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Mobilizing Money.

Washington, April 16.—Admission of state banks into the federal reserve system and concentrating "floating gold supply," by authorizing an exchange of gold and gold certificates for notes of federal or federal reserve banks, is proposed in a bill favorably reported today by the senate banking and currency committee. One purpose of the bill is to facilitate the mobilization of the nation's financial resources.

Commission Coming.

Washington, April 16.—Major General Leonard Wood, ranking officer of the army's active list, and Colonel R. E. L. Michie, Rear Admiral Fletcher, of the navy; Third Assistant Secretary of State Breckinridge Long today were appointed by President Wilson on the committee to officially receive and welcome distinguished members of the British and French war commission, which is on its way to Washington, headed by Foreign Minister Balfour, and it is believed both the British and French commissions will be in Washington next week, probably on Thursday.

Raise Wheat, Says Houston.

Washington, April 16.—Secretary of Agriculture Houston today called on farmers of the spring wheat belt, especially in states of North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Washington, Montana and Idaho, to plant more wheat immediately, to make up the serious shortage threatened by the unpromising condition of the winter wheat crop.

Wheat On Free List.

Ottawa, Ontario, April 16.—The government has placed wheat, flour and semolina on the free list, thus opening United States markets, to Canada and Canadian markets to the United States in those products. Under reciprocal clauses of the American tariff, the United States will admit free wheat and wheat products of any country which admits American wheat free. The duties as removed by the order are ten cents a bushel on wheat, and forty-five cents per barrel on flour.

For Conscription.

Washington, April 16.—Test votes in the house committee on military affairs disclosed that a majority of the committee favors some way of including volunteers in the general army bill. President Wilson and the administration are solidly behind the selective conscription.

BRAZIL GETS 46 GERMAN SHIPS

Washington, April 16.—A fine fleet of 46 German merchant ships were interned in Brazilian ports, and the assumption is all have been seized by Brazil, according to information in hands of Washington officials. Press dispatches from Rio Janeiro say the seizure of ships was completed without incident.

ALL BRIDGES SHOULD BE FREE. SAYS LEWIS

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL.

Tallahassee, April 16.—In explaining his opposition to the local bill the members from Santa Rosa and Escambia counties want passed to permit citizens of these two counties to organize a corporation for the purpose of constructing a bridge across Escambia river connecting the two counties, Amos Lewis, representative from Jackson, says:

"This bill was up as a local measure, but I think it is one affecting the whole state, and if all counties took the same position, the bridge tolls from Pensacola to Jacksonville would amount to a hundred dollars. Jackson and Gadsden counties are going to build a free bridge across the Apalachicola river, we got permission from this legislature to do it, and I take the position that all bridges along the main thoroughfares should be free to the public.

"Another reason I opposed and will continue to oppose toll bridges, is that the federal road aid bill of 1916 provides that no funds will be given when toll bridges connect the highways. I don't believe the people of Santa Rosa and Escambia counties would want a toll bridge if they could not participate in the federal aid money for good roads.

"On the other hand, if Santa Rosa and Escambia are going to operate their bridge as a toll one, there is no incentive for Jackson and Gadsden to operate a free one. I dislike to appear as opposing anything that would help to make the Spanish Trail popular, but I shall oppose to the limit the granting of privileges to operate toll bridges."

353 ARRESTS MADE IN CITY IN MARCH

Three hundred and fifty-three arrests were made by the city police during the past month, according to the report which has been filed in the office of Commissioner Pou, this being the lowest total recorded in some months. The total fines amounted to \$1,676.50, and collections \$748, with a total of \$634.50 worked out.

Of the arrests there were 160 white and 193 colored prisoners. Less than twenty were foreigners. It cost \$253.50 to feed the prisoners during the month. There were a total of 2,692 meals served, which averaged the cost of 9 1-2 cents per meal. This is a little increase in the general average.

NAVY RECRUITING IS PROCEEDING RAPIDLY

Washington, April 16.—The navy is gaining recruits at the rate of more than one thousand daily. Officials are greatly pleased over appearance character received.

Police Commissioner Pou, upon being informed that in the light of present state laws, the guards occupied no military standing, announced that he stood ready, after being advised on the subject, to give every true Woodman police authority, which would legalize the carrying of arms, it is held. This will permit the arming of the squads.

The W. O. W. guards were last night ordered to assemble at the hall thirty minutes previous to the formation of the parade Thursday morning, for drill, instructions and general preparation to take part in the parade.

Another meeting will take place Friday night.

FUDGE CASE ON WEDNESDAY

Decision Is Expected By Friday—Pressley Also To Be Tried

Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock the case of E. J. Fudge will be staged for the second time, in the circuit court. This court met and organized yesterday morning, and the names of 36 men were chosen from the box. From this number eighteen will be selected this morning when court convenes, and this body will constitute the grand jury. The jury will get together this morning, soon after organization as possible, and is said will investigate the case of the negro Pressley, charged with shooting Deputy Pickering, in the northern part of the county, recently.

The special venire of seventy-five men is made returnable Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, at which time the work of drawing a jury for the trial of Fudge will be started. There is every indication that the case will get under way within a few hours after court is convened, with a view to completing the interesting legal battle within two days at the longest. The case of the negro, Pressley, will be set immediately upon the negro being indicted, providing a true bill is returned against the alleged murderer. He will be tried at this special term, it is promised, and for that very reason is why the grand jury is being authorized.

Deputies were sent in all directions yesterday with subpoenas for men in all parts of the county. Three cars worked in the country and one in the city. Some of the names drawn from the box were of men living in the most remote sections of the county, and deputies will reach at least two of the places of residence of veniremen at about daylight this morning.

It is introduced in the house at an early date, and immediate action is desired. Senator Jones moved to waive the rules and place the bill on its third reading for tomorrow. It will probably pass and immediately pass the house, affording the relief desired.

Some of the most important bills passed by the senate today were introduced by Senator Jones earlier in the session, these being as follows:

An act requiring the written assignment of mortgages; an act authorizing guardians to give, or grant, rights of way over lands of their wards for public roads or streets; an act relating to and fixing the payment of coroner's fees; an act permitting administrators or executors of estates to resign, and a bill limiting the time in which suit may be filed against municipalities for personal injury to sixty days.

"Drunk" Legislators.

Explanation was made to the senate today by Dr. Fogarty of the delay in receiving the communication from Governor Catts relative to his alleged remarks concerning "drunk" legislators. The question was brought up by Wells, who asked why it was that the latter had been published before it had come to the senate. Senator McLeod, member of the committee, explained that he had received the letter Saturday, and thinking all others had also, said nothing about it. The message states that it was said that any member of the legislature who attempted to vote on the prohibition amendment while drunk would be put in jail, but that he did not say that any member whom he caught drunk would be put in jail.

Anti-Suffrage.

Indicative of his opposition to suffrage for women was the action of Stephens, of Hamilton, today when he opposed adoption of Wilder's resolution attending an invitation to Mrs. William Jennings Bryan to address the legislature in the house of representatives at 11 o'clock Tuesday.

Mr. Stephens said members of the house are able to take care of themselves, and he saw no necessity for taking up time which should be given to the transaction of business.

Dawson, of Hernando, came to the rescue, saying that it has been customary to invite distinguished people to address the legislature. "There is no more distinguished woman in America than Mrs. Bryan," said he, "and if there is any reason on earth why we should not hear her I don't know of it."

A resolution finally was adopted in the house, but time for the address was changed in the senate to 8 o'clock Tuesday night.

Nepotism Bill.

Among measures introduced in the house today were a bill by Jennings to prohibit nepotism, applying to all state and county officials and barring relatives to the sixth degree, and an amendment to the constitution requiring educational qualifications of

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upon and the schedule arranged as for one great force.

Results thus far attained justify the conclusion that the supreme military test of the war is near at hand. It is planned that the British should strike from Arras and French further south. The struggle promises to be a titanic one. The allies are prepared as never before, with material, equipment and personnel. The Germans have more divisions on the western front than was thought possible a year ago.

Great Smashes by French.

French troops in departments of Marne and Aisne delivered infantry attacks against Germans over a front of twenty-five miles long, and made important gains, captured more than 10,000 prisoners and large quantities of war material. The battle took place between Soissons and Rheims, and over a distance of eighteen and

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Militia Elect Officers and Begin Drilling on Friday

At the meeting of the local national guard last night at the Chamber of Commerce, James F. Phillips was elected captain, Manuel Quina, first lieutenant, and Louis Shuttleworth, second lieutenant. Before these officers receive their commissions they will have to pass an examination and receive a formal appointment from the governor.

After Mr. Phillips was elected captain he made a short talk advising the men that the militia was no longer a social organization, but a military one in which strict discipline was the backbone and without which the company would be a failure. Messrs. Quina and Shuttleworth also made short speeches, following their election, continuing the line of thought suggested by Mr. Phillips.

Physical examination of the men

will be begun this week and it is probable that several men who are now enrolled will be dropped from the list and for that reason and also because a full complement of 108 men is desired, additional enrollments are wanted. Any young man desiring to enlist in the local company of the national guard can do so by applying at the office in the Chamber of Commerce in the Brent building, or anyone of the officers will be glad to receive the application.

A large majority of the men who are now enrolled are "green" in military affairs and the process of making soldiers out of "rookies" is to begin immediately and the training will be hard for several weeks. The first drill will be held in the armory hall Friday night at 7:30, and any enrolled man failing to attend will lay himself liable to the military code.

NEW MAIL ROUTE FROM M'DAVID

Washington, April 16.—Orders were issued today for the establishment of a motor mail route from McDavid, Escambia county, length 54 miles, and serving 110 families.

Odd Fellows, Pensacola No. 42 and Escambia No. 15, F. & M.; Owls, Star of the Sea Assembly (Fishermen's Society), A. S. Edwards, principal, and school teachers and pupils, German-American Society, Greek Society, American Red Cross, Suffrage League, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Knights of America, Ancient Order of Hibernians, St. Aloysius boys, Veteran Firemen's Association and the Boy Scouts.

Route of Parade.

According to present plans, these organizations are to form on South Palafox street, below Main, and move to Zarragossa, around the Plaza to Government, thence to Palafox and north to Wright, the Red Cross to join or lead the procession, starting at headquarters, that the ladies may not be required to walk the entire line of route. The procession will disband at the stand, which will be erected at the Garden street intersection.

An effort will be made to interest the school officials today, to dismiss the schools, at least until the afternoon hour, if possible, and have as large a number of school children in the line as possible.

Everybody Called.

As many organizations as possible are urged to telephone their acceptance to the mayor early today, that assignment of position may be made, and the starting point decided upon definitely. It is especially urged that organized bodies be largely represented as possible, and make Pensacola's celebration of "Wake-Up America Day" one of the most historic of the nature ever held here.

D. A. R. AROUSED BY JUSSERAND'S SPEECH

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, April 16.—Daughters of the American Revolution, in twenty-sixth annual congress, today voted their unqualified indorsement of the American entrance into war against Germany, and of universal military service. Members also demanded an opportunity of actual service for war emergency. Great enthusiasm was aroused by a speech of Ambassador Jusserand, of France, who praised President Wilson, and said he expected to see the American flag in France.

WILSON URGES VETS. TO HOLD REUNION

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, April 16.—President Wilson, replying to a letter from a source not revealed, today said he saw no reason why the reunion of Confederate veterans, set for Washington for the week beginning June 4, should be postponed on account of the international situation. Elaborate plans have been made by citizens of Washington and Grand Army men to receive and welcome the Confederates.

Mass Meeting of Women Called to Form Company

A mass meeting of women has been called to meet Wednesday at 7:30 o'clock at the Armory hall.

It is the intention of a number of women of Pensacola to organize for the purpose of defense; to form a company, secure the services of a drill sergeant, and go through the manual, so that they will be prepared for any eventuality.

All women in the city or vicinity are earnestly requested to be present, as this call is not directed simply to the suffragists, but to all women interested in the protection of the home.

The following resolutions have been prepared for consideration at the meeting:

Whereas, Congress has declared the United States of America to be in a state of war with the German empire and we, the women of this

community, realize the evils that are contingent thereon;

Whereas, We further realize the necessity of preventing the waste and want contingent on a state of war;

Whereas, We also realize the necessity for protection against increased inharmonious and criminality contingent thereon;

Whereas, The women of this community feel an earnest desire to be of service in preventing such evils and protecting their loved ones; be it

Resolved, That the women of this community band themselves together in order to use concerted means for the prevention of such evils and that they make ready, against the emergency of war every means of defense consistent with wisdom and love.

Mrs. Rosa Barrow, Chairman, Miss Gertrude Friedman, Miss Margerite Ingraham.