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that it was prepared to invoke martial law if any subversive movements developed.

The warning was issued as the result of a manifesto by the Conservative party whose leader, Senator Laureano Gomez, was arrested yesterday on a charge of contempt of court and held in jail over night.

Scores of persons were injured in street fighting throughout the country between friends and foes of Gomez, and two attempts were made by Conservative demonstrators last night to free the senator who is a former minister to Germany and a member of the advisory committee on foreign affairs.

Heavy police reinforcements were attempting to maintain order between the rival political factions.

Palm Beach, Fla.—(P)—President Alfonso Lopez of Colombia, who is visiting here, said he had been awaiting a telephone call from Bogota since last night for a direct report on conditions there, but had been unable to establish a connection.

The president said he would fly to Barranquilla, Columbia, Saturday.

## Annual Telephone Co. Meeting Is Monday

Stockholders of the Wood County Telephone company have been advised that the company's annual stockholders' meeting will be next Monday, 7:30 p.m. in the city hall here.

The call is issued by F. W. Kruger, secretary. Other officers of the company are Guy O. Babcock, president; W. A. Radke, vice president; Wm. T. Nobles and Frank W. Calkins, directors. D. G. Smart is company manager.

The current balance sheet of company operations, issued together with the call for the annual meeting, shows the company is in excellent condition. Assets total \$465,757.89, and the company has \$21,670 in government bonds, \$159,266.33 in a surplus fund and \$181,487.69 as depreciation reserve.

named as its conference spokesmen three members who supported the administration's federal war ballot for armed service voting and two who stood with the forces seeking to leave service vote machinery up to the states.

### Wrangle For Hour

The conferees were agreed upon only after an hour's wrangle which developed when administrationists tried to designate committeemen who would have given the war ballot supporters a four-to-one edge in the conference.

The senate solved its problem with these "compromise" conferees: Senators Green (D-RI); Connally (D-Tex), Hatch (D-NM), Austin (R-Vt), and Butler (R-Neb). Green, Hatch and Austin all supported the federal ballot bill.

### House Also Divided

The house conferees, named yesterday, are also divided three to two on the ballot issue—with the "states' righters" in the majority. The house conferees are Worley (D-Tex) and Bonner (D-NC) who supported the federal plan, and Rankin (D-Miss), Le Compte (R-Iowa) and Ellsworth (R-Ore), backers of state handling.

It will be up to the conference to work out something that will look good both to the "states' righters" and the federal ballot advocates and what it has to work on is a legislative hodgepodge that finally came out of two weeks of bitter senate debate.

## 26th Marshfield Man Killed in Action

Marshfield, Wis.—The 26th soldier from Marshfield and its rural routes to be killed in action in World War 2 is Tech. Sgt. Mike H. Soloski, 22, who was killed in action recently in the New Guinea area, according to a personal letter received from Gen. Douglas MacArthur by Sgt. Soloski's widow, who, with their one-year-old son Kenneth, resides in Marshfield.

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Royal Baker was reelected chairman of the South Wood county chapter of the American Red Cross at the annual meeting of that body Wednesday night in the Elks club here, along with the other three officers: Mrs. George Heilman, vice-chairman; Mrs. C. K. Crouse, secretary; and Art Hanneman, treasurer.

Five new members were named to the executive committee; however, under a new provision in the by-laws requiring a representative from each city and village in the chapter area. They are: Mrs. Ermon Bennett, Cranmoor; Fred Walsh, Vesper; Mrs. Grover Akey, Rudolph; Mrs. Warren Beadle, Bron; and Irving Hofschild, Port Edwards.

Former executive committee members who were reelected are: Mrs. William Rusk, Nekosa, Mrs. J. S. Sayles, W. A. Sprise, Ed Gilbertson, all of this city, and Mrs. Franz Rosebush, Port Edwards.

Annual financial statement, submitted by Art Hanneman, treasurer, showed receipts of \$5,997.10 and disbursements of \$2,146.11 in the period May 13, 1943 to January 31, 1944, leaving a balance in the regular fund of \$4,822.24, to which was added \$40.81, balance in the Junior Red Cross fund; \$54.47, balance in the quilt fund and \$3,130.00, advanced on the 1944 War Fund drive, making a net balance of \$7,999.50, cash on deposit.

Committee reports, showing the immense number of hours and quantities of goods produced by the various committees of the local chapter, were read and approved, and will be dealt with separately in later Tribune articles.

Miss Betty Bowser, field representative from the St. Louis headquarters of the American National Red Cross, delivered an address on the expanded need for the services which are supported by the War Fund drive, the 1944 campaign being scheduled to open March 1. Members were much interested in Miss Bowser's exhibit of a prisoner of war kit, identical to those sent to American prisoners in German and Italian prison camps.

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