

## GENERAL HAIG REPORTS BRITISH PROGRESS IN INTENSE ARTILLERY CONTEST

### NEGRO SOLDIERS ON MEXICAN BORDER ARE BEST IN WORLD

William G. Shepherd, United Press Staff Correspondent, Praises Colored Troopers.

### MILITIA OF COUNTRY LIKENED TO COAT

American Soldiers are Anxious for War; Militias are Being Overhauled.

By William G. Shepherd. (United Press Staff Correspondent) San Antonio, Tex., July 22.—Uncle Sam has dug his ancient storm coat—the militia—out of the attic of peace. On the hot ironboard of Texas sands of discipline he is trying to make it warproof.

### Overhaul Storm Coats.

But storm coats must be overhauled whether the coat likes it or not. Here, with no enemy in sight, the militia is extremely Joseph pattern. There is Co. K of Milwaukee, First Wisconsin, for instance. It was organized 50 years ago by Theodore Rasinski. It is known as Kosciusko's company. Forty per cent of its 120 men were born in Poland.

"So many Poles try to join now that we are full and turn them over to other units," said the captain. "They are scattered throughout the Wisconsin regiments."

### Wisconsin a Model.

But I could not imagine I was in anything but an American army. Such a thing could not happen in any other place in the world than America.

Wisconsin claims their militia a model for the country. The Polish company claims to be the prize winner of Wisconsin. Splendid soldiers thoroughly American, but adding variegation to Uncle Sam's storm coat.

Chicago's colored regiment, the 8th, adds vim and even snappiness. It was hard for Chicago's colored troops to ride in Jim Crow cars, but while investigating various textures I encountered Col. Jim Dennison of the colored regiment, who said: "We think we have the only dead sure American regiment in the entire lot. The other regiments have got all kinds of folks in them, but we are all the same. We are so American that we obey the San Antonio laws and ride in separate compartments on the street cars, but the other day when the Y. M. C. A. put up that big frame building right on the edge of the camp and arranged for a white Y. M. C. A. club, to which colored men were not invited, I told the Y. M. C. A. authorities I could not vouch for the safety of the building. If my men got at it I could not keep them from tearing it down and I wouldn't. The Y. M. C. A. people understood and one of them told me privately: 'I respect you for your action.'"

"It looks very much now," and Colonel Dennison's eyes twinkled, "as if my attitude will result in my regiment having a very fine Y. M. C. A. building of its own."

These negroes are crackjack Americans, as much a part of the American army as any other regiment. It's the same coat, and Uncle Sam has got some tailoring on hand. The more I see of it the more I think the material is the best in the world.

### TELEGRAPH OPERATORS IN CANADA ON STRIKE

(By United Press) Winnipeg, July 22.—A tieup in the telegraph of Canada is expected as a result of a strike of the Great Northwestern operators today. One hundred operators are striking here. They want a 15 per cent wage increase. Strike breakers are coming.

### Bemidji Naval Militia Has a Two Days Shore Leave at Newport, R. I.

Naval Militias on Largest Collection of U. S. Ships Ever in Narragansett Bay, Drop Anchor After Small Gale; 17-Gun Salute for Admiral Mayo; Edwin Simons Correspondent, Describes Ship Life.

### LOCAL "JACKIES" TO RETURN TO PHILADELPHIA MONDAY; WILL LEAVE FOR HOME TUESDAY

Get Shore Leave. Newport, R. I., July 22.—The Bemidji naval militia was given two days' shore leave here today. There are 1,000 jackies of the reserve Atlantic fleet of 33 vessels on shore leave which began yesterday and will continue until Sunday morning. This is the largest collection of U. S. ships ever in Narragansett bay and anchor was dropped Friday afternoon after a small gale.

The Bemidji militia on the U. S. S. Rhode Island will weigh anchor tomorrow go to Philadelphia from where they will leave on a special train for their homes Tuesday.

The U. S. S. Rhode Island gave a 17-gun salute for Admiral H. Mayo, commanding the regular Atlantic fleet, yesterday. It was answered by a 13-gun salute from the flagship Wyoming for Rear Admiral Helm.

By Edwin J. Simons (Pioneer Staff Correspondent)

With the Bemidji naval militia aboard U. S. S. Rhode Island—Wednesday—The Bemidji naval militia is becoming accustomed to the actual life of a "jackie." Hard work is hardening the boys, who are making good records.

The Bemidji militia disembarked from the special train at Philadelphia Saturday afternoon at four bells (two o'clock) and was marched directly from the train to the navy wharfs. A steam transport hauled the entire department of naval militia, that is Minnesota and Michigan, to the U. S. S. Rhode Island.

Chichester First. "Bill" Chichester claims the honor of being the first man over the plank and the first to salute the officer of the deck.

Soon after embarkment mess call was sounded for the mid-day meal. Following mess the militiamen were shown quarters and mustered. At the first drill we were ordered to have our sea bags and hammocks ready for the captain's inspection. He missed us and we were given places to store our hammocks and bags. We were then, for a short time, given the privilege to get acquainted with the principal parts of the ship. That privilege was soon ended as quarters were again sounded and Bemidji's division, like all others, divided and scattered to other divisions just the same as we would be following a declaration of war. Several men of the Bemidji division are in each of the new divisions, consequently we see each other only about once a day.

Have Band Concert. Saturday evening mess was followed by a short band concert, which was closed by "America" and the saluting of the "colors."

Our first night aboard began with the issuing of hammocks at seven bells (7:30 o'clock). "Hammock Ladders" were in great demand until about nine o'clock when taps were sounded and all the boys learned that there was no such thing.

At five o'clock Sunday morning reveille call rolled us out. The master at arms of each compartment rolled out the tardy ones.

The next time we heard was the boatswain's "piping down" to swab decks and to polish brass. Never did Bemidji seem more beautiful or home work so enticing as when this order was given. Only two hours work "swabbing decks" and "polishing bright work" without anything to quench a saltwater thirst except an eye-opener of coffee. We worked un-

til morning mess at seven bells. Are Given Positions.

After morning mess we were again "piped" down to deckwork by the boatswain mates and worked laboriously on the bright work. Quarters found the boys on the top side instead of on the gun deck. During morning quarters we were given stations at fire drill and most of our boys were stationed on the fire plugs in the very bowels of the ship.

Sunday afternoon quarters were called to give us positions in collision drill and there, as in all drills, the Bemidji division was scattered. Routine work, mess, cleaning decks, hammocks and tops ended Sunday. Sunday is supposed to be an easy day.

At Monday morning quarters stations in other fire drills were given us. Regular routine followed until five bells in the afternoon at which time every section of each division was turned over to a regular boatswain's mate for a sighting seeing trip. Each section was taken from the boat deck over which is the bridge "crow's nests" fighting top and on which all the boats of the ship's flotilla are located, down through the main deck, gun deck, berth deck and the three-platform deck. On every deck we were shown everything to see and could ask any questions.

Wash Dirty Clothes.

No sooner that finished than the most tedious of all work we have had was given us. We all turned laundrymen on the forecastle deck and scrubbed our dirtiest clothes. For one hour and a half we scrubbed until the call of "line-up" was piped and we deserted our clothing work for evening mess.

Monday the usual routine was taken up except that we had an "abandon ship drill," "setting up" exercises and gun drill.

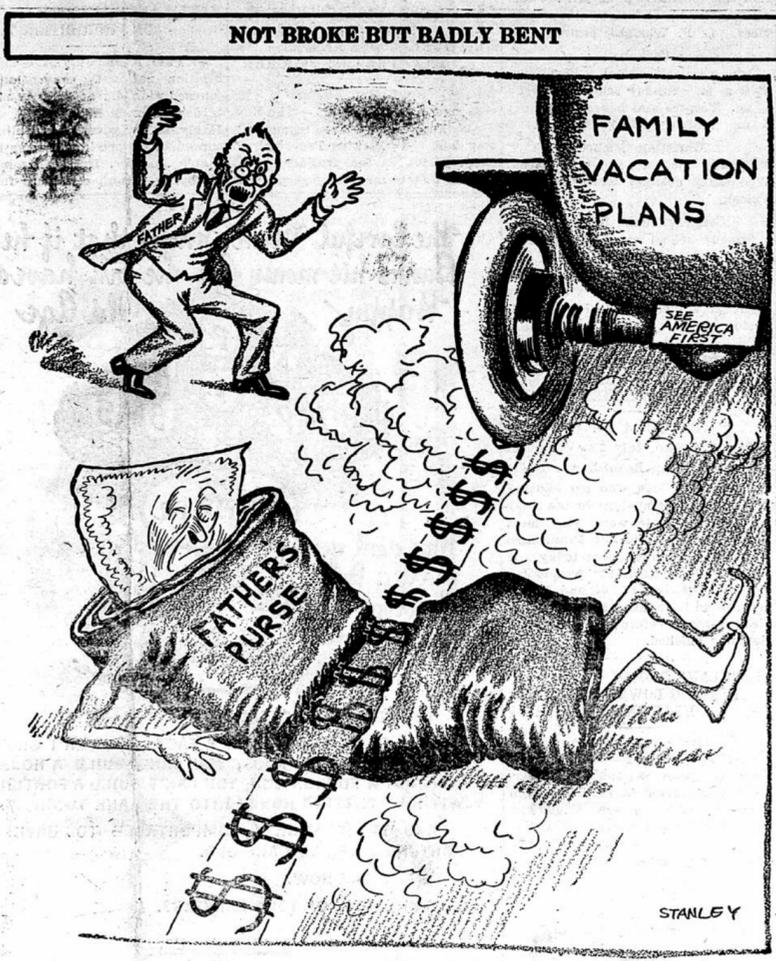
Cruising.

In company with the Alabama and Illinois which were anchored off the navy yards at Philadelphia, we weighed anchor Sunday morning at eight bells, two hours after scheduled time and at a speed of 15 knots an hour (16 1/2 miles) steamed down the Delaware river. About 100 miles down the bay, after a 21-gun salute to the admiral on our ship, which we answered with a 7-gun salute, the Louisiana joined the fleet. Not till we reached "Block Island," near Long Island, did the rest of the fleet, the Kearsage, Maine, Kentucky and Kansas have in sight. Four six-pound salutes were fired for the Rhode Island, the fleet flagship, and were anchored. Double column formation was formed by the other eight ships and the commanding officers of all the other ships were brought to their respective steamers for a conference at the admiral's quarters Tuesday. After their departure at noon (eight bells) the entire fleet was at anchor in the bay until today. Today we weighed anchor and steamed over to Newport where he will have two days' shore leave. From Newport we will return to the breakwaters of the Delaware where on July 24 the Pennsylvania militia men will be transported to the U. S. S. Chicago and will resume the trip to Philadelphia. We will disembark on July 25.

The Ship.

U. S. S. Rhode Island, the fleet's flagship, on which we are stationed, is a reserve second class or second in line battleship. It was placed in reserve three months ago.

At present there are about 800 men and 50 officers aboard, the officers not including line officers. Under



### A. P. WHITE PRESENTS NORMAL SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

A. P. White, president of the Northern National bank, a member of the state normal school board, presented the graduating class of the summer course of the Duluth normal school with diplomas at Duluth last evening. There were 20 members in the class. Mr. White returned to Bemidji this morning.

### OPTION ELECTION NOTICES ARE POSTED

County option election notices are being posted today. The election will be held in Beltrami county August 14. A county option meeting will be held at Wilton next Wednesday evening.

### SENATE DECIDES ON NAVY CONSTRUCTION

Washington, July 22.—The senate late yesterday by a vote of 61 to 15 adopted the construction of the naval appropriation bill, providing for a three-year program, including four dreadnaughts and four battle cruisers to be constructed at once.

### Work Becomes Easier.

Up to Wednesday life on the boat was constantly becoming easier for the naval reserves, especially the Bemidji division, which is acquiring

### BISHOP CORBETT TO BE IN BEMIDJI TOMORROW

Rt. Rev. T. Corbett, bishop of Crookston, will be in Bemidji tomorrow and will administer confirmation to a class of 40 at high mass at 9 o'clock a. m. at St. Philip's church.

### INTERNATIONAL FALLS AT BEMIDJI TOMORROW

The International Falls baseball team will be the opponents of the Bemidji nine at the new athletic park tomorrow afternoon beginning at three o'clock. "Smoky" White will be on the mound for Bemidji.

### FOREST FIRES REPORTED IN KOOCHICHING COUNTY

(By United Press) St. Paul, Minn., July 22.—Many forest fires have broken out in Northern Minnesota. The state forestry department today received reports of fires in Northern St. Louis, Cook and Koochiching counties.

### MISS ELEANOR LIGHTNER WINS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

(By United Press) St. Paul, Minn., July 22.—Miss Eleanor Lightner of the Town and Country club today won the Minnesota Woman's golf championship by defeating Mrs. W. A. McLeod of White Bear, two up and one to play.

### FOUR NEW INFANTILE PARALYSIS CASES IN STATE

(By United Press) St. Paul, Minn., July 22.—Four new infantile paralysis cases were reported today. Three of the cases are in the Twin Cities and the other in Perham, Ottertail county.

### STATE TO GET \$30,000 FROM LOWRY ESTATE

(By United Press) St. Paul, Minn., July 22.—The state will benefit by \$30,000 inheritance tax next week in the probating of the \$1,500,000 estate of the late Thomas Lowry, street railway magnate.

### Changes Are Coming Thick And Fast

By "HOP"

### SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER



### Members of the organization having control of the private bath house at Diamond Point will hold a meeting at the bath house tonight at eight o'clock. Every member is urged to be present.