

ARMY DIVISION TO FIGHT IN FRANCE; DRAFT BILL SIGNED

AMERICA WILL BOLSTER LINE HELD BY BRAVE BELGIAN ARMY

United States to Fight For Little Country Despoiled by Kaiser's Ruthless Hosts in Early Days of War

MEN TO TRAIN WITHIN SOUND OF BIG GUNS

Troops to Have Every Advantage of Instruction and Equipment Before Entering Line of Trenches

Washington, D. C., May 19.—American troops when they go to the European battlefield may take places to buttress the little Belgian line, so tenaciously holding fast to a strip on the extreme west-all of Belgium that escaped the German invaders.

The War Department to-day had no announcement to add to its terse bulletin of last night which merely said Major General Pershing would lead a division of regulars abroad "as early date as practicable."

President Wilson's statement explaining his reasons for not accepting the offer of a division, contained a phrase which has attracted much attention and suggested the possibility that American troops may go to Belgium—to help right the wrong which turned the world against Germany.

The President explained that regular army officers whom the Colonel wanted to take with his division would be sent to Belgium to train pressing and necessary duty of training regular troops to be put in the field in France and Belgium as fast as they can be ready.

So far as is known there was the first official mention of putting American troops in Belgium and the mental value of sending troops bearing the American flag to the violated soil of the little country in whose behalf all humanity has been aroused.

Neither will any information given out as to the date or places of departure of General Pershing and his staff, who will precede the troops to Europe. Destinations will be withheld until troops have been safely landed.

Preparations for sending of the first expedition of regulars moved forward swiftly to-day but entirely

WILL COMMAND U. S. ARMY IN FRANCE



GENERAL PERSHING

GEN. PERSHING WELL FITTED FOR WAR TASK

Leader of Expedition Has Fought Indians, Filipinos and Mexicans

Washington, May 19.—Major General John Joseph Pershing, who is to lead America's first battle unit against the Germans, has been a fighter of Indians, Filipinos and Mexicans.

General Pershing, who is nearly 57 years of age, is a native of Missouri. At one time he intended to be a lawyer, and graduated in a law course at the University of Nebraska.

Separate Peace Rejected by Russian Government

Petrograd, May 19, via London.—The provisional government declared to-day that it was united in the rejection of a separate peace and that it adopts as its aim the re-establishment of a general peace which will not tend either to domination over other nations or to the seizure of their national possessions.

Commissioner Gross Able to Leave Hospital

Commissioner E. Z. Gross, who was struck by an automobile driven by W. S. Essick yesterday noon, left the Harrisburg Hospital this afternoon.

PRESIDENT FIXES JUNE 5 AS DAY FOR ENROLLMENT

Proclamation Calls Men Between 21 and 30 Liable to Duty

Washington, May 19.—President Wilson's proclamation, putting into effect the selective draft provision of the war army bill, signed last night, follows:

"A proclamation by the President of the United States, Whereas, Congress has enacted and the President has, on the eighth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, approved a law which contains the following provisions:

"Section 5. That all male persons between the ages of 21 and 30, both inclusive, shall be subject to registration in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the President; and upon proclamation by the President or other public notice given by him or his direction stating the time and place of such registration it shall be the duty of all persons of the designated ages, except officers and enlisted men of the regular army, and navy, and the National Guard and Naval Militia while in the service of the United States, to present themselves for registration and to submit themselves to the examination upon presenting themselves, together with their training and experience, to the examining board at Washington on that date.

Each candidate who is not in good physical condition and who has not passed a physical examination before a board of medical officers shall be appointed.

T. R. IS DENIED RIGHT TO RAISE ARMY DIVISION OF VOLUNTEERS

President Pays Tribute to Col. Roosevelt's Gallantry While Refusing Him Permission Authorized by Congress

CONGRESS HAD VOTED FOR POPULAR ARMY

Chief Executive Declares Move Would Be Popular, But Would Not Help U. S. in War

Washington, May 19.—Roosevelt is not going to France—at least, not at the head of a Roosevelt division. President Wilson, in signing the army selective draft bill last night, announced that he would not avail himself of the authority granted in the bill for the raising of four divisions of volunteers.

In taking this action, the President was within his right, as commander-in-chief of the army, but, according to the wording of the bill, sets at naught the wish of the two houses of Congress, both of which voted, by large majorities, to which a large percentage of Democrats contributed, that Roosevelt should be allowed to raise his division.

To grant the desire of Congress and T. R. himself that Roosevelt should go, the President declared, "would seriously interfere with the carrying out of the chief and most important purpose" of the army bill.

Regiments of Marines to See Service in France

Washington, May 19.—A regiment of 100 assistant paymasters, with the rank of ensign, in the Naval Coast Defense Reserve will be held June 1 at the navy yard at Washington, D. C.

Here's Your Chance to Become Navy Paymaster

Secretary Daniels has announced that an examination for the enrollment of 100 assistant paymasters, with the rank of ensign, in the Naval Coast Defense Reserve will be held June 1 at the navy yard at Washington, D. C.

All citizens of the United States between the ages of 21 and 30 are eligible for enrollment and may take the examination upon presenting themselves, together with their training and experience, to the examining board at Washington on that date.

Each candidate who is not in good physical condition and who has not passed a physical examination before a board of medical officers shall be appointed.

LOCAL OFFICIALS START PREPARING FORCES TO DRAW UP DRAFT ROLL

Registrars Volunteer Services on June 5 When Enrollment Will Be Made, Mayor and Sheriff to Attend Conference

POLLING PLACES BEING MADE READY

Expected Work Will Be Pushed Through in One Day; Assessors in County Quick to Respond to Appeal

Organization of city and county forces for the registration on June 5 of all men in Dauphin county, between the ages of 21 and 30 years inclusive, started to-day.

While Mayor Charles A. Miller and Sheriff W. W. Caldwell have received no official orders yet to proceed it is understood that after the conference on Tuesday afternoon with Governor Brumbaugh preparations will be rapidly completed for the work.

Polling Places Notified

Notices will be sent out within the next few days to polling places so that these will be ready for use on June 5. As soon as further plans are made by state officials city and county officials will start at once to complete arrangements, and if necessary name additional men to take the registrations.

Mayor Miller has already notified Governor Brumbaugh he will be present on Tuesday afternoon at the conference of sheriffs and mayors from this state. Other city officials may attend, including City Clerk R. Rosa Seaman, as there are a number of men employed in the city who will have to apply to him for blanks, then fill them out and send to the places of registration in counties or cities where they reside.

Volunteer Registrars

Registrars and registry assessors in the city and county who have volunteered their services on June 5, the day set for the registration follows:

- Derry township, second precinct, Harry S. Brandt; third, P. F. Gagarise; Elizabethville, J. H. Bonawitz; Halifax borough, Daniel G. Swigard; Highspire, John Bingham; Hummelstown, J. Homer Stucker; Cyprus Miller; Lower Swatara, Cyrus R. R. Hallman; Lykens borough, Henry Keiser and F. J. Lou; Middletown, William H. Stipe; Lovre Deckard; Beck Garret; Robert H. Springer; U. S. Dolson; Middle Paxton township, Emanuel Seiger; Millersburg, James Light; Peter Run; Paxton township, Rutherford; Penbrook, Harry H. Hicks; Reed township, Charles E. Reed; Royalltown, Frank B. Frank; South Paxton, Charles C. Wagner; Steelton, George W. Neff; A. L. Gallagher, H. E. Bush, Joe Bricker, Nelson L. Jackson, Charles Alder, Oscar L. Eppinger, J. H. Dalley, Michael Clark; Susquehanna township, M. D. Lyter, W. H. Saul, C. A. Ellenberger; Swatara, Elmer W. Franz, N. P. Rutherford; Uniontown, William Buffington; West Hanover township, J. F. Moyer; West Londonderry township, A. Elmer Rupp; Wisconsin township, Edward A. Minch; J. Ross Higgins.

City—First ward, third precinct, John K. Weber; second ward, first precinct, Paul F. Belndt; second precinct, S. F. Arnold; fourth precinct, D. Lutz; sixth precinct, D. A. Baker; third ward, first precinct, C. K. Ketter; second precinct, E. G. Showeaker; fourth ward, first precinct, A. Snavely; second precinct, Hiram McG. Simmers; fifth ward, second precinct, W. L. Olley; sixth ward, first precinct, M. F. Dwyer; third precinct, A. S. Dravenst; seventh ward, second precinct, R. E. Bankers; fourth ward, second precinct, S. H. Lane; third precinct, Harry B. Hanlen; fourth precinct, J. A. Geisel; thirteenth ward, first precinct, James Lutz; second precinct, E. Wallace.

PREJUDICES FORGOTTEN IN GREAT TRIBUTE TO OLD GLORY

Foreign Born Drop Racial Differences and March Side by Side Over Streets of Steelton in Monster Patriotic Celebration

NATIVES OF WARRING NATIONS IN RANKS

City Sends Big Delegation; 10,000 Estimated to Be in Line of March; Steel Plant Makes Splendid Showing

Steelton with half of its population foreign born, dropped racial differences to-day and merged under the Stars and Stripes in a great patriotic demonstration.

From towns near and far organizations and bands joined with the neighboring borough in the observation. Big delegations from the city appeared in the line of march. Included in these were the local companies of the National Guard, Red Cross, and many smaller marching clubs of foreign born persons.

The marchers who traversed all the streets of Steelton in a long line, 10,000 strong carried thousands of American flags and hundreds of yards of bunting.

Greeks and Bulgarians, Italians and Austrians, Croatians, Rumanians and other natives of the warring nations marched side by side in the best of good fellowship, their racial prejudice forgotten under the gleaming red, white and blue of Old Glory.

Parade Well Planned

So well was the parade planned that little time was lost in starting. At the sound of the steel company whistle at 1:50 traffic in Front street was halted and automobiles and vehicles were ordered off the street. Shortly after 2 o'clock the procession started.

Bond Salesmen Will Give Services For Sale of Liberty Loan Bonds

The bond salesmen of Harrisburg have volunteered their services for the Liberty Loan Bond issue across in Harrisburg.

QUAKE SHAKES COAST

Richfield, Cal., May 19.—Several houses were wrecked by an earthquake which occurred here shortly before midnight last night. The first shock was followed by a slighter one an hour later. Reports from Santa Ana, Cal., near here, stated that the first tremor was felt there.

The Circus Is Coming!

Circus comes from York to-night. Will unload at Paxton street. Circus grounds at Twenty-first and Greenwood streets. Equipment will be taken from the train over the following route: to Paxton street, to Thirtieth, to Berryhill, to Nineteenth, to Derry, to Twenty-first, to Greenwood.

RUSS MINISTRY TO REMAKE ARMY INTO A FIGHTING FORCE

Extensive Fighting on British Front in France Subsides While German Troops Try to Regain Some of Ground Lost; Military Observers Much Interested in Success of New Italian Offensive

Evidences are multiplying that the most energetic efforts are about to be made to rehabilitate Russia's great army and make it again an effective, aggressive fighting force.

Minister of War Kerensky, in assuming his new post, announces his intention of maintaining an iron discipline among the troops, a military necessity which has been conspicuously lacking since the setting in of the revolutionary movement. Recognizing the difficulty of the task after the long period of disorganization, war minister, who is reputed to be popular with the army and trusted by it, nevertheless expresses confidence in his success.

This move, which includes the compulsory return of all deserters by May 28 under heavy penalties, is one of the first results of the cabinet reorganization designed to amalgamate the forces who lack of cohesion had paralyzed Russian effort. The new cabinet is now complete and apparently is preparing to cope energetically with the big problem of reorganization before it.

The recent intensive fighting on the British front in France has subsided and the activities along the French lines in the Alsace region are confined mainly to counterattacks by the Germans. The Italian offensive, which has been in progress since the beginning of the month, has been watched with perhaps more interest than any of the other military operations in progress.

General Cadorna's armies have the heavy task before them, with the cream of Austria's fighting forces defending the naturally strong defended positions in the Isonzo region.

SENATE PASSES SHIP BILL

Washington, May 19.—The amendment to the \$3,390,000,000 war budget bill authorizing \$750,000,000 for the construction of a fleet of American merchant ships authorizing the President to commandeer ship building facilities and factories was agreed to by the Senate to-day without a roll call.

ROOSEVELT CONGRATULATES PERSHING

New York, May 19.—Theodore Roosevelt to-day expressed his pleasure that General Pershing is to command the first expedition of American troops which will go to France. Colonel Roosevelt said he had nothing to say concerning President Wilson's decision not to send volunteers to Europe.

SENATE PASSES WAR BUDGET

Washington, May 19.—The largest appropriation bill in American history, the war budget measure, carrying \$3,342,300,000, including \$750,000,000 for American merchant ships, was passed to-day by the Senate by a viva voce vote.

NAVAL STRENGTH INCREASED

Washington, May 19.—Final action was taken in Congress to-day on the bill increasing the navy's enlisted strength to 150,000, the marine corps to 30,000 and the increasing the pay of enlisted men.

NICARAGUA BREAKS WITH GERMANY

Washington, May 19.—Nicaragua, following the lead of Guatemala and Honduras has severed diplomatic relations with Germany.

84 OUT OF 96 RESPOND IN SHORT ORDER

Harrisburg.—Eighty-four of the ninety-six sheriffs and mayors summoned by telegram last night to meet the Governor here next Tuesday, to discuss registration measures in connection with the conscription act, had responded at 2:15 this afternoon. The Governor is much pleased with this evidence of prompt cooperation.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Generally fair to-night and Sunday; not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to-night and Sunday; probably showers in north portion; moderate, shifting winds, becoming south. River: The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary; there should be about 4.5 feet indicated for Harrisburg Sunday morning. General Conditions: Showers, more nearly all the eastern half of the country and the Lake region and there will have been light, scattered showers in Pennsylvania and the interior of New York State in the last twenty-four hours. Temperatures have risen 2 to 16 degrees over nearly all the eastern half of the country since last report, the most decided plus changes occurring in New York, Eastern Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. The temperature fell to freezing in Nevada and Southern Utah this morning. Temperature: 8 a. m., 66 degrees. Sun rises, 4:33 a. m. Moon: New moon, May 20. River Stage: 4.6 feet. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 86. Lowest temperature, 48. Mean temperature, 67. Normal temperature, 62.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John James Clark and Anna May Kraft, Columbia. Charles Fackler, Gordon, and Edith Elizabeth Reeder, Harrisburg. Embric Magaro and Maria Maguelli, Steelton. Paul Charles Scharfer, Harrisburg, and Esther Ruth Demmy, Penbrook. Marvin Reed, Penbrook, and Emma Louise Felker, Mechanicsburg. Clara Koppfavever and Carrie Metz, Harrisburg. John William Bare and Sophie Catherine Jacobs, Susquehanna township.