WAR COLLEGE FAVORS A STANDING ARMY OF 253,500 MEN

Military Reorganization Program Contemplates Appropriations of \$503,000,000 in Eight Years

RESERVE FORCE OF 500,000

Huge Standing Army War College Program

Outstanding features of the miltary reorganization plan proposed by the War College and curtailed by President Wilson in his message Congress: Increase of standing army to

253,520 men. Continental reserve of 500,000. Expenditure of \$503,000,000 in a period of eight years, beginning

Federal expenditure of only \$7. 000,000 a year for State militia and repeal of laws placing militia in service ahead of other forces in

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- Increase of the United States standing army to 253,500 started high in Elevator B of the three men is the recommendation of the Army war College. Its long-awaited military were that spontaneous combustion caused reorganization plan, made public today, wovides for stupendous appropriations, beginning with \$503,000,000 next year, extending over eight years. The army exparts recommend a continental reserve of

Adoption by Secretary Garrison and President Wilson of only part of the experts' recommendations is evident from Garrison cut the initial expense from \$503,000,000 to \$183,000,000. He slaw reduced the continental army figures from 500,000 to 400,000, but retained the plan of six-year service. The army board, however, recommends three months annual training for the reserves, while Secretary Garrison's report proposes only two months' training. The War College plan to have the continentals enlisted for three years' active service and three years in reserve was incorporated by Garrison in his program. Garrison also adopted the experts'

to spend \$80,000,000 in four years or coast fortifications.

The army officers, in detail, recommend

a mobile arm for continental United States alone of 121,000, with an eight-year enlistment, two years' active and six reserve. This would provide a trained reserve of 500,000 men in eight years. The War College also recommends Federal expenditure of only \$7,000,000 answells for the State militia and reneal qually for the State militia and repeal of laws which would place the militia in service ahead of other forces in case of

FEAR REIGN OF TERROR AFTER HOPEWELL FIRE

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was shot by an Italian, but not fatally, A falling wall crushed one man. Relief work got under way rapidly to-day and committees from Petersburg and Richmond, as well as representatives of the State authorities, visited the ruins of Hopewell. The Petersburg City Coun-cl voted \$7500 for relief work and \$1000 was subscribed by Petersburg business

FIRE BABIES BORN.

Haif a dozen brand-new babies added to the population of Hopewell during the long night. One lusty young-ster came into the world in the bunkroom of a railroad construction shack. When Hopewell jail was ablaze and the prisoners were removed, the women prisoners were taken to Hopewell Hospital. An hour later, while the fire-fighters struggled to save the hospital, one of them gave birth to a girl baby. All of the fire babies were pronounced by the doctors to be healthy and happy. Ten thousand persons who yesterday found homes in the hundreds of flimsy shacks that made up the boom city were today homeless and destitute, seek-lag food and shelter among the neigh-boring Virginia towns. They lost their all in the blaze which swept away property valued at from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. The great du Pont powder plant was

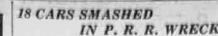
A few pathetic little heaps of fitfully blazing embers, scattered over 24 city squares, guarded by 300 Virginia militia. were all that remained today of the mushroom city. Erstwhile dance halls, cabarets, saloons and gambling houses, with their wood and canvas false fronts and their long, low buildings, had been swept away in a swiri of smoke and flame.

SOLDIERS ON GUARD. Today and throughout the night search for bodies among the ruins was varied by the sniping at looters by the militia. Four hours sufficed for the destruction of the boom town, the kaleidoscopic his-Virginia City and the gold and silver boom camps of the last century. Where gamblers, gummen and girls so lately held sway, all went up in flame and smoke fanned by a brisk breeze. But at no time was the big powder plant nearby, with its tons of superston and other by, with its tons of guncetton and other explosives, in any real danger, as when the flames approached the high stockade surrounding the plant, a double row of buildings was dynamited and the fire thecked. The du Pont Powder Company, thecked. The du Pont Powder Company, which owns the plant, suffered no loss. All through the night a pitiable, dreary procession wended its way by all roads out of what had been Hopewell. It plodded with the sullenness of despair the long 10 miles to Petersburg, or sought with frantic frenzy to find shelter in du Pont City City Point, or in the shacks of construction gangs in the neighborhood. One half crazed mob tried to storm the gates of the big powder plant, and it took half the force of du Pont private police to drive them away. When the dynamiting of the flimsy buildings began, a wave of panic swept the stricken multitude which feared a general explosion in the powder plant.

\$300,000 IN CASH FOUND.

\$300,000 IN CASH FOUND. li was this condition that prompted the local officials to call for aid, and 300 militiamen, under Major E. W. Bowles and J. F. Bright, of Richmond, and Captals R. E. Wilkins, of Newport News. were hurried to the scene. They drove svery one from the fire area and organised a close patrol, which kept close watch for ioosters. The militia found \$300,000 in cash and securities in the rules of one in cash and securities in the ruins of the Hopewell Bank and the Farmers and Mechanics' Banks. It was removed int-der heavy guard.





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LOCATION OF HOPEWELL, VIL

State and Government Inquiry Into

Elevator Blaze

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 10.-Fire, which early

today destroyed three Anchor Line grain

elevators bulging with 550,000 bushels of

grain consigned to the Allies, brought

State and Government Investigators to the

scene, to run down reports that pro-Ger-

man incendiarles started the blaze. The

An investigation was begun immediately,

despite statements by officials of the Eric

and Western Transportation Company,

owning the Anchor Line, that the blaze

that were burned. Indications, they said.

If spies started the blaze, it was said,

they could not have selected a more op-

portune time. Erie has discontinued fire-

tug service on the water front where the

The elevators were known to have been

under extra guards ever since grain for the Allies was placed in atorage. Five grain-laden steamers tring near the ele-

TOWARD ALLIES' TROOPS

LONDON, Dec. 10.-The Daily Tele-

graph's Salonica correspondent in a dis-

patelf sent by mail, in order to avoid the

Greek censorship, gives instances of thin-

ly veiled hostility on the part of the

The dispatch says that no sooner had

the first contingent of troops landed than

the prices of all commodities were doubled and trebled, and the highest tariff applied for the transportation of munitions and supplies, augmented by a supertax of 5 per cent. The full passenger rate was exacted for each soldier, plus a 7½ per cent, supertariff. The director of railways insisted that the cost of each teach teach

Karaburun fort, at the entrance of the

Ernest L. Weidel, 3948 Lancaster ave., Annie M. Dine, 1415 N. Alden st.

horses, carts and so forth.

Greeks at Salonica toward the Allies.

vators were drawn away and saved.

SALONICA GREEKS HOSTILE

loss is placed at \$750,000

BURNED THE ALLIES' GRAIN

PROBE FIRE AT ERIE WHICH

sideswipe a freight train bound from Jersey City for Harrisburg which was passing on another track. Locomotive and cars were upset, many of the latter being amashed into splinters. The being smashed into splinters. The wreckage covered all the tracks, making passage of other trains impossible. The wreckage was not cleared away until

The train for Jersey City was on track two, and the Harrisburg train on track four. The cars of the first train left the tracks and jumped over the rails intervening between the two tracks.

The spot were the wreck occurred is 18½ miles east of Philadelphia. There were 4t cars in the train which jumped the track and 25 cars in the other train. Although loaded with freight, both trains were running at a rapid rate of speed were running at a rapid rate of speed and the force of the collision was so great that the tracks were strewn with wrecking for a distance of 500 feet. The rails were torn up and otherwise badly damaged and had to be replaced. Tracks one and two were repaired and opened to traffic shortly after 9 o'clock, but tracks three and four were not repaired

INJURED MAN STAYS ON SCENE. The freight train going east was known as No. 6, and the locomotive was in charge of Engineer Mount. Harry Trout, of Trenton, was the engineer of the westbound train. Harry E. Saike, fireman of the west-bound train, was one of the men hurt. He refused to leave the scene of the wreck until daylight. He was not seriously hurt. Both he and Engineer Trout were pinned in the cab of their engine and had to crawl out over the wreckage. Salke, although suffering great pain, insisted on helping the wrecking crew. He took up his place on the

Ing crew. He took up his place on the tracks, as flagman, to warn approaching trains of danger.

The other man hurt was C. M. Guyott, brakeman of the west-bound train. He was climbing a ladder to the roof of the car when the smash-up took place. He was hurled a distance of S feet through the air and landed in a field. He fell in a pile of soft earth and only suffered a shaking up. Both he and Salke were sent to Jersey City, where they live, in one of the wrecking trains. one of the wrecking trains.

tug service on the water front where the elevators were situated, and when the flames were discovered, the streets through the surrounding railroad yards were blocked by freight trains. As a result of the blockade, fire apparatus was delayed in reaching the burning buildings and the flames gained great headway. GIVE THANKS FOR DELIVERANCE. Following the wreck two members of the crews knelt on a field and joined in a prayer of thanks for their deliverance, Two of the cars wrecked contained checolate candy destined for Christmas delivery. Another car was filled with toys, also to be sold for Christmas. They were scattered over the tracks, and many of the workmen in the wrecking crew which arrived picked up the remains when they had finished their work.

when they had finished their work.

Although not so many cars were demolished as was the case in the wreck of November 29, the loss was greater today because of the costliness of the contents of the cars. A number of graphophones, planes, typewriters and expensive rugs were destroyed. Many boxes of collars were destroyed. boxes of cotton yarn were in the cars and bundles were strewn about the tracks. The workmen found it useful, for they picked up large bundles and tied them to their caps to protect their ears against the early morning cold.

500 IN WRECKING CREWS.

M. T. Tomlinson, freight traffic manager, arrived on the scene from his home in Elizabeth shortly after 3 o'clock. He had 500 men working under his direction. Wrecking trains were sent from Tacony, Morrisville, New Brunswick, West Phil-adelphia and Paoli.

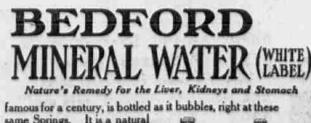
cent, supertarin. The director of rail-ways insisted that the cost of each troop train be paid in gold before it left Sa-lonica. If the allied forces rented a house, the Greek military authorities stepped in and annualled the contract, claiming the house was needed for the State. The same was done as regards horses, carts and so forth. The railroad company announced that it would cancel the 9 o'clock train to New York, but when it was found the work of clearing the track was progressing so rapidly the train finally left the station and was the first to pass Anda-Raraburun fort, at the entrance of the Bay of Salonica, was secretly strengthened. Defense works were constructed, and heavy guns mounted. The presence was discovered of submarine mines, stored as if ready to be launched, at the mouth of the Varder River. Trenches and barbed wire defenses were constructed on the heights above Salonica and turned toward the direction of the Alley' come. See

station and was the first to pass Andalusia after the wreck. It arrived there at 9:40. A short time later, a few minutes after 10 o'clock, a Chicago express from New York passed by.

The accident occurred about 150 yards west of the station at Andalusia, but in spite of the terrific crash Mrs. S. H. Williams, in charge of the station, and the members of her family were not wind, which carried the sound in the







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IN CAST OF SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL'S ANNUAL PLAY



Left to right—W. Gardner, F. Ehrmann, R. Wiltbank, R. Beryendorff, Prof. G. N. Haasz, coach; B. Silverman, J. Curley, W. Manning, J. Calhoun, M. Efraemson and C. Hildebrand.

pposite direction. Mrs. Williams knew nothing of the wreck until she arose at 6 o'clock this morning. She said that she, her husband and 3-year-old daush-

ter had slept soundly.

The general manager of the Pennsylva-nia Railrond, S. C. Long, came to the scene of the wreck himself after daylight, it was announced that a committee would determine officially the cause of the

November Fire Losses

Fire losses in the United States and Canda during November aggregated \$21,-204,850, compared with \$21,372,750 a year For 11 months ended November 30 the cosses were \$161,950,100 in 1915, \$212,084,200 in 1914 and \$208,596,900 in 1913.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Fair and continued cold tonight: Saturday increasing cloudiness and warmer, probably followed by snow or rain by night; fresh northwest winds, diminishing.

The northeastern storm has increased In size and energy during the last 24 hours, while its eastward movement has slackened considerably. High winds and gales are reported from the area within its influence and light snow has covered most districts from the Lake region eastward. The northwestern storm has moved rapidly southeastward and is cen-tral over Kansas and Okishoma. It has developed considerable energy, but very prevail from the Mississippi River enst-ward.

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SOUTHERN HIGH STUDENTS PRODUCE PLAY TONIGHT

"A Regiment of Two" Will Be Social Climax of the Year

The annual play presented by students | Park into the question of the senior class of the Southern High ; School will be given tonight at Mercantile Hall, Broad and Master streets, when the curtain will be rung up on a threenot farce-comedy, "A Regiment of Two." Students have been preparing for the event, which is the social climax of the scholastic year, since last spring, when the comedy liself was selected and tryouts were made to select the cast. Since the opening of the fall term in September Prof. G. N. Haass, of the high school faculty, has been giving up much of his spare time in drilling the players toward a more successful drive than has formerly been the case at the downtown institution. Rehearsnis have been held thrice. weekly since September, and the east has emerged in complete harmony with each

other and the play.

The comedy itself is a 1915 farce with a juxtaposition of wit, humor and thrills, with a trifle of love and such thrown in for the human interest side. It is also up to date in that it has been retouched squirrels to Henry Ford.

SHORE COOL TO OPERA PLAN

Hammerstein's Project to Get City Help Not Well Received

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 10.—Opera senson proposals from Oscar Hammerstein, requiring the city to buy him a site 150 by 200 feet and enter into various guar-

PLANS FOR MEETING OF HOUSE OF BISHOPS

Episcopal Churchmen Expected to Assemble in This City on January 12

Plans are being completed for the meeting of the House of Bishops to be held in this city beginning on January 12. The sessions will be held in St. James' Episcopal Church, 22d and Walnut streets, and it is expected that about 100 bishops will attend.

Bishop Rhinelander announced today, as chairman of the Hospitality Committee, that he would appreciate advice as early as possible from those churchmen who are willing to entertain visiting bishops during their visit in Philadelpha. All arrangements can be completed with greater rapidity if the Bishop has this information.

Acceptances have been received from 35 bishops, and 20 more acceptances must be received by December 31 in order to assure the meeting here on the date named. It is altogether probable, however, that there will be that many acceptances before that date, which practically assures the meeting.





antees, all conditioned upon Asbury Park

doing the same, were coldly received by

the Hotelmen's Association. Higher cost

of real estate makes a location of the

dimensions the impresario has in mind almost prohibitive. Hotel men, further-more, are not inclined to consider Asbury

If Atlantic City is to meur a large ex-penditure for entertainment for discrim-

inating patrons, it does not want any coast rivals. Most of the hotelmen think Mr. Hammerstein is wasting his time.

HEPPE

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