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Redoubts Are Completed. "Work was continued during the year on the gun and mortar batteries," the report says, "and by the close of the year the concrete work was practically completed as well as the greater portion of the back fill. On July 1, 1913, the construction of redoubts in connection with the plan prepared by a board appointed for that purpose and approved by the Secretary of War, was undertaken, and they were completed as well as the clearing necessary in connection with them."

Locks Withstand Earthquakes. Describing the demolition of Gamboa like the one of the final steps in the canal's completion, the report relates that "with the exception of a small pocket slide in the vicinity of Cascaes, no new landslides of water to the cut has thus far had no bad effects; nor has there been any perceptible tendency for the presence of water to produce slides."

Population of Zone Diminished. As the construction of the canal proceeded to the point where a date was set for the admission of the first ship, the population of the zone steadily decreased. On June 30, 1914, 673 employees on the canal was 23,473, compared with 43,350 at the close of the previous fiscal year.

SCOTS WILL JOIN ARMY

Several Residents of Pendleton Going to Canada. PENDLETON, Ore., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Jack Coleman, known throughout the Northwest as a minister and comedian, accompanied by several other local Caledonians, will leave Monday to join the Canadian army in the hopes of being able to enlist. Engaged in the present war, they will report for duty at Vancouver, B. C. Among those in the party will be Alexander Anderson, former sergeant of the American army, Alexander McNeil, who saw service in the Boer war; Jamie Wilson, former corporal of the Sutherland Highlanders, and Eddie Dunlop. Others who are still considering the matter are Frank Watson who served with the British army in India, and Alex McDonald.

ARGENTINE CROP IS LARGE

Embargo Raised and Coming Grain Exports Will Increase. WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Argentina, one of the world's principal sources of grain supply, will have a bountiful crop to export this coming year, according to a report of the Argentine ambassador here today from Buenos Aires.

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The steamer Bear of the "Big Three" line was put in the St. Johns drydock last Friday to be cleaned and repaired. It is expected to get the big steamer afloat again this morning. The tailshaft of the vessel was drawn while she was suspended.

NEW LAWS IN ORDER

Legislature to Fix Penalties for "Bootlegging."

Game Code Revision Likely, as Also Is Reorganization of Game Commission by New Administration.

Appointive Applicants Many. Severe penalties for "bootleggers" and for druggists engaging in the illegal sale of liquor will be prescribed by the forthcoming session of the Legislature.

Penalties to Be Severe. Drug stores that sell liquor for other than medicinal purposes likewise will be punished. It is proposed to make the first offense by a druggist punishable by a heavy fine, the second offense by a revocation of license and subsequent offense by the same penalties that are prescribed for "bootleggers."

Many Candidates Are in Line. W. F. Drager doubtless will be re-elected chief clerk of the House, while H. F. McCallan of Roseburg, probably will be elected journal clerk.

Dudley H. Clark, of Portland, and John Stewart, also of Portland, are candidates for reading clerk.

In the Senate John W. Cochran has little opposition for the office of chief clerk. The journal clerk will be John P. Hunt, who has served in that position for the last four or five sessions.

Frank Motter is a candidate for reading clerk. Benjamin Huntington, of Roseburg, who held that place at the last session, has been elected County Clerk in Douglas County.

J. W. Church, of Hood River, it is understood, is a candidate for the reading clerk's desk in the Senate. Eugene Foster, who held the place two years ago, has since died.

J. I. Moreland, of Salem, has no apparent opposition for the office of mailing clerk.

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