

### SCOUT MOVEMENT HAS A YEAR OF GREAT PROGRESS

#### National Council's Seventh Annual Meeting Shows Increase of Numbers and Benefits

New York, March 30.—How the Boy Scout movement is advancing in all parts of the United States, and how scout training is making its im-

press on the character and efficiency of boys were strikingly revealed at the seventh annual meeting of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America held here. This council, composed of eminent men—government officials, Governors of States, college presidents, school superintendents, pastors, priests, rabbis—received reports which show that in the past year a total of 245,073 boys and men were registered as scouts and scout officials as compared with 131,522 on December 31, 1915. Of these 54,345 were adults—scoutmasters, assistant scoutmasters, members of troop committees and of local scout councils.

Another interesting disclosure was that whereas, prior to January 1, 1916, forty-two men had been employed to give expert direction to scout work in various cities in the United States, eighty-two new men were employed in 1916, a gain of 195 per cent. This means that communities, having had evidence of the value of the scout program to the boy himself, to his home, his neighborhood, his city, state and nation, have been willing and ready to contribute the small amount that is necessary to maintain a local headquarters of Scouting, under the direction of a man specially trained for scout leadership and able to give encouragement and practical assistance to the hundreds of volunteers who are ever ready to help in this fascinating work with boys when the way is pointed out.

And Yet But the Beginning Remarkable as has been the growth of the Scout movement in the past year, the Director of Field Work, S. A. Moffat, pointed out in his report that organization work had scarcely begun, because in only 91 of the 700 cities in the country of 10,000 population and over, have scout councils of the first class been organized, and men employed to handle the executive work, though 231 other cities have councils of the second class, without employed executives. Nearly all of the cities having councils of the second class are eager to have assistance from the national staff so they may complete their organizations and provide the leadership that is necessary to make Scouting of maximum benefit to the boys of their cities.

In view of this report, and the abundant testimony that was submitted showing the universal approval of Scouting as a means of training boys for good citizenship, the National Council adopted a definite appeal to the citizens of the United States for financial assistance to provide ade-

### One Year's Record of the Boy Scout Movement

Federal incorporation granted the Boy Scouts of America by Congress, providing protection for distinctive scout program and methods. Total Official Enrollment, 245,073. (Previous year, 131,522). Number of Boys Enrolled as Scouts, 190,728. Number of Men Enrolled, 54,345. (Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, members of troop committees or local Scout Councils).

Number of Boy Scout Troops, 9,720. Number of cities maintaining extended Scout activities, 49. Direction of local scout work, 124. One Year's Gain in Number of Cities So Equipped for Scouting, 195 per cent.

3,348 Communities with less than 5,000 inhabitants have scout troops, showing the adaptability of the scout program to rural conditions. Occupations of Scoutmasters—Physicians 159, Lawyers 206, Professional Engineers 59, Tourists 197, Clergymen 197, Teachers 97, Scientists 314, Government Employees 22.

Number of Scoutmasters who have had college education, 4,880, or more than one-half of the total. Merit Badges Issued to Scouts, 15,021 (Increase of 3,975).

Life Scout Badges Issued 308, Star Scout Badges Issued 250, Eagle Scout Badges (highest honor) 103, Scouts Receiving Bronze Medals for Life Saving 4, Scouts Receiving Letters of Commendation for Heroism, 22.

quate staff of field secretaries to go about the country and assist cities and towns everywhere to carry out their organization work, enlisting volunteer leadership and providing for it expert direction. In this way the movement hopes to reach cities that have not scouting the 3,000,000 boys of Scout age in the United States.

A New Vocation Created It is apparent that the Scout movement has created a new vocation, for which special training is necessary. Such training is now being provided by leading educational institutions in various parts of the country, from Boston University on the Atlantic to the University of California and Reed College in Oregon—some fifteen colleges in all.

One of the interesting announcements made at the national council meeting was that Teachers' College, Columbia University, has just established a course in Scout training. This was made possible through the generosity of Francis P. Dodge and Cleveland H. Dodge. It was Francis P. Dodge, whose deep interest in the development of good citizenship through Scout training led him to the gift, which made possible the establishment of a Department of Education within the Scout movement itself, and the employment of a trained man as the director.

Movement's Educational Work This Department of Education in the Scout movement, under the leadership of Lorne W. Barclay, is developing a system of training for Scout leaders that is being put into operation throughout the country. The first training course was held in February at Columbia University, and was attended by more than five hundred Scout men who came from as far west as Minnesota and Missouri. On May 4, 5 and 6 another conference and training course of this nature will be held at Richmond, Va., for the Scout officials of the South, and about three weeks later another session of a similar kind will be held in Chicago for the Scout officials in the Middle West. Many of the most eminent educators of these respective districts are taking part in the instruction work at these conferences.

What Boy Scouts Will Do in War What the Boy Scouts of America will do for their country in case of war has been stated so clearly by the Executive Board governing the movement between council meetings, and this statement has met with such hearty approval, and no dissent whatever, in all parts of the country, that the National Council's reaffirmation of position in this matter was but a formality.

It was apparent, however, when this matter was brought up, that the men who are leading in this organization of 200,000 registered Scouts, and twice that number of boys who have had Scout training, feel keenly their responsibility in times like these and are at the same time proud of the prospect that Scout training has fitted this large number of boys to help their country in time of war without engaging in any form of military operations.

One of the council members, for instance, Dr. Charles D. Hart, of Philadelphia, told of the scout mobilization plan which will enable the scout officials of Philadelphia to assemble 4,000 Scouts of that city within two months to co-operate in the protection of property by accepting definite assignments for the purpose of giving alarm in case of danger, or collecting information as to supplies, or acting as messengers on errands, or by co-operating with agencies organized for relief work. Similar mobilization plans have been made in many cities, and wherever there are Scout troops the leaders will let the local authorities know of their willingness to aid in whatever needs to be done at home when our men go away to war.

Country Boys Get Scouting, too. Reports which were submitted to the National Council showed that contrary to the general impression, the Boy Scout program is proving to be especially attractive and adaptable to boys in rural communities, and indeed in numerous cases it is the only organized effort in behalf of boys outside the rural school.

### GERMANY WON'T ATTACK AMERICA

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He then proceeded to answer the questions by reviewing the causes which led up to the German use of submarines in unrestricted warfare. Defends U-Boat Warfare Declaring that Germany had undertaken unrestricted submarine warfare for its defense, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg said:

"If the American nation considers this a cause for which to declare war against the German nation with which it has lived in peace for more than one hundred years, if this action warms an increase of bloodshed, we shall not have to bear the burden of responsibility for it."

Concerning German relations with the United States the Chancellor, whose speech is reported by the Overseas News Agency, the German official news bureau said: "Within the next few days the directors of the American nation will be convened by President Wilson for an extraordinary session of Congress in order to decide the question of war or peace between the American and German nations."

"Germany never had the slightest intention of attacking the United States of America and does not have such intention now. It never desired the annexation of the United States of America and does not desire it to-day."

Hits At England "How did these things develop? More than once we told the United States that we made no secret of the submarine weapon expecting that England could be made to observe, in her policy of blockade, the laws of humanity and international agreements. This blockade policy—I expressly recall, has been called 'illegal and indefensible' (The Imperial Chancellor here used the English words) by President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing. Our expectations, which we maintained during eight months have been disappointed completely; England not only did not give up her illegal and indefensible policy of blockade, but uninterrupted intensified it. England, together with her allies, arrogantly rejected the peace offers made by us and our allies and proclaimed her war aims which aim at our annihilation and that of our allies.

Puts Blame on U. S. "If the American nation considers this a cause for which to declare war against the German nation with which it has lived in peace for more than one hundred years, if this action warms an increase of bloodshed, we shall not have to bear the responsibility for it. The German nation, which feels neither hatred nor hostility against the United States of America, shall also bear and overcome this."

Dealing with Russia, the Imperial Chancellor said that the Russian Emperor had not listened to the German Emperor's advice no longer to oppose the justified wishes of his nation for reforms. "Had Russia's attention been con-

### BRITISH ON WAY TO FREE HOLY LAND

Victory in Palestine Likened by Press as a New Crusade

By Associated Press London, March 30.—The morning newspapers to-day comment enthusiastically on the British victory near Gaza, Palestine, which naturally opens the way for much biblical and historical reference and comparison. "The new crusade" and "fight for the Holy Land" are among the headlines. Jerusalem is assumed in some quarters to be the immediate objective of the invaders. Other commentators, however, think the British aim first at securing the whole coast of Palestine.

In any case, the newspapers consider that the blow dealt the Turks near Gaza will seriously cripple the effects of Emperor William's visit to Palestine and his entry into Jerusalem nineteen years ago. Of this the Times says: "The political dreams which led to that visit now are in the process of being shattered. The Holy Land, it would seem, is on the eve of being rescued from the regime which through centuries has held it in bondage."

The manner in which the British have pushed railroads across the desert is considered a remarkable achievement. Apparently hundreds of miles of railroad have been constructed over the sands since last August.

SOLEMN SOCRATES SAVED SPOUSE'S SHIRRL SCOLDING Solemn Socrates, sage senator, scarcely sober, scenting scene, stealthily seeks slumber seat. Such scandal! Seeks sandals; seeks staircase. Stops suspiciously; spouse snores serenely. Starts staggering; stumbles second step. Slam! Sphinx sculptured Sapho surmounting stairpost. Suffering saints! Shatter statue; smashes skull, sees stars, swears something scandalous. "Speak, sir! Sober!" Soc, scared stiff. Sphinx salvation somewhere. Suddenly spies sneakthief stealing silver.

"Stop!" shouts Soc. "Scat!" says sneakthief, showing six-shooter. Spouse spies sneakthief. Screams concentrated on internal reconstruction," said the chancellor, "there would have been no room for the restless policy expansion which finally led to this war."

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg emphatically denied that the German emperor or Germany was desirous of restoring "Czardom."

### "OLD ORCHARD" SOLD BY MEAD

Historic Property Changes Hands; To Be Developed Soon

Harold A. Hipple, contractor, to-day announces the purchase of the "Old Orchard" property, in Derry street, between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets, from A. C. Mead.

This property, which extends north of Derry street about two blocks, is an old land mark of the city. Mr. Hipple, who has made extensive realty developments in that district, is planning another big improvement. The property will probably be used for residences. It was formerly owned by A. L. Groff, who is now doing missionary work in China in the Presbyterian field.

superhumanly. "Shant shoot Socrates! Shoo!" She shakes skirt, shielding Socrates. "Sweet Soccy!" Sneakthief slopes sneaking sardonically. Spouse swoons. Soc soothes spouse; seeks slumber. She still says sneakthief smashed statue. Soc saved. Selah.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### MAKE PLANS FOR MASS MEETING

Gerard, Schwab and Brumbaugh Scheduled to Appear as Speakers Next Thursday

Definite plans for the big patriotic celebration in this city next Thursday night are expected to be formulated soon and the Chamber of Commerce is awaiting word from Charles M. Schwab, of the Bethlehem Steel Works, and Governor Brumbaugh, announcing that they will attend the meeting. Invitations were issued yesterday.

The Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, which has charge of the project, received word late yesterday afternoon from James W. Gerard, former United States ambassador to Germany, stating that he would address the meeting and that he will come here on Thursday night.

The special committee appointed by David E. Tracy, president of the chamber, will meet late this afternoon or tomorrow morning to make final plans for what will be the greatest patriotic celebration ever held in this city. The committee is composed of Henderson Gilbert, chairman; Quincy Bent, H. M. Stine, J. William Bowman and C. Floyd Hopkins.

FORRY Spring Styles of Manhattan Shirts are now on sale at FORRY'S Third & Walnut

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Grocery Suggestions For the Careful Housekeeper 12 lb. Hoffer's Best Flour 70c Blue Valley Creamery Butter 46c Quaker Corn Meal, pkg. 10c Wheatlet or Sims' Breakfast-Food 15c Full Meal (Vegetables and Meat) 20c Curtice Cut Stringless Beans 15c Fancy Canned Peas 13c to 20c Cope's Evaporated Corn, lb. 25c Canned Sweet Potatoes 15c Premier Seeded Raisins for Pies 12c Tecco Pancake Flour 10c Green Mountain Maple Syrup, quart 55c Table Bran for Constipation 15c and 25c Extra Small Beets in Cans 20c Fresh Green String Beans, Peas, Asparagus, etc. Fancy Fresh Meats and Delicatessen. S. S. POMEROY MARKET SQUARE GROCER

TO BUILD WATER PLANT. By Associated Press York, Pa., March 30.—By a vote of 324 to 3, the citizens of Dallastown yesterday, at a special election, voted to establish its own water works. The action was taken because the local private water company has raised the water rates to what the people declare is exorbitant. The town council proposes making a loan for the purpose of purchasing the present plant or to erect a new one for the borough.

217 MARKET ST. BOOKS REAL SHOE MAKERS 217 MARKET ST. Opposite Court House Easter Footwear Sale! Newest Spring Styles at Lowest Prices See Our Window Display Onyx Hosiery for Men, Women and Children. Women's Beautiful Spring Boots \$6.00 \$8 and \$10 Values, at... A Remarkable Value Women's Shoes \$5 \$7 Values, at... Women's Shoes \$2.95 Values to \$4 at... Women's Shoes \$1.95 Values to \$3 at... Children's Shoes Black kid and Cravenette Button 59c Girls' Scufflers Black and tan leather. Sizes up to 2 \$1.50 Children's Shoes Vici Kid leather with patent leather tips. Sizes to 98c \$ .80 White Shoes Children's white canvas button shoes. All sizes 98c Ladies' Shoes Ladies' white canvas shoes with low heels. All sizes. \$1.50 Boys' Shoes Button and lace styles. Sizes to 13 1/2 \$1.25 Girl's Spring Dress Shoes \$1.95 Special for Girls \$1.75 Special Sales of Boys' SOLID SHOES \$1.50 Boys' Dress Shoes \$1.95

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