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GETTING READY FOR WAR.

The Scientific American for last week is called the "Liberty War Number" and contains much valuable information concerning the progress the United States has made in getting ready for war.

On June 30, 1916, the actual strength of the United States Army was in even numbers 5,000 officers and 102,000 enlisted men in all grades of the service.

Due to the activities on the Mexican border, at the beginning of 1917, the army had been increased to 5,100 officers and 120,000 enlisted men.

When war was declared by Congress on April 6, 1917, the actual total commissioned and enlisted strength of the regular army and of the National Guard of the United States was only 307,000 men.

By August first the voluntary enlistments of men for the regular army had brought its strength up to 308,000, with 6,700 officers.

On August 15th, when the National Guard was mustered into the service, and when the many officers from the several training camps were given commissions, the forces reached about 800,000 men.

Then came the first call for the drafted men, 687,000 strong. The first 30 per cent of the draft brought the total up to 1,010,000 men.

There has been a complete change in the organization of the army for overseas service. To quote from the Scientific American:

"An infantry regiment at present comprises 103 officers and 3,600 men, consisting of

"Headquarters and Headquarters Company,

"Three battalions of four rifle companies each,

"A supply company,

"A machine gun company,

"A medical detachment.

"To put into effect for overseas service this new organization, considerable rearrangement of the units of the old plan has been found necessary. At present an infantry division comprises, among other units, two brigades of two regiments each, an artillery brigade of three artillery regiments each, an artillery brigade of three artillery regiments and a trench motor battery.

motor battery in an artillery brigade and a one-pounder platoon attached to the headquarters of each infantry regiment add greatly to the gun strength of a division. The total strength of the new division, as now organized, is 27,150 men."

The prominence given to the use of machine guns in the present war has developed the greatest surprise perhaps. Inventors have turned their attention to the development of a gun of simplicity and lightness. Some of these guns weigh not over fifteen pounds and may be fired from the shoulder or hip.

Another important feature of the present war plans is the transportation of ammunition and war supplies to the battle lines. It is remembered that one of the great elements of the success in the French plans at the Verdun battle in 1916 was their preparedness to transport by motor truck munitions, supplies and troops in such numbers that they were able to hold back the Germans, and thus one of the great victories of the war was won.

The United States is making great efforts to be fully prepared to transport all the supplies needed to their troops in the quickest possible time. The engineers and designers have planned the Liberty War Truck and so great is the faith of those responsible for its adoption that 10,000 have been ordered.

To feed an army of five hundred thousand men will require two and a half million pounds of food daily. Thirteen million pounds of beef, fifteen million pounds of potatoes, one million pounds of coffee and three million pounds of sugar are required as a month's supplies of these items, not counting numerous other things that men must have.

Dr. Crouch, of the State Health Department, was here yesterday on a visit of inspection. He visited the County Jail and in speaking of it, he said that the condition of the jail was 70 out of a possible 100.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF JOHNSTON COUNTY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY.

Table with 2 columns: Resource/Item and Amount. Includes Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, United States Bonds, Furniture and Fixtures, Demand loans, etc.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—COUNTY OF JOHNSTON
Smithfield, N. C., November 29, 1917.
I, T. C. Evans, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

T. C. EVANS, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 29th day of November, 1917.
R. N. AYCOCK, Notary Public.

Harvest Day Exercises.

Those present at the monthly literary meeting of the Woman's Mission Society of the M. E. Church Monday afternoon enjoyed the Harvest Day musical program. Mrs. Lassiter, the president, was the leader and read Psalm 46.

At the close of this most enjoyable program a short business session was held and many dollars were paid in on the dues and pledges.

Reception at Kenly.

Kenly, N. C., Dec. 5.—Rev. C. E. Clarke, the popular and successful pastor of the Presbyterian church, was married in Richmond, Nov. 28, 1917, to Miss Fedora Haxall.

Last Friday night at the attractive home of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Grady an informal reception was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, which was decidedly the most interesting social event of the season.

The entire lower floor was thrown open to the guests, and was beautifully decorated with potted plants, cut flowers and ferns.

Mrs. G. S. Coleman and Tyra Bailey met the guests at the door. Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Grady introduced them to the receiving line. In the receiving line were Mrs. J. C. Grady, who introduced Mrs. Clarke, Mr. C. E. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Edgerton, Mrs. C. E. Walston, Mr. W. H. Edgerton, Misses Marie and Gladys Kirby presided at the punch bowl.

Mr. Howard Grady, of Chapel Hill, played very appropriate selections on the victrola during the evening.

Miss Janie McNeil was in the gift room, and the people of the town proved with what esteem Mr. and Mrs. Clarke were held by the many practical and lovely things that were given. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke hope to be at home at the Manse at an early date.

Mr. George W. Watts, of Durham, has been asked to head the North Carolina Campaign to raise the State's portion of the \$400,000, the American Bible Society wants to supply the soldiers with khaki covered Bibles. The money is to be raised by December 11th.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

The members of the Philathea Class of the Smithfield Baptist church will hold a Christmas Bazaar in the old Theatre Building on Third street on Wednesday and Thursday, December 12 and 13.

ONE FINE EIGHTEEN MONTHS old Berkshire boar for sale. W. Rufus Coats, Four Oaks, N. C.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

I HAVE A GOOD TWO-ROOM CEILING house, and would like for a family to move to it so I could get a regular hand to work with me. Could give work to other members of the family if desired. P. D. Edwards, near Smith's Chapel church, Princeton, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.

A FIVE PASSENGER REO CAR IN first-class condition for sale at a sacrifice price, \$275.00. Apply to Julius Williamson, Zebulon, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.

WANTED. A COMPETENT MAN for assistant clerk and bookkeeper in the Post Office to begin work January 1st. Apply to Postmaster, Smithfield, Johnston Co., N. C.

THE SELMA MERCHANTS WILL observe December 10th to the 15th as "Pay-Up-Week." They will offer special inducements to all customers who settle their bills during this week.

200 BUSHELS PEAS FOR SALE AT \$6.00 per bushel at Austin-Stephenson Co.'s Big Sale.

FLOUR MILL. BUY ONE OF OUR Meadows Whole Wheat flour mills. They are small investments for good results and profit. We also have corn and feed mills. Roberts Atkinson Co., Selma, N. C.

I HAVE FOR SALE ONE DUROC Jersey boar, four gilts six months old and one Duroc Jersey sow all pure bred registered stock. J. T. Langston, Bentonville, N. C., Route No. 2.

MILLING PROFITS. THERE IS good money in mills at the present high prices of grain. No more expense to run and your toll is doubled in the price of grain. We have the best flour, corn and feed mills made. Roberts Atkinson Co., Selma, N. C.

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CAR PIEDMONT WAGONS EXPECTED Friday at Austin-Stephenson Co.

AS I HAVE THE COUNTY AGENCY for the New Home Sewing machine I will deliver one anywhere in Johnston if a call for one is made. Let me know if you want to buy. The New Home is far ahead of any other as a family sewing machine. J. M. Beaty, Smithfield, N. C.

PEAS ARE SCARCE, BUT YOU CAN get them at Austin-Stephenson Co. at \$6.00 per bushel while they last. Buy now.

ON DECEMBER 1, 1917. A DARK cow with short horns took up at my place. Mark: Crop off each ear. Owner can get cow by paying for damage and this advertisement. J. W. Pittman, Smithfield, R. No. 2.

IF YOU CARE TO GO THE WHOLE hog I would like to sell you some good corn-fed pork. I have a large lot of fine hogs ready to kill at my farm. J. M. Beaty.

BUY YOUR SHOES AT AUSTIN-Stephenson Co. during their sale to save money.

AUTO TROUBLES: IF YOU HAVE them, come to see us. We can relieve you at least cost. Casings, tubings and spark plugs. We have marked these very close. Roberts Atkinson Co., Selma, N. C.

FOR SALE—BUILDERS LIME Agricultural Burnt Unslacked, Slacked and Oyster Shell Lime in bulk or bags, car or cargo shipments. Clyde MacCallum State Agent, Hertford, N. C., for Limestone Products Corp. and Chesapeake Shell & Lime Company.

LOOK FOR OUR ADD—DOLLAR Day in Selma. We will have the goods, the assortment and prices. Roberts Atkinson Co., Selma, N. C.

FRESH JERSEY MILK COWS FOR sale. See E. F. Boyett, Smithfield, N. C.

SEED BEANS FOR SALE. JOHNSTON County Grown Navy Beans. Raised by E. F. Boyette, Smithfield, N. C. For sale by Peedin & Peterson and L. E. Watson, Smithfield, N. C.

FEEDS. OUR WAREHOUSE IS packed with Red Dog, Ship Stuff, Soy Bean Meal, feed and seed oats, see wheat, cotton seed meal, hulls, beet pulp, etc. In fact, anything in feed line at bottom prices. Roberts Atkinson Co., Selma, N. C.

IF YOU NEED A BUGGY GO TO Austin-Stephenson Co.'s big sale.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK At Smithfield, North Carolina, at the close of Business on November 20th, 1917. RESOURCES. Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, Liberty Loan Bonds, Stock of Federal Reserve Bank, etc.



GIFTS FOR XMAS
We have lots of useful gifts for Christmas from 5 cents to \$1.00.
Toys! Toys!!
We have a big line of American made Dolls and toys. We also have a good line of imported Dolls and toys from Japan.
Buy Your Toys Early
We can furnish everything that's needed for Christmas Trees. Do not wait until the Rush to buy for a Christmas Tree.
J. E. GREGORY & CO.
Smithfield, 5, 10, and 25 cent Store, North Carolina

BON TON
THE LADIES STORE
A \$20,000 stock of Suits, Coats, Dresses and Furs
At Half Price
Come and get your Christmas SUPPLY
BON TON
Smithfield, N. C.