

NATIONAL GUARD IS TO BE ORGANIZED

Adjutant General Advised to Proceed With State Militia—Reserve Units Can Be Merged.

Authority has been granted by the militia bureau in Washington for the organization in South Carolina at once of two battalions of National Guard.

Maj. John D. Frost, assistant adjutant general, said that four of these companies will be rehabilitated units of the First South Carolina regiment and four from the Second South Carolina regiment, both of which have just returned from France and have been mustered out of the service after gallant action on the western front in the Thirtieth Division.

Preliminary to selecting these companies, the adjutant general's office is corresponding with Col. H. B. Springs and Col. P. K. McCully and also Major Workman, commanding officers with the regiments in France.

The program of the department is to have a full brigade of state militia. The idea contemplated is to have two full regiments of infantry, a battalion of coast artillery, and to each regiment a supply company, a headquarters company, a sanitary attachment and a machine gun company.

Organization of the two battalions of the National Guard is to be effected at once, in order to qualify for federal support by June. Under the regulations of 1917 the minimum number of men for the recognition of an organization was 65, and the opinion of the adjutant general's office now is that with a personnel of 65 men, the proposed companies will be able to qualify.

Major General O'Ryan, commander of the Twenty-seventh Division of National Guard of New York, which trained at Camp Wadsworth, says, in commenting on the reorganization of the National Guard:

"What we need is a great citizen army, not a large professional army. We need a citizen army that will cost the government little to maintain, secured by rigid laws, which can not be misconstrued or misapplied by over centralized authority."

The state has 16 companies of state reserve militia, organized during the period of the war to meet any emergencies. It is likely that some of these organizations will, when full authority has been granted, be transferred from the reserve status to that of the National Guard.

ANOTHER LOAN MADE TO THE ITALIANS

Transaction Under Way for Several Weeks and Not Interrupted by Crisis.

Washington, May 1.—Italy was given a new loan of \$50,000,000 yesterday by the treasury to cover a number of obligations incurred by the Italian government on contracts for war materials and foodstuffs from American producers. The credit extension brought Italy's total borrowings from the United States to \$1,571,500,000.

The loan has been under negotiation for several weeks and recent developments at Paris resulting from the Fiume situation, it was stated officially, have not entered into the financial discussions of representatives of the treasuries of the United States and Italy.

Total loans to all allies now are \$9,238,829,000. Congress has authorized total loans of \$10,000,000,000 and indications at this time are that the balance of this authorization will be sufficient to care for allied needs between now and the declaration of peace. After that date no further loans to allied governments may be made, but the war finance corporation has authority to finance exports by American firms. This may take the place to some extent of government loans in providing credit by which foreign interest may purchase in the United States.

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS WILL GET ALL NEWS

No Censorship Imposed on Correspondents From Berlin, Who Must Remain Isolated.

Versailles, May 1.—Fifteen German newspaper men accompanied the German representatives to the peace congress.

No censorship will be imposed upon the newspaper men's dispatches to Germany but they will not be al-

lowed to communicate with the allied diplomats or newspaper men.

When the first train pulled into Vaucresson half an hour late, M. Chailers and Baron von Lersner, followed by a hundred newspaper men approached the car occupied by Foreign Minister von Brockdorff-Rantzau. Baron von Lersner entered the car and reported to the foreign minister who then stepped out. The head of the German delegation was received with a brief and formal speech of greeting, the text of which had been carefully studied by the foreign ministry in order to give it the exact tone suitable for the occasion. M. Chailers said:

"As prefect of the Seine-et-Oise and in the name of the government, I have the mission to receive the delegation of German plenipotentiaries on its arrival in Versailles. I have the honor to salute you. I present Colonel Henry, chief of the French military mission, who will be the liaison officer between the German delegation and the French republic and his alliances."

The German foreign minister, who removed his hat while the French official spoke, replied merely by bowing. Then, followed by the other delegates and subordinate officials, he proceeded to the waiting automobiles.

TO PROTEST AGAINST INCREASED RATES

State Railroad Commission Will Oppose Burleson's Plan—Chairman Shealy Talks.

Columbia, May 1.—The South Carolina Railroad Commission will not permit an increase in the rates on local telephones by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company without a contest, stated Frank W. Shealy, chairman.

A press dispatch stated that the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company had filed with the Georgia Railroad commission a revised schedule of rates, giving the company about a 13 per cent increase on business and residence telephones. Although the dispatch said that the schedule had been filed in eight other southern states and in Indiana and Illinois, the South Carolina commission up to this afternoon had not received its copy.

The telephone company announced that it was filing its new schedules on orders from Postmaster General Burleson, director of the United States Telegraph and Telephone administration. However, it was stated that if orders had not been received from the government for an increased rate, there would have been a revised schedule filed, it being held by the company that an increase in rates is necessary. The Southern Bell's associate line, the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph company, likewise announced the filing of a new schedule for increased rates.

THE EXTRA SESSION IS WORRYING REPUBLICANS

They Are Impatient Over Delay By the President in Convening the Congress.

Washington, May 1.—There is increasing impatience among the congressional leaders over the delay by President Wilson in calling the extra session of Congress. Members of congress are returning to Washington in anticipation of the extra session. They come back with a request from their constituents for the important legislation necessary to readjust industry and business life generally to after-war conditions and the enlarged opportunity for foreign trade. But they are sitting idle, they say, without any intimation from the executive as to when the session will be called.

Representative Frederick Gillett, of Massachusetts, who is to be speaker in the next congress, returned to Washington yesterday after having made speeches for three weeks in his home district. He says he has no idea when the extra session may be called. With other Republican leaders he is studying the many matters that need prompt attention from congress in order to be as fully prepared as possible to enact legislation. As a member of the house appropriation committee, of which he was ranking Republican in the last congress, Mr. Gillett regrets the condition which now exists of many government departments and establishments being obliged to curtail important work on account of needed appropriations not having been passed.



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MILLS' EXPOSITION PLANS PERFECTED

Southern Textile Show Occurs Next Week—To Be Held in Greenville.

Greenville, May 1.—Elaborate preparations have been completed for the third Southern Textile Exposition and convention week in Greenville, May 5 to 10, inclusive, and indications are that thousands of visitors will be here from throughout the south and New England to make this a supreme event of the textile industry. Every cotton mill in the state will be represented by executives and many of the plants have made reservations to send their more progressive help in order that they may derive benefits from the instructive exhibits. The week will be crowded with events of an entertaining, instructive and a patriotic nature.

In connection with the exposition the Southern Textile association, 2,500 members, will hold its annual convention here May 8 and 9, and A. B. Carter, secretary, announced today that fully 1,000 members are expected to attend, possibly more. The first annual southern welfare workers conference, in session May 8 and 9, will also attract visitors and welfare workers from throughout the south.

Tuesday of exposition week the Dramatic Order, Knights of Khorrassan of South Carolina, will hold its spring ceremonial and will be the guests of honor that day at the exposition. A fancy costume parade, stunts and a banquet are to be among the features of the ceremonial that will be attended by "donkeys" from different sections of the state.

The Y. M. C. A. and patriotic leagues of Greenville and vicinity have combined to present a colossal pageant on Wednesday and Thurs-

day evenings. Concerts and entertainments will be offered every night and a Japanese garden, artistically decorated, will be provided for dances, receptions and luncheons. Conventions and assemblies will also be held in this spacious garden.

"Sailors and Soldiers Day" will be fittingly observed Saturday, May 10, the closing day of the exposition, in honor of the returned service men of Greenville county. Memorial exercises will be held that day in honor of the Confederate dead, and the veterans of the War Between the States and the soldiers of the world war will march side by side in a street parade.

Senator Dial Speaks. (Greenwood Index-Journal.)

Friends of Senator Nat. B. Dial are not surprised at his frank and open statement given out today. He does not believe much in the "hesitation waltz" in politics.

Senator Dial favors the return of the railroads to their owners. As one who knows much about the actual operation of a railroad and who knows as well what the public expects in the way of service, Senator Dial believes that it will be best for the country if the roads are turned back to their owners. And he will find many people who will agree with him that government control of the roads has been far, and is far, from satisfactory, so far as the experiment has developed in this country. In Germany government ownership was a success because there could be no strikes on a German railroad and the government could and did fix rates and wages willy nilly as it suited the government. There could be no strikes because if such a thing were tried, the men who did it would be called to the colors and when that had been done they would be ordered back to work and if they refused they could be shot as deserters. If a certain line was not paying the government could raise rates or lower

wages to make it pay and the people, both patrons and employees would be helpless. This country does not want either one of these conditions.

Senator Dial announces also that he is opposed to woman suffrage. This will be sad news to those who were hoping that he would follow Pollock in favoring this cause.

FARMERS' SUPPORT URGED

All the farmers in the United States are urged to support the Victory Liberty Loan by Oliver Wilson, master of National Grange, who characterizes the loan as "our great national responsibility." Mr. Wilson's appeal follows:

"For the fifth time the government is appealing to the people for financial aid. On the four previous occasions money was needed to win the war and people of all classes liberally responded. Now comes the call for a Victory Liberty Loan, a loan which now that the fight is won, is necessary to aid in finishing the great task of assuring to all peoples liberty and democracy, that our struggles and sacrifices of the last few years may not have been made in vain.

"I desire to appeal to our entire grange membership and farmers generally to maintain the proud record we have made in the previous loans. Not only subscribe what you can but give the matter prominence at your grange meetings and encourage neighbors and friends to do their part toward fulfilling this our great national responsibility."

BUSINESS NOTICES

WANTED—Cow, horse, male, sheep and goat hides. See me before you sell. Capers (under) White street. 54.

NOTICE—I have impounded on my farm near Lancaster one red barrow hog. Owner can get same by paying costs and damages. W. T. Carter. 54-1t.

PLACE YOUR ORDERS for Sweet Potato Plants now and you will make sure of getting them. Nancy Hallis, Porto Rico, Godby Golden and others. J. B. Mackorell. 32-tf.

POTATO PLANTS—Please give us your order now for potato plants and you can get them any time after April 10th. E. W. Sistare. 45-tf

CABBAGE PLANTS of all kinds for sale at 25 cents per 100. Plant now and get an early start. And it's cheaper than buying the seed. J. B. Mackorell. 32-tf

BUY A BICYCLE and pay while you ride. It is cheaper than riding your work animals. Come in and see about it. J. B. Mackorell. 32-tf.

NOTICE LANCASTER GRADED SCHOOLS.

To All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that pursuant to a petition signed by ten qualified voters and freeholders resident in Lancaster School District, we, the undersigned trustees of said district, do hereby call a public meeting to be composed of all those voters of the said district who return for taxation real or personal estate in said district of the value of twenty-five dollars, or who has a child or children then or at the last regular session, in actual attendance on any of the schools of said district to assemble in the court house at Lancaster, South Carolina, on Tuesday, the 6th day of May, 1919, at 6 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary of said meeting, five trustees for said school district, and of determining what special tax, if any, not to exceed nine mills, shall be levied, as the majority present shall decide, on all real and personal property within said school district, for the maintenance of the public schools of said district. LEROY SPRINGS, J. D. FUNDERBURK, E. W. SISTARE, J. T. THOMASSON, GEO. W. WILLIAMS, Trustees. This April 17, 1919.