

FIRST SEPARATE BATTALION IS ORDERED TO HOLD ITSELF IN READINESS FOR SERVICE GUARDING VITAL POINTS IN CAPITAL CITY

ALLIES LOOKING FAR AHEAD IN WAR PLANNING

Arrange to Conduct Operations
of Ever Increasing
Magnitude.

EXPECT AID FROM ORIENT

Great Britain to Draw on Gold
and Men of
India.

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LONDON, March 25.—If this war extends into 1918, or possibly even into 1919, as many informed people believe it may, the allies do not intend to permit that it shall peter out toward the end.

Rather, they are making their arrangements to conduct war's operations on a scale of ever increasing magnitude. The plans for the mobilization of the resources of the whole world against the central powers are being formulated under the general guidance of the new British administration and the allied governments on a scale so tremendous as to be almost unbelievable.

The British army estimates recently announced were based on the purpose to maintain an army of 5,000,000 men. The navy now embraces about half a million men, and some ambiguity of phrases has left it a little uncertain whether the navy force is included in the figure of 5,000,000. Whether it is or not, the country was astonished to learn that a vast force the quiet, secretive machine that Kitchener built has brought together.

It would seem that such a force as this must represent the maximum of national power. Early in the war people talked about attrition; about the certainty that if the struggle were long continued the number of men in the fighting line would necessarily dwindle from month to month and from year to year.

Looking to Whole World.

But today, with nearly three years of war behind them, the entente powers are steadily planning for greater rather than less things in the future. For man power they are looking to huge populations in distant quarters of the world—to India, with its hundreds of millions of people whom the British in their long imperial experience have learned to train into splendid soldiers; to Africa, which has contributed some excellent soldiers to France, and, no less important, has sent great numbers of negro laborers, and will, according to present expectations, send many more this year; to China, with a third of the earth's population, composed of the most industrious and frugal people in all the East; to Russia, whose resources of manhood have hardly been seriously touched by the war thus far; to all the other dominions of Great Britain, and always the possibility that new allies may be brought into the war.

On the economic side, the process of turning Great Britain into the industrial capital of this mighty combination goes on steadily and rapidly. The overseas dominions have demonstrated a financial and economic

SHOOS PRESIDENT'S GUARD

Naval Communications Watch Orders Joe Murphy to "Move On."

Even the President's Secret Service guard is not exempt from Navy Department safeguards of secrecy hedging about the office of naval communications. Joe Murphy, chief of the Secret Service detachment which guards the President, made this discovery last night when he was ordered away while waiting outside Secretary Daniels' door for the President to depart after conferring with Secretary Daniels. Murphy moved on as directed, but asked newspapermen "What for?" Since the Spanish-American war, when a newspaper man trained as a telegrapher "learned" valuable navy preparedness plans by listening in the corridor to telegraph instruments, the Navy Department has guarded its communications office and this guard has been extended to a twenty-four-hour watch since the crisis with Germany arose.

WOMEN POISONED

Twenty-seven Made Ill by Food At Relief Corps Lunch.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 25.—Twenty-seven prominent members of the Hampden County Association of the Women's Relief Corps are ill from ptomaine poisoning, due to food they ate at a luncheon in this city yesterday. Although no fatalities have been reported, many of the victims were made critically ill.

The women who attended the luncheon came from Westfield, Palmer, Amherst, Belchertown and Northampton.

FIRST STEP TOWARD RUSSIAN SUFFRAGE

PETROGRAD, March 25 (Nord-sud via London admiralty).—The first step has been taken toward granting full political rights to women in Russia. The municipal council of Petrograd has just unanimously elected at least one woman to membership on each executive committee of the city.

This action is taken as indicative of the enfranchisement and political liberation in the near future of women throughout the empire.

It is understood that the excellent work of the women of Finland in the government of that country has had much to do with influencing the action of the Petrograd authorities.

PLOTS OFFERED TO GARDENERS

Vrooman Declares It Patriotic
Duty to Make District Self-
Sustaining in War.

More than 100 vacant lots in Mt. Pleasant yesterday were placed at the disposal of The Times. These lots are all level and are said to have excellent gardening soil. The lots are situated between Taylor, Upshur, Seventeenth, and Eighteenth streets. These lots will be reserved for persons sending applications to The Times.

The Times also has several other plots which may be utilized for gardens, ranging from twenty acres to one lot. The owners of most of this ground have asked that their names be withheld, but the location of the lots can be learned from The Times.

A meeting of the central committee, formed Friday afternoon in the Jefferson School, will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock to take up with the District Commissioners plans for making the District "one big garden" this summer.

Money Is Pledged.

The Capital Garden Club, through its president, Mrs. Charles W. Wetmore, has pledged sufficient money to finance the playground garden, and tomorrow will offer this money to the Commissioners. The amount is estimated at \$1,085, which will be expended along lines worked out by the playground department, should the Commissioners decide to permit use of the grounds for gardens.

The Capital Garden Club will employ a paid secretary, with an office in the playground department's quarters in the District building.

Carl Vrooman last night issued a statement urging every resident of Washington, as a patriot, to transform back yards and vacant lots into gardens.

Duty as Patriots.

"It is the patriotic duty of every city boy, girl, and woman who can do so to transform his or her yard, or a nearby vacant lot, into a garden, each square foot of which will grow two or possibly three crops during the coming summer," said Mr. Vrooman. "Moreover, the average small farmer and his family owe it to their country, as well as to themselves, to raise at least 100 chickens, to keep one cow or more, at least enough hogs for home consumption, and perhaps a little flock of sheep."

Mr. Vrooman has taken an active part in the campaign of the National Emergency Food Garden Commission, an organization composed of prominent educators in all parts of the nation who are fostering the organizing of gardening clubs throughout the country. The commission is headed by Charles Lathrop Pack, of the American Forestry Association, and Luther Burbank, of California; Myron T. Herrick, and Prof. Irving Fisher, of Yale, are members.

ADMISSION FEE, ONE BABY

Blessing of Infants of St. Aloysius' Church Set for Next Sunday.

A choir of infant voices, cooling in a score of different keys, will feature the services incident to the annual blessing of the babies of St. Aloysius' Church at the church, North Capitol and I streets northwest, at 3 o'clock next Sunday afternoon. The admission fee will be one baby. Holding of the service next Sunday will depend upon whether the weather favors a journey by the youthful congregation to the church. There will be a talk to parents, benediction, and the blessing of infants.

U. S. CONSIDERS PLAN TO SEND ARMY ABROAD

May Place Contingent of Regulars on French Front to Boost Recruiting.

HALF-MILLION VOLUNTEERS

War Program Also Calls for Concentration of Force on Mexican Border.

That the Administration is considering the advisability of placing a contingent of United States regulars on the fighting front in France in the impending war with Germany was learned today from army officers of unquestioned reliability.

Officials pointed out that the effect of such a step would be to give a great stimulus to recruiting here, and that it would give the country representation with its allies in actual operations.

The plan of the Administration for raising and using an army in the conflict is known to have been worked out fairly in detail. The general plan includes:

Volunteer Army.

The immediate raising of a volunteer army of 500,000 men, bringing the National Guard to its maximum strength, taking into the regular army without delay the second increment of army reserve and thereby raising the military strength to 1,085,000.

Employment of the regulars and the national guard to "take care of the situation at home."

Concentration of a force on the southern border to meet possible German intrigues via Mexico.

Possible early dispatch of a small force to France in order that this Government may, for sentimental reasons, be represented "on the field of honor."

Other Plans Up.

The consideration of further measures destined to bring the army up to greatly increased strength will undoubtedly follow almost immediately after a formal declaration of war. But the army will first take steps to meet a more immediate situation. General staff officers express the belief that the United States army may number upward of 5,000,000 within the next two years if the war follows its expected course, and Germany is able to maintain its boast that it can "fight the world" and still maintain its military supremacy.

Army officers do not disguise their belief that the Government must sooner or later resort to the draft system to bring the military strength of the country up to its necessary standing. This, however, is admittedly likely to be a future measure.

Mr. Vrooman and Secretary Baker are known to prefer greatly the volunteer system so long as results can be obtained by it, and it is regarded as certain that the volunteer system will first be given an extension.

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PRAYS FOR PRESIDENT

Rev. Dr. Gordon Asks for Guidance in Present Crisis.

Prayer for the guidance of President Wilson in this time of emergency was delivered at the morning services this morning by the Rev. James L. Gordon at the First Congregational Church.

Dr. Gordon's prayer follows:

"Thou God of Nations, look upon the nations of our world today, and through their tears help them to read the promise of help which this bright morning brings to every heart."

"Help us, O God, for all presidents, kings, statesmen and rulers who are working for righteousness and peace in Christ."

"Hear us especially, O God, for our President, burdened and flooded as he must be. Guide him so that our flag may be worthy of the memories that crowd in upon us today. Save us from all tyranny and bring us to the goal of true democracy. Help us as we make history today as a nation and a people."

BUNNELL TWIN DIES AT 98.

BRISTOL, Conn., March 25.—Allison Bunnell, eighty-eight years old, one of the famous Bunnells, said to be the oldest twins in the country, died yesterday from infirmities of age. His twin, Addison, is very ill, and is not expected to be long separated from Allison.

RUSSIA TOO BUSY FOR MAIL.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Don't mail letters to Russia. Don't mail anything to Russia. Postmaster Patton has returned all Russian mail posted here with the advice that Russia's new government is too busy with other things to deliver mail.

WOMEN'S COLLEGES BACK WILSON

On behalf of the eight leading women's colleges of the country, a committee of presidents of these institutions will soon place before President Wilson resolutions of confidence and support, and will outline plans for the participation of the college women in military and naval work in the event of war with Germany.

Miss Eleanor Lord, dean of Goucher College, yesterday saw Miss Margaret Wilson, with a view of bringing the matter to the attention of the President.

Miss Wilson was a student at Goucher. Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, formerly Miss Jessie Wilson, also went there.

YOUNG ROPER SEEKS PLEDGES

Boy Who Took Down Kaiser's Picture to Canvass in Loyalty Campaign.

Harry Roper, the Central High School boy who rose suddenly into prominence a few days ago as a result of his connection with the taking down of the Kaiser's picture from a class room in Central High School, is not going to let this incident end his patriotic endeavors.

Harry is going to undertake something big. Beginning tomorrow, he has signified his intention of canvassing the new Central High School—2,100 pupils—and obtaining the names of every student to the pledge of loyalty printed in The Times. It's a big job, and Harry knows it. He doesn't expect to make a report on the movement until Wednesday, at the earliest. But in the meantime he is going to enlist the aid of other boys in Central High School, and have them take the pledge of loyalty through their classes and get the students to sign.

Movement to Extend.

This movement of obtaining the signatures of loyalty to the President probably will be taken up in all the high schools of the city. Superintendent of Schools Thurston has given his permission for students to canvass the schools for the names.

Hilvay has arisen between business houses in the city as to the one which will send in the largest number of names to The Times pledge. Today two full sheets arrived, with the names of the employees written below the pledge, from two prominent business houses of the city. The names of these concerns are being kept and will be presented to the President with the pledges.

Two of the newest formed military organizations in Washington, the Willard Company, composed of the bell boys, footmen, pages and others in the employ of the service department of the Willard, together with the "sub-chasing" company which is being formed at the Ebbitt Hotel under the leadership of Gus Gumpert, and the names of the company members signed to the pledge of loyalty.

Drills in Georgetown.

Yesterday's reports from Georgetown show that the movement started there by Edmund Sullivan, in organizing companies of boys in the graded school, is spreading in that section. Though yesterday in their respective neighborhoods and marched up and down the streets, learning the rudiments of the infantry drill.

A new feature has been added to their drill, and it is a feature which is making the boy companies popular among the older people. The boys make their own music when on the march. They are singing patriotic songs, and the little feet beat regularly to the tune of "America" sung by fifty or more boys, with the commonplace broomsticks resting over the shoulders of the young troops.

Have YOU signed the pledge of loyalty yet?

Have YOU done this small act to show your patriotism?

Cut out the pledge, paste it on paper, sign it first and then have your neighbor sign it. Start a campaign all your own.

And do it now.

WILSONS ATTEND CHURCH.

President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson attended services today at the Central Presbyterian Church.

A motor car spin into the Virginia hills, and toward Mt. Vernon is scheduled for the afternoon.

U.S. DRAWS NET CLOSER AROUND ARMY OF SPIES

All Agencies of Administration Prepare for Final Round-up of Pro-Germans.

WILSON CONSIDERING PLANS

Positive Proof of Disloyalty in Government Departments Developed.

All agencies of the Administration continued active today in the gigantic undertaking of crushing German spy plots in preparation for the crisis this week.

President Wilson divided his time between work on the military budget and consideration of the pro-German menace which imperils all defense plans against invasion by an enemy.

Positive proof of disloyalty in the Government departments and traitorous actions of citizens, many of them prominent in the business world, together with the fact that thousands of German reservists are in this country and thoroughly organized for anti-American activities, has aroused the Administration to drastic action.

Steps to Be Taken.

These developments will follow a declaration of a state of war: Internment of thousands of reservists, whose names are known as a result of months of work by Government agents. Arrest of hundreds of spies, many of whom are or have been in the employ of the Government.

Seizure of all German merchant vessels in American ports, and the internment of their officers and crews.

Seizure of scores of buildings and places of business owned by Germans, many of whom are naturalized.

Introduction of a bill in Congress providing that all persons employed by the United States Government or the District of Columbia shall be bona fide citizens.

At Desks Today.

Officials of the State and Navy Departments and the Department of Justice were at their desks today giving attention to war-time preparations in connection with the handling of German spies, plotters, reservists, sympathizers, and propagandists, an element that overshadows as a menace the possibilities of all other German hostile agencies.

The dismantling of all wireless plants in the country owned or operated by aliens and those believed to be for hostile purposes has been begun at the direction of Department of Justice agents. It was said today that hundreds of radio stations are under the ban of suspicion and that they will be seized before an actual outbreak of war.

A number of wireless plants in Washington have been closed already. In connection with the action there have been rumors of the arrest of a millionaire, but officials deny that he was taken into custody, although he was a subject of searching investigation.

Further Evidence.

Additional evidence of the plot conceived by German Foreign Minister Zimmermann to embroil the United States in a war with Mexico and Japan reached the Department of Justice today from Hinton G. Clabaugh, chief of the Chicago bureau of investigation. His report to Chief A. Bruce Bielaski concerned the activities of one of the chief spies, who made frequent trips between New York and Chicago in the interest of the Mexican plot.

Chief Bielaski declared that he was under strict orders not to discuss any phase of the department's investigation of the German spy system.

Revelations in the investigation of German intrigue and espionage have emphasized to the Administration the urgency of legislation to remove from the Government employ all aliens.

To this end Congressman Daniel Griffin, of New York, will introduce a bill at the outset of the extra session of Congress, providing that all employees be citizens of the United States.

Another Step in Plan.

The elimination of aliens from the army and navy is another step that will be taken toward "Americanizing" the Government service, it having been disclosed in the past few weeks that there are hundreds of aliens, including Germans and Japanese in the service, some of them being enlisted as seamen.

Congressman Griffin has written letters to Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels asking them for a list of aliens employed in their respective departments. He intends to use the data in a speech in the House early in the session.

Other Senators and Congressmen are planning to co-operate with the Administration in riding the Government service of aliens and considerable legislation on the subject is expected.

DOZEN REGIMENTS IN TEN OTHER STATES ALSO CALLED OUT

Secretary of War Baker Makes Announcement of First Armed Steps Yet Taken To Foil Conspiracies of Pro-Germans in This Country; Third May See Service in the Near Future.

First of Series of Orders.

In fulfillment of the advance news printed in The Times of yesterday, the War Department this afternoon notified Brig. Gen. William E. Harvey, in command of the District national guard, that the First Separate Battalion, the colored division of the regiment, is to be called upon for service immediately.

General Harvey later went to the War Department to confer with the officials of the Bureau of Militia Affairs, and of the War Department, regarding the part the First Separate organization is to take in the protection of the city.

400,000 BOYS READY TO HELP

Services of Scouts for Civic and Non-Military Duty Offered the Nation.

The services of the 400,000 Boy Scouts of America have been placed at the disposal of the United States Government.

Chief Scout Executive James E. West, of New York, has laid before high Government officials a plan whereby the boys, too young for fighting, may still prove themselves of great help in time of emergency by forming a coast guard, extending along the entire Eastern coast of the nation.

Even should war be declared early in April, all arrangements for the complete mobilization of the scouts will have been completed, and the boys will be ready to take their places as guards for the public buildings in the East, and to act as patrols wherever needed.

Too Young For War.

As nearly all the 2,000 members of the organization in Washington are too young to go to war, they are excused from military service. The boys range in age from twelve to eighteen years—an average age of fifteen. Of this number, it is stated by local scout commissioners that every one will be available for first aid, messenger, signaling, police, and detective duty. Under the efficient leadership in Washington, every scout has been taught the greater part of the territory within a radius of fifteen or twenty miles of Washington.

In a statement to The Times today, Ralph E. Campbell, of the local scout council, says:

"Although letters have passed through the mails of more or less confidential nature, it will suffice to say that the scouts are prepared throughout the nation to render service of a civic, non-military nature which is very essential for the proper conduct of business and financial matters in the time of war."

Showing Their Colors.

"Every scout in Washington, as well as scouts throughout the country, are showing their patriotism by the wearing of the national colors or by flying 'Old Glory' from their homes during this critical period of the nation's affairs."

"No better explanation of the entire situation or position can be understood without reading the oath taken by every Boy Scout in the organization."

"Upon my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, and obey the scout law."

"I will help other people at all times."

"I will keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

MISS RANKIN RETICENT

Congresswoman Declines to Reveal Her Plans for Special Session.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 25.—Jeanette Rankin, newly elected Congresswoman from Montana, isn't going to make any rash statements about what she is going to do when she sits in the legislative halls. She made this known here when asked regarding what her attitude toward Germany would be when Congress meets on April 2.

"Conditions will undoubtedly be greatly changed by April 2, and it would be utterly foolish for me to take one stand now and conditions force me to take another when Congress meets," she said.

Plans for calling out the First Separate Battalion of the District National Guard were announced after a conference today between Secretary of War Baker and Major Raymond Pullman, chief of Metropolitan police.

After conferring with Major Pullman, Secretary of War Baker called into conference Maj. Gen. Hugh S. Scott, chief of staff; Maj. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, assistant chief of staff; Brig. Gen. William Mann, chief of the militia bureau; Colonel Wright, of the adjutant general's department, and Major Douglas MacArthur, senior and general staff member, and the general order for calling out the troops was immediately prepared and telegraphed to the commanding generals of the departments with jurisdiction over the militia organizations.

"Mobilization of these guard regiments, nearly all of which were recently mustered out of the Federal service, will begin immediately. District National Guardsmen can put themselves on a war footing and be ready for active service within forty-eight hours, it was learned today."

Should Secretary of War Baker issue a call for the Washington guardsmen for patrol or other duty, practically every man in the brigade