

AMERICAN ARMY REORGANIZED

Made to Conform With European Army Standards at Pershing's Request. Infantry Company Hereafter to Have 250 Men, Two Captains and Four Lieutenants.

(Washington Dispatch.)

Complete reorganization of all branches of the American army to conform with European standards as recommended by Major General Pershing, is provided for in army orders revealing that the recently announced divisional reorganization plan is to be carried down into the regiments and companies. The administrative unit of the infantry arm hereafter will be a company of 250 enlisted men and six commissioned officers, in place of something over 100 men and three officers. The company will be divided into four platoons each in command of a lieutenant. There will be two captains as first and second in command, one first lieutenant and three second lieutenants. Reports of the review of the American troops in France yesterday show that this plan already has been carried out in General Pershing's forces.

The object of assigning two captains to each company, it is understood, is to provide against disorganization of the unit through the loss of its commander. The second captain, under the European system, does not go into battle line with the company if his senior is present. He is held as a reserve to reorganize the company if necessary. Under the new plan each regiment will have three battalions of four companies, making a total of 3,000 men. Supplemented by the regimental headquarters, supply and machine gun organizations, the strength of the new regiments will be brought up to approximately 3,600 men as against little more than 2,000 in existing war strength regiments.

The unit organization of the field artillery and other arms of the service has not been changed. As a result of reducing the number of regiments in a division, the division, instead of 28,000 men, will total hereafter about 19,000 men, 15,000 of them infantry.

The advantage of the system, in addition to the better adaptation of the divisional unit to trench warfare, lies chiefly in the reduction in overhead expense. One colonel and his regiment staff, including his three battalion commanders will now handle 3,600 men instead of a little more than 2,000.

Today's orders show that provision has been made for organization of 32 new infantry divisions in addition to the regular divisions, out of troops already called to the colors, including the first increment of 687,000 drafted men.

MAN AND BRIDE STRUCK AND KILLED BY TRAIN

Horace Smith and his bride of a week were struck and killed by an eastbound Southern train at the Lora grade crossing in West Gastonia about 11 o'clock Saturday night. Smith was killed instantly, his body being badly mangled. His wife was taken to a local hospital where she died a few hours later. The couple lived at Rutherfordton where they were married a week ago. They were visiting relatives here. The bodies were shipped to Rutherfordton Sunday.—Gastonia Dispatch.

WOULD SPEND MILLION TO ADVERTISE NEW LOAN

Detailed Plan Presented to Secretary McAdoo for Advertising Second Liberty Loan.

Washington, Aug. 16—The national advertising advisory board of the Associated Advertising Club of the World today sent a delegation to Washington, headed by Herbert S. Houston, of New York, to urge Secretary McAdoo to spend from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 in advertising the next issue of liberty loan bonds.

A detailed plan, originally outlined before the issuance of the first liberty loan bonds, was presented to Secretary McAdoo calling for a division of the advertising among daily, weekly and monthly newspapers, in addition to the utilization of magazines, printed poster circulars, billboards and other agencies. A program involving an expenditure of approximately \$1,250,000 was outlined.

GERMAN LOSSES REACH NEARLY FIVE MILLION.

German casualties reported during July in the German official lists, but not necessarily having occurred in July, amounted to 89,863 as follows: Killed or died of wounds or sickness 21,389. Prisoners or missing 14,620. Severely wounded, 13,896. Wounded and slightly wounded 39,958.

The total German casualties of all classes since the beginning of the war exceeds 4,500,000.

MAJOR GENERAL EDWARDS ASSIGNED TO CAMP GREENE

Charlotte Observer.

Major General Clarence R. Edwards, who is to be commanding officer at Camp Greene, according to an Associated Press dispatch, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, January 1, 1860. He is therefore fifty-seven years old.

It is interesting to note that he has been in military service nearly all his life. He graduated from the United States Military academy in 1883. Since that time the honorary degrees of A. M. and LL. D. have been conferred upon him, the first by St. John's college, Fordham, N. Y., and the latter by Fordham University, New York.

Although a scholar, General Ed-



Photo by American Press Association.

Brigadier General Clarence R. Edwards.

wards has earned the name of soldier. He was assigned to the staff of General Lawton as adjutant general in 1899 and served in General Lawton's campaigns and expeditions in the Philippine Islands.

He later commanded the sixth brigade, second division, Texas, and first Honolulu brigade. In 1915 he was put in command of the American troops in the Panama Canal zone.

From 1902 until 1906 he was chief of the bureau of insular affairs.

TO STOP WHEAT TRADING SOON.

Dealings in Futures to Cease This Month. Cash Prices Recede Sharply.

It is significant of the times that trading in wheat futures is to be suspended before the beginning of another month. The possibility of such action has not been wholly disregarded, and it scarcely seems necessary to repeat that for weeks speculative conditions in this quarter have been mainly artificial. Yet the definite announcement that dealings are to be entirely eliminated had the obvious effect, and sharp declines in prices were seen both in the cash and contract markets. The break in the former reached as much as 20 cents in a single day in Minneapolis and 15 cents in Kansas City, while the September delivery in Chicago, the only one in which operations have been permitted at that center, went down from its closing of \$2.15 last Saturday to a fraction under the \$2 basis on Thursday. As was to be expected, the decisive reaction in wheat was accompanied by appreciable lowering of flour quotations, and buyers of this commodity who have been holding off during the recent period of uncertainty over governmental control of foodstuffs have had reason for elation.

The depression in wheat not unnaturally had some influence on corn, and other things tended to stimulate bearish sentiment, such as the peace proposals and favorable weather and crop advices. Yet the cash markets acted better after the recent decline, and in futures there was comparatively little setback from the closing prices of last Saturday. With hogs above \$18, it has not seemed logical to look for any rush on the part of farmers to dispose of their old corn.—Dun's Review, Aug. 18th.

WAR VOLUNTEERS REACH TOTAL OF 190,347 MEN

War volunteers for the regular army have reached a total of 190,347 men, bringing the roll to 7,000 in excess of the authorized war strength. Since total quota for the expanded army was filled several days ago, recruits have continued to enlist at an average of more than 1,000 men a day. They will be needed and the recruiting service will not relax its efforts.

There still are twenty-five States that have not supplied the number of men allotted to them in the distribution of the total quota, but some of the other States have furnished their quota several times over.

KAISER'S TALK TO MR. GERARD.

Bitter Against United States, But Says He Would Not Have Permitted Sinking of the Lusitania Had He Known.

The German Emperor said before James W. Gerard, when the latter was United States Ambassador at Berlin, that he would not have permitted the torpedoing of the steamship Lusitania had he known of the plan; that no gentleman would kill so many women and children. At the same time, however, he displayed great bitterness toward the United States. This is one of the Statements made by Mr. Gerard, continuing his copyrighted story in the Public Ledger on the course of Germany during the last few years. Mr. Gerard says:

"I have told in another chapter how the German Emperor had refused to receive me as ambassador of a country which was supplying munitions to the Allies. From time to time, since I learned of this in March, 1915, I kept insisting upon my right as Ambassador to be received by the Emperor, and finally, early in October, 1915, wrote the following letter to the Chancellor:

"Your Excellency: Some time ago I requested you to arrange an audience for me with His Majesty. Please take no further trouble about this matter. Sincerely yours,

"JAMES W. GERARD."

"This seemed to have the desired effect. I was informed that I would be received by the Emperor in the New Palace of Potsdam on October 22. He was then to pay a flying visit to Berlin to receive the new Peruvian Minister and one or two others. We went down in the train to Potsdam, von Jagow accompanying us, in the morning, and it was arranged that we should return, leaving Potsdam on the train a little after 1 o'clock. I think that the authorities of the palace expected that I would be with the Emperor for only a few minutes, as, when I was shown into the room where he was, which was a large room opening from the famous Shell Hall of the palace, the Peruvian Minister and others to be received were standing waiting in that hall.

"The Emperor was alone in the room and no one was present at our interview. He was dressed in a hussar uniform of the new field gray, the parade uniform of which the frogs and trimmings were of gold. A large table in the corner of the room was covered with maps, compasses and scales and rules and looked as if the Emperor there, in company with some of his aides, or possibly the Chief of Staff, had been working out the plan of campaign of the German armies. The Emperor was standing, so, naturally, I also stood, and according to his habit, which is quite Rooseveltian, he stood very close to me and talked very earnestly. I was fortunately able to clear up two distinct points which he had against America.

"The Emperor said that he had read in a German paper that a number of submarines built in America for England had crossed the Atlantic to England escorted by ships of the American navy. I was, of course, able to deny this ridiculous story at the time and furnished definite proofs later. The Emperor complained because a loan to England and France had been floated in America. I said that the first loan to a belligerent floated in America was a loan to Germany.

"The Emperor sent for some of his staff and immediately inquired into the matter. The member of the staff confirmed my statement. The Emperor said that he would not have permitted the torpedoing of the Lusitania if he had known, and that no gentleman would kill so many women and children. The Emperor showed great bitterness against the United States, and repeatedly said, 'America had better look out after this war' and 'I shall stand no nonsense from America after the war.'

"The interview lasted about an hour and a quarter, and when I finally emerged from the room the officers of the Emperor's household were in such a state of agitation that I felt sure that they must have thought something fearful had occurred. As I walked rapidly toward the door of the palace in order to take the carriage which was to drive me to the train, one of them walked along beside me, saying: 'Is it all right? Is it all right?'

"The unfortunate diplomats who were to have been received and who had been standing all this time outside the door waiting for an audience missed their train and their lunch."

FREE OF CHARGE.

Why suffer with indigestion, dyspepsia, torpid liver, constipation, sour stomach, coming-up-of-food-after-eating, etc., when you can get a sample bottle of Green's August Flower free at Crech Drug Co. This medicine has remarkable curative properties, and has demonstrated its efficiency by fifty years of success. Headaches are often caused by a disordered stomach. August Flower is put up in 25 and 75 cent bottles. For sale in all civilized countries.—Adv.

APPOINTMENT OF FOOD COMMISSIONERS APPROVED

Appointment of twenty-eight men as federal food commissioners in as many States was approved Thursday by President Wilson. Commissioners for the other States will be selected by the food administration within a few days.

The State commissioners will administer the food control bill in so far as it applies to State matters and will co-ordinate State food activities with those of the food administration. All will serve without pay. The list includes Henry A. Page, Aberdeen, N. C.

The Lee Family of Harnett.

War has touched heavily the life of Squire Eldredge Lee, who sends three stalwart sons to fight for humanity. Early in his life his father died in a Federal prison after fighting through three years of the War Between the States. With the call for volunteers this year his sons Edward, William and Henry went in order. Edward is the youngest, barely 18. He joined the National Guard. William, the "Bill" and the "Chang" Lee of Wake Forest and A. and E. College football fame, went to Oglethorpe. Henry, the musician, joined an outfit in Raleigh.

Squire Lee is getting along in years though he is not what is termed an old man by any means. He ranges round sixty somewhere, and would follow his boys to the front if he were eligible.

Somewhere the writer has heard it said that three Lee brothers came to this country among the first colonists. One settled in Virginia and was the ancestor of the Confederacy's chieftain. Another settled in New England. The third settled in North Carolina. Squire Lee's folks have been among the leaders of Johnston County from time immemorial. There is little doubt that in his veins flows the same blood that has given America its foremost soldiers. He is a soldierly-looking man himself, and all of his boys are big handsome fellows who will give a good account of themselves in the fights ahead of them.—Dunn Dispatch.

A wise man will keep in the house a bottle of Dr. SETH ARNOLD'S BALSAM against sudden attacks of Bowel Complaints. Warranted by Hood Bros., Smithfield, N. C.—Adv.

Typhoid Fever.

Typhoid fever is a germ disease that is easily transmitted by water and milk and by the housefly and wherever it has a chance to be carried. Great care should be used in guarding the water supply, so that it cannot become contaminated from outhouses. Personal cleanliness of everyone in the house is also an important safeguard. The Chinese will not eat without first washing their hands. This is a good practice for all. If one gets the hands in contact with the typhoid germs which abound in what comes from the person sick with typhoid and then handles dishes or milk utensils they can become contaminated and the disease passed on to whoever takes food or drink out of the dishes or utensils. The typhoid germs may live for some time outside the body. In these days of extensive travel the typhoid germs may be carried for some distance within persons who have come in contact with things containing the germs. Cleanliness is a good preventive.—Agr. Ex. Dept. N. D. Agr. College.

Rest Those Worn Nerves

Don't give up. When you feel all unstrung, when family cares seem too hard to bear, and backache, dizzy headaches and irregular kidney action mystify you, remember that such troubles often come from weak kidneys and it may be that you only need Doan's Kidney Pills to make you well. Don't delay. Profit by Smithfield people's experience.

A Smithfield Case

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Commencing Sunday, July 8th, the Atlantic Coast Line will inaugurate a through sleeping car line between Wilmington and Asheville, via Florence, Sumter and Columbia, in connection with the Southern Railway System, upon the following daily schedule:

LV. Wilmington..... 3:45 P. M. AR. Columbia..... 10:50 P. M. LV. Columbia..... 11:50 P. M. AR. Spartanburg.... 3:20 A. M. AR. Tryon..... 4:50 A. M. AR. Saluda..... 5:15 A. M. AR. Flat Rock..... 5:35 A. M. AR. Hendersonville 5:50 A. M. AR. Asheville..... 7:00 A. M. Returning: leave Asheville 4:10 P. M., arrive Florence 8:45 A. M., arrive Wilmington 12:50 Noon.

This Sleeping Car Service, which will be operated until Sept. 16th, will afford comfortable accommodations for passengers visiting the Mountains of North Carolina.

The old established through sleeping car line between Wilmington and Atlanta will be continued via Augusta, in connection with the Georgia Railroad, upon the following schedules:

LV. Wilmington ... 3:45 P. M. LV. Florence..... 7:55 P. M. LV. Sumter..... 9:30 P. M. AR. Augusta (Eastern time) 1:35 Night AR. Atlanta, (Central time) 6:10 A. M. Returning: leave Atlanta 8:35 P. M., arrive Florence 8:45 A. M., arrive Wilmington 12:50 Noon.

Passengers may remain in this car, in the Union Depot, which is in the heart of Atlanta, until 7:00 A. M., if they so desire, and on account of the earlier arrival of this train, and the use of the Union Depot, convenient connections may be made with through Observation-Dining-Sleeping Car-Coach trains which leave from same station for Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, etc.

Connections are made at Florence with above trains by leaving Smithfield at 3:08 P. M., and equally good connections are made returning.

For fares, tickets, etc., apply to J. A. CAMPBELL, Ticket Agent, Smithfield, N. C.

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