

WAR FUND OF GERMANS BIG

"ANY EVENTUALITY" POLICY PROMPTS RESERVES.

Mobilization in Time of Peace is Costing Pretty Penny.

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Berlin, May 6.—Germany is planning a reserve in the imperial bank of \$375,000,000 and a "war fund" of \$90,000,000 in order to be prepared for "any eventuality." Taught a lesson by the wholesale withdrawal of the Russian, French, English and American deposits during the Moroccan crisis in 1911, the German banks are slowly piling up a big reserve. Germany's unprecedented military in-

crease, which has been characterized even in the German press as mobilization in time of peace, created a sensation at home as well as abroad. With much less noise and publicity the military preparations are being seconded with a far reaching plan for "financial mobilization" of the fatherland.

Gold has been dear in Germany for some time. Its scarcity is becoming intensified. The announcement that \$60,000,000 in gold is to be withdrawn from circulation to add to the "war chest" in the old Julius Tower in Sandau, where \$30,000,000 has been gathering rust since 1874, has created the impression among people that only gold will have a purchasing power in time of war. The German who can and is saving a few marks, is putting away good, hard coin—gold when possible, otherwise silver. The result is that more and more paper money is being printed to fill up the hole.

The imperial bank now has a reserve fund of about \$200,000,000. About \$35,000,000 new coinage is turned out annually. It is said that for a period of from one to two years, none of the new coinage is to be put into circulation. This coin-

age, together with small withdrawals is to be piled up in the imperial bank until the gold reserve total will reach the \$375,000,000 mark. In place of the new coinage paper money in 10 and 20 mark "Kassenscheine" or "Greenbacks" is to be printed to fill the gap. Aside from this, \$5,000,000 gold annually is to be withdrawn from circulation until \$30,000,000 has been added to the "war chest." This gap is also to be filled with paper. Next \$30,000,000 is to be coined especially for the "war chest" so as to bring the total up to \$90,000,000. The \$30,000,000 in silver is to be distributed among the large banks throughout the country, to be held until the trumpet of war sounds.

Should war be declared, the law provides that the government may issue paper money to the extent of \$3 for every dollar of gold in the "war chest." Thus Germany would have a gold reserve of \$375,000,000 in the imperial bank; \$60,000,000 special war fund in gold specie in the Julius Tower, and \$30,000,000 silver war fund deposited with the banks. As \$180,000,000 paper money could be issued upon the \$60,000,000 "war chest," the German government would have immediately available \$645,000,000 for a "war panic" in bank, or industrial circles.

Human Conservation Topic.

Portland, Ore., May 6.—(Special)—The first conference on the Conservation of Human Life ever held in the Pacific Northwest will meet at Reed college, Portland, May 9-10-11. Various organizations and societies are co-operating to make it a great success and it is expected to prove a strong aid to the movement for better sanitary conditions and the cause of human welfare.

Fifteen rooms at the college will be used for exhibit purposes and an equal number of lecture rooms will be available for meetings. Three assembly rooms have been prepared for stereopticon exhibitions and lectures. Letter inviting co-operation have been sent to 200 organizations throughout the northwest and the responses being received are very gratifying. The conference will consider efforts being made to abolish war and child labor, to prevent tuberculosis contagion, to safeguard lives of workmen in dangerous occupations and to better living conditions wherever improvements are needed. To promote temperance, to prevent the spread of disease, to care for juvenile offenders and defectives, to solve the housing problems of cities, to aid immi-

COVE ITEMS OF INTEREST

CHILD BURNED BY HOT COFFEE IS BETTER.

Pomona Grange Entertains Mt. Grange Members

Cove, May 6.—(Special)—The little baby of Ralph Comstock's, who was seriously burned by scalding hot coffee, is improving.

Robert Burdette, who was on the sick list the early part of the week, is back in school again.

Ora Brown has been absent from the primary department in school on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Frank Brown. Her place was filled by Bessie Lantz.

A. G. Conklin is in Omaha. He went there with a car of dried prunes. Mr. Organ has returned home after spending the winter in California.

Silas Koger has bought a Warren automobile from the agent, R. S. French.

Miss Willa Newcombe, who is teaching school about eight miles out from La Grande, was in Cove Saturday and Sunday visiting her parents.

Miss Wealthy Shores returned last

grants, to promote school hygiene and improve country life conditions. The conference is of the broadest possible scope and it has the support and active assistance of physicians, boards of health, peace societies, eugenics societies, boards of education, etc.

This gathering is the first of three big northwest congresses on allied subjects, all making for the betterment of humanity.

The Reed college conference comes first, the Second Worlds' Christian Citizenship conference meets in Portland June 29, July 6, and the National convention of Charities and Correction will be held in Seattle the first week in July. All these are allied in their aims and many speakers and scientists who appear at one will remain for all three.

Sunday from a visit to relatives in the hills.

The Women's Civic Improvement league gave a social at the Guild hall May 1 for the purpose of raising funds for a public library.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rees of La Grande were in Cove Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

Carl Gasset has just had a new soda fountain installed in his confectionery.

The Cove concert band is busy rehearsing its next play, "The Colonel's Maid," which they will put on in the near future.

C. J. Forsstrom was a business visitor in Cove Friday.

Lelah Eyres has been sick with tonsillitis for the past week.

Robert Withycombe of the Eastern Oregon Experiment station at Union was in Cove Friday. He addressed the schools concerning gardening. He also left some seeds in charge of Mr. Stotler to be distributed among the students.

Mrs. R. C. Coddington of Chicago is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hugh McCall. She expects to remain here during the summer.

The Union County Pomona grange met with the Mt. Fannie grange Saturday. There were about 80 present and they had a fine time.

Karl Stackland was a business visitor to La Grande Friday.

Mr. Van Schonoven of Portland is in Cove at present visiting his sister, Mrs. George Baker, who has been very ill. Mrs. Baker is slowly improving.

Special Session Convenes.

Trenton, N. J., May 6.—The special session of the New Jersey legislature, called by Governor Fielder to consider a jury reform bill, a constitutional convention bill and an act making mandatory small boards of Freeholders, convened today. By an agreement reached between Democratic and Republican leaders, these are the only measures which will be taken up during the special session, where therefore is expected to be a short one. More than passing interest centers in the legislation that will or will not be put through at the special session which met today, because of President Wilson's active interest in the proposed jury reform bill. For four days prior to the convening of the session President Wilson stumped the state in the jury reform measure's interest.

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- 2—No name of contestant will be published.
- 3—Every contestant gets 5000 votes to start with.
- 4—Every contestant gets a number.
- 5—Standing of contestant, published weekly.
- 6—Votes MUST be recorded every Wednesday to count.
- 7—Votes are good for record ONLY in week in which they are given out.
- 8—Votes MUST NOT be written on.
- 9—Tie your votes in packages, with contestant's number on top

- 10—Votes are transferable ONLY before recording.
- 11—No contestant will be allowed to vote for another contestant.
- 12—Contestants not voting for themselves will be dropped.
- 13—Be careful in counting your votes. Vote packages reading greater number of votes than the package actually contains will be thrown out.
- 14—Watch your standing each week, as you have only one week after each report comes out to correct an error, as votes are all de-

- 15—Votes must be taken to store giving them out and deposited for record each week. Merchants who are running this contest will stamp their respective names on each and every ballot. See that this is done at time votes are given out.
- 16—THE LA GRANDE OBSERVER is the only paper in La Grande publishing the official count each week.
17. Contestants are not allowed to collect votes among customers.
18. All people served by La Grande postoffice will be required to cast votes in person.

WEDNESDAY SPECIAL

1,000 Votes With Every Purchase. 10 Votes for One on all Accounts. Low Shoes—\$5.00 Shoes for \$3.00; 10 votes for 1. This is a special bargain for one day. Hats—Panamas, \$7.00; \$15.00 values, 70,000 votes. Straws \$3.50 to \$5.00, 50,000 votes. A bargain counter in Odds and ends in shirts. \$1.50 Shirts for 50c. 1,500 votes with each.

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1,000 VOTES For every 25c applied on Books. For every 25c applied on Purses and Handbags. For every 10c applied at Fountain. For every 10c applied on Tablets and Envelopes.

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