

War Department Alive to Danger From Near East

Steps Taken to See That United States Is Never Again Caught Unprepared for Emergencies.

By GRAFTON WILCOX.
Washington, Sept. 30.—The War Department, with conflict threatened in the near east which might seriously involve the world again, is not asleep at the switch.

While there is no immediate prospect of the United States becoming involved in armed conflict or that it is in danger of invasion, the War Department is doing everything within its power to see that the United States never again is caught as unprepared as it was at the outbreak of the world conflict.

A conference which opens next week at the Aberdeen (Maryland) proving grounds of the Army Ordnance association, is to be an important one from the standpoint of American preparedness and it is being attended by Secretary of War Weeks and Assistant Secretary of War Wainwright.

Pledged to Preparedness.

The Army Ordnance association was organized four years ago. At that time it adopted for its slogan: "Pledged to public service in effecting industrial preparedness for war as our strongest guarantee of peace." It is because of its relation to the progress of industrial preparedness that Secretary Weeks and Assistant Secretary Wainwright are particularly interested in the conference which begins October 6.

"The work done by men who organized and have maintained the Army Ordnance association, cannot be too highly praised," said Assistant Secretary Wainwright. "Benedict Crowell, the president of the association; Guy E. Tripp, chairman, Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company; Samuel McRoberts, president Metropolitan Trust company of New York, and the other members of the board of directors of the association have given highly meritorious service to the nation in the far-sighted attitude they have taken toward the question of industrial preparedness.

Credit Due Officers.

"In event of future emergency, credit will be due to those who have organized and directed this association and supported it for having seen to it that the country's industry has been kept in touch with ordnance developments and that the manufacturers of the United States will be in a position to take their place in the great industrial army behind the army upon which the success or failure of any future war will depend.

"We know that we must lean heavily upon the organized industries of the country, not only in the period of actual warfare but in and through the intervening period of peace, during which we must make our basic plans for industrial mobilization, if we are to be prepared adequately for the emergency of war."

Prettiest Woman in Paris, She Is Called



Rachel Astor etc.

Miss Rachel Astor is called the prettiest woman in the gay life of Paris.

A plant has been discovered in India which is an effective remedy for malaria and blackwater fever.

Paris Women Die Through Living Up to Fashions

Psychotherapy Society States Designers of Style Plates Responsible for Fatal Illnesses.

Paris, Sept. 23.—(By A. P.)—Designers of fashion plates for newspapers and store catalogues passed a bad quarter of an hour last week before the psychotherapy society when their influence was charged with being the cause of the deaths of many young women.

The details of two cases were given. The girls, in their desire to live up to the forms designed in the fashion plates, reduced their vitality to so low a point that the first slight malady carried them off. One speaker accused the artists of making beauty synonymous with thinness, flat chests and the absence of muscles.

Have New Steel.

A new steel which, it is claimed, can resist any degree of heat without splitting or losing its shape in any way, has been discovered by Engineer Chevenard, chief of the experimental laboratory of the Hipply steel works, as the result of a number of experiments. The new steel was described to the French Academy of Science by Henri Le Chatelier, the well known engineer and metallurgist.

The withdrawal of the authorization papers of the American trainer, William Flatman, on a charge of "doping," is to be brought before the law courts in October. Trainer Flatman has issued a writ against the society, which has the regulation of flat racing in this country, for having accused him on the "doping" charge. He demands his reinstatement as a trainer immediately and a 100,000 franc compensation for

damages suffered through the society's judgment.

No Legal Proof.

Charles F. Beach, the trainer's counsel, says that he will argue that Flatman is entitled to challenge the society's judgment and that there is no legal proof that either Flatman or any of his employees administered a stimulant. Counsel will also contend that proof that a stimulant was administered at all, can only be accepted with reserve. The case is exciting great interest in racing circles as it is the first time the society's decision in racing affairs has ever been challenged.

The police court at Beziers has acquitted the manager of the arena and the matadors, charged with killing six bulls with a sword.

The magistrate was greatly influenced in his decision by the fact that the state collects a tax of 25 per cent on the gross receipts at bull fights. This fact created a "strong presumption," that such fights were legal.

The magistrate pointed out that the Grammont law under which cruelty to animals comes, specifies domestic animals only.

"Oil Barons" Pays Up.

Rachel Stegeland, "oil baroness" whose fine of \$1,000 for alleged oil promotion schemes was reduced to \$500 by Federal Judge Woodrough, appeared at the federal building late Friday afternoon and paid \$250, discharging her present obligation under the fine. She recently paid a first installment of \$250. Five hundred dollars of the fine was placed "on execution" by the judge.

Cash Prizes in Literary Contest

All Residents of State Are Eligible to Compete—Closes November 1.

When Nebraska's nationally known short story writer, Mrs. Hess Streeter Alrich, was in town a few days ago and was relating her early experiences in the game, she stated that her real work as a writer dated from the day that she received word that she had won recognition in a fiction contest conducted by The Ladies' Home Journal. The fact that her story was given a place among the six best selected from the 2,800 manuscripts submitted in the contest gave her fresh assurance and new determination.

The Omaha Woman's Press club, through its contest, gives you opportunity to discover what stuff your dreams are made of.

Four classes of literary work are included in this year's contest and a cash award offered for the best in each class. The classes and prizes offered are:

Short story, maximum length 5,000 words: First prize \$40.
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Miscellaneous prose, maximum length 1,500 words: First prize \$20.
Poetry, maximum length 24 lines: First prize \$25.

Honorable mention shall constitute second prize.

In submitting manuscripts it is understood that no rights whatsoever are sacri-

Fuel Distributor Urges Roads to Break Records

Washington, Sept. 30.—Coal carrying railroads were urged by Federal Fuel Distributor Spens to make every effort to break all records for coal shipments during the month of October. The current output of coal and its movements, Mr. Spens pointed out in a letter to presidents of the railroads, are adequate for current needs, but do not permit laying up of reserves against a possible cold snap early in the winter.

To date the roads have made a splendid showing in coal movement. Mr. Spens conceded, but he urged

Alfred E. Smith Named by N. Y. Demos for Governor

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 30.—Delegates to the democratic convention, which opened with bitter quarrels and ended in apparent peace, left for their homes today to plan for the fall campaign.

While Alfred E. Smith was nominated for governor unanimously, democrats were wondering whether W. H. Hearst, who sought the nomination, would support the ticket. In a telegram to his representatives withdrawing his name Mr. Hearst said he would not go on any ticket "which being reactionary . . . would be a betrayal of genuine democracy."

The nominee for United States senator is Dr. Royal S. Copeland, New York City health commissioner and friend of Mayor Hylan, who was Mr. Hearst's spokesman.

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