

U. S. ARMY TO GO ABROAD AT ONCE

President Orders Division of Regulars Prepared.

PERSHING TO BE COMMANDER

Roosevelt Offer Declined, on Advice of Experts Who Oppose Volunteers.

PLANS ARE KEPT SECRET

Large Proportion of Expedition Is Likely to Be Artillery.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—President Wilson tonight ordered that a division of regular troops, commanded by Major-General John J. Pershing, be sent to France at the earliest practicable date.

This is the answer of America to France's plea that the Stars and Stripes be carried to the fighting front without delay to hearten the soldiers battling there with concrete evidence that a powerful ally has come to their support against German aggression.

Experts Decide Against T. R.

Announcement of the order followed signing of the selective draft war Army bill by the President and the issuing of a statement that under advice of military experts on both sides of the water, the President said he could not employ volunteers nor avail himself of the "fine vigor and enthusiasm" of ex-President Roosevelt for the expedition.

The Army law provided for an ultimate force of approximately 2,000,000 men to back up the first troops to go to the front. When the bill had been signed the President affixed his name to a proclamation calling upon all men in the country between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, to register themselves for military service on June 5, next.

10,000,000 to Be Sifted.

The proclamation sets in motion immediately machinery that will enroll and sift 10,000,000 men and pave the way for the selection of the first 500,000 young, efficient soldiers without crippling the industries or commerce of the Nation or bringing hardship on those at home.

Even before the bill was signed the War Department announced that the full strength of the National Guard would be drafted into the United States Army beginning July 15 and concluding August 5. Orders to bring the regiments to full war strength immediately accompanied the notification sent to all Governors.

A minimum of 329,000 fighting men will be brought to the colors under those orders, supplementing the 293,000 regulars, who will be under arms by June 15.

Draft Army Due September 1.

It is from these forces that the first armies to join General Pershing at the front will be drawn, to be followed within a few months by recurring waves from the selective draft armies, the first 500,000 of whom will be mobilized September 1.

Following is the text of the terse announcement of the War Department as to General Pershing's expedition:

"The President has directed an expeditionary force of approximately one division of regular troops, under command of General John J. Pershing, to proceed to France at as early a date as practicable. General Pershing and staff will precede the troops abroad.

Pershing Is in Washington.

"It is requested that no details or speculations with regard to the mobilization of this command, dates of departure or other items be carried by the press, other than the official bulletins given out by the War Department relative thereto."

General Pershing has been in Washington some days. He was personally summoned by Secretary Baker from the Southern Department, which was under his command until tonight's order was issued.

The man who led the expedition into Mexico and handled his difficult

ENFORCED SERVICE IN CANADA URGED

COMPULSORY ENLISTMENT TO BE ON SELECTIVE BASIS.

Proposal Made to Parliament by Sir Robert Borden Shows Need of Reinforcing Overseas Corps.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 18.—Compulsory military service on a selective basis to raise immediately at least 50,000 and probably 100,000 men to make good the wastage in the Canadian Army Corps in France, was proposed to Parliament today by Sir Robert Borden, the Premier, who returned from England last Tuesday.

The Prime Minister declared that opportunity had been given to every man in the country under the voluntary enlistment plan to do his duty to the country and to the cause. Under this plan Canada had done well, he said. There had been dispatched 336,000 men for the Canadian force across the Atlantic. Including British, French and other reservists, not less than 360,000 men had gone from Canada for overseas military service.

But more were needed, Sir Robert announced. There were under arms enough men to supply reinforcements to keep the five Canadian army divisions up to strength for some time, he said, but losses were great and provision had to be made for the future unless the five Canadian divisions were to dwindle to four, to three and to two.

The announcement of compulsory service was received with applause from both sides of the Chamber.

TONG SLAYER IS CONVICTED

Wong Hing, of Seattle, Will Be Sentenced to Death.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Wong Hing, member of the Bing Kong Che tong of Seattle, was found guilty of murder in the first degree in the Superior Court today for the slaying of Ng You here during the tong war that raged in Pacific Coast states early in the Spring.

As the jury did not recommend mercy, Wong Hing will be sentenced to death.

STRIKE VOTE BEING TAKEN

Southern Pacific Brotherhoods Are Balloting on Question.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—A referendum strike vote among 8000 members of the four brotherhoods of employees of the Southern Pacific Railroad is being taken, it became known here today. The results will not be in for 10 days.

The proposed strike does not involve the eight-hour law, but is over other differences and for non-recognition of a joint grievance board.

250,000 HORSES WANTED

Government Expects to Spend \$100,000,000 for Animals.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The Government is in the market for 250,000 horses and mules for Army use, which probably will cost \$100,000,000. They will be used in addition to 40,000 motor trucks and automobiles. Boards of officers have been ordered to start on the animal purchases not later than June 1 at Front Royal, Va.; Kansas City, Mo.; Fort Reno, Okla., and Fort Keogh, Mont.

CHURCH LOAN DAY ASKED

Committee Appeals That June 3 Be Devoted to Liberty Bonds.

NEW YORK, May 18.—An appeal to the churches of the country to make Sunday, June 3, "Liberty Loan day" was sent to clergymen everywhere today by the Liberty loan committee.

The National Bank of Commerce has applied for \$10,000,000 worth of the loan bonds.

SINN FEINERS HOLD ALOOF

Irish Convention Scorned; Party to Go Before Peace Conference.

DUBLIN, May 18.—The Sinn Feiners will not seek representation at the proposed convention to settle the Irish problem, nor will they pay regard to any constitution agreed upon by the convention.

TEUTONS ATTACK RUSSIANS

German Assault in Vladimir Region Is Repulsed.

PETROGRAD, via London, May 18.—Strong German forces last night launched an offensive against the Russian positions in the region of Shelvov, in the direction of Vladimir-Volynski, the War Department announced today. The attacks were repulsed.

EDITORS GO OUT ON STRIKE

Salaries of More Than \$25 Demanded by Italian Writers.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—The advanced cost of living has resulted in a strike of the four editors of an Italian daily paper here.

They declare that printers make more than they and demand a salary greater than the present \$25 a week.

ROOSEVELT IS NOT TO GO TO FRANCE

President Acts Against Volunteer Divisions.

OTHER SERVICE IS POSSIBLE

Wilson Says Advice of All Experts Is Against Step.

EFFICIENCY MUST BE FIRST

President Points Out That Regular Army Cannot Spare Officers That Colonel Planned to Take for Own Troops.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Colonel Roosevelt will not be permitted to raise his volunteer expedition to carry the American flag against the Germans in France.

On signing the war Army bill tonight, President Wilson issued a statement saying that, acting under expert advice from both sides of the water, he would be unable to avail himself at the present stage of the war of the authorization to organize volunteer divisions.

Roosevelt Not to Go.

"I shall not avail myself, at any rate, at the present stage of the war, of the authorization conferred by the act to organize volunteer divisions.

"To do so would seriously interfere with the carrying out of the chief and most immediately important purpose contemplated by this legislation, the prompt creation and early use of an effective army and would contribute practically nothing to the effective strength of the armies now engaged against Germany.

"I understand that the section of this act which authorizes the creation of volunteer divisions, in addition to the draft, was added with a view to providing an independent command for Mr. Roosevelt, and giving that military authority an opportunity to use his fine vigor and enthusiasm in recruiting the forces now at the western front.

Experts Oppose Personal Decision.

"It would be very agreeable to me to pay Mr. Roosevelt this compliment and to let him aid the country in the most distinguished public men and ex-President, who has rendered many conspicuous public services and proved his gallantry in many striking ways. Politically, too, it would, no doubt, have a very fine effect and make a profound impression.

"But this is not the time or the occasion for such a personal decision."

TEUTONS TORPEDO BRITISH CRUISER

DARTMOUTH ESCAPES WITH 3 DEAD AND 5 MISSING.

Raid in Adriatic Takes Toll of Fourteen Drifters—German Submarine Co-operates.

LONDON, May 18.—The British Admiralty announced today that 14 drifters had been sunk in a raid by Austrian light cruisers in the Adriatic, and the British light cruiser Dartmouth was torpedoed by the Austrians.

The Dartmouth, the Admiralty reports, returned to port with three men dead and one officer and four men missing and believed to be dead, and seven wounded.

A British warship Dartmouth and Bristol pursued the Austrian vessels to a point near Camaro, when battleships compelled them to withdraw.

VIENNA, via London, May 18.—A British cruiser was sunk during an engagement with English, French and Italian vessels after an Austrian naval detachment had made a successful raid in the Strait of Otranto, on the southern coast of Italy, according to an official announcement made tonight by the admiralty.

Italian destroyers, three merchantmen and 20 armed guard vessels, the statement adds, "became victims" of the Austrian raid.

A German submarine co-operated with the Austrian forces, which are said to have returned to port with small loss of life and little damage.

A drifter is a steam fishing vessel used in mine sweeping.

FOUNDATION HELD CHARITY

New York Supreme Court Passes on Rockefeller Institution.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The appellate division of the Supreme Court today ruled that the Rockefeller Foundation and the Bureau of Social Hygiene are charitable corporations, and are exempt from a state transfer tax.

The decision affects bequests of \$43,593 to the Rockefeller Foundation and \$75,000 to the Bureau of Social Hygiene, made by the late Mrs. Laura S. Rockefeller, wife of John D. Rockefeller.

FLOUR DECLINES 60 CENTS

Drop in San Francisco Follows Prohibition of Speculation.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—The price of flour here declined 60 cents a barrel, wholesale, today as the result of the voluntary prohibition of grain speculation by the big grain exchanges.

Fifty-pound sacks sold at retail for \$3.85.

HONDURAS CUTS RELATIONS

Lead of Guatemala Is Followed Regarding Germany.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Honduras has severed diplomatic relations with Germany, following the lead of Guatemala.

The Government's information came from Minister Ewing at Tegucigalpa.

NORTHWEST TO SEND 1000 CARS OF GRAIN

Allies Demand Immediate Deliveries.

EXPORT IS BY NEWPORT NEWS

Australian Grain Brought to Make Up Deficit.

"TRAILERS" FLURRY CAUSE

Persons With "Inside Tips" Put Too Heavy Strain on Shorts in Chicago Wheat Pit.

CHICAGO, May 18.—(Special.)—Coupled with authentic information that the Federal Government has ordered 1000 cars of wheat and barley exported from the Pacific Northwest at once—about 2,000,000 bushels—and Australian wheat is being brought in to make up the deficit, the actual position of the allied governments in the Chicago wheat market today became known.

A short time prior to the sensational flurry in wheat which resulted in the prohibition of trading in futures, the allied powers had 25,000,000 bushels of wheat futures. At the time the exchange closed they had 3,000,000 bushels of July and 4,000,000 bushels of September futures. Their actual demand for wheat amounts to 4,000,000 a week, they exchanging the futures for the cash products.

Government Aids Allies.

It can be stated on good authority that the source of the Board of Trade's trouble was not directly attributed to allied purchases, but that buying by "trailers"—persons who had an "inside tip" on the buying programme of the allies—was so heavy as to make the combined demands beyond all powers of fulfillment. In the face of this extraordinary situation the "short" interests collapsed.

When the lid was clamped on at Winnipeg there were 45,000,000 bushels of trades "open," this grain being owned by the Government and the millers.

The ordering of wheat and barley amounting to 1000 cars—about 40 per cent being the latter grain—exported from the Pacific Northwest is in line with the Government's policy to see that its allies are fed. This will be replaced by grain from Australia, either here now or on the way. The grain is being exported through Newport News and the Gulf.

Car Situation Watched.

Under the system which has been arranged, the cars are being routed to

OREGON'S MINIMUM QUOTA IS 2400 MEN

4000 WASHINGTON GUARDSMEN WANTED; 1600 IDAHOANS.

Northwest Will Provide 20th Division. Quarters to Rise at American Lake.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 18.—Under the call of the President today, Oregon will be asked to raise not less than 2400 National Guardsmen for Federal service, Washington 4000, and Idaho 1600. The National Guard of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming make up the Twentieth National Guard division of the Army and will be trained at American Lake, which today was designated as one of the West Coast Army training camps.

In addition to the National Guard from these states, which will number not less than 10,400, the War Department probably will send to American Lake the men recruited in the Northwestern states, under the selective draft law.

Immediate steps are to be taken by the Quartermaster-General to provide quarters for thousands of men to be trained at American Lake, the buildings to be similar to those recently authorized at Vancouver Barracks.

PRISONERS BUILD RAILWAY

Austrians Construct 1200 Miles in Northern Russia.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Austrian prisoners of war, working under American engineers, were used to build a newly completed 1200-mile railroad from Petrograd to the northern ice-free ports of Chupa and Alexandria, according to James P. Gleason, steam shovel company representative, who has just returned from Russia.

So far north that there is daylight all Summer, the work was rushed to completion, said Gleason today.

DAYLIGHT SAVING INDORSED

Senate Committee Favors Moving Clocks Ahead One Hour.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The daylight saving plan today was indorsed by the Senate interstate commerce committee.

It ordered reported the bill providing that clocks shall be moved ahead one hour during the Summer months.

BRAZIL TO QUIT FENCE

Revocation of Decree of Neutrality Is Expected Shortly.

RIO JANEIRO, May 17.—(Delayed.)—It is believed that Brazil will shortly revoke the decree of neutrality as affecting the war between the United States and Germany.

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PRESIDENT SIGNS WAR ARMY BILL

Registration for Draft Is to Be June 5.

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Dispatch to Europe Shortly After August 5 Is Indicated to Be Plan of Staff.

WAR STRENGTH ORDERED

Force of 1,500,000 Within a Year Is Intended—Regulars Begin Moving North.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The War Army bill, as passed by Congress and finally reviewed at the War Department, went back to the White House tonight and was signed by President Wilson.

The President's signature set in motion immediately machinery designed to produce within a year's time a National Army of more than 1,000,000 trained and equipped men, backed by adequate reserves of men and supplies and by an additional 500,000 soldiers under training.

The war bill was carefully gone over during the day by Brigadier-General Crowder, Judge-Advocate General and Provost Marshal-General. It remained but to prepare the proclamation for the President's signature summoning approximately 10,000,000 men from 21 to 30 years of age to register for military service and setting the date for registration.

June 5 Is Date Set.

Registration will be held June 5, to be completed that day and to be followed by the process of selection which will determine the first 500,000 men to be called to the colors about September 1.

Meanwhile the War Department is pushing vigorously its preparations to mobilize the National Guard, which, with the regulars, forms the first-line Army. It was announced today that all existing regiments of the Guard will be called into service by August 5, and officials estimate that with from a month to six weeks' intensive training these troops will be ready to go forward for final preparation behind the fighting lines in Europe for the fighting that is before them.

Regulars Moving Northward.

Regular Army regiments already are in motion northward from the border, preparatory to the expansion of the regular service to full war strength. Of the 183,898 men necessary to bring the regulars up to the 293,000 mark, 74,933 already have been recruited, and the remainder are expected to come in before June 15.

The National Guardsmen will be drafted into the Federal service in three increments on July 15, July 25 and August 5. As a general order is issued by the President drafting specific regiments, the force will cease to be militia and become part of the armies of the United States. They will be relieved by the limitations upon use of the militia and be available for service in any part of the world.

War Strength Authorized.

State authorities were authorized today to fill present regiments or other units up to full war strength, making a force of approximately 325,954 men and 9847 officers. No new National Guard organization will be accepted by the Federal Government until this is done and reserve battalions for each regiment organized. The result will be virtually to triple the present strength of the Guard, but reports to the department show heavy recruiting in all states.

The department announced also the distribution by military departments of the 16 divisions of the new selective draft Army and the 16 National Guard divisions for training purposes. All of the Guard divisional cantonments and most of the selective Army camps will be in the southern part of the country.

In all the forces first to be formed

