

HALE EXPLAINS DEFENSE TEST

Plan and Purpose of Event Is Outlined

Editor's Note: The public has been stirred in the past few days by comment, pro and con, concerning the contemplated National Defense or Mobilization Test arranged by the War Department and scheduled to be held on September 12, 1924. In the accompanying article Major General Hale, commanding the Sixth Army Corps, including the north shore area, explains in precise and definite terms the purpose, plan and significance of the great mobilization test.

The public wants to know what all this talk about Defense Test Day means, and the following is an explanation:

What It Is?
In 1920 Congress passed a law for National Safety.

This law provides a reserve composed of civilian volunteers.

In peace, this reserve is only a framework composed mostly of officers.

If we be attacked, this framework reserve is filled up by enlisted men procured by Selective Service boards of civilians.

To do this, plans called "mobilization plans" are necessary.

The War Department is responsible that these plans will work, and, to find out,

It primarily institutes a mobilization test.

Why It Is?
It is a test of the progress made in our national policy of preparedness.

And therefore, a test of our preparedness to prevent war.

And therefore, a test of our preparedness to insure peace.

And therefore, a great national peace demonstration.

How It Will Be Done?

A state committee of the heads of national patriotic organizations is formed, and this state committee forms local committees throughout the state, and these local committees plan, organize, follow up and carry through the demonstration for their own locality, which may be a county, a city, a part of a city, a village, or any other place whatever where the people may meet for the purpose of learning

What Preparedness means,

Why it is necessary,

By what authority it exists,

Why it is the exact opposite of a war measure,

Why it will insure peace.

What Will Happen?

(The organized reserve is cited below because its organization and training are less complete than in the regular army and national guard.)

John Smith, a captain in the organized reserve corps, a patriotic citizen, living in Jonesville, is listed at the War Department as commanding Company A, Blank Regiment of Infantry.

This regiment in peace is a paper regiment only. It becomes real only if war should be forced upon us.

If such a misfortune should befall us, then Company A, Blank Regiment, would, by selective service, become a company of 200 men, and Captain Smith, a trained civilian, would receive, house, clothe and feed this company from the first man sent by the local selective board to the last man. Captain Smith has been trained how to do this. He has formed plans how to do it.

Is Training Test

The mobilization test to be held on Defense Test day, September 12, 1924, is a test of Captain Smith's training in this respect. He will go through the motions that he has been taught, if war should fall upon us, but, having no men in his peace company, he will ask patriotic citizens between 18 and 45 years of age, living in his locality, to volunteer to answer their names as members of his company for an hour or two on September 12, next.

And then, Captain Smith will ask these volunteers and all other patriotic citizens who will assemble, to listen to a carefully prepared paper, furnished by the War Department, explaining definitely, and in detail, what it is all about—And there may be patriotic speeches by others,
And there may be parades,
And there may be games, and meets, and contests, to demonstrate the value of the War Department system of physical training.
And there should be a universal display in home and shop, of our country's flag.

And there should be prayers for our public safety and the preservation of peace throughout our great republic.
Does this sound like war?
It does not! It is what Defense Test day means though.

HARRY C. HALE,
(Major General, U. S. Army.)

WILLIAM H. MACLEAN SUMMONED BY DEATH

Masonic funeral services for William H. MacLean, who died Tuesday night at the North Shore hotel, Evanston, will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Rosehill chapel.

Mr. MacLean, who was serving his second term as county commissioner, was one of Wilmette's pioneers. He came to Wilmette in the early '90s and built a home at 1411 Gregory avenue. In 1899 he was elected to the board of trustees. At the end of his term he was elected assessor, which position he held for eight years. In 1908 he was nominated and elected to the state legislature, and after serving two terms he became a state senator.

Mr. MacLean served on the Wilmette school board. He was instrumental in establishing some of the financial administrative reforms and saving plans for the school system. Aside from his political and civic undertakings he was a lawyer and a well known real estate dealer.

According to some of his acquaintances in Wilmette, Mr. MacLean was a warm friend of the laboring class. He frequently gave legal advice and legal protection to laborers who came to him, without charging fees.

Mr. MacLean was a charter member of the A. T. Sherman lodge number 892 of I.O.O.F. of Wilmette, and a member of Wilmette lodge 931 A.F. and A.M.

RATHBONE TO ADDRESS RURAL MAIL CARRIERS

The rural letter carriers of Illinois will hold their annual convention at Decatur on August 15 and 16, and an unusually large attendance is expected.

The principal speaker will be Hon. Henry R. Rathbone, of Kenilworth, congressman-at-large for Illinois, who will deliver his address on the afternoon of August 15.

The rural letter carriers are staunch friends of the congressman, it is explained, as he was the one who secured them a Christmas holiday, some-

thing which they had never had before.

In this connection, Ray S. Philpott, president of the Illinois Rural Letter Carriers' association, said:

"Rural letter carriers in Illinois have tried in vain for ten years to get a holiday on Christmas day, not because they were shirkers, but because Christmas is the annual family homecoming, and their absence broke the family circle on that day.

"The 'mail it early,' Christmas campaigns in the past few years have so effective that Christmas has become the lightest day of the 20 just before and after Christmas and in view of this fact, and the fact that the activity of rural letter carriers on Christmas made it necessary for mail clerks and often postmaster to remain on the job while their families were celebrating. I took up the matter with Representative Henry R. Rathbone of Illinois.

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