

## STATES DEMAND PREPARATION TO DEFEND NATION

### National Security League Arouses Attention to Need of Better Defenses on Land and Sea.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—A comprehensive review of its nationwide campaign for more adequate preparedness for national defense was issued today by the National Security League from its national headquarters in this city.

The tremendous interest awakened throughout the country through the activities of the League is reflected in the favorable attitude now being shown by members of congress, irrespective of political affiliations toward national defense legislation.

The work of the National Security League is based upon the realization that Congress is the pivot upon which more adequate national defense finally rests. The recommendations to Congress of the General Staff of the Army and the General Board of the Navy have not received in the past the consideration which they deserve nor has the money necessary to carry out the various projects been appropriated.

**Ask For Change.**

Within the last few weeks the National Security League has brought its effort to change these conditions to the attention of members of Congress and has requested an expression of opinion both as to the effectiveness of the methods employed and also to the views held by the Senators and Representatives on the question of more adequate preparedness.

Replies already received indicate that the work of the league is not only thoroughly appreciated but is regarded as a patriotic and necessary endeavor. They also indicate that when the President brings the subject of more adequate national defense to the attention of congress, which it is officially announced he has determined upon, he will find that an awakened public sentiment for more adequate national preparedness is already an impression upon Congress.

As would naturally be the case, the senators and representatives in the New England states are thoroughly alive to the situation. In Maine Representative Asher C. Hinds of Portland, says that he has always had pronounced ideas on national defense as his votes in the last Congress will show.

## VILLA AND OBREGON WILL FIGHT DECISIVE BATTLE AT TORREON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—While the administration and the Latin-American envoys await complete responses to their invitations to the Mexican factional leaders to get together, the main armies of Villa and Obregon are preparing to fight it out near Torreon. Villa is sending every available man south.

He has been warned by representatives here that the solidity of the Carranza camp has impressed the conferees and that unless something is done to upset the Carranza claims that his forces hold the greater part of Mexico, recognition of the Constitutionalists is a possibility.

As a result of this, Villa expected to attempt to regain some of his recently lost prestige as a commander. If Obregon can crush Villa then the efforts of the administration to restore peace in Mexico would be materially simplified.

## COTTON CONTRABAND GIVES WILSON CAUSE FOR MUCH CONCERN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—A serious problem now confronts the Wilson administration because of the decrees of Great Britain and France declaring cotton a contraband of war. Secretary Lansing has not yet been advised officially of this action, but the announcement cabled from London and Paris caused no surprise in administration quarters. This government has understood for some time that the staple was to be made a contraband, and it has prepared to protest immediately upon receipt of official notice. It is not believed that this protest will be effective, but it will be made because this government believes that it is justified.

## RAIN FALLS FIVE DAYS

Although only one day last week was clear, rain fell only on four days, the total rainfall being 2.92 inches.

The report of temperatures followed by the co-operative weather observer follows.

	Max.	Min.
Sunday	81	62
Monday	85	59
Tuesday	73	57
Wednesday	69	52
Thursday	73	48
Friday	68	58
Saturday	65	61

## STRIKE ORDERS READY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Fifty-five thousand machinists in a score of cities throughout the United States have been authorized to strike if not given the eight-hour day. Applications for double that number are under consideration by the national executive committee of the Association of Machinists.

Because of the possibility that the demands will be granted, it has been decided to keep secret until the strike is actually on, the cities and identity of the plants affected.

## What They're Doing In City Of Canvas

With mud several inches deep, a girl was noticed walking through the Chautauque grounds yesterday, wearing extremely low shoes and pink silk stockings bespattered with mud, carrying a pair of overalls in a basket.

There are sneak thieves operating in Glen Miller park, according to several campers, who have suffered losses while their tents were unoccupied, it is declared. Saturday a lady's pocket-book was rifled and at another tent several articles of small value were missing.

Edward Thompson, of 1724 Main street, claims the distinction of being

the first person to exhibit a photograph in the middle west. He displayed the machine at the G. A. R. encampment at Glen Miller park in 1885.

There is a wall of horror going up from the campers in anticipation of some warm weather, because, for some reason or other the ice man has been refused admission to the grounds.

Business at the eating house on the grounds is improving and the fact that a restaurant has been provided was a blessing to many of the campers who had more or less trouble in making "campfires" work during the rainy season.

### PROGRAM

Tonight.  
8:00—Senator Harding.  
7:00—Fisher-Shipp Company.  
Tuesday, August 24.  
—Morning—  
10:00—Institute.  
11:00—Institute.  
—Afternoon—  
1:30—Hon. S. D. Fess.  
2:30—J. C. Hall.  
3:30—Schumann Quintet, full concert.  
—Evening—  
7:00—Schumann Quintet.  
8:00—Hon. S. D. Fess.

## KITCHENERS ARMIES EXPECTED TO LEAVE SOON FOR FIGHTING

All Nooks of Island Filled With Men in Uniform Awaiting to Be Sent Across Channel.

BY HERBERT TEMPLE.  
LONDON, Aug. 23.—Surely the time must be drawing near when "Kitcheners' armies" must be sent across the channel in real earnest, if for no other reasons than because England is apparently too full of soldiers. Traveling through the country you see them everywhere; every village holds a few hundred; they are drilling in every field and in the cities thousands of factories have been busy day and night for many weeks turning out munitions and equipment.

The people themselves are gradually beginning to realize what this war means and what was the real object of the Kaiser when he started the war.

English People Slow.  
It seems strange that it should have taken even the most intelligent part of the English people so long to realize that what Germany wanted was to rule the world, and that for this reason England must be crushed, and one can not help thinking that things would have been different had the late King Edward been alive today. To him everything would have been clear, and it is really in the first place due to his clearheadedness that the plans of Germany have failed.

To rule the world Germany must first control the seas, and the first step in this direction was taken when Germany acquired Heligoland, without the German possession of which the construction of the Kiel canal would never have been begun. The next step was to be the seizure of Antwerp, which was transformed into Germany's chief naval base. One mistress of that port, with Belgium a vassal kingdom, and with Turkey under the German thumb, time would have been ripe for the attack on the British Empire.

The English people never suspected Germany of evil intentions, and the masses of the people do not realize the danger yet, but the fault is undoubtedly not wholly their own. They have never been told. Today, the government, non-partisan for the first time, is endeavoring to make up for lost time.

## HELP FIGHTERS WIN

PARIS, Aug. 23.—L'Oeuvre du Front (freely translated, the encouragement of fighters) is the name of Paris weekly publication has given to a new scheme which is said to be a great success. The editor learned that while many of the French soldiers in the trenches have wives and children and sisters to write to them, there were a great number of unattached young men without even a sweetheart.

It is hard for the latter to see their comrades receive precious letters every day and perhaps listen even to extracts. So he conceived the idea of making a list of young women who would be willing to indulge in a mild flirtation by means of letters with the polis at the front. The response has been enthusiastic and many strange romances will probably be born from this novel plan.

### MONEY RETURNED

A check for \$6,979.47 was received by County Treasurer Chalmers from the secretary of state as Wayne county's share of the automobile license money. This amount is for the first half year tax.

### FILES ON MORTGAGE

Albert W. Gregg filed suit today in circuit court against Ellen Jones, Leota Shoemaker and H. W. Zettermeyer. The complaint is on a note and asks for the foreclosure of a mortgage on real estate. The plaintiff demands \$200.

### IMPROVE BUILDING.

Improvements are being made at the high school building. Walls are being torn out to make room for a lunch room on the first floor of the building at the southeast corner.

## REPORT CAUSES GRAVE CONCERN

Alleged the German Embassy Has Kept Tab on President Through White House Spy.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Allegations that German diplomatic and secret service officials have been able to learn the "actual feelings" of President Wilson and the chiefs of the State department through an agent who had access to the white house, caused grave concern in administration circles today.

While officials refused to comment for publication, it was admitted that secret service agents and officers of the department of justice have been trying to determine whether these reports have the slightest foundation in fact. It is pointed out that President Wilson has granted appointments only to his most trusted advisers since the German situation became acute, except where certain persons have been received to tender invitations and the like. The latter have had no opportunity for general conversation. Therefore if the allegations be true, the "leak" must have been from an unusually confidential administration source.

World Makes Charge.  
The charge as made public in the New York World today was that an agent of Germany, designated as "J. J.", obtained from the president and secretary of state their real views on the controversies with Germany and with Great Britain and communicated them in the form of "conversations" to agents of Germany.

At the white house and state department it was stated that nothing would be said "at this time" regarding the allegations. It was learned, however, that department of justice already have tried to ascertain whether there actually is a "M. P." and that his connection is with the German agents in this country. The investigation so far, it was said, failed to reveal that the president's confidence has been abused.

## CLOSE FOR DINNER

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Owing to the depletion of their staffs by the war shop keepers in many towns of Great Britain are considering closing their shops during the dinner hour.

## SEEKS TO END LIFE

MUNCIE, Ind., Aug. 23.—While waiting to be taken to jail after being sentenced to the woman's state prison for a habitual inebriety, Mrs. Nae Geiger attempted to hang herself with a handkerchief. She was placed under guard to prevent her making another attempt on her life.

## \$60,000 LOSS IN FIRE

KOKOMO, Ind., Aug. 23.—Fire early today destroyed the large plant of the Kokomo Canning company, resulting in a total loss of \$60,000. The entire pea pack put up this year was also destroyed. A report that William Nolan was missing, later proved to be erroneous. The plant made a business of packing peas, corn and other vegetables. Insurance covers only half of the loss, it is said.

### SEEKS AEROPLANES

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—As a result of the inability of the navy department to fulfill the promise, made several months ago, to "loan" aeroplanes to the naval militia of the twenty-three states that have such organizations, which would delay the organization of aviation corps until either congress or the state legislatures provide for same, the Aero Club of America has received many requests for assistance from heads of the naval militia.

The club, as preliminary to making special efforts to meet this need, has written to the governors of every state, who are holding a conference at Boston, asking that the matter of organizing aviation corps in the National guard and Naval Militia be given consideration at the governors' conference.

### FACTS ON ARABIC STAND CONFIRMED

LONDON, Aug. 23.—W. H. Page, United States ambassador, is pressing his investigation into the sinking of the Arabic by a German submarine, but so far he has secured no information to refute the assertions of officers and passengers that the attack was delivered without warning.

### PORK LENGTHENS LIFE.

COLUMBUS, Aug. 23.—"Eat pork" three times a day is the receipt used by Samuel Reynolds for prolonging his stay on Mother Earth. Reynolds, seventy-five years old, has been sick but once in his life.

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE APPROACHES RECORD SET HERE BY BRYAN

Sunday's attendance at the Chautauque was the largest of any season since William Jennings Bryan delivered an address here some years ago, according to officials who declared that the gate receipts overbalanced the loss Saturday, and were looking for a big week, beginning today.

The total gate receipts showed an attendance of 4,300 people Sunday afternoon, and last night's attendance was greater, though the exact number is not known.

Last Thursday showed a greater attendance than on the corresponding day one year ago, but on Friday and Saturday the gate receipts fell below those of the previous year for the corresponding days. The Friday and Saturday of the first week of last season were "big" days.

Congressman Fess delivered a lecture tonight, and the O. Edwards Clark Concert company will render a program of music. These attractions and because of the excellent weather are expected to bring out a large crowd, which will swell the gate receipts to an amount in excess of that for the same period last year.

If the weather continues favorable the officials are confident they will complete the week with receipts showing a satisfactory balance.

Yesterday and today, persons who have not had an opportunity to attend the Chautauque were buying season tickets to get the advantage of the closing week's attraction.

## ONE FRENCH FAMILY GIVES TEN SONS TO FIGHT FOR COUNTRY

PARIS, Aug. 23.—One French family has given ten sons to the army, three of whom have already fallen on the field of honor. The first to fall was the eldest, Lieutenant Joseph de L... He met his death following a mention in dispatches for conspicuous bravery. Then fell one of the twins, Albert and Antoine, who had been fighting in the same regiment side by side. The survivor writes:

"Poor, poor mother."  
"Yesterday, at four in the afternoon, I saw my poor twin-brother fall at my side with a bullet in his head. He had done his duty but too well. He was always exposing himself. He died in my arms. We avenged him. No German could reach us. One hundred lay where they fell before our rifles."

Later it is proud news that reaches the mother of heroes. Her daughter-in-law writes:

"I have just learned that Louis has received the Cross of the Legion of Honour. General Joffre himself decorated him, and gave the accolade."  
A month, and death again knocked at the door. Louis, the newly-decorated hero, has fallen at Notre-Dame-de-Lorette. Yet the spirit of the family is not broken.

"These cruel losses," writes another son, Guy de L., volunteer soldier, "must only serve to strengthen our courage and our firm resolve to avenge them."

## SEND MORE MARINES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Three hundred and fifty more marines will be sent to Haiti the last of this week, it was definitely learned today. The cruiser Tennessee reached Norfolk today. It will go to Annapolis and take aboard the marines who comprise three companies of the artillery service. It will then go to Philadelphia to get equipment and leave for Haiti at once. Admiral Caperton reported today that he had formally taken over the customs house at St. Marc. Marines now have charge of the customs houses at all principal Haitian ports.

### PAY CAR ARRIVES

The Pennsylvania railroad pay car stopped here for a few hours this morning in order to meet some of the train and to pay off the crews working through here between Columbus and Indianapolis.

### DAMN NOT PROFANITY.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Aug. 23.—"Damn" is not profanity according to a decision made by City Court Judge West, in dismissing a charge of profanity in the presence of women brought by Charles Brooler against Timothy Dean.

### SHOW ORPHANS COURTESY.

MARION, Ind., Aug. 23.—Fifty-five orphan children, sent from Marion county to the Grant county orphan's home, were met at the traction station by automobiles and taken on a sight-seeing trip about the city.

### AFTER FT. WAYNE BOOZERS.

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 23.—Because the city council defeated a proposed ordinance to prohibit screens and other view-obstructing devices in saloons, President Price of the Men's Christian league, has threatened to vote the town "dry."

"We can do it," declared Price, "the real men of Ft. Wayne mean business." The proposed ordinance was admittedly aimed at what is termed the "clove eating" booze fighters, who might hesitate to "hold a highball" in full view of the street.

### FOUND DEAD IN BUGGY.

MOOREVILLE, Ind., Aug. 23.—When Josh Gooding borrowed a horse and buggy for a short trip into the country, and failed to return it, a search resulted in finding the horse tied to a tree on a lonely road and Gooding dead in the buggy. The horse was exhausted and vicious from starvation. Heart failure is supposed to have caused Gooding's death.

## PEOPLE'S RETURN TO SOIL WILL SLASH LIVING COST

Compulsory vocational training for school children in the United States through government aid was explained by Congressman S. D. Fess to three hundred school teachers attending the institute, which opened this morning for a week's session at Chautauque. Representative Fess is a member of the commission of nine members appointed by President Wilson. The commission in December when congress convened in its fifty-fourth session will have recommendations embodied in a law allowing for national aid to vocational training, which is expected to be passed.

Congressman Fess said the problem of the high cost of living will be solved when there is a return to the farms of many people now living in the cities. He said that number of consumers was increasing while the productive number was diminishing. The population of the cities is now 52 per cent. of the total population of the country. Fifty years ago it was about thirty per cent.

Through hearings conducted by the commission and data collected by it, 33 per cent. of the school children who enter the country's schools do not attend high school and less than 3 per cent. of those who enter school, ultimately take up college study, the speaker declared.

Congressman Fess emphasized the need of permitting the 33 per cent. of school children to obtain the advantage of the exorbitant amount of money now spent on high schools and colleges.

The law, if passed, will not only permit the pupils to derive a course of vocational training to equip them for some one single occupation, but afford the pupils who quit school to take the same course of study dividing their time between the workshop in which they are employed and the vocational training school.

National aid to vocational training under this bill, will be given according to the population and conditions in each state.

## TWO BILLION POUNDS OF BELGIAN RELIEF SENT FROM AMERICA

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Some idea of the volume of food purchases and shipments made by the Commission for relief in Belgium during the summer months, may be gained from figures presented by the current report of the Commission. Including the grain and foodstuffs sent from United States ports alone, the shipments have reached a total of 458,216 tons, or 1,024,402,840 pounds. These figures, it should be remembered, do not include the cargoes sent from Canadian and other foreign ports, which would bring the aggregate up to, if it does not exceed 2,000,000,000 pounds, and the approximate total cost is nearly \$80,000,000.

From the United States ports, thus far, seventy-seven shipsloads of food and clothing have been sent to Belgium by the commission. During the winter and spring the requirements of Belgium to feed its population of 7,000,000 on a per capita ration of ten ounces a day, which is about one-third of a soldier's ration—necessitated the sending of a shipload of food every forty-eight hours.

## MILITARY MEN PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE WAR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—All private munitions in this country would be mobilized by the army and navy, should events force the United States into armed intervention in Mexico or into the European war.

Tentative plans along this line already have been completed in both the army and navy. While the plants themselves would continue to run as at present, expert ordnance and explosive manufacturing officers would be detailed from the army and navy staffs to speed up these plants and to see that the materials they produce were standardized for the needs of the American forces.

One of the first acts congress would be asked to pass, it is understood, would be a defense bill under which the United States government could get possession of all needed munition factories, regardless of who held contracts for their output. Such action would be necessary, officials say, if this government was not to go through the experience that has handicapped both England and Russia.

While officials are not talking war, and every one is hopeful that there will be a peaceful outcome of the crisis precipitated by the Arab sinking, both the army and navy are quietly taking stock.

### SUES DOG OWNER.

ELKHART, Aug. 23.—For an attack upon her poodle by another dog, which in the scramble bit her baby in a go-cart, Mrs. Estelle Jarrett has filed an affidavit charging Harry Drake with permitting a dog to run at large unmuzzled.

## CLOUDBURST STRIKES CITY IN NEW YORK

ELLENVILLE, N. Y., Aug. 23.—It was estimated today that about \$10,000 damage was done by the cloudburst that visited this city yesterday. Two houses were torn from their foundations. About 1,000 feet of the track of the New York, Ontario and Western railroad was put out of commission.

## TURKS HOLD ITALIANS

ROME, Aug. 23.—Press dispatches from Athens and Salonika stated that Italian subjects in Turkey are now being arrested by the hundreds and cast into filthy jails. The Italian legation at Athens has heard a rumor that the Italian ambassador to Turkey was threatened by a mob and that several windows in the embassy were smashed.

## WOUNDED RUSS BOY ADOPTED BY GERMAN BATTALION IN POLAND

BERLIN, Aug. 23.—Rudolph von Koenchewski, war correspondent of the "Berliner Tageblatt" writes from the eastern front.

"The third battalion of the 16th German Infantry Regiment fought for almost three days to capture a small strongly fortified wood near Bucyni. Repeatedly the German troops were repulsed with heavy losses, but the attack finally succeeded and the Russians were driven from their positions. After the wounded had been picked up one of the dogs of the ambulance detachment discovered a Russian soldier in a small cave at the foot of a hill.

The Russian, a bright blue-eyed boy of hardly more than fourteen years, had been struck by three bullets in the first hour of the battle. Old comrades told him that all wounded prisoners were invariably murdered by the German soldiers. So he crept into the cave to die there.

The pretty pale-faced boy with his big, pleading blue eyes captured the hearts of the German warriors. He was carefully carried to the nearest field hospital where he quickly recovered. While he was in the hospital some of his captors visited him every day to hear him tell of his adventures in broken German. He gave his name as Alexis Radotchin and is a native of Petrograd.

"When he was discharged from the hospital the battalion practically adopted him. He was not sent to Germany, but accompanied the battalion further into Poland. In case of a sudden retreat the German soldiers would sooner give up their guns and baggage wagons than their little prisoner, who has become their pet."

### PARTED FOR YEARS.

MARION, Aug. 23.—Parted for fifty-four years, James M. Perry, his sister and Mrs. Eliza Stanton have been reunited.

## SOLDIERS OF FRANCE PROVE VERSATILITY ALONG BATTLE FRONT

Old Men Make Better Fighters and Show More Resourcefulness Than Do Young Men.

BY LA RACONTEUSE.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—It is several months since General Joffre said that he knew no reserve troops any more because the territorials had become as hardened as the younger troops. Very often these married soldiers and fathers of families who served their military term fifteen to twenty years ago, are even better soldiers than the new conscripts.

Anybody who knows anything of the lower classes in France, does not have to be told how resourceful these peasants and workmen are when in a difficult position. Life has been their teacher, time and again they have found themselves in face of difficulties which seemed insurmountable, but they have always found a way out, and so they do now as soldiers.

Show Resourcefulness.  
In one night they will dig a subterranean passage through which they emerge unexpectedly and surprise the enemy, or they fix a small alarm bell in a trench and whenever they ring it the Germans open a furious fire, wasting tons of ammunition without doing the least harm.

Sometimes they construct sham batteries, conceal them cunningly and when the German aviators discover them more waste of ammunition results. The middle-aged soldiers whom life has taught the sense of realities, possess in the highest degree the Gallic race's elasticity, faculty of improvisation, courage, resistance and common sense.

At present young and old troops fight alongside each other in nearly all the trenches along the entire front, this long front through France, which is like a razor, slowly but surely moving eastward, raising everything in front of it—men, houses, trees, forests and villages.

## \$50,000 BONDS SOLD TO ELDORADO BANK

ELDORADO, Aug. 23.—The school bond issue of \$50,000 issued by the Board of Education of Monroe township, Preble county, Ohio, has been purchased by the Farmer's Banking company, which paid a premium of \$1,000 for the entire issue.

The Township Board of Education met at the Central school house and opened the bids, of which there were only two, one from the local bank and one from a Toledo company.

Last week the school board bought ten acres of ground directly across the road from the Central school from A. J. Cloyd, paying \$2,600 for it. This land held the site of the new school building that will be erected. The land will be surveyed next week and plans submitted by an architect. Preliminary work will be started this fall and the building will be ready for occupancy when the 1916 school session begins.

### PIN CAUSES MYSTERY.

GREENSBURG, Ind., Aug. 23.—A fraternity pin, believed to have belonged to the late Barton W. Wilson, found on the battlefield at Spanish Fort, Ala., and now in the possession of W. L. Hall, of Lincoln, Neb., has mystified Barton's relatives. Barton was ill at the time of the Civil war and it is believed that he gave the pin to the man he hired to serve in his place.

### CAPTURE FUNNY OWL.

CONNERSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 23.—The first monkey-faced owl seen in this vicinity for many years, was captured southeast of town, by Oscar Henry. The feathers are red, yellow and gray, and the face very similar to that of a monkey.

The average daily field ration of the United States army is made up as follows: Bacon, 15 ounces; fresh meat, 20 ounces; bread, 18 ounces; beans, 24 ounces; potatoes, 30 ounces; prunes or preserves, 1.23 ounces; coffee, 1.12 ounces; sugar, 3.2 ounces; evaporated milk, 5 ounces; vinegar, .16 of a gill; salt, .64 ounce; pepper (black), .04 of an ounce; lard, .61 of an ounce; butter, .5 of an ounce.

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