

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 the 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

Berlin, 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.

Departments 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 are said to 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.

Cheaper Bread Offered.
Washington, D. C.—One solution for the high cost of food problem may be found in the department of Agriculture's announcement that after many experiments it has found excellent bread can be made of a mixture of one part of cornmeal, which is comparatively cheap, with three parts of wheat flour.

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.

DEMOCRATS COUNT VICTORY

Independents Said to Have Given Promise to Speaker Clark.

Washington, D. C.—Organization of the new house by the Democrats is declared to be assured by Representative Randall, of California, prohibitionist and one of the five so-called independents, on whom the political complexion of the house seemed to hinge.

Mr. Randall has returned to Washington from Los Angeles. On reading a statement issued by Republican Leader Mann, offering to retire from the race for the speakership in favor of Speaker Clark if a bi-partisan or non-partisan organization were agreed on, he said Mr. Mann was too late, that he was in a position to say that enough of the independents would vote with the Democrats to give the latter a majority and assure the administration control by its party of both houses of congress.

There have been indications for several days that the Democratic leaders had received satisfactory information concerning the independents. Speaker Clark and other spokesmen of the party have predicted the outcome apparently with complete confidence.

Democrats and Republicans go into the organization fight with 214 members each and 218 votes are required to elect the speaker. So four of the five independents must join the Democrats to re-elect Speaker Clark unless there are defections from the Republican ranks.

Representative Mann said he probably would see some other Republican leaders to present his views. He is willing, he said, to make the race for speaker if a majority of the Republicans favor such a course, despite his personal belief that it would be to the country's disadvantage. Partisan affairs should have no place in the incoming house, he said, and whether the country is to have peace or war it is essential that all parties unite at once to expedite important public business.

37 Dead at New Albany.

New Albany, Ind.—Six additional deaths reported Sunday made a total of 37 persons who lost their lives because of the storm here Saturday. Three-fourths of the wrecked area has been explored, and the list of missing is being reduced almost hourly by reports from missing persons who have been cared for in private homes.

Of the 100 or more who were injured, it was said probably 75 were badly hurt, but that less than a dozen were in a serious condition. The institution of relief measures was prompt. Citizens of Louisville subscribed \$12,000 and sent motor trucks loaded with food and clothing. Later in the day the chamber of commerce here issued an appeal to the country for aid, estimating that \$200,000 was needed. State troops are supervising the work of clearing away the wreckage and searching the ruins for bodies.

Liner St. Louis in Port.

Washington, D. C.—The American liner St. Louis, first armed American ship to cross the Atlantic, has arrived safely at her destination, Secretary Daniels announced Tuesday. Information as to the arrival of the steamer came to the Navy department from the offices of the American line in New York. The company wished to make known the fact to relieve the anxiety of those having relatives or friends on vessels. There were 14 American passengers aboard.

900 Barracks Offered.

New York.—Nine hundred Salvation Army barracks, in all the principal cities of the country, have been offered to the War and Navy departments as recruiting stations, with the additional promise of the assistance of the workers in each branch, it was announced here. The army's 128 industrial homes and more than 100 hotels and other institutions which it maintains also will be turned over to the government as hospitals, Colonel William Peart, chief secretary of the organization in the United States, declared.

Nicholas Loses Command.

London.—The retirement of Grand Duke Nicholas from his post as commander-in-chief of the Russian armies is officially confirmed, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd. Pending the appointment of a successor, the dispatch adds, General M. V. Alexieff, chief of the general staff, will act as commander-in-chief. The retention of the grand duke as commander-in-chief was considered undesirable by the Russian minister of war because of Grand Duke Nicholas' connection with the Romanoff dynasty.

Jews Get All Advantages.

Washington, D. C.—Absolute equality of Jews in Russia with all others to own property, to reside in any place, to serve in the army and navy, to participate in educational advantages and at the polls has been proclaimed officially, says a dispatch received at the Russian embassy. Therefore, it is understood, there will be no further restrictions on the issue of passports to Russia or American Jews who desire to visit Russia than those common to other persons.

Germany to Seize Grain.

Berlin.—The German government announces that all grains still in the hands of consumers above limited quantities will be seized for the benefit of the public. This is a result of the recent census which revealed a shortage from the expectations of last fall. Special committees accompanied by military aid will visit all farms. Seized grain will be confiscated and paid for at the rates in the Berlin district in 1916.

German Crews Moved.

Philadelphia.—Several hundred members of the crews of the German auxiliary cruisers Kromprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich, interned at the Philadelphia navy yard since last October, started Tuesday under a heavy guard of marines for Fort Oglethorpe and Fort McPherson, Ga., where they will be kept until further orders.

EXTRA SESSION IS CALLED APRIL 2ND

Declaration That State of War Exists Is Expected.

TO PROTECT U. S. INTERESTS

President's Call Concerns "Grave Matters of National Policy" Which Need Immediate Attention.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson, recognizing that Germany practically is making war on the United States on the seas, Wednesday called congress to assemble in extraordinary session on April 2 to deal with the situation.

The purpose of the session, now called two weeks earlier than the President's proclamation, is to receive a communication from the chief executive concerning "grave matters of national policy which should be taken immediately under consideration."

The President in his address to con-

AMERICA FIRST TO GREET NEW RUSSIA

Petrograd.—The United States is the first nation to recognize formally the new government of Russia.

Ambassador Francis made a preliminary call Saturday on Foreign Minister Miliukoff immediately on the receipt of instructions from the State department at Washington.

Accompanied by his staff, including the naval and military attaches, Mr. Francis went to the Marinsky Palace, where the council of ministers was assembled, made the formal recognition, and presented congratulations and felicitations on behalf of the United States.

The military and naval attaches appeared in full uniform, while Ambassador Francis and his secretaries wore afternoon dress.

The ambassadorial party was received in the council chamber. All the ministers were present and stood in a row behind the semi-circular table. Ambassador Francis stepped from the group of secretaries and addressed the ministers, saying:

"I have the honor, as the ambassador and representative of the government of the United States accredited to Russia, to state, in accordance with instructions, that the government of the United States has recognized the new government of Russia, and I, as

Deposed Royal Family of Russia.



This is the official photograph of the deposed royal family of Russia, sent forth since the beginning of the war.

In the foreground at the knees of the czarina is the new boy czar, (in name only), twelve years of age.

ambassador of the United States, will be pleased to continue intercourse with Russia through the medium of the new government.

"May the cordial relations existing between the two countries continue to obtain; may they prove mutually satisfactory and beneficial."

Liquor's Export Is Legal.

Salem, Ore.—Intoxicating liquor may be shipped out of Oregon under the bone-dry law without rendering either the shipper or carrier liable to punishment, providing the liquor was lawfully manufactured and owned before January 1, 1916, Attorney General Brown holds. Liquor may be shipped only to wet states.

Co-Eds in Red Cross Work.

Laramie, Wyo.—Red Cross work has been taken up by women students of the University of Wyoming, with a view to serving the country as nurses in the event of war. Young women members of the faculty of the institution also are taking a keen interest in the training. The classes are under the instructor in physical training for women, who says several of the members are ardent in their desire to evidence their patriotism by actual work.

Clocks to Be Set Ahead.

Paris.—In accordance with the recent decision to return this year to the daylight saving system, which was put into operation last year for the first time, the Journal Officiel has published a decree advancing the legal time by one hour at 11 o'clock on the night of March 24. The decree provides that normal time shall be re-established at 11 p. m. October 7.

U-Boats Lurk Off Maine.

Rockland, Me.—A statement that German submarines are known to be not far from these shores and that an attack on Maine ports is by no means unlikely was made by Lieutenant James O. Porter, United States navy, at the naval recruiting meeting here Thursday. The port, according to Lieutenant Porter, is to be the base for 70 patrol boats operating in and about the mouth of the Penobscot river and bay.

Maryland Troops Called.

Baltimore, Md.—Governor Harington Thursday ordered out two companies of the First Regiment Maryland National guard to guard the Pennsylvania and Ohio railroads bridges over the Susquehanna river at Havre de Grace. All the north and south traffic of these two roads passes over these bridges.

Call Made on Red Cross.

New York.—The first naval base hospital of the American Red Cross, stationed in Brooklyn, has received word to hold itself in readiness for active service. It was announced late Thursday. Its equipment is stored at the New York navy yard.



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CHAPTER X—Continued.

"Must you prepare meat for bread-baking half an hour before cooking, or when?" demanded Prudence 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?" Prudence, 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 among our friends."

"Thank you, but—you 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."

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— which 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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CHAPTER XI.

She Orders Her Life.

That was the beginning of Prudence's golden summer. She was not given to self-analysis. She hadn't the time. She took things as they came. She could not bear the thought of sharing with the parsonage family even the least ardent and most prosaic of Jerrold's letters. But she never asked herself the reason. The days when Jerry came were tremendously happy ones for her—she was all aquiver when she heard him swinging briskly up the ramshackle parsonage walk, and her breath was suffocatingly hot. But she took it as a matter of course. She knew that Jerry's voice was the sweetest voice in the world. She knew that his eyes were the softest and brightest and the most tender. She knew that his hands had a thrilling touch quite different from the touch of ordinary, less dear hands. She knew that his smile lifted her into a delirium of delight. Prudence never thought of that. She just lived in the sweet ecstatic dream of the summer, and was well and richly content.

So the vacation passed and Indian summer came.

It was Saturday evening. The early supper at the parsonage was over, the twins had washed the dishes, and still the daylight lingered. Prudence and Jerry sat side by side, and closely, on the front porch, talking in whispers. Fairy had gone for a stroll with the still faithful Babbie, Connie and the twins had evidently vanished. Ah—not quite that! Carol and Lark came swiftly around the corner of the parsonage.

"Good evening," said Lark politely, and Prudence sat up abruptly. The twins never wasted politeness! They wanted something.

"Do you mind if we take Jerry around by the woodshed for a few minutes, Prue?"

Prudence sniffed suspiciously. "What are you going to do to him?" she demanded.

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

"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.

"Prudence! Look at my rope!"

Prudence rushed around the parsonage, for there are two of us, and we are mighty men of valor. As there was a terrific thump and heave of the limb beside them, and then—a crashing of branches and leaves. Jerry was gone!

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good friends with the Averys, 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?"

"Ah! The Avery barn must be inexhaustible in its resources."

"How suspicious you are, Jerry," mourned Lark. "We thought when you had the board nailed on, you might rope it to the limbs above. Do you suppose you can do that, Jerry?"

"Well, let's begin. Now, observe! I loop this end of the rope lightly about my—middle. The other end will dangle on the ground to be drawn up at will. I bestow the good but rusty nails in this pocket, and the hammer here. Then with the admirable board beneath my arm, I mount—"

And Jerry smiled as he heard the faithful twins, with much grunting and an occasional groan, following in his wake.

It was a delightful location, as they had said. The board lifted nicely on the two limbs, and Jerry fastened it with the rusty nails. The twins were jubilant and loud in their praises of his skill and courage.

"Oh, Jerry!" exclaimed Carol, with deep satisfaction, "it's such a blessing to discover something really nice about you after all these months!"

"Now, we'll just—"

"Hush!" hissed Lark. "Here comes Connie. Hold your breath, Jerry, and don't budge."

"Isn't she in on this?" he whispered. He could hear Connie making weird noises as she came around the house from the front. She was learning to



Side by Side Talking in Whispers.

whistle, and the effect was ghastly in the extreme. Connie's mouth had not been designed for whistling.

"Sit! She's the hand of dark-browed gypsies trying to steal my lovely wife."

"I'm the lovely wife," interrupted Carol, complacently.

"But Connie does not know about it. She is so religious she won't be any of the villain parts."

Connie came around the corner of the parsonage, out the back walk beneath the maple. Then she gave a gleeful scream. Right before her lay a beautiful heavy rope. Connie had been yearning for a good rope to make a swing. Here it lay, at her very feet, plainly a gift of the gods. She did not wait to see where the other end of the rope was. She just grabbed what she saw before her, and started violently back around the house with it, yelling: "Prudence! Look at my rope!"

Prudence rushed around the parsonage, for there are two of us, and we are mighty men of valor. As there was a terrific thump and heave of the limb beside them, and then—a crashing of branches and leaves. Jerry was gone!

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JOKE SOMEHOW MISSED FIRE

Incident That Illustrates the Danger of Plagiarism When One's Memory May Cause False Step.

A party of men were discussing at the dinner table the relative merits of their favorite heroes. They were waxing warm over the subject, when one man appealed to his host to agree with him in saying Napoleon was the greatest man of the age.

"Why, yes," was the reply. "Napoleon was a very great man, but this," holding up the nutmeg grater which he had used in mixing the punch bowl, "is a grater."

A would-be wit who was one of the party thought he would like to reproduce the joke as his own, so he carefully arranged a dinner at which none of the men present at the former one should appear. A table napkin was held by him, under which a grater was concealed, and the conversation skillfully led up to the desired topic. Wellington was the hero of the evening, the host keeping discreetly out of the discussion. Presently a man observed, "We have not heard your opinion, Brown."

The host immediately seized his opportunity, and producing the little instrument, said gravely, "Wellington was indeed a great man, but this is a nutmeg grater."

And then he wondered why nobody laughed and all looked at him curiously.

Influences the Brain.

Every organ in the body exerts in some way an influence upon the brain. Those whose lives are along the systematic, plodding way—the great crowd-of-us—have no excuse for "temporal fits." If we take care of our health every organ does its duty, and brain and nervous system do not become temporarily poisoned.

Early Terms.

In the extreme infancy of baseball, runs were called "aces," pitchers "throwers" and fielders "scouts."

Mexico City is 7,415 feet above sea level. Its death rate has been unacceptably high.



"Do You Drink?"

"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