

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 adoption of the legislation.

The work of the National Security League is based upon the realization that Congress is the pivot upon which more adequate national defense must rest. 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 of 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 response 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 conference 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 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 filed by the co-operative weather observer follows.

Max. Min.

	Max.	Min.
Sunday	51	62
Monday	55	59
Tuesday	53	57
Wednesday	69	52
Thursday	73	48
Friday	68	54
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 strikes are actually on, the cities and names of the plants affected.

What They're Doing In City Of Canvas

With mud several inches deep, a girl was noticed walking through the Chautauqua grounds yesterday, wearing extremely low shoes and pink silk stockings bespattered with mud, carrying a pair of overshoes 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 is 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-Ship Company.

Tuesday, August 24.
Morning—
10:00—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. Travelling 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 clear-sightedness 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 must be transformed into Germany's chief naval base. One mistress of that port, 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 attempt, is endeavoring to make up for lost time.

HELP FIGHTERS WIN

PARIS, Aug. 23.—"L'Œuvre du Flirt" (freely translated, the encouragement of flirtation) is the name a 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 was 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 poilus 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 Chammess from the secretary of state as Wayne county's share of the automobile license money. This amount is for the first half year tax.

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.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE APPROACHES RECORD SET HERE BY BRYAN

Sunday's attendance at the Chautauqua 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 balanced the loss resulting from the rain of Friday and 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.

Representative Fess is a member of the commission of nine members appointed by President Wilson. The commission in December when congress convenes in its Sixty-fourth session will have recommendations embodied in a law allowing for national aid to vocational training, which is expected to be passed.

Congressman Fess emphasized the need of permitting the 95 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 equal 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.

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 Chautauqua. Representative Fess is a member of the commission of nine members appointed by President Wilson.

The commission in December when congress convenes in its Sixty-fourth session will have recommendations embodied in a law allowing for national aid to vocational training, which is expected to be passed.

Congressman Fess emphasized the need of permitting the 95 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 equal 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.

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 clumsily 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 combat sense.

At present young and old 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, razing everything in front of it—men, houses, trees, fortresses 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 \$1.00 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.

The third battalion of the 16th German Infantry Regiment fought for almost three days to capture a small strongly fortified wood near Bucyay. Repeatedly the German troops were repelled 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,

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 and broken German. He gave his name as Alexie Radotschin 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.

PAY CAR ARRIVES

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

DAMN NOT PROFANITY.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., 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 a 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.

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 a 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.

SHOW ORPHANS COURTESY.

MARION, Ind., Aug. 23.—Fifty-five orphans, children sent from Marion county to the Grant county orphans' 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 Methodist 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 "hoist 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.

SPECIAL Wednesday Only

Untrimmed Velvet Hats . . . 98c

Special Values in Trimmed Velvet Hats

\$2.45 and \$2.98

The Kielhorn Millinery Co.

525 Main Street