

The Council for National Defence

By Frederic J. Haskin.

Washington, D. C., April 26.—The offices of the Council for National Defence here in Washington are the real heart and brain of America preparing for war.

Industrial preparedness against war appeals strongly to the American imagination. Military service has lost its glamour for a people who have watched three years of useless butchery in Europe; they are ready to fight; but they have no illusions about fighting.

The Council for National Defence, strictly so called, is merely the bureaucratic figurehead of this organization. It consists of six cabinet officers, who still have all of their usual duties.

These men have little to gain in their present work except the satisfaction of putting through a big deal for the good of the country. They are as different from the average "commission appointed by the president" with its lame ducks and pompous pronouncements, as a modern fire engine is different from the village bucket brigade.

The Council for National Defence is American business, science and labor wearing America to play a power's art in the world.

But it is more than that. It is the basis of the organization that will direct America in the field of battle. This commission as it stands has none but advisory powers. It can suggest to the president and the cabinet what to do and it can collect information. At present that is all.

It may be observed that the advisory commission is constantly extending its organization so that if it should be endowed with executive powers its executive machinery will be complete.

So that the Council for National Defence has even greater significance for the future than for the present. And, in fact, all of its work is directed toward a much more remote future than the average citizen realizes.

oculars and range-finders are the eyes of modern fighting forces. A few days ago an expert in glass manufacture wrote to the bureau of mines that he had all of the formulas used by British manufacturers for making optical glass since the war began.

All of our preparations are in an equally elementary stage. The most brilliant plan yet evolved by the advisory commission is that of Mr. Coffin for the placing of small annual "educative orders" with manufacturers all over the country, so that they may learn how to make munitions in accordance with government specifications.

Therefore, education and taking stock of our resources in brains and materials—the most fundamental steps toward preparedness—are the present work of the Council for National Defence. It will take time to get results, but the work will be thorough and of permanent value.

"Modern war is a business proposition, and in prosecuting it the blood of the soldier must be mixed with three parts of the sweat of the men in the mills and mines of the country at arms," says Mr. Coffin, and in his words there is not only much truth, but a touch of inspiration. This is the battle slogan of American business.

Marmon Car Carries Brakes that Would Hold Heaviest Auto. "Ease of handling is a feature of the Marmon 34 as distinct as the economy of its operation, said H. Pelton, local Marmon distributor.

Union Denies Electrical Workers Were Molested. Martin Anderson, president of Electrical Workers' union No. 22, which was named defendant in injunction proceedings brought in district court by the American Electric company and eleven other Omaha contractors, has filed an answer denying that non-union men employed on jobs were molested in any way.

Garland Hanson, Central City Athlete, is Missing. Mystery surrounds the disappearance last Sunday of Garland Hanson, a student at Nebraska Central college, Central City, Neb. He rode his bicycle into town Sunday about noon and left it at the railroad station. No trace has been found of him beyond that.

Guatemala Breaks Off Relations With Germany. Washington, April 28.—Guatemala has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany, handed to the German minister his passports and canceled the exequaturs of German consuls there.

Official advice of the break, coming from the American legation in Guatemala City, says President Estrada Cabrera assigned as the reason for his act his desire to stand with the United States in the fight for democracy and the preservation of international law.

Dancers and Singers at May Fete Wednesday in Joslyn Gardens



Katherine Baxter, Pleasant Holyoke, Martha Dox, Ellaore Baxter and Polly Robbins

MUST PASS AROUND THE APPLES AGAIN

If One Bite Mad Mother Eve Modest, New Styles Indicate Big Cider Famine.

WEARING 'EM HIGHER

By A. R. GROH.

Not only are they "wearing 'em higher in Hawaii-er" but also right here in Omaha. I refer to skirts.

Had you noticed it, feller?

I hadn't. I never notice such things.

But a chap called my attention to the fact and I found it an interesting study, purely from a scientific and philosophical viewpoint, you understand.

Skirts have gone up higher, and boots have followed them. (Never say "shoes." It's vulgar. "Boots" is the proper term.)

Yes, it seems there's a conspiracy between the skirts and boots to conceal charming silk hose.

When the skirts withdraw and reveal an inch of hose, the boots promptly follow, like the French following the Germans, and cover up that much.

Boots, this summer, a Sixteenth street shoeman told me, will reach an extreme height of twelve inches, also an extreme height of \$15.

There are many colors—medium and dark grays, blacks, whites, buffs, creams, yellows, tans. Some of 'em have "collars" around the tops. There are some with uppers made of doe skin with the hair left on.

Same as Last Year.

While prices are sky-high, compared with three or four years ago, they are no higher than last year.

The shoe man told me there is an ample supply of leather. The manufacturers loaded up the retailers with shoes last year under the fear that there would be a shortage. Now the retailers have full stocks.

And, listen! They're going to wear high boots with evening dress. The shoe man said the reason for this is that skirts have gone up so high, not in price, you understand, but, you understand, so the fair creatures aren't going to wear slippers, but boots. They are exquisite creations, these evening boots, regular confectio-

They are brocaded, richly colored, flowered, hand painted, l.a. l.a!

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now. I did not care to argue the question.

Sport Season.

One reason for the high skirts this year, she said, is that this an "unlabeled sport season." Sport suits in large plaids and figured and fancy silks like yosau and khaki-kool are the "demier cri." (Can't write a style story without a "demier cri" in it.)

Lawnettes and nets will be seen much in evening frocks, though they have been in retirement for several seasons, latest dispatches from Palm Beach, say.

And furs! Oh, the dear creatures must have furs, especially in July and August. Mrs. Archer showed me a summerweight silk sweater coat with a fur collar eighteen inches wide and an eighteen-inch border of fur around the bottom.

But the principal fact to remember is that "they're wearing 'em higher." Don't forget that.

Stiff Tests Made For Cars Bought by Philippine Islands

Can you turn your car completely around in a circle measuring less than thirty-six feet in diameter? And can you enter and leave this circle as part of a continuous trip at ten miles an hour or better?

If you can, your car is capable of undergoing one of the official tests which any car must pass to permit its sale to the United States government in the Philippines.

But there are several other requisites laid down in these tests, news of which comes in a letter to Ray Harroun from C. W. Rosenstock of Yonkers, Rosenstock & Co., Inc., automobile distributors of Manila.

Cars must also be able to show more than twenty-one miles to the gallon of gasoline, to yield a sustained speed average of better than thirty-one miles an hour and to average twelve miles an hour or better up a long 13 per cent grade, starting from a standstill.

These requirements have been set to aid the government in its effort to conserve gasoline and establish definite standards of efficiency.

A further requirement is that the cars must be priced at less than \$1,000.

Pelton Raises Salaries Of Mechanics Ten Per Cent

Pay day this week caused some excitement in the H. Pelton organization and the mechanics are all "strong for the boss."

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WHIRLING GOATS REVERE KING AK

Weird Monsters Wail in Ak-Sar-Ben Den, Already Yearning for Neophytes' Flash.

SNAKES GROW BEARDS

Such a variety of successive thrills to the candidates was perhaps never before enjoyed at Ak-Sar-Ben den as it is waiting for those who will be initiated this year.

The armer, Gus Renze, has the designs completed and has the work on the contraptions almost done. In fact, the herd of bucking goats is training. There is machinery that would make a German Krupp factory jealous. There are spectacular touches that would have drawn flattering bookings from Bannum when he was searching the jungles for curiosities.

Frogs Have Mustaches

The den is this year converted into a "kermess." The kermess is found in England, Scotland, Holland, Flanders, Belgium, Germany, Denmark and Scandinavia. It was originally a kind of church fair. It was the Kirk-quass in Scotland, the Kirch-miss in Holland and so on until the world found its way into Webster's International dictionary as kermess.

The difference between the European kermess and the kermess at the den is that no European church ever had so elaborate and so magnificent a fair. There are prehistoric monsters at this fair. There are serpents that never lived anywhere except in the most feverish nightmare. There are dancing bears and whirling goats.

There are aerial bootleggers, for the state is now dry and the police authorities are equipped to catch any bootlegger except such as travel by aeroplane. The monsters of each and every booth constantly lick their red jaws in anticipation of fresh raw meat, the same being the candidates who are compelled to run the gamut of the booths around the entire interior walls of the den, a distance of a block and a half.

Forty Terrors.

While ordinarily the candidates have had to undergo some half a dozen specific tortures, this year they will be subjected to a succession of some forty separate and distinct terrors, all so arranged as to be visible at all times from all parts of the house. It will be one continuous laugh from the time the candidate comes in until he has traversed the course.

Of course, there is still a way for some of the Omaha fellows to avoid the horrors of this initiation. That way is to join the organization now. For a short time new members will

be exempted from the initiation ceremony. Some day, however, the gates of exemption will close suddenly and those who come after will have to fall into line in the den of beasts.

No Graft at All.

The hustling committee is steadily bringing in new members, but they are meeting the same difficulty these hard-working lads have to meet every year afresh. They are being accused by many prospects of getting a commission for every member they get in.

"I wish people could understand once to all," said Secretary Weaver, "that these hustlers are not getting a cent for their work. They even have to pay their \$10 for a membership for themselves and that they are all hard-working business men who cannot afford to give their time to soliciting members any more than others can. I wish people could understand just how much loyalty and boost-spirit it takes to go out day after day and work for members when there is not a dime in it for them, and yet be accused of getting a take-off on the membership fees."

"Hair Island."

The show-part of the den activities this year is to be short and crisp. The initiation itself is so big and so varied that it will consume most of the evening. The scene of the show is to be laid in "Hair Island," a wonderful mythical spot where snakes grow beards, where frogs have mustaches and where clam shells grow sideburns.

The women of this island wear magnificent beards, and then there are barrens galore on the island, all of which affords ample opportunity for the working out of romantic plots.

Snow or Rain Early in Week in Plains States

Washington, April 28.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, April 29, issued by the weather bureau today, are:

Plains states and upper and middle Mississippi valleys: Snow or rain over the plains states and rain in the Mississippi valley at the beginning of the week will probably be followed by fair after Monday. The first half of the week will be cool, with frosts, the latter half considerably warmer.

Rocky mountain and plateau region: Local rains and snows at the beginning of the week, followed by generally fair after Monday. The first part of the week will be unseasonably cool, followed by warmer after Wednesday.

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Last week Nygaard purchased two Ford's for duty in the service department and work was commenced upon the addition to be built at the rear of the present location.

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A further requirement is that the cars must be priced at less than \$1,000.

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