

CHANGES IN ARMY WILL OCCUR SOON

General Maus Tells of Conference of High Officers With War Secretary.

GREATER EFFICIENCY AIM

States Will Be Divided Territorially Into Four Departments With Special Organization for Speedy Mobilization.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Brigadier-General Marion P. Maus, who has been absent from this department since December 8, on a trip to New York and Washington, D. C., where he participated in the conference of the heads of the great departments of the United States Army, called by Secretary of War Stimson, and who returned late last night, today said that the conference, which was held January 8, was highly satisfactory. The questions for consideration related to tactical and territorial organization of the United States Army.

"It is obvious that when the troops are withdrawn for garrisons at Hawaii, and the Panama Canal Zone, there must be a readjustment," said General Maus. "When it is considered that already the garrisons of the Philippine Islands have been located, there will be comparatively few troops of the mobile Army in the United States—in all, a little more than 20,000.

Mexican Case Cited. "When the trouble along the Mexican border occurred, it was strongly evident that there could not have been a proper organization, or troops could not have been at their point of mobilization within six days, instead of double that time—and then on arrival without organization.

"The idea of the present Secretary of War is to prevent such delays, and put the Army on a business basis, ready to move without a moment's hesitation, in proper organization, complete when necessary arises, and prevent the delays which may be fatal to the success of the object to be accomplished.

"A clear, tactical and territorial plan has been worked out under Secretary Stimson's direction, by the War College, covering every phase of a modern military organization.

Move Is Commended. "This contemplates the division of the country territorially into four departments, with one additional for the Panama Canal Zone, Hawaii, and the Philippine Islands. Within the limits of each of these new departments the troops included therein will be organized into brigades and divisions, with the additional attached troops. Of course, all of this cannot be accomplished at this time, but the steps taken by the Secretary in the direction of progressive military efficiency.

"In the same way as the regular Army, all of the National Guards in the hands of these departments are organized, and in the event of war being declared will each know its position in the armies to be assembled. It is believed that the condition of preparation will be greatly advanced, supervision will be rendered more efficient, and the divisions of the Army, including the National Guards, will be organized to have a comprehensive idea of how they are going to serve.

Orders Expected Soon. "It is expected that in a short time the Secretary of War will publish orders, directing the execution of his plans. The Assembly of these general officers, including all of those in active service, with the exception of one who was ill, and the heads of all the great departments, has marked an epoch in military conferences and councils in this country. There is no question that a great deal of good resulted therefrom. All were impressed with the clear, progressive ability of the present Secretary of War, and appreciated the courtesy and consideration shown to each by him.

"The plans for the disposition of the Army, such as would be approved by all progressive business men, will naturally result in some changes of stations. Some of the smaller ones, but none of the important ones, will be eliminated in the general scheme.

Independency of Army Seen. "In our present position, it must be evident to the thoughtful citizen that the present Army is wholly inadequate, especially on this isolated and distant coast, and it is believed the effort of every citizen should be to aid in securing a reasonable increase, especially for the Pacific Coast, to take the place of those troops that must necessarily be kept in the Philippine Islands and the great Canal Zone.

General Maus resumed command of the Department of the Columbia upon his return, relieving Colonel R. H. Wilson, who assumed command about January 1. With Major Fleming, Adjutant-General, General Maus is attending to matters that have been held up pending his return.

The General's aide de camps have not yet been announced. Lieutenant Edward G. McCleave has been ordered to the Twenty-Fifth, his old regiment, at Schofield Barracks, and Lieutenant Francis L. Whitley has rejoined the First Infantry, at the same post, leaving no aide de camp on duty here.

COMMANDER OF DEPARTMENT OF COLUMBIA PHOTOGRAPHED UPON HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON.



BRIGADIER-GENERAL, MARION P. MAUS.

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INDORSE BUREAU OF MINES

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FAMILY IS REUNITED

Ex-Portland Man Back From Alaska, Finds His Wife.

MEETING OCCURS IN SALEM

R. H. Ashcroft Goes North and When Letters of Husband and Wife Miscarry Couple Lose Track of Each Other.

NEW LINES ARE PROJECTED

E. M. Chester Investigates Country Tributary to Grants Pass.

EVERY PUPIL IN EIGHTH GRADE CLASS PASSES EXAMINATION.



Back Row, Left to Right—Esther R. Ober, Grace Hunter, Edna Bristow, Miss Mabel Fonda, Teacher of Eighth Grade; Professor E. R. Parker, Principal; Ralph Oldham, Doris Spencer, Lois Smyth, Nina Wilhelm. Front Row—Guy Koepf, Helen Dicker, Mabel Powell, Laura Kelsay, Elsie Desautels, Vera Albert, Hedy Holman.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Every one of the 29 members of the eighth grade of Gary School, Eugene, was successful in passing the recent eighth-grade examinations, and practically all of them will enter the high school at the beginning of the second semester, February 2. Four special and two of the regular pupils are not shown in the picture. Professor E. R. Parker, principal of the school, and Miss Mabel Fonda, special eighth-grade teacher, are in the center of the rear row.

J. Gatzmeyer, Charles A. Fry, Thomas Autzen and Sumner Newell. Ferry Service Better. Business men volunteered to provide signboards directing the traveling public and strangers to the ferry landing.

The ferry service committee reported that 20-minute service had been inaugurated by the County Court, and the new arrangement was giving universal satisfaction.

Work has been started on a large addition to the Portland Woolen Mills Company plant, on Bradford street. The new addition will be 80x200 feet, two stories high. This will practically double the capacity of the plant, and furnish employment for 500 hands.

A petition to improve Fessenden street between Smith avenue and Oswego street was presented to the City Council this week. The improvement will be of concrete, and will provide for the last link of Fessenden street. It is 79 feet wide.

The Portland representatives declared their intention of using the Carnegie library building in this city will take place tomorrow night. Plans for the opening include a public reception, some addresses by the leading citizens and a luncheon. Mrs. George Gerling, president of the Woman's Club and secretary of the library board, who was active in bringing about the construction of the building, has charge of the plans for the opening. The principal address will be delivered by Mayor J. R. Craven.

The fire department sought the aid of the club in securing a team of horses and other paraphernalia, and it was decided to leave the matter with the board of governors and a committee from the fire department to definitely ascertain just what would be required before placing the request with the City Council.

A committee to devise ways and means of financing the club for another year and a fundraising greater interest in the organization was appointed and consists of S. L. Doble, O.

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Dallas Arranges Library Opening. The formal opening of the Carnegie library building in this city will take place tomorrow night.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—By the arrival of Miss Della Ashcroft in Albany today the family of R. H. Ashcroft, of this city, was reunited for the first time in 12 years.

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hundreds of others who met death in the north during the gold excitement, and Ashcroft, believing his letters were unanswered, decided his wife had abandoned him, so he remained in Alaska several years.

Mrs. Ashcroft, being unable to care for her little daughter while working to support herself, sent the little girl to the home of her parents in South Dakota, and the girl has resided with her grandparents since that time.

Explains results in their reunion. They moved to Albany about three months ago. As both were in poor circumstances when they met they decided to leave their daughter with her grandparents until they could care for her properly and sent for her a few days ago.

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