

ORDERS NATION PUT ON WAR FOOTING

President Directs Recruiting of Navy to Full War Strength.

DANIELS MAKES STRONG PLEA

Two New Military Departments Created and 11 Regiments National Guard To Do Police Duty.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson took steps Sunday to place the nation on a war footing.

By executive order he directed that the navy be recruited without delay to full authorized war strength of 87,000 enlisted men. Taken in connection with emergency naval construction already ordered, this means that the President has exercised the full limit of the legal powers as commander in chief to prepare the navy for war.

For the army, the President directed that two new military departments be created in the Atlantic coast region. The order means that the task of organizing whatever army congress may authorize will be divided among six departmental commanders instead of four, in the interests of speed and efficiency in mobilization.

The third step was to assume as a national duty the task of protecting American industries from domestic disorders in the event of hostilities. For this purpose 11 full infantry regiments, two separate battalions and one separate company of national guard were called back into the Federal service to act as national police in important districts. Supplanting these troops, a regiment of Pennsylvania guard and two companies of Georgia infantry, en route home from the order for muster out, were ordered retained in the Federal service.

The President's orders were made known in terse official statements issued by both departments. No explanation accompanied them except the statement that organization of the military departments, effective May 1, was designated to facilitate decentralization of command.

Following is the executive order bringing the navy up to war strength: "By virtue of the authority vested in the President by act of congress" approved August 29, 1916, entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and for other purposes," it is hereby directed that the authorized enlisted strength of the navy be increased to 87,000 men.

(Signed) "WOODROW WILSON." The navy must enroll immediately approximately 20,000 men to reach the required strength, Secretary Daniels supplemented the order with personal telegrams to newspaper editors all over the country urging them to aid the department.

Germans Framing New Peace Offer, Says Newspaper

Berne, via Paris — Peace negotiations were begun Monday, says the Journal de Geneve, which does not reveal the source of its information, but declares it is absolutely reliable. Germany would offer to restore territory she occupies in France, except in the mining district of Briey, in exchange for a channel port, Calais or Dunkirk, and an indemnity of 15,000,000,000 francs.

"Germany would also offer," says the newspaper, "to restore the territorial integrity and the sovereignty of Belgium on condition that Belgium would not be allowed to maintain a national army and that Germany would be permitted to garrison Namur, Liege and Antwerp perpetually."

It is added by the newspaper that Germany must have control of the Belgian railroads and ports and be favorably treated in an economic treaty. This is not the program of Pan-Germans, but the actual terms of the German government, says the Journal.

Deportations to Resume.

Hazebrouck—It is reported here that deportations from the invaded districts of Northern France are about to be resumed. The Germans for some time have been distributing blanks to be filled out to organize the deportation of young men and women with a view to employing them for spring farming. The Germans continue to requisition metal, having taken from most of the churches in Lille their bells and organ pipes and from other places quantities of sheet steel.

Labor to Be Replaced.

Washington, D. C.—Commissioner General Caminetti, of the Immigration service, announces that the United States employment service, with its more than 80 branches, is prepared to unify the labor resources of the country. Plans are being made for locating, ready for call, persons to replace men taken into the active service of the army and navy. The employment service is co-operating with the National defense council labor committee,

CZAR'S HIDDEN GUNS FOUND

Illegal Acts of Old Regime Investigated by New Government.

London—A Reuter's Petrograd dispatch says that a special commission has begun an investigation of illegal acts committed by ex-ministers, heads of departments and other officials of the old regime. About 600 machine guns have been found hidden in different parts of Petrograd.

According to the Bourse Gazette Rasputin's body has been buried near Petrograd.

Petrograd, via London—The grand dukes and the royal princes, in a joint telegram addressed to the provisional government Wednesday, not only formally associate themselves with the abdication of Grand Duke Michael, but also turn over to the new government their official wealth, namely, their holdings of crown lands and other state grants heretofore attaching to their station.

Washington, D. C.—Conditions in Russia were reported by Ambassador Francis Wednesday to be steadily improving. Apparently the acceptance of the new government by the grand dukes announced in press dispatches has been accompanied by a more favorable attitude on the part of the radical element, which for a time it was feared might start a counter-revolution against the moderates in control.

Reports to the department are steadily becoming more optimistic about the future in Russia.

Old Regime Plots Begin to Harass New Russia

Petrograd, via London—The work of agitators, whose efforts are designed to hinder the successful accomplishment of the revolution, is becoming apparent with the subsidence of activity on the part of the military, which forced the supporters of the old regime to keep in hiding during the early days of the upheaval.

The indications of such work in Petrograd, which are indefinite in form, are confused with the possible designs of a horde of criminal prisoners who were released from the jails with political offenders. One definite instance has been recorded, however. Wednesday a motorcar speeding along the streets scattered proclamations calling on the people to undertake wholesale massacre of the intelligent class.

The militia is thoroughly alive to the danger of such counter manifestations and the commandant has issued strict orders for vigilance.

Irish Promise Regiment.

Chicago — A meeting of the Irish National Brotherhood here Wednesday unanimously adopted resolutions pledging to the President the support of the brotherhood "in any efforts he may make to uphold the honor of this country," and promising that "as in the past it will furnish Irish blood and sinew to uphold the same and equip at least one regiment within 30 days after call by President Wilson."

A telegram apprising the President of the brotherhood's action was sent to the White House.

Bible to Test Literacy.

Washington, D. C.—Reading matter for a literacy test for aliens under the new immigration law will be taken from the Bible, the department of Labor announces. Passages will be selected in more than 100 languages and dialects.

"This is not because the Bible is considered a sacred book by many people," said the department's announcement, "but because it is now the only book in virtually every tongue."

Kaiser Offers Peace to Russia.

London—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says:

"According to a Berlin telegram received by the Amsterdam bourse, Berlin is filled with rumors that Germany has offered a separate peace to Russia. The terms offered are said to be complete autonomy to Poland, the internationalization of Constantinople, the evacuation by Russia of Austrian territory and a Russian protectorate over Armenia."

Villa Again Attacks Chihuahua City.

Juarez, Mexico—Fighting was resumed at Mapula, 20 miles south of Chihuahua City Tuesday at 4 o'clock, according to an unofficial message received here from a reliable source. The fighting between Villa and Carranza forces was general south and southwest of the city, it was added, and a general assault upon the capital is expected from the south, southwest and west, the message from Chihuahua City stated.

Eleven Killed by Storm.

Montgomery, Ala.—At least 11 lives were lost in a storm which destroyed many houses in Central Alabama early Wednesday. 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.

Defense Millions Asked.

Portland, Me.—An immediate appropriation by the legislature of \$1,000,000 for defense was recommended by the state committee on public safety Wednesday. Resolutions also were adopted, urging Maine senators and representatives in congress to vote for the adoption of a resolution declaring that a state of war exists with Germany.

PRUDENCE of the PARSONAGE



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CHAPTER X—Continued.

"Must you prepare meat for bread-baking half an hour before cooking, or when?" demanded Fairy, from the dining room door.

"What?—Oh!—Fifteen minutes before. Don't forget to salt and pepper the crumbs, Fairy."

"Perhaps some time your father will let you and a couple of the others come to Des Moines with me in the car. You would enjoy a few days there, I know. I live with my aunt, a dear, motherly little old soul. She will adore you, Prudence, and you will like her, too. Would your father let you spend a week? We can easily drive back and forth in the car."

"Maybe he will, but who will keep the parsonage while I am away?"

"Fairy, to be sure. She must be a good fairy once in a while. We can take the twins with us, Connie, too, if you like, and Fairy will only have to mother your father."

"Prudence, shall we have tea or coffee?" This was Lark from the doorway. "Fairy wants to know."

"What?—Oh!—Which do you want, Jerry?"

"Which does your father prefer?"

"He doesn't drink either except for breakfast."

"I generally drink coffee, but I do not care much for it, so do not bother—"

"Coffee, Lark."

"Did you ever have a lover, Prudence? A real lover, I mean."

"No, I never did."

"I'm awfully glad of that. I'll—"

"Prudence, do you use half milk and half water for creamed tomato soup, or all milk?"

"What?—Oh!—All milk, Connie, and tell Fairy not to salt it until it is entirely done, or it may curdle."

"What in the world would they ever do without you, Prudence? You are the soul of the parsonage, aren't you?"

"No, I am just the cook and the chambermaid," she answered, laughing. "But don't you see how hard it will be for me to go away?"

"But it isn't fair! Vacation is coming now, and Fairy ought to take a turn. What will they do when you get married?"

"I have always said I would not get married."

"But don't you want to get married, some time?"

"Oh, that isn't it. I just can't because I must take care of the parsonage, and raise the girls. I can't."

"But you will," he whispered, and his hand touched hers for just a second. Prudence did not answer. She lifted her eyes to his face, and caught in her breath once more.

A little later he said, "Do you mind if I go upstairs and talk to your father a few minutes? Maybe I'd better."

"But do not stay very long," she urged, and she wondered why the brightness and sunshine vanished from the room when he went out. "First door to the right," she called after him.

Mr. Starr arose to greet him, and welcomed him to his combination study and bedroom with great friendliness. But Jerrold went straight to the point.

"Mr. Starr, it's very kind of you to receive a perfect stranger as you have me. But I understand that with a girl like Prudence, you will want to be careful. I can give you the names of several prominent men in Des Moines, Christians, who know me well, and can tell you all about me."

"It isn't necessary. We are parsonage people, and are accustomed to receiving men and women as worthy of our trust, until we find them different. We are glad to count you among our friends."

"Thank you, but—see, Mr. Starr, this is a little different. Some day, Prudence and I will want to be married, and you will wish to be sure about me."

"Does Prudence know about that?"

"No," with a smile, "we haven't got that far yet. But I am sure she feels it. She hasn't—well, you know what I mean. She has been asleep, but I believe she is waking up now."

"Yes, I think so. Do you mind if I ask you a few questions?"

"No, indeed. Anything you like."

"Well, first, are you a Christian?"

"Not the kind you are, Mr. Starr. I go to church, and I believe the Bible, though I seldom read it. But I'll get busy now, if you like. I know Prudence would make me do that." And he smiled again.

"Do you drink?"

"I did a little, but I promised Prudence this morning I would quit it. I smoke, too. Prudence knows it, but

she did not make me promise to quit that." His voice was raised, inquiringly.

"Would you have promised, if she had asked it?"

"I suppose I would." He flushed a little. "I know I was pretty hard hit, and it was such a new experience that I would have promised anything she asked. But I like smoking."

"Never mind the smoking. I only asked that question out of curiosity. Tell me about your relations with your mother when she was living."

"She has been dead four years," Jerrold spoke with some emotion. "We were great chums, though her health was always poor. When I was in school, I spent all my vacations at home to be with her. And I never went abroad until after her death because she did not like the idea of my going so far from her."

"Jerrold, my boy, I do not want to seem too severe, but—tell me, has there been anything in your life, about women that could come out and hurt Prudence later on?"

Jerrold hesitated. "Mr. Starr, I have been young, and headstrong, and impulsive. I have done some things I wish now I hadn't. But I believe there is nothing that I could not explain to Prudence so she would understand."

"All right. If you are the man, God bless you. And, do you mind if I just suggest that you go a little slow with Prudence? Remember that she has been sound asleep, until this morning. I do not want her awakened too rudely."

"Neither do I," said Jerrold quickly. "Shall I go down now? The girls have invited me to stay for supper, and Prudence says I am to come back tomorrow, too. Is that all right? Remember, I'll be going home on Monday!"

"It is all right, certainly. Spend as much time here as you like. You will either get worse, or get cured, and—whichever ever it is, you've got to have a chance. I like you, Jerrold. Prudence judges by instinct, but it does not often fall her."

Prudence heard him running down the stairs boyishly, and when he came in, before she could speak, he whispered, "Shut your eyes tight, Prudence. And do not scold me, for I can't help it." Then he put his hands over hers, and kissed her on the lips. They were both breathless after that. Prudence at last was aroused from her slumber.

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"We won't hurt him," grinned Carol impulsively.

"Maybe he's afraid to come," said Lark. "For there are two of us, and we are mighty men of valor."

"That's all right," Prudence answered defensively. "I'd sooner face a tribe of wild Indians any day than you twins when you are mischief-bent."

"Oh, we just want to use him a few minutes," said Carol impatiently. "Upon our honor, as Christian gentlemen, we promise not to hurt a hair of his head."

"Oh, come along, and cut out the comedy," Jerry broke in, laughing.

Then the twins led him to the woodshed. Close beside the shed grew a tall and luxuriant maple.

"Do you see this board?" began Lark, exhibiting with some pride a solid board about two feet in length. "Well, we found this over by the Avery barn. We've found a perfectly gorgeous place up in the old tree where we can make a seat. We thought you could nail this on to the limbs—there are two right near each other, evidently put there on purpose for us. See what dandy big nails we have!"

"From the Avery's woodshed, I suppose," he suggested, smiling.

"Oh, they are quite rusty. We found them in the scrap heap. We're very good friends with the Averages, very good, indeed," she continued hastily. "They allow us to rummage around at will—in the barn."

"And see this rope," cried Carol. "Isn't it a dandy?"

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"Aren't the king and the kaiser cousins?" asked Pat.
"Yes," said the recruiting sergeant.
"Well," said Pat, "begorra, I once interfered in a family squabble, and I'm not going to do so again."

Logical Conclusion.
"He is not out of the woods yet."
"That is why they think they can tree him."—Baltimore American.

The Unwritten Law.
Hewitt—When I was in Kentucky I was arrested for violation of the liquor law.
Jewett—How was that?
Hewitt—I declined to take a drink.—Exchange.

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