

UNPREPAREDNESS SEVERELY SCORED

Representative Gardner Lists Ailments Charged to United States Army.

SHORTAGE IS EVERYWHERE

Idea of Trained Citizenry Rushing to Arms in Case of War Is Regarded as Fiction, in View of Shortage in Other Conflicts.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 17.—Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, who has done more than any other man in Congress to call attention to the military unpreparedness of the United States, has issued a statement in which he discusses at some length the question, "What Ails the American Army?"

"There is still truth in the old, old story that it's the man behind the gun who counts," he says. "But for heaven's sake, how far behind the gun do you want the man to be? Must he be so far behind the gun that he hasn't even a bowing acquaintance with it until war breaks out? Yet that is where we stand today. Our regular Army is a mere handful. Our reserve Army is a farce. A good deal over one-third of our militia absolutely struck their guns off their shoulders during the war of last year.

"Trained Citizenry" imaginary. "The fact is that this fiction of a trained citizenry rushing head over heels to arms in time of war is purely the creature of a deft imagination. The strength of the trained citizenry argument does not lie in its own soundness; but in the fact that most of us are politically stopped from saying of National Guards, as it is called, what we really think about the militia. I believe that most men are actuated by the best and most unselfish motives when they undertake the thankless duties of military service. I believe that militiamen are keenly conscious of the fact that many persons scoff at them as tin soldiers. At all events, I know that when I was a militiaman I was sensitively alive to the good-natured superciliousness with which my friends regarded what to them appeared to be my harmless vanity.

"I believe, moreover, that as the duties are made more arduous and more serious the militia steadily improves, although it becomes harder and harder to fill its ranks. On the other hand, I do not believe that over two-thirds of our militia would ever take a step toward their training if the military and naval forces could be placed upon them until months of severe training and a week-long process had hardened them into military shape.

States Fail to Fill Quotas. "I cannot forget that no fewer than 18 states of the Union fell short by greater or less amounts of furnishing their quotas of troops during the Spanish War. I cannot forget that after the first burst of enthusiasm was over cities and towns offered no help in order to fill their quotas of troops in the Civil War. I cannot forget that the National Government later on gave a large sum of money to each veteran who would re-enlist, nor that both the North and the South were eventually obliged to resort to the hateful necessity of compelling men to join the army against their will. In those days things are none the less facts because they are unpopular facts, and because it is the fashion to blink them.

"Neither can I shut my eyes to the report of the Chief of Staff on the record of the militia for the year ended June 30, 1914. Out of 150,000 militiamen all told, 22,000 failed to present themselves for the annual inspection. 21,000 absented themselves from the annual encampment, and 4,000 never appeared on the rifle range from one year's end to the other.

Wilson's Error Pointed Out. "The President says that we have always found means to defend ourselves against attack, but the President is quite mistaken. We shall never have to be strong upon the seas, in the future as in the past," says he in his annual message to Congress. The President the same position which President Madison took at the time of the War of 1812. "We shall take leave," quoth Madison, and take leave he certainly did; bag and baggage, militia, state-militia, clerks, lobbyists, julep mixers and all. Down into Virginia he went, leaving the Capitol and the White House to be burnt by the victorious British.

"Poor Dolly Madison! She saw it all and she wrote her sister Anna these bitter lines: 'Alas! My country only groups of military volunteers in all directions, as if there was a lack of arms, or of spirit to fight for their own friends.' But there was no lack of land and Pennsylvania and Virginia. Far from it. They had spirit enough and arms enough to defend their own president; but they did not know how to do it, because they had not been molded into an army. They were but a mob of citizenry under arms.

False Sense of Security. "The sad part of it all was that they had two years in which to prepare, for these events did not occur till the Summer of 1814. The Administration of that day had mistaken the belief that the country had been misinformed, and that the Government had not been negligent of the National defense. Hence it was that these poor militiamen were not ready when the day of trial came. A maddened Nation roared for a sacrifice and a sacrifice was vouchsafed unto them. Armstrong, the Secretary of War, was made the scapegoat, just as Alger was made the scapegoat for our unreadiness to fight Spain and just as Garrison would be made the scapegoat tomorrow if we were to attempt unsuccessfully to put a large force of men into the field.

So much for the regulars and our militia. There remains to be considered our reserve army of former enlisted men. We can dismiss it with a word, for President Wilson has stated we are not to depend on a large reserve army. Perhaps it is just as well not to depend on it entirely, for it consists of only 16 men.

Amesley Is Lacking. "Nine weeks ago, Major-General W. W. Wotherspoon, chief of staff and virtually head of the United States Army, made his annual report to the Secretary of War. If General Wotherspoon had never done anything in life except write page 12 of his report, he would deserve the thanks of the Nation for that superb act of courage alone. He tells us how much we ought to have and how much is actually on hand or in sight. Required: On hand, Rifles 442,341 608,374 Rifle cartridges 648,000,000 241,000,000 Field guns 12,834 2,834 Field gun amm. 11,700,520 350,000 Hand grenades 1,100,000 400,000 So you see that we are short 400,000 rifle cartridges, 11,600,000 rounds

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of artillery ammunition and 2000 field guns, if General Wotherspoon's judgment is sound. "Of course I am not an expert in these matters, but \$50,000,000 rounds of field artillery ammunition seems rather inadequate as a reserve in the light of General Wood's statement that Russia is expending 250,000 rounds against the Japanese in a battle of Mukden alone, yet 550,000 rounds is all we have on hand.

Making Guns Slow Work. "Working in three shifts night and day all the factories in this country, Government and private as well, can turn out in the first six months after war is declared only 400,000 rounds of field artillery ammunition, or only 750,000 rounds in a single battle. They can make about 1600 rounds a day, or enough to keep eight guns going under shots a day. In one year all Government and private factories put together can turn out 590 field guns, one-quarter of our shortage, as General Wotherspoon estimates it.

But where are all the giant guns which we progressive Americans ought to have? How are we off for our ordnance implements of warfare with which other nations have been arming themselves? We still are shaking hands with ourselves over our biggest gun, the six-inch howitzer.

Battle of Crech Recalled. "Tradition hath it after the battle of Crech, a board of French generals was called together to report on the newfangled cannon which England had used in the fight. After profound cogitation the generals decided that no dependence whatever could be placed in gunpowder and that cannon could be invented only under exceptional circumstances never likely to occur again. By a unanimous vote, so it is said, they reported to their ruler that the trusty mangle and the stout catapult would triumph in the future, as if the past. If anyone wishes to know the moral of this tale, let him inquire of our ordnance experts. It may be that we have no need of guns with greater diameter than six inches. Still, Germany's 16½-inch howitzers and Austria's 15½-inch guns seems to be fair-

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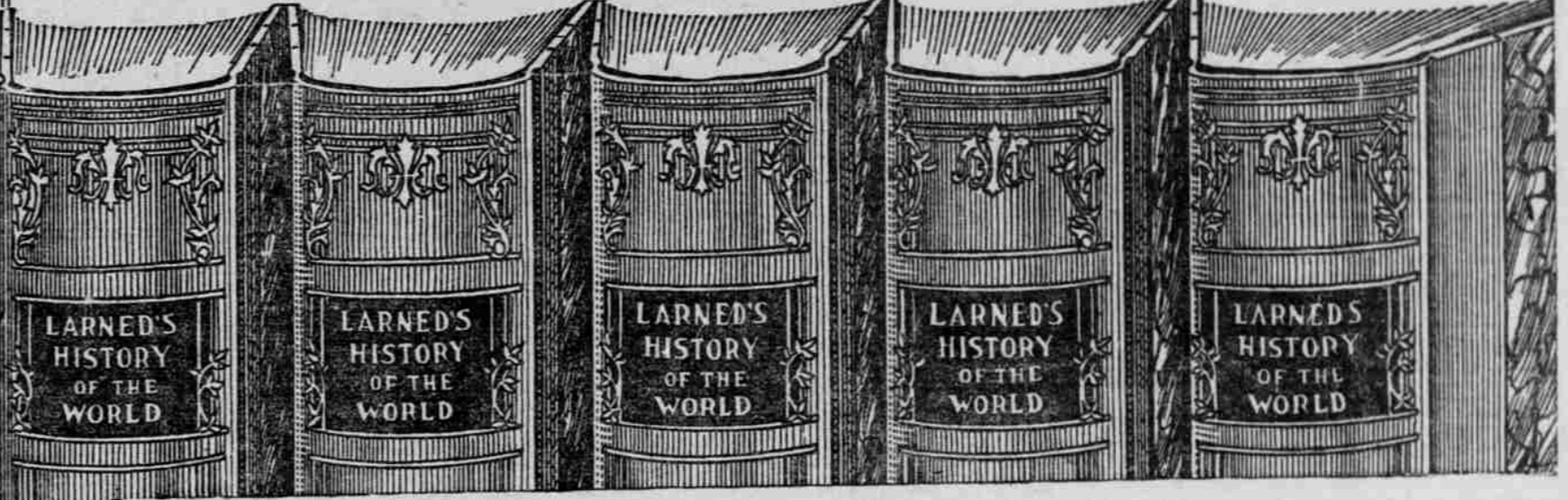
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BRIDE IN SEATTLE SEEKS HUSBAND, WHO GAINS FORTUNE.

David Benjamin McCracken, Left 5250-000 a Year by Mother, is Missing—World-Wide Search On.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary A. McCracken, now a resident of Seattle, but until recently a ranch-owner of Geraldine, Mont., is making a world-wide search for information concerning her husband, David Benjamin McCracken, heir to a large estate in Scotland, and who, by the terms of his mother's will, is to be known henceforth as David John Blair.

SHERIDAN, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—C. H. Knickerbocker, of this city, has a hen that crows as well as any rooster. The bird is a normal brown Leghorn hen and does not appear different from the other hens. It is a good layer.

SHERIDAN, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—C. H. Knickerbocker, following the position of a ranch-owner to that of a landed gentleman, with an income of \$2000 a year, or approximately \$250,000 a year. With the exception of a letter written by him while in Minneapolis en route to Scotland, where the Blair estates are located, nothing has been heard from him.

SHERIDAN, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—In the trials formed by Silverton, Woodburn and Canby, to debate on the question of Government ownership of railroads, under the auspices of the State High School Debating League,

GOVERNOR TO SEE FAIRS

EXECUTIVE PREDICTS SUCCESS OF BOTH EXPOSITIONS.

Livestock Show at San Francisco Expected to Prove Irresistible Magnet to Fancier.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—In connection with an exchange of letters today with Charles C. Moore, president of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, Governor Withcomb made the announcement that probably he would visit the exposition in California more than once and that he planned to participate in at least one of the special events at San Francisco. The Governor said:

"I am daily becoming more confident of the unequalled success of the exhibitions in California. The very misfortunes of Europe will tend, in some measure, to the good fortune of the exposition, at least so far as American travel is concerned. I believe an enormous number of Americans who previously took their holidays abroad will come to the Coast this summer and from what I learn from San Francisco and San Diego, I am confident that their transcontinental pilgrimage will be amply repaid by what they will find.

"Personally, I hope to be a visitor to the exhibitions, perhaps more than once. I already have received several invitations to participate in special events at San Francisco during the summer and hope to accept at least one. Certainly I want to take advantage of the hospitality of the splendid Oregon building and the accommodations there so thoughtfully provided for the Governor."

It is understood that one event connected with the San Francisco Exposition will find the Governor present without fail. That is the stock show which he predicts will be the greatest exhibit of the kind ever conducted.

Rain May Block Tillamook Line. NEHALEM, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Continuation of the present rains may tie up the railroad into Tillamook County as was the case during January last year and the year before. The pleasant weather in early January promised to hold off the treshet season, but the past week recorded a continuous downpour. All creeks are up and the river is rising rapidly. Timbermen are in hopes the river will continue to rise to bring down the logs which are high up in the rivers.

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