

EIGHTEEN FULL DIVISIONS FOR FIRST WAR ARMY
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all five additional increments provided for in the national defense act have been added, will total 11,233 officers and 293,000 men of all arms.

Upon the president's approval of the army bill, the first increment will be added to the regulars. As soon as possible thereafter the remaining increments will be created, existing regiments being divided and expanded to form the new units.

Already orders summoning officers of the regular service for examinations for advance in grade have been prepared.

The result of this expansion will be to create 5,461 vacancies in the grades of first and second lieutenants in the army. More than a thousand youths in civil life already have applied for examination for second lieutenant and 4,000 will be selected from the officers training camps.

To provide general officers to command the 18 divisional training camps, that number of army colonels may be examined. As there exists already one vacancy in the grade of brigadier general, 19 new general officers must be appointed soon and the army bill provides that the president may select these men from any source. In any event the present general officers of wide experience probably will be selected, as far as possible, to command divisional camps.

The full strength of the National Guard units now existing will be 9,847 officers and 329,954 men, giving a total regular and National Guard force to be whipped into shape before the new army is called of 21,080 officers and 622,954 men. New units must be created, however, to fill out tactical organizations and probably the total of this first force will exceed 700,000 active troops, backed by about 250,000 more in the regimental recruit battalions.

From this force will be formed 18 divisions corresponding to the organization of the first new army. From it also early in September will be drawn some 200,000 officers and non-commissioned officers who will constitute the framework on which the new army will be shaped. They will be, with the 10,000 officers to be selected from the training camps, the instructors of the first army and on their efficiency rests the whole military fabric that is to be built up.

In general the plan will be to provide a regular army officer to command each new regiment, with an adequate number of regular or National Guard officers of experience to carry on efficiently the administrative duties and to supervise instruction.

During the interval between the reorganization and the calling out of the new army the regular and National Guard divisions will be at work preparing the mobilization camps and with their own training. To them also will continue to fall the duty of protecting public and private property. The commander of each training district probably will direct this work under the orders of the commander of the military department in which his camp is located.

CROSS HILL NEWS.

Cross Hill, May 7.—The Cross Hill school closed its 1916-17 session last Friday. Thursday evening the Improvement Association gave a play, "Maids and Matrons", which was well attended and a financial success.

Friday evening the commencement exercises proper were held. These consisted of the usual program by the graduating class. This class was composed of twelve members as follows: Jack Raso, Mary Griffin, Willie Jones, Helen Hill, Ray Chandler, Sarah Pinson, Vivian Nance, Eleanor Dial, Frank Miller, Clara Dukes, Louise Thompson and Burrow Hill. The literary address was delivered by Rev. Walter I. Herbert of Greenwood. The speaker's subject was "Studies from the Life of Frances Willard," and was an excellent address. Bringing to view the important characteristics and the great work in the life of his subject, Mr. Herbert with emphasis applied them to the individual life of today. To all who are seeking to know the good in life the address was a pleasing and wholesome message. Twenty-three pupils are entitled to perfect attendance buttons, among these is Alma Coleman again, who has completed her sixth year without missing a day. The diplomas to the graduating class and several prizes to pupils for efficient work were delivered by the principal.

All of the teachers have been re-elected but it is not known yet who of them will accept. The school has experienced a very good year, both in attendance and the work accomplished.

The Improvement Association has been a great help to the progress and is able to make a splendid report for the year. The board of trustees will make a better financial report than

they were able to do a year ago.

Miss Lizzie Griffin, primary teacher of the Cross Hill school, was called to Edgefield last Monday to the bedside of her aunt, Mrs. Victoria Evans, who died on Thursday morning afterwards. On this account Miss Lizzie, to her own regret, as well as that of all others, could not attend the commencement exercises.

The B. W. Ball chapter Daughters of the Confederacy, will observe next Thursday, 10th, as memorial day. Exercises will be held at the school building at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Among other things on the program, a speaker will be secured for the occasion. After the exercises at the school building the members, together with others in attendance, will march to the cemetery and decorate the Confederate graves. Everybody will be invited to attend.

MADDEN NEWS.

Madden, May 8.—A cold east rain has come to us with the entrance of May. Crops will be at a standstill till the sun shines again.

Dr. W. J. Langston of Columbia was shaking hands with relatives here Sunday afternoon, spending the night with his brother T. S. Langston. Dr. Langston had been called to Greens on account of the serious illness of his grand-daughter, little Lara Pitts Hughes and called by here to see homefolks. He left the little one better we were glad to hear.

Mrs. Josie Martin has begun her practices for the annual Children's Day at New Prospect held the 4th Saturday in May. She is assisted as usual by Miss Susie Langston who has charge of the music. Miss Carrie Langston will have charge of the exercises in the afternoon for memorial to the Confederate soldiers buried in Prospect cemetery.

All who are interested (and this takes in a good portion of the township) that the graveyard at New Prospect will be cleaned off Friday, May 18th. Let all come prepared to do a good day's work.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Finley and children were the spend-the-day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson Bailey Sunday.

Little Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Finley was quite sick the past week. Dr. Christopher was called and we are glad to state the little one is improving.

Mr. John Thompson, who has been in Florida for the past winter, came home on a short visit to his parents, Judge and Mrs. O. G. Thompson.

HARMONY NEWS.

Harmony, May 7.—This community was very much shocked yesterday evening when it became known that Mr. C. A. Moore of this place had very suddenly been called to the Great Beyond.

Mr. Moore had been in feeble health for several years but was able to be up and about. He attended the school picnic at this place Saturday and seemed to enjoy himself fine. The writer, on his way to Sabbath school about 9:30 yesterday morning, met Mr. Moore near his home. He seemed to be more cheerful than usual. It is said he ate a hearty dinner about 12 o'clock. He and Mrs. Moore were going to visit some of their neighbors in the afternoon. At or near 5 o'clock he got up to start and fell into the beyond, bringing a shock on the community, the church and to his wife.

Mr. Moore moved into this community several years ago and attached himself to this church and has been a faithful, loyal member until death. Mr. Moore was an old veteran of the war between the states and was seventy-five years old.

The family is expecting the pastor, Rev. O. B. Williams of Cross Ancohr to preach the funeral at 2 p. m. today at this place, after which the body will be laid to rest in the cemetery nearby.

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Refreshing Showers Last Week.
 Refreshing showers fell Thursday night and Friday morning, coming at a very opportune time for crops. The ground had commenced to get hard and germination of seed had been retarded. The showers, however, softened the ground again and cotton, corn and garden crops sprang up as if by magic. Farmers state that the cotton stand is better than in years and the increased acreage in corn is in fine

shape. All available space on those farms that are operated is planted in some kind of crop.

May Start Dairy.
 Mr. W. W. Fitzpatrick, head of the Dairy Division of Clemson college extension work, was in the city last week and went out to Mr. R. A. Cooper's place on the southern edge of the city to look over the land there and judge of its prospects as a dairy farm. He found an excellent pasture already in use and other lands which could be used to advantage for pasturage. He said that there was no reason why a successful dairy could not be conducted on the place. Mr. Cooper is seriously considering the matter.

Maj. Mahon Receives Commission
 Columbia, May 4.—Capt. G. Heyward Mahon has received his commission from the war department as a major of the First regiment. Camp life is running smoothly at the State fair grounds. The men of the First regiment, stationed throughout the State, are enjoying good health, according to reports received by Col. P. K. McCally at headquarters.

On the surface there is every indication that the Second regiment will be ordered into the federal service at a very early date. The Charleston Light Dragoons and the Coast Artillery will probably be ordered out at the same time.

Laurens County Boy Honored.
 At a recent inspection of the corps of Clemson College by a U. S. inspector, 22 Juniors were selected to take special military training for the reserve officers corps. One of this number was John W. Wofford. Mr. Wofford has taken great interest in military service while at school. He has also taken an equally high stand in Alumnae Editor of "The Tiger", the college monthly and Military Editor of "Taps", the college annual for next session. He was also awarded at the recent annual celebration of the Calhoun Literary Society, the medal for the best oration. Religious activities of college life has found in him an ardent supporter having been elected teacher of a large Bible class of Freshmen early in this session. He has made a fine record while in college—one of which his family, friends and county may well be proud.

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