensation for the work they are required to do should be made to depend upon Federal control. Then co-operation between these two first-line elements could be developed and every effort bent to their upbuilding.

"The development of a third element, the proposed continentals, would certainly prove seriously injurious to both the regular and the organized militia. For an experiment with something new we would jeopardize the two services which we have. The organized militia, dignified by national control and properly reorganized, would continue to be the army's first reserve, and into it ought to be absorbed such bodies as the recent camps at Plattsburg and elsewhere drew out from the ranks of the competent and available. Doubtless a considerable number of junior commissioned officers might be provided by such groups for the additional units in the regular service and the organized militia.

"It will be wiser to increase and improve the organization which exists rather than to jeopardize their efficiency by giving preference over them to a new and distinctly amateur force with which we might fool ourselves. No enemy would ever be so blind as to think very seriously about the third element as a force to be reckoned with in the early days of any war."

### Navy May Use Cafeteria

The recommendation has been made to the Navy Department that the cafeteria plan of serving food be adopted on board all naval ships.

While the food furnished the service has been uniformly excellent and well prepared, there are some elements which have engaged attention with the object of improving the subsistence. It is reported, for example, that for tropical service the proportion of pork and veal is too high in the ration and that green vegetables, kale, cabbage, etc., should be more frequently supplied, even if it is necessary to add a supply ship as a means of transporting and delivering the provisions.

The serving of food on board ship is a difficult matter, of course, and it sometimes happens that men do not get hot food, for which reason it has been suggested that the cafeteria be installed as a quicker method of serving provisions.

### Ready to Blind Enemy

Some interesting experiments are contemplated by the military authorities, to which end important allotments have been authorized by the Secretary of War on the recommendation of the army board of ordnance and fortifications.

One of these, amounting to \$5,000, is intended for the purchase of a three-ton Mintonville four-wheel-drive motor truck, which is to be equipped with an electric generator driven from the truck transmission, including a switchboard installation. It is intended to use the truck in a series of experimental tests for the development of a portable field searchlight for the use of the mobile army.

This is a comparatively new factor in military activity and is proposed for use in blinding the enemy, rather than with the idea of illuminating the field of action at night as an aid to the gunners. Of course, military readers do not have to be told that the searchlight is of no value for illumination, on account of the restricted beam of light and the interference by reflections of the ground. The searchlight is of use in bewildering an enemy and placing him at a disadvantage.

The illumination of a field where action is to be taken must be by means of aerial lights obtained from bombs and the employment of parachutes or other means of suspending the illuminating object.

### Fort Monroe Notes

Fort Monroe, Va., Nov. 6.—Mrs. E. B. Walker gave a card party, complimenting her guest, Miss Marjorie Bartlett, of Washington, D. C. Silk work bags were won by Mesdames Pierce and Mulline. Mrs. Vestal and Mrs. Howard poured tea.

Complimenting Capt. and Mrs. W. C. Baker and Mrs. Bradley, who leave soon for Hawaii, Capt. and Mrs. F. H. Lincoln gave a beautiful Halloween dinner. Other present were Maj. and Mrs. G. A. Nugent, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams, Lieut. and Mrs. R. F. Maddox, and Capt. R. H. Jordan.

### West Point Notes

West Point, N. Y., Nov. 6.—A number of parties, small and large, were given to celebrate Halloween, and the officers took the form of a domino and fancy dress dance. The attendance was large and some of the costumes most original. Col. and Mrs. Robinson received, and after the hop supper was served at the club. Lieut. Kiehl as a farmer and Lieut. Lee as a pumpkin head attracted much attention on account of their amusing get-up.

Col. and Mrs. Walker gave a Halloween supper party before the hop for Col. and Mrs. Stuart, Capt. and Mrs. Godfrey, Lieut. and Mesdames Osborn, Bobb, Smith, Strong, Stearns, the Misses Jean and Mary Jervy, Miss Perrine, Miss Barnette, Capt. Sultan, Capt. Alexander, Lieut. Pullen and Lockwood, Lieut. and Mrs. MacMillan and Lieut. and Mrs. Catts also gave large hop suppers in celebration of Halloween.

### Norfolk Navy Yard

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hughes had dinner recently at the Borough Club in honor of Admiral and Mrs. F. E. Beatty, Mrs. Mark Brinkley, Mrs. R. F. Nicholson, of Washington, and Judge T. H. Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Alvord and E. S. Alvord, Jr., guests of Ensign and Mrs. E. A. Willis, have returned to Washington.

### Marines in Annual Shoot

The annual rifle competitions for the Marine Corps are now being held at the Marine Corps Rifle Range, Winchester, Md. This range is situated on the Potomac River, just below Indian Head, and is the largest and best equipped rifle range in this part of the country.

There are at Winchester teams representing the marines at the Portsmouth Naval Prison, Portsmouth Barracks, Boston Barracks, New York Barracks, Philadelphia Barracks, Washington Navy Yard, Norfolk Barracks, Charleston Barracks, Port Royal Barracks, and Indian Head.

Monday was devoted to practice, and on Tuesday there was held an individual match open to members of all teams and to the command at Winchester. This match is known as the "Yard Individual Competition." There are ninety-six competitors, and the firing was in three stages, all at 200 yards.

### Marines in Annual Shoot

The first stage consists in firing five shots in each of the four individual positions, that is standing, kneeling, kneeling and prone, all in slow fire. In the second stage the positions are the same but the fire is rapid, a limit of 30 seconds to each string of five shots. The third stage is known as changing position; a man fires his first shot standing, the second kneeling, the third kneeling on one knee, the fourth kneeling on both knees and the fifth kneeling on both knees and the fifth

### Annapolis Notes

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 6.—The recent midshipmen's hop was a novelty, the Halloween idea being displayed in the decorations of courtballs and Jack-o'-lanterns. The receiving party was composed of Mrs. Sinclair Gannon and Miss M. S. A. Hamilton. Secretary and Mrs. Daniels attended the function, and there were many guests from Washington, Baltimore and other cities.

Mrs. Edward Anderson, wife of Maj. Anderson, U. S. A., who has been visiting her son, Lieut. Lorain Anderson, U. S. N., and Mrs. Anderson at the Peony Inn, Annapolis, has returned to Washington.

Commander and Mrs. J. T. Tompkins and their three children have left for Boston, Mass.

### Army and Navy Jottings

The forthcoming annual convention of the National Guard Association will be of interest to army people in that there will be a discussion of the administration project for army increase in its relation to the organized militia. The Assistant Secretary of War has been delegated to represent the War Department and to explain Mr. Garrison's plan for new legislation, which is a step toward pacifying militia opposition was taken during the past week when a conference occurred between militia officials and the Secretary of War, with the result that the idea of a continental army will imperil the militia organization. It is apprehended that the continental scheme is calculated to obtain its personnel at the expense of the militia, without any special advantage gained by the transfer and that the force of 123,000 men a year for the continentals will be derived by the depletion of the militia, now comprising the present personnel of the organized militia.

### District Signal Corps

The section chiefs of the Signal Corps Company of the District National Guard were put through their paces last Tuesday night by Capt. Terry in an oral examination. The written answers to the list of questions handed them the week before also were turned in. The showing made was very gratifying, and Capt. Terry hopes to cover the entire manual and signal book this winter.

At the annual election of officers First Class Sgt. L. C. Winters was re-elected recording secretary, First Class Sgt. E. A. Johnson was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and Sgt. Hammond, Pettit, B. return tickets for the winter Signal Corps, R. W. Lanford were elected members of the house committee. A balance of \$500 in the treasury was shown.

### District Signal Corps

Quartermaster Sgt. Burns has his property in the shop. He has a great system of marking up on supplies, and on hand, and unserviceable.

Several of the old-timers' enlistments expire this month and December, but with the prospect of the militia pay bill being passed, the militia pay bill is expected to be re-enlisted.

Lieut. R. M. MacLennan expects to be

### Army and Navy Jottings

A busy man for the next few weeks, as a number of summary courts-martial are on tap.

Capt. Terry has become tired of issuing warnings to men who are slack in their attendance, and is about to furnish a few examples of what can be done to those who fail to show up for drill.

### Army and Navy Jottings

The question has come up in the War Department whether or not reconnaissance and sketching in an aeroplane by officers detailed for duty in any branch of the service is a "violation duty" justifying extra pay for such. This is the case of Lieut. H. B. Hayden, of the Fourth Field Artillery. As the statute provides that extra pay shall not be given to officers who are simply detailed for reconnaissance and sketching from aeroplanes, although such duty be attended with the same personal risks as are involved in the details authorized by the statute.

### Army and Navy Jottings

A new office has been created under the Navy Department and a new school has been established. Orders issued last week by Secretary Daniels created the office of inspector of diving, and Commander John K. Robison, now on duty at Newport as the inspector of ordnance in charge of the naval torpedo station, has been appointed to the position in addition to his present duties.

Chief Gunner George D. Stinson, on duty at the New York Torpedo Station, has been detailed as assistant inspector of diving and will have charge of the new school of diving which will be established at the purpose of which will be the possession of a trained naval personnel in this important naval work. It is desired to have this school in active operation as soon as possible. Secretary Daniels believes that the school will be material advancement made in the art of diving, the advantages and necessity of which have been fully demonstrated.

### Army and Navy Jottings

The Navy Department is in receipt of reports from officers of the Atlantic Fleet concerning the results of the test system of cooling at sea, of which there have been several demonstrations during the past year. In the latest test the collier towed the battleship at a speed of 16 knots, and the rate of fuel from the former to the latter vessel. The rate of delivery was sixty tons an hour.

On this occasion there were some experiments with oiling at sea, but the work in this direction was not as thorough as it will be later, owing to lack of facilities and the failure to make various preparations. Enough information was acquired, however, to indicate that oiling at sea under the Miller system will be practicable. The naval authorities have taken considerable interest in this subject, the importance of which is recognized as a factor in equipping the vessels of the fleet with fuel with the least possible interruption.

## BERLIN IS GAY, DESPITE WAR

### Brilliantly Lighted, Wounded Soldiers Are Kept Off City's Streets.

## SPIES ARE EVERYWHERE

### Danes Making Riches in Running Big Hotels—Prices of Food Being Forced Down.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Berlin, Nov. 6.—Most neutral travelers who arrive here for the first time during the war express their surprise to find the physiognomy of Berlin practically unchanged, not realizing that this fact, which immediately impresses itself upon them, is a result of the official window dressing which is part of the government's extensive advertising campaign for the purpose of influencing the neutral countries.

Berlin is the showplace of the empire to which all travelers come and this city must therefore show no outward sign of depression in spite of the grief that is felt in the homes of all classes and the misery that rules in those of the working people, which are unfortunately hidden away in the "winter-houses" behind the stately buildings lining the streets.

Berlin, therefore, is as brilliantly lit as ever and Berliners lose no occasion to point out the contrast between this and the gloom of London after sundown.

The cafes along Friedrichstrasse and Unter den Linden are open, and the number of people around the little tables has not greatly diminished. Night life in this part of the city, where are also practically all the big hotels, flourishes almost unchanged, though the crowds are less noisy unless momentarily stimulated by the announcement of a German success.

### Danes Make Fortunes.

The price of meals in the better class restaurants is being kept down, and at hotels like the Kaiserhof and Adlon it is still possible to get practically every delicacy at ante-war prices, but it should be remembered that these were exorbitant for Berlin before the war.

Many of the larger hotels have been bought up by neutrals, especially by Danes, who are making fortunes by exporting foodstuffs to Germany and who are satisfied to run the hotels at a loss during the war in the hope of making up for the losses when the war is over. The old proprietors in many cases have lost everything.

The transports of wounded, principally from Russia, invariably arrive here at night at suburban stations and the wounded here are as far as possible kept off the streets.

The result of all these wise precautions by a government that appears to have taken every conceivable step that the casual visitor leaves here convinced that Berlin is unaffected by the war and that Berliners take a very hopeful view of the situation.

As a matter of fact, the Berliner is forced to do so in public, for it is dangerous to express pessimistic views, to say nothing of criticizing the government in places where spies are every-

## where and where the very walls have ears.

### May Need German Aid.

To speak English, as I have said before, is more than hazardous, though French is occasionally heard and does not appear to arouse any ill feelings. I have repeatedly heard the opinion expressed that some arrangement was made with France, as soon as the French people are ready, that they will need the assistance of Germany to drive the English out of Calais.

Want rules most households, however, not only those of the lower middle class, but also those of the lower middle class, which were quite comfortable off before. The people as a whole bear their sufferings in a calm and patriotic manner, and the government does everything to alleviate their burdens.

The government chemists are continually inventing new articles of food to take the place of those that have gone up too much in price. The newspaper advertisements are most interesting reading. Artificial coffee, milk, honey, jam and marmalade are offered at very low prices, as are many chemical food-stuffs of strange names.

In the Berliner Tageblatt a few days ago I saw an advertisement of a Leipzig merchant who recommended a "whale" name to be had and offered it to dealers at a price of \$15 per barrel of 100 kilograms. He added, however, that it was particularly suitable for the contract war, who cater to way prisoners' camps. It is more than doubtful whether this will help the general sale of this new article of diet.

### Loses His Five Sons.

I visited today a civil engineer in Mittelstrasse, Berlin, whom I used to meet occasionally before the war. I found him crushed with sorrow and ready to leave Berlin. He told me that the son whose name I had seen in the list of those fallen in Russia, the peaceful, cheerful, and kind-hearted, his sympathies, was his last child.

When the war began his five sons, two of whom were married, had all been called to the colors, and had left the front full of enthusiasm. In June of this year four of them had fallen, one in France and three in Russia.

The father had then sent a letter to the Kaiser personally begging him to release his only remaining child. This letter remained unanswered for a long time, but finally a few days ago he received a reply through the War Department expressing regret that his petition had come too late, as his fifth son had fallen in the Argonne. Naturally the old couple were in despair.

"We have no more," he said, "our boys a good education and now they are all buried in foreign soil," said the father.

He cursed the crown prince and expressed his wish to see him hanged on the highest gallows in Europe. He did not care now how long the war lasted or how it ended, and was leaving Berlin to spend the rest of his life at Darmstadt, where he had a small country house a few miles from the city. I left this house of sorrow feeling that I could say nothing to relieve the misery of the poor old couple, and wondering how many of the houses in this prosperous looking residential street consoled similar tragedies behind their walls.

But Berlin is gay and Friedrichstrasse at night is ablaze with light.

The German mate who signed with the three-masted schooner Grace Seymour was so indignant when he found she was being used for the Allies that he packed his guns in a soap box, floated that on a life preserver and pushed it while he swam three miles ashore from the anchorage off Staten Island.

## SOCIETY

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auditorium of the Elks' Home. This club was only recently organized for the season with the election of the following officers: C. William Watter, chairman; John Leadbeater, secretary; Emmett C. Dunn, George H. Evans, Dr. Stewart Jamieson, W. Albert Smoot, Laurence Stabler, Richard H. Green, Eugene E. Taylor, executive committee. The next dance will be given November 12. Among those present Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. John Leadbeater, Mrs. Clara Leadbeater, Mr. and Mrs. C. William Watter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Douglas, Dr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Jamieson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nevins, Mrs. Anderson Summers, Mrs. William Smith, Miss Murphy, Miss Rose MacDonald, Miss Philippa Wattles, Miss Minnie Henderson, Miss Mary Snowden, Miss Katherine Walker, Mr. George H. Evans, Mr. Eugene E. Taylor, Mr. Robley D. Brumback, Dr. Vivian P. Berry.

Mr. J. T. Preston and Mr. William Jorg have returned from a trip through King George and Westmoreland counties, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wheatley, of

## WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS.

Prominent among attractions of the autumn season at the Greenbrier at White Sulphur Springs, is the hunting and the meets of the Greenbrier Hounds twice weekly add much to the success of the resort. One of the finest horsewomen here is Mrs. Thornton Lewis of the Meadows, who is always in at the finish. The meet on Wednesday brought out many Greenbrier guests who hunted through Howard Creek and Greenbrier River valleys, going on to Elmhurst farm for a hunt breakfast.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. R. Hitt and Messrs. Davis and Stephen Elkins who, with their mother, Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, have been spending ten days here, have played thirty-six holes of golf daily in addition to going in for the cure which they formerly took so religiously at Carlsbad. Mrs. Elkins entertained at dinner Sunday evening in honor of Mrs. Joseph E. Widener and her cousin, Mrs. Lee of Baltimore, who have also taken the cure here. Mrs. Elkins and her old friend, Mrs. Paul Morton, were delighted to meet here and took many drives together, going twice to take tea at Montague Park with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Montague.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wheatley, of

Washington, who have spent most of their time at White Sulphur during the past six months, barring a fishing trip and a visit on the New England coast, have finally left for Washington where they will open their town house and do much entertaining during the winter. They hope to return here for the spring season and will also be at Palm Beach during Lent.

Frank Harris, the noted English author, who has been here as the guest of Mr. Decatur Antell, left for New York to meet Mrs. Harris, who will probably return with him to spend a few weeks here. Mr. and Mrs. Harris, who have lived for many years in France where they had a villa, have recently removed their residence and plan to spend the winter here. They will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Watson and Mrs. Sylvania Watson motored here this week from Fairmont, Va.

Also motoring here for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gibbs of Baltimore, in company of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Roberts, Jr., of Philadelphia, who have gone to Washington to visit relations.

Mrs. William Tappan and Miss Elsie Gale have arrived from Baltimore to spend some time here.

Charles Stillman is at the Green-

## HOW ALLIED DRIVE WRECKED BUILDINGS

Violent fighting still continues in the Champagne district, where the great offensive launched about a month ago threw back the Germans to their third line of defenses in France.

The picture shows all that remains of a handsome dwelling of a prosperous farmer in Souain, the scene of some of the most desperate encounters in the Champagne fighting. The house was riddled with shells and rifle bullets.



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## MUSIC AND MUSICIANS

We have been asked to notify Herald readers that Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Simon's concert notice which was given in our issue of Thursday last is scheduled for November 16 and not December 16, as there announced.

An interesting recital is promised on the students of the Washington College of Music on the evening of November 11 at the Continental Memorial Hall. Soloists will be Miss Alma Thomas, Harry King, George D. Thompson, Miss Isabel Gladding, Walter Sorrad, and Mrs. M. J. G. M. The recital will be under the direction of C. E. Christiani. Numbers on the program will include the "Berceuse" from "Jocelyn," Mozart's 5th movement, Liszt's "Caricature of Beethoven's Minuet of the Saint-Saens concerto in G minor, "Werner's Lied" from the "Trumpeter of Sackingen," Concerto No. 1 de Beriot, and orchestral selections.

At 4 o'clock on Sunday last at 2500 Broadway, the first of a series of five recitals on the "Song of an Art Form," which is being given under the auspices of the Washington Society of Fine Arts, at the auditorium of the National Museum. The recital will cover "Early Songs to Beethoven" and will illustrate the art of Purcell, Handel, Haydn, Mozart and other pre-Beethoven composers. The second recital of the series will be given on December 6 and will deal with the "German Romantics."

There are a few vacancies in the Cathedral Choir School for boys with good voices. Candidates must be between the ages of 9 and 12 years. Application should be made in writing to Mr. Edgar Priest, 2500 Wisconsin avenue northwest, before November 15.

The Robert Orchestra, under the direction of H. W. Weber, gave its first public recital of the season last Monday night in the new lecture room of the Keller Memorial Church. The following were the soloists: Miss Francis Scherger, soprano; Mrs. Milton C. White, alto; Mr. Hines, tenor. There was also given Mozart's Second Quartet (strings) and orchestral numbers.

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