

DEFENSE PROGRAM TO BE CARRIED ALONG ON "STEAM ROLLER"

Advocates of National Preparedness Pleased by Their Showing of Strength on Preliminary Test

PRESIDENT IS GRATIFIED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The Administration's preparedness program is to be carried through Congress at record speed. The opposition to the measure to place the country in a state of perfect defense will be steam-rollered. The advocates of immediate efficiency in the army and navy have at last discovered that they are not overdone. And, spurred on by the pressure from the White House, the naval and army bills are to be whipped into shape and pressed for action in the very near future.

President Wilson was admittedly very much pleased by demonstration of nonpartisan support that marked yesterday's passage through the House of the bills increasing the number of cadets at Annapolis and making funds available to expedite the Mare Island and Brooklyn yards. He has all along realized that many Republican votes would be needed to overcome the opposition of the Democrats who have the Southern Democrats with the "little" army and navy men. Yesterday's demonstration has convinced him, it was learned at the White House today, that the opposition will be weaker than had been assumed and he will now exert all pressure possible to get his defense program through.

There is now no doubt that the larger navy program, the coast defense increases and the field artillery improvement plans are certain to pass.

The continental army plan of Secretary of War Garrison is believed to be on the rocks. For it there likely will be substituted some plan whereby the national guard is federalized and made the first line of defense. In addition it is now expected that the term of enlistment in the regular army will be shortened, so that a reserve skeleton organization up and a system of skeleton organization perfect whereby regiments can be transformed from peace to war strength at very short notice.

It is not the defense program that is troubling the President now. Convinced that it is going through, he plans to take up with his party leaders during the next fortnight the question of financing the extraordinary expenses of the national stamp tax suggestions that he has made have been knocked in the head by Congress. So has been the plan to tax gasoline, automobiles, iron and iron products. The President realizes that the most popular tax that could be levied under existing circumstances is a munition tax, and the legal shapers of Congress and the Administration now are trying to find a legal way to levy such a tax.

\$10,000 LEFT TO HOSPITALS Will of Louisa W. Anshutz Probated. Other Bequests

Bequests of \$2000 each to the Pennsylvania Hospital and the Orthopaedic Hospital and a bequest of \$3000 to the Presbyterian Home for Widows and Single Women form a part of the will of Louisa W. Anshutz, 232 1/2 Arch street, which was admitted to probate today. The remainder of the estate, valued at \$80,000, is left to a brother and sister of the testatrix. Other wills probated today were those of Solomon Rosenzweig, 3522 York road, and William Weiglin, 551 Girard avenue, who left estates valued at \$,600 and \$11,235, respectively, in private bequests.



HIPOLITO VILLA Brother of General "Pancho" Villa, who has been arrested at Havana at request of the American Minister.

Villa's Brother Arrested in Cuba WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Hipolito Villa, brother of General Villa, who is charged with destroying railroad property in Texas, was arrested in Havana, Cuba, at the request of the State Department, following the request of the Governor of Texas, the Department stated today. It is understood he will be held for trial in Texas.

Club to Build New Clubhouse Schemes for a new clubhouse for the Old York Road Country Club, at Jenkintown, have been submitted to the club by Oliver Randolph Perry. The first wing will be built this year.

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SWEEPING REVENUES BILL DARING SCHEME OF HOUSE DEMOCRATS

Wilson Leaders Consider Plan to "Lump" All Tax Measures to Guard Against Individual Attack

WILL GO TO COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Passage of one omnibus bill to include all revenue legislation, income and munition taxes, tariff commission, the sugar duty and all other subjects, was the daring political strategy under serious consideration today by Administration leaders.

The House Ways and Means Committee plan to meet Thursday to consider the scheme advanced by Representative Garner, of Texas, who has been consulting President Wilson.

According to the plan, the bill would include legislation: Revising the income tax. Levying new inheritance taxes. Repealing present war stamp taxes. Increasing duties on whiskey and cigars. Taxing war munitions. Creating a tariff commission. An anti-dumping clause. Retaining present taxes on sugar. Repealing taxes on mixed flour. By advancing just one revenue bill, Representative Garner today pointed out, many Republicans and Democrats would vote for it because of some single item of legislation incorporated. That it would decrease Democratic defection on preparedness revenues was another virtue advanced. Garner believes that enough Republicans would vote for it.

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cans would be compelled to support the omnibus bill to insure its passage. The new raising plan advanced of increasing internal revenue taxes on whiskey and cigars is also gaining support. The present plan of leaders is to raise taxes on whiskey 15 cents a gallon and change the system of taxing cigars from that of numbers to their value. This would raise \$35,000,000, it is estimated. The whiskey and cigar taxes would be a substitute for the present stamp taxes, which raise \$32,000,000 annually, and are scheduled for repeal.

WHITES IN DANGER AS REDS SEEK TO AVENGE "BAD MAN"

Putes and Navajoes March on Village in Arizona

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Feb. 8.—Nineteen white men, 49 white women and a number of children were in danger of massacre by Pute and Navajo Indians at Tuba City today, as a result of the killing of Totatin, a Navajo "bad man" and cattle thief.

The Indian was shot to death in the mountains near Tuba City, 70 miles from here, by Indian police last Friday. The latest advices reaching here state that a host of war-painted redskins was approaching Tuba City, chanting death songs and threatening to avenge the killing of Totatin.

A band of armed men left Flagstaff for the threatened city early today, but it was found that they could not reach there in time to prevent bloodshed.

LA CADUTA DI DURAZZO E' PREVEDUTA A ROMA CERTA ED IMMINENTE

Le Truppe di Essad Pascia' Non Possono Offrire agli Austro-Bulgari Alcuna Seria Resistenza

VALLONA SARA' DIFESA

ROMA, 8 Febbraio. La caduta di Durazzo e' considerata qui ormai come cosa certa e la notizia e' attesa da un momento all'altro. Si ritiene che le truppe di Essad Pascia' ed i pochi reparti di forze serbe che si trovano con lui non offrano alcuna resistenza, e si crede anzi che esse ripagheranno a sud, sulla via di Valona prima che le forze austriache e bulgare le abbiano circondate. Austriaci e bulgari hanno operato il collocamento, ritenendo la mossa strategica gia' seguita nella Serbia, e le due armate convergono su Durazzo. Soltanto Valona sara' difesa dagli italiani, e sara' una difesa completa, sicche' si ritiene che probabilmente austriaci e bulgari non riusciranno ad impadronirsi della base navale.

Sembra che l'attacco dei bulgari contro i francesi che tenevano la linea avanzata a nord di Salonicco non debba essere considerato come l'inizio dell'attesa offensiva teutonica contro quella base degli alleati e che al suo invece trattato di soli combattimenti di avamposti senza alcuna importanza reale. In questi circoli militari si e' anzi di opinione che l'offensiva contro Salonicco non sara' iniziata se prima gli eserciti austriaco e bulgari non avranno completato la conquista dell'Albania, se prima cioe' non avranno preso il campo trincerato di Valona. E' certo che i tedeschi, i bulgari ed i turchi continuano a concentrarsi sulla frontiera greca, ma si tratta semplicemente di preparativi per l'offensiva.

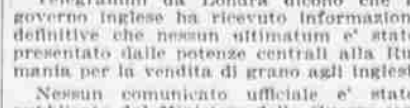
Telegrammi da Londra dicono che il governo inglese ha ricevuto informazioni definitive che nessun ultimatum e' stato presentato dalle potenze centrali alla Rumania per la vendita di grano agli inglesi. Nessun comunicato ufficiale e' stato pubblicato dal Ministero della Guerra ieri circa la situazione sulla fronte italo-austriaca. Evidentemente la situazione e' immutata, e forse si sono avuti i soliti dritti di artiglieria di cui parlava il generale Cadorna nel bollettino di ieri l'altro a sera. Il comunicato ufficiale austriaco dice che la situazione militare su tutte le fronti e' immutata.

Informazioni giunte qui da fonte rumena autorevole dicono che, mentre nessun ultimatum e' stato presentato dagli imperi centrali alla Rumania, la Germania e' ben decisa a ricorrere a rappresaglie e

ad intimidazioni per impedire l'intervento della Rumania nella guerra a fianco degli alleati. Per ora gli sforzi della Germania sono diretti a rovesciare il ministero Bratianu, comprendendo che soltanto un ministero di uomini sicuramente in favore del tedesco potra' impedire l'intervento. Percio' il ministero Bratianu e' accusato apertamente di corruzione per aver permesso la vendita di 80,000 vagoni di grano all'Inghilterra, commettendo così un atto ostile alla Germania ed all'Austria.

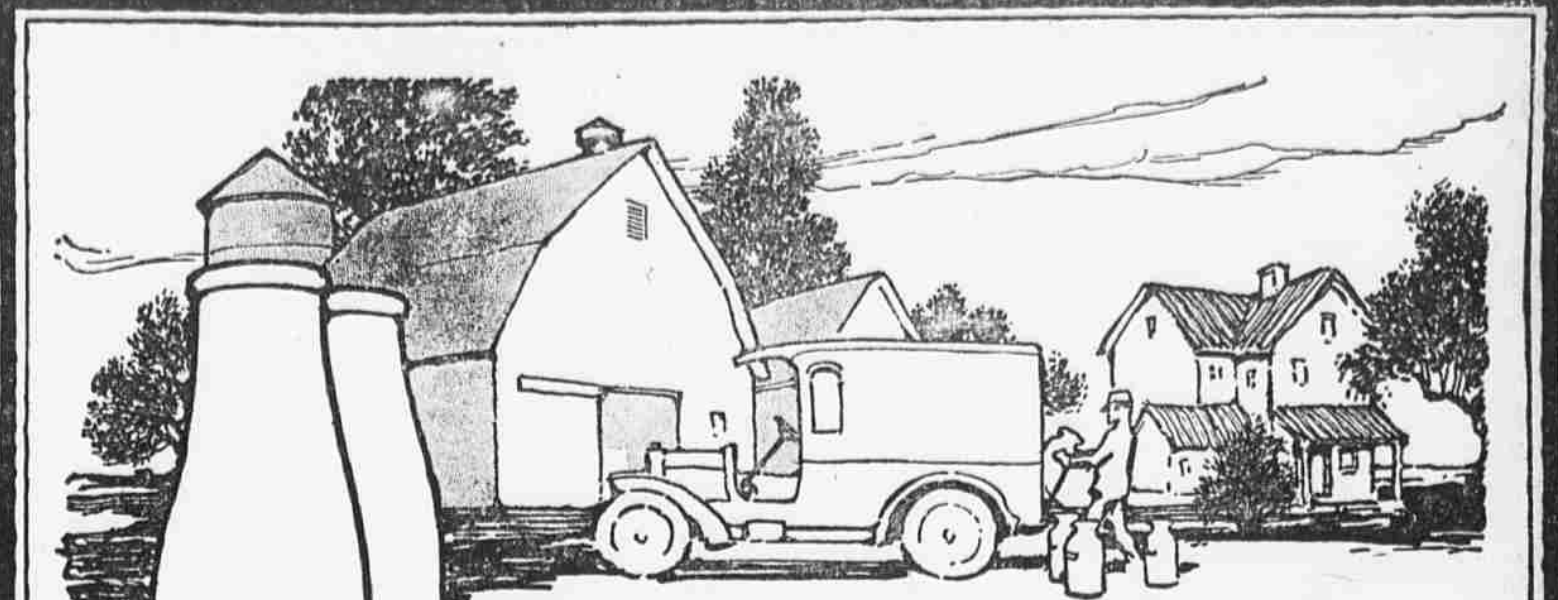
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