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Wilson Placing Nation on War Footing.

RECRUIT THE NAVY TO WAR STRENGTH

No Further Warlike Steps are Expected Until Congress Convenes Next Tuesday. War Department has Nearly Completed Budget to be Sent to Congress When It Convenes. New Military Departments Created. Gen. Wood Goes to Charleston.

TWENTY MORE REGIMENTS, CALLED.

Washington, March 26.—War preparations by the government today included calling into the Federal service of a score of additional National Guard regiments for police service in the Western and Middle Western States and an order for the immediate recruiting of the marine corps to full war strength of 17,400 men. With both the navy and the marine corps ordered up to full strength the only step remaining to increase the navy personnel without action by Congress is the calling out of the naval militia. It has been understood that the militia will be needed to fill out crews for the many vessels to be added, but no announcement on the subject has been made.

Secretary Baker said today no further call upon the national guard was in prospect. More than 82 regiments have been summoned to Federal duty to guard industries or other property which might be threatened by internal disorder growing out of the German situation.

Washington, March 25.—President Wilson took steps today to place the nation on a war footing.

By executive order he directed that the navy be recruited without delay to full authorized war strength of 87,000 enlisted men. Taken in connection with emergency naval construction already ordered, this means that the President has exercised the full limit of his legal powers as commander in chief to prepare the navy for war.

For the army, the President directed that two new military departments be created in Atlantic coast region. The order means that the task of organizing whatever army Congress may authorize will be divided among six departmental commanders instead of four, in the interests of speed and efficiency in mobilization.

The third step was to assume as a national duty the task of protecting American industries from domestic disorders in the event of hostilities. For this purpose eleven full infantry regiments, two separate battalions and one separate company of national guards were called back into the federal service to act as national police in important districts. Supplementing these, troops a regiment of Pennsylvania guard and two companies of Georgia infantry, en route home from the border for muster out, were ordered retained in the federal service.

The president's orders were made known in terse official statements issued by both departments. No explanation accompanied them except the statement that reorganization of the military departments, effective May 1, was designed to facilitate decentralization of command.

Following is the executive order bringing the navy up to war strength: "By virtue of authority vested in the president by the act of Congress approved August 29, 1916, entitled 'an act making appropriations for naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and for other purposes,' it is hereby directed that the authorized enlisted strength of the navy be increased to 87,000 men."

(Signed) "Woodrow Wilson." The navy must enroll immediately approximately 26,000 men to reach the required strength. Secretary Daniels supplemented it tonight with personal telegrams to newspaper editors all over the country urging them to aid the department in every way in their power to obtain the men.

Congress must determine the system under which an army is to be raised. Today's action provides for a

more elastic machinery, found necessary as a result of the recent border mobilization, the enrolling and training of a great army, whether raised as volunteers, by conscription or through a universal service bill.

The object of the creation of the new departments of the northeast and southeast was to distribute among three central commanders the work of mobilization in the States most thickly populated and from which the greatest number of soldiers must come. The present eastern department directed the mobilization of approximately 80 per cent of the 150,000 guardsmen sent to the border. With 440,000 men, the maximum authorized strength of the national guard, called out in addition to whatever volunteers might be summoned, the task would be too great for a single departmental organization because of the vastness of the supply problems involved.

Instructions to national guard officers issued more than a month ago to cover any future mobilization, showed plainly that the war department had learned its lesson and proposed to decentralize its mobilization problems as far as possible. Departmental commanders will supervise the assembling of state troops in their districts hereafter and will take over immediately on the call for federal service the task of recruiting for the guard regiments through organization of reserve battalions.

Indications tonight were that the administration planned to await congress before further warlike preparations are ordered. President Wilson has authority to direct that the regular army be brought up to full war strength at once and also to call out the remainder of the national guard and the naval militia.

In designating State troops to be called out, it is apparent that the war department has carefully surveyed the field of private enterprises which might be assailed in event of domestic disturbances. The number of troops from each state summoned to duty bears a direct relation to the shipyards, munition plants or other industries in that State which may need military protection.

Many plans of various kinds have sought protection either from the Federal or State authorities and the war department can now decide what course to take with each such application.

Congress will be asked, it is understood to expediate espionage legislation in connection with this phase of the situation.

At the navy department it was learned that congress also would be requested to authorize an increase beyond the 87,000 war strength limit for enlisted personnel now set. The organization of great fleets of submarine chasers will make necessary the enlisting of many thousand more men than planned for when the present act was framed. Every fighting ship now in the service or soon to be completed, could be manned with the 87,000 Jackies.

The order to recruit to war strength was signed by President Wilson yesterday when he and Mrs. Wilson called at Secretary Daniels' office. It was not made public, however, until details for carrying it into effect had been arranged. The recruiting service has been running recently with undiminished energy and accomplishing good results. Under the new order, however, emergency funds will be employed to again redouble efforts to enroll suitable men.

The President found it necessary today to take further measures to conserve his own time for official conferences in connection with the present national emergency. He directed that hereafter only conferences of the most pressing nature be arranged for him. Tomorrow he will see Chas. J. Vopicks, United States minister to Roumania, Bulgaria and Serbia, and later in the week will confer with Senate and House leaders prior to the convening of the special session of Congress a week from tomorrow.

The war department has nearly completed preparations of its appropriation budget to be sent to the capitol on the day Congress meets. Accompanying the request for funds for various army purposes, will go recommendations for such legislation on army organization as may have been decided upon. President Wilson is ex-

CHINESE GIRL AIDS FOLKS IN THE SERIAL

Actors Call Helen Long "Just the Sweetest Little Thing."

Necessity for real atmosphere demands the employment of a number of real Chinese men and women in some of the scenes of the stupendous Metro serial "The Great Secret," the 7th episode of which appears at the Opera House today. All of them are unusually bright and intelligent and have had previous stage experience.

Prominent among the Orientals is Helen Long—her real name, too—who all the performers and studio help call "just the sweetest little thing." The attention of Director Cabanne was first drawn to her by her pronounced English accent. She used the broad A of Piccadilly with ease and abandon. Her language, too, was appropriate.

"Born in China?" queried the director. "I should jolly well say not," replied Miss Long, showing an expansive Chinese smile. "I was jolly well born under the English flag and talk the lingo quite a bit. My birthplace is the British West Indids, but awfter all is said I should like to be an American, don't y' know."

Every one at the studio delights to talk to her. She is also the one to whom the other Chinese go when they want suggestions on anything pertaining to costumes, etc. To quote herself: "If any of them want anything they go to Helen Long for it."

PUZZLE PRIZE AWARDED.

The judges in The Advertiser's puzzle picture contest met in the music room of the Powe Drug Company yesterday and, after making a thorough inspection of the large number of pictures submitted in the contest, announced John Clarke Gray, of Rutherfordton, N. C., as the successful contestant. Therefore he is awarded the \$5.00 prize. The judges asked that special mention be made of William Beverly Bramlett, of this city, and of Louise Langston, of Laurens R. D. 2, both of whom had excellent drawings. The judges were Miss Frances Thames, Miss Ella Roland and Miss Mary Simpson.

The successful contestant is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gray, former residents of this city and related to many Laurens people. The pictures which the young man submitted showed that he was a child of great talent.

Postmaster Jas. A. Clardy, who has been in Greenville some time undergoing treatment, has returned to the city considerably improved in health though he is not yet well enough to be at his office.

pected to call these matters over with his congressional visitors and reach a decision as to the system under which he believes the army should be mobilized.

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

Washington, March 21.—The president's proclamation calling an extra session of congress follows: "Whereas, public interests require that the congress of the United States should be convened in extraordinary session at 12 o'clock noon on the 2nd day of April, 1917, to receive a communication by the executive on grave questions of international policy; and, whereas, it is necessary to convene the congress of the United States in extra session at the capitol, in the city of Washington, on the 2nd day of April, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members thereof are hereby requested to take notice. "Given under my hand and the seal of the United States of America, the 21st day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-first."

DR. ANTHONY C. FULLER PASSED AWAY TUESDAY NIGHT

Ill but a Few Hours, He Passed Peacefully Away After a Long Life Full of Honor and Public Service.

Dr. Anthony C. Fuller, one of the oldest as well as most highly regarded men of the county, died at the home of his son, Glenn A. Fuller, in this city last Tuesday night after an illness of but a few hours. Though in his accustomed health even up to the day of his death, advanced age caused a complete collapse of his constitution when attacked by sickness and the end came rapidly. He was 92 years of age.

The funeral and burial services were held at Chestnut Ridge church Wednesday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. W. A. Fairry, pastor of the Methodist church, this city. The funeral was attended by a large gathering from over a wide section of the county, the deceased being liked and esteemed wherever known. The following acted as pall bearers: Honorary—W. N. Austin, A. Huff, Warren Bolt, Judge R. C. Watts, W. A. Watts, J. D. Watts, C. W. Tame, T. D. Lake, J. W. Todd, W. L. Gray, J. N. Wright, O. G. Thompson, B. L. Jones, Dr. W. H. Dial, Dr. A. J. Christopher, C. B. Bobo, Waddy Thompson, A. A. Garlington; Active—Rice Nickles, Fleming Jones, Glyde Franks, Wm. Anderson, E. O. Anderson, Fleming Smith, Joe Smith, Jas. Dunklin, Nye Owings, J. C. Barksdale, Guy Smith, Jeff Davis, George Bolt, Homer Moore, Jas. T. Langston.

Dr. Fuller was born Feb. 10, 1825. As a boy he attended the schools of the vicinity and later entered the old South Carolina college, from which he graduated with honors. For many years he was the oldest alumnus of that institution, having been a classmate of the late Dr. James H. Carlisle. He took his degree in medicine at the South Carolina Medical college at Charleston, but gave up his practice many years ago to give his attention to his farming interests, which engaged a large part of his time. As a farmer he was eminently successful, setting an example in scientific methods and especially in diversification of crops. He found time from his private duties, however, to devote himself to public affairs and served both in the senate of the state and the house of representatives. He was one of the original board of trustees of the Winthrop Female college. Throughout his life Dr. Fuller interested himself in the cause of temperance and he took a leading part in the fight for prohibition in this county. His efforts in large measure was due the successful campaign to abolish the county dispensary. Dr. Fuller was a devout member of the Methodist church and was a prominent figure in Methodist circles in this section of the state.

The deceased is survived by two sons, Messrs Glenn A. Fuller and A. Carl Fuller, and one daughter, Mrs. L. S. Bolt. During the past few months he has been living with Mr. Glenn A. Fuller in this city.

Jews Celebrate Passover.

Beginning April 6th, the Jews will hold the annual celebration of the Feast of the Passover, commemorating the deliverance of the Jews out of Egypt. The observance will continue over a period of eight days, during which time they will eat only of unleaven bread.

Dr. Dodd Preaches Farewell Sermon.

Dr. M. E. Dodd, who has been leading in the special services being conducted at the Baptist church, will preach his last sermon of the series tomorrow evening. The services are being largely attended both in the morning and evening and many converts have been added to the roll of the church. The singing, under the direction of Rev. F. A. Bower, of Albany, N. Y., has proven a very attractive feature of the services.

May Enlist at Post Office.

Mr. D. M. Norwood, assistant postmaster, stated yesterday that he has received blanks from Washington to be used in securing recruits for the naval service. Instead of having to write to Washington or elsewhere in regard to enlisting, Laurens county boys may now apply to Mr. Norwood and get all information necessary for enlistment. The government is calling for over 20,000 men to bring the naval forces up to the required strength and it is urging young men to apply for naval service.

LAURENS VOTES HEAVY FOR BETTER ROADS

Only Few Boxes Yet to Hear From.

ELECTION CARRIES NEARLY 3 TO 1

Only Five Boxes Heard From Showed a Majority Opposed to the Bond Issue. Renno Went Overwhelmingly Against It. Several Boxes Out.

Laurens voted heavily yesterday in favor of permanent roads. With all but five boxes heard from last night, the vote stood 1299 for the bonds and 446 opposed to them. The boxes yet to be heard from are all small boxes, where it is thought that the vote will be about evenly divided. These boxes are Mt. Pleasant, Cook's Store, Gray's Store, Ekorn, and Daniel's Store. The following is the vote by boxes as received by The Advertiser last night:

	For	Against
Goldville	30	0
Waterloo	49	2
Laurens	316	26
Gray Court	79	34
Ora	31	1
Pleasant Mound	23	15
Watts Mills	20	16
Laurens Mill	52	15
Clinton	131	36
Clinton Mill	7	2
Lanfor	16	18
Owings	23	14
Dials	13	12
Woodville	30	26
Lydia Hill	19	5
Renno	3	35
Cross Hill	49	49
Youngs	27	18
Hopewell	7	8
Princeton	37	4
Shiloh	18	14
Mountville	42	42
Tumbling Shoals	51	7
Langston	24	10
Tip Top	7	11
Poplar Springs	48	15
Thompson's Store	28	10
Stewart's Store	19	1
Total	1299	446

To Be Married in Georgetown.

Informal invitations have been issued to the marriage of Miss Lillian Crews, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Crews, of this city, to Mr. Clarence Godsey, of Charleston. The marriage will take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Todd in Georgetown on Friday of this week. Miss Crews has been with Mr. and Mrs. Todd for the past several weeks making preparations for the event. Following the wedding ceremony the couple will return to Charleston where Mr. Godsey, who is originally from Greenwood, is connected with a large ice manufacturing concern. Mr. W. T. Crews and probably others from here will attend the ceremony.

Reopens Tailoring Establishment.

Mr. E. E. Moore, who operated a tailoring establishment here under the name of the Laurens Tailoring Company, until a few months ago, has decided to re-enter business and to open up at the old stand on West Main street. He has again rented a part of the vacant storeroom in the Dial building opposite the post office. The other half of the first floor will be occupied by Baldwin's barber shop, which is now located in the basement of the Enterprise National Bank building.

Cheap at Any Price.

If all eggs were as large as one which Mr. E. B. Bolt brought to the city yesterday the housewives would hardly be complaining about their high price. This egg has the appearance of having changed its mind after reaching maturity and decided to grow some more to meet the demands of the high cost of living, which is causing so much stir these days. Mr. Bolt lives in Hunter township and raises his own eggs and poultry instead of buying them.

Laurens Ginned 31,475 Bales.

According to the report of the Census Director 31,475 bales of cotton during the 1916 season, against 39,918 bales ginned during the 1915 season. The total for the state was 968,436 bales and for the south was 11,442,838 bales.

CONGRESS MEETS NEXT MONDAY

To Consider Situation Fronting Nation.

DEMOCRATS LIKELY CONTROL HOUSE

Session Expected to Last Only About Two Months. Both Parties Expected to Work Harmoniously Together to Meet Great Crisis.

Washington, March 26.—Organization of the new house by the democrats was declared to be assured tonight by Representative Randall, of California, Prohibitionist, and one of the five so-called independents upon whom the political complexion of the house has seemed to hinge.

Mr. Randall returned to Washington tonight from Los Angeles. On reading a statement issued during the day by Republican Leader Mann, offering to retire from the race for the Speakership in favor of Speaker Clark if a bi-partisan or non-partisan organization was agreed upon, he said Mr. Mann was too late. He said he was in a position to say that enough of the independents would vote with the Democrats to give the latter a majority and assure the administration control by its party of both houses of Congress.

There have been indications for several days that the Democratic leaders had received satisfactory information concerning the independents. Speaker Clark and other spokesmen of the party have predicted the outcome apparently with complete confidence.

Democrats and Republicans go into the organization fight with 214 members each, while 218 votes are required to elect the Speaker. So four of the five independents must join the Democrats to re-elect Speaker Clark unless there are defections from the Republican ranks.

Republican Leader Mann, upon his return from Haiti today, said he was willing to withdraw from the race for the Speakership, in the interest of unity if the House could be organized on bi-partisan or non-partisan lines.

"I understand the Republicans have sufficient votes to elect me if they desire to," Mr. Man said "but I do not think this is a time for a partisan struggle. We should go forward united. Of course, if the Republicans insist that we should make the fight with me as their candidate, I will go along with them."

Representative Mann said he was willing to make the race for Speaker if a majority of the Republicans favored such a course, despite his personal belief that it would be to the country's disadvantage. Partisan affairs should have no place in the incoming House, he said, and whether the country is to have peace or war it was essential that all parties unite at once to expedite important public business.

Confidence is expressed among both Democrats and Republicans that the House will work harmoniously after the brush over organization.

The almost universal opinion among leaders today was that the President would not ask Congress to consider any question which might result in partisan fights. The opinion is general that the session will not last more than two months.

A conference on measures to be introduced by the foreign affairs committee during the coming session was held today between Secretary Lansing and Chairman Flood, Representative Harrison, of Mississippi, and Representative Ragsdale, of South Carolina, of the committee.

Grocers to Close at Six.

Yesterday several of the grocery men circulated a petition to close the grocery stores during the summer months at 6 o'clock in the evening. The petition was readily signed and the change will go into effect next Monday and remain in force until October 1st. The following firms signed the petition: J. M. Philpot, Hunter Bros., Owings & Owings, J. H. Sullivan, John A. Franks, Kennedy Bros., A. L. Mahaffey, Dial Company and J. C. Shell & Company. Most of the other stores, dry goods, furniture, etc., already close at 6 o'clock throughout the year except in December.