

UNITED STATES ARMY IS LIKE JOSEPH'S COAT, BUT GOODS ARE FINE

Texas Sands Are Ironing Board for Straightening Out the Wrinkles.

ALL ANXIOUS FOR ACTION

Wagon Troops Make Great Impression on United Press Correspondent Fresh From Battlefields.

By William G. Shepherd.

San Antonio, Texas, July 21.—(U. P.)—Uncle Sam has dug his ancient storm coat—the militia—out of the attic of peace.

On the ironing board of Texas sands he is spreading it out for examination and under the hot iron of discipline he is trying to make it warproof.

It is musty, wrinkled, creased with seams, ripped here and there, but the material is superfine. True enough, the material doesn't like the operation. It would rather be out in a storm doing its work. It asks every reporter, or other supposedly wise man it sees: "Aren't we going to have war with Mexico?"

Army Like Joseph's Coat.

But stern coats must be overhauled whether the coat likes it or not. It's all according to the man who has to depend on it in rough weather. The texture of the garment is a varied as Joseph's coat. That variegated army which I saw in Saloniki a few months ago, consisting of French, English, Serbian, Hindoo, Australian, Cochinchinese and Montenegrins, looked like a mass of blood brothers compared with the middle western militia.

Having the enemy before them gave the Salonikan troops a common thought. But here, with no enemy in sight, the militia is extremely Joseph pattern.

Polish Company Cited.

"There's a Polish company K of Milwaukee, First Wisconsin, for instance. It was organized 50 years ago by Theodore Rosinski. It is known as Kosciuszko's company. Forty per cent of its 130 members were born in Poland. I sat in the tent of Chaplain Henry Piatecki and tried to imagine I was back at the British, French or Austrian front and talking with an officer of one of those armies, as he said it was not an ancient custom of his company to permit any but Poles to be full and turn them over to other companies of the regiment," said the Wisconsin troops.

"We found a Polish church in San Antonio, and the church folks are getting together automobiles, buggies, wagons and all kinds of rigs to take us up to church next Sunday."

But I couldn't imagine I was anywhere but in the American army. Such a thing couldn't happen in any other army in the world, or in any other place than America. Wisconsin people claim the American government has declared the Wisconsin militia to be the model for the country.

Colored Soldiers Snappy.

This Polish company for three years in succession has taken the first Wisconsin prize for field work. Splendid soldiers, thoroughly American, but adding variegation to Uncle Sam's stormcoat.

Chicago's colored regiment, the Eighth, adds variety and even snap. It is hard enough for Chicago's colored troops to ride in the Jim Crow section of the streetcars. San Antonio southern style, but while investigating various textures today I encountered Colonel F. A. Denton, colored chief of the negro regiment, who said:

Y. M. C. A. Bars Them.

"I think we have the only dead army American regiment in the entire lot. The other regiments have got all kinds of folks in them, but we are all the same. We are so American that we obey the San Antonio laws and ride in separate compartments of the streetcars, but the other day when the army Y. M. C. A. put up that big frame building right on the edge of the camp and arranged for a white Y. M. C. A. club to which colored men were not admitted, I told the Y. M. C. A. authorities I couldn't vouch for the safety of the building. If my men

got at it, I couldn't keep them from tearing it down, and I wouldn't."

Material Best in the World.

"The Y. M. C. A. people understood and one of them told me privately, 'I respect you for your action. It looks very much now,' and Colonel Denton's eyes twinkled, 'as if my attitude will result in my regiment having a very fine Y. M. C. A. building of its own.'"

These negroes are crackjack Americans, as much a part of the American army as any other regiment. It's the same old Uncle Sam's coat, got some tailoring on hand. The more I see of it, the more I think the material is the best in the world.

NUTCRACKER IS BEING OPENED BY THE ALLIES

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ly to Combes, following in a general way the line of the front. Combes has been used by the Germans as a depot distributing center; but today, with the town in the direct zone of the French artillery fire, and likely to fall at any moment, the German forces have been compelled to change their supply base to a point farther back.

It was not expected that the French would be permitted to hold their new gains, along a distance approximating 10 miles, without a terrific counter-attack.

BRITISH PROCEEDING SLOWLY IN RENEWED PICARDY OFFENSIVE

London, July 21.—(I. N. S.)—British troops are advancing slowly but surely in their renewed offensive in Picardy.

Today's official statement tells of the capture of Foreaux woods, which the Teutons had strongly fortified, accompanied by the admission that an immediate German counter attack was partly successful.

"But," continues the statement, "a significant feature is that, while the Germans are attaining some success in their counter attacks, they are able to regain but little of the territory seized by the British."

Severe fighting continues about the Leipzig redoubt, strong German fortifications north of the Somme, and also in the Deville woods.

"The fighting is intermittent," said the official statement, "between the Leipzig redoubt on the west and Deville woods on the east."

"North of Bazentin and Longueval, the British advance has pushed into Bois Des Fourneaux, driving out the enemy last night. An enemy counter attack, after an intense bombardment with gas shells, succeeded in effecting an entry in the north part of the Bois Des Fourneaux, and dislodging us from the southern half."

"Elsewhere the situation remains unchanged."

FRENCH THROW BACK COUNTER ATTACKS OF GERMANS ON SOMME

Paris, July 21.—(U. P.)—Heavy German counter-attacks on the positions which the French won yesterday in a renewal of the Somme assault were repulsed today.

The victorious French troops threw the Teutons back in disorder, inflicting heavy losses, and have consolidated and strengthened their positions materially.

The official statement today reported French successes everywhere along the line. It indicated the heaviest fighting in the sector where yesterday's fighting gained ground on a 10-mile front. The German counter-attack came last night, when the French were making themselves secure in their newly wrested gains.

In the Caules region a strong German patrol attempting to reach the French lines was surprised and routed at the bayonet point. Between Sollesmes and Rheims, French patrols which penetrated into German held territory were successful in a grenade attack on a German trench, emptying it of the enemy.

Heavy artillery forces were reported in the Chattancourt and Fleury regions.

In the Vosges the Germans are violently bombarding the French positions. North of Wissembach the French lines vigorously repulsed a strong German attack.

Vienna Reports Success.

Vienna, July 21.—(I. N. S.)—The Germans in the Volhynia district have pushed the enemy back west of the lowlands and north of Hvinlance, according to official announcement from the war office here today. The Italian theatre was reported generally quiet.

MANY SIGN PETITIONS AGAINST CENSORSHIP OF MOTION PICTURES

Campaign of Protest and Appeal Has Gathered Over 10,000 Signatures.

WILL GO BEFORE COUNCIL

Modification of Present Ordinance to Permit Adjudication of Questions of Propriety by Jury Is Asked.

The campaign of protest and appeal being waged by the Oregon Motion Picture Men's association against the present censorship ordinance and for the substitution of one which will grant appeal to the courts from the ruling of the censorship board, is gathering momentum with more than 10,000 signatures now affixed to petitions circulated in the city.

Slides and pamphlets bearing on the issue are being displayed and distributed in all the large downtown theatres and the smaller community picture houses. The opening of the campaign met with immediate response in all sections of the city. One large theatre boasted one thousand signatures in 24 hours display of the petitions.

The cause of the picture men briefly summed up in their pamphlet hinges upon the question of appeal from possible absurd and unjust rulings of the board. They ask that the present ordinance be modified so that the question of the propriety or impropriety of a film may finally be judged by a jury "reflecting the average intelligence of the community."

It is not necessary for signers of the petitions to be registered voters. The petition is merely a demonstration to be presented to the mayor and commissioners asking for immediate relief. No initiative petitions to the people can be put forward until the June election of next year. The full petition will be presented to the commissioners early next week.

LARGEST NAVAL BILL IN WORLD BEFORE SENATE

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have its anti-government armorplate propaganda printed as a "public document." Senator Penrose had obtained unanimous consent for the printing. Senator Reed of Missouri, arriving later, attacked the senate's action bitterly and engaged in a heated personal controversy with Penrose and his colleague, Oliver.

"An outside company can't frank matter unless a senator cooperates by lending his frank," objected Senator Smith of Georgia.

"That very practice is going on now, and on a large scale," declared Overman, warmly. "It's illegal, but the mails are being piled with seedstuffs for private firms, sent free."

Points Out Pennsylvanians.

"Yes, and I can guess the two senators who will help the Bethlehem company," said Reed, looking toward Senators Penrose and Oliver of Pennsylvania.

In the heat of the debate over the individual case, Senator Overman's general charge was ignored.

Hitler Fighting Raged over the Bethlehem steel matter. Senator Penrose had obtained unanimous consent for its printing before Senator Reed arrived. The latter attempted to reverse the action.

Reed pointed out that once the document became public, it could be printed in any amount at cost in the government plant and sent free through the mails; and further that "such scribbled and partial excerpts of the document as the company chooses," can be franked as easily as the whole document.

Both Called to Order.

Reed charged that Senator Oliver in his attempt to defeat the armorplate amendment had been legislating "into his own pocket."

"A senator who will make that statement is unworthy of a place on

this floor," shouted Oliver. Both were called to order.

"The lack of patriotism of this company is proved within the covers of its volume," said Reed. "It offers to sell armorplate for \$55 a ton less than it ever has for 29 years, despite a statement in our pamphlet that both labor and material are higher today than ever before."

United States Navy to Be Second.

The general naval bill, directing immediate construction of four dreadnaughts and four battle cruisers of the most modern type, came up for the senate's final approval today.

With the proportionate number of scout cruisers, destroyers, submarines and aircraft, this program will cost for the first year \$315,000,000.

At the end of three years, the time set for completing the program, the United States will have added 157 war vessels of all types, and will have, in the opinion of United States experts, a navy superior to any other except England. The terms of the senate bill, however, have yet to meet the approval of the house.

Swanson Predicts Success.

Senator Swanson, in charge of the measure, expecting opposition in the house, has conducted a quiet campaign organizing the "big navy" forces for several days. He registered today that, although there will be a warm contest, the house finally would adopt a measure similar to the senate.

In addition to the naval program, the bill provides a government owned armor plate plant and the equipment of four navy yards—Puget sound, Boston, Philadelphia and Norfolk—for the construction of battleships.

Exceeds England's Big Bill.

While some of these warships are to be built in government yards, it is expected that the armor plate plant will not be finished in time to furnish material for any of the present program.

The bill also provides that line officers of the navy hereafter shall be promoted by competition and selection rather than by seniority, and for many reorganizations within the navy department.

The largest previous naval bill was for \$250,000,000 by Great Britain in 1914-1915.

SERVICE MUST PROVE MEASURE OF PARTY'S SUCCESS TO COUNTRY

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of you, bear commissions from the present administration. That sets me free to say some things that I might not otherwise.

Must Deserve Confidence.

"There's only one way of holding the confidence of the American public, and that is by deserving it, and I know by my intercourse with the postmaster general, his single object has been to make the postoffice of more service to the people of the United States than it has ever been before."

"I have no interest in the political party except as an instrument of achievement. I cannot imagine how a man can be interested in a party that has not aspirations and a program to be worked out. I inherited my Democracy. But it wouldn't stay in my blood if the people of the United States did not have something to do. And if the Democratic party will bear all its efforts to understand the United States and serve it, it will be continued in power so long as it practices that devotion."

Selfishness Kills Service.

Declaring that selfishness was the antithesis of public service, because it separates men into camps, Mr. Wilson said that the United States "is now one of the few countries in which lines of hostility are not drawn."

"In no other country are processes of peace so free to move as in America," he continued.

The president declared that in every community the postoffice is "the conspicuous gauge and standard of what the government is doing for the people."

Government Must Be First.

"The administration will be judged by you—the whole spirit of public service judged by you," he told the postmasters, "so you gentlemen are custodians of honor and distinction, not only of the party you represent, but the government you serve. You are good Democrats in that proportion that you love the government more than you do yourselves."

"The word 'noble' we never apply to a man who thinks first of himself. That ought to be the spirit of government, of government service. How a man can sleep at night whose conscience is not clear as to the purposes for which he uses public office I cannot see."

"The message I would bring tonight is: Let us band ourselves together and let us prove to the people of the United States that we understand what they want and are ready to do it better than anybody else they can find."

BULGARIA READY FOR PEACE WITH ALLIES, SAYS ROME DISPATCH

Premier Has Summoned the Sobranje to Discuss Situation, Says Wireless.

Rome, July 21.—(I. N. S.)—Bulgaria is seriously considering making peace with the entente powers, according to wireless advices received here today.

With this idea in view the premier has summoned the Sobranje to discuss the situation.

Penitentiary Shows Population Decrease

Statement Records Reduction of 41 Per Cent in Number of Prisoners at Present as Compared With Year Ago.

Salem, Or., July 21.—According to a statement given out by the Oregon prison authorities, there has been a decrease of nearly 41 per cent in the number of prisoners received during the first six months of 1916 as compared with the same period of 1915.

During the first six months of 1914, 127 prisoners were received, while in the same period of 1915 159 were enrolled, an increase of 25 per cent. During the first six months of 1916 only 82 were received.

Prohibition and more plentiful employment are suggested as reasons for the decrease.

Coin Decides Marriage.

San Francisco, July 21.—(U. P.)—Miss Laurine Michelson and Ralph

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Famine Along Coast of Western Mexico

San Diego, Cal., July 21.—(U. P.)—The cruiser San Diego, flagship of the United States Pacific fleet, is in port

today after a quick run up the coast from La Paz.

The lower coast is reported quiet, but famine is felt in the entire district. Twelve refugees arrived on the San Diego.

In Sinaloa the Carranzistas are harassed by Villistas and other bandits, according to J. Y. Shedd of Bisbee, Ariz., a mining prospector.

Admiral Cameron McRae Winslow will haul down his flag next Friday, when he will be succeeded in command of the fleet by Rear Admiral William B. Caperton, who at that time will become full admiral. Admiral Wins-

low is to be retired, as he has reached the age limit, 62 years.

First Aid Saves Life.

Douglas, Ariz., July 21.—(I. N. S.)—Frank B. Boyd saved the life of William Adams by holding the two ends of a severed artery in Adams' thigh until a surgeon arrived. Adams, a bridegroom of less than a week, was stabbed by his father-in-law, James Eason, a cattleman.

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