

SOLDIERS TO BE RELEASED UPON REACHING CAMP

General March Announces Discharge of Soldiers Within 48 Hours of Arrival — Men Oppose Parades — Nearly 1,500,000 Men Now Discharged From Service.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29.—General March announced today that he had ordered soldiers discharged within 48 hours after arrival at demobilization camps unless special conditions made it impossible. He said the demobilization total now had passed the million and a half mark.

Recent events in Hungary, General March announced today, have resulted in no change in the military policy of the United States, so far as the war department has been advised. Return of troops from France is proceeding even faster than scheduled originally, he said, and nothing has occurred to interfere with this movement.

Troop movements homeward during the month of March, General March said, aggregated 244,186 against an estimate previously made for the month of 200,000.

Many men object, General March explained, to being held for parades or for any other purpose.

The chief of staff made it plain that the war department was not opposing the parading of returning units where the men desired to remain in the service for that purpose. He said, however, that no men would be kept against their will to await the arrival of other units of their division hereafter.

Demobilization statistics today show 1,460,641 men and 88,649 officers discharged. Reserve commissions have been given 27,237 officers, including 20 colonels, and 15,310 officers have applied for regular service commissions.

DRAMA LEAGUE TO HOLD OPEN FORUM

An open meeting under the auspices of the Drama League will be held at St. Mark's hall on Monday evening. While the open forum doubtless dates back to the era from which it takes its name, yet it is an always popular and very practical method of feeling the public pulse, it is the purpose of the league to hold an open meeting monthly when subjects related to public entertainment or diversion will be in order for discussion. A fixed program will also be given, embracing a soldier and community song led by Rev. Millard. A talk upon experiences in France by Lieut. Hart and other features. The newly formed Girls' Comrade club will attend en masse. The public in general is invited to be present and our soldier boys are especially urged to be on hand to assist in the singing. Hostesses of the evening are Mesdames Delroy Getchell, R. Manning, H. C. Egan, Ben Sheldon and Mrs. Flora Gray.

CALKINS TO PASS UPON ROGUE WATER RIGHTS

Circuit Judge Calkins will enter his final decree next Saturday, April 5, at Jacksonville, in the matter of the determination of relative rights to the use of water of Rogue river and its tributaries, amending the adjudications made by the state board of control.

This adjudication affects the water rights in Josephine, Jackson and Curry counties. The state water board made its findings over a year ago and the appeals to the circuit court upon these findings have just been completed. The signing of the decree will inform claimants definitely of their water rights.

Any water user who may be dissatisfied with the decree of the circuit court will have the right to appeal to the supreme court of Oregon.

ALLENBY'S ULTIMATUM TO EGYPTIAN NOTABLES

CAIRO, Egypt, Friday, Mar. 28.—General E. H. Allenby, the new commander-in-chief in Egypt, told a gathering of Egyptian notables today that he would be forced to employ active repression to restore order in Egypt. He said that it had been found impossible to restore order by defensive measures.

He asked the Egyptians to devise measures to achieve the desired results with a minimum of suffering. He concluded: "I intend to do my duty. It is for you to do yours."

HERE IS A HOME FOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS



This historic place, Egmont palace, formerly Arenberg palace, in Brussels has been offered to the League of Nations for its permanent home. The palace was built in 1546 and after a fire in 1892 again rebuilt. It opens on the Square du petit-Sablon and in the picture may be seen the monument to Counts Egmont and Horn who were executed by the Spaniards in 1568 for their part in the revolt against Spain. The monument is on the spot where the executions took place. About the larger monument are grouped ten marble statues of the counts, and part of the 48 bronze figures representing the guilds of the sixteenth century may be seen in the foreground of the picture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—The proposal under consideration by Brussels that the historic Egmont Palace be offered as the permanent home of the League of Nations recalls the career of that gallant and ill-fated Count Egmont, once its occupant, who was a conspicuous figure in the sorrowful days of the Spanish inquisition," says a bulletin just issued by the National Geographic Society.

"Egmont's name is inextricably linked with two other heroes of those dark days of the Netherlands, which then included Belgium—the noble William of Nassau, Prince of Orange, and the bunt Count Horn.

"Egmont's brilliant victories in the war between Spain and France made him a national hero, but aroused the jealousy of the Duke of Alva. Unlettered, but of noble birth, Egmont unwittingly made another dangerous enemy in the learned, but lowly born and sycophantic Bishop of Arras, later Cardinal Granvelle.

Story of Ill-Fated Count
"It was while the Duchess of Parma, often called 'the man in petticoats,' more for her mustache, court and her horsemanship than for any masculine qualities of statesmanship, was regent of the Netherlands that the cruel, fanatical Philip II of Spain instigated the wholesale burning, strangling, and burning alive of heretics in his North Sea domain. This pleasant lady, incidentally was married to her first husband when she was 12 years old, but only obtained a second by wedding a youngster of 13.

"Peter Titelman already had been manning and strangling persons he suspected of heresy, tearing out the tongues of some and roasting others over a slow fire; and a sort of informal 'union' of executioners had adopted fixed rates for torturing, burning, and drowning victims, when Egmont, along with Count Horn and the Prince of Orange wrote a joint protest to Cardinal Granvelle. This gave the Duke of Alva a pretext to advise Philip to get rid of all three.

Egmont's Ill-Luck
"Brussels merchants of the sixteenth century lived in luxury and entertained sumptuously. So did the nobles. As a slight economy to meet the rising cost of living the Prince of Orange, upon one occasion, dismissed 28 of his expert cooks. At a dinner party where wine flowed freely the suggestion was made that dice be thrown to choose a man who would fit out his servants in livery to burlesque the detested cardinal. The unfortunate Egmont was selected. Soon his retainers appeared in coarse garments of gray, wearing a fool's-cap on their sleeves. Hence the famous 'fool's-cap livery' which nobles soon donned.

"Philip was compelled to remove the cardinal. A trial was the pretext for his going. Brussels citizens dis-

played a wit similar to that with which the Belgians annoyed the slow-witted German garrisons in 1915, by putting on the cardinal's palace a sign, 'Fort Sale Immediately.'

"Against William's advice Egmont was sent on a mission to Spain to protest against the frightful violence. The simple minded envoy was dazzled by the rosy assurances of the crafty Philip and returned proudly bearing sealed instructions which turned out to be orders for even more drastic persecutions.

"Long Live the Beggars"
"Egmont was at the wedding of Alexander, Prince of Parma, when a covenant, also disapproved by William, was made in further protest against the 'barbarous and violent inquisition.' During a subsequent discussion of a petition to the duchess to send another envoy to Spain the petitioners were referred to as 'beggars.' Count Brederode, the Patrick Henry of that period, sounded the slogan, 'Long live the beggars.' Again Egmont appeared inopportunistly and, with William and Horn, had to drink the toast which became a revolutionary war cry and suggested the distinctive costumes which fastened upon the confederates their historical nickname of 'the Beggars.'

"The clear thinking Prince William saw the time for resistance had come. Egmont, Horn and others persisted in seeing success from Philip. William left the Netherlands, returning to fight gloriously another day. Egmont staved and his sincere, but misguided loyalty cost his head.

"When the Duke of Alva was dispatched to the Netherlands with an armed force—armed with the muskets that were then a novelty—Egmont was warned to flee. Letters from Philip and presents from Alva again tricked the soldier. Horn and others also were duped. Egmont received his last warning from a son of the duke, at whose home he was dining. But he persisted in his blind trust, accepted an invitation to Alva's house, and was thrown into prison.

Council of Blood
"Meanwhile the infamous Council of Blood had been set up. Vargas was joking about the wholesale butcheries, the dropsical Hessels was snoring at the trials, occasionally aroused by a nudge from an attendant and crying mechanically, 'to the gibbet,' and dozing off again, while the ingenuity of Alva's parasites had devised the exquisite torture of putting victims' tongues through rings, then scorching them, and counseling them not to talk with friends while they awaited the overworked executioners.

"The most atrocious of all inquisition decrees, practically condemning three million Netherlanders to death, was issued Feb. 16, 1568. Five months later Egmont was led to the spacious Brussels square, the morn-

ing after the Duke of Alva had promised his weening wife he would be freed. Amid thousands of Spanish troops assembled for this inquisition holiday, Egmont paid for his slovolty by walking calmly to the platform, reciting a Psalm, and, as he knelt down to pray, an executioner struck of his head with a single swift stroke. The heads of the two noblemen were mounted on spears for the crowd to see. When the soldiers went away the citizens dipped their handkerchiefs in the blood to be kept as tokens of vengeance."

BRITISH FLEET IN EIGHT SQUADRONS

LONDON, March 29.—Reuter's is authoritatively informed that the post-war distribution of the British navy will be a home fleet and seven foreign squadrons stationed in the Atlantic, West Atlantic, China, South Africa, South America, East Indies and the Mediterranean.

Suffered for Eight Years
Rheumatic pains, lame back, sore muscles and stiff joints most frequently can be traced to overworked, weak or disordered kidneys. Daisy Bell, R. F. D. 3, Box 234, Savannah, Ga., writes: "I was suffering for eight years from pain in the back and could not do any of my work, but since I have taken Foley Kidney Pills I can do all of my work." Foley Kidney Pills have given relief to thousands who suffered from kidney or bladder trouble. Try them. For sale by Medford Pharmacy.

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DEWING'S VISIT STARTS SPECULATION REGARDING P. & E.

Interest in the Pacific and Eastern railroad situation was revived today and hopes were raised that the road would be purchased by the various interests affected and soon be placed in operation again, by the arrival in the city of D. F. Altland of Detroit, Mich., and C. A. Dewing of Kalamazoo, Mich., the vice president and treasurer respectively of the Butte Falls Lumber company, to carefully examine into the Pacific and Eastern situation.

W. S. Dewing of Kalamazoo, the president and head of the company could not come because of the state of his health, he recently having undergone a serious operation.

The eastern men, who it is claimed are merely here to investigate the situation, spent several days in Portland before coming to Medford and gained considerable information on the subject while there, and discussed the situation with several Medford business men who happened to be in the state metropolis. The fact that their company is vitally affected with its lumber mill and vast holdings of timber in the Butte Falls region by the shutting down of the railroad, together with the fact that it has been common rumor for months that the company was liable to purchase and operate the road lends unusual significance to their visit here now.

A meeting at which Messrs. Dewing and Altland will be present has been called tonight of the various interests interested in the sale and service resumption of the Pacific and Eastern.

DIED
LEWMAN—John Ammond Lewman, pioneer of 1852, died at his home at Provolet March 27, aged 85 years, after a brief illness. He was born in Plymouthburg, Ky., August 15, 1834. When 15 he left by ox

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SOME FACTS ABOUT THE COST OF ELECTRIC COOKING

Four customers on schedule R with range and lights on meter and water heater on flat rate for the month of February, 1919:

No. of people in family	Range wattage	Light wattage	KW. hrs. consumed	Cost for month	Water heater wattage	Cost for water heater	Total cost	Average Light bill	Average cost for range
3	6000	750	246	\$ 7.16	1000	\$ 3.50	\$10.66	\$2.20	\$ 8.46
5	6000	1000	185	6.10	1000	3.50	9.60	2.20	7.40
4	6000	1200	313	7.83	1000	3.50	11.33	2.20	9.13
2	6000	650	172	5.84	1000	3.50	9.34	2.20	7.14
Total 14	24000	3600	916	\$26.93	4000	\$14.00	\$40.93	\$8.80	\$32.13

An average KW hour consumption per family of 229 KWH for lights and cooking with 14 persons in four families—an average of 4.6 persons per family. Total of 1260 meals for four families at a cost of \$.021 per meal for lights and cooking; an average monthly lost of \$6.74 per family for cooking and lighting. An average monthly cost of \$10.24 per family for cooking, lighting, and 1000 watt water heater flat. The old flat rate of \$8.00 for cooking and water heater, plus an average light bill of \$2.20 made a monthly cost of \$10.20, while under our present meter schedule an average cost of \$10.24 as above.

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