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ARMY BILL IS PUT THROUGH BY SENATORS

No Specific Directions for Raising Army of 5,000,000 Men—Additions Made to Measure.

VOTE TAKEN WITHOUT A DISSIDENTING VOICE

McCumber Amendment Rejected—Volunteer Legions Authorized.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—In passing the twelve billion dollar army appropriation bill today the senate emphasized sentiment for enlarging the army beyond the three million men provided in the measure, but declined while awaiting the war department's new expansion program, specifically to direct the president to raise an army of 5,000,000.

After a week's debate and without a roll call or dissenting voice, the huge supply measure—a world record-breaker—was sent to conference between the two houses, with a view to its enactment next Monday, when the appropriations are needed.

Several items increased. None of the appropriations for the army's part in the war for the fiscal year beginning July 1 was reduced by the senate. Instead it increased many items, approved without change the house clause clothing the president with unlimited authority to increase the army by further draft calls and added scores of important legislative riders.

A futile effort was made today by senators desirous of specifically ordering an army increase. An amendment by Senator McCumber of North Dakota, proposing to "direct" the president to enlarge the army to five million enlisted men as speedily as equipment and clothing could be obtained was rejected, 45 to 19, and an amendment by Senator Fall of New Mexico, proposing an increase of 3,000,000 men went out viva voce.

Many senators, however, fearing this action, and the rejection yesterday of the Fall amendment to extend...

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Staton Water Power Company is Dissolved

Resolutions of dissolution were filed at the office of Corporation Commissioner Schuldeman Saturday by the Staton Water Power company and the following Portland firms: Potford-Tyler company, Portland Police band, the O. K. Barber shops, and the Arleta Land company. J. G. Mack & Co. of Portland filed resolutions showing a decrease of capital stock from \$100,000 to \$5,000.

PARADES APPROVED.

NEW YORK, June 29.—President Wilson today approved patriotic parades in connection with conventions of representative men in a letter to Fred Ahrper, grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

YANKES REACH ITALY SAFELY

General March Announces Arrival of First American Contingent.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Safe arrival in Italy of the first contingent of military force which will represent the United States was announced today by General March, chief of staff. Sent direct from this country, the troops landed yesterday to supplant others ordered from France by General Pershing.

Sanitary units compose the greater parts of the first arrivals but "other special units" also were included. General March reiterated the statement that the bulk of the competent American troops going to Italy will be sent from the western front, their places being immediately taken by new regiments from the United States.

"No definite plan for the increase of these forces from the United States has been reached," Secretary Baker said later, in commenting upon the announcement. "It should be emphasized that the shipment of further increments depends largely upon future developments."

FALL KILLS LIETENANT.

HOUSTON, Texas, June 29.—Second Lieut. Edmond R. Cole of Jersey City, N. J., was killed when his airplane crashed to the earth one mile northwest of Ellington field last night. Lieutenant Ronald Knapp who was also in the airplane, was not hurt. The airplane was wrecked.

PACKERS ARE ACCUSED OF PROFITEERING

Manufacturers of All Basic Commodities Charged with Greed and Barefaced Fraud in Report.

REPORTS PADDED TO CONCEAL OPERATIONS

Protest Made by Big Companies Against Discoveries of Commission.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Profiteering on a tremendous scale in practically all the basic commodities of life was reported to the senate today by the federal trade commission as the result of an exhaustive investigation.

"Inordinate greed and barefaced fraud," as well as "war pressure for heavy production," the commission reported as the causes.

Reappraisals of properties were made by great concerns when it became evident that the government was about to fix prices on a basis of return on investment, the report said, and salaries, allowances and expenses were in many instances padded to show increased cost of conducting business.

Five Manipulate Market. The outstanding feature of its investigation, the commission reported, was the evidence of a tendency to increase and maintain prices against the force of competition. Of all big profits disclosed by the investigation, the report said, the profits of the meat packers and those allied with them and by the flour-millers, stand foremost, despite the fixing of prices by the government.

Manipulations of the market by the five great packers—Armour and company, Swift, Morris, Wilson and Cudahy—the commission asserts, "embrace every device that is useful to them without regard to law."

The report charges that the five concerns have monopolistic control of the meat industry and "are reaching for like domination in other products."

\$140,000,000 Pocketed. During 1915, 1916 and 1917, the report said, these companies "pocketed" \$140,000,000.

"The experiment with steel, flour and coal," says the report referring to price fixing, shows that a high stimulating fixed price, while establishing an ascending market, produced an economic situation which is fraught with hardship to the consuming public and with ultimate peril to the high cost companies through such power of their low cost competitors.

Where the government has fixed prices on the basis of fair return on net investment, the report hints at padded depreciations, increased salaries of officials, new construction charged off as repairs, fictitious values on raw materials and manipulated inventories.

FRANCHISE LAW TO BE TESTED

Suit Against Spaulding Logging Company and Service Commission Begun.

J. P. Logan who has operated the Kings Valley Flouring mill on the Luckiamute river in Benton county for fifty years, and who more than half a century ago built dams to furnish water power for the mill has instituted injunction proceedings against the Charles K. Spaulding Logging company of Salem and the public service commission and will test the constitutionality of the boom franchise law passed by the last legislature.

Suit is being brought in Polk county and the defendants are cited to appear within twenty days. Acc-

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Two Stretches of Road Approved by Government

Government approval has been received by the state highway commission for grading the Union-Telocaset stretch of road in Union county a distance of six miles. The estimated cost is \$20,000 to be shared equally by the state and the government. Approval also has been received for the Elgin Minam improvement of 9.3 miles between La Grande and Enterprise. The state and the government will share equally the estimated cost of \$42,000. Bids on this project are now being advertised for and will be opened at a meeting of the commission in Portland July 9.

NTSRING SCHOOLS OF OPEN. NEW YORK, June 29.—An army school of nursing with branch training centers in various military hospitals throughout the country will be established immediately by the army medical department, according to announcement here tonight.

REDUCTIONS OF COAL SOON TO BE ANNOUNCED

Fuel Administration Now Preparing Orders for Manufacturers.

ELECTRICITY AFFECTED

Unnecessary Use of Display and Advertising Lights to Be Checked.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Reductions in the quantity of coal consumed in the manufacture of electricity and gas will be put into effect soon by an order which the fuel administration announced today is in preparation. The fuel administration's announcement that details have been worked out, says in every city and village electricity is wasted.

"The country needs now and for the whole period of the war will need more coal than it can possibly produce and transport," says the statement. "Confronted by this condition, the fuel administrator will order radical reductions in the quantity of coal consumed in the manufacture of electricity and illumination as used for the purposes specified. While the official order has not yet been signed, it is expected that it will provide for closer restrictions in the new England states, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, District of Columbia and Maryland, than in other states where the transportation of coal is not such a tremendous problem."

"In any case it is expected the order will provide that no theater or other outdoor lights shall be turned on until the street lights shall have been lighted. "Unnecessary daylight use of electric lights and electric advertising displays will probably be shut off altogether. The order will deal also with store window light and will extend to all kinds of fuel, including gas and oil."

PROPAGANDISTS TAKEN IN RAID

San Francisco Apartment House Gives up Three Active I. W. W.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—In a raid late tonight a apartment house in the downtown district, the "neutrality squad" of the police department took three men, said by police to have been among the most active I. W. W. propagandists on the coast. They were Herbert Stredwick, secretary of the Pacific coast headquarters of the I. W. W.; Fred Landers, awaiting the outcome of a deportation charge laid by U. S. Commissioner of Immigration Edward White, and John Dymond, under indictment in the federal district court at Fresno in connection with the burning of hay barns in the Modesto district.

Dymond is said by police Captain J. J. O'Meara, head of the neutrality squad, of being the chief sabotage propagandist of the I. W. W. in this section of the country. The men will probably be arraigned Monday.

NEGRO CONVICT IDENTIFIED MADILL, Okla.—Lougious McWill, a negro convict, said to have been identified as the man who attempted to attack the wife of a former living near here, and who later is said to have stabbed the woman, inflicting probable fatal injuries, was lynched early today by a mob of 500 persons, according to information received here tonight.

THE WEATHER

Sunday fair; moderate westerly winds.

EARLY LIFE RENEWED AT HOME COMING

Days of Youth Lived Again When Pioneers Gather in Willson Park from All Parts of Northwest.

EVENT OCCASION FOR REUNION OF FAMILIES

Dinner Served Out-of-Doors and Informality Marks Day's Pleasure.

In benediction—not heavily, as that of an oppressor—the hand of time rests upon the heads of Oregon pioneers, if the hundreds who gathered for Salem's home-coming yesterday fairly represent the forelopers who tamed the wilds of Oregon in the years gone.

Few there were who had not seen their seventy winters, one was a nonagenarian and one sprightly woman with queenly white hair was the first white child born in Salem, seventy-seven years ago, but all of them lived anew the days of youth. They sang songs that the younger generation did not know; they recalled the courting days of half a century ago and joked at remembrance of the frivolities of youth as if they had occurred only last week. When the viands were served on table spread beneath the trees in Willson park those men and women in their 60's and 70's and 80's ate with the appetites of plow-boys and hired girls, and after dinner some of those old smoked cigarettes with utter abandon.

Was First White Child. In the past there has been some dispute as to who was the first white child born in Salem, but all doubt was dispelled yesterday. That distinguished person was on the grounds and she is Mrs. Maria Campbell Smith, now living in Portland. Mrs. Smith was born in Salem in 1841, seventy-seven years ago. "Time has dealt kindly with her and she talks like a girl," Mrs. Campbell said.

One of those who reminisced yesterday was Glenn O. Holman of Dallas. Mr. Holman isn't so old, but he remembers a long way back at that. "I just saw Hattie Loney," said Mrs. Holman, "the first time in forty-three years. She used to be Hattie Clark. I took her to a party in the fall of '74 and that was the last time I saw her until today. I knew her the minute I heard her voice and it didn't take her long to recognize me either." Mrs. Loney lives at Jefferson.

Oliver Beers ran into an old neighbor he hadn't seen for sixty years. A. N. Moores and Justice George H. Burnett had the history and records of nearly everyone present at tongue's end. They pointed out A. B. Crossan who came to Salem sixty years ago and engaged in the mercantile business and was afterward postmaster and fire commissioner. There was A. F. Yeaton, the oldest man living who ever ran a furniture store in Salem, and Dan Bass who was born here, now one of the owners of the Hotel Fry in Seattle. Sanford Watson, when asked where his present home is, said: "Anywhere my hat's off." He came in 1849, but has been passing recent years in Los Angeles.

Chamberlin Girls Meet.

Yesterday's home-coming was the occasion for many a family reunion. For the first time in years the six Chamberlin sisters were together. They are Mrs. O. A. Waller, Monroe; Mrs. Charles S. Waller, Salem; Mrs. George W. Belt, Spokane; Miss Ellen Chamberlin, Berkeley; Mrs. J. L. Schultz, Portland, and Mrs. Charles B. Moores, Portland. All formerly lived in Salem.

Among those who have attained distinction since leaving Salem and who came home yesterday were Stephen F. Chadwick and Mark Fullerton, both members of the Washington supreme court and residents of Olympia. It was a happy thought of the committee to place on the program Mrs. Hattie Parrish Durdall. While the pioneer folk were on the sunny side of middle life they heard Hattie Parrish sing as a girl and when they heard her again yesterday they remarked that her voice had lost none of the richness of years gone by. "I just know everybody here, and I wish they would never go away," said Mrs. Durdall almost tearfully. "Why I have known them since I was barely big enough to walk and I want them to stay right here."

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NICARAGUA TO CELEBRATE.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, June 29.—The president of Nicaragua has decreed the Fourth of July a holiday throughout the republic "as a mark of homage to and admiration for the United States as the bulwark of democracy with which Nicaragua is allied in the great war."

Military commanders are charged to celebrate the day with due solemnity.

J. A. MITCHELL DIES.

RIDGEFIELD, Conn., June 29.—John A. Mitchell, editor of Life, died at his summer home here late today, following a struggle of apoplexy suffered earlier in the day.

HEAVY HAND OF UNCLE SAM FELT

Local Restaurants and Drinking Places Losing Help Before Law Hits.

Uncle Sam's heavy hand is being felt in Salem and several restaurants and soft drink emporiums have been forsaken by their male clerks or waiters who are seeking employment that will receive favorable consideration when the "work or fight" law becomes operative tomorrow. The law is to be applied through the process of re-classification of questionnaires.

Among those most directly affected by the regulation are male attendants in hotels and clubs, employees in restaurants and drinking places, elevator operators, ushers and attendants for sports games and other amusements, persons employed in domestic service and male sales clerks.

The vacation of these classes of employment by men will leave many of them open for women. In the reclassification process single men on farms will be placed in Class I, leaving their places on farms for married men from the occupations mentioned above as affected by the "work or fight" law.

In the latter do not get into the creditable occupations they will be drafted. Many men are to be removed from Class 4 to Class 2 from which recruits are to be drawn from by the draft process. A large number of hearings are pending on proposed transfers from Class 4 to Class 2. Twenty-five cases are already stated by the local board and the hearings will begin Tuesday of this week.

The board is working on the plan of getting a class state of single men into Class 1 before transferring from Class 2 and these transfers will be deferred until all present Class 1 men are drafted. In transferring the main sources will be from those who have claimed exemption on grounds of agricultural occupation or dependents other than wives and children.

May Be Taken Back.

More than 1200 of the roads turned back to private management were...

RESOLUTIONS EXTEND TIME FOR CONTROL

Hundreds of Short Line Railroads Returned to Private Management Before Passage of Bill.

SOME RETAINED TO STAY IN RIG SYSTEM

Others May Be Taken Over by Government Again Later on.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Resolutions to extend from July 1 to January 1, next, the time in which the government may relinquish control over certain railroads, were adopted late today by the house and senate, with provisions forbidding relinquish of a road where a competing or connecting line is retained. Differences between the resolutions make further action by the house necessary.

HUNDREDS TURNED BACK.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—About 1700 short line railroads were turned back to private management today by the railroad administration a few hours before congress passed legislation intended to prevent the relinquishment of many of them. Between 290 and 469 of the roads relinquished had sought to remain under government management. About 400 short lines were retained as a part of the national system.

Announcement of the action was withheld by the railroad administration until less than an hour before the legislation which would have stopped it was finally enacted. It was explained that the course was necessitated by the railroad act's provision requiring the government to decide before July 1 which roads lines would be retained and which relinquished.

Railroad administration officials also explained that since the legislation was not taken up by either of the houses of congress until 4 o'clock this afternoon they could not know whether it would be enacted. The legislation therefore, is virtually nullified.

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Barnes Cash Store

E. T. Barnes, Prop.

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NOW IS THE TIME TO GET THEM

We make a specialty of Blacks in fabrics of all kinds, and although it may seem a little strange to suggest them in midsummer, don't delay your purchase because these are the best qualities obtainable and our prices are below mill quotations today.

WOOLENS

Black All Wool Dress Goods and Coatings such as Serges, Poppins, Gabardines, Mohairs, Batistes, Hairline Serges—A wonderful and immense stock priced at \$1.25 to \$3.50 a yard.

SILKS

A handsome lot of Black Chiffon and Suiting Taffetas in a wide range of qualities—36 to 42 inches wide, at \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.85, \$2.00, \$2.25, 2.65 a yard.

CREPES

Black Crepes DeChine and Georgette Crepes—unusually good values—all 40 inches wide, at \$1.65, \$1.95, \$2.00, \$2.25 a yard.

POPLINS

Black Silk and Wool Poppins—a beautiful, also a very durable fabric, much in demand at this time—40 inches wide—\$1.75 to \$2.15 a yard.



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