

REDISTRIBUTION OF ARMY'S ADVISED

Militia and Regulars Must Co-operate, Secretary of War Says in Report.

PRESENT SYSTEM ASSAILED

Centralized Method of Supply and Initiative Always Breaks Down When Put to Test—Aero Service Is Needed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Complete readjustment of the distribution of United States troops, having in mind as a feature-in-chief a closer co-operation with the militia organization, is recommended in the annual report of Secretary of War Dickinson, which was made public today. The Secretary calls the present system of distribution not only illogical, but menacing. The Secretary recommends also a comprehensive reorganization of the army establishment.

"The military system," he says, "contemplates a correlation of the Regular Army with the National Guard. Joint camps of instruction and maneuvers in the past have been of pronounced benefit to all the troops engaged. The participation of the National Guard in these maneuvers has given to the Regular Army the inestimable advantage not otherwise obtainable of experience in the maneuvering of large masses of men under conditions of service assimilated so far as practicable to the actual conditions that may station expect when war is on. The National Guard, in addition, had the opportunity to acquire military experience in association with professional soldiers."

Change of Organization Favored.

The present system, the Secretary says, should give way to an organization tactically correct for war purposes; that is, these various troops, both regular and militia, gathered together, should be permanently designated in name and organization, with all the attendant system which would be in existence in time of war, so that when the troops retire to their proper stations they will not lose their brigade or division organization and will be controlled by their proper commanding officers, stationed within the district.

"What is greatly needed," the Secretary adds, "is a decentralization of the powers of supply and initiative. The present organization always breaks down the moment it is put to the test, and the peace organization of the Army as it stands today is incomplete and improper for military purposes."

Since the co-operation of the militia necessarily must be voluntary, the Governors of the states should be asked to assist in it. Upon receiving their assent, says the report, the War Department should designate in each district the exact organizations, assigning the various branches of the service to their proper brigades or divisions. While this will necessarily result in an incomplete organization, as there will be lacking in all branches certain organizations, both in the Regular Army and in the militia, still it will be the first step toward carrying out this proposed creation.

Greater Militia Needed.

There is a shortage of various militia organizations to complete the proposed corps. In order to obtain these necessary organizations, always breaks down should be urged to add to their National Guard such organizations as would be required in each district.

"The question of defense and of utilizing the militia in connection with the coast artillery," says the Secretary, "has been so far developed that it may be assumed that the present system will be continued until perfection."

A radical change in the system of sheltering the Army is advised. New posts are elaborately constructed, and expensive to maintain; hence it is difficult to abandon them, but in the construction of further quarters their rules should guide:

First—The forces should be so located as to permit of their being maintained and administered in the most economical manner.

Second—They should be stationed in positions from which they can be moved most expeditiously and economically to points of concentration against foreign or domestic enemies.

Third—They should be so distributed as to be of the greatest value in educating and training the militia and carries out plans for raising volunteers in case of necessity.

The Secretary hopes that the failure of the bill designed to promote rifle practice among students in public schools and colleges will not result in suspension of activity by those who favor it. The report says, on this topic:

The encouragement of rifle practice among our citizens and schoolboys is of the greatest importance in this country, where the employment of an army of volunteers, and wisely trained, will give a healthy stimulus to this branch of military preparation.

Airships Needed, but Not Asked.

No estimate is submitted for airships in the budget of 1916, because of the need of reducing departmental expenditures. The emphasis is laid upon the importance of an aeronautical equipment. "All first-class powers, except the United States," says Mr. Dickinson, "are giving a healthy stimulus to the applications of airships to warfare as follows:

To gain information in peace time respecting harbors, fortifications, etc.; patrol and frontier guards; for reconnaissance and photographic work; dispatch, checking an enemy's reconnaissance on land or sea; signaling and wireless-telegraph stations; directing artillery fire and drawing enemy's fire; destroying the enemy's aerial fleet; attacking an enemy's base line, destroying stores, etc.; destroying railways and other communications; raiding the capital of the enemy's country; making night or surprise attacks on field forces, using explosives or incendiary mixtures; in harbors and naval bases; carrying out overseas raids; intercepting or capturing or destroying submarines; locating mines; following up a victory by land or sea and completing the rout.

Complaint is made of unsatisfactory conditions as to international wireless telegraphy. The United States Army transport Kilpatrick in a cruise from New York to Manila, February 17-April 22, 1909, and the United States Army transport in a cruise from San Francisco to Manila, May 15-July 26, 1909, had great difficulty in communicating in different parts of the world, and it is reported that in several instances, after ascertaining her nationality, messages were refused. The wireless telegraph business of the world is conducted in accordance with a treaty between 36 nations, the United States not being one of them. The report says:

As the United States up to this time has not given to the American navy, since the signing of the convention, without standing in international wireless telegraph stations, and is compelling a country to receive a telegram from the ship of a noncontracting country, and any coastal station in a foreign country may refuse transmission of a

message to a station on shipboard subject to a noncontracting country. Appropriate action by the United States Senate is urged.

Degrees of Hazing Vary.

It is advised that discretion be permitted in meting out punishment to hazers, according to the degree of their offenses.

Of the 31,057 applicants for enlistment in the Army, 26,493 were native born, 4105 were foreign born, 17 were Indians, 14 were born in the Philippines, and 425 were born in Porto Rico.

A substantial increase in the number of officers is urged strongly. Many officers are necessarily absent from their commands on detached service and the strength of the active list is constantly too low. It is asked that provision be made for the assignment of retired officers to certain classes of duty temporarily when the service requires it.

The report also advocates more strenuous physical tests for officers. President Roosevelt inaugurated an annual test to determine the physical fitness of officers, compelling them to ride 90 miles in three days or to walk 50 miles within the same time. This, in the opinion of Secretary Dickinson, should be changed so as to compel officers to undertake a certain amount of prescribed exercise each week.

Causes of Disability Tabulated.

The average proportion of men on the constant sick list was 36 to the 1000 for the year, compared to 39 for the preceding year, compared to the past 20 years. The diseases causing the greatest non-effective rate are in the order of importance: Venereal diseases, tuberculosis, malaria, rheumatism, tonsillitis, dysentery, diarrhea, bronchitis, measles, and typhoid fever. Venereal diseases cause a greater sick rate than all of the others added together. The total non-effective rate for the venereal group is 11.64, while that of the other nine diseases is 8.88 per 1000. The admission rate for venereal diseases was nearly double for the colored race and less than one-third in Filipinos, as compared with the white race.

The Army now numbers 71,960 men, 4209 officers, a total of 76,049, an increase for the year of 3421. The figures do not include 3485 men in the Hospital Corps.

KISSES TO RAISE DEBT

CHICAGO WOMEN TO SELL SMACKS AT HIGH PRICES.

Real Lip-to-Lip Oscillations to Be Auctioned to Get Money for Church.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Twenty-five hundred dollars' worth of kisses—real lip-to-lip kisses, not candy kisses—are to be disposed of at the North Side Turner Hall next Saturday.

The kisses are to be purveyed by 25 chic and charming young women, to all comers, and the money is to go to raise the debt of the Temple Emanuel. The bill of fare for the evening will run as follows:

Snippy snaps (one for bashful young men), 25 cents.

Kiss caresses (for old women and elderly married women), 25 cents.

Smushy smacks (for uncles, grandfathers and aged widowers), 50 cents.

Kiss direct (for folks who are kiss-broken), 50 cents.

Kiss ardent (for bold bachelors), 75 cents.

Soul kiss (for bolder bachelors), \$1.

Kiss furious (only one or two to be sold during evening), \$2.50.

Four thousand tickets already have been sold, netting \$2000. Five hundred dollars, it is expected, will be realized from other features of the bazaar, leaving \$2500 to be raised by kisses.

DEATH IN BLOODY DUEL

Oklahoma Scene of Shooting—One Dead, Others Dying.

KIEFER, Okla., Dec. 1.—One man was killed and two probably fatally wounded in a street fight with revolvers here today.

MELVIN OOLEY, fatally wounded.

Deputy Marshal Gooch and Thomas Boxley, arrested.

The shooting grew out of the killing a month ago, of Homer Ooley, a gambler, by Marshal R. F. Highnote.

When Melvin Ooley, Homer's brother, met Marshal Highnote and Deputy Marshal Gooch, he took them to task for the death of his brother. The argument waxed warm and finally Ooley drew a revolver and shot Gooch, inflicting a fatal wound. As Gooch dropped to the ground, Ooley struck him about the head with a rifle stock.

Highnote, who had been taken by surprise, had by this time drawn his revolver and began firing. Ooley returned the fire and in the exchange of shots, Ooley was killed and Boxley, a bystander, was shot in the head and probably fatally wounded.

WARSHIPS AWAIT CRUISE

Vessels in Hampton Roads Ready for Manuevers Farther South.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 1.—The battleship Mississippi today joined in Hampton Roads the battleships Missouri and Rhode Island and the dispatch boat Xanthos.

They are awaiting the arrival of other battleships from New York, Philadelphia and Boston, preparatory to their departure for winter maneuvers in Southern waters.

HETTY GREEN IN STREET

Again Appears in Financial Circles and Lends Money.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Mrs. Hetty Green has again become an interested figure in Wall Street.

Within the last two days she has been a large lender of money in the financial district, advancing funds for time loans at 4 1/2 per cent, slightly below the current rate.

CHANGE IN NAVY GRADUAL

Meyer Reorganization Plan Effective; Execution Deferred.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—While the Meyer plan for the reorganization of the Navy was effective today, many of the changes will not be made for several weeks.

The transition will be gradual.

E. P. Mitchell Succeeds Laffan.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Edward P. Mitchell, for many years the editorial staff of the New York Sun, has, it was announced today, been elected president of the Sun Printing & Publishing Association, succeeding the late William Laffan.

Sole Portland Agents Deimel Linen Mesh Underwear for Women—Sole Agents Merode Underwear for Women—Stuttgarter Underwear for Men

Olds, Wortman & King

Thursday Housekeepers' Day

30c Huck Towels 20c



This superb special on these large huck towels is just for Thursday. Housekeepers' Day. Thrifty women with good towels to buy should take generous advantage of this unusual offer. They're good size, with fancy border, good, heavy weight and regularly worth 30c each. For Thursday only, they're priced at just **20c**.

Huck-a-Back Towels, with scalloped edge, fancy damask border. Special values for Thursday's selling at... **25c**

Mercedized Huck Towels with hemstitched ends, fancy damask border, regular price 20c ea., Thursday, only **12 1/2c**

Fancy Terry Cloth, 66 inches wide, splendid for making bath robes, lounging robes, house waists, etc. Regular \$1.75 quality special at this very low price, the yard... **\$1.00**

\$3 Handkerchief Linen, \$1.98 Yd.

Richardson's Best—Buy today because you have not any too much time left and Olds, Wortman & King have a sale on this splendid quality. Regular \$3.00 grade at, yard **\$1.98**

Last Day \$1.98 Shoe Sale

Style B-201, women's patent cloth shoes, 11-button style; made with extended sole, new short vamp last; tops of black cravenette. Regular \$3.50 shoe for only... **\$1.98**

Style 275, women's gunmetal calf shoe in blucher lace style; dull kid top, short vamp, narrow toe; Cuban heel. \$3.50 values for only... **\$1.98**

Style 250, women's glazed dongola kid shoes; lace style, patent tip; medium heel; kid top; a shoe built for comfort and wear. Regular \$3.50 value for only... **\$1.98**

Women's shoes in odds and ends; broken lines, mostly narrow widths. A little of everything, containing many lots and styles. Regular values from \$3.50 to \$6; for today at, the pair... **\$1.98**

Lace Curtains \$2.35



There's not a home in Portland or out of it but will be beautified and added to by better curtains. We offer you these as the result of a sensationally fortunate capture of a manufacturer's surplus lot of curtains; an assortment so large that any taste may be suited. They are Irish point curtains in rich, handsome designs, with especially well finished edges; centers are plain or in scroll designs; ecru color. It's the curtain bargain of the season.

Regular \$4 values the pair, at low price of... **\$2.35**
Regular \$5 values the pair, at low price of... **\$3.25**
Regular \$7 values the pair, at low price of... **\$3.85**

The sale is for three days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Don't miss this. Regular \$6 values the pair, at low price of... **\$3.60**
Reg. \$7.50 values the pair, at low price of... **\$4.50**
Regular \$9 values the pair, at low price of... **\$6.00**

Sewing Machines At \$1.00 a Week

A practical gift that would make any woman in the land grateful to the donor is a STANDARD SEWING MACHINE. The Olds, Wortman & King store is the only place in Portland where this best of all machines is to be had. If you don't want to pay the entire price of the machine at once our club plan makes it easy to buy and THE MACHINE CAN BE USED WHILE YOU ARE PAYING FOR IT. Don't let your mother, your wife or your sister use an out-of-date machine or go without one any longer. Buy a Standard on \$1.00 Weekly Payments.

Holiday Neckwe'r

Tasteful, attractive neck pieces make dainty and acceptable Christmas gifts. We offer a beautiful assortment put up in special holiday boxes, priced at **25c, 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c** and up to **\$5.00**. You may choose from rabats, stocks and other styles, real Irish crochet and hand embroidered novelties.

\$15 Silk Petticoats at \$6.98

No Better Christmas Present to Be Thought of



Such a sale as this has never in our memory been offered to the women of Portland. Not only does it excel in value, but in assortment of colors and patterns it far outshines any sale ever attempted hereabouts. There are plaids, stripes, Persian effects, and a world of choice in plain colors. The materials are prime grade taffetas in two weights and a few of the softer and more clinging messalines. These latter come only in the more delicate evening shades. The heavy weights come in plaids, stripes, Persians and all sorts of street shades. The colors included are black, red, green, blue in several shades, pink, old rose lavender, reseda pink, and practically every shade which is in popular demand for street use or for wear with dainty evening frocks. Buy one for your own use or make one of your best friends a present they will greatly appreciate. Values up to \$15.00, on special sale for the remarkably low price of, each... **\$6.98**

EXTRA SPECIAL—To aid those who have presents to buy and who have not all the price of one of these skirts to spare, we make an unheard-of offer. We will lay aside any petticoat in the entire lot on payment of one dollar, with the understanding that it must be called for and the balance paid, not later than December 23. So now come and choose one early, and \$1.00 pay, if you wish... **\$1.00**

\$4.75 Reading Lamps \$3.75



For a home gift a reading lamp is an ideal suggestion. One instantly thinks of the comfortable, restful hours the recipient of such a gift would spend under its softening and cheery light, and one who gives these things as gifts can expect to be well and kindly remembered.

- \$4.75 Reading Lamps, special... **\$3.75**
- \$6.90 Reading Lamps, special... **\$5.00**
- \$13.00 Reading Lamps at... **\$9.90**
- \$21.00 Reading Lamps at... **\$16.75**
- \$48.00 Reading Lamps at... **\$38.50**
- \$27.50 Reading Lamps at... **\$21.75**
- \$35.00 Reading Lamps at... **\$27.50**
- \$2.25 Nickel Baking Dish, cover and lining, special, each... **\$1.80**
- \$2.50 Baking Dishes, on special sale at this very low price... **\$1.95**
- \$3.50 Baking Dishes, on special sale at this low price, each... **\$2.95**
- \$1.75 Crumb Tray and Scraper, on special sale at, set... **\$1.49**
- \$2.25 Crumb Tray and Scraper, on special sale at, set... **\$1.95**
- \$2.75 Coffee Percolators, spl... **\$2.45**
- \$10.50 Coffee Percolators, spl... **\$8.75**
- \$11.50 Coffee Percolators, on special sale at this low price... **\$9.50**
- \$12.50 Coffee Percolators, with lamp and stand, special... **\$10.10**
- \$13.25 Coffee Percolators, with lamp and stand, special... **\$11.50**
- \$4.00 Alcohol Cooking Stoves; special sale price, each... **\$3.15**

Men's House Coats at \$4.85

Both practical and acceptable gifts in every sense are house coats for men. Remember that few men buy these for themselves; that every man should have one for lounging about the house; that you've a larger assortment here than anywhere else; and that for today's selling, we've two striking specials on sale. Men's Smoking Jackets or House Coats of double-faced wool golf cloth, with edges, cuffs and pockets trimmed with cord, and lapels, cuffs and pockets faced with fancy plaids. They come in an endless variety of plaids and stripes, the predominating colors being gray, green, brown and blue; single or double frog fasteners; regular \$6.50 values, special at... **\$4.85**

Men's House Coats of all-wool golf plaids, bound on edges, pockets and cuffs with silk cord; also cuffs, pockets and lapels faced with fancy material to match opposite side of coats. Splendid materials; perfect fitting garments. Regular price \$8.50, each... **\$6.35**



Auto Scarfs Shoulder Drapes and Novelty Automobile Scarfs in wide assortment. Regular values up to \$6.50 each, special today... **\$2.98**

Women's Hose Fast black, mercerized lisle hose for women, with embroidered ankle; regular price 50c the pair, special... **27c**

Portland Agents for Royal Worcester, Boston, Adjusto and Howd & Le Beau Corsets

Baby Week Bargains Beyond All Precedent

The Greatest Success That Has Ever Attended Any of Our Baby Week Sales is ours in a Phenomenal Degree for This Week

- Baby things of all sorts are going on at a lively rate and mothers who have been here to former sales enthusiastically declare that these bargains are greater than any yet offered. Verify this statement by attending this sale yourself and supplying your youngsters with the things they need at reduced prices.
- Babies' Flannel Skirts, short or long, made with muslin waist. Regular \$1.00 values, each... **69c**
 - Regular \$1.25 values for... **84c**
 - Regular \$1.50 values for... **99c**
 - Regular \$1.75 values for... **\$1.17**
 - Shoulder Shawls, of cashmere or flannel, trimmed with fancy stitching; come in pale pink or blue. Vals. to 85c... **69c**
 - Hand-Made Slips and short dresses, and long or short skirts; daintily trimmed. Regular values from \$2.25 to \$14. Our entire stock at **1-3 LESS**.
 - Nightgowns, Coats
 - Babies' Outing Flannel Nightgowns, in plain white, value for today at... **55c and 69c**
 - Baby Coats in cashmere or Japanese crepe, with hand embroidered capes. Extra... **\$4.98** special value at, each.
 - Baby Shoes in all sizes and colors, special value. **49c**
 - Woolen Dresses for Girls from 6 to 14 years of age; come in cashmeres, panamas and lustres; made sailor or waist style; all colors. At these low prices: Regular \$4.50 values at **\$2.19** Regular \$6.00 values at **\$2.98** Regular \$7.75 values at **\$3.97**