

COAST DEFENSES EXPOSED IN REAR

Garrison Says Possibilities of Land Attack Have Been Little Considered.

WORK FALLS ON MILITIA

Future Construction, Says Secretary of War, Will Take Account of Deficiency—Adequate Mobile Army Needed.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Secretary Garrison, in a prepared statement today, discussed the preparedness of seaboard cities to defend themselves against land attack.

Here is the statement: "My attention has been directed to a recent article respecting the land side defense of our coast defenses.

Land Side Largely Unprotected.

"It is perfectly true that many of our seaboard defenses would find serious difficulty in defending themselves by their own garrisons against an attack by numerous forces and it is also true that they have been constructed in many instances, without any reference to an attack coming from the land side, but as was natural, in view of their purpose, almost wholly with a view of giving protection to the cities and harbors behind them from an attack by a hostile fleet.

"It can be said of many of them; in fact, most of them (except those which are on islands) that their defense in case of any serious attack from the land side must rest upon bodies of mobile troops assigned to this duty.

Task Would Fall on Militia.

"Such mobile troops would probably be drawn from the militia from the militia. The Coast artillery troops, while available for a certain amount of work they are primarily trained for work with the big guns and cannot be assigned to other work without jeopardizing the efficiency of the work for which they are maintained; so that in case of a land attack it will be necessary to assign considerable bodies of mobile troops to defend these works.

Problem Has Been Considered.

"With a view to correcting this deficiency lines of land defense works have been laid out, and the instructions prepared for their prompt construction in a time of threatened war. In future construction it is believed that much more attention will be devoted to making each individual group of works reasonably secure against land attack, even though unsupported by troops other than its own garrison.

Guns Cannot Be Turned.

"Their guns are of a heavy type, necessarily too heavy in most instances for work against troops. Their function is to fight armored ships. Their flanks and rear must be protected by mobile troops, and the cities which lie behind them in case the enemy decides to land at a point outside the range of the guns and make his attack upon the city from a point overland, it would not be practicable with the present mounting to turn great guns, constructed for this purpose, against bodies of troops operating in the vicinity of cities. This is the work which only can be done by the mobile army.

Mobile Army Decides Issue.

"It was to demonstrate the fact that the great mass of fortifications defending Boston was helpless to prevent the capture of the city by land attack that the Massachusetts maneuvers of 1899 were held. The attacking troops were landed at New Bedford and occupied Boston from the rear. This is feasible at any of our seaboard cities, unless the coast defenses are supplemented by an adequate mobile force. The well-trained and armed soldier on his feet is the determining element and any country which trusts itself to defenses unsupported by a mobile army is destined to disaster. Each helps out the other and both are absolutely necessary.

Chittim Bark Soon in Market.

BUENA VISTA, Or., May 18.—(Special.)—S. Merwin, with a crew of five men, is engaged in peeling chittim bark between this place and Independence for the Fall market. He is an expert at the work and is expecting to secure two carloads of ship bark. Chittim trees are numerous in all parts of Polk County woods, and large profits are derived from the bark, which is valuable for its medicinal qualities.

MEXICO'S RULER, RECOGNITION OF WHOSE GOVERNMENT IS BEING URGED AT WASHINGTON.



PRESIDENT HUERTA.

CRISIS NOW IMPENDS

Powers May Be Forced to Collect Own Loans.

WILSON YET UNDECIDED

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be overthrown and the succeeding government repudiate the loan, a situation would develop closely related to the Monroe doctrine and affecting the policy of the United States toward the indebtedness of Latin-American countries. Administration is concerned, this policy is yet undefined. By recognizing the Huerta government, France and England have paved the way for an insistence that any succeeding government must assume its indebtedness.

Venezuela Case Recalled.

When Great Britain, Germany and Italy in 1903 sought to compel Venezuela to pay up the Monroe doctrine was menaced to an extent that caused President Roosevelt to intervene in behalf of a peaceful settlement.

JAPAN SITUATION TENSE

(Continued From First Page.) mal exchanges. Thus far the meetings have been rather brief and confined strictly to business in hand. This has afforded little or no opportunity for informal exchanges of courtesies and expressions of mutual good will. It has frequently occurred in the past during delicate diplomatic negotiations, notably at the time of the British-American fisheries controversy, that the informal and social side of the exchanges contributed as much or more than the formal exchanges toward bringing about a satisfactory solution.

TOKIO STILL SHOWS FAITH

Likelihood of Estrangement of Peoples, However, Admitted.

REFERENDUM MOVE IS BEGUN

Exclusion League Orders Preparation of Petitions.

WRECK NEAR ODELL HALTS SERVICE

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 18.—(Special.)—The train on the Mount Hood Railroad Company's line between this city and Parkdale was annulled yesterday because of a wreck near Odell, when several freight cars were derailed and piled up in a ditch. The

FLEET IS QUIETLY GOING FOR DUTY

Atlantic Battleships Being Stripped of All Unnecessary Equipment.

OLDER VESSELS REPAIRED

Seamen at Philadelphia Navy-Yard Tell of Great Activity—Vessels Being Prepared to Sail on Short Notice.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—(Special.)—All the battleships of the Atlantic reserve fleet at the Philadelphia Navy-yard are being prepared for instant service, some of them for the first time since the Spanish-American war. The work is being done quietly, and officers of the yard deny they are taking any unusual action, but visitors to the comfort and every hand activities in the marine barracks and on the battleships and cruisers.

Seamen ashore said today unusual preparations were being made. The ships are being stripped of all unnecessary equipment and much of the apparatus that is usually carried for the comfort and recreation of the blue-jackets and officers.

DISPUTE VIEWED AS GRAVE

London Newspaper Says Race Preservation Is Involved.

LONDON, May 19.—(Special.)—The Times give prominence this morning to an article by Sir Valentine Chirol, its foreign editor, treating the Japanese dispute with the United States as a grave international issue.

"The ultimate point of the dispute does not affect the United States alone, but the entire Pacific coast of the United States. The fears of the inhabitants of the Pacific Slope are exaggerated and premature, but they are entirely justified in their anxiety to be served by a blind condemnation of the tendencies of public opinion in the Western states.

BRYAN MAKES PEACE TALK

Preparation for War Encourages War, Says Secretary.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Vigorous denunciation of a "subsidized patriotism which seeks to create war because of the profits in armor plate and battleships," and of the sensational and mercenary newspapers which prefer big scare-headlines to the truth, marked an address by Secretary Bryan here today at a Hague anniversary meeting held under the auspices of the Washington Peace Society.

JAPANESE HOUSE IS GLASS

Correspondent Says Foreign Ownership Is Barred in Nippon.

BERLIN, May 18.—The excitement of Japan over the California alien land ownership is well founded and comprehensible, according to an analysis of the American-Japanese situation sent by the Tokio correspondent of the Welt Korrespondenz Agency, printed today in the semi-official Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung. The Japanese, however, he said, are scarcely in a position to place difficulties in the way of California's land plans.

EFFECT NOW BEING FELT

(Continued From First Page.) bill reaches the party caucus. There, behind closed doors, the Democratic Senators will have their final conference on the bill. The caucus, it is understood, will be a binding one.

CHANGES ARE EXPECTED

The bill will go to the Senate soon after June 1 as the leaders possibly can get it there. Considerable changes in the metal, cotton and chemical schedules are expected. This will necessitate a conference after the Senate passes the bill.

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track was torn up and a crew was busy all the morning making repairs. No one was injured, and today the train is running as usual.

ASHLAND SOON EPWORTH RENDZVOUS.

ASHLAND, Or., May 18.—(Special.)—On May 31 and June 1 the Epworth League of the Klamath Falls district will hold an annual convention in Ashland. Parties from different portions of the valley will take part in an extended programme. In connection with this event district officers have held convention rallies at Jacksonville, Central Point, Gold Hill and Talent, and on Sunday, May 18, will occur an Epworth rally in this city, preliminary to the regular anniversary programme.

DENVER, MAY 18.—MRS. JOHN WOODROW, AN AUNT OF PRESIDENT WILSON BY MARRIAGE, IS ILL AT HER HOME HERE. SHE IS SUFFERING FROM A SEVERE ATTACK OF BRONCHITIS.

THE DAILY MAIL IN AN EDITORIAL HEADED "MISPLACED IDEALISM," SAYS: "WHEN SECRETARY BRYAN LOUDLY PROCLAIMED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO WAR DURING HIS TENURE OF OFFICE, HE FORGOT CALIFORNIA AND FORGOT JAPAN. IT IS NOT PROBABLE THAT JAPAN WILL PRESENT EXAMENES HER STATEMEN AS TOO WISE TO FIGHT ON AN ISSUE WHERE WESTERN OPINION WOULD NOT SUPPORT THEM, WHILE HER STRENGTH IS NOT EQUAL TO A STRUGGLE WITH THE UNITED STATES.

"LET IT BE REMEMBERED THAT MR. BRYAN TO REMEMBER THAT HE WHO DECLARES THAT NOTHING WILL FORCE HIM TO FIGHT IS INVITING HIS OPPONENTS TO DRIVE HIM INTO A POSITION WHERE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO KEEP THE PEACE."

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