AMERICAN PREPAREDNESS WOULD HAVE AVERTED WAR

General Pershing Urges Three-Fold Plan to Avoid "Another Humiliating Experience"—National Guard First Bulwark of Defence—Standing Army Now at Lowest Safety Point.

New York, May 13—General Pershing, writing of "Our Plans for the National Defense," in the current American Legion Weekly, maintains that the absolute minimum in the standing army below which it is highly dangerous to reduce already has been reached.

Reviewing regrettable experiences attributed to unpreparedness of the United States in past wars, the General writes that "as to the World War, I firmly believe that a substantial condition of preparedness of our land and naval forces, backed by an adequate merchant marine, would have kept us out of war, and would have placed us in a position to have brought it to an early termination."

"Moreover," he continues, "it is not too much to say that under these conditions and with strong leadership, we might have prevented the World War altogether."

In his article, General Pershing visualizes the tripartite army which "we are struggling to create" under the Reorganization Act of June, 1920, a welding of regulars, trained national guardsmen and a large citizen reserve into a homogeneous whole. He pleads with his comrades of the American Legion to "support the modest estimates of the administration of men and money needed to perfect our well-considered plans for a basic organization and for preliminary training that we may avoid another humiliating experience before the world."

"The story of American wars is one of gallant deeds and great personal courage on the part of the individual officer and soldier, but lack of preparation and training has always led to undue loss of life and heavy financial burdens," the General writes.

"While we boast of having been victorious in our early foreign wars, it was due more directly to the weakness of the enemy and his engagements elsewhere than to the exercise of wise forethought in preparation or to superior strategical or tactical ability on the part of our forces or their leaders. We are prone to shut our eyes to these plain facts, a condition reflected in Congress, which has generally considered its duty well performed if, after the beginning of war, it has authorized the raising of an army and provided for its maintenance.

"In the Civil War, even a small well-trained force would probably have ended the war before the entire country became involved and would have saved the loss of thousands of lives and untold treasure on both sides."

At this point General Pershing expresses the belief that American preparedness and strong leadership might have prevented the World War.

"Never until our last experience have we sought a remedy for the avoidance of past errors," he continues, but after each war we have gone serenely back to the policy of saving a few dollars that should be spent for moderate preparation in order to meet the billions spent because of lack of preparation."

The new three-fold army, General Pershing explains, would be built on the structural framework taken bodily from the world war, so that the traditions, spirit and prestige of the great combat units would be perpetuated.

"The combat component of the regula army in the United States is so small as to be almost negligible in the event of hostilities with a first-class power," the General declares. "Therefore, the National Guard must, under adopted military policy, immediately take the field in a great emergency. This force must be trained and organized, ready to deploy upon the declaration of war, as the bulwark behind which the federal government will mobilize troops and industries. The organized reserves, constituting the largest group in the war armies, would not be maintained at strength in time of peace, save for a few trained officers and enlisted specialists. These, assigned to skeleton organizations chiefly in their own towns, would keep in touch with the army by correspondence courses and summer camps, while officers would be trained in high schools, colleges and citizens' camps.

"Any arrangement that contemplates our taking the offensive immediately upon the outbreak of a great war is impracticable because of the immense expense involved in time of peace and is impossible because it would not be in keeping with out democratic ideals," General Pershing says. "The existence of such an armed force would be militiarism of a pronounced and objectionable type. But our initial role on the land is defensive, and it is the National Guard with our small regular army which is charged with the fulfillment of this mission. Later, as the offensive becomes necessary, it is the National Guard and the larger organized reserves, supplemented by the regulars, which must carry a war to a triumphant conclusion."

Summing up, General Pershing says: "Contrast the National Guard and the Regular Army, holding the battle line while the greater army of reserves is being formed, with our ignominious plight during the first year of the late war, when we were forced to depend upon the armies of France and England to defend our interests until the American expeditionary forces could be brought into the field.

"As this is written, Congress is engaged in the consideration of drastic reductions in our professional personnel, and in the sums estimated as necessary for the training and equipment of the citizen forces. No thinking man can be justified in demanding a large professional army, but there is an absolute minimum below which it is highly dangerous to reduce and that we have already reached. The obligation of the professional soldier to defend our colonial possesions, particularly the important outposts of Hawaii and the Panama Canal, and to carry out duties explicitly set forth in the law for the organization and training of the citizen forces, remains unchanged."

HOSPITAL DAY AT FREDERICTON

Diplomas Presented to Eight Young Ladies Completing Course in Training.

Fredericton, May 12.—The observation of Hospital Day, as far as Fredericton was concerned, was the formal presentation of diplomas and prizes to the class of student nurses at Victoria Public Hospital who have completed their courses of instruction. The class was composed of eight young ladies from various places in this province The graduation, which is to be an annual public ceremonial, took place tonight in the Old Gaiety and was largely attended. Col. T G Loggie, president of the Hospital Board, occupied the chair. The majority of the trustees were in attendance In addition to the presentation of diplomas there was a presentation of special prizes donated by Col. Loggie and Dr.. G. C. Vanwart.

The student nurses who received the diplomas are as follows:—Miss Kate Johnson, Woodstock; Miss Nellie Stafford, Marysville; Miss Daisy Morehouse, Blackville; Miss Olga Pugh, Burtt's Corner; Miss Marion McDonald, Nashwaaksis; Miss Cora Jewett, Keswick; Miss Ethel Combley, Campbellton; Miss Nora Upton, Maugerville

A dance followed the public ceremony.

BRITISH NAVAL RADIO STATION BURNED

Mutineers of Irish Republican Army Set Torch to Station They Were Occupying.

Belfast, May 12—The British naval radio station at Bunbeg, Donegal, has been completely destroyed by fire. This was the station from which mutineers of the Irish Republican Army recently evicted the British coast guards, the mutineers since that time holding possession.

On Wednesday the furniture and other contents were auctioned off and purchased by local residents. Last night the mutineers set fire to the building the people seizing the window frames and other fittings so far as the flames permitted. The mutineers noting that the buildings were blazing satisfactorily left in commandeered automobiles.

"HERE IS CANADA, NOW WHERE IS MY RANCH?"

In This Manner His Royal Highness Greeted Canada at Tokio Peace Exhibition.

Special to The Standard.

Tokio, April 18—(By Mail)—"Here's Canada! Look at this! I've been to all these places. Where's my ranch?"

In this characteristic, rapid-fire fashion did His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales greet Canada as he came to a halt before the twenty-foot illuminated map of this country that hangs in the Canadian Pacific Railway exhibit at the Tokio Peace Exhibition, recently opened. It was on the occasion of the Prince's much rushed visit to the exhibition, that was sandwiched in among the numberless events of his official visit to Japan, and the fact that he spent no less than fifteen minutes at this particular exhibit may be taken as very much of a compliment to Canada.

The "E. P. Ranch" in Alberta, which the Prince bought during his trip, was duly pointed out, together with Banff, Lake Louise and Timmins, all associated in the Royal mind with excellencies of one kind or another. And then His Highness had to see the railroad lines, steamship routes (Atlantic and Pacific) and all the "resources" of Canada picked out on the map at command of an electrician by means of the 3,500 switchboard lamps installed.

J. Rankine, agent of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, was present, and to him and E. R. Bruce, who directs the exhibit, the Prince expressed his pleasure over the exhibit and his hopes that it would draw Japan and the Dominion of Canada into closer relations for their mutual benefit.

The Prince's visit to the British Pavilion was noted by the Japanese press, which lay in wait, and drew much favorable comment to Canada.

YOUNG MOTHER HELD FOR MURDER

Is Alleged to Have Thrown Her Infant Out of C. P. R. Car Window.

Lindsay, Ont., May 12.—Beatrice Nicholls, the young 22-year old girl, who is accused of having thrown her two weeks' old baby out of a C.P.R. coach window on May 2nd, while returning from Toronto to her home near Babcaygeon, was arraigned for a preliminary hearing before County Magistrate Moore today and evidence was submitted on which His Worship sent the girl up for trial on a charge of murder.

Daily Fashion Hint

EXCEEDINGLY SIMPLE

This dress of check flannel has fine possibilities, for it may be made upon straight simple lines, as pictured, or with a cape of contrasting fabric. The round neck is finished with a turn-down collar of plain satin and there are cuffs to match. When the cape is used, it is gathered at the neck and surmounted with a straight, standing collar. Without the cape, the design requires 2¾ yards 54-inch material.

SENATE TAKES UP CONSIDERATION OF JUDGES' ACT

Would Grease the Way for Judge's Refusing to Resign on Request.

Ottawa, May 12—(Canadian Press)—On consideration of the Judges' Act today in the Senate, Hon. Mr. Barnard gave notice of an amendment to the effect that the Governor-General in council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice, after three months' notice had been served on a judge who through age or other infirmity was unable to perform his duties and who still refused to retire, that the salary of the said judge be reduced to $1 a year, and continue at this amount until he retires when his retiring allowance would be based on the salary previous to notice being given of the desire for his resignation.

Sir George Foster said that every effort should be made to keep the Judiciary free from political interference. While there was no doubt that some steps would have to be taken to secure the retirement of incapitated judges. He asked that further time be given for consideration of the amendment.

Senator Dandurand was in sympathy with the object of the amendment, but expressed the opinion that it might probably be secured by a separate bill.

Senator Belcourt asked the Senate at the same time to consider the question of judges acting on commissions. The time given for this work by judges had become scandalous and interfered with the administration of justice.

Senator Robertson believed that Senator Barnard was justified in proposing his amendment as there appeared unanimity in the Senate on this question displayed in previous debates.

Consideration of the bill was carried over until Wednesday.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday night at eight P.M.

YARMOUTH LAD BELIEVED DROWNED

Yarmouth, N. S.. May 12—A boy's cap and a broken oar floating near a skiff, adrift and empty, were found today among the Tusket Islands, and there is no doubt that Eloi, the fifteen year old son of William Muise of Ellenwoods Island, who went out in the skiff this morning to attend some lobster traps, fell overboard and was drowned, according to news reaching here

SYDNEY TO CUT CIVIC SALARIES

Sydney, N. S., May 12—Ten per cent salary cuts for all civic officials receiving over $2,000 per annum will go into effect June 1, the city council decreed tonight.

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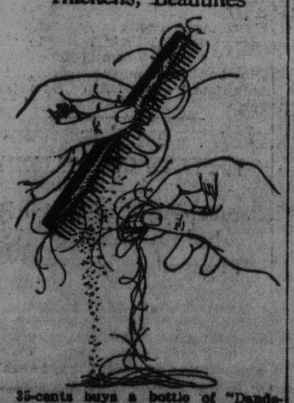

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MRS. STILLMAN CONFRONTED WITH LETTERS

The So-Called "Confession Letter" Was Not Admitted in Evidence.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 12—The so-called "confession letter" alleged to have been written by Mrs. Anne U. Stillman to James A. Stillman, New York banker, six months before the birth of Guy Stillman in 1918, again was "not allowed" today as evidence in the banker's divorce suit.

L. was ruled out while Mrs. Stillman was under cross-examination, but another letter, written at the same period at Buffalo, where she was under treatment of an osteopath, and addressed to "Dear Family" was received in evidence.

This note was reported to have complained of her depression and worn feeling and to have said that if she "had taken Fred Beauvais' advice," she would not have been so troubled. Beauvais is the Indian guide alleged by Mr. Stillman to be the father of little Guy.

In the "dear family" letter it was said, Mrs. Stillman told of making small purchases such as soap and a wash rag, and of becoming acquainted with the policemen in wandering about Buffalo.

During her cross-examination, completed this afternoon, she admitted that several other letters shown to her "looked like" her handwriting, but declined positively to accept authorship of them.

The letter signed "Kathific" an Indian term meaning "dear flower," and ending "lots of Canadian love," which was introduced last week, as having been written by Mrs. Stillman, to Beauvais also were placed before her.

"They look like my handwriting, but these certainly are not my sentiments" she is reported to have said.

Then Colonel Rand, conducting the cross-examination, had Mrs. Stillman make specimens of her writing while he dictated. He read excerpts from some of her letters.

ONE ARREST

But one arrest, and that for drunkenness, has been made by the police during the past twenty-four hours.

U. S. TARIFF BILL HAS MANY ENEMIES

Washington, May 12.—Prediction that if passed in its present form the administration tariff bill would lead the business of the United States into a debacle, from which it would require a quarter of a century to rescue, was made today in the Senate by Senator Simmons of North Carolina, leader of the Democratic fight against the bill.

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