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**MASS TROOPS
FOR MARCH ON
PETROGRAD**

Petrograd, Saturday, March 24, via London (delayed).—From internal cables and the problems of reconstruction the attention of Russia has suddenly been diverted to a new danger which threatens from without. There now is indisputable evidence that the Germans are massing great numbers of troops along the northern front ready for an effort against Russia's capital.

"The country has been apprised of the new menace by a series of proclamations from its ministers."

London, March 25.—Reuter's Petrograd correspondent says: "War Minister Guchoff's statement that the foe is at the gate is no mere figure of speech. The slightest relaxation of vigilance and the enemy would be at Petrograd."

The correspondent then cautiously refers to the repulsive action on the troops of the consciousness that the army has been the arbiter of Russia's destiny which has manifested itself in demands incompatible with military discipline and says that already there is news from various fronts of the prevalence of "second thoughts."

"But," continues the correspondent, "where the men respect their chiefs and the army is fortunate in its commanders, it is unlikely that persistence in untutored claims will be allowed to prejudice the spring and summer campaigns. Moreover, reassuring reports have been received from General Ruzsky and General Judenich, who commands the Caucasus army."

"There has been much head shaking, nevertheless, among the more timorous inhabitants of Petrograd, largely a reflection of the greater freedom allowed the press, which has opened the flood gates of the pacifists and shriekings against war."

The correspondent concludes by declaring that the republican form of government now is assured.

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**NATION SPEEDS
UP DEFENSE BY
WAR MOVES**

Contracts Awarded for Twenty-four Destroyers and Strict Censorship Placed on All Military News

Washington March 25.—The United States swung several paces nearer war today with big comprehensive preparedness moves.

The government bought twenty-four new destroyers, with orders to hasten their completion.

It ordered Brand Whitlock to quit his post as minister to Belgium and withdrew American relief workers, at the same time branding Germany with faithlessness even in her pledges of protection toward the giant errand of mercy conducted in Belgium.

It ordered that two companies of militia guard the big Four River ship building plant at Quincy, Mass., and other establishments in the Old Bay state.

Other steps near war were: Announcement that the department commanders are getting ground for big training camps like the Plattsburgh, New York, site and that millions authorized by the last congress will be spent on equipping these tracts; information that definite land defenses are under way, though these cannot be revealed under a new censorship; notification to Germany that this government retained in a request to reconstruct the treaty of 1793.

New Censorship.
A voluntary censorship was clamped on news, under an agreement between the state, war and navy departments, and the big press associations of the nation. Later, it was suggested an actual wartime censorship will be imposed by legislation.

The national council of defense delved further into preparedness work while President Wilson, closely in touch with all preparedness work, interviewed Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Secretary of War Baker as to the progress of work within their own branches.

The navy ordered all the destroyers it could at the moment, using money in the \$115,000,000 emergency appropriation to cover nine more than had been authorized. The department wishes to gather twenty-five to fifty more of these craft and will turn at once to this task, though the builders involved in today's awards held they were doing a capacity business.

Tonight Secretary Baker declared that the army "is pressing ahead with all purchases needed to equip the army if called upon."

Entente government representatives are keen to have this government provide them a big loan as a war step. This will be done unless the nation opposes the idea. Spokesmen of the allies here express the view that it would be inadvisable to send an overseas army from this country at once.

**CHICAGO TO
HOLD PATRI-
OTIC MEET**

Plan Gigantic Demonstration to Stir Blue Blood for War.

Chicago, March 25.—Plans for a monster patriotic demonstration, one that will rival the one held at Madison Square Garden in New York, were laid at a meeting of representative Chicago professional and business men this afternoon.

The conference was held at the office of Jacob M. Dickerson, ex-secretary of war under the Taft administration, and was attended by Dr. Harry Pratt Judson, president of the University of Chicago, the Right Rev. Bishop Fallows and other noted Chicagoans.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, that our country is on the verge of war. The crisis demands immediate expression by all patriotic American citizens of their sentiments and desires. We urge upon congress and the president that they immediately take vigorous steps to protect American lives, property and honor by using every resource at their command."

A mass meeting will be held next Saturday night at the Auditorium. Prominent speakers will be secured.

**LAST AMERICAN FORCES
DRAWN FROM SANTIAGO**

Santiago De Cuba, March 25.—Replying on assurances of the ability of the Cubans to maintain order, the American commander withdrew today the last men of the force landed two weeks ago. The city is quiet, although skirmishes in the outskirts are not infrequent. It is announced a vigorous campaign against the rebels will be inaugurated immediately. The rebels are continuing their campaigns of destruction.

**INCREASE DEPART-
MENTS OF UNITED
STATES ARMY**

Washington, D. C., March 25.—Division of the United States into six, instead of four, military departments was announced by the war department as the Northeastern, comprising the New England states, and the Southeastern, comprising the states in the old south.

Major General Leonard Wood is transferred from the Department of the east to the new southeastern department, Major General J. Franklin Bell from the western department to the eastern department, Major General Hunter I. Liggett from the Philippines to the western department and Brigadier General Clarence R. Edwards from the canal zone to the northeastern department. Major General Barry of the central department and Major General Pershing of the southern department remain in their commands.

The changes were outlined by the department in the following statement:

To facilitate decentralization of command, the United States is divided into six military departments in place of the four now existing. The new organizations become effective May 1, and comprise the following:

"A—Northeastern department to embrace Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Headquarters at Boston.

"B—Eastern department: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. West Virginia, District of Columbia, the canal zone and Porto Rico. Headquarters at Governor's Island.

"C—Southeastern department: Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, together with the coast defenses of New Orleans and the coast defenses of Galveston. Headquarters at Charleston, S. C.

"D—Central department: Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado. Headquarters at Chicago.

"E—Southern department: Louisiana (except the coast defenses at New Orleans), Texas (except the coast defense at Galveston), Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona. Headquarters at Fort Sam Houston.

"F—Western department: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, California, Nevada, Utah and Alaska. Headquarters at San Francisco.

Major General Leonard Wood will command the southeastern department and Major J. Franklin Bell will command the eastern department. Major General Hunter Liggett will command the western department and Brigadier General Clarence R. Edwards will command the northeastern department.

Brigadier General Edward H. Plummer will command the troops in the Panama canal zone. Other department commanders will remain as at present."

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**HOUSE PACKED
PEOPLE TURNED
AWAY AT REVIVAL**

A capacity house heard evangelists Hill and Streeter at the Christian Church last evening. Every seat was taken. Standing space was at a premium and many were turned away. The sermon on "Conscience" was a clear-cut and urgent appeal for people to be true to their knowledge and conscience. At the close of the message five people came forward to accept Christ. There were nine additions during the day. A number were baptized in the evening.

The men's meeting was well attended. J. W. Seiver, D. C. York, W. G. Brooks and F. A. Clouff rendered two quartette numbers. For an hour the evangelist hurled anathemas at sin and heaped up argument after argument for clean living and manhood. Several auto loads of men from Louisville attended. At the close of the service Professor Streeter sang "Mother's Prayer's Have Followed Me."

"Life's Ledger or How God Keeps Books" will be the lecture tonight. C. O. Streeter will sing, "The Opening of the Books." A baptismal service will be held this evening. The revival will probably close next Sunday.

**SOCIAL WORKERS
CLUB MEETS WITH
MRS. M. G. STAVA**

The Social Workers Club met at the pleasant country home of Mrs. M. G. Stava, south of this city Wednesday afternoon. The hostesses for this occasion were Mesdames Lee Fickler, Mrs. Cunningham and Stava and the ladies of this splendid organization are very much indebted to them for the splendid afternoon's entertainment afforded them. The annual election of officers was held and the following officers were elected: Mrs. F. W. Hull, president; Mrs. Arthur Sullivan, vice-president; Miss Nettie Smith, secretary; Miss Clara Mumm, treasurer. Following the business session the ladies spent a few moments in a delightful social time. It being the birthday of the President, Mrs. F. W. Hull, she was showered with many pretty birthday gifts as a reminder of the high esteem in which she is held by the members of this society.

Previous to the shower, Mrs. M. A. Hall gave a few appropriate remarks, which was in the form of a poem which had been composed by herself and which was quite unique.

The guests were then invited to partake of a dainty two course luncheon, which was served by the hostess at a suitable time. It being quite late, the ladies departed for their homes, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Sullivan, on Wednesday, April 18th.

DOINGS IN POLICE COURT

Police court was quite busy this morning with a number of persons on the carpet for violating the law in some manner. W. M. Kaufman defaulted a cash bond of \$5 and Fred Kaufman, a bond of \$10 as a result of being drunk Saturday night. They had been out in the south part of the city and had their team tangled up in a wire fence when Officer Jones arrived on the scene and brought them in. Bert Elledge was also docketed for being drunk and given \$5 and costs for the offence which he will work out for the city on the streets. Elledge was arrested by Officer McCrary.

SELLS HOGS FOR BIG PRICE

Peter Halmes, one of the leading farmers of this locality had a car load of hogs on the South Omaha market Friday that brought the top price for the day, \$14.80. These hogs were raised by Mr. Halmes and his sons and are among the best that has been on the South Omaha market and the price they brought is a demonstration that the hogs were of the best. The sale of the hogs was made through the firm of Ralston & Fonda, and John D. McBride, former sheriff of Cass county, was the salesman to dispose of this fine bunch of Cass county stock. Mr. McBride is on the Omaha market and recognizes that Cass county products are among the very best that can be found anywhere.

J. H. Meisinger and son Adam of Cedar Creek motored to this city today to attend to some business matters and visit with relatives and friends. Mr. Meisinger, Sr., gave this office a pleasant call.

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**WILSON PUTS
COUNTRY ON
WAR BASIS**

Fourteen Groups of Guards Ordered to Police Eastern District.

Washington, D. C., March 25.—President Wilson took steps today to place the nation on a war footing.

By executive order he directed that the navy be recruited without delay to full authorized war strength of 87,000 enlisted men. Taken in connection with emergency naval construction already ordered, this means that the president has exercised the full limit of his legal powers as commander-in-chief to prepare the navy for war.

For the army, the president directed that two new military departments be created in the Atlantic coast region. The order means that the task of organizing whatever army congress may authorize will be divided among six departmental commanders instead of four in the interests of speed and efficiency in mobilization.

The third step was to assume as a national duty the task of protecting American industries from domestic disorders in the event of hostilities. For this purpose eleven full infantry regiments, two separate battalions and one separate company of the National guard were called back into the federal service to act as national police in important districts. Supplementing these troops, a regiment of Pennsylvania guard and two companies of Georgia infantry, enroute home from the border for muster-out, were ordered retained in federal service.

The president's orders were made known in terse official statements issued by both departments. No explanation accompanied them except the statement that reorganization of the military departments effective May 1, was designed to facilitate decentralization of command.

Following is the executive order bringing the navy up to war strength:

"By virtue of the authority vested in the president by the act of con-

gress approved August 29, 1916, entitled 'an act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and for other purposes,' it is hereby directed that the authorized enlisted strength of the navy be increased to 87,000 men.

"WOODROW WILSON."
The navy must enroll immediately approximately 20,000 men to reach the required strength. Secretary Daniels supplemented the order tonight with personal telegrams to newspaper editors all over the country urging them to aid the department.

Unclaimed Letters
Mrs. Ike Bates
Mrs. James Cagley
Mrs. Alice Cass
E. P. Kildow
Mrs. Ethil Tunner
E. F. Livingston
Above mail unclaimed and will be sent to the Dead Letter Office April 9, 1917.
D. C. Morgan, Postmaster.

**BALL PLAYERS HAVE A
TRY-OUT AT THE PARK**

Yesterday afternoon a number of the base ball enthusiasts of the city assembled at the base ball park for a workout as a preliminary step toward the formation of a team for this year. A number of the young players who are prospective material for the team were on hand and worked out with the veterans and the showing made was very pleasing to the old members of the team and looks good toward making a fast team for this season. There is plenty of good material at hand that can be used for the formation of the team if they will turn out and practice and get ready for the opening of the season. As soon as the players get a thorough working out and the team is lined up the organization will be completed by the election of a captain and the boys will get down to business.

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