

PURCHASED FORCE ON STRONG BASIS

Roosevelt Wants Two More Battleships and More Army Officers.

HIGHER PAY FOR SOLDIERS

Only Way to Get Better Class of Men—Army Short of Officers and Many Are Needed for Skeleton Companies.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 1.—Though President Roosevelt has been awarded the Nobel peace prize and is hailed by the Hague conference as one of the foremost advocates of the peace movement, he adheres to the old belief that the best way to insure peace is to be eternally ready for war.

To begin with, the President will recommend the construction of two new battleships instead of one, as originally intended. He will recommend that these ships be the equal of any in existence today, of course leaving the plans to naval experts. The Senate has not been disposed to greatly increase the Navy in late years, and it will probably oppose the President's policy at the coming session, but in the end, if the administration make an especial effort, it will probably vote the money which the House of Representatives is sure to provide without material objection.

Soldiers' Pay Too Small.

Reports of commanding officers in the Army show that there is dire need of greater pay, not only for officers but for enlisted men. In order that the Army may be kept up to its authorized size, and more particularly, that its personnel may be improved, the pay of an enlisted man today is only \$13 a month at the outset, though the Government provides his meals, clothing and quarters. Yet even with these things, the incentives are not sufficient to induce men of the best type to enter or remain in the service. Other trades and professions which pay more are getting the best element. The only way the Army can be maintained on a high standard and keep its ranks filled is by materially increasing the pay of enlisted men, and this is the unanimous opinion of commanding officers. The President has taken pains to look into this question and is of the same opinion. He will so state in his message to Congress and, if need be, will make this the subject of a special communication.

While there is not the same difficulty in obtaining officers as enlisted men, it is still true that the pay of officers, particularly those of the lower grades, is inadequate. The demands upon them are heavier than upon men of similar pay in the business world, and the sacrifices are not commensurate with their work and their responsibilities. Then, too, officers, like enlisted men, are taxed heavily at times for transportation, for their families and household goods when ordered from one post to another. This is an expense that must be met by the officers or men; the Government transports merely officers and enlisted men, not their families or personal effects.

Navy Needs Higher Pay.

What is true of the Army is equally true of the Navy, except as to the matter of transportation. That item does not cut much figure with either officers or men on the warships, for it is impossible for them to take their families with them, and it is therefore seldom that their families change residence. The only instances are where officers are transferred from American waters to the Orient, or from the Atlantic to the Pacific, or vice versa. Sometimes, under those conditions, if the transfer be permanent one, it is necessary to remove officers' families, but there is not the same reason for doing this as in the case of enlisted men, for they are constantly subject to change of station. For this reason there is not as great a demand for increased pay in the Navy as in the Army, though more liberal salaries must be allowed to keep the Navy recruited to its full strength and insure a high class of men.

Army Needs More Officers.

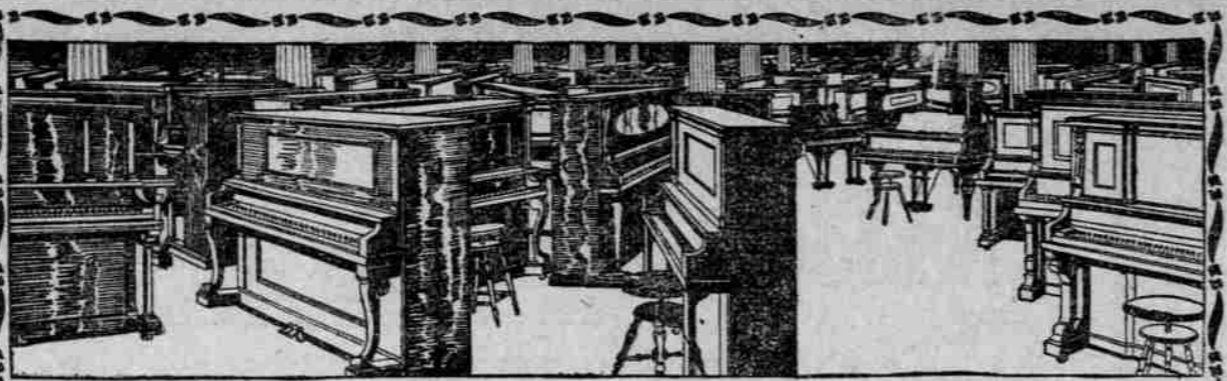
As the Army is now conducted, there is a scarcity of officers on active duty. Many regiments are sorely in need of commanders. This is due to the detail system, which appears to be necessary. In the Navy there are enough officers to command all the ships and to carry on detailed work as well, for naval officers serve a time at sea and then have an equal period of shore duty, during which time they can attend to departmental or other detail work. In the Army there is no such rotation. There are only enough officers to fill out the various regiments and their positions. When any officer goes on detail duty, he leaves a vacancy in his regiment or on the staff. Yet this detail duty must be done by Army men. The consequence is that troops are not trained, that attention should have, and many officers do not get that training which they need to prepare them for command duty in time of war. Under this system the Army is crippled and its efficiency impaired.

Organize Skeleton Companies.

The President has decided to recommend to Congress that the number of Army officers be increased from 20,000 to 25,000. These extra officers will not only provide enough men for detailed duty, but will enable every regiment to have its full complement of officers of all grades. If Congress deems proper to provide for the additional officers, the President will then be able to carry out another idea which he has approved, that of providing skeleton companies, which can be quickly recruited to their full strength in time of war. These skeleton companies would consist of full quota of officers, but only a small number of men. Such companies, with experienced officers in command and with trained soldiers in the ranks, could readily be rendered efficient by the enlistment of new recruits, to be trained by experienced officers and aided by privates who "know the game." This idea is favorably regarded by Army officers, and is believed to be almost a necessity.

One other advantage would result from increasing the number of Army officers. It would then be possible to adopt the rotation plan that is pursued in the Navy, keeping an officer in the field for three years, then detailing him to the War Department or some other special duty for a like period. This would enable all officers to get practical experience in command of troops and would at the same time make them proficient in other lines of Army work.

This "peace" programme laid out by the President will have "hard sledding" in Congress. The economists will cry out against it on account of the expense,



EILERS ANNUAL CLEARANCE OF USED PIANOS CONTINUES

The prices of the Pianos in this Sale are alone enough to command the attention of every intending purchaser within a radius of a hundred miles or more of Portland. But when one considers the extent of this offering—this Annual Fall Clearance—and really appreciates the splendid character of the instruments—well-known makes from many of the best homes in this city—taken in part payment toward Pianola Pianos—the attractiveness of the opportunity is doubly emphasized. The selling during the past two days has been brisk, but the list was a large one—there are yet many most exceptional bargains. There are Squares, Uprights, Grands—and prices are as varied as the many makes—as low as \$12 for a fairly good old-time Square, and from that up to \$395 for a Grand—and others in between—some even higher—but every one an irresistible bargain. Look them over—judge for yourself—and you'll not be disappointed. But respond quickly—they're going fast.

Organs, Orchestrelles, Player Pianos, Piano Players Also Included

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MAKES OWN FUNERAL PLANS

Saloonkeeper Tells What to Put on Stone.

Hires Lawyer to Write Oration and Will Go Out to Cemetery to Have It Delivered.

SPokane, Wash., Oct. 1.—(Special.)—Jimmie Durkin, the most original saloonkeeper that ever struck Spokane, has had his monument erected out in Greenwood Cemetery, and has hired an attorney to write the funeral oration. He has also arranged with the undertaker to lay him away when he has departed from this earth. Jimmie says he does not think a man ought to be buried in a tomb, but behind him than he can help, he has made these arrangements. The inscription on the monument reads: "Jimmie Durkin, born 1854, died 1907. A minister said, 'A man of his word.'"

TRIES VERY STRANGE CURE

WOMAN CLASPS DEAD MAN'S ARMS AROUND HER GOITRE.

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Formala tonight visited the County Morgue and obtained permission from Coroner's Physician Hunter to clasp the hands of an unidentified dead man about her neck in the belief that the "treatment" would cure a goitre.

SHOOTS OUT THE LIGHTS

Pasco Marshal Emphasizes His Remarks.

PASCO, Wash., Oct. 1.—(Special.)—Day Marshal Alfred Buchanan, pulling his gun in the Council Chamber while that body was in session, as a protest against what he considered was about to affect his position, shot out the lights of two large kerosene lamps in a chandelier near the center of the Council chamber. Spectators, including several from Spokane, made a dash for the door, and some of them could not be persuaded to come back. Buchanan, who was accompanied by the night marshal, Patrick Lynch, walked into the hall with a grievance that meant trouble.

VANCOUVER ASKS RELIEF

Will Send Petition for Drastic Law Against Orientals.

OTTAWA, Oct. 1.—It is reported from Vancouver that a petition praying the Dominion to pass drastic legislation barring all Orientals from Canada is being circulated. It is expected the petition will have more than 500 signers and will be forwarded to Premier Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Sentiment is in favor of appealing to the King if the decision of the government is not to act immediately. A dispatch from Vancouver adds: If this has no results, measures to prevent the disembarking of Orientals at Vancouver which shall be effective will be taken.

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NEW NAME FOR REBATES

Inquiry Into Santa Fe Case Is Progressing Slowly.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Oct. 1.—Evidence for the most part of technical and documentary character was introduced by the Government today, when the trial of the Santa Fe Railroad on a charge of violating the Elkins law, was resumed before a jury in the United States District Court. The prosecution introduced many freight documents in the effort to prove that the Grand Canyon Lime & Cement Company of Arizona received 66 corrections of weight and charges, and depended upon the preponderance of such "correction" cards to show that the company was the recipient of as many rebates.

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HARRIMAN OFF ALTON BOARD.

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REGULATE FOOD CONDITIONS.

A special ordinance for the better regulation of food conditions in Portland has been prepared by the City Market Inspector, Mrs. Sarah Evans, and was presented at the meeting of the Board of Health yesterday morning. It was referred to the City Attorney, who will pass on the legal questions involved and will be taken up by the board at a later meeting.

FOOD STOPPED IT

Good Food Worth More Than a Gold Mine. To find a food that will put an absolute stop to "running down" is better than finding a gold mine. Many people when they begin to run down go from one thing to another without finding a food that will stop the progress of disease. Grape-Nuts is the most nourishing food known and will set one right if that is possible.

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