

### BAKER SAYS BILL WILL PROVIDE AN ARMY OF 500,000

#### Secretary of War Answers Californian Plan Is but Temporary

By Associated Press  
Washington, Jan. 3.—No decision has been reached by the War Department on the question of universal military service, Secretary Baker told the House Military Committee today. He indicated that no definite project for a permanent military establishment would be presented to Congress until the peace conference had concluded its work. Mr. Baker gave notice that a bill

authorizing a regular army of 500,000 men to be raised by voluntary enlistment would be submitted shortly to Congress, together with estimates for appropriations. This army, he said, was in the nature of a temporary military establishment, described as a "stop gap army," which would tide over the period until peace is re-established. In regard to keeping the sixteen national army cantonments and some of the National Guard camps sites, Mr. Baker said it was his personal judgment that the cantonment sites should all be purchased to be held for divisional training centers for whatever army the nation may decide to maintain. Representative Kahn, of California, who will be chairman of the committee when the Republican organization the next House, asked Mr. Baker if the army of 500,000 men was only a temporary establishment. The Secretary said he so regarded it, and pointed out that steps for reorganization were immediately necessary, since existing law limits any enlistment in the army to the duration of the war.

### PROBE OF DOUBLE TRAGEDY REVEALS THREAT OF DEATH

#### Wife of Yankee Fighter Found Dead Beside Utah Restaurant Keeper

Pittsburgh, Jan. 4.—A step toward solving the mystery surrounding the discovery yesterday of the dead bodies of a woman, clad in silk pajamas and a man in a downtown roominghouse was made last night, when morgue officials announced that the man is Deloncelis Glakounelis, 26, former restaurant proprietor of Salt Lake City, Utah. The woman is supposed to be Mrs. Irene Hayford, 25, of Colorado. The identification was made by D. K. Tsvoras, owner of a local restaurant in which the couple are said to have frequently dined. Tsvoras said that Glakounelis told him last Sunday that he had sold his restaurant in the West and had joined the woman in Inglewood, N. J., where she is supposed to have bid her soldier husband good-bye before he sailed for France. The couple came to Pittsburgh ten days ago, Tsvoras told the authorities, and when the woman disappeared New Year's Day Glakounelis said he would kill himself if she did not return. When detectives broke into the room in which the bodies were found they discovered that the woman had been shot in the abdomen and the man through the head. A revolver was lying nearby.

### RELEASED FROM GERMAN PRISON

#### Corporal Earl Smith, of Gettysburg, Escaped From Captors, but Was Retaken

Gettysburg, Pa., Jan. 4.—The first letter to be received from Corporal Earl Smith since his release from a German prison camp came to his mother, Mrs. Alice Smith, yesterday and in it he tells of the ill treatment he received at the hands of his captors—that about the only things given him to eat were horse meat, and bread that looked as if it were made out of sawdust, and was so hard you could scarcely get through it with a saw. He tells of his capture by the Huns on the fifteenth of July, and says that he was captured twice, the first time making his escape, only to be retaken about an hour later. Smith answers the question asked him at different times while in the prison camp if he knew anything of the whereabouts of his comrade, Corporal Francis Rider, who had worked with him here before enlisting and who was in the same company with him in the army. The two boys had been chums since their youth and Rider was reported missing in the same action that reported Smith as missing. In the letter received to-day, Smith states that about a week ago he was informed that he and Rider were fighting side by side when a German bullet struck Rider and killed him instantly. Rider's parents now live near Gettysburg and the only report they have had of him is that he was missing in action.

### MIFFLIN FREE OF TOLL ROADS

#### Last Stretch of Turnpike Between Lewistown and Reedsville Has Gates Removed

Lewistown, Pa., Jan. 4.—Mifflin county is now free of toll roads, yesterday marking the finish of toll roads when the turnpike between Lewistown and Reedsville, six miles, became a free public highway and the property of the state. Some months ago the Lewistown and Kishacoquillas Turnpike Company agreed to sell the road for the sum of \$8,000. The Lewistown Chamber of Commerce got busy and an early settlement of the toll road case, which has been pending in the courts for several years, was secured. Citizens of Mifflin county, anxious that the highway should be made free, contributed \$1,500 towards the purchase price. The committee from the Chamber of Commerce which secured the \$1,500 in contributions, were Tom Johnson and Walter Foster. Through the commissioners of Mifflin county the county paid \$3,500 and the state paid the balance, \$2,000. At noon yesterday the two toll-houses on the turnpike between Lewistown and Reedsville were closed. The State Highway Department will abandon a small stretch of turnpike extending from Oak and Valley streets to Mount Rock, a distance of a half mile or less, within the borough limits, making it Lewistown borough property, including the bridge over the creek at Mount Rock Mills.

### Lodge Wants Probe Into For U. S. Naval Contracts

Washington, Jan. 4.—Investigation by the Senate naval committee of the awarding of contracts to the Ford Motor Company for the construction of Eagle boats and into the character and construction of those boats was proposed in a resolution introduced yesterday by Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts. At this request the measure was referred to the naval committee.

### LEMBERG AGAIN IS SCENE OF WAR; CITY DAMAGED

#### Advices Received in Vienna Tell of Fresh Fighting; Ukrainians Bombard

By Associated Press  
Copenhagen, Jan. 4.—Fresh fighting has occurred during the last few days around Lemberg, where Ukrainian troops are making progress and are bombarding the city, according to Vienna advices to the Politiken. The electrical works at Lemberg have been destroyed and considerable other damage has been done.

ERIE STRIKE NEARS AN END  
Erie, Jan. 3.—Officers of the General Electric company say they know nothing of any move for the ending of the strike. Striking employees have been called to attend a mass meeting to-night at which the union leaders say the strike will be ended.

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### Oh, Dear; Straw Hat Prices Soar; but Styles Remain

St. Louis, Jan. 4.—Men's hats, both straw and felt, will not undergo any changes in style this year, spring, summer or fall, according to prediction made at the seventh general convention of the American Association of Wholesale Hatters yesterday. Prices of straw hats were expected to advance, it was said, while felt hats would remain stationary.

### Yankees Take 60 More Planes From the Enemy

Coblenz, Jan. 4.—Sixty more German airplanes were accepted yesterday by the Americans. One hundred more, which will be turned over to the Americans, have arrived here and are being given trial flights by German aviators preparatory to their acceptance. So far all the machines offered have been accepted. All were new.

### MUST BE ORDERLY

London, Jan. 3.—The Vossische Zeitung of Berlin points out that it is no use for the Germans to complain of the harsh tone of the armistice and to plead for food from their former enemies until they establish a stable government in Berlin.

### POLES WANT LITHUANIA

Warsaw, Jan. 3.—Andreas Moraczewski, the Polish premier, makes the statement that he favors the creation of an international port at Danzig. The premier expressed the belief that Lithuania should be given to Poland.

### 80 Cases of Influenza Reported at Millersburg

Millersburg, Pa., Jan. 4.—Millersburg and vicinity are again threatened with an influenza epidemic, there being eighty cases in the town proper and a large number in the Lykens Valley. It is of a mild type. The board of health, at a meeting early in the week, decided to close the churches and the moving picture theaters until the disease is fully under control.

### LARGE CHRISTMAS TREE

Columbia, Pa., Jan. 4.—Charles Kuntz, a weaver, employed in the Columbia lace mill, has the largest Christmas tree in Lancaster county, having spent three weeks and three days in erecting it. The tree and garden occupy one entire room in his home and there are 4,100 ornaments suspended from the limbs. The garden is a miniature production of the battlefields in France and shows the soldiers in motion. The works of nine clocks have been used to propel the objects. The tree has been viewed by nearly one thousand visitors.

### FIRST DEATH FROM INFLUENZA

Liverpool, Pa., Jan. 4.—Liverpool's first death due to influenza occurred yesterday, when Mrs. Ernest Zing, formerly Miss Fern Bair, aged 23 years, died. Funeral services will be held on Monday by the Rev. H. B. Ritter of the United Brethren Church, assisted by the Rev. A. H. Knorr, of the Methodist Church. Besides a husband, three children, aged six, four and two years; her father, H. E. Bair, of Liverpool, and three sisters, Mrs. Ada Brosius, of Dalmatia; Mrs. Lee Barner, of Phouts Valley, and Miss Hazel Bair, of Liverpool.

### MRS. LOUISA MAICE DIES

Elizabethville, Pa., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Louisa Maice, who was visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Isiah Swabb, north of town, died Wednesday morning. Mrs. Maice is survived by one daughter, Katherine Maice. Funeral services will be held on Sunday afternoon. Burial will be made in the Evangelical Cemetery at Berryburg.

### PAUL M. BOWMAN DIES

Millersburg, Pa., Jan. 4.—Paul M. Bowman, aged 35 years, died on Thursday after a short illness of pneumonia. He is survived by his wife and a son. He was a member of Camp 5770, Modern Woodmen of America, and Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A., and a member of Grace United Evangelical Church. The funeral will probably be held to-day.

### DEIMLER FUNERAL SERVICES

Hummelstown, Pa., Jan. 4.—The funeral services for the late John Deimler, who was accidentally killed on Thursday night, will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the late Rev. Henry S. Garmes will be in charge, and burial will be made in the Hummelstown Cemetery.

### INCREASED PAY FOR FIREMAN

Columbia, Pa., Jan. 4.—John H. Lutz, fifty years a fireman and custodian of the Keystone Truck and Engine house, was granted an increase in salary on his 64th birthday, as a mark of appreciation of faithful service. He is one of the oldest and best known firemen in Lancaster county.

### STUDENT IN PULPIT

Blain, Pa., Jan. 4.—The Rev. John S. Tome, a student of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, will supply the pulpit of the Blain Zion's Lutheran church to-morrow as follows: At St. Paul's in Madison township at 10:30 a. m.; at Blain at 2:30 p. m. and at New Germantown at 7 p. m.

### INSTRUCTOR AT GETTYSBURG

Gettysburg, Pa., Jan. 4.—Captain Tracey E. Tutthill of the United States Infantry, has been assigned to Gettysburg College for the training of students in the work of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, and took up his duties here yesterday, the opening of college. Captain Tutthill was formerly at Plattsburg. He comes here from the University of Maine, where he was connected with the Students Army Training Corps.

### GETTING AFTER TRUANTS

Gettysburg, Pa., Jan. 4.—The school board has decided to take steps to break up the practice of a few of the pupils of the schools of playing truant, and have given authority to County Detective Charles E. Wilson to assist the truant officer and place under arrest those who are guilty of playing truant.

### OFFICER GOES TO COLLEGE

Columbia, Pa., Jan. 4.—Captain Daniel B. Strickler, who fought in the final battles in France and was sent back to the States to be mustered out of service, has entered Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., and will complete his education. He is one of the youngest officers to have served in the army.

### VIOLIN 254 YEARS OLD

Lykens, Pa., Jan. 4.—Monroe S. Snyder, of Lykens, has a violin 254 years old, bearing this inscription: "Jacobus Stainer, in Abano, Prope Oenipolium, 1665," which would bring it to 254 years old.

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