

Fruit Growers Hurt by Freeze.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 4.—Advises received from several counties say that Florida fruit and vegetable growers have been hard hit by the freeze of February 2 and 3. In Orange, Marion, Alachua; St. Johns and adjoining counties trees were laden with fruit which was frozen together with the new growth on the trees. It is not believed that any old trees have been killed, but many young ones were cut down. Truck growers in the counties mentioned lost heavily, their crops being ruined by the freeze. It is impossible to estimate the damage done throughout the State at this time.

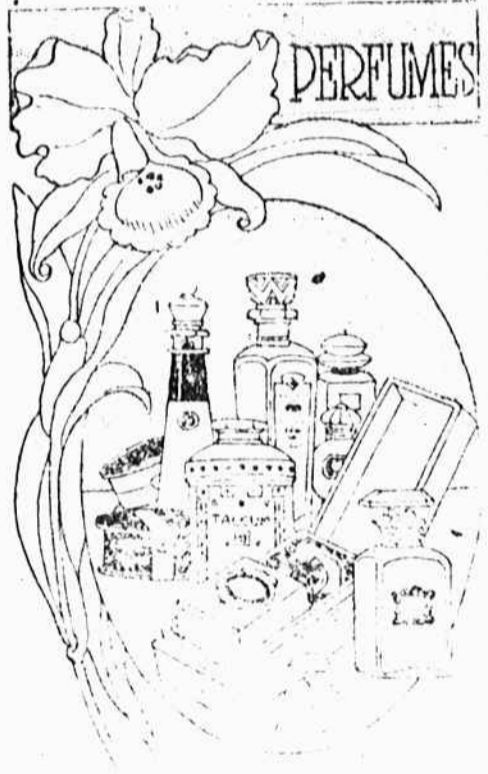
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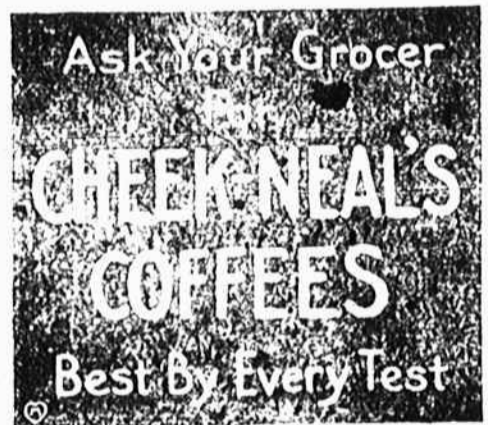
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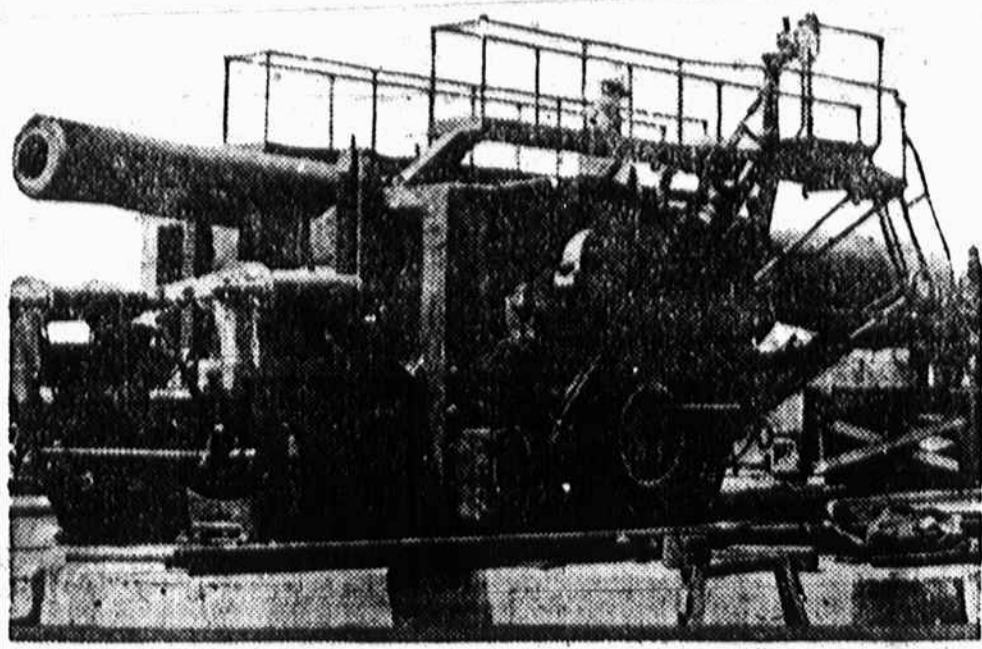
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TYPE OF BIG GUNS THAT GUARD NEW YORK



One of the great disappearing guns at Sandy Hook, which form part of the defenses at the entrance to the port of New York. The picture shows the gun just before being raised and fired.

**MILITARY SCHOOLS
TO GIVE OFFICERS**

Many Cadets in Private Institutions Available for War.

CIVILIAN AID IS IMPORTANT

Engineering, Signal and Aviation Corps of United States Army, Could Be Quickly Recruited in Emergency.

By **KENNETH MACDOUGALL.**
New York.—In the event of the calling out of militia and volunteer troops, there are many cadets in the various private military institutions in the United States who could speedily be made available for second lieutenants and some higher ranks in the volunteer forces.

One of the most prominent institutions in the country from a military standpoint is Norwich university, at Norwich, Vt., which has graduated numerous men into the army as second lieutenants. The graduating class is between eighty and one hundred and twenty men every year, and the institution has kept fairly good track of its available sons after they have left college. At a conservative estimate, Norwich could furnish a thousand men who have passed an examination required as entrance to the regular army as second lieutenant of infantry, five hundred second lieutenants of cavalry and about three hundred artillery second lieutenants.

Many of the men have kept well informed in military matters, while others, of course, would need considerable brushing up in modern tactics. Norwich has maintained the same standards of study and execution of military drill that the cadets at West Point are held to, and fully a sixth of its graduating classes have followed an army career.

In training, the graduates are probably superior in knowledge and executive ability to two-thirds of the militia captains and some majors in the National Guard.

They have served under military officers of the highest type for a four-year course, and during that time have had to work hard and faithfully in order to graduate.

7,000 Men Available.

A like condition is true of perhaps twenty-five other private military schools in the United States designated by the war department as "distinguished institutions." These schools could bring to the colors, about 7,000 fully or partially-trained lieutenants. Besides these there are some ten thousand college men who have attended training camps like Plattsburg, and who in a short time could be whipped into good enough shape to take command of volunteer infantry.

The Culver school at Culver, Ind., is perhaps a close second to Norwich university as regards cavalry material. The showing made by Culver boys while stationed on the border in the recent mobilization attracted widespread attention among army men.

The Engineering corps of the regular army could be readily recruited in officers and men from the civil population engaged in similar pursuits as a daily occupation. The supremacy of concrete construction in this country would indicate there would be no trouble in securing enough capable engineers and non-commissioned officers to erect or construct necessary gun emplacements and additional defenses.

The Signal corps picked from civilians engaged in like work would seem to be as good as the regular units, in fact probably better, as the class of men in the New York militia units of that branch of service made the regu-

lars on the border recently sit up and eat humble pie.

There are more civilian aviators than there are regular army aviators, and from present indications the former are more experienced.

The European war has shown that it does not take long to instruct military aerial observers and these could be trained in a short time.

Transport Difficulties Small.

As for transport and quartermaster corps there would be little or no difficulty in finding plenty of business men who would be capable of handling these branches of service in fitting manner. The system of supply and transportation might be slow at first, but when one is acquainted with the fact that in New York state alone there are 310,457 automobiles, fully half of which could be utilized as light or heavy transport trucks, and the remainder converted into cars for officers and for courier service, it will be understood that there are no very great obstacles in the way of supply trains.

Railroad transportation on account of the length of our coast line would present some difficulties at first, but without doubt could be remedied with great speed.

The mobilization of the manufacturing industries of the nation has already been worked out by the authorities at Washington.

Of men we have plenty. Materials in the crude state we have sufficient, but rifles, heavy artillery and ammunition enough, let alone uniforms, blankets, equipment, medical supplies, etc., are a different story.

The Red Cross has plenty of nurses to put on the field for the first line hospitals. Ambulance corps such as were formed in France could be quickly put into commission and would undoubtedly do good service.

The militia of the country is probably in better shape from a military standpoint than it ever was in the history of its organization. If enough regular army officers were available to distribute among the various commands, it would be a fairly efficient fighting force. Unfortunately there are many officers in the militia of the country who have no right from military or mental qualifications to wear shoulder straps.

American Legion Intact.

The American Legion, while officially disbanded, is still intact. On the books of the organization, which have been preserved, are the names of some 18,000 men who have seen active service in various parts of the world, either as officers or enlisted men. Catalogued under proper headings are about 33,000 men or boys who are experts at some trade necessary to the army. There are telegraph operators, miners, high explosive men, railroad engineers, civil engineers, ammunition makers, draughtsmen, wagon makers, automobile mechanics and drivers, cowboys, hotel stewards, men in all branches of life suitable for the commissary departments, electricians, etc. This list should be of decided value to the war department.

These are but few of the ways, manners, men and materials which can be called into play if the country finds it necessary.

In conclusion, I would call attention to the Boy Scouts of America, who could help in the event of war in any number of ways, and who, I am sure, would rise to the emergency in the same plucky manner as their little brother scouts have done in every country in Europe.

That the women of America would shoulder their share of the burden, no true American for a minute doubts; they have done it in the past and can do it in the future.

To mobilize all the industries, men, organizations, etc., would of course require more time than it has in the countries of Europe, but it would be done. The American people have a habit of taking a lot for granted, but when an emergency arises they generally are able to meet it.

HOW OUR FIGHTING SHIPS ACTUALLY STAND TODAY.

The following table shows the United States warships completed and which are ready for service or will be with a few days' overhauling:

	In Commission	Reserve Com.	Out of Com.	Total
Battleships, first line	1	20	2	23
Battleships, second line	1	4	1	6
Armored cruisers	3	4	0	7
First class cruisers	3	11	1	15
Torpedo boat destroyers	23	—	—	23
Submarines	1	—	—	1

The super-dreadnaughts New Mexico, Mississippi and Idaho, each of 23,000 tons, are now about 50 per cent completed. Work has been started on the super-dreadnaughts Tennessee and California, both of 23,000 tons.

The first line battleships include these super-dreadnaughts Pennsylvania, Arizona, Arkansas, Nevada, New York, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming.

Of the twenty-three second line battleships in full or reserve commission all could quickly be made ready for active service.

COURTESY FIRST RULE.

Southern Issues Instructions to Agents and Conductors.

Atlanta, Ga., February 10.—Courtesy is Rule No. 1 on the Southern Railway as shown in the new annual of rules and regulations for the guidance of ticket and baggage agents, conductors, train and baggage men which has just been issued.

Instructions both to station and train employees begin with the following:

"A railroad is first of all a public servant. It follows that the success of a railroad as a business enterprise depends, in a large measure, not only upon the efficiency of the transportation it affords, but upon the personal treatment which those doing business with the railroad receive at the hands of its officers and employees."

The agent is reminded that at stations he is the railway and that the reputation of the company depends on the courtesy which the public is met. Conductors and other train employees are admonished not only to be courteous to passengers but to give responsive and intelligent answers to questions about anything that may happen on the road.

Walter Evans, a well known farmer of Jones Cross Roads, Lancaster county shot and killed Ed. Bailey and wounded his brother, J. Y. Bailey in a difficulty Sunday afternoon. Evans was shot through the face, but was not seriously wounded. There has been bad blood between the men for some time.

ASSINGNEE'S SALE

We will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, on Monday the 19th day of February 1917, at 12 m. at the store formerly occupied by J. L. Trapp all of the stock of merchandise assigned in the said store and also all fixtures in the said store that were assigned.

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I. C. Hough, Assignee.
Jno. M. Cozart, Agt. of Creditors of J. L. Trapp.

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that W. A. Rush, Administrator with the Will Annexed of the estate of Martha J. Rush, deceased, has this day made assignment unto me through his attorney, I. C. Hough, Esq., for a final discharge as said Administrator, and the 24th day of February 1917, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Probate office of Kershaw county, has been appointed the time and place for the hearing of the said petition and for the granting of Letters Dismissory.

W. L. McDowell,
Judge of Probate Kershaw County,
Camden, S. C., January 24th, 1917.

SUMMONS FOR RELIEF

State of South Carolina,
County of Kershaw,
Court of Common Pleas.

The Enterprise Building & Loan Association of Camden, S. C.

Against Plaintiff,
A. E. Robertson,
Defendant.

To the Defendant:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, for the said county, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office in Camden, South Carolina, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid the plaintiffs in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

W. M. SHANNON,
Plaintiff's Attorney
January 2nd, 1917.

To the Defendant, A. E. Robertson:
Take notice that the complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for Kershaw County, South Carolina, at Camden, S. C., this 2nd day of January A. D. 1917.

W. M. SHANNON,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as Guardian of Miss Janie Holley, will, on the 3rd day of March 1917, make to the Probate Court of Kershaw County, his final return as said Guardian, and apply to the said Court for a final discharge as such Guardian.

JESSE E. HOLLEY,
Guardian.
Camden, S. C., January 27th, 1917.

FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as Administrator of the estate of John E. Meeks, deceased, has made application unto me for discharge as such Administrator that the 17th day of February at 11 o'clock a. m., at the office of Kershaw County has pointed the time and place for hearing of the said petition granting Letters Dismissory.

W. L. McDowell,
Judge of Probate Kershaw County,
Camden, S. C., January 16th, 1917.

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