

UNCLE SAM TO FURNISH HOME GUARDS RIFLES

Bill Passes Congress to Provide Home Guard With Munitions—New Life Given Medford Company—Water Emergency Showed Need and Usefulness of Organization.

Following the drill last Wednesday night Captain Newman instructed every member of the Home Guard company who had a rifle or gun to keep it with ammunition at his home where he could get it quickly in case an emergency arose which would require the services of the company as an armed body.

The experience of this week when the Home Guard was called into service by Mayor Gates to patrol the city to stop irrigating has already infused life into the organization, and indicates that almost any time some unexpected emergency may arise when the company might be called upon to protect the lives and property of Medford.

Much encouragement and impetus is given to the Home Guard company of Medford, as well as to all the Home Guard organizations throughout the United States, now that the government has given recognition to the Home Guards and congress has passed the bill to have the war department furnish the Home Guards with rifles and other equipment.

Guards Will Reorganize.

The Medford body will be thoroughly reorganized and placed on a sound military basis. The first move in this direction will be in signing all present and future members up to a new set of by-laws which is now being drawn up. Then, too, the war department will undoubtedly require a uniform standard for all home guard bodies and set forth certain requirements which must be followed.

The Medford company will be recruited to not less than 100 men of all ages as soon as possible. In fact every able-bodied man of the city and vicinity who for age or other reasons is ineligible for active military service in the army is expected to join the organization and do his bit in home duty during the war.

As soon as the Seventh company goes into active service early next month, the Home Guard company will have its armory for use during the war. This fact became known a week or so ago.

Home Emergency Duty.

The Home Guard will only do emergency duty in Medford and vicinity although there have been rumors for some time that the company will guard the railroad bridges and tunnels in the Siskiyou when Company I is transferred into the active service next month.

Among its present most active members are many of the prominent business and professional men, orchardists and bankers of the city. When the home guard was first organized fully ninety men signed the muster roll. However, when the drills began the attendance began dropping off gradually, but each drill night has found from 25 to 50 men in the ranks.

All this is the more remarkable when it is known that the company has had no armory or meeting place, no guns, no official state nor national recognition. The company meets every Wednesday night at the high school building corner and drills on the streets around the building.

Slackers Will Return.

Most of the slackers who dropped out from the drills did so because they thought the company would not be recognized and armed by the government. Now that they have found out their mistake they will probably get back in line. An unusually large attendance is looked for next Tuesday night.

Captain Newport Newman, who drills and commands the company, spent three years in the regular army, and for many months in the latter part of his service was stationed at the Presidio in San Francisco as drill master of recruits there. First Lieutenant Blaine Klum has also had military experience as have the other officers and non-commissioned officers.

Following the drill of last Wednesday night Captain Newport, who is the agent of the Pacific & Eastern railroad, was enthusiastic over the showing the fifty men at the drill had made. "It was wonderful in a way, when you consider how short a time they have been at it," said Captain Newman.

W. V. B. Campbell leaves Saturday for San Francisco on a week's business trip. He will go by auto and be accompanied by Walter Bowne, who will entrain at San Francisco for New York.

BUSINESS KINGS SPEND BILLIONS FOR UNCLE SAM

Unwatched and Each Fixing Prices in His Own Line, They Put Big Deals Thru "On Their Honor," Without Inspection or Checking—Cabinet Officers O. K. Work.

(By Gilson Gardner, Washington Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The council of national defense (advisory section) has become the biggest buying agency in the United States and probably in the world. The war purchases, with few exceptions, are made by this body which is handling contracts aggregating billions of dollars.

Three entire floors in the Munsey building have been taken over and a force of business men and clerical helpers numbering several hundreds work day and night at top speed.

Honor of Big Business.

The council of national defense consists of the secretaries of war, navy, treasury, interior and agriculture. The advisory commission of the council of national defense is all the rest of it.

The five cabinet officers have all the power under the law, but the advisory organization is doing all the work and practically exercising all power.

The advisory organization recommends its members serve without pay except expenses of office administration. What they do has no effect until one of the cabinet officers signs the papers.

When the papers are signed the government has entered into a contract.

To illustrate, the government is intending to build 16 cantonments or camp cities for the new army. Several billion feet of lumber are opened and advertised for bids? No.

The matter is referred to the lumber committee of the advisory commission, council of national defense.

This committee is made up of the most prominent men of the lumber trade. The latter, in their offices in the Munsey building, decide how much the government ought to pay per thousand feet for lumber and all other details connected with the transaction, including delivery and payment. They write this into a contract and send it to the quartermaster general for his signature. He affixes the rubber stamp, appends his initials and lumber delivery begins.

The same is true of cement, oil, roofing and paving contracts, purchase of shoes and clothing for the army, aluminum and copper for the navy, and so on thru a list of articles as numerous as the names in a post-office guide.

Everything is left to the honor of the big business men of the United States.

On the advisory commission of the council of national defense are such men as Julius Rosenwald of Sears-Roebuck Co., Barney Barnuch of Wall St., Howard Coffin of the Hudson Motor Co., and other leaders in finance and industry. These men are on honor not to cheat the American public on army contracts.

There is no inspection to prevent cheating. The check of competition has been abandoned owing to the need for doing big things rapidly.

The officers of the public are open and nothing but the highest sense of honor of the big business men who have been called upon to put patriotism above selfishness protects the public from graft.

ADDITIONAL FLOTILLA EXPECTED BY FRANCE

PARIS, June 8.—An additional American flotilla of destroyers and patrol boats, to co-operate with French forces in the English channel and the Atlantic is expected shortly, according to the Matin. The paper says that naval bases have been prepared to accommodate the American ships.

Co. I Dance Friday Eve, Med. Nat.

The boys of Co. I, 3d Ore. Inf., U. S. A., will give another one of their fine dances in the Natatorium on Friday evening, June 8th, 1917. The same fine, lively dance music, efficient courteous floor managers have been engaged to make this the best dance of the season. Gentlemen, 10 cents a dance, 3 for a quarter, 13 for a dollar. Soldier boys in uniform, 50 cents for evening. Ladies are especially invited and are assured every courtesy and consideration.

CANDY POISONED WITH TYPHUS, DROPPED BY GERMAN AIRMEN AT EXPLOSIONS IN BRITISH DRIVE LIKE EARTHQUAKE

Whole Villages Made Sick When Little Ones Eat Sweets, Word From Rumania—Noblewomen Are Forced to March Nude Thru the Streets by Teutons.

BY MILTON BRONNER. (Staff Special.)

NEW YORK, June 8.—Germany's most hideous atrocities seem to have been reserved for helpless, betrayed Rumania. Women and children have been victimized in the most shameless manner.

Loie Fuller, once hailed by two continents for her wonderful skirt dancing, who has returned to America as ambassador out-of-the-ordinary for Queen Marie of Rumania, most beautiful queen in Europe, today told me about these new examples of fiendishness.

Loie Fuller's Story.

"I have reliable information," she told me, "that it was no unusual thing for a German officer in Bucharest to order his men to seize on the streets high-born women, strip them naked and compel them to march before the populace.

"The idea back of this cruelty was not so much to punish the mistreated women, as to strike at the queen, whose friends they were."

In the Rumanian campaign the Germans introduced another wicked invention. Because of lack of anti-aircraft guns German aviators could fly comparatively low.

Passing over villages and towns they threw out boxes of candy which the children seized and ate eagerly. The candy, Rumanians charge, had been treated with germs of typhus, typhoid and other diseases which in many cases caused illness of those who partook of it, but spread disease thru whole villages.

Sufferings of Rumania.

Rumania in whose behalf Loie Fuller comes, has no ambassador or consul in this country.

"Americans do not realize," she said, "that in many ways Rumania has suffered more than other nations that opposed the kaiser. The Germans were mollened because Rumania had a Hohenzollern for a king.

"The old familiar story, known so well in Belgium and France, has been enacted in Rumania—towns burned and destroyed, leading citizens held as hostages for the good behavior of their fellow townsmen, fields laid waste, provisions seized.

"There are doubtless many other shocking things occurring there, but the Germans are allowing no news to get out of the territory they have conquered.

"I recently received a letter from Lieut. Col. John Norton Griffiths, known throughout the British empire as 'Empire Jack.' Sir John, who is a member of parliament and who won the distinguished service order in one of England's wars, witnessed the great retreat of the Rumanian army.

Hospitals Breed Disease.

"He said practically the entire civilian population was on the verge of starvation.

"The hospitals breed diseases. There is almost total lack of disinfectants with which to kill germs on the wounded men. He saw hospitals



Loie Fuller, once famous dancer, now pleads Rumanian cause, as beautiful queen's envoy. This picture was autographed for Fuller by Rodin, the world-famous sculptor.

OFFICIAL COUNT GIVES ROAD BONDS 328 IN COUNTY

The official count of the recent state election in Jackson county was completed yesterday afternoon and shows the following result:

Port Bill	
Yes	159
No	140
Majority for	19
Limiting Bills, Increasing Pay	
Yes	514
No	455
Majority against	59
Implied Repeal	
Yes	977
No	1815
Majority against	838
Uniform Tax	
Yes	1733
No	1220
Majority for	513
Simultaneous Elections	
Yes	2013
No	1078
Majority for	935
No Penitentiary	
Yes	577
No	2490
Majority against	2123
Good Roads Bill	
Yes	1932
No	1604
Majority for	328

where they had nothing but sawdust to use for dressing wounds and where they had no proper nourishment for the men after their hurts were attended to.

Miss Fuller, as representative of the Rumanian Red Cross and of the Rumanian royal family is seeking to enlist financial support for the stricken nation.

AMERICA HOPES TRANQUILITY WILL RELEASCE CELESTIALS

Peking, June 8.—Dr. Paul S. Rea, the American minister, today said to the foreign office the following communication from Washington:

"The United States government sympathizes with the most profound regret the dimensions in China and expresses a sincere desire that tranquility and political co-ordination be established.

"The entry of China into the war or the continuance of the status quo in her relations with the German government are matters of secondary importance. China's principal necessity is to resume and continue her political entity and proceed along the road of national development. In China's form of government or the personnel which administers the government America has only the friendliest interest and desires to be of service to China.

"America expresses the sincere hope that factional and political disputes will be set aside and that all parties and persons will work to re-establish and co-ordinate the government while there is internal discord."

Chang Haun, military governor of Anwei province, is coming to Peking. He is still demanding the dissolution of parliament and the president is reported to have agreed to acquiesce in his demand.

\$1,000,000 Oil Lands Restored.

LOS ANGELES, June 7.—Three-quarter sections of land in Kern county, California, valued at \$1,000,000, were ordered restored to the government in one of four opinions rendered by Federal Judge R. S. Bean in the federal court here to recover land under the Taft withdrawal order issued September 27, 1909, to establish a fuel oil reserve for the navy. The opinions were filed here today.

WOMEN OF MIDDLE AGE

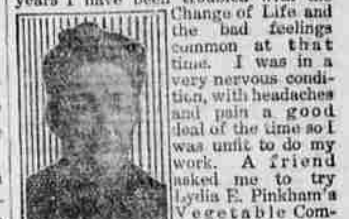
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—Mrs. MARGARET QUINN, Rear 259 Worthen St., Lowell, Mass.

Other warning symptoms are a sense of suffocation, hot flashes, headaches, backaches, drench of impending evil, tinnitus, sounds in the ears, palpitation of the heart, sparks before the eyes, irregularities, constipation, variable appetite, weakness, inquietude, and dizziness.

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