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### ACTION THE GREAT NEED.

THE surprisingly large vote which the Roosevelt expedition proposition got in the House on Saturday is an indication that since the terms of the army bill became generally known throughout the country there has been a strong swing of public opinion in favor of this venture. The popular support of it is so strong, in fact, that in all probability to defeat it now would be an incalculable amount of damage to the cause in which the United States is fighting along with the other democracies of the world.

Military men differ regarding the practical wisdom of such an undertaking as the proponents of the Roosevelt plan urge, but there does not seem to be much doubt about where the public stands, and in a republic, and at such a time as the present, that should be permitted to settle the dispute. The people will pay in blood and taxes and they want the way cleared for the Roosevelt army.

That being the case Congress should act in furtherance of that desire as rapidly as it knows how. Entirely too much time has already been lost in debating the provisions of the army bill. The delay on this side has been encouraging the enemies of the country and holding up the formations of our armies. The great need of the hour is a little action. If we could get things moving perhaps some of the doubts and the distractions which now obscure the situation would be removed.

### GOING ON A WAR BASIS.

MANY vigorous minded, capable, and reasonably well informed people are beginning to find that turning a nation of 100,000,000 people, organized for peace and stuffed with a totally false political philosophy which had for its cornerstone a theory that America was so situated in its "splendid isolation" that the political and economic problems of the rest of the world did not touch it at any point, into a nation organized for war is considerable of a job. Some of them, as they review the results so far of the effort, are inclined to be a bit panic stricken, and are talking rather wildly. One of the things they are saying is that the newspapers have not been telling them the truth.

They are mistaken in that. If they are surprised at what they see the fault is their own and not the newspapers. They refused to believe what the newspapers told them until the brutal facts rose up and hit them between the eyes. There is not much surprise in the newspaper offices throughout the country, and practically no pessimism and

## RUFF STUFF

BY RED

Have you invented your submarine destroyer yet?  
 Then you haven't tried to help your country.  
 One way to destroy a sub is to sprinkle salt on its tail and make it drink two glasses of a fancy soda drink.  
 Whoever this gent is that shoots at the guards at Hout will be strung and quartered if he is ever found.  
 "Boy of pretty girls" generally means at least one good looking one.  
 Did you ever stop on your way to work to help an old lady push her Ford up a hill, then have her go to town without you and you catchell from the boss for being late?  
 It's a sweet early morning experience.  
 The twitter of the birds sounds like drunken Austrians singing on the Baltimore and Ohio trains in and about Klingsmont.

alarm. It is all in the streets. There is, in fact, in newspaper offices some feeling of relief over the evidence that the public is at last beginning to realize what is before the nation. Pretty soon the public will be steered for the work and then matters will move with less friction.

Until there is evidence on every hand that this country is not only a unit for the war but is throwing every possible ounce of strength that it possesses into the scale the Central Powers will refuse to take us seriously and they will keep up the struggle. We must go into this thing in a way which will convince our enemies that we are preparing to assume the whole burden ourselves if need be. The only thing that is certain about the matter as it stands at the present time is that unless we do go at it on that basis willingly eventualities will thrust that condition upon us.

### THE SPECIAL SESSION.

GOVERNOR CORNWELL'S call for the extraordinary session of the legislature, which opened at Charleston today, limits action to nine subjects, only two of which ought to occupy much time in either house—that one which has to do with conferring powers upon the State Council of Defense and the one for a popular vote on an amendment to the state constitution which would permit the adoption in West Virginia of a budget system for administering the state finances.

Action upon all the others can be had without any trouble as soon as the policy on these two points has been fixed. The Virginia debt, which in years past has loomed as a big issue, has, by the course of events, been driven into a position of comparative unimportance and if the legislators are so disposed they can mark time on it without incurring any censure, for there is small likelihood that the Supreme court will permit it to come forward to embarrass the state at the present unsettled time.

Governor Cornwell's message to the legislature is a model of brevity and clearness. If they take the hint and on their part guard against politics or any other extraneous matters that would have a tendency to cloud the issues the session will be short and the work satisfactory to the people.

As Governor Cornwell says, these are extraordinary times. At every great crisis heretofore the people who lived within the confines of the state have acquitted themselves with great honor. It is the business of the legislature at this special session to see that our house is put in order so that we will be in position to act equally well now, no matter what we are called upon to do.

An Italian fruit store on Water street was "rough housed" last night by guardsmen. Some of the lads at the camp are becoming entirely too familiar with their surroundings and the "highest command," as they say it in Germany, should move them on to duties and localities new.

Tomorrow a large delegation of prominent Pittsburgh business men will visit the city. They will be heartily welcomed, for the people of this section of West Virginia cannot do other than rejoice whenever Pittsburgh takes intelligent interest in us. This is natural Pittsburgh territory, but it is a fact that in many ways we have become more firmly attached to Baltimore than to Pittsburgh, largely because Baltimore bankers were broader visioned when the development of this territory began. Both sides would profit immensely by closer relations even now, and that makes the coming of the Pittsburghers especially opportune at a time when Fairmont is in the midst of another forward drive.

Fairmont High school's track team made a most excellent showing at the state meet at Morgantown Saturday. Substantial progress along athletic lines has been made at the High school this term and the teams that have been turned out have been a credit to the town.

It is reported that officials of the company operating the packet Valley Gem will confer with city officials this week with a view of getting a wharf house erected at this point. If the officials of the company want this done in a hurry we suggest that they carry a club to the conference.

The public wants Herbert C. Hoover to boss the job of controlling the food situation even more than it wants Roosevelt to lead an army into France, and that seems to be a lot. If Congress is at all wise, it will turn the whole matter over to Hoover and let it go at that. If, on the other hand, it takes it into its head to "regulate" the matter through elaborate legislative action, this year's crops will be harvested and in the hands of the middlemen before we get action.

The Valley Gem is reported to be breaking even, financially speaking. And she is not carrying one-half the freight that in the best interests of both consignors and consignees ought to go on her. If you are bothered by delays in freight try having your shipments come by boat.

### SHORT AND SNAPPY.

We've got our potatoes planted, but this weather is not doing them any good. By the way, we are allowing volunteers to work our garden free of charge, and have a few vacant periods left. Don't all speak at once.—Buckhannon Delta.

It is understood that the agitation for gardening as a patriotic duty is not to be taken as a suggestion that men allow their wives to bear the same relation to their patriotism they do to most men's religion.—West Union Record.

No, dearly beloved, we haven't changed 'em yet and are mighty glad of it.—Kanawha News.

### French Heel Effect Did Not Get By

ALBANY, N. Y., May 14.—Trying to boost his 5 feet 3 inches up to the standard required for military service, Willis Hartman, a patriotic youth from Glenwood, near here, tried a form of elevation that almost got by the United States Marine Corps recruiting officers here, today.  
 Willis went through without a flaw until he stripped to be examined for scars when the doctor discovered several layers of adhesive plaster and a small cotton pad under each heel that gave a "French heel effect" to the would-be warrior. When it was removed, he lacked one inch of meeting the required height.  
 "I don't want to be a slacker, so I tried my best to enlist," said Hartman, when he was rejected. "The scheme would be all right, too," he added, "if I could only make it stick."  
 To Sing in Parkersburg  
 Christine Miller, well known in this city, will sing in Parkersburg on Tuesday night giving a tone concert in connection with the Edison phonograph. She will be assisted by Arthur Walsh, violinist. Miss Miller and Mr. Walsh were heard here last fall in a tone concert.

## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO.)



## BITS OF STATE NEWS

Upshur county is determined to do its duty. At the meeting held in Buckhannon on the night of the 8th of this month, a permanent organization was made of the Upshur County Arm and Farm Association. Following are the officers and committees appointed: President, J. M. N. Downes; vice president, Wm. Post; secretary, Karl B. Sexton; treasurer, Dr. W. E. Stathers. Committees to direct the details of the greatest crop growing effort in the history of the county were named.

A. C. Dowler, superintendent of the Hope, who is looking after the deep well at Volcano, informs us that they are now drilling at 4000 feet in the ten inch hole, and every thing is progressing satisfactorily. He is also looking after one well at Greenwood, the Harvey Smith well, one well at Schulte, two at Conings, one at Burnt House.

The apple orchards of Jefferson county are now in full bloom, and the trees present a very beautiful sight in their spring dress. The bloom is not as profuse as it was last year, when all the trees were literally covered, but there is enough to indicate a fairly good crop of apples. The York Imperial trees will not yield this year. They bear only every other year and this is their season to rest. The Ben Davis, Winesap, Black Twig and other winter varieties will be fairly abundant. Reports from various sections say that there is every prospect for an abundance of fruit of all sorts and in Washington county the outlook is for a bumper crop of peaches.

The Tyler County News tells the following story of a woman who suffered from a dislocated hip for more than a year and did not know what the trouble was. "Mrs. James Lawson last week was taken to Youngstown, Ohio, to consult Bonesetter Reese. She was accompanied by her husband, deputy county clerk Lawson, and her father, J. B. Ankrom, of Wick. Mrs. Lawson was found to be suffering from a dislocated hip. The bones were placed back in their proper position and although still suffering from the effects of the injury, Mrs. Lawson feels greatly relieved. Mrs. Lawson suffered a severe fall in February, 1916, more than fifteen months ago. It is thought that the left hip was dislocated at that time. The injury has given her a great amount of pain and suffering. She had taken treatment for the affliction but was afforded no relief."

At a special meeting of the Farm bureau of Berkeley county, County Agricultural Agent D. P. Branson, who was ordered by the War department to report at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana, tendered his resignation which was reluctantly accepted by the members of the bureau in attendance. Mr. Branson suggested that the bureau try to secure the services of Henry Dorsey, of Nicholas county, to act as agent. He said that Mr. Dorsey was at Cornell university and had spent several years at the West Virginia university, and was capable of performing the duties of a county agent. A motion prevailed to try to secure Mr. Dorsey's services during the summer months, until the fall term of school opens when he will resume his studies.

In days gone by the purchase of a lot at a lot sale usually was just a

little real estate speculation. It is something more now, as the following from the Buckhannon Delta shows: "W. H. Fisher had a very successful lot sale in South Buckhannon last week. The lots all brought good prices, and most of them have already been plowed for potatoes."

A soldier and a water snake caused a panic on the Kenova school grounds during the noon hour Wednesday and resulted in serious injuries to Miss Alice Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Williams.

From what we have been enabled to learn of the affair, says the Kenova correspondent of the Ceredo Advance, it seems that a private named Jones had caught a water snake and in passing the school grounds excited the curiosity of some of the children. In a playful manner he executed a motion as if he intended throwing the snake at the children. This greatly excited one of the young lady students, Miss Alice Williams, who went into convulsions. Miss Williams fell face downward to the concrete pavement, mashing her nose and terribly lacerating her face. Other students let out screams and pandemonium reigned supreme for a time, during which, it is said, one or two of the teachers had hysterics. Dr. B. D. Garrett was summoned and had Miss Williams removed to her home on Twelfth street and it is said she is getting along nicely. Private Jones of Co. I, who caused the commotion and resultant accident, was taken in charge by City Marshal Thompson and turned over to the military authorities who will have a court martial trial. It is said that Private Jones is a practical prankster and that he is always attempting pranks on some one. While it is generally believed that his caprice of Wednesday was only intended as a make-believe, yet it might have proven more serious and should serve as a lesson for him in the future.

## MOVIE SHOW FOR UNION WORKMEN

Special Picture Will be Brought Here May 21.

At yesterday's meeting of the Trades and Labor Assembly it was announced that a moving picture film of much interest to the working people will be brought to the city May 21 and shown at the Princess theatre under the auspices of the Fairmont Trades Council. Garlow's band has already offered to furnish free music for the occasion and a similar offer is expected from the Greater Fairmont band.  
 The Musicians union announced at yesterday's meeting that it had signed a contract with the Princess theatre and that similar contracts will be signed with all the local theatres in a short time.  
 The Glassworkers at their meeting Saturday elected Joseph List, Louis Brown and Mr. Israel to represent them at the annual convention of the craft which will be held in New Bedford in July.

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## LEWIS W. PARKER IS BURIED TODAY

### Died at His Lowell Street Home as Result of Pneumonia.

Lewis W. Parker, aged 36 years, died on Saturday night at his home on Lowell street after an illness from pneumonia from which he had been suffering for a week. The deceased is a son of Mrs. Sedonia Parker and of the late W. F. Parker, of this city. He is survived by his wife and three children, Margaret, Helen and Edward. His mother also survives and three sisters and a brother, namely, Mrs. Richard Hall, Mrs. Harry V. Scott, Mrs. Chester Hibbs, of this city, and Frank Parker, of Martin's Ferry, O.  
 Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence conducted by Rev. C. E. Goodwin of the First M. E. church, assisted by Rev. W. D. Read, of the Diamond Street M. E. church. Interment was made in Woodlawn cemetery by Undertaker Musgrave and Son. The pallbearers were Richard Hall, Harry V. Scott, Chester Hobbs, brothers-in-law, and George Ballah, H. T. Jones and M. R. Desce, the latter three employees of the Monongahela Valley Traction company where Mr. Parker was also employed.  
 Frank Parker arrived here yesterday from Martin's Ferry and attended the funeral services. He was also here earlier in last week to see his brother, returning home Friday.

## PRIVATE ROBEY DIES IN HOSPITAL

### Was Taken Ill While on Guard Duty at Gratton.

Russell Robey, a private in Company H, First regiment, died on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Fairmont hospital where he had been a patient for less than a week from cerebro spinal meningitis. He was aged 21 years and had been a member of the Guard for three months. Mr. Robey was taken ill while on guard duty at Gratton and during the early days of his illness remained at the camp as his condition was not then thought to be serious. Later, however, he was brought to the hospital where his death occurred.

The deceased was a son of Felix Robey, of Farmington, and Mrs. Frank C. Fisher, of this city. He is survived by his parents, a sister, Mrs. Lonnie Morgan, of Romney, three brothers, Pearl, of Lost Creek; Arles, of Akron, O., and Oral L., of Fairmont.  
 The body was taken to the home of Mrs. Fisher on Monroe street. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the residence and the body will be interred in Woodlawn cemetery. The regimental band and a troop of soldiers from the Mobilization camp will form an escort to the grave.

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## Evening Chat

Of Ustawa, sing Oh, simple muse, Ancient home O' Aaron Hughes Place where water is unknown, Place where dusky Beards are grown, Place o' long Poetic hair, Place o' livin' Free o' care, Free o' malice, Envy, strife, Ideal home O' simple life, Only jealous Folks abuse, Ustawa, home O' Aaron Hughes.

## TO RAISE CHINESE UNIT FOR U. S.



Tien Tow Liu is the only Chinese in the officers reserve corps of Columbia university in New York and is raising a Chinese unit to be presented to the United States. Liu took part in the Chinese revolution of 1911 and won a medal for bravery. He is a Columbia graduate.

## Sick Room Supplies

Cottons, Bandages, Plasters, Adhesives, Gauzes, Antiseptics, Ointments, Peroxide.

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