

Plan for Adequate National Defense

Rebuilding of the Army and Navy is Under Way.

Washington.—New steps, fostered by the administration, for more adequate national defense are being made on three fronts—land, sea and air. Plans for new battleships are under way, a mechanized army of swift mobility is being speeded, and new air bases along the coast are to be established. These are the foremost protective measures.

Congress has given the government sufficient funds to develop a mechanized army and a scientific navy of smashing gun power. More than \$800,000,000 was supplied in the 1936 army and navy appropriation bills.

High-Speed Tanks.

The army plans to equip more infantry units with the high-powered semi-automatic rifle, which has three times the firing power of the standard Springfield rifle. Acquisition of high-speed armed tanks capable of traveling 70 miles an hour and combat cars, equipped with sponge-rubber tires and with turrets containing 50 caliber machine guns, and one pounder rifles, is to follow.

New armor protection has been developed for seven and 15-ton trucks, to be obtained. Armored scout cars equipped with radio and carrying 50 caliber machine guns are on the schedule.

With the Wilcox air base bill enacted the administration is looking forward to the gradual adoption of a new policy of national defense.

The Wilcox bill, recently enacted, authorizes the establishment of a series of air bases along the Atlantic and Pacific coastlines, on the Gulf of Mexico and in Alaska. It is hoped that as much as \$125,000,000 will be expended on the creation of these bases during the next five years.

Wall of Defense.

Proponents of military aviation claim these air bases will establish a veritable "Chinese wall" around this country, and that it will be adequate in defending it from attack.

The new air bases will be linked up with naval stations wherever possible, to provide the maximum of efficiency.

The United States is also drafting plans for new naval vessels that can be thrown into production at once—in the event of a world naval race.

Naval leaders here hope the British-Japanese program of announcing in advance, what the naval program of each country will be for some years to come, will achieve results of mutual confidence that are predicted for it.

But they are skeptical, and frank-

Great Britain Prevents Sale of Spies' Secrets

London.—Secrets of Great Britain's espionage network in the days of the Napoleonic wars are believed to have narrowly escaped being revealed for the first time in Sotheby's sale rooms in London.

Their probable publication was prevented when the foreign office unexpectedly gave warning that the document in which the secrets are believed to be contained would be liable to confiscation under the official secrets act. As a result, there is considerable likelihood that they may be taken to the United States for sale.

The documents are a part of the papers of Lord Stuart de Rothesay, British ambassador in Paris early in the Nineteenth century, and belong to the earl of Abingdon, who was offering the entire lot for auction.

They include a series of 52 letters from the duke of Wellington to Stuart de Rothesay between 1814 and 1830, chiefly dealing with France after the fall of Napoleon; correspondence of great importance between Stuart and Admiral Lord Berkeley, chief commander on the Portuguese coast from 1810 to 1812; "official letters and dispatches from Portugal, 1810-'13," and dispatches from Lord Nelson and the duke of Wellington.

ly believe there is little hope of any effective results from a "gentleman's agreement" that isn't even over a signature.

In any event, this country will be forced to build seven new battleships, weighing about 85,000 tons and costing about \$50,000,000 each, before 1942. That program will not increase the American naval strength. The ships will be replacements of vessels already in service.

Approximately half a dozen cruisers also must be replaced on the same basis, and by the end of the period the aircraft carriers Lexington and Saratoga will be nearing the obsolete stage.

Plant Blooms Each Night but Loses Buds in Day

Berne, Ind.—An unusual plant is growing in the garden of Mrs. Edna Stauffer. It has no blooms during the day, but around seven o'clock every evening numerous buds open, and yellow flowers appear. All the blooms are wilted by eleven o'clock the next day.

Find New Race of Pygmies in Annam

Tiny Couple Captured in Remote Section of Asia.

Paris.—A race of pygmies has been discovered in mountainous Annam hinterland of southeastern Asia, hitherto believed uninhabited.

A tiny man and woman were captured by natives and taken to Hue, government seat of the Quang Binh province. Administrator Pierrot of province in the French protectorate reported. They are being nursed to health from malnutrition.

The discovery verified Pierrot's long suspicion that a race of tiny people lived back up in the mountains which few of the superstitious natives have visited.

Typhoons that wrought much damage through the region gave Pierrot the first suggestion of the

Man Lips Way Into Charge of Robbery

Atlanta, Ga.—Eddie Brown, negro, lipped himself into trouble here. Placed in a police lineup as a robbery suspect, Eddie was viewed by Rev. W. H. Major, who had lost \$35 and a watch to a dusky holdup man. Major peered at the suspect closely. "Make some talk," he commanded. "Say scissors." "Thitharth," replied Eddie. "That's the man," Major told police. "He looks like him and he licks like him."

Uproot Street to Save Life of Stray Mongrel

Boise, Idaho.—It was only a mongrel dog, but no effort was spared to save its life.

The dog was trapped in an irrigation canal, its head wedged in a weed catcher. One man offered \$5 to anyone who could free the dog. Another volunteered to swim down the ditch to rescue the animal.

Police and firemen were called. Street employees finally used hammer and chisels to tear up the street, ditch and concrete foundations, and the dog was freed. It feebly shook the water from its body and was on its way.

Air Commuter in East Is an Old Time Pilot

Georgetown, Md.—Late every afternoon this summer, the pontoons of a seaplane cut two troughs across the surface of Chesapeake bay and Milton Earl Reid, who claims to be the oldest active pilot in the United States, steps out on the deck of the houseboat—his summer home.

The first Pennsylvanian to attain the distinction, he qualified as an airplane pilot on April 13, 1912, and holds license No. 114 of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale.

But flying, to Reid, is only a convenient means of commuting between his summer residence and his office in Philadelphia. It is a 40 minute hop from Georgetown to Essington-on-the-Delaware, where he lands. The 90-mile trip requires at least four hours by water and almost that length of time by train.

Aboard the houseboat, there is a radio receiving set which enables him to obtain daily government weather forecasts. A radio beacon and a 54 gallon drum of aviation gasoline for emergencies complete the flying equipment at his floating home.

FOR SCHOOL DAYS



Smart fashions for the school-girl! "say it" emphatically in checks and plaids this fall. Here is a two-piece dress that relies for its smartness on a unique closely knit jacquard patterning done in delectable contrasting colors. Among the combinations in which the costume is particularly effective are beret green with string, rust and white, black

and white, also chile and varsity.

Interesting details include the high waist, knife pleats in the skirt, pique collar and the self bow across the neckline. The metal trims include a huge belt buckle, also ornaments on the bow which spans the pique collar. This attractive two-piece speaks eloquently in favor of knitted modes for fall, the advance showings of which amaze in point of artistry, originality and smartness of their styling.

Bees Nest in Rail Switch Woodburn, Ohio.—A swarm of bees settled down in a railroad switch lock in the yards here, hampering rail activities.

OUR COMIC SECTION

Events in the Lives of Little Men



THE FEATHERHEADS



FINNEY OF THE FORCE



Becoming Sports With Jabot



It is not easy to find a sports frock that plays No Favorites when it comes to showing up the imperfect figure. But here's one that flatters, regardless, by the very simple device of a rippling jabot collar. But notice that our designer has not sacrificed one whit of the tailored chic and easy freedom the sports frock needs. The pleated sleeves for arm action—pleats in back bodice and skirt for freedom. Here is just the most perfect model for one of the lovely new printed satins that are being shown in such delicious pastel shades. A tie silk would be lovely and any number of cottons are available for a simpler version. Accent with matching buttons.

Smiles

AND THAT'S THAT Husband—Will you miss me when I am away. Wife—I guess I will. You're always been too good a dodger at home.



Bell—There, it's raining and we'll get wringing wet. She—Awakened He—What did you do when you got your first kiss? She—Nearly fell out of my cot.



Field Mass Held During Army Maneuvers



During the great army maneuvers at Pine Camp, N. Y., soldiers services were held regularly, many of all ranks attending. The illustration shows a Catholic priest conducting a field mass at an improvised altar.