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U. S. STANDING FORCE RANKS 46TH, CLAIM

Secretary of War Weeks Says Standing Army Too Small To Accomplish What It Is Intended For

ONLY SMALL PART OF BUDGET FOR DEFENSE

More Spent for Gum and Candy Than For Defense, Secretary States

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—The standing army of the United States ranks 46th in the list of active armies of the world and in "too small to accomplish what is intended for it to do," Secretary of War John W. Weeks said tonight in an address at a public banquet given by the Association of the Army of the United States.

The present standing army "should be brought back at the earliest possible date to the minimum of 150,000 enlisted men and 13,000 officers," the secretary said.

"That we are spending 85 per cent of our budget for military purposes is utterly false. The official report of the budget shows that but 13.5 per cent is spent for national defense. We are actually spending much less to maintain a modest defense at the top of the present hill than we are for maintaining hospitals and operating the ambulance at the bottom of the last hill.

Army Upkeep Small "Analysis of the governmental expenditures in 13 of our largest cities shows that approximately 1-2 cents of every dollar of taxes is spent for the upkeep of our army and about six cents for navy and navy together. In other words if the so-called peace lovers succeeded in their efforts to abolish completely our military forces, the result would merely reduce the dollar of taxation to about 91 1-2 cents. Such a bargain is not important enough to warrant departure from the teachings of the leaders of the past and from the obvious dictates of the wisdom of the present. The true spirit of economy relative to war is to eliminate or decrease the cost of war by paying the insurance rates of protection against such a calamity.

"Finally there has been a strange recurring tendency to belittle the importance of and to attack the maintenance of the national guard. Have you thought of the enduring history of your guard? Although yours is one of the comparatively younger states some of the units of your state forces have a history of nearly three quarters of a century of constructive influence.

Must Be United "As long as the American people take sides against each other we may be confident that they will arrive at safe and sane conclusions—if permitted to decide their disputes without external interference. When external interference throws the balance to one side or the other, it is however, time for us to forget our differences and elect the outsider from our councils. Partisan among ourselves, we must be united before the world.

"This radical activity will cease. It has already lost most of its force with public opinion.

"The suggestion of militarism that is so frequently brought against our government by those who would disarm us is a serious one. We owe it an investigation. What is militarism? The militarism to which we object is the reliance upon material force for the accomplishment of purpose. Militarism among nations

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AMERICAN CAPTIVE OF CHINESE BANDITS DRAWS UP HIS WILL

TSAOCHWANG, May 25.—(By the Associated Press)—Leon Friedman, one of the Americans held by the Shantung bandits in the hills beyond here, today sent out his will, drawn up in legal form and witnessed by two of his fellow captives.

GREEK SITUATION STILL CRITICAL

Peace or War in Near East Depends on Turke Reply Delegates Admit

LAUSANNE, May 27.—(By The Associated Press)—The situation facing the Near East conference continues extremely critical. All the delegations admitted today that the question of peace or war in the Near East depends upon the nature of the Turkish government's reply to the Greek offer ceding the town of Karagatch to Turkey in place of the cash indemnity demanded by the latter. The Greek offer, it is learned, also includes a sort of railroad leading to the Bulgarian frontier.

The European powers, through their representatives here, are exerting the greatest pressure on both the Turks and Greeks to prevent hasty action.

400 VOICES WILL BE HEARD TONIGHT

Haydn's "The Seasons" is Attraction for Annual May Festival

The volume of 400 voices singing in unison the thrilling choruses from Haydn's oratorio, "The Seasons," is the treat in store for Salem folks tonight. The occasion is the second annual May festival to be held in the armory. The dress rehearsal was held last night with the three soloists, Mrs. Jane Burns Albert, John Claire Monteth and McMillan Muir, all of Portland, present.

More than 140 members of the Monmouth chorus swelled the numbers last night. The Monmouth chorus is under the direction of Miss Helen I. Moore, director of music at the normal. The members have put in a lot of intensive work under Miss Moore's direction, and the result of this was easily observed last night.

The chorus numbers this year are more sprightly and thrilling than those of "The Creation" which was given last year. The members of the committee in charge reported last night that while the ticket sales were good there were still many good seats available.

Fourth of July Will be Celebrated in Silverton

SILVERTON, Ore., May 25.—(Special to the Statesman.)—Silverton is to celebrate the Fourth of July this year. The celebration will be in charge of the Delbert Reeves Post of the Silverton American Legion. The plans are already under way and it is reported that the celebration will be larger than that of last year which drew between ten and fifteen thousand people to Silverton from the surrounding towns.

CONFERENCE ON RAILROADS IS ORGANIZED

Rail Leaders, Progressive Bloc and Agricultural Representatives Would Protect Public

PROPERTY VALUATION IS DISCUSSED TOPIC

Rate of Return on Railroad Investments Branded by Sweet as Unjust

CHICAGO, May 25.—(By the Associated Press)—Railroad leaders, representatives of the progressive "bloc" in congress, members of various agricultural organizations and proponents of government ownership of the railroads, meeting here today, organized the "conference on railroad valuation" for the announced purpose of promoting and protecting "public interests in the valuation of railroad property."

Approximately 300 invited delegates from all parts of the country meeting in executive session this afternoon, following a two-hour public gathering this morning, named Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin (Republican) permanent chairman of the conference, and Representative W. T. Logan, Democrat, South Carolina, secretary.

The meeting today was the outgrowth, Senator La Follette said at a public meeting of the conference, "of the Progressive leaders in the halls of congress."

Promote Public Interest 1. To promote and protect public interests in the valuation of railroad property now being made by the interstate commerce commission, particularly for the purpose of preventing excessive appraisals of the properties which will result in unreasonable charges for transportation.

2. To take steps through the interstate-commerce-commission and the courts and elsewhere to require the commission to act in strict accordance with the provision of the interstate-commerce act in determining the valuations of the railroads.

3. To organize, maintain and support such proceedings as may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing aims.

Governor-Mayor Speak Among the delegates are three United States senators, three governors, 11 congressmen, representatives of railroad or utility commissions of four states, personal representatives of the governors of four additional states, leaders of virtually all railroad labor organizations affiliated with the "Big Four" brotherhoods, and the American Federation of Labor, sponsors of the Blum plan league and spokesmen of various associations interested in transportation.

Mayor Hyman of New York and Governor Sweet of Colorado were the speakers at the public session today. Mayor Hyman said government ownership, operation and unification of the railroads was the only solution for "the crisis before the country," and that he was heartily in sympathy with the aims of the conference.

DOWNING CHOSEN BY GRAIN MEN

Waldo Hills Farmer Elected District Delegate, Governing Six Counties

W. H. Downing of Shaw, prominent Waldo Hills farmer, was elected delegate of the ninth district of the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers at a meeting held yesterday at the state fair grounds. The attendance at the meeting was not large and most of the voting was by mail.

EVEN MAYOR CAN'T GET BY GATEMAN

Free Admission to Speedway Denied Distinguished Guest—Major Insulted

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25.—Mayor Shank of Indianapolis today stopped all cooperation between the city government and Indianapolis motor speedway management in preparation for the Memorial day race, the mayor explaining that the speedway officials had offered a "deliberate insult to a distinguished visitor in our city and to me."

"You go back and tell that big stiff (the mayor) that it will cost him 50 cents a head for any one he sends out here," a gatekeeper was quoted as saying.

The mayor said he appealed to Theodore Myers, general manager of the speedway, and that he replied: "What the gate keeper said goes for me too."

POOL ROOM MEN ACCUSED

Three Charged With Allowing Minors Inside—Licenses in Danger

As the result of arrests made by local authorities yesterday morning and evening two local poolroom operators may lose their licenses.

Repeated violations of the ordinance which forbids poolroom operators to allow minors to frequent their places of business, in spite of the fact that Mayor John B. Gleay gave all poolroom owners fair warning at the beginning of the year, is understood to be the basis of arrests made yesterday.

Three Are Arrested William Inglis was the first to be brought before Judge Poulson yesterday. He was arrested by Officer Smart of the local force for allowing a minor to frequent his place of business. Inglis took 24 hours in which to plead.

As the result of arrests made last night by Officers Olsen, Blessing & Orey, operators of the poolhall at 356 State, must answer today to a charge of allowing two minors in their establishment.

Shortly after the first of the year Mayor Gleay called all poolroom operators together and gave them fair warning that violation of the city ordinances in regard to liquor, gambling and allowing minors in their places of business, would not be tolerated and that arrests would be made accordingly.

Owners were given tablets on which they might register the names of those who appeared under 21 years old. In the event that a minor registered his name on the tablet, stating that he was 21, liability of the poolroom operators would cease, it was explained. However, records show that since that time very few suspects have been required to affix their signatures to the tablet.

Licenses in Danger In all probability, unless those arrested yesterday can absolve themselves from blame, their licenses will be revoked at the next meeting of the city council.

WILLIAMS FUNERAL TODAY The funeral of Mrs. Ada Kuntz-Williams, who died early Friday morning after several months' illness, will be held today from the Rigdon mortuary at 3:30. Burial will be in Lee Mission cemetery.

COMPLETE LIST OF CABINET, OFFICIALS, IN ENGLAND ISSUED

LONDON, May 25.—(By the Associated Press)—The new administration was completed tonight and is in readiness to meet parliament which reassembles Monday.

The official list of the cabinet and other officials issued tonight show the net in charge in personal list is, the substitution of Lord Robert Cecil as lord privy seal for Andrew Bonar Law who had held this portfolio in addition to the premiership and the promotion of Mr. Bonar Law's secretary, John C. C. Davidson, to a place in the government—as chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster. There have been a few changes in minor offices of the government but otherwise the men guiding the country's destinies are the same as those who had this task in hand before Mr. Bonar Law tendered his resignation.

OCCUPATION COST SIGNED

Agreement For Repayment of Costs of American Army in Rhineland

PARIS, May 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Following a two hour session, during which alterations were made in the text as previously drawn, the agreement between the United States government and the allied powers providing for the repayment of the costs of the American army in the Rhineland, was signed today.

The agreement, which has taken three months to negotiate, does not include the clause to which the United States delegate, Elliot Wadsworth objected, namely that the allies should have the right to abrogate the agreement in case the United States sought to recover war damages direct from Germany. The agreement as signed may be summarized as follows:

Twelve Installments The net cost of the army of occupation, about \$250,000,000 is to be paid in 12 equal installments without interest, the first of which shall be due on or before December 31, 1923.

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MEMORIAL PARADE IS LOOMING LARGE

Grand Marshal Abrams Reports Wave of Enthusiasm in Salem School

Plans for the Memorial day parade are being perfected rapidly and Col. Carlie Abrams, the grand marshal, is feeling elated at the prospects. Letters have been sent to all the patriotic orders inviting them to take part and very gratifying responses are being made.

Yesterday was quite a busy day for the colonel as he had three patriotic addresses to make and his reward was to wave a patriotic flag around his young hearers for Salem High, Lincoln school and Willamette university have all agreed to take part. At a meeting with the principals of all the schools there was a ready response and a feeling that they would like to have their respective schools well represented.

Col. Albert Woolpert and Lieutenant P. Wallis who have the university and college and school sector in charge are untiring in their efforts to have their sector the best ever. Major James Dusenbury who has charge of the military and patriotic order sector is putting forth every effort that he can to bring this up to all that can be expected of it. King Bing Hamilton has assured the major that he can look for the Cherrians out in full force.

The different orders that take part have every assurance that they will be well looked after as the grand marshal has provided for proper attention and complete organization.

The Boy Scouts that compose part of the military sector will, it is hoped, make quite a showing and are invited to have a float showing the scout activities.

While this is to be a Memorial parade yet the committee wants to see every one in Salem have a part in honoring the heroic dead.

CANNING ERA OF YEAR GETS GOOD IMPETUS

Sixteen Thousand Pounds of Gooseberries Are Delivered to Oregon Packing Company's Plant

P. C. & F. Co. is ALREADY UNDER WAY

Thousands of Dollars Expended by Big Concerns in Improvements

Sixteen thousand pounds of gooseberries were received at the Oregon Packing company's plant on Twelfth street Thursday, and about six many on Friday, as far as they had checked up the records.

"Best gooseberries ever grown in the valley" was the report of one of the cannermen, as he flattered over the shining fruit. "Nowhere else do they grow any better berries; nowhere else as many. The growing of gooseberries is a real industry already, but it is bound to be far greater, as the growers find how profitable and how certain it is."

Cannery Starts Today The canning department is to be started today and will be running steadily next week. Canning began at the Producers' Canning & Packing company plant in North Salem Thursday. They have entirely rebuilt their operating department, simplifying the handling of fruit, increasing the preparation room, and making possible a considerable increase of output over previous years.

The new installation is being brought to an efficiency basis through this preliminary run. It promises to work with delightful smoothness and efficiency.

Gooseberries are coming in to the Klug's Products company, though their immediate big business is the preparation of spinach for dehydration. The spinach crop in this section was poor this year and the company will not have nearly as much as the 250 tons it had hoped for. Up at The Dalles spinach is a bumper crop. They will have 500 tons for the dehydration plant at that point.

New Plant Rushed Along No gooseberries are to be canned by the Oregon Growers. They have sold most of their berry crop and will can little or none of these early fruits.

The new Northwest cannery is being rushed to completion. The machinery is practically all in place. The tables and fixtures are built and ready to move to their permanent location, and it should be a matter of but a very few days until the plant is ready for service. The floor is not yet laid in the basement where the canned goods will eventually be stored, and the roof is not quite complete, nor the elevator installed, nor the scales set into place, but these are being finished rapidly. There will be three receiving doors on Liberty street, making an exceptionally rapid weighing and receiving service.

The Starr cannery, that was built and set to running last year in just 26 days, is now an old-timer, and is in the best of condition for a hard season's run. It has added a large warehouse for the storage of canned goods.

Hunt Brothers Nearly Ready Hunt Brothers have not yet

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