

THE ADMINISTRATION "DOPE."
"Just a Big Demonstration in Reply to Critics," They Say.

Washington, March 7.—In answer to charges that the United States army is not prepared for actual warfare and that it is lacking in every essential that goes to make up a defensive force, the general staff, by direction of the president, has ordered a magnificent test of the whole machinery controlling the army, on a scale greater than ever before attempted in time of peace in this country.

Reproducing as nearly as possible war conditions involving hostilities in advance of a formal declaration of war, the president gave the word last night and within a few moments messages were flying all over the country by wire ordering the assembling of 20,000 troops in the department of Texas. This practically is one-fourth of the entire army of the United States, including those troops in the Philippines and other insular possessions.

The navy is to play its part and a formidable fleet of armored cruisers, supplemented by auxiliaries necessary for the successful maintenance of a hostile naval force on the coast of an enemy, will take its place off the Texas shore line.

A Formidable Navy Force.

These cruisers comprise the present fifth division of the Atlantic fleet now at Hampton Roads and which are ready for sea. The division comprises the flagship Tennessee, Montana, North Carolina and Washington, all powerful armored cruisers of 14,500 tons displacement, under command of Rear Admiral Sidney A. Staunton.

The military force will establish its headquarters at San Antonio under command of Major General William H. Carter, assistant chief of the staff, assisted by several brigadier generals who will command the brigades into which the grand division will be divided. These brigades will be placed at strategic points throughout the department of Texas, including not only the Mexican border towns, to which particular attention will be given, but also Galveston and the other seaports.

PLAN U. C. T. HOME FOR AGED.

Spokane, Wash., March 7.—Preliminary plans have been made to establish a permanent home in Spokane for indigent commercial travelers. Walter P. Edris, postmaster at Spokane, who was a salesman before he entered the government service, several years ago, is chairman of a committee of the United Commercial Travelers having the project in hand. The idea has been approved by commercial men and travelers in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia. Construction work will begin during the coming summer.

We are negotiating for a site tract of land on which to build the home," Mr. Edris said in making the first announcement of the plan. "The structure and the grounds will be a credit to the northwest as well as to those backing the project. The building scheme will get its start at the Merchants and Traveling Men's carnival in the Washington state armory in Spokane May 1 to 6, after which it is proposed to begin a canvass among the traveling men in America in the various states and provinces.

"There are more than 600,000 traveling salesmen in this country and all are connected with one or more associations. It will not be a big undertaking to get at least 100,000 to join this proposition when they know that by paying \$1 a year they will always have as good a home as they have been used to, where they will be welcome and receive the best of attention should adversity come or life's twilight begin to fall. To always have that feeling of security and contribute a small amount for the comfort of others is worth many times \$1 a year. Though they never expect to take advantage of what is offered, there are many men the country over who will join with us in this enterprise just to know that if things go wrong there is a safe retreat open to them."

ROBBED AT TILDEN.

Young Man is Slugged and a Roll of \$10 is Taken From Him.

Tilden Citizen: A young man named Johnson who has been employed by Pat Tierney had received his accumulated wages toward the end of the week. He came to town drunk freely and showed a good sized roll of bills while playing cards in one of the places where gambling is not forbidden by the village ordinances. (By the way, gambling is permissible in every building in town except the saloons, so far as the local enforcement of law is concerned.) According to reports, Johnson was badly intoxicated, and while in this condition was allure into a building by one of the four young men mentioned, dressed in the garb of a woman. What else transpired until the real crime was committed, is not necessary to relate. He was later decoyed to the intersection of Second and Center streets and there deliberately slugged. He received a deep gash over the eye and his face was badly disfigured. He was taken to Catron's livery barn between midnight and one o'clock where his wounds were dressed and care taken of him until morning. Upon regaining consciousness Johnson could tell only a disconnected story, but his pocketbook and about \$40 were gone and he does not hesitate to name the parties who committed the highway robbery.

MOTHER ACCUSED.

Caious and Brutal Crime Alleged Against Edith Melber.

Albany, N. Y., March 7.—Charged with the murder of her own child, Mrs. Edith Melber of Schenectady was

placed on trial before Justice Howard in the supreme court. On the afternoon of January 13 the body of a boy was found almost concealed in a clump of reeds on the outskirts of Albany. The face had been terribly burned by acid. A half empty bottle of carbolic acid and a bag of chocolate drops were the only clues.

For two days the authorities unsuccessfully sought to learn the boy's name, and then George Melber, a Schenectady blacksmith, identified the body as that of his grandson, George Melber, whom he had thought to be in an orphan asylum.

Following this lead, the police instituted a search for the child's parents and found that Mrs. Melber had left the house where she was working in Schenectady. She was traced to the station in that city, and thence to Rochester, where she was arrested, charged with the murder. After denial of her identity, she finally confessed.

CAN BAILEY GET BACK?

Some Question Now as to Whether His Resignation Can Be Withdrawn.

Washington, March 7.—Joseph Weldon Bailey of Texas may find his resignation of his commission as a senator of the United States has entered into effect.

A nice question has developed as to whether the vice president had the right to withhold the resignation from the senate after its presentation to him for such purpose, and whether the governor of the state of Texas had the power and the authority to refuse to accept the resignation and ask for its withdrawal. There is the further question of whether Mr. Bailey, having resigned the senatorship, could resume it.

Ewing Declamatory Contest.

Ewing, Neb., March 7.—Special to The News: An oratorical contest in which seven pupils—six young ladies and one gentleman—of the Ewing high school participated, was held in the opera house Saturday evening and was largely attended. While it was a hard matter for the judges to decide between several of the contestants the honors finally fell to Miss Grace Benson, a sister of the editor of the Advocate, her pronunciation and articulation, as well as her expression and general effect, being so distinct and so natural. Miss Benson accepted the honors with becoming modesty and she will attend the district declamatory contest, to be held in Norfolk this month. The judges were: Professor Nyrop, ex-Professor Fugram and Miss Maggie Macaulay, all of Clearwater.

Miss Delta Lau of Ewing drew the first lady's prize for being the best waltzer at the masquerade ball held in Neligh last week.

A Niobrara Social Event.

Niobrara, Neb., March 7.—Special to The News: Mrs. W. K. Clark invited members of the Masonic lodge for Saturday evening, the 4th Inst., to help surprise the doctor, whose birthday anniversary was on Sunday, March 5, 1911. It was a surprise indeed to Dr. Clark when twenty of the brethren began filing past him as he was about to hang up his coat and cap.

Progressive whist was the order of the evening and was thoroughly enjoyed. George G. Koster secured the first prize, a fine deck of cards, and W. W. Marshall the consolation, a "Dutch lunch." Appetizing refreshments were served.

The doctor was presented with a handsome leather office chair, C. W. Demel making the presentation speech.

Those present were Messrs. F. Nelson, G. G. Bayha, H. D. Palen, C. G. Whipple, R. Raffan, M. R. Smith, Geo. W. Chambers, C. A. Nippell, M. C. Nelson, G. L. Adams, E. L. Gillham, Goo. W. Draper, F. C. Marshall, Geo. G. Koster, Wm. H. Brown, W. W. Marshall, C. W. Demel, F. McCormick, L. A. Dose, Charles Nelson and Dr. W. K. Clark.

Suffragettes Off to Springfield.

Chicago, March 7.—Two hundred suffragists, a special trainload, will leave for the state capital at Springfield today to ask the legislators for consideration in connection with their plea for the right to vote. Aiding the regular women's suffrage societies will go a band of college and university girls, headed by a daughter of state supreme court Judge Carter, whose mission will be to address the appeal of the young and attractive women to the logic and reasoning of the more mature pleaders. The delegation expects to be heard by the entire house.

The Ducks Are Flying.

Tilden Citizen: Wild ducks by the thousand and several big flocks of geese were attracted north by the warm weather of last Friday. The gunners of Tilden were out in force, but not much open water offered inducement for the birds to light and they scattered in the corn fields and low lying lands along the river—well beyond gunshot from cover. A sudden veering of the wind to the northwest Saturday evening caused a marked drop in the temperature and by Sunday morning not a single aquatic bird appeared to be left in the vicinity.

McFarland-Carlson.

At Fremont Saturday afternoon occurred the wedding of Walter Radcliffe McFarland and Miss Pearl Delta Carlson. The young couple, to evade and surprise their friends, left the city on an early train Saturday morning for Fremont.

Mr. McFarland is the son of County Clerk S. R. McFarland. He is employed as stenographer in the law offices of Mapes & Hazen and is very popular in Norfolk. Miss Carlson is the daughter of James W. Carlson, an employee of the F. E. Davenport shoe store. Miss Carlson is also a stenog-

rapher and has many friends in Norfolk.

TO PLAY BALL.

It is Said There Will be a Norfolk Team for Coming Season.

When it was learned by several Norfolk baseball fans that the Red Cloud franchise in the state league had been purchased by York, they announced that they would not give up in their efforts for baseball team for Norfolk this season. "There will be a ball team in Norfolk, but it will not be known as the clerk's team," said Clarence Rasley, manager of last year's unsuccessful clerks' baseball team. "It will be known as the Norfolk team, and it will be a good one." At the same time the question as to support of such a team was brought up and it was declared that the driving park diamond is located too far from the center of the city to assure large enough crowds, and that if the Olney field could be fenced in properly big crowds would attend the games.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Miss B. Ocumpaugh has returned from Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Logan returned from Omaha.

August Deck of Hoskins was a visitor in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Knapp of Spencer were here.

Rev. Otto Bergfelder called on friends in Pierce and Hadar during the week.

A. W. Fulton of Plainview was a visitor in the city.

H. E. Stormont of Oakland was a visitor in the city.

Albert Kenney of Stanton was here visiting with friends.

Ed. Hulac went to Omaha for a short visit with friends.

Miss Mamie Cate of Pierce was in the city visiting with friends.

Miss Anna Fuerst of Fremont is in the city visiting with relatives.

Miss Ruth Witzigman returned from an extended trip in eastern Iowa and Illinois.

Mrs. Henry Plageman and Mrs. L. C. Lehman of Stanton were in the city visiting with relatives.

Francis Elseley of Anoka was in the city visiting with his parents, Judge and Mrs. C. F. Elseley.

The Ladies' Aid of the St. Johnnes church will serve a chicken pie dinner April 4.

A regular meeting of the board of education is scheduled for Monday evening.

Dr. C. J. Verges and A. Buchholz have purchased a 160-acre farm near Vivian, SD.

Jenkins & Co., formerly of Clearwater, have opened real estate offices above the Bates billiard parlors.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Westervelt Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

The Internos club met with Miss Hertha Ziesche last night. Misses Easter Currier, Hattie Claus and Viole Oesterling were invited guests.

J. B. Hight will leave Norfolk Saturday evening for Interior, S. D., where he expects to make his home on his farm. Mrs. Hight will follow in a couple of weeks.

J. C. Schultz, the traveling salesman who rented the L. C. Mittelstadt cottage on Tenth street and Madison avenue, is busy today unloading his household goods, which arrived from Sioux Falls.

Superintendent Fred Fulton of the gas company reports all necessary repairs on the recent gas main break on Third street and Norfolk avenue have been made and no further trouble will be experienced.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Farage of South Fifth street are both reported quite ill. Mrs. Farage is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever, and Mr. Farage is suffering from a bad attack of stomach trouble.

The regular meeting of the Morris social club will be held at the Masonic banquet hall tonight. All members, their families and sojourn patrons and the executive committee of the Illinois Equal Suffrage League, and Miss Jane Addams will conduct the lobby.

The delegation will be accompanied by a band.

ing to be enroute from Omaha to Dallas, where they are to be employed on railroad extension work, paid \$2.50 fine in Judge Elseley's court on a charge of vagrancy brought against them by Officer Livingstone, who found the men sleeping in a box car in the Northwestern yards. The men had in their possession about dozen eye glasses, but declared they were not selling these articles.

Mrs. H. E. Mason of Meadow Grove and Professor J. A. Baber of Normal, Neb., are expected to have some interesting work in connection with the Madison county Sunday school convention, which will convene at Madison on March 21. Local members will bring the work of the association in all branches before the convention.

Mrs. Mason will have charge of the primary session, which takes up the entire afternoon of March 22.

The jury in the case of Al Best versus George Recker, William Becker and John Wadd, in Judge Lambert's court, brought in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, giving him \$25 for damages to his household goods, which were stored in a house he rented from Recker. Mr. Best now lives near Belgrade, Neb., and in his suit he charged that his household goods were damaged when repairs were made on the house. Mr. Best asked for \$200 damages. The case took up the entire afternoon and evening. The members of the jury were: William Beswick, W. P. Dixon, Charles Barnhart and S. H. Grant.

Accident With Aeroplane.

Laredo, Tex., March 6.—An accident to the government's scouting aeroplane in which Lieutenants Foulois and Philip Parmalee Friday made a new world's record of 2 hours 7 minutes for a cross country flight of 116 miles, caused those two aviators to land twelve miles south of Eagle Pass yesterday, shortly after they had left there at 8:10 o'clock on their return trip to this city. News to this effect was not received at Fort McIntosh until 6:30 o'clock last night when a telephone message from Minera, Tex., said Foulois and Parmalee had met with a slight mishap and would return with their damaged machine today. Details of the accident are lacking.

WANT MORE CADETS.

Government Takes Steps to Get Full Quota at West Point.

Washington, March 6.—A special examination for candidates for appointment as cadets at the West Point military academy has been ordered by the war department to take place May 24 at several military points. A statement issued from the general staff calls attention to the fact that for several years the cadet corps has been 75 to 85 percent below its full quota.

Believing that many young men are deterred from taking the examination by the expense of the long journey to the present centers, candidates hereafter will be examined at the nearest suitable military post. Further to stimulate applications, the department will make public the existence of vacancies in the congressional districts. The general staff began this campaign of publicity by announcing vacancies, present or prospective, including:

Former Chums of Young Men Come from Creighton as Pallbearers.

The funeral of Chester Cramer, the 18-year-old former Creighton boy whose death followed amputation of his leg in this city last week, made necessary by his having been run over by a Northwestern passenger train, was held in the Second Congregational church Saturday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Conrad in charge of the services. Interment was in Prospect Hill.

Many friends of the family were here from Creighton to attend the funeral, the pallbearers being six former chums from that city: Carl Egletoncamp, Henry Collins, Clifford Crum, Charles Timmons, Ernest Davy and Fred Mellin.

Cramer was enroute to a new home at Wedne, Minn., when he fell under the train wheels here. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Cramer; two brothers, Ray and George; and two sisters, Mrs. O. P. List of Norfolk and Miss Rita Cramer. They were all here for the funeral.

SOUTH DAKOTA AT A GLANCE.

Emery is to have a new parochial school.

The Christian young men of Milbank have organized a club.

The Catholics of Yankton are planning to erect a hospital.

D. W. Polkington has sold the Lily Argus to T. A. Bakkegard.

Grant county is strictly enforcing the compulsory education law.

C. A. Magee is promoting an interurban road through Lake country.

The state camp of the Royal Neighbors of America met at Lead Thursday.

Poisoned wax balls are being used to kill wild animals in the black hills district.

The majority in favor of the commission plan of government at Aberdeen was 468.

Nels Galdern, a veteran of the civil war and a Grant county pioneer, died at Odessa, Minn.

The regular spring term of the federal court will convene in Sioux Falls on the first Tuesday in April.

A new Black Hills industry has been developed near Rapid City, where plaster is being made from gypsum.

Yankton business men are planning a big celebration in observance of the golden anniversary of Dakota in June.

W. W. Woodward has sold his hardware store at Haven to Martin Weaver, of Minneapolis. E. E. Martin will manage the business.

Hilton & Co., Powell, Wyo., were the lowest bidders for the construction to the north canal of the Belle Fourche irrigation project and will be awarded the contract.

Sheriff Noonan, Deadwood, has been asked to locate John Howe, 22, Cottonwood, whose parents wish him to return home on account