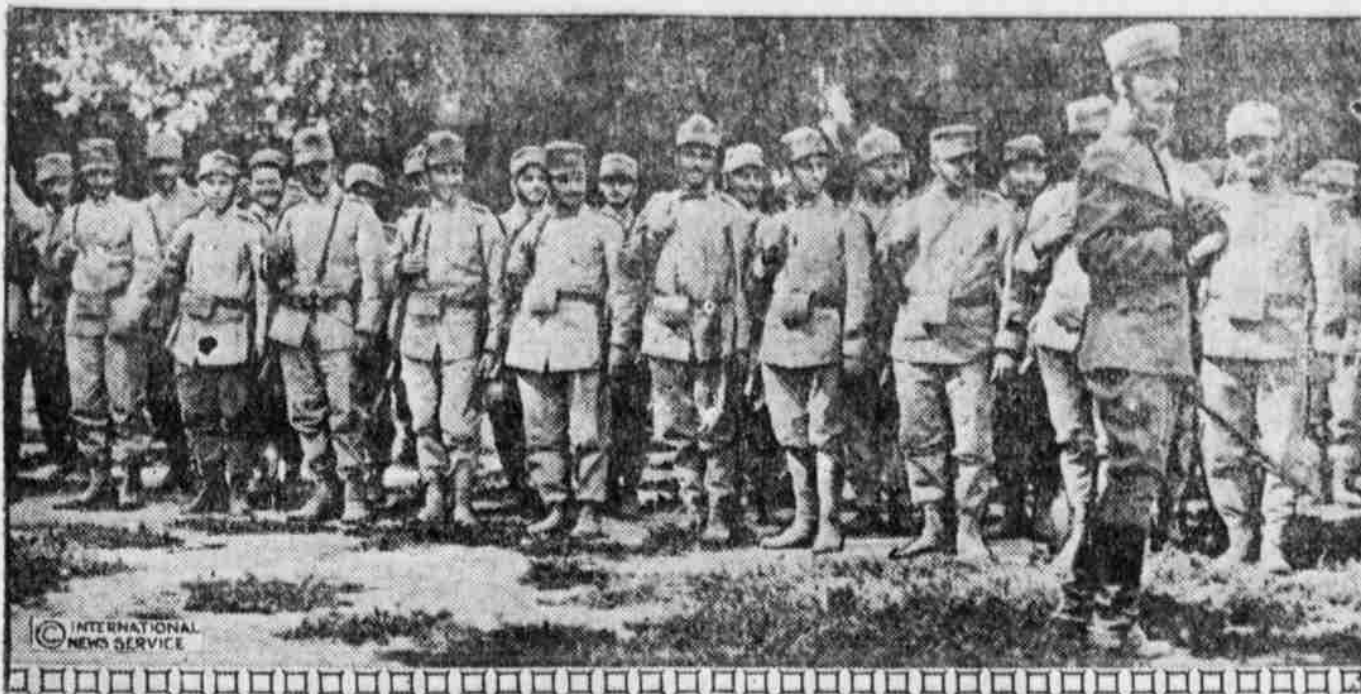


READY TO ADVANCE AT FALL OF NIGHT



Italian troops in a thickly wooded district awaiting the coming of night to make an advance on the Austrian position.

SEVENTEEN MILLIONS OF MEN TO DRAW FROM FOR UNCLE SAM'S ARMY

War Department Figures Show That Only 61 in Each 10,000 Civilians of Military Age Have Had Military Training—More Than a Score of States Are Without Field Artillery—Half the National Guard Cavalry Is Confined to Two States.

Washington.—Much has been said and written since the European war began as to military preparedness of the United States. Organizations whose purpose is to encourage preparedness and to urge more liberal appropriations for the army and navy have been organized in all parts of the country. The army and the navy have been thoroughly studied in recent months, and the president is now busy with their problems; but what of the great civilian army, then, of military age between eighteen and forty-four years, of whom according to the reports of state adjutant generals on file in Washington, there are nearly 17,000,000. Of this total, as great almost as the total of all the armies now fighting in Europe, only sixty-one hundredths of one per cent are in the militia of the various states, which means that more than 16,800,000 are men practically without military training.

To get an idea of the situation, a New York Times representative was permitted a few days ago to read some of the government reports on the condition of the militia. The result was startling. In more than a score of states there is no field artillery of any sort, and in the whole country there are fewer than 40 officers of ordnance. In 35 states there are no organizations trained for coast artillery, 24 have no cavalry, a large majority are without signal troops, while the total force of organized engineers, officers and men, totals less than 1,500 for the entire country. One state, Nevada, is without militia organization of any kind.

In the table that follows, which gives the number of officers and enlisted men of all arms in the National Guard, the figures are from regular army inspectors, and appear in the most recent report of the division of militia affairs.

State.	Officers.	Men.	State.	Officers.	Men.
Alabama	163	2,500	Nebraska	132	1,354
Arizona	45	641	Nevada	117	1,280
Arkansas	109	1,402	New Ham.	90	1,280
California	252	2,600	New Jersey	304	4,014
Colorado	122	1,970	New Mex.	51	910
Connecticut	177	2,510	New York	974	15,591
Delaware	41	465	N. Carolina	209	2,367
D. of C.	124	1,721	Dakota	90	973
Florida	72	1,070	Ohio	490	6,267
Georgia	225	2,490	Oklahoma	77	1,370
Hawaii	56	800	Oregon	160	1,401
Idaho	58	870	Penn.	745	10,190
Illinois	508	5,447	Rhode Isl.	95	1,203
Indiana	169	2,102	S. Carolina	156	1,791
Iowa	217	2,918	Dakota	68	873
Kansas	132	1,720	Tennessee	117	1,378
Kentucky	164	2,210	Texas	192	2,731
Louisiana	85	1,060	Utah	29	419
Maine	108	1,401	Vermont	75	817
Maryland	157	1,985	Virginia	206	2,696
Mass.	424	5,369	Washington	88	1,312
Michigan	189	2,473	West Va.	194	1,517
Minnesota	229	2,443	Wisconsin	193	2,221
Mississippi	94	990	Wyoming	54	767
Missouri	244	3,840			
Montana	40	630	Totals	8,792	119,251

In the above total is included 31 generals, 98 officers assigned to duty as adjutant generals of brigades and divisions, 47 inspector generals and 48 judge advocates.

The appointment among the various arms of the service is as follows:

Arm.	Officers.	Men.
Infantry	6,528	95,109
Cavalry	308	4,512
Field artillery	314	5,914
Coast artillery	450	7,150
Medical corps	783	3,250
Engineers	78	1,246
Quartermaster	157	108
Subsistence	19	17
Pay	19	17
Ordnance	69	25
Signal	72	1,470
Totals	8,792	119,251

Many States Without Cavalry.

All the states, save Nevada, have infantry troops, as a matter of course. In field artillery there are 23 that have none. These states are Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Only 13 states maintain coast artillery organizations, and of the total of coast artillerymen more than half is in New York. In Maine the total

of coast artillerymen is 30. The coast states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas are without coast artillery organizations. Nearly half of all the National Guard cavalry in the country is in New York and Pennsylvania. The states without cavalry are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming. It will be noted that among the states without cavalry are a majority of those in which horsemanship is supposed to be most common such as Wyoming, Kentucky, Montana, Kansas and New Mexico.

Engineering and Ordnance.

Of engineering troops more than 1,100 of the 1,324 are in four states; New York, with 754, Ohio with 190, Pennsylvania with 123, and Michigan with 100. Of the remaining 225 officers and men Illinois claims four of the officers and 60 men, and Oklahoma three officers and 61 enlisted men. Virginia has an engineering strength of three officers, Massachusetts and California two officers each, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Mississippi, Maryland, Iowa and the District of Columbia one officer each.

There are fewer than 100 officers and enlisted men in the National Guard ordnance service.

The number of men between eighteen and forty-four fit for military service is approximately 16,500,000, divided among the states as follows:

State.	Men.	State.	Men.
Alabama	802,144	Montana	48,076
Arizona	40,776	Nebraska	152,890
Arkansas	377,387	Nevada	29,000
California	383,784	N. Hampshire	41,237
Colorado	134,225	New Jersey	675,906
Connecticut	156,977	New Mexico	69,774
Delaware	2,482	New York	4,816,481
D. of Columbia	90,278	N. Carolina	302,745
Florida	127,182	Dakota	70,771
Georgia	377,673	Ohio	946,866
Hawaii	14,863	Oklahoma	321,271
Idaho	23,824	Oregon	109,521
Illinois	1,000,000	Pennsylvania	1,129,256
Indiana	802,201	Rhode Island	178,492
Iowa	288,738	S. Carolina	217,375
Kansas	386,570	S. Dakota	70,862
Kentucky	342,221	Tennessee	276,713
Louisiana	339,410	Texas	602,970
Maine	104,819	Utah	40,433
Maryland	121,973	Vermont	69,878
Massachusetts	377,618	Virginia	371,817
Michigan	521,792	Washington	289,189
Minnesota	237,923	W. Virginia	201,234
Mississippi	401,220	Wisconsin	441,296
Missouri	694,084	Wyoming	41,730
Totals	16,547,347		

Show Strange Situations.

The above figures reveal many strange situations. For instance, Alabama is surpassed by only four states in the number of males between eighteen and forty-four fit for military service, these states being New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois. The 1910 census gave California 200,000 more population than Alabama, yet Alabama reports that she can furnish 400,000 more men than California. Texas, with 1,700,000 more population than Alabama, reports only 500,000 men fit for service, while Massachusetts, with 500,000 less population than Texas, offers 75,000 more.

Minnesota, with 2,100,000 population reports only 237,923 possible soldiers, while South Carolina, with only 1,500,000, comes within 20,000 of that number. Ohio, whose population is a round million greater than that of Texas, is credited with 450,000 more able men than Texas, but only 150,000 more than Alabama, which has 2,500,000 fewer people.

Mississippi, 1,800,000 population, offers more than 400,000 men, whereas Tennessee, with 2,200,000 population, returns only 276,000. Indiana, with 1,900,000 less population than Texas, reports 160,000 more fit men and 75,000 more than Massachusetts, which has 650,000 more citizens than has Indiana.

Keep in Touch With Militia.

Much criticism has been leveled at the war department because of apparent lack of interest in the militia. It

is a fact, however, that never, except when the country was at war, has the government done more for the National Guard than now.

At the head of the New York state detail is Lieut. Col. A. P. Buffington, who has given years to the study of the militia problem, and he works hand in hand with Major General O'Ryan, and the other higher officers of the New York guard. Under Colonel Buffington as inspector-instructors are Maj. William Weigel, Capt. Joseph L. Gilbreth and George H. White, and First Lieuts. Russell James, Carroll B. Hodges and Albert T. Rich, infantry; Capt. David H. Biddle and First Lieut. William H. Bell, cavalry; Capt. Daniel W. Hand and First Lieuts. Dawson Olmsted and Harry Pfell, field artillery; Capt. Henry B. Clark; First Lieut. John A. Brockman, signal corps, and Maj. Sanford H. Wadhams, medical corps.

General Mills at the Head.

Eight officers are detailed to the National Guard of Pennsylvania, six to Ohio, seven to Illinois, nine to Massachusetts, and from one to four each to every other state except Nevada. Among these 133 officers are about 29 retired officers who had to leave the active service because of disabilities that made campaigning in the Philippines, or service in Panama, Porto Rico and border ports in this country out of the question, but which did not affect their usefulness as instructors.

Over all these officers is Brig. Gen. Albert L. Mills, U. S. A., chief of the division of militia affairs, with headquarters in the war department. General Mills is one of the few New York city general officers in the regular service, and was formerly superintendent of the Military Academy at West Point. Attached to the staff of each of the four department commanders is also an officer whose duties have entirely to do with militia affairs. Col. Charles R. Noyes holds this position on the staff of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, who commands at Governor's Island; Col. D. A. Frederick is the militia officer of the central department; Lieut. Col. William S. Scott holds the position on the staff of the commanding general of the southern department, and Col. John C. Gresham on that of the commanding officer of the western department at San Francisco.

POPULAR SEASIDE FAD



Nobody knows who started the most popular innovation introduced at Brighton Beach in many seasons. The big tennis courts at the Brighton baths are so popular that they are being used day and night by tennis players. A few days ago, during the extremely hot spell, a number of players appeared on the courts, not in their usual tennis togethery, but garbed in bathing costume. It is almost unbelievable how the innovation spread. Now only the uninitiated think of appearing on the tennis courts in anything but their bathing costumes. Immediately after a lively set, the players can take the advantage of stepping into a pool or into the sea, but a few paces from the courts, to enjoy a cooling dip or swim.

The chap who suspects his neighbor is not above suspicion.

Wash day is smite day if you use Red Cross Ball, Blue, American made, therefore the best made. Adv.

Speech and Silence.
Speak fitly, or be silent wisely.—George Herbert.

Safest Marriages.
The safest marriages are declared by a statistician to be those contracted with men under twenty-four or more than thirty-four years of age.

Circumstantial Evidence.
"How did you know that man was a sporting fellow?"
"Because when I trod on his curls he let out a regular football yell."

Some Jealous.
"Patience—Is she jealous of her husband?"
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Family Days.

Family occasions ought to be celebrated frequently, even if the celebration is the simplest form of little festival. Bringing the family together helps to promote affection. Whatever the event, birthday or wedding anniversary or a welcome home from a journey, it ought to mean something to every member of the family, and can be made an occasion that will remain bright in memory when the family circle is broken.

These United States.

The United States has 3,000,000 square miles of territory, 1,903,000,000 acres of land. There are 878,000,000 acres of land in the farms of the country, but 478,000,000 acres of this area are unimproved and unproductive.

Its Kind.

"I see where they have a little Thimble theater in New York. What kind of plays have they?"
"Oh, I dare say, they are sew, sew."

Something Just as Good.

"Let's get up a piscatorial excursion."
"Why not have just a good old fishing party?"

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GOLD'S SIREN LURE FOR MEN

Hardship and Death Dared by Thousands That They May Gain Riches Quickly.

It was in 1898 that the rush of gold seekers to the Klondike reached its flood. The ninety-eighters probably never will know the fame of the forty-niners, but they have a place in the long history of the gold hunters, the men of all nations, ancient, medieval and modern. The book has a hundred chapters telling of failure and of death to every one lightened with the story of success.

H. M. Cadell recently visited the Klondike and there made a study of present conditions. He describes them and adds an interesting account of the early day rush to the Northwest territory. The Smithsonian institution has put Mr. Cadell's report into print. It is an interesting document. Some of the happenings in the Klondike were duplicates of like happenings in California and Australia during the first years of the surface washing in those fields. These duplications show that human nature is unchanging.

Men went to the Klondike daring hardship and death that they might get rich quick. Some of the gold seekers were quickly successful. A large percentage of the successful ones almost literally threw their money away. Easy come, easy go. This sort of thing has marked gold mining in all ages. The Klondike is not what it was, but human nature stays the same. The discovery of gold at the North pole would start a northern migration that would take no account of the insuperable obstacles of distance and cold. The lure is irresistible.—Chicago Post.

Transportation in Calcutta.
To compete with Calcutta's present street railway system a company has been formed which will place 100 motor buses and 400 cars for freight in service within a year.

It doesn't look as if the fool killer will ever be able to take a vacation.

Kind acts are never stepping stones to misfortune.

Another Little Bedtime Story.
"Good gracious!" cried Peter Rabbit, "what is the cause of that uproar going on up in the air? There! That was the S. O. S. call! Somebody must be in trouble, and—"

"Oh, that is old Doc Stork," replied Sammy Jay. "He is carrying twins to the wildcat's house, and the dear little strangers do not wish to go."—Kansas City Star.

It was a Kansas woman, of course, who waded the family refrigerator for a pair of roller skates. A Kansas man would have dickered for a different kind of skate.

Every married man is judged and judged by his wife.

A woman is apt to envy a parrot if it can talk faster than she can.

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