

ARTILLERYMEN NOT TO BE TRANSFERRED

War Department Says Men Are Most Needed for Man-ning Coast Defenses.

SERVICE IS SHORT OF MEN

Possibility That War With Mexico Might Develop Complications With Other Foreign Na-tions Is Considered.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-ing-ton, April 25.—The War Department has announced officially that it would not sanction the transfer of officers and men of the Oregon Coast Artillery militia into the infantry arm of the service in the event the Presi-dent should call for volunteers, but if there shall be an open declaration of war it will ex-pect those organizations, not only in Oregon, but in all other Coast States, to volunteer for service at the Coast defense posts augmenting the regular Coast Artillery.

Back of this decision, other than in the matter of broad policy, is the pos-sibility considered in military circles that war with Mexico might develop, which would make it necessary to garrison all the Coast defenses, especially those on the Pacific Coast. Trained men are required to man Coast de-fenses and the only source from which the Government can secure trained men is through artillery companies in the organized militia.

Men Must Remain in Artillery. While the Department appreciates the desire of militiamen to see active ser-vice in Mexico, it cannot consent to the proposed transfer, either of complete companies or of individual officers and men. It is particularly moved to this point by the fact that the regular and regular Coast Artillery companies are all short of men. The Department fur-thermore denies Governor West's con-tention that any assurance was given by the War Department at the time the Oregon Coast Artillery militia was orga-nized that such trans-fers would be permitted.

General A. L. Mills, chief of the militia division of the War Department, by direction of Secretary Garrison, to-day issued a general memorandum, bearing on the Oregon situation, which clearly defines the attitude of the department. General Mills says:

"The militia coast artillery was or-ganized and has been trained and equipped largely from special appr-opriations made by Congress for this pur-pose, with a view to assignment to coast defenses. States in accepting this special assistance, which was over and above their usual allotments from militia appropriation, have assumed ob-ligations to hold these troops for the service which the Gov-ernment expects from them. The combined strength of the Coast Artillery of all states falls far short of the complement of this class of troops expected from the orga-nized militia."

Government Needs Services. The combination of the five companies above referred to with other orga-nizations into a regiment of infan-try would deprive the Government of the services of five companies as Coast Artillery and would provide additional infantry, of which there is now relatively greater proportion than is re-quired.

"The transfer of individuals from the Coast Artillery to the infantry would cause the disintegration of the Coast Artillery troops and would also deprive the Government of the services of the militia.

"The Secretary of War directs that the several states concerned be in-formed that the War Department will look with disfavor on measures which com-pliment the diversion of the Coast Artillery militia from their legitimate role as Coast Artillery, either by trans-fer of individuals or complete organiza-tions."

CHIEF OF MILITIA EXPLAINS

President's Power If Troops Are Needed Is Made Clear.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-ing-ton, April 25.—General Mills, chief of the militia division of the War De-partment, said yesterday Friday that this time no steps had been taken to mo-bilize militia under the call of the President, but that if that step is later determined upon two courses of action may be followed. The President under authority of law may call out for ser-vice all militia within the United States in its capacity; it may be used on the American side of the Mexican boundary.

If the militia is sent into the field in this capacity, and it later develops that it is necessary to use the troops against Mexico, the Presi-dent will have to issue a call for vol-un-teers, and under the new law just enacted may take over into Federal service all militia organizations which are recruited to three-fourths of their minimum enlisted strength, which on a war footing could be 150 men per company of infantry.

This latter course would necessitate re-enlistment in the Federal service of all militiamen desiring to serve in Mex-i-co. On the other hand, if the Mexican situation should take a sudden turn for the worse, the President, instead of calling out the militia, would imme-diately recruit volunteers and in the same way take over these militia com-pañies or regiments which meet re-quirements of the new law. The course to be followed would be determined largely by developments.

The militia should be told that cap-tains who are regimental inspectors of small arms practice will be sent to the front in the event the militia is used for Mexican service, and will serve with commands to which they are now assigned. They are especially provided for by law and retain their relative rank in war as in peace.

ROADS TO COST \$1,500,000

Washington Counties to Improve 207.5 Miles of Highway.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 25.—(Spe-cial) From the state highway work in progress, now under way and being advanced by the counties of Washington call for the expendi-ture of approximately \$1,500,000 and the construction of 207.5 miles of perma-nently surfaced roads, it is shown by figures compiled in the office of State Highway Commissioner William R. Roy.

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'HARRY THAW IN FOR LIFE'

HE HAS TALKED FOOLISHLY TOO MUCH, SAYS EVELYN.

"And to Think, I Was in Reno Not Long Ago and Didn't Get a Divorce," Adds Famous Actress. Regretfully.

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 24.—(Spe-cial)—That Harry K. Thaw will never regain his freedom is the opinion of his wife, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, who gave the following reasons in an interview this morning:

"Harry has ruined too many people with bribery and has talked too much. He has refused good advice and behaved in a foolish, headstrong manner, uncovering his weakness. New York State can't afford to allow Harry to corrupt justice and openly break the law in the presence of the entire world.

"Find that the farther I am away from Harry the better my luck is. My 4-year-old son is in Pittsburgh with my mother. I love him dearly, but at his age it is impossible to tell what his profession will be."

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