



MILITIA CALL IS EXPECTED BY ARMY MEN

Men Will Only be Sent to the Mexican Border.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS LOOKED FOR

But Few Regulars Remain and These Are Fast Going to Front—Oregon Militia Can Mobilize at Once.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—All members of the National Guard of the states included in the western department are likely to be called into active service at an hour's notice, it was rumored at the Presidio yesterday.

The militia force in this department number 533 officers and 8796 men.

It is unofficially understood that it may be only a matter of days before the organized militia from all parts of the United States will be called on to serve with the colors. Under the existing militia law the guardsmen must go anywhere within the borders of the United States that they are ordered to go, but they may not be sent outside the United States until they are mustered into federal service.

Coast Artillery May Be Sent.

Coast artillery troops of the regular army may be sent to the Mexican border as infantry, leaving the coast artillery reserve to safeguard Pacific coast fortifications. It is believed, however, that the regular coast artillerymen will not go to the front unless in case of great emergency, but there is still a chance that they will be called to the border.

There remains in the western department only 18 companies of mobile troops. Four of these companies are in Alaska. It is expected that within 24 hours all the companies, other than those in Alaska, will be ordered south. The troops that will be the first to go are the five remaining companies of the 21st infantry at Vancouver barracks and the eight companies of the 14th infantry at Fort Lawton and Fort George Wright, Wash.

Army officers here believe that it will be merely a matter of days before word comes to recruit volunteers for Mexican duty.

These are only a few of the local developments in the Mexican situation. Not since the Spanish-American war has the western department army headquarters been in such a state of excitement as it is at present. Officers and clerks of the headquarters believe that it will be only a short time before all headquarters will move to the border line.

Oregon Militia All Ready.

PORTLAND, Or., March 24.—Within less than the time allotted, five days, 2000 or more members of the Oregon National Guard, including the naval militia, can be mobilized for indefinite war duty on the border, in Mexico or at army posts, if the government should decide to call on the militia to aid in handling the Mexican difficulties. Adjutant-General George A. White, when apprised last night of the report from San Francisco that it was believed that the militia would be ordered out to hold the army posts now practically deserted by reason of the troops being sent to the border, said:

"I seriously doubt that at this time, when congress is in the business of re-organizing and reshaping the national guard of the country, the militia would be called out to garrison the 'pork-barrel' forts of the country. It is possible the exposed strongholds such as the Presidio in California and the forts along the Mexican border might need men, but my opinion is that when the national guard is called it will be for active duty either along the border or within Mexico.

The Oregon militia will be ready

within the five days allowed under army regulations to mobilize. The companies could mobilize in less time, but a few days would have to be allowed to give them opportunity to arrange their civil affairs. The militia throughout the state is in excellent shape to move and to move for duty."

GERMANY'S FOURTH WAR LOAN IS GREAT SUCCESS

BERLIN, March 24.—More than two billions of dollars were raised in subscriptions in response to the fourth war loan which was a great success in every way, according to Financial Secretary Helfferich, who made public the result of the loan today.

GERMAN SUBS. SEEN IN THE PACIFIC

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The liner Moana, from Sydney, arrived today after being 24 hours late, as a result of having made a detour to avoid a supposed German submarine base which has been established in the Pacific. The passengers reported that they saw two submarines and one vessel which had the appearance of a commerce raider. It is said that British authorities were of the opinion that they were operating from a secret base in the Fiji Islands.

WILL NOT DISARM MERCHANTMEN

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The allies' joint reply to America's proposal that they disarm merchantmen, was received here today. It is understood on the very highest authority that the proposition was rejected by the allies. The reply, it is believed, states that the present situation and the conditions of naval warfare would not warrant the subjection of peaceful trading vessels to the risks which might follow the disarmament of all merchantmen.

INCLINED STAIRWAY FOR HIGH SCHOOL

That one of the latest features in the construction of a public building will be included in the plans for the new high school was practically decided upon this afternoon. Instead of the usual stairsteps an inclined stairway will be built at one end. This will be placed at the end of the corridor designed for the use of the girl pupils, the boys having the stair steps.

It was at first proposed to construct inclined stairways at both entrances to the upper hall, but on account of the great amount of extra space required it was decided not to do so. The steps are much the cheaper, both on the cost of construction and in consideration of the space which they require. The convenience, however, is a matter which has been given great attention in drawing up the plans for this building and it is thought that the amount of effort which the pupils will save will be more than recompensed for the additional money spent.

Several new features of minor importance are being introduced and the finest high school building of its size on the Pacific coast will be the result. It is planned to start construction work about the last of April or the first of May, and it is believed that the school will be ready for occupancy by the first of November.

R. E. Jope returned this morning from Portland where he has been attending the meeting of the state board of the Christian church.

STANCLIFF IS HELD FOR THE GRAND JURY

Justice of the Peace Riddle Places Bond at \$1500.

MORLEY TESTIFIES AS TO OCCURRENCE

Counsel Objects to Testimony of Mrs. Stancliffe, Who is Called to Testify Against Her Husband.

After listening to the testimony of several witnesses in the case of the State vs. Stancliffe, accused of assault with intent to kill, Justice I. B. Riddle held the defendant to appear before the grand jury, fixing his bail at \$1500. Both young men are well known in Roseburg and the court room was crowded at the hearing this morning. McKinley Morley, who it is claimed was struck with a rock by Stancliffe was present and testified for the state.

He stated that he is 19 years of age and resides in North Roseburg. On Sunday evening he had called upon Mrs. Stancliffe and the two went to the McClallen hotel where she went inside for a few minutes to speak to her mother, while he remained on the outside. It was here that he saw John Stancliffe for the first time that evening. He then returned with the woman to her home and left for his own home about eight o'clock. As he left the house he noticed John ahead of him, and then saw him again on his way up Winchester street. Fearing that Stancliffe would attempt to carry out threats which he had made before in warning Morley to keep away from Mrs. Stancliffe "Mac" took a stick from the parking in front of the Staggs property and wrapped it in his mackinaw, which he carried in his arms.

As he reached the top of the hill he stated that he saw Stancliffe a few feet ahead in the shadow and accosted him, asking if he was not lost. As to the conversation that followed he was unable to give any account beyond the fact that they engaged in an altercation. At this time Morley testified that Stancliffe who had been standing with his arms folded, threw a stone which, striking him on the head, knocked him to the ground. As he rose to his feet he saw John running and threw his stick at his striking him in the back. At the time that the blow

was struck, Stancliffe was standing about 15 feet away. Going to a nearby house, Morley had the wound given a temporary dressing and then came back to town where he summoned Dr. Hoover, and was given medical attention.

Mrs. O. S. Stancliffe, the wife of the defendant, was called and testified as to the date of their marriage, which was Nov. 7, 1914. Her further testimony was objected to on the grounds that a wife could not testify against her husband, the objection being sustained.

Leslie N. Harriman was called and stated that he was living with his wife in Stancliffe's house and was giving John board and room in return for the rent. On Sunday evening John came into the house acting as if his shoulder was paining him. He went to one of the rooms in the rear of the house where Harriman examined the shoulder but could find no injury. The knuckles of his right hand, however, were badly bruised and cut. John told Harriman that he had engaged in a fight with Morley, who struck him with a club and that he had ducked the swing and struck him in the head with his fist, knocking him down and then ran away leaving his opponent lying in the roadway.

Dr. Hoover testified to the extent of the injury, stating that the time for complication was now past and that he did not believe that there would be any serious results. The wound was about two inches long, the bone being bared and that three stitches were necessary to close the cut. When asked as to whether or not a man could strike a blow with his fist which would inflict such an injury the doctor said that it was possible but not probable.

GERMANS AGAIN ATTACK VERDUN

LONDON, March 24.—Dispatches from Paris indicate that the Germans have resumed their attacks northwest of Verdun, and bombarded the French trenches south of Malincourt and at Deadman's hill. It is believed that a decisive action in that section has begun. The Germans are also attacking Avocourt woods. The Teutons have succeeded in bending the French front until it forms a dangerous loop, and Berlin asserted that the French position is precarious. The French communique of today said that the French artillery bombarded the Germans south of Malincourt last night, and that the artillery fighting in the Woevre district was the most violent of recent days. It also states that the Teuton infantry failed to appear. The remainder of the Verdun front was comparatively quiet last night. The French occupied the shell of a crater

THINK BANDIT LEADER NOW CORNERED

American Army Officers However Doubt Report.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION ABANDONED

Garrison of Casas Grandes Made Unsuccessful Effort to Capture Villa as He Passed Near the Village.

EL PASO, March 24.—General Bell and Major Sample today expressed doubt that the American troops had surrounded Villa and his followers, or that they were about to engage him in battle.

General Bell said that he did not believe that a battle was in progress, although Consul Garcia expected that a fight would be begun before daylight today.

Garcia stated that he had information which lead him to believe that the Carranzistas had defeated the Villistas and that the outlaw leader was at the present time surrounded on all sides by the American and Mexican forces.

General Gavra, in command of the Carranza forces in the northern part of Mexico, awaited last night the announcement that General Bertani and the American forces had enveloped Villa and his capture or death was momentarily expected.

Wireless to Be Abandoned.

General Funston announced last night that the wireless between Columbus and the American expedition would be abandoned.

It is stated that two messages which were received last night were so badly confused that it was found necessary to ask to have them repeated. Funston stated that the telegraph line would be in working order in a very short time.

Villa Murdering Mexicans.

Senor Cervantes, collector of customs in the Argonne forest after a sharp fight. The Amsterdam-Flushing correspondent reported the sound of heavy firing in the English channel today, the noise coming from the direction of Ostend and Westende.

Russian Attacks Break Down.

The Germans captured two more trenches in the Haucourt region, Berlin announces, and further stated that the violent Russian attacks of yesterday and last night southeast of Riga had broken down.

tons at Juarez stated this afternoon that since the reported skirmish between the bandit forces and the American expeditionary force near Namiquipa there has been no fighting since last Monday. The collector state also that he would not charge duties on provisions which were destined for the American forces now operating in Mexico, and which were transmitted through Juarez if they were sent over the Mexico Northwestern Railroad.

Americans arriving from Casas Grandes confirmed the belief that Pershing had received permission from the Mexican authorities to use the railroad south of that city for military purposes. It is believed that the troops are at the present time at Namiquipa.

Arrivals stated that the constitutional garrison made an effort to capture Villa as he passed within a half mile of the town, but that he out-witted them and escaped in safety. The headquarters of the expeditionary force today received news to the effect that Villa is murdering natives in order to keep them from informing the Americans of his whereabouts.

Herrera Has Not Revolted.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Luis Herrera is still military governor of Chihuahua, and is not heading a revolt against Carranza, Consul Letcher reported today.

EXPECT T. R. TO MAKE STATEMENT ON MEXICAN SITUATION

NEW YORK, March 24.—When Col. Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt reach quarantine this afternoon from their cruise in the West Indies, politicians expect Roosevelt to make a statement on the Mexican situation. Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt are traveling on the liner Matura.

CITY NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Johnson left this afternoon for Washington where they expect to make their future home.

W. W. Wilson, deputy sheriff from Yoncalla, arrived in Roseburg this morning and spent the day attending to business matters.

Lloyd Wise and wife, of Yoncalla, spent the day yesterday visiting with friends and attending to business matters in this city.

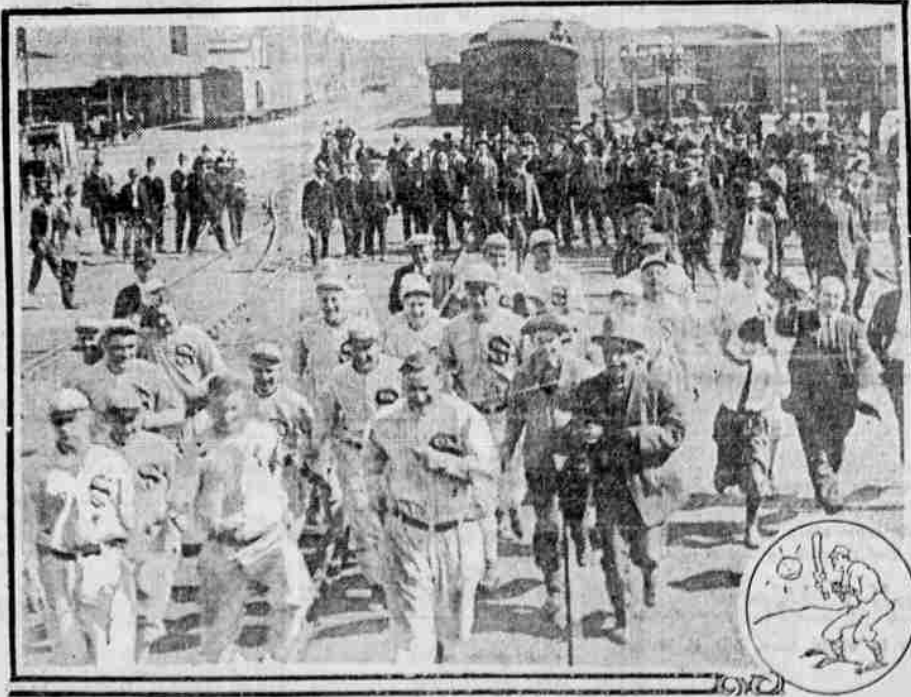
David E. Johnson, of the soldiers home, left this afternoon for Corvallis in response to a telegram announcing the death of his sister.

Brimming with news, poetry, fiction and jokes the eighth number of the "Nebo" made its appearance today. The high school paper has proved a great success and students look forward eagerly for each edition. The material for the paper is arranged entirely by the pupils of the high school and is of great interest, not only to the students of the school, but to all those who are interested in the doings of the H. S. students. The copies are sold for five cents each.

Another cold disagreeable day has followed the slight hail storm of yesterday and traces of snow have been in the air several times during the day. Last night the temperature fell so low that some ice and a heavy frost was found in low portions. The indications are for a continuance of the low temperature for one or two days. It is not thought that any material damage has been made to the early cherry and almond trees which have been budding during the past two weeks.

The Mission Society of the Baptist church met yesterday afternoon at a regular annual session, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. O. C. Coshaw, president; Mrs. C. F. Hopkins, vice-president; Mrs. Carlos Page, secretary; Mrs. B. W. Strong, treasurer. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. H. Amadon, and after the business matters were over with, the large attendance was regaled with refreshments by the hostess assisted by Mrs. R. E. Crawford, and a delightful social time was enjoyed.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX ARRIVE AT SPRING TRAINING CAMP



White Sox squad leaving train at Mineral Wells, Texas, for training camp.

Clarence Rowland, manager of the Chicago White Sox, arrived at Mineral Wells, Texas, a few days ago, accompanied by a husky squad of regulars and recruits. The White Sox training camp has since been a busy place, and games with Texas teams are scheduled at an early date.