

WASHINGTON SERVICE.

Washington, March 31.—The United States actually is in "a state of war" with Germany, and Congress is expected within a short time to declare war against that country with all due formality and to plunge the Nation into its first conflict since the Spanish-American war of 1898. And the United States today is no more prepared for war than it was almost twenty years ago.

Recent figures show that in a total authorized strength of 133,166 men for every branch of the service in the army there is a shortage of 23,207, or over 17 per cent.

The present authorized strength of the navy is 74,500 enlisted men, and Secretary Daniels this week estimated the number in service at 60,600. Fishermen and other seafaring men from the coasts, he said, must be depended on to man virtually all the small craft which the department now is building on rush orders.

Disclosures prove a tremendous proportion of the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts to be absolutely unprotected, especially the South Atlantic and Gulf ports, making it possible for an enemy to take possession of New Orleans and other great cities almost without firing a shot.

The army and navy together have less than 100 aeroplanes and hardly could muster 50 aviators, while Bulgaria, with a population less than that of Massachusetts, has over 300 aeroplanes. The French air service has more officers and men than there are in the entire American army and the British air service has more than there are officers and men in the entire American navy.

Finally, it is felt here that the American people do not understand that they cannot depend on Great Britain, France and the other Allies to defend the United States against Germany. Briefly stated the situation is this:

In entering a war with Germany the United States will conduct an individual war of its own, although it will cooperate with the Allies. The Allies however, are bound together by solemn pact not to include any individual peace with Germany, but to negotiate in a body. Not being included in this compact, the United States will not have a seat at the peace council of the great nations of Europe, but will have to conclude terms on its own account.

Belief prevails here, first, that the Allies will have very little interest in the protection of the United States in concluding their own peace, and, second, that Germany, when free to fight the United States alone will impose

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terms of the victor over the vanquished and will not hesitate to attack the United States if such terms be not accepted. A high officer in the War Department recently said in private conversation with a friend, "If Germany really gets at us, it will give us the greatest thrashing in history." The defense of the United States against actual invasion by a relentless enemy now lies in the hands of the people, themselves. If they demand universal military training and other preparedness measures, Congress will not hesitate to enact them into laws.

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Nine boilers recently furnished a flow of steam used, in extinguishing a burning gas well spent by a large crew of men in mastering the fire and capping the well, which has a flow of about 20,000,000 cu. ft. a day. When the steam had reduced the flames sufficiently to permit it, the iron cap—or "snuffer," as it is called in gas-field vernacular—was moved forward by horses and dropped into place.—From the March Popular Mechanic Magazine.

MACHINE SORTS AND COUNTS ALL COINS.

William C. Ragalsky, a student at Columbia University, has just applied for a patent on a machine for sorting coins. This would be useful especially to banks and large business houses, for coins of all denominations can be dumped into its hopper and will be found a few minutes later neatly arranged, cents, nickels, dimes, quarters, half-dollars, dollars and gold pieces, each in their own compartment.

The machine looks not unlike a cash register. It is automatic, being run by electricity. When coins are poured into it they close the circuit that sets it going and sorts the coins. The principle upon which it works is a combination of sorting by size and sorting by weight. If a dime, for instance, gets stuck between two nickels and starts on its way with them towards the tickle compartment it is automatically stopped and sent back to where it belongs. Light weight or "hogus" coins are dropped into a special place, whence they emerge immediately.

Mr. Ragalsky's machine can be built in such a way that it will not merely sort but count the coins of each denomination and register the number of an indicator.

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Now is the time for every body to begin cleaning up. It is absolutely necessary to have a clean town to have good health. Don't wait until a proclamation is issued to clean up, but attend to it now. Also the streets and alleys, especially the alleys and back wards behind business houses should be cleaned up.

MANY FARMS HAVE NOT SUFFICIENT LIVE STOCK.

"Many Louisiana farms, both large and small, do not maintain even enough stock to clean their fields after the harvest," says G. E. Nesom, Live Stock Extension Service, L. S. U., "and as a consequence there is considerable waste of oats, corn, peavines, velvet beans, crab grass, and the natural growths along the headlands turn roads, ditches and the open spaces in the fenced woodland. It often happens that a farmer who makes some effort to produce his own pork products turns his hogs out on the common and has his crop so poorly arranged that he cannot pasture off his grain fields after the harvest because he has no cross fences separating them from crops they might injure. This poor appreciation of hogs and other live stock as a part of the farm operations has resulted from the continuous devotion of the farmers to the three principal money crops produced in the State: sugar, rice and cotton, the general effect of which has been to reduce the amount of live stock on the average farm to so low a minimum that not only the city population, but the great majority of the farmers themselves rely on the purchase of their meats, lard and other pork products."—Press Bulletin.

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OFFICE SEEKERS.

Traditionally at this period Washington is full of a horde of would be servants of Uncle Sam. They turn up every time there is a change of administration anxiously looking for pickings big and little. There are not so many as usual where a president is re-elected. But no doubt the population of Washington is considerably augmented by this element as Mr. Wilson starts his second term.

There should be nothing creditable in seeking a post under Uncle Sam. Our government departments need no end of good men. There is a great field there for systematizing ability. Competent judges have always said that a good organizer could save many millions of dollars.

But good organizers fight shy of government work. The power of form and custom is too tremendously strong. If a trained business executive began to shake up the dust, there would be a tremendous clatter of dry bones. He would find himself so tangled up with precedents and customs and regulations that he would get little done.

As the departments have secured better protection against the assaults of the spoils seekers a better class of young men has been going into the civil service. But young fellows of exceptional initiative and force are not much attracted by its opportunities. They dread the sinister influence of politics, and are attracted to employments where individual merit is more quickly recognized.

They don't like an employment where you must work through some congressman or politician to get recognition for good work done. The office seekers include thousands of good honest workers, who will render faithful service along a certain groove. But they will not be first class executives until Congress gets the business idea of placing the departments in the hands of business men and gives them the power for a complete reorganization.—Ex.

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HOW AUTOMOBILES AND WILL BE ASSESSED.

The Board of State Affairs has adopted a uniform basis for the assessment of automobiles, which it is proposed to have the assessors of all the parishes adopt. The rule follows:

"For new machines, for the first year's assessment there shall be a deduction made on the cost price of 15 per cent; for the second year's assessment, a deduction of 35 per cent off the cost price, and for the third year's assessment, a deduction of 50 per cent off of the original cost price. For the fourth year's assessment, and all subsequent years, the full cash value of the automobile shall be determined by having the owner make affidavit to its value the same as any other property."

The board has also adopted a uniform classification for the assessment of agricultural lands, which assessors will be required to follow. The classification is the same, with some slight modifications, which has been evolved by the assessors and which was tacitly approved by the State Board of Equalization, under the system. Heretofore, however, it was purely optional with the assessors whether they used it. For the sake of uniformity, they will be required by the Board of State Affairs to adopt it. The Classification follows:

"Sugar Lands—Class A, alluvial land having a natural drainage; Class B, alluvial lands having artificial drainage by means of pumps, canals, etc., or accessible to only one sugar refinery, where the owner of the land does not own a sugar refinery.

"Cotton Lands—Class A, alluvial lands or sandy loam, such as Red river and Mississippi bottoms, etc., Class B, high class hill land in cultivation; Class C, recently opened hill lands, denuded pine flats and low grade land requiring much fertilization, etc.

"Rice Lands—Class A, alluvial lands receiving water direct from the Mississippi and other large rivers; Class B, prairie lands requiring irrigation by artificial means, such as pumping plants, canals, etc.

"Truck Lands—Class A, high grade soil, with ample transportation and marketing facilities, Class B, all other lands used for this purpose.

"Corn Lands—Corn lands shall be classified the same as cane, cot-

ton or rice lands, according to where they are located.

"Salt Water Marsh Lands—Class A, lands that can be used for grazing; Class B, lands subject to tidal overflow, unfit for grazing purposes, and not subject to acclamation.

"Fresh Water Marsh Lands—Class A, lands subject to cattle grazing; Class B, lands that cannot be used for cattle grazing purpose, or not subject to reclamation.

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LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Dr. Oscar Dowling, accompanied by Mr. Frederick L. Hoffman, one of the most noted statisticians of the United States, Assistant Surgeon H. R. Carter, U. S. P. H. Service, Dr. W. H. Seemann, State Bacteriologist and President of the State Medical Society, will make an itinerary of Louisiana, April 9-19, visiting Baton Rouge, New Orleans, New Iberia, Lake Charles, DeRidder, Shreveport, Tallulah, Monroe and Alexandria.

In the lectures delivered by Mr. Hoffman and Dr. Carter emphasis will be laid on the plans and purpose of Malaria Eradication. Other subjects pertinent to health conditions, typhoid fever, cancer, infantile paralysis and the Declining Death Rate will be discussed by Mr. Hoffman, Dr. Carter, and Dr. Seemann.

There will be an afternoon conference and night meeting in each of the cities. All physicians are invited to both, and the citizens to attend the general conference in the evening.

One of the purposes of this tour is to arouse interest and cooperation in getting better statistics of communicable diseases in the State, and especially of malaria.

A survey made by the State Board of Health of 35 towns and cities to locate breeding places of the malaria bearing mosquito, proves that the eradication of this pest is practicable, and indicate also that there is much less malaria in the State than is generally supposed. Figures would be convincing to those who have the wrong impression of our health conditions. Louisiana is one of the healthiest of all the states, but statistics are needed to prove it to those who doubt.



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