

GENERAL PERSHING MAKES HIS REPORT

Conditions National Defense System Present Serious Problem Says Last Report Before Retirement

Washington, Dec. 7.—The condition of the national defense system "presents a serious problem which should receive thoughtful consideration from every responsible citizen," General Pershing declared today in what will be his last annual report as chief of Staff of the Army. By the time the next report is due, the former Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces will have reached the retirement age of 64.

"We have made progress in the organization of the framework of a great citizen army," he said, "but the total number of individuals under military supervision has decreased by 15,000 during the past three years. This decline presents a serious problem which should receive the thoughtful consideration of every responsible citizen.

"Are we making real progress toward the modest goal which we have set for ourselves, or are we falling back into the unprepared condition which has heretofore existed in this country?"

General Pershing devoted his report largely to the question of "the creation in time of peace of a corps of officers to instruct our men and to lead them in battle." Basing his statements on the results of the time he devoted during the year to inspection of summer training camps, he reported that reserve officers had exhibited readiness to make personal sacrifice in order to fit themselves for duty but that the War Department had been able to give them little assistance, "the truth being that we have neither personnel or funds sufficient for this purpose."

There has been "temporary disruption" in the regular army as would be expected, he continued, due to re-organization under the national defense act. He added, however:

"I wish to emphasize the fact that can be but a temporary phase. Our regular organization must once more receive the training necessary to make them models of efficiency and to prepare them to take the field at any moment.

"With a full appreciation of the need of economy, I urge that the regular army be brought back to the strength of 150,000 enlisted men and 13,000 officers; that it be suitably housed and enabled to conduct the annual manoeuvres on a modern scale; that the National

SIXTEEN PERISHED IN WESTERN GALE

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 7.—Sixteen are believed to have perished as the result of the 24-hour gale which swept the northwest coast Wednesday night and Thursday, causing great property damage, crippling communication, and inundating portions of Aberdeen, Washington, and Warrenton, Oregon.

The steamer T. W. Lake sank in Rosario strait.

Fifteen are believed drowned.

LINDEN RE-OPENS WITH MRS. MODLIN MANAGER

The Linden, which is the pleasing name of the pleasing little tea room operated by the Elizabeth City Woman's Club, re-opened at the noon meal Friday with Mrs. J. W. Modlin as manager.

Tonight the insurance men are having a banquet at The Linden, and other social affairs are scheduled to be held there from time to time.

The chicken dinner served at noon Friday is said by those who were fortunate enough to partake of it, to have been "simply smacker-ome."

The Linden furnishes an attractive place for out-of-town shoppers to rest and eat, for tired business people to get dinner or supper, or sandwiches and coffee, and is a delightful place for parties of all kinds. It saves the time and trouble and work of preparing for them at home, and probably costs no more.

Rob Train Between Norfolk and Richmond

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 7.—A check-up today revealed that \$27,063 was the loot secured by a lone bandit who late yesterday robbed an express car of the Norfolk and Western "cannon ball" train en route to Richmond after blinding the messenger, Joseph Stevens. No trace of the bandit has been found.

WAKE FOREST ALUMNI TO BANQUET AT CONVENTION

Gastonia, December 7.—When the Baptist State Convention meets here next week two important meetings of interest to Wake Forest College also will take place. The trustees will meet on Wednesday afternoon, December 12; to consider extensions of the College plant and facilities and needs in connection with proposed expansion work. The annual banquet of the alumni association will take place that night.

Varied Comment on President's Speech

Washington, Dec. 7.—The President's speech today was met with varied comment. It was generally regarded as a "hit for special interests in the campaign to follow," and "it treats only with symptoms and not with the most fundamental causes."

It differed in several particulars with the views expressed by Hiram Johnson, a yet the only announced candidate for the Republican nomination for President.

SEES AMENDMENT AS INEVITABLE

President Civil Service Reform League Talks To Organization On Objections To Volstead Law

Washington, December 7.—Repeal or amendment of the Volstead act is inevitable, unless there is a modification of the present system of appointing enforcement officers, William Dudley Foulke, president of the National Civil Service Reform League, asserted last night before the forty-third annual convention of the League.

The administration of the prohibition service was described by Mr. Foulke as "a frightful yet profitable object lesson of the inherent vices of the spoils system," which he said was resulting in a serious public reaction against the Volstead law. He predicted, however, that attempts to repeal or amend the law during the present session of Congress would not be successful.

Cases in which prohibition agents and state directors had been convicted of corruption under both the Democratic and the Republican administrations were cited by the speaker as "merely samples from the bulk."

"The posts of state director and enforcement agent were the most coveted of the patronage plums," he continued, "because bribery rendered them very profitable. Appointments were made on the behests of Senators and Representatives who in their turn generally followed the demands of the state, county and local political organizations, and the worst men with the strongest political backings secured the places."

Prohibition Commissioner Haynes and Attorney General Daugherty were accused by Mr. Foulke of pursuing a "policy of concealment" regarding violations of the law by their subordinates the effect of which had been to lull the friends of the law and order into a false sense of security. Now that the real condition is becoming known, he added, public confidence in Commissioner Haynes' official statements has been utterly destroyed.

"Since the prohibition commissioner was appointed through the influence of the Anti-Saloon League," said Mr. Foulke, "that League must accept its share of the odium not only for the lack of enforcement but for the concealment and false claim that the law was well enforced."

The Civil Service Reform League, the speaker said, would enter no compromise, but would resist all current proposals looking to partial classification of the prohibition force.

"We insist," he added, "that any classification which leaves the seeds of corruption still in the enforcement service is not reform at all but a perpetuation of iniquity and that the whole service must be classified and competitive examinations held for all. The horrible corruption in the enforcement unit warns us that we must leave no loopholes. We may well be defeated and get no classification at all but even that is far better than to classify part and thereby perpetuate the scandal."

While Mr. Foulke's address was devoted principally to prohibition enforcement, he took occasion to criticize Attorney General Daugherty and other administration officials who he said had sought to fill "key positions" in the Government service requirements.

"Where key positions are given to partisans," he said, "the other places fall like a row of dominoes under political control and the whole system with its paralyzing abuses is back again. It is not only the key positions that these office peddlers desire; their ultimate aim is to set all places restored to the spoils system."

Attorney General Daugherty was said by Mr. Foulke to be acting on the principle "that the most juicy plums of office ought to be given, not for public purposes, but to those who would best promote to the political fortunes of the party." After citing various political appointments made by the Attorney General, Mr. Foulke continued:

"It was natural to expect that in

Getting to Be a Zoo



The White House recently was increased by one white collie dog, Oshkosh, named after the famous Wisconsin city apparently, has come to the kennel in the capital.

CONSERVATIVES LOSE MAJORITY

Still Retain Plurality at 1 O'clock This Afternoon With Most of Seats Accounted for.

London, Dec. 7.—Returns to 1 o'clock this afternoon showed that the conservative majority over all parties was definitely wiped out though it still remained a plurality.

Five hundred and forty-eight of the 615 seats had been accounted for at that hour.

London, Dec. 7.—Protection was defeated in the British elections yesterday; according to returns from 158 constituencies.

Winston Churchill, Liberalist, was defeated by a laborite, Lady Astor won.

London, Dec. 7.—Returns from yesterday's parliamentary election up to 1:30 this afternoon showed a net loss of 50 seats by conservatives, net gains by labor of 28, and by liberals of 25.

THREE YEARS FOR BERGDOLL KIDNAPER

Moscow, Baden, Dec. 7.—A sentence of three years for Corliss Hoover Griffiths of Hamilton, Ohio, was today recommended for his attempt to kidnap Bergdoll, draft evader.

UNITED COTTON BUILDING BURNS

New Orleans, Dec. 7.—The United Cotton Building and several small buildings adjoining were destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss is believed to exceed \$200,000.

PORTRAIT OF PAGE PRESENTED TONIGHT

Raleigh, Dec. 7.—A portrait of Col. J. Bryan Grimes, for 22 years Secretary of State, was presented to the State at the opening session of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Society last night.

A portrait of Walter Hines Page, native North Carolinian, who became ambassador to Great Britain, is to be presented tonight.

KIWANIS GOVERNOR IS MET BY THE QUARTET

Alva M. Lumkin, governor of Carolina's District Kiwanis Club, who will address the Elizabeth City Kiwanians Friday night, was met in Norfolk Friday by the Kiwanis quartet, composed of Harold Foreman, H. G. Kramer, W. W. Woodley, Jr. and Evans Blades. The quartet motored through the country to Norfolk to meet the club's guest at the N. Y. P. & N. arrives in Norfolk too late to make connection with the Norfolk Southern.

a department thus controlled the subordinate officials would give cause for scandal in enforcement of the Volstead law; and so it was before Mr. Daugherty became Attorney General, a large quantity of liquor was seized and stored in a warehouse in Washington, and on May 18, 1922, more than a year and two months after Mr. Daugherty took office, the Federal Grand Jury reported that "certain representatives of the Department of Justice disposed of the liquor in various ways, viz: by appropriating it to their own use."

Though this report was published and a copy sent to each member of Congress there were no indictments and some of the guilty men were long retained in the service in important positions.

Recalling the charge of Representative Upshaw, Democrat, Georgia, that bootlegging flourished in the Capital Building, Mr. Foulke added:

"Yet Mr. Upshaw gave no names, except confidentially to the prohibition commissioner, who did not publish them. If his charges were true, Congressmen themselves were protecting bootleggers, and by their secrecy, the Prohibition Commissioner and Representative Upshaw himself had protected the Congressmen."

DOG REFUSES TO LEAVE HAND MASTER

Washington, Dec. 7.—The dog of the late President Woodrow Wilson refused to leave the hand of his master's widow, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, when she was taken to the hospital for an operation on her hand.

"Uncle Bert" was one of the most respected negroes of the section. He was a slave before the Civil War and was always courteous and polite to everyone.

NOTABLE YEAR IN ALASKAN HISTORY

Development Pushed At Unprecedented Speed — President's Harding's Visit Of Incalculable Value.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Nineteen twenty-three probably will stand out in Alaskan history as the most notable year in territorial history, Governor Scott C. Bone declared in his annual report published today.

Not only was development pushed at unprecedented speed, he said, with record production of wealth from various activities but there was a hitherto unknown success in "making known Uncle Sam's last remaining frontier and concentrating general attention upon it."

Governor Bone listed President Harding's visit and those of preceding and accompanying delegations of Congressmen and press representatives as among the assets of incalculable value which had been added to the territory during the year. The report recorded the belief that the current year would mark the turning point of Alaska's long wait for national and international appreciation of her potential wealth.

Recommendations made in his report for 1922 were renewed by Governor Bone, among them being:

The placing of the affairs of Alaska under one department head at Washington and the substitution of a co-ordinated and centralized system of administration for the present inefficient bureaucratic system at the earliest possible date.

An appropriation of \$300,000 to supplement a fund of \$150,000 heretofore authorized for the erection of a capital or administrative building to house Federal and territorial offices and thus facilitate the transaction of business and save the rentals of scattered quarters.

Adequate provision for the operation and upkeep of the Alaska railroad; and for the building of branch lines and spurs as required for the development of tonnage and to meet industrial needs.

An appropriation of \$1,500,000 annually for the building of roads and trails in the interior and provision for the construction of roads and trails into Mount McKinley and Mount Katmai Parks.

The vesting in the Department of Commerce of complete authority over the fisheries of Alaska, with its Bureau of Fisheries adequately equipped and empowered to make and enforce rules and regulations limiting the catch and number of traps, curtailing fishing areas and closing streams and reducing cannery waste in the public good.

Improved facilities for tourist travel, by putting two vessels of the United States Shipping Board in Alaskan service, to be operated by existing companies or the board, making regular trips in the summer season through the inside passage and westward to the southern termini of the Alaska railroad, thus permitting tourists to see Alaska.

The consolidation of all law-enforcing agencies in Alaska under the Department of Justice.

A colonization plan to be operative in connection with the Alaska railroad, with priority rights to lands freely granted to Alaska soldiers of the World War and their dependents.

Allotment of a fair percentage, at least one-half, of the net revenues derived from the Pribilof Islands, which are in Alaskan waters, to the general fund of the territory.

"Owing to the dimensions of the territory and its diverse interests," the report said, "anything like a unanimity of views as to the territory's needs is still wanting. But whatever the differences of individual and group opinion, a consensus of faith in Alaska today abounds."

Had a Narrow Escape When Hit by Jitney

Driving east on Church street, Miss Dorothy Zoeller, daughter of W. H. Zoeller, with her sister, Mrs. G. F. Hill and the Hill baby in the car, was struck at the intersection of Road street with Church by an automobile driven by R. C. Webb, negro jitney, shortly after 1 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Miss Zoeller's car had almost crossed the street when the jitney's car, travelling north on Road, struck the right rear fender. Seeing the negro coming at such speed that she would not be able to get out of the way, Miss Zoeller swerved her car to the left, and the impact of the blow on the fender threw the left rear wheel of the Zoeller car against the curb, crushing it. More than this, Miss Zoeller's car was turned almost at right angle to its former course, as it came to a stop with its hood facing the south curb of Church street.

Fortunately the car did not turn over, and no one was injured, though the baby's nose bled a bit, probably when he was thrown against his aunt's elbow.

Webb's car, which is a heavy Hudson, had so much headway at the corner that he had gone beyond the rate at the Lumsden residence before he could stop.

DOGS COME HIGH WHEN OWNER GETS IN COURT

Ownership of a dog that his owner would have done well to sell for 25 cents cost Latham Liverman \$8.40 in the recorder's court Friday morning. Liverman was taxed only with the costs, but dog tax not paid by December 1 is doubled after that date, and the dog owner who fails to pay catches a penalty going and coming.

Merced Chory drew a fine of \$5 and costs for being drunk. Police picked this defendant up asleep on a pool table at Dawson's pool room at two o'clock Thursday morning. Chory explained that he had been drinking and, not wishing to go home under the influence of liquor, went into the Dawson's pool room on South road street to sober up. The police discovered him and interfered with his plans, which were being nicely at the time of his arrest.

Ben Verreen, colored, drew a fine of fifteen and costs for reckless driving.

Eugene Pare, colored, for operating a motor car with defective lights, was taxed with the costs.

SAILORS CANNOT SWIM

Portsmouth, England, Dec. 7.—A British admiral, Sir Sydney Fremantle, is amazed at the number of men in the navy who cannot swim. He has made an investigation among the sailors now stationed at Portsmouth, and finds 9,748 who would be helpless should they by chance fall overboard.

OBREGON TO USE HIS IRON HAND

Mexican President Arrives at Capital After Illness at Celaya and Makes Announcement.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The country will be pacified, and rebellion put down with an iron hand," declared the late Obregon upon his arrival at the capital from Celaya, where he had been convalescing from a recent illness.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Consul Rocio San Luis Potosi today reported to the State Department that Mexican federal troops yesterday disbanded the "entire armed forces of the Prieto government."

Officials here attach great importance to the dispatch.

Veracruz, Dec. 7.—Troops in the entire maritime zone have joined the insurgent movement against Obregon, according to reports early today. The rebellion is now said to embrace the whole Huasteca oil region.

Veracruz, Dec. 7.—Five Mexican states are in open rebellion against President Obregon and General P. Elias Calles, Obregon's candidate for the presidency, according to information received here.

REPORT ON FUNDS FOR THE RED CROSS

The following report for the local membership drive of the Red Cross was given to the press Friday:

Members secured—441, \$1.00; 3, \$2.00; 8, \$2.50; 1, \$3.00; 1, \$4.00; 18, \$5.00; 1, \$10.00; 1, \$20.00; Total members secured, 474; amount received for memberships, \$594.00; cash gifts for local Red Cross work, \$41.84; total cash received, \$635.84. Amount that goes to National Red Cross \$237.00; amount to be used locally by Red Cross of Elizabeth City, \$421.84.

JOHN GOSS MAKES FULL CONFESSION

Raleigh, Dec. 7.—John Goss, negro, convicted of an attack on an aged white woman at Spruce Pine, was electrocuted at the State prison today.

Goss made a complete confession. Four shocks were required to kill him.

AGED COUPLE ARE KILLED BY TRAIN

Obion, Tenn., Dec. 7.—J. H. Vance, aged 71, and his wife, aged 65, were killed by an Illinois Central freight train, while walking on the tracks near here yesterday. Their daughter escaped injury by jumping.

BRITISH RETURNS AFFECT THE MARKET

New York, Dec. 7.—Foreign exchanges today broke sharply at the opening of the market on British election returns. Demand sterling broke 34 cents.

SAVANNAH MEN MUST GO TO PEN

Savannah, Dec. 7.—Judge Barrett in Federal court today sentenced 24 defendants convicted on conspiracy and other prohibition charges to pay a fine totaling \$150,500 and serve terms in the Federal penitentiary.

The majority of those receiving penalties are well known Savannah men.

NEW BERN PEOPLE ARE EXPECTING TO GET RICH

Washington, December 7.—Reports from New Bern state that a well sunk as soon as possible by the New Bern people in the Great Lakes section to find oil in quantity. The well will be put down to a depth of 3500 feet and a sum of money not to exceed \$75,000 will be raised to prosecute the work.

AUSTRIA INCREASES RATES

Vienna, Dec. 7.—The government has put into effect an increase of 100 per cent in telephone rates, an increase of forty per cent in domestic first class postal rates, and 70 per cent in second class mail rates.

GETS THIRTY YEARS FOR SECOND DEGREE MURDER

Edenton, Dec. 7.—Ernest Morris, found guilty of second degree murder during this week's term of criminal court, has been sentenced to 30 years in prison on this charge and has been given an additional sentence of five years for assault.

Morris shot and killed his wife's nephew, James Copeland, at the Copeland home last summer.

COTTON MARKET

New York, December 7.—Spot cotton closed steady today, with an advance of thirty points. Middling December 35.25; January 34.63; March 35.04; May 35.17; July 34.43; October 28.20.

New York, December 7.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: December 37.20; January 34.59; March 35.32; July 34.53; October 28.25.