

EXECUTIVE ORDER DIRECTS RECRUITING OF NAVY TO WAR STRENGTH; MANY NATIONAL GUARD UNITS ARE AGAIN CALLED TO THE COLORS

CALL TO COLORS FOR TROOPS OF NATIONAL GUARD

Fourteen Regiments Are Again in the Federal Service. FOR POLICE PURPOSES Many States Deemed it Necessary to Call Guardsmen Out for Purpose of Protection.

TRANSFERRED TO NEW DEPARTMENT OF ARMY



MAJ. GEN. LEONARD WOOD

HEAVY FIGHTING IN SEVERAL SECTORS OF THE FRONT IN FRANCE

French Make Another Advance Toward St. Quentin — Germans May Try to Break Through to Petrograd.

NEW MILITARY ARRANGEMENT FOR COUNTRY

Northeastern and Southeastern Departments Created. MAKES TOTAL OF SIX Major General Wood Transferred to Southeastern, With Headquarters in Charleston.

Washington, March 25.—Division of the United States into six instead of the existing four military departments was announced today by the War Department. The two new departments are the Northeastern, comprising the New England States, and the Southeastern, comprising the States in the old South.

SECRETARY DANIELS MAKES APPEAL FOR RECRUITS TO BRING STRENGTH OF THE NAVY UP TO MAXIMUM

Following the President's authorization that the enlisted strength of the Navy be recruited to 87,000 men, Secretary of the Navy Daniels is making a direct appeal to the Nation, through the press, for a quick response by the young men to the President's call.

PRESIDENT'S PLACING NATION ON WAR FOOTING; NAVY IS ORDERED RECRUITED TO FULL STRENGTH

Maximum Personnel of 87,000 Men Directed by Executive Order to Be Enlisted—This, With Naval Construction Already Ordered, Means He Has Exercised His Full Limit of Authority as Commander-in-Chief to Prepare for War.

For the Army, Creation of Two New Military Departments Is Ordered, That Task of Organizing Whatever Army Congress May Authorize Will Be Divided Among Six Departmental Commanders Instead of Four, This Lesson Having Been Learned From Mobilization of National Guard for Service on Mexican Border Last Summer—As a Protection Against Possible Internal Disorders, Fourteen National Guard Units Are Called Into Federal Service for Guard Duty.

Washington, March 25.—Calling into the Federal service of 14 regiments of the National Guard for police protection purposes was announced today by the War Department. The Department issued this statement: "Many States have deemed it advisable to call out the National Guard for police purposes of protection. As the necessity for such steps arises from issues which are more national than local, it has been deemed advisable by the President to call into Federal service for the above-mentioned purposes the following organizations of the National Guard: Massachusetts, Second and Ninth Regiments.

GOVERNOR STUART CALLS GUARD OUT

Six Companies Ordered on Duty Sunday for the Protection of Property.

Richmond, Va., March 25.—Six companies of the Virginia National Guard were ordered on duty this afternoon by Governor Henry C. Stuart for the purpose of guarding important State and municipal utilities and large munition and shipbuilding plants.

The French forces and the Germans again have been engaged in heavy fighting on several sectors of the front between the Somme and the Aisne Rivers, and again the French have made advances toward the strongly defended town of St. Quentin. According to the French War Office the French troops have pushed forward over a front of about two and a half miles south and southwest of St. Quentin, the new positions taking in the town of Castres, three miles southwest, and Essigny-le-Grand, four miles south of St. Quentin. Gains also were made south of the Oise and north of Soissons.

The changes were outlined by the Department in the following statement: "To facilitate decentralization of command, the United States is divided into six military departments in place of four existing. The new organizations become effective May 1, 1917, and comprise the following: (a) Northeastern Department, to embrace the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Headquarters at Boston.

(b) Eastern Department, to embrace the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia and the Canal Zone and the Island of Porto Rico with the islands and keys adjacent thereto. Headquarters at Governor's Island.

(c) Southeastern Department, to embrace the States of Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, together with the coast defenses of New Orleans and the coast defenses of Galveston. Headquarters at Charleston.

WITH THREATS AMERICANS MAY OF INSURGENCY BE PRISONERS

Disgruntled Members of Big Fifty-Seven Were on Vessel Destroyed by Raider Moewe.

Newport News, Va., March 25.—The British steamer Esmeraldas reported captured and sunk by the Moewe, had on board at the time 57 American muleteers, according to information received here today from official sources. It is supposed the Americans were taken to Germany.

The attitude of the so-called "wet" members and of some of the Northern Democrats is giving concern to the Democrats, while the Republicans are troubled over their progressive wing. Any of these elements might easily wreck the organization plans of the majority of either side.

Feeling among Democrats over committee assignments was bitter at the close of the last Congress. The "wets" are united in their support, angered over the manner in which prohibition legislation was pushed through in the dying days of the session, declared that they would see several Democratic chairmen displaced at this session if they had to vote with the Republicans. In turn, Democratic "drys" declared openly that any insurgent movement by the "wets" would result in their summary relegation to the foot of log-mattees.

GERMANY ESTABLISHES NEW BARRED ZONE

Shipping Warned Out of Northern Arctic Ocean, Except Norwegian Waters.

Rein, via Sayville, March 25.—Announcement of a new barred zone in Arctic waters was made today by the Admiralty in an official statement, which reads: "Foreign Governments have been informed that in future in the district of the Northern Arctic Ocean, east of the twenty-fourth degree of eastern longitude and south of the seventy-fifth degree of northern latitude, with the exception of Norwegian territorial waters, all ocean traffic forthwith will be opposed with all arms.

THAT GERMANY WOULD MAKE PEACE TREATY

If Allowed to Retain Certain Territory and Given Heavy Indemnity, Is Berne Report.

Berne, Switzerland, via Paris, March 25.—"If peace negotiations were begun today," says The Journal de Geneve, which does not reveal the source of its information, but declares that Germany would offer to restore the territory she occupies in France, except in the mining district of Briey, in exchange for a channel port, Calais or Dunkirk, and an indemnity of fifteen billion francs.

STRONG ADDRESS BY TAFT AT NASHVILLE

Says Nation That Won't Protect Rights of Citizens Had Better Go Out of Business.

Nashville, Tenn., March 25.—Five thousand people heard President Taft deliver a strong address here today in the interests of a World League to Enforce Peace and in explanation and justification of the entrance of the United States into war with Germany.

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Fair & Warmer, probably rain tomorrow.

Advertisement for Fair & Warmer featuring a cartoon character and the text 'Fair & Warmer, probably rain tomorrow.'

ADDITIONAL VESSELS DESTROYED BY MOEWE

Berlin, March 25.—Thursday, via Sayville, March 25.—An additional list of vessels captured by the German auxiliary cruiser Moewe, which recently returned to Germany from a second cruise in the Atlantic, was issued by the Admiralty today.

The booty captured by the Moewe, the following is added: Mount Temple, British steamer with 5 centimeter gun, 2,782 tons gross, with coal, dynamite, provisions and parcels; Cornwall, British sailing ship of 152 tons with fish; King George, British steamer of 3,122 tons gross, with explosives, provisions and parcels; Cambria, Wange (Cambrian Range) British steamer of 4,200 tons gross, with wheat and parcels; Georgia, British steamer with 12 centimeter gun, 16,000 tons gross, with wheat, meat and horses; Yarowdale, British steamer of 4,600 tons gross, with ammunition, provisions and war materials; St. Theodore, British steamer of 5,000 tons gross, with coal, dynamite, provisions and parcels; Hudson Maru, Japanese steamer of 3,800 tons gross with parcels; Radnorshire, British steamer with 12 centimeter guns, 4,300 tons gross, with coffee and cocoa; Minieh, British steamer of 3,800 tons gross (listed at 2,800 tons gross) with coal; Netherbyhall, British steamer of 1,400 tons gross, with rice and parcels.

Instructions to National Guard officers, issued more than a month ago to cover any future mobilization, showed plainly that the War Department had learned its lesson and proposed to decentralize its mobilization problems as far as possible. Departmental commanders will supervise the assembling of State troops in their districts hereafter, and will take over immediately on the call for Federal service and the task of recruiting for the guard and regiments through organization of reserve battalions.

Wood's Transfer. The transfer of General Wood from the Eastern to the Southeastern Department caused considerable speculation among Army officers. No explanation was given, and Secretary Baker declined to comment. The Eastern Department, even as it will be after the new organization goes into effect, is regarded as the most important of the six because of its great economic development. As a general rule, that department falls to the command of the senior Major General of the Army available for such duty.

Virginia Company To Do Police Duty. Newport News, Va., March 25.—Huntington Rifles Company, Fourth Virginia Infantry, was called out this afternoon by Adjutant General W. W. Sale, Virginia, to do police duty at important points in and near the city.