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## ARMY AND NAVY PREPARING FOR WAR

### ISSUE CALL FOR NAVAL RECRUITS

Navy to be Brought to Full Authorized Strength of 87,000 Men in Shortest Possible Time Under Orders From President—Minimum of 20,000 Men to be Enrolled—Two New Military Departments Created on Atlantic Coast.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26.—The president last night signed an executive order directing that the authorized enlisted strength of the navy be increased to 87,000. He was authorized by congress, in case of emergency, to direct such increase in enlistment. New ships and ships in reserve are being fully commissioned as rapidly as possible and the need is imperative for a larger enlistment to man them. There has been a net increase of over 6500 in enlistment since congress recently authorized an increase, but many more are needed and needed now.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Naval recruiting officers throughout the country under orders from President Wilson today redoubled their efforts to bring the navy up to its full authorized strength of 87,000 enlisted men.

Meantime about two regiments of National Guard troops in various states were reassembling today to act as national police in important districts.

Arrangements also were being made to arrange on May 1 two new military departments on the Atlantic coast.

All three steps were in accordance with orders issued yesterday by the president to put the nation on a war footing.

About 20,000 men will have to be enrolled at once in order to bring the navy up to the required strength. The men will be used to man the reserve ships.

The creation of the two new military departments was ordered as a means of dividing the immense responsibility now devolving upon the

### VON HINDENBURG PLANS ADVANCE ON PETROGRAD

News Evokes Spirit of Confidence in Petrograd Due Largely to Lifting Censorship From Russian Press—Delegation States That Army May be Depended on to Last Man.

PETROGRAD, March 25, via London, March 26.—The news that Field Marshal von Hindenberg was planning a campaign against Petrograd was received at the capital with little consternation, evoking rather a spirit of confidence in the loyalty of the troops and their ability to protect the city.

Telegrams have been received from every portion of the front affirming that the army can be relied upon to do its utmost to defend the country.

M. Rodzianko, president of the duma, received a delegation from the army which declared:

**Soldiers All Loyal.**  
"All officers and soldiers will defend the duma to the last drop of their blood. They will faithfully obey the provisional government and will strike the Germans to the last man."

Freedom from the censorship already has had a salutary effect in permitting the truth to be published about the new danger from a German attack without the usual accompaniment of extravagant rumors, which in the past made news more alarming than the truth itself.

The declaration of the minister of war quietly and without alarm. The Reich says editorially:

**People Fighting Enemy.**  
"It is the people who are fighting the enemy and not the government, therefore, hiding nothing from our readers we say definitely and clearly that danger is threatening our northern front. The enemy is preparing to crush our valiant army which for two years has defended the roads to Petrograd. The Russian soldier understands better than ever before the importance of resisting."

**Reverse Decrees Desert Oil Cases**  
WASHINGTON, March 26.—California decrees permitting condemnation by the Desert Water, Oil and Irrigation company of 640 acres of land within the Mono national forest reserve, California, were today reversed and annulled by the supreme court.

Their affirmation it was said, would have disturbed titles to 800,000 acres of former state school lands and overruled the interior department's practice regarding their administration.

**Militiamen Fight Federal Oath Law**  
WASHINGTON, March 26.—Litigation to determine whether state militiamen enlisted under the old Dick law may be compelled under call of the president, to give federal service under the new militia law today was ordered expedited by the supreme court at the war department's request. The test cases are habeas corpus proceedings of Alexander M. Emerson and Alfred P. Lowell, cavalrymen, who declined to take the new federal oath and the supreme court's decision will affect the status of many thousand guardsmen.

### JOYFUL SPIRIT DISPLAYED BY FREED PEASANTS

Inhabitants of Area Occupied by Germans in Holiday Spirit at Delivery—Natives Recite Story of Experiences to Soldiers Who Freed Them—Villages Completely Destroyed.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 25, via London, March 26.—(From a staff correspondent of The Associated Press)—The shattered French towns evacuated by the Germans celebrated today their first Sunday of liberty in two and a half years. Countless French flags fluttered in the sunshine from both ruined and half ruined homes and the women, old men and children who had passed through such a long ordeal of captivity strolled through the upturn streets dressed in the best clothes they could muster. The unconquerable French genius for dress revealed itself even in such pathetic bits of finery as the women could find.

**Tell Horror Story.**  
Here and there groups of the Poilus gathered to listen to the graphic stories of the natives concerning their experiences under German rule. The villagers dwelt particularly on the time of terror which immediately preceded the departure of their enemies.

All civilians were herded in certain buildings from which they heard explosions and saw the fires which testified that their little homes were being destroyed. The towns where the inhabitants of the region were concentrated by the Germans were only half razed while the outlying villages were completely burned down. In this way about half of a town was spared to about ten villages completely destroyed.

**Many Return to Homes.**  
Despite the devastation and ruin many French peasants returned today to the sites of their former homes, seeking temporary shelters and bringing bits of furniture with which to begin life anew. They were not down cast but cheerful and almost gay in the enjoyment of their new liberty. In Rove a triumphal arch was constructed as a welcome to the home-comers. In the distance could be heard the reverberating echoes of the big guns but the ceaseless booming was ignored by the people.

### DEFENSE COUNCIL SEEKS LOW PRICED STEEL FOR GOV'T

WASHINGTON, March 26.—An agreement with American manufacturers by which all structural steel needed for the navy's building program could be obtained at a fair price is being sought by Bernard Baruch, director of the National Defense Council. Mr. Baruch recently secured an agreement with copper producers by which the government will receive millions of pounds of copper at a fixed price, based on the average quotation for the last ten years. He will see representatives of the steel makers Wednesday.

Secretary Daniels tomorrow will consult steel companies and other contractors for material in destroyer construction. With orders out for 24 boats and more contracts to follow immediately the work must be distributed among material contractors under a plan making for speedy delivery and use of all national resources.

### FIRE CAUSES \$100,000 LOSS WYOMING TOWN

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., March 26.—A loss estimated at \$100,000 was caused by the fire which swept the main business block of Green River, fifteen miles west of here last night, according to estimates made today.

### ARMY AND NAVY SENDS MEN ON RECRUITING EXPEDITION IN FARM DISTRICTS



Recruiting for the United States army and navy is being pushed to the limit, men being sent all over the country to gather in new soldiers and sailors. Here is seen an army officer collecting recruits in a farm district, workers gathered from the fields to listen to him.

### FREE SPEECHERS FIRED PURPOSELY INTO DOCK CROWD

SEATTLE, Wash., March 26.—In the trial today of Thomas H. Tracy, charged with murder of Deputy Sheriff Jefferson Board at Everett, Wash. November 5, last, the state called Captain K. L. Forbes of the tugboat Edison, which was tied up at the Everett city dock during the battle between the sheriff's posse and free speech expedition on the steamer Veronia at the other side of the dock. Tracy was a member of the expedition, which was sent from Industrial Workers of the World headquarters in Seattle to hold street meetings in Everett on corners where meetings were forbidden by city ordinance. Captain Forbes said he was standing on the upper deck of the tug, about one foot higher than the floor of the dock and could distinctly see the Veronia's passengers crowded forward.

He testified that he saw a man, whom he cannot now identify, take deliberate aim and fire three shots into the deputies on the dock. The witness saw Beard fall. Forbes, who had testified at the coroner's inquest that Sheriff McRae fired the first of the return shots from the dock said he still thought so.

### BOMBS TO DESTROY SHIPS ARE MADE ON GERMAN LINER

NEW YORK, March 26.—Testimony indicating that bombs used to destroy or damage enemy munitions carrying ships at sea were made on one of the German merchant liners tied up at Hoboken was introduced by the government today at the trial of Charles von Kleist and five other Germans. Federal counsel read a statement declared to have been made by Ernst Becker, one of the six on trial, who was a deck electrician on the German merchantman Friedrich Der Grosse and who is alleged to have identified a bomb found on a munition ship, as one he made in his work room on the German liner.

Becker is alleged to have implicated several of the other defendants as his associates in bomb making.

### TRIAL BOMB MURDERERS POSTPONED TO APRIL 23

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—Trial of Israel Weinberg for bomb murders set for today in the superior court here was continued by Judge Frank H. Dume until April 23 at the request of the defense. Thomas O'Connor and Edwin McKenzie of San Francisco told the court he had been retained two days ago to defend Weinberg.

### GERMAN GENERAL STATES AMERICA MINOR WAR FACTOR

LONDON, March 26.—The possibility of American participation in the war on the side of the allies was dismissed as a minor matter by General Von Stein, Prussian minister of war, in an interview with the Berlin correspondent of the Budapest newspaper A Zest, according to a Berlin dispatch to Reuter's by way of Amsterdam.

General Von Stein said he did not know whether the American fleet would support the British fleet, but that there could be no question of an American continental army in the near future. He added: "Our military situation on all fronts is good and justifies our best hopes. It appears that the enemy is preparing an offensive, but we shall resist even a stronger attack, not only at the front but also at home. What may happen then we do not know, but come what may we shall confront everything imperturbably. Our sufferings are great and our sacrifices gigantic, but it is just in these things that the greatness of a nation finds its expression."

### ARMED AMERICAN VESSEL REACHES EUROPEAN PORT

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The American liner St. Louis, first armed American ship to cross the Atlantic, has arrived safely at her destination, Secretary Daniels announced today.

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.

### GIRL STENOGRAPHER KILLED IN FRONT OF HOME

CHICAGO, March 26.—Miss Kathryn Koller, a 25-year-old stenographer, who was mysteriously shot in front of her home last night, died today without having regained consciousness.

The murder is supposed to have resulted either from an attempt at robbery or from an attempt to mistreat her.

### FRENCH DRIVE CONTINUES IN BAD WEATHER

Patrols Reach Vicinity of Coucy Forest—Germans Make Heavy Sacrifices in Attempt to Regain Lost Ground—Russian Successes Continue in Turkey.

PARIS, March 26.—Notwithstanding the bad weather and the difficult state of the ground, the French continued last night to advance south of the Oise. The war office announces that French patrols reached Folembry, south of the forest of Coucy.

The Germans made heavy and useless sacrifices, the statement says, in several attacks yesterday on positions captured by the French between the Somme and the Oise. Wherever they approached a French position they were thrown back by counter attacks.

The statement follows: "Between the Somme and the Oise the Germans made repeated attacks during the night on the front between Essigny and Renay. All these attempts were repulsed and serious losses inflicted on the enemy. We maintained the positions captured yesterday."

**Advance South of Coucy.**  
"South of the Oise our advance was continued notwithstanding the state of the ground and the bad weather. We pushed forward our patrols beyond Folembry, south of the lower forest of Coucy.

"North of Rheims our batteries caused the explosion of a munitions depot east of Du Godat farm.

"Five German airplanes were brought down yesterday. One of our aerial squadrons last night dropped 1000 kilograms of projectiles on factories at Thionville and in the basin of the Briey and also on the railroad stations at conflans and montmedy."

**PETROGRAD, March 26.**—After the discharge of four gas waves the Germans yesterday attempted to make an advance near Postavy, on the northern part of the Russian front below Dvinsk. The war office announces that the Germans were repelled.

**Russian Advance in Turkey.**  
LONDON, March 26.—Russian detachments in Persia, pursuing the Turks, have crossed the border into the Turkish vilayet of Mosul, according to an official announcement as forwarded in a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd.

The Turkish vilayet of Mosul has an area of about 35,000 square miles and a population estimated at 350,000.

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### FEDERALIZE 20 MILITIA REGIMENTS

National Guard Units of Western States Called Into Federal Service to Guard Against Internal Disorders—Will Police Against Interference With Postal, Commercial and Military Equipment—Third Oregon Regiment Called.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Twenty additional complete infantry regiments and five additional separate battalions of National Guard troops have been ordered into the federal service for the protection of property in the event of possible internal disorder. The troops have been called out in eighteen western and middle western states not including the list of similar orders made public yesterday.

The war department's statement follows: "Following additional National Guard organizations have been called into the federal service for general purpose of police protection against possible interference with the postal commercial and military channels and instrumentalities."

**Regiments Called**  
"Illinois, first, fifth and sixth regiments infantry; Indiana second regiment infantry; Iowa, first regiment infantry; Missouri first and third regiments infantry; Nebraska, fourth regiment infantry; Minnesota, first regiment infantry; Michigan, twenty-third regiment infantry; Wisconsin, third regiment infantry; South Dakota, third battalion of fourth regiment infantry; North Dakota, second battalion first regiment infantry; Colorado, first and second separate battalions infantry; Wyoming, second separate battalion infantry; Ohio, third and sixth regiments infantry; Washington, second regiment infantry; Oregon third regiment infantry; California, second fifth and seventh regiments infantry; Montana, second regiment infantry."

**Mexican Veterans Remain**  
"Of these organizations, the following are already in the federal service and in consequence will not be mustered out as originally planned: "Michigan, thirty-third infantry; Colorado, first and second separate battalions; Ohio, third and sixth regiments."

"It is requested that no details of locality be carried in the press with regard to further distribution of these troops unless given out by the war department."

**Total Thirty-two Regiments.**  
"The new order makes a total of thirty-two National Guard infantry regiments called into the federal service for police purposes, supplemented by six separate battalions and several detached companies. They will be assigned to posts in connection with their police work by the commanders of the military departments acting under instructions from the war department."

### U. OF W. STUDENTS TRAIN FOR WAR

SEATTLE, Wash., March 26.—A joint committee of faculty and students of the University of Washington is making a survey of the student body and campus facilities to determine their efficiency for war. President Suzzallo says: "Every effort is being used to find out what we have and to train the units for the highest use to which they can be put.

"All attention is now given to specialized service, rather than to general training. For instance, those who are best fitted will receive instruction looking toward regular commissions, and others, such as the engineering students, for field construction work."

Questionnaires will be sent out this week designed to find out for what special service each student has aptitude and for that branch he would offer his services in case of necessity. Women's classes in Red Cross have had a large attendance since their organization several weeks ago.

### SEATTLE POLICE SEIZE HOP TONIC

SEATTLE, Wash., March 26.—A carload of bottled goods manufactured in St. Paul and described by the manufacturers as "a malt and hop tonic," was seized at a railroad terminal today by Sergeant Victor Patnam of the police dry squad. The shipment was consigned to a wholesale drug firm here and consisted of 130 barrels, each containing 100 12-ounce bottles of the "tonic." Patnam says the stuff contains ten per cent of alcohol; that this is the third carload of the "tonic" that has arrived in Seattle during the present month and that he has a list of twelve drug stores that are selling it without a prescription. The barrels were conveyed to the police station.

### MILITIAMEN FIGHT FEDERAL OATH LAW

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### DEMAND RELEASE MOEWE PRISONERS

WASHINGTON, March 26.—An inquiry to learn whether any Americans are among the 593 prisoners taken to Germany by the raider Moewe has been sent by the United States through the Spanish ambassador at Berlin it was announced today. It is considered practically certain here that there are a large number of Americans among them and in such case this government is expected to follow the precedent set in the Yarowdale case and demand their immediate release. Doubt is felt that Germany will comply.