

MOBILIZATION OF NATIONAL ARMY TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY

Washington, Sept. 19.—Three hundred thousand men of the National army are today on their way to 16 cantonments to undergo an intensive training period preparatory for service overseas. Today's increment represents approximately 45 per cent. of the total quota under the first call from nearly 5,000 exemption boards.

The transition from civilian to military life was effected with a minimum of delay. In every section of the country, the men called by the individual boards were assembled, placed under military discipline welded by one of their number selected as leader, and assigned to special troop trains now en route to the mobilization camps. The new increment will join the first quota of 45,000 men called to the colors September 5.

Because of the obstacles encountered by the war department in procuring supplies, it is probable that some of the men will be only partially equipped on arrival. No attempt to completely outfit the units for war service will be made until just prior to the departure for France.

Every effort will be made by the government to adapt the men of the selective draft forces to the branch of military work to which they are best suited by experience and natural aptitude. To carry out this purpose, a corps of civilian experts trained in the service of great corporations in selection of men for special occupations, will be appointed soon to make a similar appraisal of the enlisted men of the national army preparatory to the assignment of the men to the special units necessary in modern warfare.

Charts have been prepared to be filled out by the men showing exactly their experience and training and providing also for a statement of their preferences as to the kind of work they will be called upon to do. If possible, these cards will be supplemented by a personal estimate of the men by the civilian experts. This can be done only after a rough general classification has been made possible through the card system, as it would be too great a task to personally interview every man.

FOUR THOUSAND MEN ARE EXPECTED AT CAMP CUSTER

Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 19.—Preparations have been completed at Camp Custer, the National army cantonment near here, for the reception and handling of the thousands of Wisconsin and Michigan boys, comprising the 40 per cent. increment of the draft soldiers of those states who will begin to arrive today.

More than 4,000 of the new increment are expected to be in camp tonight and others will arrive daily until the first of next week.

NO LIQUOR IS ALLOWED SOLD IN VERMONT TODAY

Ayer, Mass., Sept. 19.—Captain Devans was in readiness today for the reception of the 40 per cent. of drafted men from New England and northern New York whose movement toward Ayer was begun this morning. The men, due to leave their homes today to begin service in the National army were from New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Maine. In the Vermont cities from which quotas departed no liquor was sold today, by order of the governor.

CAMP GORDON IN ATLANTA READY FOR SECOND QUOTA

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 19.—Military authorities at Camp Gordon were prepared early today to receive approximately 5,000 men from Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia who have been selected to fill the 40 per cent. white quota from their respective districts for service in the 82 divisions of the National army. Tennesseans were to form the majority of the new arrivals in camp today. More than 3,000 were to report at the receiving station before nightfall. About 1,500 select men from Georgia and Alabama, however, were included in today's call.

Officers stationed at Camp Gordon were instructed last night to report to the railroad stations in Atlanta and at Chamblee, Georgia, a suburb, to meet the drafted men and to escort them in squads to their new home where they are to begin the duties of the soldier.

Whether additional white men will be certified at once to fill up the 40 per cent. quota ordered to camp this week, had not been determined early today. According to figures issued from the state adjutant general's office, additional whites, and Alabama about 1,000 if the complete 40 per cent. quota are to be supplied.

RICHMOND GIVES ITS MEN GREAT SEND-OFF

Richmond, Va., Sept. 19.—A parade led by the Forty Seventh New York regiment band preceded the departure of Richmond's second quota of 294 men for Camp Lee today. Governor Stuart, Mayor Ainslee and members of the city council following the new soldiers to the railroad station to bid farewell to them. Meanwhile quotas from various sections of the state were passing through the city on the way to camp. One of the first contingents to arrive at Camp Lee this morning was the quota from Louisa county which numbered 53 men. Rousing cheers greeted the men as the trains pulled out from Byrd Street Station.

Colonel Fitzhugh Lee, mustering officer, assisted by a large number of lieutenants, several of whom are from Fort Myer and Fort Oglethorpe, training camps, was the busiest man at Camp Lee today. He is rapidly assigning the men to the various regiments following the required examinations. About three thousand men from Virginia counties will arrive at camp today, forming a part of the second increment of 40 per cent. of the 47,000 men to be assembled at Camp Lee under original arrangements, although the barracks are to be enlarged to accommodate as many as 60,000 men.

FIRST DETACHMENT NEW ARMY IS AT CAMP MEADE

Camp Meade, Md., Sept. 19.—This national army cantonment was declared to be in readiness for its formal opening at noon today. A train bearing about 360 draftees from Philadelphia was the first detachment scheduled to be received and it was expected that by midnight fully 3,000 men would be occupying the new barracks. The Pennsylvanians will continue arriving daily until Monday when there should be about 13,500 men in camp.

DECLARES RUSSIA WILL REMAIN WITH ALLIES TO FINISH

Ambassador Bakhmeteff Will Call on Secretary Lansing Soon to Express Country's Determination to Fight to End.

Washington, Sept. 19.—The Russian ambassador, Boris A. Bakhmeteff, will call on Secretary Lansing soon to renew his assurances of Russia's determination to fight the war to a finish. The ambassador, it is understood, will say conditions in his country are improving, that there is no doubt all factional difficulties will be arranged and that Russia, united and powerful, will bend her energies to the task of driving out the Germans and lending aid in substantial form to the allied cause.

According to Russians in Washington, the Russian offensive has stiffened to such a degree that the enemy is not able to make further progress. It is not believed the Germans will be able to do more than hold their lines if indeed they are able to do that, with the coming of winter.

On the Rumanian front the situation is encouraging for in several places on the battle line, according to late dispatches, the Rumanians and Russians have made substantial advances.

TWO BELIEVED TO'VE PERISHED IN A FIRE

Bristol, Va., Sept. 19.—That Clyde Godsey, 13 years old, and two Smith brothers perished in last night's \$200,000 fire in the business district of Bristol is the belief of Otis Moore, 18 years old, who was imprisoned on the third floor with these boys and escaped by jumping to the concrete pavement. Moore suffered a broken leg and other serious injuries. Search this morning failed to reveal the missing boys.

Winford Moore suffered internal injuries by jumping from an upper story window and may not recover. Several firemen were injured by falling walls or by jumping from the Massengill building.

To Our Readers

We are somewhat late this week on account of being without the services of a linotype operator.

Through the kindness and courtesy of Mr. Edw. Musser, mechanical superintendent of The Columbia Record, we were able to get our reading matter set on the machines of that paper. We are compelled to leave out considerable local reading matter and beg the indulgence of our readers for this issue.

ROUSING FAREWELL GIVEN SELECTMEN

New Orleans, Sept. 19.—Cheering crowds lining the city's principal streets gave a rousing farewell to the second increment of drafted men from New Orleans as they marched to the railroad stations today to entrain for Camp Pike near Little Rock, Ark. Approximately 1,200 men departed today, that being about 200 more than 40 per cent. of the city's quota, the extra men being sent to make up deficiencies from other parishes in the State where heavy negro population prevented sending the required number of white men at this time.

Newberry, Sept. 19.—Newberry's contingent to the army joined the forces from the uncountryside here at 1:25 today on their way to Camp Jackson. Thousands of people from the city and country gave them a grand send-off. It was one of the biggest parades ever seen here that escorted the men to the station from the court house lawn in the following order of march: Newberry concert band, Confederate veterans under command of Capt. Buford; honorees selectmen; exemption board, city and county officials; chapters of Daughters of the American Revolution, and Daughters of the Confederacy; Red Cross and all women, school children and citizens at the station. Patriotic addresses were made by the mayor and Dr. James M. Kilber, Rev. F. E. Dibble and Dr. A. J. Bowers.

PAXVILLE NEWS ITEMS

Miss Maud Boyd of Lamar spent last week with friends here. She was en route to Coker college.

Misses Iva Goddings and Pearl Broadway will leave Tuesday for Rock Hill to resume their studies at Winthrop college.

Mrs. W. L. Brunson and daughter, Miss Lucille of Sumter, visited at the home of Mrs. S. E. Curtis during last week.

Misses Alice and Emily Broadway have recently purchased a Dodge touring car.

Miss Tabitha Goddings leaves Tuesday for Hartsville where she will begin her second term at Coker college.

Mr. Poston of Chesterfield has accepted a position as cotton seed buyer for Mr. T. Reynolds Owen.

The trustees have recently elected Miss Earle Perritt of Mullins primary teacher and to fill the vacancy of Miss Catherine McElveen.

Miss Sadie Mims of Sumter visited here last week before returning to Gafney, where she is a member of the senior class at Limestone college.

Mrs. Elma Tisdale and little son, William Edward, left Thursday for their home at Rock Hill. On their way home they will visit Mrs. J. C. Pate at Sumter and Mrs. C. P. McKnight at Winnsboro.

Prof. Senn and Miss Katherine Richardson were here last week in the interest of the community fair and to arrange for the booster trip on next Monday afternoon. They will visit Home Branch, Big Branch and Silver on this trip and desire all who will accompany them on this round, beginning at Home Branch at 2:30 o'clock.

Misses Alice and Lizzie Hodge of Philadelphia, Pa., spent last week at the home of the Messrs. Hodge near town. Miss Lizzie is a recent graduate of the nurses' training school of the Women's hospital of Philadelphia. She will probably locate in Columbia.

MILITARY GOVERNOR OF PETROGRAD ABOLISHED

Petrograd, Sept. 18.—The provisional government has abolished the post of military governor of Petrograd and re-established the office of commander of the troops of the Petrograd district. Col. Polkovnikoff has been appointed commander with powers to settle questions relating to the food supply and transport.

MUCH INTEREST IN NEW YORK PRIMARY

New York, Sept. 19.—An unusually heavy vote was predicted by campaign managers at today's primary election in this city. Mayor John Purroy Mitchell, fusion candidate for renomination, is opposed in the Republican primaries by former State Senator William M. Bennett.

Tammany Hall and affiliated organizations are striving for a heavy vote for the Democratic candidates, to show a united party. Mayor Mitchell is supported by Republican district workers.

The polls open at 3 p. m. and close at 9 p. m.

CAPTURE TWO STILL WITHIN FEW MILES OF SUMTER

Deputy Sheriff Hazel Boykin and Rural Policemen Sam Newman and Alex Norris Monday afternoon captured a whiskey still in the house of Peter Davis, colored, who live on the edge of the Dingle mill swamp, within sight of the Manning public road about three miles from the city. The still was a crude, home made affair, fabricated from a 60-pound lard can, a few pieces of galvanized iron pipe and a wooden trough. It is supposed to have a capacity of two to three gallons of liquor a day. No liquor was found in the house but there were about 50 gallons of mash on hand ready for distillation. This mash was made of a mixture of corn meal and molasses, fermented in barrels. The still was operated on an ordinary coke stove and the whole outfit was of the simplest character, but Peter Davis, who was in charge of the business, says it made whiskey and that they had no difficulty in disposing of the output at \$2 a quart.

When the still was located there was no one at home, so the policemen disturbed nothing and set out to capture the moonshiners. Late in the afternoon they found Peter Davis at the house of one of his neighbors and arrested him without difficulty. He told them that Albertus Elliott was his partner and as Albertus was well known in police circles as a blind tiger of long standing, there was no difficulty in identifying and arresting him. Elliott of course denied any interest in or knowledge of the still but was nevertheless taken into custody and committed to jail. Davis stated that they had been running the still for about five months and sold the liquor as rapidly as made. The reason there was no liquor on hand Monday was that they did not run the still Sunday and the demand for liquor on Sunday was greater than the supply. They were ready to make an all night run Monday, so as to be prepared to supply their customers on Tuesday. Two other negroes are alleged to be interested in the still, but they have not been arrested for want of sufficient evidence to convict.

Second Still Captured.

The rural policeman and Deputy Sheriff Hazel Boykin captured another still this morning, this one being found in the Brogdon neighborhood. It was operated by Dave McCoy, a one-leg negro, in a shed room of his house, no particular precautions having been taken to conceal the outfit. The still, like the one captured Monday afternoon, was a home made affair, but was larger and better made than the other and had a daily capacity of three to five gallons, it is estimated. No liquor was found on the premises, but about 40 gallons of fermented mash, or "beer" as it is termed, in tubs and kegs were seized in the same room as the still. Dave McCoy, the owner of the still, was arrested and brought to jail. The still was not in operation when the officers made the raid, but McCoy was about ready to make a run, as the mash was good and sour. From information received the officers are satisfied that the still had been in operation for some time and that McCoy had been doing a flourishing business.—Sumter Item.

APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL SUM ASKED BY BAKER

Secretary of War Tells Senate Committee \$287,416,000 More Should Be Tacked On to the Deficiency Bill.

Washington, Sept. 19.—With the beginning today of senate hearings on \$7,000,000,000 deficiency bill, passed yesterday by the house, Secretary Baker presented estimates for additional appropriations of \$287,416,000, principally for ordnance and the engineering service.

"The submission of all these estimates," Secretary Baker said, "is made necessary in order to provide increased facilities for the manufacture, issue, and storage of ordnance material; for equipment of an additional half million men, in anticipation of a call for that number; for procuring additional rifles and an additional supply of small arms ammunition for machine gun, rifle and pistol target practice of an army of 2,300,000; for construction work with which the engineering corps is charged in France and for equipment of special troops operating in the theater of war in Europe."

REPLY OF AUSTRIA TO POPE BENEDICT

Amsterdam, Sept. 19.—Austria's reply to Pope Benedict's peace proposals, says the Wiener Allgemeine Zeitung, will be handed to the papal nuncio at Vienna on Thursday and will be published on Saturday.

The reply will confine itself to a detailed discussion of the pope's suggestions. The report that it will contain new and astonishing peace proposals, the Vienna newspaper adds, is absolutely at variance with the facts.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S NEW AIDE PRESENTED TODAY

Washington, Sept. 19.—Major C. S. Ridley, engineer Corps, U. S. A., was presented today to President Wilson by Col. W. W. Harts, whose place as military aide to the president he is to assume. Major Ridley has been stationed at Wilmington, N. C., for the last two months. Col. Harts probably will go to France within a short time.

SUCCESSFUL RAID BY BRITISH TROOPS

London, Sept. 19.—The official statement issued today by the British war office concerning military operations in France and Belgium says:

"The successful raid against the German positions in Inverness Copse, reported in last night's communique was made by troops of the York and Lancaster regiments.

"There was nothing of special interest to report."

AGREEMENT ON TRADING WITH ENEMY BILL NEAR

Washington, Sept. 19.—A complete agreement by night on the administration trading with the enemy bill was promised when conference on the measure resumed work today. The insurance and imports embargo provisions were among the more important questions awaiting the final determination.

Odd Fellows in Patriotic Parade.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 19.—Odd Fellows from all parts of the United States and Canada who are here attending the 33rd session of the sovereign grand lodge of the order, side-tracked today to take part in a patriotic parade with approximately 25,000 persons in the line of march.

PATRIOTIC SPEECHES ARE MADE BY GREENWOOD MEN

Greenwood, Sept. 19.—Several hundred Greenwood county people bade farewell to the second increment of 53 men who left shortly after noon for Camp Jackson on a special train from the Piedmont section.

Fervently patriotic speeches were made by C. C. Featherstone and E. J. Smith. The men are in charge of Claude Riley Emerson, formerly of Hodges, who came voluntarily from Ontario to serve as a conscript.

GENERAL OFFICERS WILL MAKE A TOUR OF BATTLE FRONTS

War Department Expected to Announce Plans Shortly—Every Division Commander to Make the Trip?

Washington, Sept. 19.—Regular and National Guard general officers commanding divisional training camps are to be sent to Europe on an observational tour of the battle fronts, returning to carry on their training duties at the close of the tour. Formal announcement of this plan by the war department is expected.

Under the voluntary censorship specific movements of general officers may not be published without authorization of the military authorities. For this reason the list of divisional commanders already selected to make the tour will be available only when the department's announcement is made. It is assumed, however, that if possible, every division commander will be given an opportunity in time to familiarize himself somewhat with actual war conditions abroad.

The early stages of the mobilization and training of the National Guard and National army divisions will be left to the brigade and regimental commanders, leaving the officers of the divisional staff to handle the larger questions.

The first weeks of the training camp work will be devoted largely to getting the men equipped and classified to the various arms of the service, and the period will be devoted wherever possible to the observation tour abroad for general officers.

MUST QUIT FRENCH AERIAL CORPS TO JOIN DRAFT ARMY

New York Man, Member of the Famous LaFayette Escadrille, is Ordered Into Service by the New York Exemption Boards.

New York, Sept. 19.—Under a decision by the New York city district board of appeals, Herbert Dick Smith, a member of the famous LaFayette escadrille, must give up his duties as an air fighter with the French army and return to this country and enter the national army. Smith registered by mail and his certification for service as a conscript was appealed by his brother, Francis N. Smith.

The appeal was accompanied by letters from officers of the escadrille, saying that Smith was in active service. The only opportunity he has of getting permission to remain with the escadrille, it was stated, is a special ruling by Provost Marshal General Crowder at Washington.

HOW BUSINESS MEN CAN HELP WIN WAR TOPIC DISCUSSION

Development of Transportation and Functions of Commercial Organizations Subjects Before U. S. Chamber Commerce.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 19.—How American business can help promote the development of transportation on land and sea as a primary factor in winning the war and the functions of commercial organizations in war were the chief topics for discussion at today's session of the war convention of the chamber of commerce of the United States.

Under these two general heads the speakers including many of the nation's leaders in business and industry. In addition, several group meetings were held during the day for the special consideration of fuel conservation, better use of freight cars and terminal facilities, utilization of motor trucks and trolleys, co-operation in the food problem, economies in the use of materials, power and delivery services, saving on storage space, organization of government buying, readjustment to war conditions, present and anticipated, and how manufacturers and trade organizations may organize better to serve the government and develop their output.