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CONTINENTAL ARMY PLAN IS TO BE LEFT OUT

PRESIDENT WILSON WILL NOT INSIST THAT CONGRESS SHALL ADOPT THE PLAN.

UP TO CONGRESS

Believed That If Matter Is Left to Congress, Additional Army Will Be Provided Through the National Guard Increase.

Washington, Jan. 31.—President Wilson has decided not to insist that Congress shall adopt the continental army feature of the administration's national defense program.

Convinced from recent talks which he has had with Democratic leaders of the house and senate that there is at present an overwhelming opposition to this plan, he has decided some of his advisers desire, to concentrate on the needs of the country for 500,000 trained men, leaving it to Congress to decide on the organization of this force.

It will be for Congress to decide whether the number is to be made up by an increase of the regular army or of the national guard, or both, or by a reserve system.

It is well known in Washington that if the matter is left to Congress the matter of raising an additional army will be provided for by increasing the national guard. Chairman James Ray, of Virginia, head of the house military affairs committee, has always contended that the state militia is the only way an adequate army force can be raised. Mr. Ray proposed some time ago that the private in the national guard be paid an annual salary of not less than \$48 a year. It is still in favor of this plan.

129 BARACAS WERE IN ATTENDANCE

Largest Number Ever Present at Any Sunday School Class in Washington.

Attendance records are being broken every Sunday by the M. E. Baraca class. Last Sunday there were 129 members and two visitors present. Both the Army and the Navy had 63 men there. The Sea Fighters brought in twelve new recruits while the Land Lubbers could only add six to their list and this half-dozen had to be held in their seats in order to prevent them from jumping over to the Navy side. The Army still leads in securing new members but their margin is growing smaller and smaller every Sunday and within another week or two it is expected that the Navy will be in front.

BELLMO TODAY

The Brilliant Italian Actor MR. ALBERT CAPOZZI in a 3 reel masterpiece "CRATERS OF FIRE"

LEE MORAN in a Nestor Comedy "AN HERBIB FOR TWO"

MATINEE DAILY—4 P. M. SCHOOL CHILDREN 5c

PARTIAL ECLIPSE OF SUN WILL BE VISIBLE FEB. 3RD

Can Be Seen in Washington Shortly Before Eleven O'clock Thursday Morning. Will Last For About An Hour.

A partial eclipse of the sun will be visible to residents of Washington on Thursday morning. On that day the moon will be directly between the sun and the earth.

Observers at Washington will see the partial eclipse a little before ten o'clock in the morning. By eleven o'clock about two-fifths of the sun will be concealed. The obscuration will then steadily diminish until the eclipse ends, a little after twelve o'clock.

The eclipse may be watched without injuring the eyes by looking at

the sun through a dark-colored glass or through a piece of smoked glass. If the latter is to be used, prepare in advance by holding a straight-edged piece of glass, three or four inches long either way over a candle's flame. Hold at a slant a little above the flame. It is less likely to be cracked by the heat. When smoked so that the sun may be readily viewed through it, it is well, though not necessary, to put a like shaped piece of clear glass against the smoked surface and fasten the two together by pressing a strip of gummed paper around the edges.

A PAIR OF SHOES WORN 140 YEARS

Have Been Used by 200 Babies in the Merrill Family. Made in Revolutionary Times.

Ed Merrill, of this city, today received a letter and a newspaper clipping from his cousin, Col. C. E. Merrill, of Kentucky, notifying him of the final disposition of a pair of shoes which have been in the Merrill family for over 140 years. During the last generation these shoes have been in the possession of various members of the Merrill family. Mr. Merrill wore them when he was about seven years old. The newspaper clipping, which the colonel sent his cousin here, and which appeared in the Lexington (Ky.) Leader, reads as follows:

A unique and interesting relic in the shape of a pair of homemade baby shoes, made back in the good old pioneer days, was presented to the Kentucky Historical Society at Frankfort by Col. C. E. Merrill, the widely known former Confederate and retired journalist of this city. The shoes were made by Col. Merrill's great-great-grandfather and have been worn by three generations of the Merrill family—his great-grandfather, his grandfather and himself.

These shoes have an interesting family history. Since the beginning of their career, 140 years ago, in the infancy of Andrew Merrill, who served with Gen. Washington in the war of the Revolution until the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, the shoes have been plied on the feet of 200 babies of the Merrill family.

They have traveled through seven States, and had been returned from Texas only a few days ago, when they were sent by Col. Merrill to join the valuable collection of relics in the museum of the Historical Society of Frankfort.

FORD SETS NEW RECORD OF 2,037 CARS IN A DAY

And He Expects to Build 4,000 When His Big Plant Empties 100,000.

Detroit, Jan. 31.—Henry Ford established a record Tuesday by building 2,037 cars. He was assisted by about 24,000 other men, but gets credit for the output.

Mr. Ford announced that he is going to branch out, but does not present will only increase the capacity of his factory to 5,000 cars per day. Later on that number is to be increased, and Mr. Ford remarked that within five years 100,000 workmen would be employed.

PREACHING AT THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST

Elder Lund's will preach at the Primitive Baptist church Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

DOGS ENJOY HOSPITALITY

Break Out of Owner's Yard and Scratch on Door of City Pound For Admission.

Because of the hospitality that the police show the dogs which find running at large on the streets, Alson Gray, a local tobacco man, is "out" seven dollars and "in" a lot of worry and loss of time.

Gray has two fine hunting dogs. One of them recently broke out of the yard and was nabbed by the police. During the animal's short sojourn in the pound at the rear of the jail it was given a straw bed on which to lie, a number of other dogs to play with and two or three fine meals. Gray paid the fine for letting his dog run at large and took it home. The next day the dog again broke loose and Gray was forced to pay another fine. Yesterday both dogs got away and under the guidance of the one which had strayed on before, they trotted up to the city hall, went around to the rear and scratched at the door of the pound until they were admitted by one of the policemen.

Gray got them both out this morning, although they appeared loath to leave the pound. He fastened another dollar and a half in a couple of strong chains and leather belts.

ELIZABETH CITY TO HAVE BIG FAIR

Organization Perfected for Holding Big Agricultural Fair in that City Next Fall.

Elizabeth City, Jan. 31.—That Elizabeth City will have an agricultural fair next fall is now assured. A goodly number of the business men are zealously interested in this project and they have caused to be circulated a subscription list, which has reached such proportions as to place the movement beyond a question. A charter has been obtained under the name of the Albemarle Agricultural Association, Inc. This charter was obtained under an special act of the General Assembly of North Carolina carrying with it an appropriation from the state of \$500 annually. This appropriation is for the purpose of encouraging agriculture, manufactures and domestic arts. The promoters of this enterprise propose to make this more than a county fair. They contend that Elizabeth City is the best point in Eastern North Carolina for the establishment of a fair on a large scale. And that this city is the undisputed metropolis of a region embracing 12 fertile counties of diversified resources and because of these facts it is possible to operate a fair in a class with the agricultural fairs of Frederick and Hagerstown, Md., Richmond, Va. and Raleigh, N. C.

GREAT ITALIAN STAR AT THE BELIMO TODAY

Mr. Albert Capozzi, the foremost Italian actor, is featured in a marvelous three reel masterpiece, "Craters of Fire." Some of the screen settings and the night photography in this picture are said to be the equal of any yet produced. The burning to the water's edge, of a tremendous boat, in the Grand Canal, in Venice, while it is crowded with a gay party of young people, constitutes one of the most daring pieces of screen acting that has ever been attempted. You will miss a rare treat, if you do not see this wonderful picture.

Another one of those incomparable Nestor comedies, featuring Lee Moran, "An Heiress for Two," completes the all star program at the Belimo today.

WIRELESS PHONES ON U. S. WARSHIPS

Washington, Jan. 31.—Wireless telephone communication between ships for transmission of orders in movements at sea has been developed in the Atlantic fleet in the messengers of Guantanamo.

The instruments are being operated on the battleships Wyoming and Texas and Lieut. William Farlong, fleet radio officer, has been placed in charge of the work. Officials here are observing the work with keen interest and it is expected, other ships will be equipped.

THE PROPER USE FOR THE HYPHEN



—Evans in Baltimore American.

WHAT IT WOULD COST TO FIGHT

Cost of Intervention in Mexico Would Be Terrific to the United States. Would Be \$2,000,000 a Day.

Washington, Jan. 31.—An army of 500,000 men; a cost of \$2,000,000 a day; a total of \$500,000,000 the first year; almost certain loss of 250,000 Americans by death or injury in battle and by typhus fever. That, say our experts on Mexican affairs, will be the result of an American attempt to intervene in Mexico to invade and occupy that country. For invasion means occupation; mere defeat of the scattered bandit bands by the handful of United States troops along the border will not bring peace to the country; the mountains and valleys must be policed to prevent the descent of new brigands from their secret fastnesses.

The bulk of the army of intervention must be volunteers, for the 25,000 regulars now on the border are practically all that can be spared for duty in Mexico. Experts expect half of such a volunteer army to disappear in the first six months—and they set at nought as the probability of a campaign of conquest.

Typhus, smallpox and yellow fever will be the three worst foes. Men stricken with typhus at noon are often dead before night. And because northern Mexico has no clean water supply, danger of scores of diseases is always present.

THIEVES WERE CHOICE IN THEIR TASTE

Seventy-five Dollars in Gold Thrown Aside.

(By Eastern Press) Tarboro, Jan. 31.—According to the testimony of Lewis Battle, whose house at Kingsboro was entered Thursday afternoon and his trunk broken open, forty dollars in paper money was stolen. The thief or thieves were a little choicer. Small change in the box was left and a large rag in which \$75 in gold were wrapped, was thrown aside.

The testimony against the three charged with the theft, Lewis Bulluck, Jr., Willie White and Bridgers was not very strong before Squire Pender. In substance it was that they were seen in the yard after Battle had left.

Bulluck was bound over to the Superior Court. White and Bridgers have not yet been arrested.

"THE BROKEN COIN" AT NEW THEATRE TONIGHT

The "Broken Coin" in its second episode will be shown tonight at the New Theatre, and should pack the house, as it is among the best serials that has ever been released. There will also be five other reels in addition to the serial. An every one may expect an excellent program at this house for these after supper amusement.

Get Busy, if you are going to give up for a moment, do it with the clock.

LAUNCH SANK YESTERDAY A. M.

The Louise Went Down Off Chocowinity Bay. Passengers and Crew Saved.

The launch, "Louise," of Washington, sank off Chocowinity Bay Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The crew and passengers of the boat were saved by "Cory" work of Captain White and "Cory" work of Captain White. The launch and crew were in another launch and saw the distress of the Louise. The Louise had been chartered for a Sunday excursion. The exact cause of her sudden demise to visit the bottom of the river is not known. She just appeared to fall apart. The loss is covered by insurance.

SOME NEW FACTS REGARDING BATH

Mrs. Midyette Writes Up Historic Old Beaufort County Town. Brings Out New Points.

Some interesting facts regarding the town of Bath, have been prepared by Mrs. Jessie Bryan Midyette for publication. Mrs. Midyette brings out some new points regarding this historic spot and also uses a number of the points brought out in a historic calendar, which was issued by Miss Lida T. Rodman of this city. This town is built at the junction of Bath and Back creeks.

The original name of Bath was Pamlico Town from the fact that the place, before being settled by the whites, was occupied by a tribe of natives called Pamlico.

A grant for 12,000 acres of land was granted by Gov. Seth Sothel to himself November 10, 1681. This grant mentions "Pamlico Town" and included the site of "Ye Old Bath-town."

Bath was incorporated in 1705. On the front of St. Thomas church is a tablet with the following: "In memory of John Lawson, Joel Martin and Simon Alderson, founders of Bath town in the year A. D. 1705."

Another tablet on this church has this: "St. Thomas Church Built 1734." Another tablet has this: "Thomas Boyd born March 7, 1774 Died

Near Long Acre Bridge January 3, 1864." The bell formerly used in St. Thomas church was presented to the church by Queen Anne, and was so stated on the bell.

Some of the earliest settlers in Bath were French Huguenots.

The inhabitants of Bath came near being exterminated by the Tuscaroras in the Indian war that broke out Sept. 11, 1711 (O. S.). During this war there were ten fortified places. Among which were Bath, Core Point and Garrison Point now owned by Mr. W. M. Butt.

BRIEFLY TOLD NEWS OF NEARBY PLACES

The Winterville and Delway High Schools, the latter a Sampson county institution, are to debate the subject, "Preparedness," at Winterville in the spring.

New Bern is planning a big trade week for out-of-town shoppers, to be held in February.

Seventy-five men are to be employed in the plant of the Adams Coopersage Company, a new lumber concern at New Bern.

A baby was left at the front door of Craven County Commissioner C. J. Heath, who lives near Ernaul, a night or two ago. It is being cared for by the family.

FRENCH ANNOUNCE REPULSE OF TWO GERMAN ATTACKS

Paris, Jan. 31.—The repulse of two German infantry attacks upon French positions near Dompiere, south of the river Somme, was announced today by the war office.

MUCH INTEREST IN PROFFITT'S COMING VISIT

SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL REPRESENTATIVE WILL ADDRESS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BE HERE THURSDAY

Event Will Be An Important One. Has Already Appeared in Raleigh, Kinston, New Bern and Other Cities in This Section of State.

Edward J. W. Proffitt, special industrial representative of the Norfolk Southern Railway, who is to address a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in this city Thursday night, is a man of engaging personality and has a remarkable aptitude for the work in which he is engaged. He will come here from New Bern, where February 2nd he will deliver an address on community interest and community advertising before a representative gathering of that city's business men.

His approaching visit to Washington is arousing much interest among those who believe in community publicity; for, through the various mediums at his disposal, he can do much for the city's good, and every effort is being made to make his visit one in which he will get the best impressions of those things which show Washington to the best advantage as an industrial center.

Mr. Proffitt will arrive here Thursday afternoon, and will be a guest of the Chamber of Commerce, under whose auspices he will be shown the city's principal places of interest, its manufacturing industries and other enterprises and its natural advantages. After his speech here he will leave for Wilson and other East Carolina towns, where his work will be similar to that done here.

COLONEL HOUSE STUDIES THE GERMAN SITUATION

Berlin, Jan. 31.—Colonel E. M. House is devoting the last two days of his visit in Berlin to an intensive study of the situation here from the German viewpoint, meeting a number of the leading officials and business men.

At a luncheon at the American embassy today he conversed with Dr. W. S. Solf, secretary of State for the Colonies, and Arthur Von Gwiner, managing director of the Deutschebank.

REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Republican County Executive Committee in Washington

on Friday, February 4, at 11:00 a. m. for the purpose of calling

a county convention and the

transacting of such other business as may come before the

committee.

HUGH PAUL, County Chairman.

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NEW THEATRE

TO-NIGHT 2nd episode of "THE BROKEN COIN" Self presents "THE BUNT" 3 reel feature Kaleid offers "Ham and the Experiment" 1 reel comedy 3-Other Reels-3 Prices 5 & 10