

GENERAL ORDERS ARE MADE PUBLIC TODAY FOR A COMPLETE REORGANIZATION OF ARMY

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OTHER REGULAR DIVISIONS TO 25TH

National Guard Divisions Will be Numbered from the Twenty-Sixth to Seventy-Fifth, Inclusive.

Washington, Aug. 16.—The complete plan for the reorganization of the army, disclosed in general orders made public today, prescribing the formation for all tactical units from divisions to armies. The composition of each division on European plan is prescribed and provisions made for organization of all additional troops into training battalions of 612 men to be used in any way found necessary.

The designation of divisions by number begins with the regular army divisions now in France, which already have been reorganized on a basis of 16,000 men, and additional battalions of attached troops. That is the first division of the United States army. Other regular divisions are numbered up to and including the 25th. This does not mean that 25 regular divisions are to be created immediately, but that the numbers from 1 to 25 inclusive have been reserved for regular divisions.

National Guard divisions will be numbered from 26th to 75th inclusive. National army divisions will be numbered from 76.

Today's orders provide the organization of a national army division, designated from the 76th to the 91st inclusive, and succeeded divisions will be numbered in order after them.

All divisions provided for will be infantry divisions composed of division headquarters detachment, one machine gun battalion of four companies; two infantry brigades of two regiments; and a machine gun battalion of three companies each; one field artillery brigade of three regiments and a trench mortar battery each; one engineer regiment; the headquarters train and military police; one ammunition train; one engineer train without pontoon and such like section; one supply train and one military train of four gold hospitals and four ambulance companies.

The order directs the National Guard to proceed to training camp under divisional organization. They will be reorganized at the camps.

FINE SHOWING IS MADE BY TROOPS IN FRANCE

First Time They Have All Been Together—Immensely Proud of Them, Says General Sibert.

American Training Camp in France, Aug. 15. (By the Associated Press.)—The first contingent of the American expeditionary forces was reviewed today by Major General William L. Sibert, the American commander. This was the first time that the troops in France had been all together. The review was a splendid military display and General Sibert said he was immensely proud of the men. French officers present were very much impressed.

Sweets for the French Soldiers.

A request has come from headquarters in New York, for contributions of sweets for the convalescent French soldiers. I have decided to ask every woman in Concord and the county, who is willing, to give a quart jar of jam, preserves, jelly, apple butter or marmalade, to add a little sweetness to the diet of the wounded soldiers. It must be put in quart jars and no canned fruit can be used. The jars may be left at Mrs. J. C. Gibson's, or at the White-Morrison-Flowe Company. They will be carefully packed and sent to New York and will go from there free of charge, on a French ship. Please bring your donation before the fifth of September.

TO ADVERTISE LIBERTY BONDS IN NEWSPAPERS

National Advisory Board Recommends Adoption of the Plan.

Washington, Aug. 16.—A detailed plan for advertising the next issue of Liberty Loan bonds in newspapers and other mediums of publicity to cost from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 to be paid by the government was presented today to Secretary McAdoo, by the National Advertising Clubs of the World with a recommendation that it be adopted.

WHEAT GOES BELOW \$2.00

For First Time Since Recent Series of Downturns Began.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—Wheat went below the \$2 today for the first time since the recent series of downturns began. After opening unchanged at \$2.00 for September, the market touched 199 3/4.

Mr. L. E. Boger and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Fox are now at the Hotel Gresham, in Black Mountain.

RAILROAD EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO MOVE AN ARMY

A Total of 6,229 Cars Required to Move 80,000 Men.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Some idea of the adequacy of the equipment of the railroads of the United States for the movement of troops may be obtained from a statement prepared by the quartermaster's corps, and distributed to the railroads of the country by the special committee on national defense of the American Railway Association. To move one field army of 80,000 men consisting of three infantry divisions, one cavalry division, and a brigade, technically known as a brigade of field army troops—troops auxiliary to the infantry and cavalry divisions—requires a total of 6,229 cars made up into 366 trains with as many locomotives.

These 6,229 cars would be made up of 2,115 passenger, 385 baggage, 1,055 box, 1,890 stock and 775 flat cars.

This quantity of equipment represents 7 of 1 per cent. of the locomotives owned by American railroads, 4.7 per cent. of their passenger cars, and 2 of 1 per cent. of their freight equipment.

The railroad equipment required to move various organizations of the army at war strength is as follows:

Infantry Regiment, including 55 officers, 1,890 men, 177 animals and 22 vehicles. Cars required: 48 passenger cars, 5 baggage cars, 9 stock cars, 8 flat cars. Total 75 cars.

Cavalry Regiment, including 54 officers, 1,284 men, 1,436 animals, 26 vehicles. Cars required: 36 passenger cars, 8 baggage cars, 26 box cars, 72 stock cars, 9 open cars. Total 150 cars.

Artillery Regiment—Light, including 45 officers, 1,170 men, 1,157 animals, 32 vehicles. Cars required: 32 passenger cars, 9 baggage cars, 25 box cars, 58 stock cars, 46 flat cars. Total 170 cars.

Artillery Regiment—Horse, including 45 officers, 1,173 men, 1,571 animals, 35 vehicles, 24 guns. Cars required: 34 passenger cars, 10 baggage cars, 25 box cars, 78 stock cars, 47 flat cars. Total 194 cars.

Artillery Regiment—Mountain, including 45 officers, 1,150 men, 1,229 animals, 24 guns. Cars required: 30 passenger cars, 7 baggage cars, 30 box cars, 61 stock cars. Total 124 cars.

Engineers—Pioneer Battalion, including 16 officers, 502 men, 165 animals, 12 vehicles. Cars required: 14 passenger cars, 2 baggage cars, 10 box cars, 8 stock cars, 4 flat cars. Total 38 cars.

Signal Corps—Field Battalion, including 9 officers, 171 men, 206 animals, 15 vehicles. Cars required: 6 passenger cars, 2 baggage cars, 5 box cars, 10 stock cars, 5 flat cars. Total 28 cars.

FORMER CZAR NICHOLAS AND FAMILY ARE MOVED

Removal to Place Not Stated Decided on After Series of Secret Sessions of Council.

Petrograd, Aug. 15.—Former Emperor Nicholas and his family are being transferred from the palace at Tsarskoe-Selo to another point. They were removed in an ordinary train. The former emperor appeared to be very much depressed. Former Empress Alexandra seemed to be pleased at the prospect of a change.

N. V. Nekrasoff, vice premier, said today that the removal of Nicholas was decided on after a series of secret sessions of the council of ministers late last month, the reason being political and military. It was decided to get Nicholas out of the way before circumstances arose making it difficult. When the former emperor reaches his destination the facts will be announced.

TO DEAL SEVERELY WITH THE I. W. W. MEMBERS

In so far as Their Activities Relate to Stoppage of Industries.

Washington, Aug. 16.—The Department of Justice, it was stated today is preparing to deal swiftly and severely with activities in the northwest and elsewhere of Industrial Workers of World insofar as they constitute a stoppage or curtailment of production in industries whose continuation is essential to prosecution of the war.

DURHAM COMPANY ARRIVES AT GREENVILLE

Radio Company From Sylva Also Arrived Last Night.

Greenville, S. C., Aug. 16.—Company M, Durham, third North Carolina Infantry, arrived and went into camp at Camp Sevier today. A radio company from Sylva, N. C., a unit of the field signal battalion, arrived last night.

At Eflrd's.

Eflrd's will have many specials for the next three days, and they enumerate a few of these in the page ad they have in the Times and Tribune today. With each 50 cent purchase of Palm Olive goods, they will give free one week-end package containing seven Palm Olive specials.

Misses Lila Smith, Etelka Cook, Bertie Benfield, and Messrs. Harry Freeze, Ernie Cook and Clyde Probst, were visitors in Charlotte last evening.

THE OFFICIAL TEXT WAS RECEIVED TODAY

Official Peace Note Does Not Differ From the Unofficial Outline That Was Received Last Tuesday.

FOUNDATION STORIES OF THE PROPOSAL

Opinion Strengthened That There is No Likelihood of Proposal Being Accepted By Allies in Present Form.

Washington, Aug. 16.—The text of Pope Benedict's peace note received here today in a cable dispatch, discloses that it does not differ from the unofficial outline received.

The foundation stories of the Pope's proposal for ending the world war are:

Reduction of armaments, freedom of the seas, settlement of all international disputes by arbitration; and that there shall be no retaliatory struggle for economic world supremacy after the war.

The publication here today of the text of the Pope's proposal gave the allies a diplomatic opportunity of a closer study of the Vatican's move for peace than was possible from the advance outline.

Officially while evincing much interest, refrained from making any comment, pending the receipt of official copy of the document, nor would they intimate the nature of the reply to be sent to the Vatican. The official text is expected momentarily.

The text of the communication served to strengthen the opinion that there is no likelihood of the proposals being accepted by the allies in their present form.

That public opinion in the allied countries is insistent on the settlement by hostilities, it was generally conceded here.

Action to put in effect plans for leaders to forestall any attempt to open a discussion in the Senate appeared imminent when that body convened today. Present plans call for the closing of the doors on peace debate. Senators of the so-called pacifist group were opposed to a secret session programme.

KERENSKY IN FAVOR OF STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE

Says Opposition to It By Allies is Playing Into the Hands of the Germans.

London, Aug. 16.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Daily News says Premier Kerensky denied he told Albert Thomas, socialist member of the French war council, that he personally opposed the Stockholm social conference. On the contrary, he thought it very important. He declared any opposition to the conference by the allied governments, and any difficulty put in the way of the delegates was simply playing into the hands of the Germans.

DEBATE ON WAR TAX BILL RESUMED TODAY

Believed Bill Will Be Put Through the Senate in Another Week.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Senate debate on the war tax bill was resumed today with leaders again hopeful of making such headway of disposing of the Finance Committee's revision of the House measure. Rapid progress had been made until yesterday, when set speeches on subjects unrelated to the pending bill delayed a temporary halt. Despite the delay, however, the leaders said today there was no reason for a change of the belief that another week would see the bill put through the Senate.

THE COTTON MARKET

Comparatively Quiet During Early Trading—Rally After Decline.

New York, Aug. 16.—The cotton market was comparatively quiet during today's early trading, with fluctuations nervous and irregular. After opening at a decline of 3 to 7 points, prices rallied with October selling up from 25.10 to 25.23 and January from 24.92 to 25.08 or about 8 to 9 points net higher. Offerings increased slightly and the gain was lost before the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened steady: October, 25.10; December, 25.95; January, 25.92; March, 25.07; May, 25.20.

Hill No. 70 is Captured After Fierce Fighting by Canadian Troops.

London, Aug. 15.—With only slight casualties Canadian troops are fighting south and east of Loos have captured German positions on a hill front of two miles, including Hill 70, a formidable defense work, according to the British official communication issued tonight. Five German counter-attacks were repulsed.

Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Bennett left Tuesday for a two week's vacation which will be spent in the Western part of North Carolina.

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In Three Sectors in Their Offensive Operations, Which Are Once More in Full Swing.

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FORTY-ONE MORE MEN CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE

Thirty of These Had Been Notified to Appear But Failed to Come Before the Board.

WILL BE DRAFTED JUST THE SAME.

Total Number Now Secured For This County is 167 Men, Leaving 42 More to Be Secured.

The local exemption board yesterday certified to the district board at Statesville eleven more men who had applied for exemption, but whose claims were not allowed. The names of those certified yesterday follow:

- 2453—Ray C. Hoover.
- 2725—Willie Epp Gibson.
- 282—Arthur Taylor.
- 3055—Robert Moser.
- 1221—Ira Brewer.
- 1073—Sherman Guin.
- 1106—Harry G. Troutman.
- 2186—William M. White.
- 1346—Lillington E. Stewart.
- 1256—Clarence C. Younger.
- 1967—Henry Dry.

The board is today certifying 30 more men who were notified to appear before it and failed to make their appearance. According to the ruling of the Provost Marshal General these men will be drafted the same as if they had appeared and put in no claim for exemption. Some of these men are members of the Piedmont Battery and other military organizations but their certificates have not been received from the commanding officers of their companies. Therefore, according to instructions from the authorities, they are to be drafted into the service the same as if they did not belong to such organizations, and Cabarrus county will receive credit for them on her quota of 269 men needed. The men who failed to appear, and who are being certified today are as follows:

- 2185—John B. Thomas.
- 357—Clarence J. M. Blume.
- 676—Henry Harris.
- 945—H. Y. Caldwell, Jr.
- 536—John Ross Morris.
- 1405—Ernest Irvin Mitchell.
- 107—William C. Boat.
- 1548—James R. Kelley.
- 453—Albert L. Graham.
- 1331—Charlie Augusta Suther.
- 1685—McLinn S. Choate.
- 1282—Phykester Willett.
- 3053—Charlie Jones.
- 223—John Walter Cannon.
- 721—Amzi Gilmer.
- 1500—Andy M. Johnson.
- 2665—Roy J. Harvell.
- 1354—Frank L. Stiles.
- 15—Sheffie J. Leitz.
- 2579—Garven Faulkner.
- 22473—Burket Egerton.
- 1570—Lafayette Helms.
- 2269—David Waisner.
- 1500—Jesse R. Lewis.
- 1211—Henry Davis.
- 1276—Eugene L. Wrenn.
- 1132—Junius Bryant.
- 6377—Wren Watson.
- 1722—John Harrison Clapp.

American military authorities have made elaborate preparations for the treatment in American hospitals in France of the wounded, who ordinarily would not be carried to England. Report may be wounded Americans in the British army, of whom are several thousands.

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