

PLAN WOULD EVADE
ON RESERVES

Secretary Houston Suggests
"Classification" of Lands
in Public Domain.

FIRE FUND INSUFFICIENT

Amount Appropriated Last Year Inadequate for Purpose Intended.
Co-operation With States in Road Building Advised.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ington, Dec. 10.—Congress having made it impossible for the President to establish large forest reserves in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, California, Colorado and Wyoming, the Secretary of Agriculture in his annual report recommends that the lands outside of forest reserves in those states be "classified" wherever the land is timbered, and he adds that the largest permanent value through use for forest production it should be held in public ownership.

Exchange of Lands Advocated.

Another recommendation made by Secretary Houston is that the public land states be "legislation to permit the consolidation of National forest holdings through land exchanges with states and private owners." "Some of the forests," he adds, "contain a great deal of land which was acquired from the government by the states and which should be exchanged with the federal government. Exchanges of land on the basis of equal values would be advantageous to the government, since the cost of administration and protection would be materially reduced."

The Secretary makes a plea for a larger fund for fighting forest fires in the National forests. In 1911 an appropriation of \$1,000,000 was made, following the disastrous fires of the preceding year, but gradually the appropriation has been cut until it reached \$100,000 last year. That amount proved inadequate to fight the fires of the past season.

Price of Stumpage Defended.

Replying to criticisms of the Government for holding its timber in forest reserves at a price equal to that asked by private timber land owners, Secretary Houston says:

"It has been urged that, with the vast supplies of virgin National forest timber, the Government should increase its sales by lowering the price asked for stumpage. To the extent that such a course had any effect at all, it would be in the long run an effect entirely adverse to the public interest. On the greater part of the timber it would have no effect, because no manufacturer could, under present conditions, afford to cut the timber at any price. When timber is thus not in demand because still inaccessible, the possibility of marketing it depends upon the advent of a period of greater activity in the general lumber trade."

Co-Operation in Roads Advised.

"If direct Federal aid is to be extended," he says, "it should be given only under such conditions as will guarantee a dollar's results for every dollar of expenditure. Legislation should provide for co-operation between the Federal Government and the states, and that the state, through an expert highway commission, should be the lowest unit with which the Federal machinery should deal."

Dealing with the Problem of the Nation's meat supply, Secretary Houston declares that we have been discussing the question too exclusively in terms of the big ranch and of beef animals.

"Obviously it is important that we continue to help the cattlemen to assist in further developing the big ranch," he says. "But unquestionably the largest hope for a considerable increase in our meat supply lies in four other directions; first, in a more satisfactory handling of the public grazing lands; second, in systematic attention to the production of beef animals in the settled farming areas of the country, particularly in the South; third, in increasing the number of smaller animals, such as swine and poultry, and fourth, in the control and eradication of the cattle tick, hog cholera, tuberculosis and other animal diseases and pests."

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Maytorena the Washington Government stated that it must naturally turn to the respective chiefs to whom the commanding Generals are supposed to owe allegiance, asking that they be warned immediately against further violation of the rights of American citizens to enjoy safety from attack while on their own territory.

Manifest Duty Indicated.

If the chiefs in de facto control cannot put an end to the reckless firing by their subordinates, the United States Government pointed out unequivocally that its manifest duty, much to its regret, will be to take such steps as may be necessary to protect American lives through the employment of force.

The American Government made it clear, incidentally, that it intended to use force not for aggression, but only for defense, and had no idea of invading Mexican territory or interfering with the right of the Mexican people to settle their own disputes or violating Mexican sovereignty in any way.

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fixed distance from the border, thus creating virtually a neutral zone. As difficulties have arisen at other points along the border through the conflict of the Mexican factions, the Naco affair will constitute a precedent by which the Washington Government intends to act in the future. No further firing across the line will be tolerated, according to the decision of President Wilson and his Cabinet. The general belief here that is both Mexican factions, desiring to avoid the responsibility of a further international complications, will heed the warnings given.

Official despatches telling of general conditions in Mexico were summarized by the State Department tonight in the following statement:

Vera Cruz Is Cut Off.

"A telegram from Vera Cruz dated December 9, 1914, says that communication with Mexico City is interrupted."

"The department is informed that Special Agent Carother through has been unable to attend to his official duties for several days on account of illness. He is rapidly regaining his health."

"With reference to the case of General Iturbide, ex-Governor of the federal district, who was reported to be in prison and in danger of having summary action taken against him by the Mexican Government, the department is informed that he has not been imprisoned but merely took refuge with Mr. Carother on account of having been driven by a friend from certain charges were pending against him. Every possible effort is being made by the Department's representatives and others to ascertain the nature of the charges against Iturbide."

ARTILLERY ON WAY TO NACO

Besieger Willing to Withdraw From Border to Fight Battle.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 10.—Four troop trains bearing 12 cannon and about 500 officers and men of the Sixth Artillery got under way today for Naco, Ariz. They are expected to arrive at the scene of the Mexican border fighting early tomorrow.

Governor Maytorena's agent, C. Romirez, said today that the Sonora Governor would meet the challenge expressed by Rafael Zubaran Capmany, Carranza's agent at Washington, that the Villa troops withdraw from Naco to the international border, and that he would fight them in the interior. This would avoid danger of an international clash.

Other Carranza agents, however, expressed doubts that Hill could meet the demand Zubaran Capmany had made for him. It was pointed out that his forces were considerably inferior to that of Maytorena, and that he had been able to defend his position only by virtue of his strong fortifications.

GENERAL BLISS UNDER FIRE

Hill of Mexican Bullets Falls on American Soil.

NACO, Ariz., Dec. 10.—General Tasker H. Bliss, of the United States Army, who arrived today to take command of the situation here, gained experience of "hot" bullets fired by the Mexican combatants across the line after alighting from the train. Two bullets from the Mexican trenches near Naco, Sonora, struck seriously General Bliss, who was heading his troops to lay out a site for camp and locations for the pieces.

SEAL SALES TOTAL \$1100

Tuesday Afternoon Club Members Are in Charge Today.

The sale of the Red Cross Christmas seals reached the \$1100 mark yesterday with the receipts turned in by the Portland Shakespeare Study Club. Mrs. E. P. Preble was chairman of the day and was assisted by many of the leading members of her club.

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First-Year Students Invited to Aid Prominently in All Activities of Washington High.

Traditional "animosity," supposed to exist between upper and lower classes in the high schools and colleges, is due to have a fall at Washington High School.

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ENGINEERS TELL OF HARDSHIPS IN CAB Dangers of Tunnel Service, Long Hours at Switching Related at Hearing.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE MEETS WASHINGTON AND IDAHO. Question is on Advisability of Having Ministry Responsible to Unilateral Legislation.

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