

**STATE'S WOMEN
READY TO SERVE**

Mrs. J. Willis Martin Represents Them in Defense Conference

SUFFRAGISTS OFFER AID

Homes Offered for Hospitals. Surgical Dressings Provided. Money Raised Totals \$50,000

Preparations of Women to Aid in Nation's Defense

1. Philadelphia women lead movement for national body to direct work of aid.
2. Women's Section of Navy League issues call for volunteers.
3. Pennsylvania Women's Division of National Preparedness has \$50,000 and tons of surgical material ready.
4. Private homes offered for the work.
5. Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association pledges assistance of more than 150,000 women.
6. Citizens' Relief Aid ready to help.

Women of Pennsylvania, be their position what it may, will be just as ready as the men when the time comes for united action. Organizations of every sort have pledged aid in furthering defense plans.

Following the announcement of a defense conference in which Pennsylvania women took the lead, came the announcement that the mighty strength of the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association had been offered to Governor Brumbaugh, to do with as he thinks best.

"Americans first, suffragists after," said Mrs. George A. Dunning, chairman of the Woman Suffrage Party of Philadelphia, and member of the board of the State association. "We feel that the time is too grave to do anything but see what we can do to aid the nation. We are not giving up our campaign, but merely laying it aside for the time being."

Mrs. Dunning said that the offer of the association, which has more than 150,000 members, was decided upon at a meeting of part of the board in this city yesterday.

The situation in this city will be relieved, if the occasion arises, by work of the local organization, Mrs. Dunning said. "We will carefully plan the details at our next meeting, which is called for February 12. If need be, we will call an emergency meeting sooner."

FLAG RAISED IN WASHINGTON

Mrs. Dunning also added that the United States flag that was to have been raised over the National Woman Suffrage Association headquarters in Washington on Saturday was hauled up without the ceremonies that were planned. Mrs. Dunning was to have spoken for the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association, who presented the flag to the National, but the gravity of the diplomatic situation caused the suffragists to decide on a postponement.

The defense conference to fuse the different preparations bodies into one organization was staged with Mrs. J. Willis Martin, acting chairman of the Emergency Aid, representing Philadelphia.

The women of the nation, the conference showed, have stored bandages and surgical supplies, have pledged or paid thousands of dollars for hospital work and have listed many homes that would be available for hospitals in the event of war. Many private homes in Philadelphia have been offered for concentration centers for making surgical supplies, among these being those of Mrs. Colesbury Purves and Mrs. Horace Lorimer. Money pledged by the Pennsylvania Woman's Division for National Preparedness alone has reached the \$50,000 mark.

400 NURSES ENROLLED

The division has also enrolled more than 400 trained nurses whose services will be available to the Government at short notice. The high state of efficiency of the Pennsylvania Division, achieved through actual experience in the days of mobilization at June, will be used in the proposed national body. The plan calls for a central bureau to co-ordinate the State organizations.

For example, in addition to the Preparedness Division of this State, there are also many women's clubs doing individual work and there is also the Women's Section of the Navy League. The women of the Navy League have also issued a call for volunteers. The appeal was sent out by Mrs. Frederick R. Payne, wife of Lieutenant Commander Payne, of the United States Naval Home, Twenty-fifth street and Gray's Ferry avenue.

Several committees already have been placed on an efficient basis in this city, including those on supplies, workrooms, first aid and enrollment, according to Mr. Wilson. Pending the meeting today, neither he nor the other executives of the chapter would say just what would be done, to comply with the requests of the parent body. All asserted, however, that arrangements would be made to furnish any supplies or assistance that might be required in the event of war.

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**COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
PLANS TO AID MOBILIZATION**

Will Meet This Week to Devise Measures for Placing War Facilities in Operation

Dr. Hollis Godfrey, President of Drexel Institute, Heads Advisory Committee

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—It was reported on good authority today that there would be a meeting this week of the Council of National Defense to devise plans for aiding the President in mobilizing all of the facilities of the country for war.

It became known today that a meeting was scheduled yesterday for the members of the advisory committee which is associated with the Council of National Defense. The meeting was canceled, however, because of the condition of chaos created by severance of diplomatic relations with Germany on Saturday.

Dr. Hollis Godfrey, president of Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, is chairman of the advisory committee. Ever since the creation of the commission last October by President Wilson the members have been exchanging views by letter on the most effective ways of mobilizing the resources of the United States on a thorough war basis. The purpose of the meeting planned for yesterday in Washington was to discuss these plans and later to place them before a joint meeting of the commission and the Council of National Defense. It is now thought likely that the commission will be in session within forty-eight hours to outline a program for the setting in motion at once the marshaling of the country's resources.

There are seven members of the commission, who follow: Chairman, Dr. Hollis Godfrey, Philadelphia; Daniel Willard, of Baltimore, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; Samuel Gompers, of Washington, president of the American Federation of Labor; Dr. F. H. Martin, of Chicago; Howard E. Coffin, of Detroit; Bernard Baruch, banker, of New York; Jules Rosenwald, of Chicago, president of Sears, Roebuck & Co. Doctor Godfrey is an engineer of international repute and some time ago he resigned from a lucrative practice to assume the presidency of Drexel Institute.

In appointing the members of the commission last fall, the President said: "The Council of National Defense has been created because Congress has realized that the country is best prepared for war when thoroughly prepared for peace. From an economic standpoint there is very little difference between the machinery required for commercial activity and that required for military purposes. In both cases the whole industrial mechanism must be reorganized for the most effective use of its resources."

The functions of the council are: Consolidation of all forms of transportation and the development of means of transportation to meet the military, industrial and commercial needs of the nation; extension of the industrial mobilization work of the committee on industrial preparedness of the Naval Consulting Board.

The naval consulting board is composed of some of the leading inventors and engineers of the nation, including Thomas A. Edison, William Lawrence Saunders, Frank Julian Sprague, Benjamin G. Lamme, Andrew L. Riker and Spencer Miller.

Mayor Mitchell's committee on national defense estimated today that an army of 18,000,000 men could be called to the colors of the United States, if necessary.

Of this number 10,535,546 are between eighteen and forty-five years and are physically fit for service in the field. The committee stated that in addition to this great mobile force 650,000 of the 900,000 men who annually reach military age in the United States would be fit for service.

Ask Farmers' Aid for Parcel Post

The efficiency of the parcel post system as a means of bringing the farmers and consumers closer together and reducing the high cost of living is being investigated by Postmaster Thornton. More than 5000 circular letters have been sent to persons who are regular users of the parcel post as a carrier of food products from the farm to the city, asking for suggestions that may increase the effectiveness of the service.



DR. HOLLIS GODFREY, President of Drexel Institute, who is chairman of the commission which will serve in an advisory capacity to the Council of National Defense.

FARMER SMITH TALKS TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

Tells 3000 Boys and Girls How Important They Are and Urges Them to Be Happy

Three thousand children learned today just how important they are when Farmer Smith, of the Everett Lutzon, addressed the pupils of the McCall School, Sixth and De Lancey streets, at assembly in the first of a series of fifteen-minute talks. "The most wonderful thing in the world," said Farmer Smith, "is yourself. The railroad trains and trolley cars are running for you. Every policeman and fireman is working for you. This school building and all these teachers are here for you. So why not be happy?" Farmer Smith will continue his talks this week and next.

Killed by Fall Down Steps
READING, Pa., Feb. 5.—Amos J. Freeman, thirty-one years old, died from a fractured skull at the Homeopathic Hospital today, the result of a fall down the cellar steps of his home several hours previous.

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