

ORGANIZATION OF GUARDS BEGINS

Provisions Made for Infantry, Cavalry and Coast Artillery Regiments—New Units Are Intended to Replace State Troops.

Washington, April 23.—Institution of the national guard was actually started today when the War Department, through the Bureau of Militia Affairs, authorized the organization of seven regiments and one extra battalion of infantry, one squadron of cavalry and 10 companies of coast artillery.

The state of New York is authorized to raise four regiments of infantry, one squadron of cavalry and twelve companies of coast artillery. New Jersey was authorized to organize one regiment of infantry and two companies of coast artillery, Ohio two regiments of infantry, and Oregon one battalion of infantry and four companies of coast artillery.

These new units are intended to replace state troops which, under section 61, of the National Defense Act, cannot be legally maintained by the states in time of peace. That section prohibits the maintenance of any troops except those prescribed in the act—regulars and national guards.

Other authorizations for units are expected to follow soon. The states first considered were those in which conditions were such that their governors considered armed forces might be necessary under certain contingencies.

The state of Pennsylvania, for instance, reported to the War Department that it possessed at this time a very efficient state constabulary and 3,000 state troops, sufficient to handle any emergency which could be foreseen at this time.

The units authorized today must be in such state of organization before June 30, as to be eligible for federal recognition, if the War Department is to extend financial aid. The organizations will all be based on a peace status, a company consisting of 65 men as a minimum.

"It would be clearly understood," the message sent to the state governors said, "that the War Department does not call for the organization of the national guard at the present time, but leaves initiation to anticipate the action of congress in the formulation of the national military policy, nor is it believed to be desirable to undertake the general re-organization of the national guard units from the United States army."

WILL ASK SHIPS FOR SEA-PORTS OF SOUTH ATLANTIC

Shipping Board to Hear Pleas of Savannah, Brunswick, Wilmington Jacksonville and Charleston

Washington, D. C., April 23.—The United States shipping board will give a hearing Thursday to representatives of the South Atlantic Maritime Association, who seek the allocation of a sufficient number of ships to handle the commerce of the five principal ports of the southeastern tier of states—Wilmington, N. C.; Charleston, Brunswick, Savannah, and Jacksonville.

A number of ships are wanted to trade with the West Indies and Central and South America. Now that war's demands on shipping space are being gradually reduced, the five ports mentioned will insist that something be done to relieve the local situation and to restore the commerce of these ports. There is congestion in the larger ports of the north Atlantic, and if a few dozen are allocated to South Atlantic Maritime Association territory there will be an immediate spurt in ocean commerce from Wilmington to Jacksonville.

James H. Cowan, secretary of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, and representative of the Maritime Association, came to Washington to arrange for the Thursday conference. All the ports interested are expected to send spokesmen for the important meeting. Matthew Hale, formerly of Boston, but now of Wilmington, who is president of the Maritime Association, will come with that city's delegation. The governors of the four states interested have been requested by Mr. Cowan to have some one at the conference, and member of Congress from North and South Caro-



The Day the German Fleet Surrendered—

THE DAY those great gray ships of war came sneaking out from the Kiel Canal marked the end of Germany's naval power.

Thanks to the Allied Navy, thanks to our Boys of the Sea, thanks to the Ships and to the Liberty Bonds that put them there, *the seas are safe!*

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Victory Liberty Loan Committee

Out of the grey mist they came—the German Navy—to the greatest humiliation the world has ever known—

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lina, Georgia and Florida are invited to be present, if possible. The plea of the South Atlantic ports should bring sympathetic response from the shipping board. That board has just issued a statement predicting that "the rehabilitation of the American merchant marine will not only send American ships into commerce on the seven seas, but will restore to their former high estate many of the now half-forgotten ports of the great seaboard of the nation."

GERMAN HELMETS BELOW PAR.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—German helmets are selling considerably below par. Notwithstanding this the United States government, represented by the War Loan Organization, has become the largest importer of Hun helmets in the world. The eighty-five thousand recently received in this country were made by special order of Kaiser Wilhelm, for the triumphal entry of the German army into Paris. For some reason or other the German army changed its plans and direction at Chateau Thierry. The helmets eventually reached the French capital—but by freight and consigned to General Pershing.

When the helmets reached this country rather a humorous flurry was caused when they were bought from the War Department by the War Loan Organization for the stupendous and magnificent sum of one dollar. The trophies will soon be apportioned among the Federal Reserve Districts and will be used to add interest and stimulus to the Victory Liberty Loan campaign.

Shortly after the one-dollar purchase was announced the publicity director of the Twelfth District, C. A. Farnsworth, of California, sent a letter speeding to the national publicity director, Frank R. Wilson, in Washington, D. C., enclosing ten cents, which Mr. Farnsworth deemed the proper amount which his district should pay. Mr. Wilson, after considering the military value of German helmets—even those made for triumphal entries—decided that the California publicity man had over-paid. He accordingly returned two cents. "We have no desire to make any profit on these goods,"

Mr. Wilson wrote.

Be all this as it may, the German helmets are here, and they are here because the German army was halted, thrown back and almost destroyed before it could manage to surrender. Liberty Loans which sent the doughboys across the seas and which put new vigor into the men of Italy, Britain and France, turned the trick. But the big bill has not all been paid. If the war had lasted one year longer the cost would have been all that it now is and \$36,000,000,000 more. It would have taken the lives of 400,000 Americans.

The war did not last, however, and now the nation, having made good overseas, is called upon to finish the job by settling the accounts at home. For this purpose the Victory Liberty Loan will be offered April 21. Judging by past performances the nation will not be slow to prove again that it always finishes whatever it starts.

THAT HOHENZOLLERN SWASH-BUCKLER.

(By Tim Casey.)

I.
All vanished are the dreams,
Abandoner are the schemes,
Rebuked the odious Hun crew,
Since did become unfurled
Above the startled world,
America's Red, White and Blue,
Where streams shine silver white
Where ran the fiercest fight,
The freedom's stars did ever greet
'Neath sunbeams that enhance
The fragrant flow'rs of France
On soldier graves abloom so sweet.

II.

That horrid German ring
And its detested king,
With Ludendorff, barbaric Hun,
In villianly well trained,
As all have ascertained,
And Hindenburg, who kept the run
With foul, black-hearted knaves
Who skipped the deep sea waves,
In capability excel,
In reprobate degree,
As all did clearly see,
The gen'rallissimo of hell.

III.

Such fiendish men of shame,
Who play the hellish game
Of butch'ring babes in mothers' arms

Dishonoring young maids
In foul and lech'rous raids,
And paralising with alarms
The wounded, dying men
Who fell within their ken,
Did cruel and most savage grow,
In deeds of Mongol lust
And Stygian-black disgust,
Until the butcher's overthrow.

IV.

This defunct crownhead, Bill,
With fell desire to kill,
Has fashioned murder into art,
Deceit and lies made true,
By that atrocious crew,
Whose Hohenzollern serpent heart
And acts were more malign
And div'lish on the Rhine
Than savage Huns did iver seem
When king Attila's bow,
Five centuries ago,
Was broken in the Marcian dream.

V.

America's bright star,
To bleeding France, afar,
Did in resplendent beauty shine
To blight the hateful foe,
Who, by the Somme's deep flow,
In pensive sadness did resign.
From Lille unto Lorraine,
Back to the river Seine,
Thy vales and hills were red with
gore,
Foreshadowing the fall
Of Kaiserdom and all
Of Prussian rule, forevermore.

NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY.

The following new books have been received at the Library
Katherine's Shears.
Irene, of the Mountains.
Dorothy in California.
The Argyle Case.
That Main Warring Affair.
The Library is open every Tuesday and Friday afternoon. It costs only \$1.00 a year to be a member, with the privilege of reading all of the new books.

Master's Sale.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
County of Abbeville.
Court of Common Pleas.
A. B. HAMLIN, Jr. Plaintiff,
against
W. H. HAMLIN, and others, De-
fendants.
By authority of a Decree of Sale

by the Court of Common Pleas for Abbeville County, in said State, I will offer for sale, at Public Outery, at Abbeville C. H., S. C., on Sales-day in May, A. D., 1919, within the legal hours of sale the following described land, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Abbeville, in Abbeville County, in the State aforesaid, containing Three and One-half (3 1-2) Acres, more or less, and bounded by Main Street in the city of Abbeville, lands of E. E. Williams, lands of G. N. Nickles, and lands of W. F. Perrin, and having situated thereon a two-story dwelling house.

Also, all that piece, or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Abbeville County in State aforesaid

containing Nine and Four-tenths (9 4-10) acres, more or less, and being bounded by lands of Estate of A. K. Watson, Miss Clatworthy and Cambridge public road; this tract of land being subject however, to a claim of Mrs. Pat Baker for rents and profits during her life time.

Also, all that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Abbeville County, in the State aforesaid, containing Three (3) Acres, more or less, and being bounded by lands now or formerly owned by Mrs. Mary F. Watson, A. T. Brown, and the nine and four-tenths (9 4-10) acre tract herein above described.

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