

NEW U. S. GUARD TO TAKE MEN UNDER 45 YEARS OF AGE

Ranks Will be Filled by Voluntary Enlistment and Corps Designed for Guarding War Supplies.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The United States guard will be the name of the 25,000 auxiliary force of troops authorized by the War Department to supplement state and other forces now guarding war supplies and doing police duty essential to the conduct of the war.

The order for this force prescribed that it be raised by voluntary enlistment or draft. Volunteers will be accepted only between the ages of 17 and 45. If resort to the draft is necessary, men placed in the special classes under the new draft system as being fit for limited military service only will be used to fill up the ranks.

The guards will be clothed in regular army blue uniforms and will be armed with Krag-Jorgensen rifles. As far as possible the men will be given service in the immediate neighborhood of their homes.

Each battalion will be commanded by a major from the list of those classed as unavailable for arduous campaigning in Europe. Men who failed to qualify for commissions at the officers' training camps will be offered commissions or places as non-commissioned officers.

Expert Swimmers Die Because They "Lose Their Heads"

It is proverbially true that good swimmers in circumstances calculated to cause excitement drown trying to cover distances which are well within the limits of the endurance of nearly any one who can swim, and is not alarmed for his safety. The record made in the Delaware river by Charles B. Durbin, 36 1/2 miles in 13 hours, without rest or nourishment shows what an athlete may do in fresh water.

That this expert swimmer possesses exceptional physical fitness for endurance tests need not be said. That he understands how to minimize the resistance of the water and conserve his strength may be admitted. He entered the water in good training. The conditions, his own, the weather and water conditions, were right. But the man was not 12 times as physically fit, 12 times as long of "wind," as many an ordinarily good swimmer who, facing an emergency swim of three miles without a pilot in a boat alongside, would have little hope of covering the distance, and would lose courage, overexert himself, lose his breath, swallow water and drown.

When in Doubt, Use the Knife, Says a Doctor

"Open a patient to ascertain his complaint," is the advice of Dr. John E. Deaver, of Philadelphia. An aseptic scalpel in the hands of a competent surgeon is the best means of diagnosis known," was Dr. Deaver's statement, following an operation which he performed before a number of surgeons. After making the necessary incision, Dr. Deaver discovered that his patient was suffering from appendicitis instead of duodenal ulcer, as the case had been diagnosed.

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Suffs Rally Congressmen to "Votes for Women" Standard

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 13.—Important gains among members of congress on the federal suffrage amendment were reported to the opening session here today of the annual convention of the National Woman Suffrage association by state delegations of women who earlier in the day braved a snow storm to present arguments to their congressional representatives at the capitol.

Send Food So German Chapcellor Won't Starve in Berlin

Amsterdam, Dec. 13.—According to the Munich Post, a number of friends and admirers of Count George T. Hertling, the imperial German chancellor, have been sending him foodstuffs since he left Bavaria for Berlin to take up the chancellorship, fearing he might find difficulty in getting food in the German capital. As the sending of foodstuffs from Bavaria to Prussia is against the regulations, the packages were seized and the sender arrested. Count Hertling has telegraphed the Bavarian authorities, requesting the release of these persons, and asks that the packages be forwarded to him, adding:

Platinum From Russia Arrives in This Country

Washington, Dec. 13.—A shipment of 21,000 ounces of platinum received today at a Pacific coast port from Russia is the cause of much satisfaction to government officials. The metal is needed badly in the manufacture of munitions and explosives, as well as for surgical and scientific work. The domestic supply has run so short that jewelers and the public have been asked to stop the use of platinum for ornaments. The shipment was valued at more than \$2,000,000 and was consigned to the secretary of commerce, who will supervise its distribution.

Travelers Protest Proposed Railroad Rate Increase

New York, Dec. 13.—A protest against proposed increases in passenger rates on railroads will be taken to Washington within a few weeks by the Associated Commercial Travelers of America, which met today to consider the situation. The organizations represented are the Far Western Travelers' association, Southern Travelers' association, Garment Salesmen's association, Silk Travelers' association, Boot and Shoe Salesmen's association and Associated Traveling Salesmen of New York.

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LYNCH ATTACKED IN NEW PETITION

Amended Allegations Declare Commissioner Used Room in Court House as Wrestlers' Training Quarters.

Charging that John Lynch, county commissioner, "corruptly and with willful maladministration of his office," as chairman of the court house committee of Douglas county, conducted a private wrestlers' training quarters and gymnasium in one of the rooms of the court house at the county's expense, Sheriff Michael Clark has filed a second amendment to his petition demanding the removal of Lynch from office.

The petition in addition to the charges of maladministration previously filed alleges that Lynch took possession of the basement rooms in the northeast corner of the court house about February 1, 1916, and installed a shower bath, two beds and a toilet in an adjoining room and fitted up a gymnasium in the "Agricultural" room, where he had a wrestling mat, a wheel and other athletic apparatus, besides a bath and rubbing slabs.

The petition further alleges that the gymnasium was for the purpose of training wrestlers and for the private use of Commissioner Lynch, Pete Loch, one Klank and other persons.

At Expense of County.

The room was cared for and cleaned by the court house janitors at the expense of Douglas county, the petition alleges, and light and water in large quantities also were supplied at the county's expense.

The petition charges that the floor of this athletic room was torn up and the baths installed. The windows were screened to obstruct a view from the outside, so that the room could be used by Lynch and his friends, all at the county's expense.

January 15, 1917, Lynch learned that a grand jury had been called to convene January 29, Clark's petition says, and immediately had the shower bath and other paraphernalia removed and the floor replaced "for purposes of preventing investigation."

Addition to Other Charges.

The allegations of this amended petition filed by Sheriff Clark are in addition to the voluminous charges filed by him against Lynch May 26, last, demanding that Lynch be removed from office.

In the original petition Clark charged among other things that Lynch "used his position as county commissioner to obtain a part ownership in the Owl club liquor dispensary and other places where liquor was sold."

He charged that Lynch "devised a scheme and artifice" to "coerce" him into permitting the Owl club and the "Scheschy joint" to be operated without hindrance. The "scheme and artifice" involved an offer by Lynch to finance Clark to several entertainments and trips to other cities, including a trip to New Orleans during the Mardi Gras, Clark alleged.

Charges Made by Clark.

When the "scheme and artifice" fell through, Clark charges, Lynch devised the plan of persuading the county commissioners to refuse to allow the sheriff's bills for feeding prisoners, "knowing that the sheriff was a poor man and hoping that the

Western Lines Send 100 Engines to Ease Traffic

Washington, Dec. 13.—Western lines were ordered by the railroad war board to send east 100 locomotives to aid in relieving traffic congestion.

Abandon Plan of "Jackies" On U. S. Merchant Ships

Washington, Dec. 13.—Abandonment of the plan to man all American merchant vessels engaged in trans-Atlantic service with naval reserves, was announced tonight by the shipping board. Under the plan now adopted, naval reserves will be put aboard only troop ships and vessels carrying whole cargoes of munitions or supplies for the army or navy.

U. S. to Take Over Big Tri-State Ditch in Nebraska

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Washington, Dec. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Secretary Lane today affixed his signature to the contract between the farmers' irrigation district and the United States government, whereby the latter will take over and manage the so-called tri-state ditch and properties of the district just as soon as the bondholders make the promised concessions to the district.

The ditch, which has had many ups and downs and which now bids fair to be one of Nebraska's greatest assets, is 83 miles long, extending from the state line to Indian creek, north of Bridgeport, and covers 60,000 acres.

Omaha Builders' Exchange Nominates for Officers

At a meeting of the Omaha Builders' exchange, the following members were nominated to be voted on at the annual meeting, which will be held January 7, 1918.

President, William Redgwick, V. Ray Gould; vice president, J. J. Toms, Ralph Kewitt; treasurer, O. F. Nelson, J. E. Merriam; directors, Charles Johnson, Walter Anderson, Frank Vierling, A. C. Busk, George Kiene, A. Borshman, Thomas Herd, Grant Parsons, P. Laux, Harry Smith, H. E. Olsen, Charles Anderson.

Central High School's Candidates for Diplomas

The following are Central High school candidates for graduation in February:

Boys—A. Anderson, Charles, Irene Carpenter, Charles Brewer, Jane Hansen, Morley Cassidy, Florence Marcell, Theron B. Jensen, Isabel B. Oakley, Harold Knece, Marjorie I. Parsons, Eugene M. Konecky, Louis C. Pfeiffer, Fred Montgomery, Wilhelmina Rensch, Howard E. Ohman, Mary Roberts, Lee Scott, William L. Seeley, Clarence Swan, Helen Simonson, Stanley Walton, Lottie F. Shipley, Paul Wilcox, Lillian Van Epps, Grace Wending, Dorothy Anderson, Frances Wilson.

St. Louis Woman Heads National Council of Women

Washington, Dec. 13.—Both the prohibition and suffrage amendments to the constitution pending before congress were endorsed at the closing session here today of the National Council of Women of the United States.

Mrs. Philip H. Moore of St. Louis was elected president.

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