

GENERAL MILES IS FOR OFFENSIVE WAR

Million Americans Outside of Army, Guard and Schools, Declared Trained.

3,000,000 ALIENS LISTED

Soldier Declares Vast Number Has Had All Experience Possible to Obtain in European Armies.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., retired, speaking here tonight at the National Defense Convention held under the auspices of the National Guard Association of the United States, asserted that if this country "throws itself energetically into the war, in the event of a declaration, he believed it would be possible to end the conflict in 12 months, "if not in six."

CLASS OF 1918 IS CALLED

SPRITED DEBATE PRECEDES ACTION IN FRENCH CHAMBER.

War Minister Tells Deputies That German Retreat Does Not Mean Renunciation.

PARIS, March 27.—The government's bill providing for the calling out of the 1918 class recruits provoked a lengthy debate in the Chamber of Deputies today and frank explanation by the new Minister of War, Paul Painleve, on the conditions confronting the allies. Abel Ferry, who introduced the measure, said that Germany and Austria already had called out this class.

Deputy Deguise opposed the bill on the ground that the government had not given proof that France's allies have made efforts equaling those of France.

M. Painleve, defending the measure, reminded the Chamber that while France was entering a decisive phase of the war, "decisive" did not mean "brief."

Successful as is the beginning of the Spring campaign, great as is the joy at seeing part of our territory liberated, it would be puerile to consider the German retreat as a renunciation," said the Minister. "The retreat is evidently rather by reason of the force of the Anglo-French armies and the prudence of their co-ordination than because of weakening on the part of the German army. It is proof of their necessity of bringing together their military energies."

"Germany is assembling an army, greater numerically and more solidly equipped than ever before. This is the instrument of war over which we must triumph. Certainly the most cruel sacrifice is that of these thousands of young men who sacrifice themselves before having lived, in order that the country may be saved."

The Chamber voted down several amendments and finally passed the bill.

MAYOR GILL HAS DENIAL

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Mayor Gill said the Billingsleys had told him they were going to quit liquor selling, but that he (Vanderveer) would not guarantee their future. Vanderveer did not mention the Billingsley papers seized, and the Mayor did not concern himself of any importance, he said.

The compromise with the Billingsleys was practically completed August 15, the Mayor testified. On August 15, Vanderveer called on him and complained that the Billingsleys had not yet received their seized papers.

The Mayor at once went to the office of the Chief of Police to inquire why the papers had not been returned. Captain Charles Sullivan, being called in by the chief, said Sergeant Putnam, of the dry squad, refused to give the papers up. The Mayor told him to go to Putnam and make peremptory demand for them. Sullivan returned with the papers.

By that time Logan Billingsley had been brought into the office to get the papers, and the papers were being turned over to him when Sullivan called the Mayor to attention to the fact that the papers were under subpoena.

Mayor Loses Temper. The Mayor lost his temper, he testified, reprimanded his subordinate for not telling about the subpoena, and left the office in anger, not knowing or caring what became of the papers.

Logan Billingsley's testimony at the beginning of the trial was that the papers were of great value as evidence against him, and that surrender of the papers was a part of the service for which he paid Mayor Gill a \$4000 bribe in the chief's office on August 30, the day when he got the papers.

Mayor Gill corroborated Logan Billingsley's testimony as to Logan telling Gill of being summoned before Dr. Matthews, charged with paying a bribe of \$7500 to the Mayor and being threatened with indictment if he did not confess.

Pastor's Story Denied. The Mayor testified that Dr. Matthews called on him two days later and repeated what he had said to

NERVOUS SPELLS

And Combination of Remedies Relieved by a Combination of Medicines.

A quotation from one recent letter: "I have been taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and Peppinon Pills as a course of medicine and find this combination has worked like a charm. They told me I had neuralgia, and certainly I was in a very low and discouraging state of health. I suffered extremely with nervousness and had neuralgia pains so I could not sleep nights."

"I heard about taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and Peppinon Pills—one before meals, the other after—the suggestion struck me favorably, and that I had taken the medicines carefully and faithfully with most pleasing results."

"It is a long time now since I have had one of those severe nervous spells. I can do a good day's housework, can work in my garden and walk a mile."

Mrs. Fred J. Wesley, Bagdad, Fla.

Your druggist will be pleased to supply you with these good medicines.

BELL-ANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

Lipman, Wolfe & Co. announce for today another very Remarkable Sale of Plain and Fancy SILKS at \$1.69. "Merchandise of Merit Only"

Another lot of those wonder SHIRTS at 95c. Proving that the lightning DOES strike in the same place twice!



Said the Skipper to the Mate: "Let's shift sail to the leeward and visit the BOYS' DEPARTMENT at the Lipman-Wolfe store." There's where you'll find all the new regatta middie suits and reefers. \$5.00 Reefers, \$5.00. U. S. MARINE CAPS, \$1.75

—You remember what a sensation the first lot of these shirts caused a week or so ago! Well, this second lot is quite as extraordinary from whatever standpoint you look at it! —They're all new spring shirts of plain and corded madras, percale, repp, crepe and novelty fabrics—all made with soft bosoms and with stiff or soft French cuffs.

The domestic section offers for today only Satin bed spreads Very special, only \$3.95 Full size—12 patterns!



PHILIPPINE HAND-EMBROIDERED HAND-MADE NIGHT GOWNS at \$2.98. The slip-over kind, with daintily scalloped finish at neck and sleeves. A one-day sale of HOUSE DRESSES \$1.00

ESTATE CLAIMANT TALKS

F. W. Sharon on Stand in Case to Get Half of \$2,600,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—Frederick Wallace Sharon of Tacoma, claimant of one-half of the \$2,600,000 estate of the late Frederick William Willard, was still on the witness stand when court adjourned today under going cross-examination, which it was said, would probably continue throughout tomorrow's session.

Sharon denied that he had committed to memory conversations he described as having taken place just before his alleged adoption. Three letters written to Sharon by United States Senator Newlands, brother-in-law of the dead millionaire, were introduced today for identification. The letters, according to the attorney for the estate, indicated that the Senator had no knowledge of the adoption alleged by the claimant.

CANADIAN LOAN IS TAKEN

American Subscription Estimated at Nearly \$30,000,000.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 27.—American subscriptions to the latest Canadian war loan were estimated today at from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000. Canadian subscriptions will be considerably beyond the \$50,000,000 asked for.

ELEVEN KILLED BY STORM

Central Alabama Is Swept and Many Homes Destroyed.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 27.—At least 11 lives were lost in a storm which destroyed many houses in Central Alabama early today. Six of the known dead were negroes. The storm centered in the vicinity of Petrey, a small town in Crenshaw County. Every building in the town was demolished and four persons were killed, among them Robert J. Jeter, a wealthy planter.

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ARMED SHIP RUSHED

U-Boats Make No Attempt to Engage St. Louis in Battle.

Passengers Long Anxious.

Daily Lifeboat Drill Kept Up on First American Ship to Cross Atlantic Following Kaiser's Ruthless Warfare.

LONDON, March 26.—(Delayed by censor. From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.)—The St. Louis, the first passenger vessel carrying the American flag to cross the Atlantic since Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine destruction and the first armed American liner to enter a European port since the war began, arrived this morning. She carried a meager number of passengers—32 all told, but her hold was filled to capacity with non-contraband freight.

DEAD HERO DECORATED

VICTORIA CROSS AWARDED TO JUTLAND BATTLE VICTIM.

Fighting Directed by British Commander After Losing Leg and Dis-ablement of Vessel.

LONDON, March 17.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—For "most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty" in the battle of Jutland, yesterday a great field of oil was encountered. Vague rumors of the sinking of ships either ahead of or near the St. Louis increased the nervous tension.

Top Speed Kept Up.

From the moment the St. Louis entered the danger zone until she reached comparatively safe waters the word in the engine-room was to "give her all she can stand." For 48 hours the big vessel tore along at top speed. Meanwhile the passengers slept but little, remaining in the reading-rooms with life belts ready.

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port there was a howling gale, accompanied with fog and frequent snow squalls, but the liner held steadily to the course which had been determined on.

Every precaution was taken. Even on the first night out deck lights were shielded and cabin portholes shaded so that no glimmer of light showed. Lookouts swept the horizon frequently with their glasses.

The passengers were taken in hand and drilled daily in donning life belts and assembling quickly at their appointed places at the lifeboats. Crews for the lifeboats were assigned to their stations and instructed as to their duties.

The lifeboats were provisioned long before the prohibited zone was reached and were swung out, partly lowered and lashed so that only a moment would be lost in dropping them into the water.

Until Friday the trip was without incident other than the encountering of floating ice, including one huge iceberg. Two whales followed the ship for some distance.

From the time the barred zone was entered until late last night while the big steamer was making her way over the last few hundred miles of the journey few passengers closed their eyes.

No ceremonies marked the arrival of the St. Louis. On the dock were the usual representatives of the American line, the port authorities, a small group of friends and relatives of passengers and a few newspaper men. As the liner was warped into her berth workmen raised a cheer for "the good old U. S. A."

A government tender carrying the American Consul-General, Admiralty officials and immigration officers met the liner.

INCENDIARISM!

FIGHTING AGAINST FATE!

Saturday, August 23, is a day long to be remembered in the annals of Portland, as the occasion of the most disastrous conflagration that has visited the Pacific coast since the dreadful fire of 1854 in Sacramento, California. The awful holocaust of December last was reckoned a terrible calamity, but beside this last dire disaster it sinks to utter nothingness. These men stood aghast at the suddenness of the blow, but recovering from their paralysis began with quick energy to restore the city to its normal state. The work of reconstruction

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The First National Bank went through this great fire unscathed. On the ashes of the burned district arose a greater Portland. The financial strength of this bank was the means of many a business and individual mounting to greater success.

In planning our new banking house at Fifth and Stark, we have looked as far ahead as did the founders of the First National, when they mapped out its destinies fifty years ago. We are prepared to serve you with all a good bank can offer in service, in advice, in helpfulness.

The First NATIONAL BANK First for three Generations

Mine Company Increases Dividend.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The North Butte Mining Company today declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 a share, payable April 30. Three months ago the company declared a dividend of 75 cents a share.

Taft Expects War in 10 Days.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 26.—"Within the next 10 days war doubtless will be declared by the United States or Germany," said William H. Taft, ex-President of the United States.

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