

STATES SHIFT COST OF NATIONAL GUARD TO THE GOVERNMENT

In Many Cases Federal Appropriation Is Greatest. Arkansas Gives Nothing. Mississippi Allows Only \$10,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—In view of the agitation for increasing the national defenses, the report from the Militia Board that the National Guard is deficient in strength becomes highly interesting. This deficiency reaches the serious figure of nearly 15,000 men. The report shows that in no State is the prescribed minimum peace strength of all organizations of the militia maintained, and that in many instances the deficiency has reached such a figure as to leave the organizations of no value as military assets to the Federal Government.

Many of the States do not pay their share of the cost of maintaining the State militia. In a number of States the Federal appropriation is greater than that made by the State Legislatures. In some of these States the Federal appropriation is three or four times as great as that made by the State. In Arkansas, the State Legislature for the last two years has made no provision whatever for the support of its organized militia. In the State of Alabama the Federal appropriation is four times as large as the State appropriation. In Louisiana it is twice that of the State. Kentucky receives five times as much from the Federal Government as it appropriates for the militia.

MISSISSIPPI FAR BEHIND.

The greatest discrepancy is found in Mississippi, where the State takes seven times as much from the Federal Government as it appropriates. In Montana, Texas and Tennessee the Federal appropriations are nearly four times as large as those from the States. Pennsylvania expends more than is appropriated by the Federal Government.

This table shows the amounts appropriated by the Federal and State Governments of the respective States:

Table with columns: State, Federal Appropriation, State Appropriation. Lists states from Alabama to Wyoming with corresponding values.

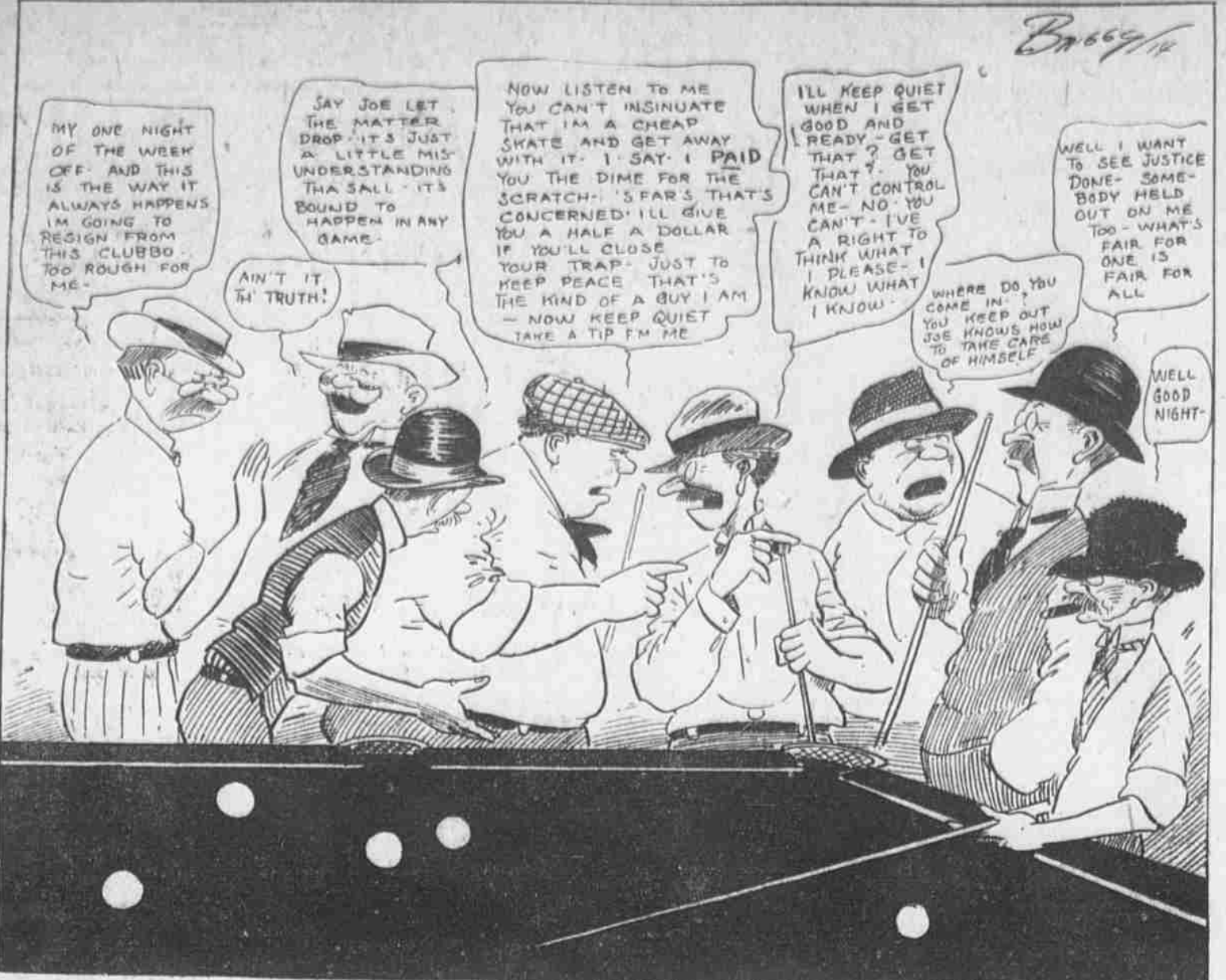
Total: \$4,288,532.81 \$5,851,140.77. 15,647,347 MEN FOR WAR. There are 15,647,347 members of the militia. The number of males available for military duty in the United States in time of war is 15,647,347. This is shown in the following table:

Table with columns: State, Total, Available for War, Available for Reserve. Lists states from Alabama to Wyoming with corresponding values.

SEARCH FOR MISSING WOMAN

600 Boy Scouts Penetrate North Jersey Mountain. NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 11.—Three hundred Boy Scouts were making a thorough search of the North Jersey Mountains today for the missing Mrs. Walter M. Brock, 32 Park avenue, Orange, who mysteriously disappeared a week ago after leaving her husband good-bye at the Orange station of the Lackawanna Railroad.

KELLY POOL—A MONEY WRANGLE



CANNON SHOTS OVER BORDER MAY CARRY HINT TO MEXICANS

Gutierrez Complies With Warning and Orders Governor Maytorena to Cease Firing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Orders to General Maytorena to cease firing at Naco unless it can be continued without endangering the lives of Americans on this side of the border were sent by Provisional President Gutierrez, of Mexico, today in response to the demands of the United States. Although leaders of both Mexican factions have disclaimed any intention of violating American territory, officials today declared that the firing across the international boundary there or at any other point must be completely stopped. General Tasker Bliss, now in personal command at Naco, Ariz., wired the War Department that conditions there were quiet. The official warning sent to Tarranza at Vera Cruz through Consul Canada to control his troops under General Hill and to General Gutierrez at Mexico City to call Governor Maytorena off is expected to be effective. It is certain, if any additional stray shots carry across the line and injure Americans, that General Bliss will act. Every official of the Administration, from the President down, is convinced that the firing of a few cannon shots in the

\$25,000,000 Needed to Finish Canal

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The sum of \$25,000,000 must be thrown into the barge canal before it can be finished, in addition to the original appropriations of \$10,000,000. This is the estimate of Reubena and Western Railroad, the public engineers and legislators who are advising Governor-elect Whitman. A bill providing for the extra \$15,000,000 bond issue is likely to be one of the first measures set before the new Legislature.

\$70,000 FOR STREET WORK

Action of Wilmington Council Will Aid Unemployed. WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 11.—As the result of the action of City Council last night in approving the agreement entered into with the Street and Sewer Department, about \$70,000 worth of street and sewer work will be commenced in a short time, giving work to hundreds of the unemployed.

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Pastor Killed When Train Hits Auto

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Returning from a wedding in New York, two ministers of Paterson, N. J., their wives and a chauffeur were struck by a train on the Lodi branch of the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad, on the outskirts of Hackensack, shortly after 6 o'clock last night. One of the party, Rev. Dr. Charles Loveland Merriam, of the Auburn Street Congregational Church, was killed instantly. The others are in Hackensack Hospital.

Welsh Called "Singing Fighters"

From Private R. J. Parsons of the R. A. M. C., to his brother at Neath. I have met scores of Welsh boys from over the hills, and they are brave little fighters. They are known out here as the "Singing Soldiers"; they sing all night

POSTBAG FROM BATTLE FRONT

First-hand Accounts of Land and Sea Conflicts Told by the Fighting Soldiers and Sailors Themselves.

The real war correspondents of the present European struggle are the men in the trenches and the men on the quarter deck. Professional writers are not permitted at the front. All they know is what they see gleaned from the wounded occupants of ambulances taken to the rear. The Evening Ledger will print from time to time the only estimate of the war—the reflections of soldiers and sailors in their letters home. German letters, when obtainable, as well as those of the Allies, will be printed.

Horses Stabled in Parlor

From a sergeant of the Lancashire Fusiliers, in a letter to his wife. If you could only tour round here and see what destruction the Germans have done to villages and towns! In one house they stabled five horses in the parlor; they could not get them out, so our people had to take the windows out to move them. \* \* \* Just fancy what would happen if they managed to get into England!

All Company Officers Shot

From Private J. Simmonds, of the 1st Battalion, The Queen's, to his wife at Great Brinsford, near Colchester. It is true I have been wounded, but in the left leg by German shrapnel. One of our worst days was September 14. It rained all day, and we were shut up in a small field. The Germans fired right, left and front, and it looked as if no one in B Company was going to get out alive. My company lost all its officers except one, and he was wounded near death. Such a fine officer, Mr. Denton, was shot one day when we had the order to retire. It seemed too hard to leave him, so I took off my waterproof and went back for him. Four of us carried him on this sheet under fire for five miles. All the time he kept saying, "Leave me, Simmonds; save yourself." Now and again he would say, "You are brave lads; God bless you!" A German shell dropped within a few yards when we were dressing his wounds, but, thank God, like all things German, it was a bad one.

TURK MINE SINKS TURK SHIP

Gunboat Lost in Bosphorus—1100 Turks Captured. LONDON, Dec. 11.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Athens says that a Turkish gunboat has been sunk by a Turkish mine at the entrance to the Bosphorus. The Indian Office reports that about 1100 Turkish prisoners, exclusive of wounded, and nine guns were captured at Kurna, on the Persian Gulf, which was occupied on December 8.

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