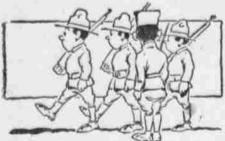


WASHINGTON SIDELIGHTS

Is America to Have Universal Military Training?

WASHINGTON.-Now that the world war is over and the United States must frame a military policy of permanence for the future, the general staff of the army is declared, to be preparing a program for submission to congress with universal military train-

ing for the basis.



It is known that the staff is practically unanimous for universal training as a sound military policy and that it is prepared to submit a bill embodying all the best features of former bills on this subject.

The general staff is known to have influenced the order by Provost Marshal General Crowder that the classification of eighteen-year-old reg-Istrants under the present draft law

should continue despite the cessation of hestilities. In the peace settlement the subject of national armaments is to be dealt with and the belligerents have agreed that one of the bases of peace shall be a reduction of armament to the least degree consistent with public safety.

Proponents of universal military training insist that no scheme of naional preparedness for defense could be more consistent with a world policy of reduction of armaments than universal training itself. Universal training does not mean the development of a huge standing army waiting for a fight, but prepares a nation for security in case it is assailed.

For this reason men in and out of congress and in the war department who have been urging universal training for years believe the peace terms will serve to hasten the adoption of military training by the American congress at an early date.

It is believed that public opinion, which was divided before the war, will favor universal military training, especially if it is complemented by vocational training. The war has been an object lesson that all men might read. It is a lamentable fact that before the war the curse of Young America was that it had no sense of responsibility or discipline-a condition for which the parents were quite as much to blame as their sons. Military training has

It has also been a liberal education in many of the essentials of life for the young soldiers. It has brought men of all races and creeds together. It

has fostered democracy and it has aroused patriotism. And the least observant can-see what it has done to improve the physical condition of the young men of America.

The Long and Short of It in Oregon's Politics

OREGON at the last election chose a United States senator for the "short term," as it was marked on the ballot. It now appears that the ballot used language that was substantially correct in most respects,

SENATORS.

When the late Senator Lane died last year, Charles L. McNary was uppointed by the governor of Oregon to fill the vacancy until the people could MOMENTOUS choose a successor at the last election. OCCASION-

The short term expires March 4 -THINK-Senator McNary wanted to run for the long term also. The Oregon election taws prohibited his name going on the ballot twice. It was therefore necessary to run a "dummy" candi-

Ex-Senator Mulky was picked to run for the short term and Senator McNary ran for the long term. Both

were elected. Mr. Mulky is pledged to resign his office immediately, however, to make way for the appointment of Senator McNary to fill out the short term. Mr. Mulky will come to Washington this week to take the oath of office. He will occupy his seat in the senate one day and then will resign,

Senator McNary will be reappointed to fill out the term and will take his

seat on March 4 for the long term without further interruption. On the whole, the language of the Oregon ballot on election day seems

Where Dame Nature Is at Her Wildest and Best

NATIONAL parks attracted about 450,000 visitors in the 1918 season, according to the official statistics which will appear in the forthcoming annual report of the national park service, department of the interior. These figures



cover 15 of the 17 national parks; no record was kept at Hawaii and Mount McKinley is inaccessible until the further construction of the government railroad in Alaska. This is a falling off from 1917, which was the record year, with 487,368 visitors. The decrease is largely due to the increase in railroad fares, since the tourist travel by private automobile, which now constitutes the bulk of the at tendance, was about the same as in 1917. Considering wartime conditions

this showing is considered very creditable. Rocky Mountain National Park (Colorado) leads the scenic parks in attendance as usual with about 80,000 visitors, as compared with 117,186 in 1917. This is twice the number visiting any other park except Mount Rainier, which had about 45,000 visitors owing to the proximity of Camp Lewis. Hot Springs (Arkansas), which is medicinal rather than scenic, shows an increase of 15,000. Yellowstone (Wyoming) where the hotels were closed and only the camps operated, shows a decrease of about 15,000. The California parks fell off about 4,000 each.

Here are the approximate attendance figures for the more important parks followed by the official 1917 figures: Hot Springs, 150,000 and 135,000; Rocky Mountain, 80,000 and 117,186; Yellowstone, 20,000 and 35,400; Sequoia (California), 14,000 and 18,500; Yosemite (California), 30,000 and 34,510; General Grant (California), 13,000 and 17,390; Mount Rainier, 45,000 and 35, 568; Crater Lake (Oregon), 10,000 and 11,645; Platt (Oklahoma, medicinal), 35,000 and 35,000; Mesa Verde (Colorado), 2,000 and 2,223; Glacier (Montana), 11,000 and 15,050,

Can Hun U-Boat Fleet Clear Up Cyclops Mystery?

WHEN the affice control the German submarine fleet and are punishing its crimes against civilization and humanity shall we clear up the mystery of the disappearance with all on board of the giant United States collier

Cyclops last March white homeward bound from Rio with a big cargo of manganese, a crew of 350 men and a

number of passengers? As it stands now the case of the Cyclops is probably the most perplexing of all the long list of mysteries of the sea. She touched at Barbados and left there March 4, bound for New York, where she was due March 13. The navy department was unable to find so much as a life preserver or an one. "he vessel has been declared

The known public facts are these: 's hull was stanch in all respects.

or engines was out of order and she was proceeding under the

other. The weather at the time of her leaving Barbados was normal, and so continued in that region for many days,

She sent out no distress signals. Lieutenant Commander George Wichman Worley was born in Germany. He legally changed his name from Wichman to Worley. He became a citizen in 1893. He had a wife and child in Norfolk, Va. He had commanded

Did her cargo break the Cyclops in two? Did her cargo shift and capsize her? Was she sunk by an internal explosion? Was she sunk by a submarine or a mine? Was she captured by the Germans? Was she surrendered through treachery? Is she affoat in some German port? Or was she "spurlos

the Cyclops for ten years.

WORK OF COUNTY AGENT IN SOUTH

Satisfactory System Has Been Firmly Established in Several States.

PROGRESS HAS BEEN RAPID

Recent Report Shows Status of Development of Organization, and Discusses Some of Problems Which Have Been Met.

(Prepared by the United States Depart-

ment of Agriculture.) That the county-agent plan of carrying agricultural information to the isfactory system in 15 southern states United States department of agriculture of progress made during the last recently made public shows the status organization in the South during 1916, water and flooding the crops, Methand also discusses some of the problems which are being met in the effort to increase this service in accordance with the country's emergency agricultural needs. The confidence of the states in the county-agent plan is shown by the fact that most of the legislatures in the South are making liberal appropriations to aid in its support.

Number of Extension Workers.

There were employed in the 15 southern states during the year 860 regular county agents, 28 assistant county agents, 31 boys' club agents and 66 colored men agents for work among colored people. Each state also has a director of extension and a state agent or assistant director in charge of the work of the county agents. Women engaged in the home-demonstration work numbered 576. Of these 13 are state agents in charge of the work in their respective states, 41 are assistants and district agents, and 513 county women agents and 7 colored homedemonstration agents.

Increase in Community Organizations. Progress in organizing the county agents' work in the South this year was gratifying, officials of the department of agriculture say. The last annual report shows the formation of 1.654 community organizations of farmers, with a membership of 44,548. The report for the present year shows an increase to 2,508 organizations with a membership of 78,660. This report



One of Branches of County Agent Work in South Is Interesting Boys in Better Farm Methods.

does not include co-operative organizations not formed by county agents, even though they gave active support and assistance to the county representative and served in the capacity of a local community organization. Such associations include local granges farmers' unions and church and civic organizations of varied character. It is estimated that 200,000 farmers are enrolled in all these community organizations which are assisting county

Since this report was made there has been a great increase in this work. At the present time the total number of agents is approximately 2,200, consisting in part of 980 county agents, 815 county home demonstration agents and 85 negro agents (men) and 70

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PROFITABLE FARM SIDE LINE

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SYSTEMATIC BATTLE WILL STOP RODENTS

Little Animals Extert Heavy Toll From the Farmer.

Annual Loss Caused to Crops Estimated at \$300,000,000-Active Cooperation of Neighbors Needed for Extermination.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Systematic and organized campaigns, in which the entire community is interested, are suggested as means of successfully exterminating injurious rodent pests on the farm by the bureau of biological survey of the United States department of agriculture. There are about 750 forms of rodents inhabiting the United States, and the farmer is firmly established as a sat- annual loss which they cause in food and feed crops is estimated at fully is shown in a review by officials of the \$300,000,000. They feed upon crops in the field and in storage, in some cases destroying grass land so completely calendar year. A report of this work that erosion follows. In the irrigated sections of the West some species burof this rapidly developing agricultural row through the dikes, releasing the



Pocket Gopher.

ods of exterminating these pests by trapping and poisoning, which the individual farmer as well as the commu-

ful rodents, but he is helpless to pre vent an early recurrence of the trou ble unless he can secure the active co-operation of his neighbors. The de partment of agriculture urges, there fore, that whenever possible the de struction of these pests be a commu nity undertaking. In the past, individ ual efforts often supplemented by the payment of bounties by state, county or township have been only partially successful in reducing rodent depreda tions. In many western counties the amount paid out in a single year for bountles on pocket gophers and ground squirrels, would, if wisely expended ir poisoning operations such as have 213 So. 16th St. been practiced under government su pervision on public lands, secure the destruction of nearly every such ani mal in the county and make unneces sary much further outlay for the pur

A few of the rodents which inhabithe United States are not classed as injurious as they live in deserts mountains or swamps and rarely come in contact with cultivated crops. Some are valuable because they feed largely upon insects, some because they produce fur and others because they are useful as human food. Of the injuri ous species all are native to this coun try with the exception of four-the house mouse and three kinds of rati -but these four cause approximately two thirds of all the damage. Field mice, kangaroo rats, pocket gophers ground squirrels, prairie dogs, wood

******************* PROPER FEED FOR COWS

chucks, and rabbits are among the

most destructive of the native species

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) 1. Under most circumstances

the cow should be fed all the roughage that she will eat up clean, and the grain ration should be adjusted to the milk production.

2. A grain mixture should be fed in the proportion of one pound to each three pints or pounds of milk produced daily by the cow, except in the case of a cow producing a flow of 40 pounds or more, when the ration may be one pound to each three and a half or four pounds of milk. An even better rule is one pound of grain each day for every pound of butterfat that the cow produces during the

3. Feed all the cow will respond to in milk production. When she begins to put on flesh, cut down the grain.

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