

### DEFENSE PLANS OF THE COUNTRY

#### Secretary Weeks Discusses Plans for National Defense in Report.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Realization of the full measure of national defense preparations of the army awaits the moment when the American people "throw themselves wholeheartedly into the work," Secretary Weeks maintains in his first annual report, made public last night.

"Plans now initiated for preparations for national defense contemplate a more complete state of preparedness than at any previous period in the peace time history of our country," Mr. Weeks says. "We have provided a framework for defense prepared after careful study. We have an administrative body qualified to direct and control the constructive development of the framework. And finally we have prepared the plans of development. All of this is now ready to be put into effect by the American people, who are the source of material for the body of our defensive structure. They throw themselves wholeheartedly into the work."

"To insure success, they must lend financial support to the limit of the insurance demanded. The young men of the country must train themselves to be fitted into their places in the national defense. The industries must prepare to co-operate in war time production."

"The American people have started along this path and they cannot afford to turn back."

#### LESSONS OF GREAT WAR.

"The present period marking a transition from the high efficiency which we achieved during the World war of the cost of a great initial waste of life and treasure as the penalty of unpreparedness, must be characterized as one of the most important in our history by virtue of the duty which it imposes upon us of insuring that the lessons of the great war are not lost, but that they are perpetuated in enduring forms of organization and continuing policy."

While outlining fully the extraordinary steps taken by the department to reduce expenditures and renewing pledges to keep a firm hand on the purse strings in all that is done, Mr. Weeks points out the places where in his opinion too great a limitation upon appropriations will strike down the machinery of self defense that has been devised and make lessons of the war valueless to generations to come.

Step by step, he tells how the new Army—the regulars, the National Guard and the Organized Reserve—has been brought into being. The "major function" of the regular army, he says, is to provide corps of trained instructors in order that the reserve elements of the force, shall not be "subjected to the excessive dangers that confront war troops" if called for a war emergency.

"For this purpose it was essential, Mr. Weeks says, that the regular army have a large surplus of officers to do this training of reserve personnel. He adds that even if the Regular Army "is maintained at its present strength" with many officers released for training work by consolidation of units "the present commissioned strength will be insufficient to fulfill the functions required by our national defense policy when that policy attains its realization through acceptance of military training by the American people."

"As we decrease the size of our standing army," the Secretary asserts, "we should increase the activity of our instructional work among citizens. We cannot afford to let the numbers of our regular officers decline. Neither can we afford to permit their quality to be lowered."

#### NEED FOR OFFICERS.

Declaring that at present the nation can obtain from the military academy approximately only one-third of the requirements for the peace time organization of the army, Mr. Weeks expresses the belief "that the question of the advisability of doubling the capacity of this institution in the near future should be given consideration."

### SHRINERS CLOSE BIG CEREMONIAL

#### Oriental Dance at Auditorium Drew Curtain Down on Epochal Event.

At the strains of "Home Sweet Home" at the grand oriental ball in the city auditorium Wednesday night the curtain was rung down on the most elaborate gathering of Shriners within the recent history of Oasis Temple and the two-day ceremonial and annual meeting events were over.

The day was one of pronounced activity for the Shriners, who directed the registration of candidates at 8 o'clock in the morning, staged the initiatory ceremonies in the afternoon, arranged for the entertainment of the ladies at Queens college, took part in the spectacular full dress street parade at night, and ended it all by dancing at the oriental ball.

The final event at the city auditorium declared to have been one of the best dances and entertainments conceived by the fun-loving Shriners, was preceded by the parade of immaculately attired Shriners. Headed by the Shrine band, costumed in gorgeous Arabian robes and led by Robert L. Keesler, the parade started at 7 o'clock, back to the square, down Tryon to Seventh, where the official divan made the grand entry and the events of the evening were called to be in full swing.

#### SEEN BY BIG CROWD

All the curbs along the line of march were crowded with curious spectators and on every hand enthusiastic applause greeted the marchers as they swung along the pavement. The silver loving cup, offered by the Red Fez club of this city to the town or city making the best appearance in the parade, was won by the Gastonia delegation. The cup was presented by Mayor Walker at the auditorium ceremonies. The Gastonia Shriners numbered more than 100 and they looked natty as they marched in perfect step with the small electric light bulbs shining in their shirts.

The Kuester twins, sons of Clarence O. Kuester, garbed in full evening clothes and wearing tiny Shriners fezes marched at the head of the parade.

Following the events of the morning the clans gathered at the city auditorium where 207 candidates were made to know the mysteries of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. According to previous announcements this part of the ceremony was in charge of the medical section of the temple and if groans issuing from the building are to be taken as meaning anything there was "much going" on in the inside.

While the ceremonial was taking place in the city the ladies were being entertained at a special affair at Queens college, arranged by Noble W. H. Frazer, president of the college.

Entertainment numbers followed each other in kaleidoscopic rapidity at the oriental ball in the city auditorium. The exhibition drill by the uniformed patrol, under the leadership of H. V. Brockmann was one of the best of the evening. A mixed quartet from Gastonia pleased the audience with their rendition of the quartet from Rigoletto. They were heartily applauded and the ladies were presented with flowers.

Miss Margaret Boatwright, assisted by six other young lady dancers, gave a charming Egyptian dance, and was enthusiastically received. The Oasis Temple chanters gave several selections and they were followed by a comedy pair in a black-face skit.

#### HJALMAR C. CARLSON IS AWARDED MEDAL

New York, Dec. 7.—The gold medal of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers was awarded yesterday to Hjalmar C. Carlson, of Worcester, Mass., an expert sheet metal worker, for his war-time invention of a device for use in high explosive shells which enabled American overseas forces to receive adequate ammunition supplies at a critical moment.

Carlson's invention, the society's official statement said, "made possible the production of 30,000,000 drawn steel booster casings, used principally as a component of 75 m. m. explosive shells and also extensively in gas shells and bombs, as an aid to victory in the World war."

### BEAUTY CHATS

#### BEAUTY AND MOTHERHOOD.

So many women write to me and tell me they have lost their figures and their beauty with the birth of a baby, that I want to write today especially for them. The birth of a child should not bring disaster but only an added beauty, a full blown mature beauty quite as attractive in its way as the beauty of girlhood and slimmness. This can be done if you understand how.

During the months before the child is born, you must take specially good care of your hair and your teeth. I would advise you to go to a dentist every three months—to keep the mouth in perfect condition during all this period. I would also advise you to cut the hair back a little and to use a hair tonic every few days.

The most enlightened doctors will tell you to massage the bust and the abdomen with olive oil. And as another hint regarding the care of the figure, be sure that your corsets, if you wear any at all, are of the proper sort.

The figure will keep its young and elastic lines if it is well cared for after the birth of the child. A good physician and a good nurse know how this is done for the first few weeks, but when you are up and going about as usual, you should take enough exercise to strengthen all the muscles around the waist and the abdomen. And you must be careful if you wear corsets, that they hold in the hips and not the waist. Another day I will talk more about the care of the figure after childbirth and when the baby is weaned.

#### Blue Eyes.—The dark circles around the eyes usually come from some internal disturbance, which is often that of a sluggish liver. These circles do not indicate eyestrain.

#### Diana.—No animal fats should be used on the face as they are so heavy, they are not easily absorbed and clog the pores attracting soil, which becomes a source for the growth of hair. Any tonic is applied to the lashes at the roots from the point of a fine sable brush.

#### Constant Reader.—The best soaps for the face are those made from good oils, such as the old fashioned Castile soap



BEAUTY AND MOTHERHOOD.

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Wantone.—If the lashes are ragged it will help them to trim the ends occasionally. If you need a tonic for them send a stamped, addressed envelope and I shall be glad to mail you a formula.

All inquiries addressed to M. Forbes in care of the "Beauty Chats" columns in their turn. This space is available for the great number of personal or quicker reply is desired stamped and self-addressed envelope must be enclosed with the question. The Editor.



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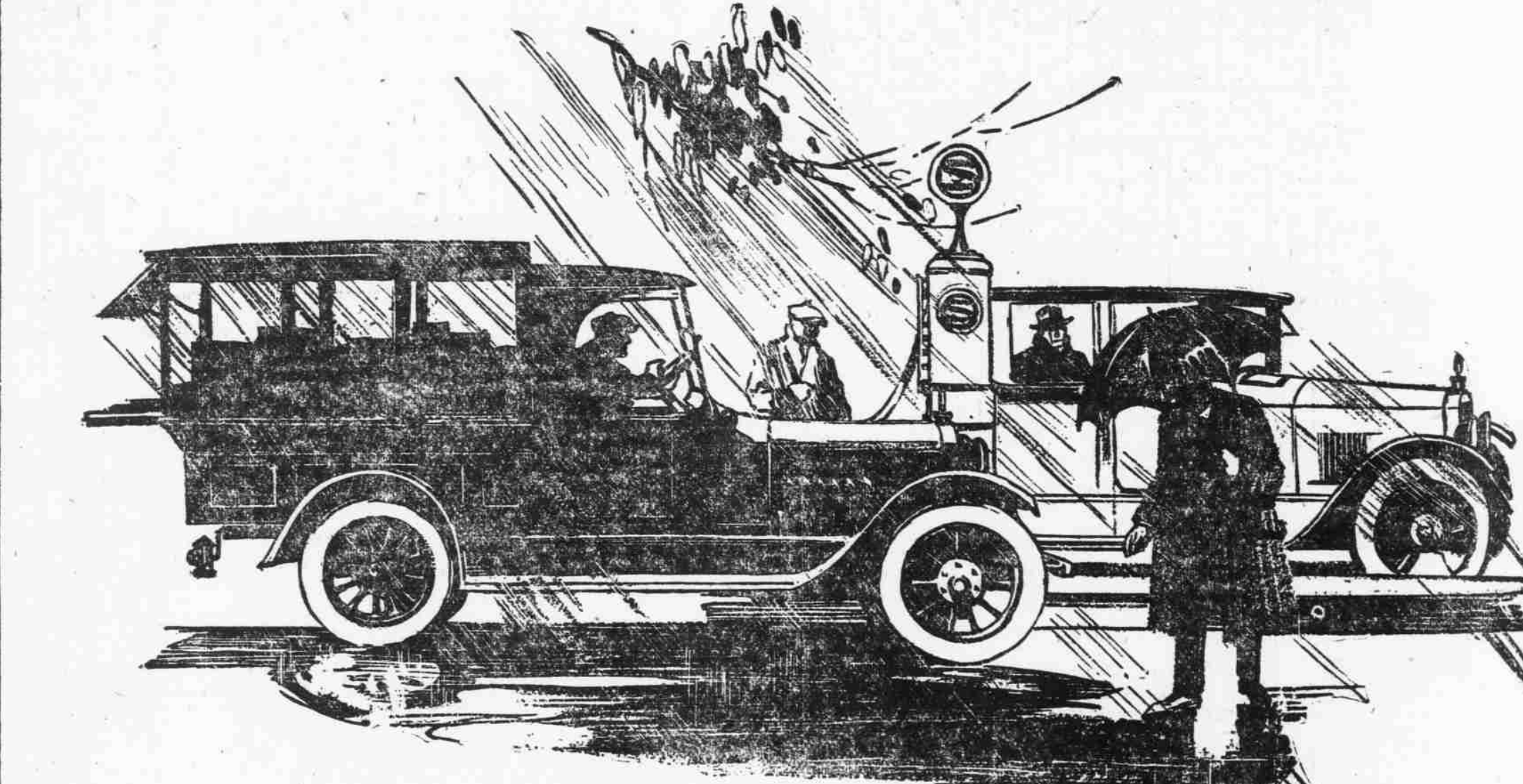
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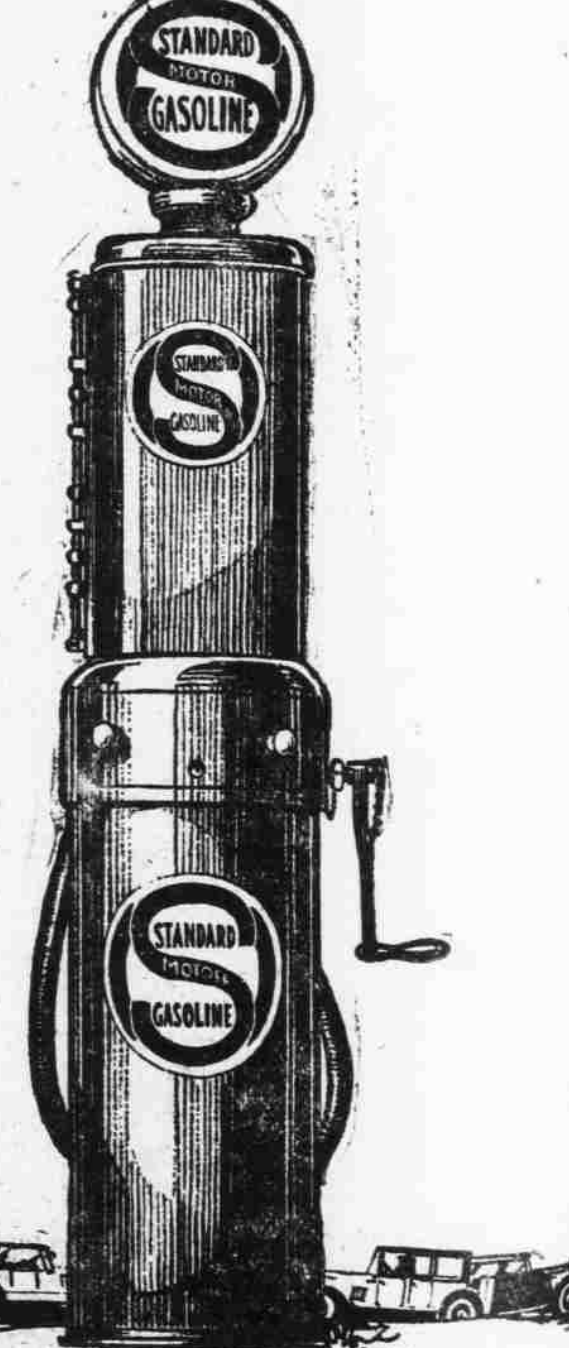
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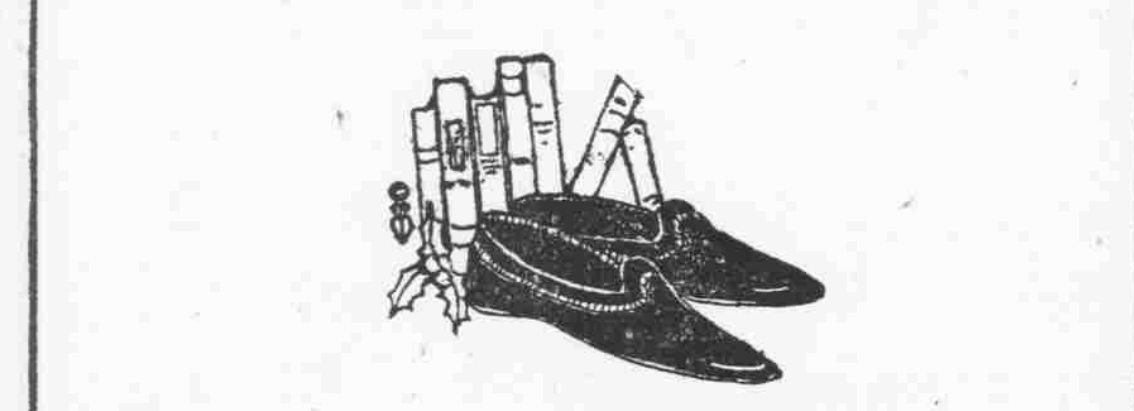
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