

FIRST RESERVES TO BE READY FOR WAR

AMERICAN LEGION IS NEW ORGANIZATION COMPOSED OF FIRST RESERVES.

INCLUDES ABOUT 300,000 MEN

Numerous Public Men, Including Former President Roosevelt, Endorse the Movement

New York.—Formal announcement was made here of the formation of an organization of first reserves, to be known as the American Legion and to be composed of former Army, Navy and militia men, which will better insure the nation's preparedness in case of war. Capt. Gordon Johnston, aide-de-camp to Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, made the announcement on behalf of a group of Army and Navy men acting in an unofficial capacity with civilians in promoting the movement. Captain Johnston said it was planned to establish within a short time a first reserve of between 250,000 and 300,000 former Army and Navy militiamen for instant call in case of emergency.

Major General Wood has given the plan his unofficial endorsement and former President Roosevelt has written a letter approving the proposal. Numerous other public men have endorsed the project, and a statement by the promoters says that former Secretaries of War and of the Navy have agreed to act in an advisory capacity.

Asserting that he and his four sons will become members of the Legion, Colonel Roosevelt in a letter to the organizers, says that in the event of war he intends to ask Congress for permission to raise a division of cavalry. Mr. Roosevelt's letter in part says:

"I and my four sons will gladly become members. I very earnestly hope and pray that there will be no war; but the surest way to avert war is to be prepared for it; and the only way to avert disaster and disgrace in war is by preparing in advance."

OUTBREAK OF CATTLE DISEASE.

In One Heard Near Richmond 125 Affected.—Governor Alarmed.

Richmond, Va.—Following the discovery of 125 fully developed cases of foot and mouth disease in a herd of 300 dairy cattle on a farm in Henrico county, seven miles north of this city Gov. Henry C. Stewart issued a quarantine proclamation and announced that he would go before the Circuit Court at once and apply for an injunction against 18 railroads and steamship lines in Virginia to enforce their full compliance with his recent proclamation requiring that no cattle or cattle feed be moved without the proper Federal certificates. Governor Stewart also ordered that within a radius of five miles around the farm where the outbreak has occurred there be no movement of cattle or cattle feed. Special deputies have been sworn in by the sheriff of Henrico county and a virtual blockade has been put into effect.

The city has suspended its regular inspection of dairies to prevent inspectors carrying the disease from one herd to another. Gov. Stewart takes an alarming view of the situation.

Russian Offensive Along Whole Front

London.—The Russian offensive operations appear at the present time to extend along their whole front—an indication that they have brought strong reinforcements into the field. They have checked the German advance in North Poland, where the Germans are reported in retreat and the recapture of Prazansz after severe fighting, has given them an excellent pivot point from which to carry on further operations.

All the Petrograd correspondents refer to the capture of a large number of Germans as a new phase of the war, and credit it to a lack of officers among the German armies and the large number of young untrained men drafted into them.

The Russian offensive extends to what is now known as the Brun-Rawka front, where they successfully opposed Field Marshal von Hindenburg's attempt to advance on Warsaw. There has been heavy fighting in Western Galicia and in the Carpathians, but no notable changes in the situation. In Eastern Galicia the Russians report another repulse for the Austrians who again have lost a number of prisoners.

With Russia it would seem to be a case of keeping up the supply of ammunition which the opening of the Dardanelles would greatly assist.

Cattle Fever Quarantine.

Washington.—Secretary of Agriculture Houston has ordered more than 28,000 square miles of territory in counties of eight states released from Texas cattle fever quarantine. By states the counties released include: Georgia—Walker, Catoosa, Whitfield, Murray, Gilmer, Dawson, Forsyth, Milton, Cobb and Madison. South Carolina—Chesterfield, Marion and Florence. North Carolina—Harris, Cumberland, Wayne, Greene and Lenoir. Virginia—Surry, York, Warwick.



WILLIAM J. HARRIS

William J. Harris of Atlanta, the present director of the census, has been selected by the president as a member of the interstate trade commission, according to generally accepted report.

NOTE BEING CONSIDERED

BASIS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS IS PRESENTED, IT HAS BEEN LEARNED.

But Still Points Out That Food Has Not Been Declared Absolute Contraband of War.

Berlin, via London.—The American identical note on marine warfare, sent to Great Britain and Germany, is in the hands of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, Imperial German Chancellor, and Gottlieb van Jagow, the German Foreign Minister.

The German Government is not ready to make public the contents of the note, but it is said they may be regarded as the basis for further negotiations. Certain of the proposals, as an example the removal of the mine fields around England, probably will be unacceptable to Germany.

The German Government, it is said, does not expect that Great Britain will accept any proposals permitting the importation of foodstuffs in to Germany.

The Lookal Anzeiger says it learns that the American note presents a basis for further negotiations. "Washington," the newspaper adds, "now takes up the suggestions outlined in the final passage of Germany's answer and makes proposals which apparently are addressed equally to Germany and Great Britain."

PUTTING UP A GOOD FIGHT.

Fear That Renegade Utes Will Join Old Polk's Band.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Fear that renegade Utes from the reservation in Colorado will join Old Polk's band of Plute Indians which has been battling United States officers near Bluff is expressed in a dispatch to The Desert News.

Reports from the Colorado reservation say the Indians believe the white men have killed 25 squaws and papooses and they are greatly incensed.

Marshal Nebeker has wired the United States District Attorney at Salt Lake City and also the Department of Justice at Washington that he will use the 20 Navajo Indian police he has requested to sent him to assist in tracking the hostiles.

"My men will take care of all the fighting," he said.

A scouting party found that Old Posey, leading a small band of Indians had crossed the San Juan River to Navajo Reservation on the south side.

Another scouting party followed the trail of Old Polk and about 10 mounted warriors to re-capture Wash, eight or 10 miles east of Bluff, but was unable to determine whether his movement indicated an attempt to escape or an effort to obtain reinforcements.

Alabama Prohibitionists Get Hearing.

Washington.—Alabama's plan to prevent liquor advertisements and solicitation of liquor orders from being sent through the mails to prohibition territory was incorporated in a bill introduced in the national house of representatives by Representative Abercrombie. The bill was drafted by a delegation sent here by the Alabama legislature to confer with President Wilson, Postmaster General Burison and members of the Alabama congressional delegation.

Underwood Leaves House Committee

Washington.—Representative Oscar W. Underwood bade farewell to the house ways and means committee, of which he is chairman, as he will represent Alabama as its junior senator after March 4. He presided over the committee at its final session of this congress and was presented with a resolution of thanks and congratulations by his colleagues. There were speeches by various members. Speaker Clark later yielded the presiding officer's chair to Mr. Underwood.

IMPRESSION MADE BY AMERICAN NOTE

ENCOURAGING REPORTS ARE BEING RECEIVED FROM LONDON AND BERLIN.

GERMANY REPORTS WILLING

Difference of Opinion in England, Some Favoring, Others Wanting Further Restrictions.

Washington.—Encouraging reports from both Ambassador Page at London and Ambassador Gerard at Berlin were received concerning the attitude of Great Britain and Germany toward the latest American proposals for the safeguarding of neutral commerce and the unrestricted shipment of foodstuffs to the civilian population of belligerent countries. The United States does not expect complete replies for several days.

Germany's willingness to make concessions and negotiate for an understanding on the submarine food and mine question already has been made known informally and the United States expects a formal acquiescence in a day or two. All eyes now are turned on London, where opinion is understood to be divided on the merits of the suggestions. Some leading British Cabinet members are said to favor in principle the American proposals as a means of solving the problem with as little inconvenience to neutral countries as possible. Another element, however, is said to be impressed by the military value of further restricting supplies to Germany.

The exact nature of the American proposals is still unknown because of the rigid reticence of officials here and abroad, but each day adds information on the subject. Briefly this much of the contents of the American suggestions now has been confirmed.

The United States has asked that the previous rules of international law with respect to shipment by neutrals of conditional contraband destined to the civilian population, and not the belligerent forces of an enemy, be maintained.

The removal of all floating mines by Germany and Great Britain, is proposed except mines used for protection of coast defenses and harbors, pilots to be furnished to guide neutral ships through fields that remain.

MANY BIG SUPPLY BILLS PASSED.

Congress Speeding Up to Be Ready For Adjournment.

Washington.—Congress worked steadily on its task of cleaning up supply bills which must be out of the way before adjournment on March 4. The Senate passed the naval bill, \$152,000,000, the fortification bill, \$6,000,000, and the diplomatic bill, \$4,200,000 while the House spent the day debating the general deficiency measure, with interruptions now and then to dispose of conference reports.

The Senate added about \$8,000,000 to the naval bill as it passed the House, providing the two-battleship construction program, for five sea-going submarines instead of one, for 16 instead of 11 coast defense submarines, for a gunboat and a hospital ship, and adding \$1,000,000 for an armor plate and \$500,000, for a projectile factory.

Senator Smoot vainly sought to have authorized the construction of 50 sea-going and 25 coast defense submarines, declaring that "no man can tell when the European disturbance will involve this country in difficulties." This precipitated a general discussion.

Speaker Wooten's Condition Serious.

Raleigh.—Speaker Emmett R. Wooten of the house of representatives has been sinking steadily at Rex Hospital when he had a chill and other alarming symptoms appeared. Doctor Parrott of Kinston, his family physician, arrived and is in consultation with Dr. H. A. Royster, with a probability that as a last chance to save the life of the speaker the wound will be reopened. There is considered at this hour the very slightest sort of chance for the patient to rally.

Bill Effects Common Carriers.

Washington.—Senator Newlands introduced a bill in the senate to empower the interstate commerce commission to examine all papers of a carrier, including correspondence. It would amend the law to meet the supreme court's decision that the commission did not have power to inspect the correspondence of the Louisville & Nashville Railway. Mr. Newlands submitted communications from Acting Chairman Clements of the commission and Attorney General Gregory, urging that the bill be passed.

Special Tax on Foreigners Revoked.

Mexico City.—The French minister was advised officially that the portion of the special tax of 30,000,000 pesos levied by general Obregon which applies to all foreigners, will be revoked. General Obregon's decree stated that money was to be used for the relief of the poor. Americans in Mexico City at a meeting contributed a considerable amount of money for the assistance of the poor. Foreign banks have signified their intention of re-opening.



MISS MARIAN BANKHEAD

The honor of being the most beautiful and charming of the South's fair representatives at the national capital has been awarded to Miss Marian Bankhead of Jasper, Ala., granddaughter of United States Senator Bankhead. She was selected as queen of the cotton ball, the event which closed the social season in Washington. Miss Bankhead is a student in Fairmont seminary.

TRADE GOES ON AS USUAL

THE AMERICAN VESSEL, CARES, COTTON LADEN, GOES DOWN IN NORTH SEA.

Warring Nations Are Not Affected Much By New War Zones.—All Crews Are Saved.

London.—Another American steamer, the Carib, has been destroyed by a mine off the German coast, while a third Norwegian, the Regin, has been torpedoed or destroyed by a mine off Dover. All the Regin's crew were saved and although not stated in the dispatches from Berlin, it is believed the crew of the Carib also escaped.

Thus neutral states continue to be the greatest sufferers from the mine and submarine warfare. It is considered possible, however, that one or two British steamers have suffered a similar fate, one being overdue and another being reported blown up off Rye. As a result of the activity of German submarines the British admiralty has announced that the Irish and North Channels have been restricted for navigation.

In the case of a few Scandinavian, Dutch and British steamers the crews have refused to sail where the voyages were to include the war zone, but in each instance substitutes were found. The crew of the British steamer Darleydale which has grain for the Belgium Relief Commission refused to accompany the ship from Falmouth to Rotterdam but men were found to take their places. Otherwise the trade of the country is going on much as usual, and shipmasters continue to express confidence that the German submarines cannot interfere seriously with commerce. In fact the threatened blockade which has had such a small effect thus far, is beginning to give way in the public interest in military operations to the bombardment of the Dardanelles forts by the Allied fleet.

THREE BURN TO DEATH.

Big Fire in Birmingham Causes \$200,000 Damage And 3 Lives.

Birmingham, Ala.—Three unidentified persons, probably more were burned to death, and eight others were injured, in a \$200,000 fire which swept the business section of Birmingham, destroying several commercial buildings and the Winsor hotel, a small old structure. The ruins of the hotel are being searched. Four of the injured were firemen.

The fire started at 4:30 in a hardware store on 20th street. Oils and paints stored there aided in its rapid spread. It was not brought under control for nearly four hours.

The exact number of guests in the Winsor when it caught is not known. Several of those hurt were injured jumping from upper windows.

30,000 Killed And Wounded.

Suwalki, Poland via Berlin and London.—The German forces under Field Marshal von Hindenburg, by hard fighting and extraordinary marches, inflicted such a striking defeat on the Russians opposed to them in the recent battle of the Masurian lakes country, that the Russian remnants are a negligible quantity in the operations now in progress. The Russian killed and wounded in the four days' fighting were estimated at 30,000 men. Over 65,000 Russians are prisoners in German hands.

AGRICULTURAL BILL PASSED BY SENATE

ONE MORE BILL CARRYING APPROXIMATELY \$23,000,000 PUT THROUGH.

DEBATE NAVAL BILL NEXT

Seven of the Fourteen Appropriation Bills Have Been Passed.—Continue Free Seeds.

Washington.—The senate added the agricultural bill, carrying approximately \$23,000,000, to the rapidly growing list of supply measures passed and debate on the naval bill began. Seven of the appropriation bills have been disposed of, and seven are still awaiting action.

After considerable argument the senate declined to support the action of the agricultural committee in striking out an appropriation of \$235,000 for the free distribution of seeds. One of the principal new provisions in the bill is the \$2,500 appropriation for combating the food and mouth disease among cattle.

Debate on the naval bill centers upon committee amendments adding several missions to the house bill including provisions for five sea-going submarines instead of one and 16 coast defense submarines instead of 11.

The house began work on the list of the supply measures for consideration in that body, the general deficiency bill. It also adopted the conference report on the seamen's bill. The senate now must act on it. Conference on other measures which have passed both houses are progressing favorably.

That there is some hope of passing the bill providing Philippine self-government and ultimate independence at this session became apparent. President Wilson told several administration leaders he wished the measure could have the right-of-way over any other general legislation and be passed in the midst of appropriation legislation if necessary.

Senator Simmons conferred with Chairman Hitchcock of the Philippine committee and later Mr. Hitchcock said he believed the bill would pass.

FOOD EXPORTS INCREASE.

Vast Increase of Food Stuffs While Cotton Has Increased.

Washington.—What vast increases have been made in the export of foodstuffs since the European war began was disclosed by the department of commerce in a detailed statement. Foodstuffs exports for the seven months ending with January totaled \$377,400,000, an increase of \$188,000,000 over the same month of the last fiscal year.

One hundred million bushels more wheat were exported than last year; 38,000,000 bushels more oats; 10,000,000 bushels more corn; 40,000,000 pounds more fresh beef; 34,500,000 pounds more canned beef; 1,500,000 barrels more flour; 1,000,000 pounds more pickled beef; 22,000,000 gallons more gasoline, naphtha, etc., and 11,000,000 gallons more residuum, fuel oil, etc., were sent abroad.

At the same time there was a great decrease in the export of cotton, because of the war, the total for the seven months being 4,105,525 bales or 2,500,000 bales less than last year.

WAR NEWS IN BRIEF.

London.—One sailor lost his life when the small British steamer Deptford, 230 feet long and 1,208 tons, was sent to the bottom in 20 minutes either by a German torpedo from a submarine or by coming in contact with a mine in the North sea at a point off Scarborough. The 15 other members of the steamer's crew were saved and were landed at South Shields.

Turks Report Victory.

Berlin, via London.—Reports from Constantinople say that a Russian attack in the territory east of Artvin, Trans-Caucasia, has been beaten off by the Turks with heavy losses to the enemy.

The Western Coast Goes Down.

London.—The small coasting steamer Western Coast has been sunk by a mine or torpedo in the English Channel at a point off Beachy Head. The crew were landed at Portsmouth.

The Royperana Goes Down.

Eastbourne, England.—The steamer Royperana was sunk off this port it is believed that she was torpedoed. The crew of 31 men was saved.

Also the Harpalion.

Newhaven, via London.—The British steamer Harpalion, from London for Newport News, without cargo, has been torpedoed off Beachy Head.

Senate May Have Extra Session.

Washington.—Possibilities of an extra session of the senate alone after March 4th for consideration of treaties and nominations were being discussed among administration leaders. White house officials refused to talk on the subject, but it was known President Wilson was giving it consideration. Treaties with Columbia to pay \$25,000,000 for the partition of Panama, and with Nicaragua to pay \$5,000,000 for inter-oceanic canal rights are naval bases, undoubtedly will fall of ratification at this session.

FRUIT LAXATIVE FOR SICK CHILD

"California Syrup of Figs" can't harm tender stomach, liver and bowels.

Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs" that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

When cross, irritable, feverish, or breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue, mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "fruit laxative," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. When its little system is full of cold, throat sore, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, indigestion, colic—remember, a good "inside cleaning" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy; they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Adv.

NO CHANCE TO WIN GLORY

Youthful Recruit Found He Was Not Adapted By Nature for a Drummer Boy.

The irreverent man had been aroused by talk of the war to tell an anecdote, and those about him really thought that the gravity of the subject would make him reverent this time. He said:

"At the time of the Spanish-American war I was a boy at school. I was fired with tremendous patriotic zeal. I decided to steal away unbeknownst to my parents and enlist as a drummer boy. You see, I was old enough for that, and I was a robust youngster, so I expected no trouble at all with the military authorities.

"So, instead of going to school one morning, I hurried to a recruiting station and told the officer in charge that I wanted to be drummer boy.

"Ah, me! Though years have passed, it is still an awful memory."

He sighed. Those listening were much impressed.

"Didn't they take you on as a drummer boy?" they inquired.

"No," he groaned.

"Why?"

"Because—because I had no ear for music!"

Activities of Women.

Miss Alma K. Boyd has been appointed private secretary to Lieutenant Governor McClain of Pennsylvania.

Mary Pickford, the moving picture actress, receives a salary of \$2,000 per week for 52 weeks in the year.

The only real profit-sharing industry in the United States is owned by a woman, Mrs. James P. Warbasse of Brooklyn.

German tailors and dressmakers have decreed that the prevailing color for the new spring fashions shall be the field gray of the German army uniform, and in regard to cut the military style will be followed.

Welfare Work.

"Have you any parts of an automobile that you don't want?"

"I have an old tire. What's the idea?"

"You know how our grandmothers used to make crazy quilts for the needy?"

"Yes."

"On the same principle I am trying to assemble an automobile for a poor woman who has none."

Not a Bad Plan.

"What are you doing to allay the suffering in Europe?" asked the self-conscious philanthropist.

"Nothing," answered the unobtrusive citizen.

"What!" exclaimed the other, indignantly. "Have you no heart?"

"Yes, I have a heart, but my means are limited and I'm trying to allay suffering at home by paying my debts."

For Old Sores apply Hanford's Balsam.

Adv.

For Her Protection.

"When I said I would marry you you promised to let me handle all your money, but now we are married you handle it all yourself."

"That's because I love you so."

"That's a queer way to prove your love."

"It's a mighty self-sacrificing way. When I made that promise I was not aware that money was teeming with bacteria."

The Unreasonable Sex.

Knicker—Does your wife make you wear rubbers?
 Outside—Going out; but she won't let me wear sneakers coming in.
 Poverty has its good points. A poor man never has the gout.