

## GARRISON'S ARMY PLAN FACES FIGHT

Serious Opposition Expected in  
Both Senate and House  
Military Committees.

Washington.—While President Wilson is carrying to the country his appeal for adequate national defense, one of the vital elements of the program he has recommended to congress—the continental army—faces serious opposition in both the senate and the house military committees.

Such an army, described by Secretary Garrison as embodying the most attractive scheme that could be devised to give a final test of the problem of training an adequate number of federal volunteers in peace times, would be expected to provide 400,000 men of the total of approximately 1,000,000 which the entire plan is calculated to make available.

Present indications are that the continental proposal in some form will be written into the army increase bill being prepared by the senate military committee, although that measure will be devoted mainly to a complete reorganization of the regular army on a basis of approximately 235,000 men with the colors, increasing Secretary Garrison's proposals in that respect by nearly 100,000 men.

Nations Urged to Modify War Rules.

Secretary Lansing admitted that he had submitted to the belligerent powers a note of suggestion that the rules of sea warfare be modified, in the interest of innocent combatants and in the name of humanity.

Mr. Lansing says in the note that while it is realized that the appalling loss of lives of non-combatants resulting from destruction of merchant vessels without warning is violative of the principles of humanity, still the United States does not feel that a belligerent should be deprived of the right to use submarines in view of the usefulness which they have developed. It is, therefore, suggested that non-combatants' right to travel on the high seas be recognized, that no merchant vessel be subject to attack without warning, that vessels so warned stop promptly, that none be fired on unless she flees or resists, and that only in case of dire necessity shall a merchant vessel be destroyed.

Brandels Named to Succeed Lamar.

The nomination of Louis D. Brandels, lawyer, of Boston, to be associate justice of the supreme court in succession to the late Justice Lamar was a complete surprise in official circles.

Brandels is known as a radical, with strong pro-labor views. He played a prominent part in the interstate commerce commission's 5 per cent rate case.

A strong fight against confirmation of Brandels' nomination is predicted.

Although celebrated as a lawyer, Mr. Brandels has been devoting practically all of his time of late to the Zionist movement in this country, which has for its object the repatriation of the Jews to a nation of their own in Palestine. If confirmed he would be the first Jew to sit on the supreme court bench.

Walsh Alleges Secrets Stolen.

Senator Walsh of Montana sprung a sensation in the senate by reading from what he said were British orders to blockade vessels to obtain trade secrets from illegally opened American mail aboard.

From this mail, "seized wantonly on the high seas," Walsh said that Great Britain obtained secrets which her merchants would use in undermining American commerce.

He demanded cessation of all trade with the allies unless they amend their blockade to accord with international law.

The papers he read were confidential documents issued to a blockade vessel, but packed by mistake in an American mail pouch and brought here, Walsh said.

Bill Would Clear Timber for Ex.

A vast area of good agricultural land, now covered with timber, would be thrown open to homestead entry should congress pass a bill recently introduced by Senator Jones, of Washington.

Under the terms of the Jones bill the secretary of interior and the secretary of agriculture are directed to segregate such of the public lands, including lands in forest reserves, upon which there is growing merchantable and marketable timber and which are suitable for agriculture when cleared, and to sell the timber thereon and have it removed as soon as possible. The moneys derived from such timber sales would go into a special fund, to be used in clearing the land of stumps.

When cleared the lands would be thrown open under the homestead law, in tracts of from 40 to 160 acres.

Arkansas Has Great Floods.  
Arkansas City.—Seven persons are known to be dead in floods along the Arkansas, White and St. Francis rivers, while hundreds are homeless.

## NEWS NOTES OF IDAHO

Ten inches of snow fell in five hours at Pocatello Friday.

The Idaho Chamber of Commerce was formally organized in Boise for the purpose of securing co-operation of all business and industrial interests for mutual benefit.

Several carloads of mail order catalogs have arrived in Boise and will be mailed from this point by parcel post. Most of them go to small towns throughout the state.

Governor Alexander may not be a candidate to succeed himself, and may retire to private life after one term, according to reports circulating at Boise. Governor Alexander, however, is non-committal.

The purchase of the Idaho & Washington Northern railway by the Milwaukee for approximately \$5,000,000 will give the company the right to use the repair shops at Spirit Lake, Idaho, to good advantage for main-line work, according to Vice President H. B. Earling.

The Mullian Light company, Ltd., of Mullian, has voluntarily filed with the public utilities commission a new schedule of rates for light and power in which a reduction of 20 to 25 per cent is shown. The action of the company was the outgrowth of a hearing by the commission in Wallace recently.

On January 24 President Wilson signed an executive order eliminating a total of 8,800 acres from the Minidoka national forest, in southeastern Idaho. The elimination was made on recommendation by the forest service, for the reason that the lands involved have no appreciable value for forest purposes.

The Idaho Bulletin of Education, printed for distribution among high school students and others interested in educational matters, will shortly be issued by the board of education. It will contain facts regarding the state university, Lewiston State Normal school, Albion Normal school and the Idaho Technical Institute.

Chief Deputy Game Warden Thorpe is in the vicinity of New Meadows, looking after a herd of about 55 elk, which has been unable to get food, owing to the heavy snowfall. Mr. Thorpe and his assistants will endeavor to drive the herd beyond the Salmon river, which is largely protected from storms, and where the animals can get food for themselves.

The senate appropriations committee has adopted an amendment to the deficiency bill appropriating \$75,000 to continue the fight in the forest reserves and on the public domain against coyotes afflicted with rabies.

Reports from Riverside, Blingham county, were to the effect that Melvin Roberts, a boy, had been shot and killed in a quarrel. According to the report, a pistol was drawn during the quarrel and in a scuffle it was discharged with fatal results to the boy.

Representative Smith, of Idaho, has introduced a bill giving preference right of homestead entry to settlers on Cary act projects which have proved or may prove failures. The bill provides that where lands within a Cary act segregation are restored to the public domain because of the failure to secure water for their reclamation, those entrymen who have in good faith done as much as they could to comply with the law shall be entitled to a patent to the lands on which they settled.

The public utilities commission and the public service commission of Washington have concurred with the ruling of the public service commission of Oregon that the road mileage basis of the territory in which the signal men of the O.W. R. & N. system operate and to which they are assigned should be used as the basis for division. This is according to correspondence between the auditing departments of the commissions and of the O.W. R. & N. company with reference to apportionment of accounts.

The departmental report of the state livestock board for the past year, in addition to showing the number of cattle and hogs treated, it gives the laws regarding predatory animals, quarantine proclamations, foot and mouth disease, and the rules of the livestock sanitary board, together with the causes and treatments of the several diseases.

The legality of drawing a regular jury panel from the Benewah poll list will be tested in the supreme court. In creating Benewah county no provision was made for drawing a jury, and as the new county had no poll list, having had no election, objection was made in the last term of court to the jury being drawn by Sheriff Leaf on a special venire, hearing cases and a motion to quash the panel was made. For the purpose of testing the matter a writ of prohibition will be asked of the supreme court, preventing the county commissioners from drawing a jury from the poll list taken from Kootenai county.

George Clark, a convict from Lane county, sawed his way to freedom and made his escape from the penitentiary at Salem, but was arrested at Albany.

Master Fish Warden Kelly has reported that the salmon catch of 1915 in Oregon waters was a record breaker and exceeded \$6,000,000 worth. He urged a higher bounty on seal and sea lions to protect the fish.

Governor Withycombe, J. O. Blackledge and Rev. C. A. Rexroad, of Corvallis, were elected to serve three years on the advisory board of the Young Men's Christian association at the Oregon Agricultural college.

Fourteen applicants for licenses to practice medicine and four to practice osteopathy in this state were successful in the examinations held by the Oregon State Board of Medical Examiners in Portland, January 4, 5 and 6.

A pruning school will be held at Sutherlin from February 8 to 12. The school will be in charge of W. S. Browne, of the Oregon Agricultural college. Demonstrations will be given in various sections of Sutherlin valley.

The first conviction for violating the prohibition law in Coos county was secured by District Attorney L. A. Liljeqvist against C. A. Machon, at Coquille, before Justice J. J. Stanley. The charge was selling cider that intoxicates.

The total registration of the several counties of Oregon, as reported so far to Secretary of State Olcott, is 17,245, of which 11,927 are republicans, 4097 democrats, 105 progressives, 282 prohibitionists, 349 socialists and 575 miscellaneous.

There is evidence of the large increase in business being done by the O.W. R. & N. railroad in the report of its November earnings. The gross earnings for November, 1915, were \$1,487,908, an increase of \$208,000 over the same month of 1914.

A second snowfall of seven inches at Quinaby has frozen to the ground and promises heavy losses to sheep men. The lambing season has begun and although feed is being provided, in many cases, shelter is inadequate to give the necessary warmth to newborn lambs.

In a blinding snowstorm, which hid the signals from view, eastbound freight No. 12 plowed into the rear of freight No. 256, standing on an O.W. R. & N. sidetrack at Celilo, telescoped or otherwise wrecked nine cars and seriously injured two laborers carried on the waiting train.

A shakeup following the recent supreme court decision holding State Engineer Lewis to be head of the highway department resulted in the dismissal of Howard H. Holmes, assistant engineer, and J. W. Sadler, bridge inspector. Joseph Weare was appointed to succeed Holmes.

A telegram has been received at the headquarters of the Klamath County Sportmen's association from Charles F. Stone, state fish and game commission, announcing that the committee had adopted a resolution to send 19 young elk to Klamath Falls as soon as the snow in the reserve would permit shipment.

The farmers of Hood River valley strongly resent the action of the state highway commission in placing the responsibility for the maintenance of the Columbia river highway on the county. Petitions are being prepared requesting the county court to close the road to traffic unless the commission modifies its decision.

The appointment of Paul Spiller, a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural college in the class of 1907 to the position of county agriculturist for Union county has been announced by the O. A. C. extension department. He will succeed C. C. Cate, who has recently been transferred to a similar position in Jackson county.

Cattle in the interior are suffering from the cold, and several deaths have been reported. W. H. Officer, Isaac Grant county, lost several calves and others were badly frozen in the ears and noses. In the vicinity of Ironsides, Malheur county, several cattle also are reported lost, while the ranges near Durkee have suffered.

For the week ending January 27, a total of 140 accidents were reported. Two persons were killed and two injured. In the city of Portland, Max and Max were killed by a skid on a saw-mill.

The establishment of a first class naval base at or near the mouth of the Columbia river, supplemented by adequate coast defenses and mine fields is the end for which a naval base committee with headquarters at Astoria is working in the hopes that congress and the navy department may be urged to take action along these lines.

In an effort to retain Mayor Palmer who had tendered his resignation because the yearly salary of \$1500 is insufficient, a mass meeting at Baker decided to circulate petitions at once for a special election to vote on a salary of \$2000 for the mayor, \$1600 for Commissioner No. 2 and \$1800 for Commissioner No. 3. Commissioners Nos. 2 and 3 now get \$1200.

## The Argus.

You will notice several changes in the Argus this week and we want you to watch for others to be made in the weeks to come.

We want you to feel a live interest in the paper and help us make it new-sier and brighter with each issue.

Send in the news from your neighborhood, the crop reports, news about horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. It may attract a new settler to your neighborhood.

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