

Control of U. S. Resources Plan of War Chiefs

Gen. Pershing Outlines Government Proposal for National Defense in Case of War.

New York, Nov. 18.—(By A. P.)—National defense plans of the War department contemplate government control of the entire resources of the country under an "efficiency council or board of control," Gen. Pershing announced last night, speaking at Madison Square garden before the Merchants Association in New York. "According to those plans," Gen. Pershing said, "the industrial and manufacturing institutions, agriculture and transportation would be under government control while personnel pertaining to all of them would be mustered into the service as one that is called to the colors. An efficiency council or board of control, conforming to our experience in the war, would then be placed in charge of all resources with authority to make such disposition of them as would best promote the success of the nation in war.

"The initial organization and the system to be adopted should soon be in such tangible form that the personnel could be selected and organized in readiness to take up their duties when needed.

Study General Needs.
"It is the duty of the War department to study the general needs of the country in both men and material to meet the exigencies of war. The conclusions place certain obligations upon the army personnel, in addition to its duty as an arm of the administration, from a consideration of which the strength of the army can be determined.

"But our recommendations often go unheeded, partly because, in the past, it has been a more or less popular thing to cry out against the army as being militaristic or as dangerous to the liberties of the people, or some such ridiculous prattle that might appeal to the ignorant citizen."

Discussing the function of business in war, General Pershing said: "That the conduct of war is a big business enterprise which involves a knowledge of business principles on the part of leaders who are vividly brought out during the world war and preliminary preparations necessary to carry on to success once we become involved in war, should appeal to every business man.

Sacrifice Necessary.
"It is regrettable that a greater number of business men with vision do not make the sacrifice needed under public life during peace, and give their countrymen the benefit of their business experience in the management of both national and international affairs, instead of leaving those duties to the professional office seeker and the political south-sayer.

"In strictly military service, beginning with the revolution, the army has received an average of one important call every year and a half of its existence and, besides foreign wars which include the repression of rebellion, insurrection, conspiracy, uprisings and Indian wars—from Shay's rebellion in 1756 down to Villa's raid on Columbus, New Mexico, in 1916.

"During all this time the army has stood as the bulwark of American liberty and has protected our homes and our shores. There is a necessity of an adequate force to guard against the unseen enemy on our midst. Those are avowed on the destruction of the American government in favor of some form of communistic form of government. Many who cry out for disarmament foolishly think the world will follow. Others are led astray by propaganda. All such tendencies are dangerous. So we really need this small loyal army of ours, not alone as a nucleus but as something that can be relied on in a pinch."

Preacher Says Pastor Hall Told Fears for His Life
New Brunswick, N. J., Nov. 18.—Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, fearing death because of his attentions to his beloved choir singer, Mrs. Eleanor Mills, complained of a threat against his life and told of his plan to leave New Brunswick so that his wife and other relatives could not touch him.

This startling revelation was made to detectives of the Kron Detective agency, New York City, by Rev. Paul N. B. P. Hamborszky, former pastor of the Hungarian Reformed church of New Brunswick, who claimed to be a close friend of the murdered minister. Hamborszky told a thrilling story of his knowledge of Hall's quarrels with his wife and the fear in which Rev. Hall lived for months before his death. He declared that Hall told him he had been threatened by a man whose name has been mentioned frequently during the investigation of the murder.

Rodolph Valentino Would Deny Name to Ex-Wife
Los Angeles, Nov. 18.—Rodolph Valentino, screen actor has filed in the superior court, an answer to the petition of his divorced wife, Jean Acker, motion picture actress, for permission to change her name to Valentino. He objected.

He asserted that when he married his former wife, the daughter of Joseph Acker of Philadelphia, she knew his true name was Rodolfo Guglielmi and that Rodolph Valentino was his stage name.

He asserted Mrs. Acker had "no right in law or equity to change her name to Jean Acker Valentino," and alleged her only reason for attempting to make the change was that she might "advocate herself."

Woman Hit by Taxi Whose Driver Flees



Mrs. Betty Lee Pugsley.
Struck down by a speeding taxicab, Mrs. Betty Lee Pugsley, who manages an apartment at 2514 St. Marys avenue, is in Lord Lester hospital, suffering from painful bruises and enduring internal injury.

The driver left his victim lying unconscious in the street. Passersby helped carry her to the nearby hospital.

Mrs. Lee Pugsley had a 7-year-old son. She is said to be separated from her husband.

No trace of the driver has been found yet.

Bandit Suspect Pair Bound Over

Gambling Victim Reported He Was Robbed, Prisoner's Defense in Court.

If a man loses money gambling, should he report to police that he was held up and robbed?

That was the defense offered Saturday in Central police court by William J. B. Godwin, 25, and Leon Cox, 27, when they were arraigned on charges of highway robbery.

They were bound over to district court under \$5,000 bond each.

Godwin and Cox have been living at the Flamingo hotel, where Detective George Summitt also resides.

Marion H. Collins, Carter S. D., recently asked police to find two young bandits he said had held up and robbed him, forcing him to endorse two traveler's checks worth \$250.

The girl is angry with him, he said, and is believed to have returned to her home in David City, Neb.

"But she will relent eventually," he said. "She's wonderful. She has brains, beauty and the ability to wear clothes—and that's about everything."

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Former Omahan Big Investor in M. E. Smith & Co.

Sam A. Megeath, Here for Conference, Admits Sentiment Figured Largely in Deal.

Sentiment figured largely in Sam A. Megeath's purchase this week of a big interest in M. E. Smith & Co., the former Omahan acknowledged on his arrival Saturday from New York for a conference with Ward Burgess and the Woods brothers.

"My father, Jim Megeath, was one of the earliest merchandisers in Omaha. He came here in 1854, opened a store on Farnam, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, just east of the present W. O. W. building, and shortly after organized a string of trading posts which reached as far as Salt Lake City," he related.

"I used to run a general store, myself, too. That was a long time ago, at Hanna, Wyo."

The elder Megeath was the first speaker of the first house of representatives in Nebraska and was the donor of one-half of Hanscom park site to the city of Omaha. With his consent, the name, "Hanscom," was given to the park, in honor of the donor of the other half, A. J. Hanscom.

Sam Megeath's close personal friendship with Ward Burgess for 30 years was another factor in the new business arrangement, he stated.

"But I have strong faith in the potential growth of M. E. Smith & Co., judging by its past 40 years' record, or you can bet I wouldn't put so much of my money into it," Megeath declared.

He left Omaha in 1896 to take up a connection with the Galena Signal Oil company, subsidiary to the Standard Oil company, and later became its president. He resigned in 1917 to enter the independent oil field.

Megeath said other interests prevented his return to Omaha to make his home. He now lives at Yonkers, N. Y. He is a brother of G. W. "Win" Megeath of Omaha, a former Lincoln and later became the "Mark and Frank Woods will come from Lincoln Monday for a conference with Megeath, who will return to New York Tuesday or Wednesday."

Commission Man Freed—Checks Squared Up

W. H. Morris, commission man, was released by Chief of Detectives Van Deusen Saturday morning when checks held against him were squared up.

Morris announced, upon his release, that the expected marriage of himself and Miss Mary Palasek, beautiful brunette with whom he was arrested at a downtown hotel recently, would not take place for some time.

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H. G. Wells Defeated in English Election

London, Nov. 18.—(By A. P.)—H. G. Wells, as labor candidate for member of parliament from the University of London, not only was defeated, but polled the smallest number of votes for the constituency.

Sir Sidney Russell Wells, conservative, was elected, receiving 3,833 votes against 2,180 for Prof. A. F. Pollard, and 1,427 for Mr. Wells.

Luke E. Wright, Roosevelt War Secretary, Dies

Former Governor General of Philippines Succumbs After Several Months of Illness.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 18.—Gen. Luke E. Wright, former secretary of war and former governor general of the Philippines, died at his home here last night after an illness of several months.

Gen. Wright, who was prominent in the professional and business life of Memphis for more than a half century, suffered a fall several months ago and since has been in failing health.

Gen. Wright, who was born in Tennessee in 1846, was a confederate veteran, serving with distinction first with the Fifty-fourth Tennessee Infantry, and later joining Wright's battery, an artillery unit.

Although a democrat in politics, he was first appointed to federal office by President McKinley, who named him a member of the Philippine commission. Later he became vice governor and then governor general of the islands. He resigned the latter position in 1906 to become ambassador to Japan. During the year he spent in Tokyo he handled a number of delicate situations arising from California's protest against the "open door" as it applied to Japanese immigration.

He resigned as ambassador to become secretary of war in President Roosevelt's cabinet. Following his resignation, he spent several months in world travel, afterward returning to his home in Memphis and resuming the practice of law.

Railroads Called Upon to Refund Freight Charges

Lincoln, Nov. 18.—Nebraska railroad companies have been cited to appear before the state railway commission next Monday to show cause why they should not give refunds of cash to everyone who made mixed shipments of cattle and hogs and paid the rates the company demanded, when at the same time, there was on the statute books a law which, if applied, would have called for smaller rate payments.

The law, enacted shortly before the railroads of the country passed under government control, was never enforced, but has recently been held legal and acknowledged by the roads.

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Chicago, Nov. 18.—The railroads of the country, in the closing quarter of the present year, face an array of

unusual and in some respects unprecedented difficulties, Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad system, tonight told members of the Commercial club of Chicago. Constructive legislation and the co-operation of the public will alleviate some of the difficulties, he asserted.

"Since the close of 1921, there has been a reversal of business conditions in America," Mr. Rea said, "and with all the hard knocks it is for the better. From extreme dullness we have rapidly advanced to a point where road traffic is close to record levels."

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