

National Guard Deficiency Seen

"First Reserve" of American Army Poorly Equipped for Modern War, Writer Says.

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It would be sheer murder to send the national guard into combat against a first-class power this summer.

The guard today is equipped to fight a war on the model not even of 1918—but of about 1915. For a 1940 war, a high guard officer estimates the guard is about 50 per cent equipped, and less than 50 per cent organized and trained.

The guard is called our "first reserve," but if it had to be plunged into a major battle today it would be our first reserve—and no fault of the guard, either.

Needs About Everything

All this is well known to Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff. He has had much experience with the guard, especially in Illinois. He knows previous war department plans to call on the guard for action after 30 days are now just so many scraps of paper. He knows it would take not 30 days but three months to get ready for action even the guard division in the country. The rest would require at least nine months' preparation, and even then the men would not be fully equipped.

If the guard today were compelled to oppose the German air force and mechanized divisions on the Aisne, it would be wiped out. It has few anti-aircraft guns of 3-inch and 50 caliber—none whatever of 3.5-inch, which are especially valuable to ground troops. It is very short of searchlights and sound locators, and its armories are too small to store what is needed, even if it were available.

It has no special training for anti-tank defense. Its tank companies, which should have 10 modern tanks apiece, have only two antiquated. It has no semi-automatic rifles, and even by next summer only one regiment to a state will have them.

The guard doesn't shoot as straight as it should, partly because it is short of proper target ranges. The last report shows that in a year one-third of the guard coast-defense battalions either did not fire a shot or fired poorly.

The field batteries have plenty of guns—mostly of world war or immediately post-world war model. But if the enemy used gas, only a few rounds could be fired before guns and men went out of action, for only about one guardman in five has a gas mask.

Reorganization Begun

Major Gen. William N. Haskell of the New York guard, which is among the best state organizations, says this:

"Since the army maneuvers at Plattsburg last August showed up our weaknesses, nothing of moment has been done to improve our equipment."

Things are being done now. Before autumn there will be gas masks and other modern equipment. But new equipment means new training in using it, and that takes time. The guard is in a turmoil of reorganization.

It has just raised its strength to 250,000 of the 420,000 now authorized by law. While raw recruits get primary drill, new units are being created as old ones are switched, for instance, from anti-aircraft cavalry to needed anti-aircraft artillery. Further, all 18 guard divisions may soon be broken up and reorganized into 30 or so divisions of a new and different type. That will take months.

Sutherland

SUTHERLIN, July 3. — Miss Stella Merrick of Long Beach, Calif., spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Slack and Mr. and Mrs. Brittain Slack.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, receiver for the estate of Frank Cain, deceased, has filed her Final Account as such receiver in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Douglas County, and the Hon. Morris C. Fowler, Judge of said court, has by order duly made and entered, fixed Monday, July 15th, 1940, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, in his courtroom in Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections, if any there be, to said Final Account and the settlement thereon. All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to file their objections, if any they have, to said Final Account at or before the time set for final hearing.

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DESEIN CAIN

Administratrix of the Estate of Frank Cain, Deceased.

Attorney for Estate.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON RECEIVERS FINAL REPORT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned receiver for Lystal-Lawson Lumber Company has filed her final report as such receiver in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Douglas County, and the Hon. Carl E. Wimberly, Judge of said court, has appointed Monday, August 5, 1940, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, in his courtroom in Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing said report and objections thereto, if any.

All persons interested are hereby notified to file their objections, if any, to said final report at or before the time set for hearing.

Dated June 28, A. G. CLARKE, Receiver for Lystal-Lawson Lumber Company, a corporation.

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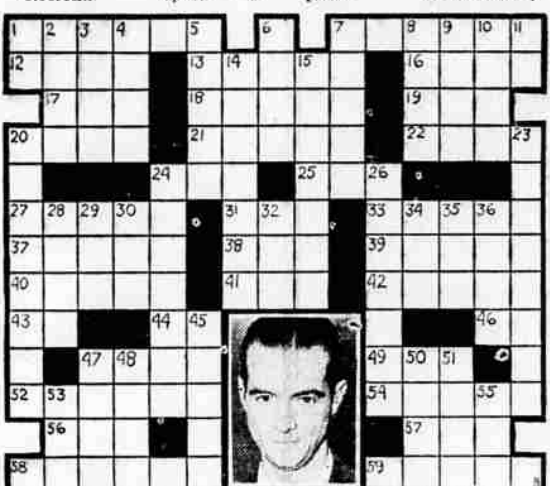
1. Noted long distance aviator.
2. Seaweed.
3. Smell.
4. Roof edge.
5. Kindled.
6. Grinding tooth.
7. Beer.
8. House canaries.
9. To accumulate.
10. Genus of shrubs.
11. Collection of facts.
12. Definite article.
13. Companies of seamen.
14. Born.
15. Theater.
16. Platform.
17. Bulb flower.
18. Heart.
19. Feline beast.
20. To combine.
21. Being.
22. Fragrant oleoresin.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



VERTICAL

1. Lamentation.
2. To leer.
3. Not to depart.
4. Branches of learning.
5. Cony.
6. East Indian plant.
7. Severe.
8. Household stuff.
9. Nimbus.
10. Nights before.
11. Compass point (abbr.).
12. Fictitious tale.
13. Commanders.
14. He is also a maker of motion.
15. He is a native.
16. To sprinkle.
17. Appreciates.
18. Undersized cattle.
19. Biblical priest.
20. Humor.
21. Age.
22. To grow old.
23. Plan.
24. Diamonds.
25. Auriculate.
26. Ketch.
27. Singer's voice.
28. Attar.
29. Couple.
30. To piece out.
31. Not healthy.



and Mrs. A. P. Slack and Mr. and Mrs. Brittain Slack.

The first local peaches of the season to appear on the market were brought in last Monday by Dave Hightobotham. The fruit was fully ripened and well colored. Tobe Huffman of Yoncalla visited friends here Monday.

Mrs. Brittain Slack and Miss Stella Merrick visited in Roseburg last Sunday with Mrs. Edith Kelley, who has been very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Wallace and Mrs. Zena Vitus of Marshfield were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Milam last Saturday and Sunday. These ladies are the sisters of Mrs. Milam.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Gregory and daughter, formerly of Cottage Grove moved into the George Stone house, east of Sutherland one mile, last Monday. Mr. Gregory is employed at the Bonanza mine.

Among the Nonpartisan shoppers in Sutherland Monday were Mrs. Minnie Davidson, Mrs. Tom Thornberg, Mrs. Joe Ghangrow, and Bill O'Mara.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stowe and son, Walter, returned to their home here Tuesday from The Dalles where they have been employed in the fruit harvest.

Burdette Harvey and Billy Trozelle enjoyed a fishing trip on the North Umpqua Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hatfield were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thornberg at their home at Nonpartisan.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wofford of Roseburg visited at Ben's Cafe Monday.

The Misses Phyllis Manning and Elsie Coleman left Saturday afternoon for Mountain Home, Idaho, to spend the week of the Fourth with an aunt of Miss Manning.

Mrs. George Beecroft and Mrs. Dick Valentine motored to Portland last Saturday where they attended the wedding of Mrs. Beecroft's niece Saturday afternoon. The ladies returned here Sunday.

Miss Wilma Anderson and Edward Coleson of Portland visited for a few days the first of the week with Miss Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Smith were called to Redmond, Ore., last Friday by the death of Warren Smith, a brother-in-law of Mr. Smith. They day.

Mr. and Mrs. S. McCourry of Eugene returned to their home here Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cooper. Mrs. McCourry is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper. The party drove to Newport Saturday and returned here Monday.

Mrs. Theodore Anderson, Miss Wilma Anderson, Mrs. Dick Valentine, Ralph Anderson and Edward Coleson enjoyed a trip to Steamboat Monday.

Paul Helweg of Roseburg was in

town Tuesday attending to his orchard interests.

Charles Porter of Remote was a business visitor in Sutherland Tuesday.

Frank Toops was attending to business matters in Roseburg Tuesday.

Loyal Norris is injured from Rock Creek with an injured hand which he received while working in the woods there.

Mrs. E. F. Simpson visited for a few days last week at Cottage Grove with her daughter, Louise.

Mrs. Claude Schrack, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Mitcham, was called home to Parma, Idaho, last week when she received word her husband had broken his foot.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Luchterhand left Monday night on a two weeks vacation. They plan to attend the Molalla rodeo and from there go to the Golden Gate fair at San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Holgate and daughter, Sally Ann of Portland arrived Wednesday evening to visit at the Robert Hall home over the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Snook visited and attended to business in Drain Monday.

Mrs. Bert Ridgeway of Roseburg visited relatives here Tuesday.

Mrs. Emil Palm of Roseburg, who has been ill, is resting and recuperating at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jack Culver, Jr.

Pershing Favors Conscription Plan

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—General John J. Pershing urges immediate enactment by congress of a broad system of compulsory military training. He described such an action as likely to help "keep this country out of war."

A letter from the world war leader and general of the armies was read to the senate military affairs committee by Chairman Sheppard (D., Texas) when the committee began public hearings on a training bill sponsored by Senator Burke.

General Pershing said compulsory training could have saved thousands of lives and millions of dollars for the United States during the last world war.

At present, he said, "such a measure, in my opinion, would pro-

mote democracy by bringing into intimate contact and on an equal footing young men in all walks of life."

"Moreover," he added, "it might well be the determining factor in keeping us out of war."

The general also cautioned that in "modern war the advantage is decidedly on the side that is ready."

The Burke bill provides for registration of all male citizens and resident aliens between 18 and 65. Men between 21 and 45 would be trained for the armed services under a selective system. Older and younger men would be liable for training in home defense units.

While generally backing principles of the bill, General Pershing suggested that home defense units might best be covered in separate legislation and that training periods for men between 21 and 45 might extend beyond the proposed eight months.

Wheeler Decides On Presidency Bid

ST. LOUIS, July 5.—(AP)—Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana said in an interview here that his name would be placed in nomination for the presidency at the democratic national convention regardless of whether President Roosevelt seeks a third term.

Wheeler previously has said he would seek the nomination only if President Roosevelt did not run.

Stating that he was opposed to the "third term idea" on principle, the Montanan ventured the opinion the president may not have made up his mind whether he would be a candidate, but "I think he loves the job."

The Montanan said he thought Wendell L. Willkie, the republican

nominee for president, was at his peak now and predicted he would slump in popular favor when subjected to the test of "speaking to the farm population and the boys in the working districts."

Willkie's nomination, Wheeler said, was put over by a "blitzkrieg" at the republican convention "started by stockbrokers, power interests and the Morgan crowd."

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