

SENATOR APPROVES INCREASE IN ARMY

Mr. Chamberlain Thinks 150,000 None Too Big and Wants Full Force Kept.

SCHOOL TRAINING INDORSED

Chairman of Committee on Military Affairs Says Question Not Political and Confidence Expressed in General Support.

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military affairs committee of the Senate, not only approves the plan of Secretary of War Garrison for increasing the Army, but he would go several steps further and provide for a system of military training for the men and the young men of the land.

The senior Oregon Senator yesterday read with satisfaction the reports that President Wilson had approved Secretary Garrison's tentative programme, which calls for an increase in the authorized strength of the Regular Army of approximately 50,000 men.

The present authorized strength is 100,000 men, but the Army is not recruited to its full strength.

"We should have a standing army of at least 150,000," said the Senator last night, "and we should keep it recruited to its full strength all the time. There is no other way can we have the efficiency in our military affairs that the country needs."

Conference With President Plan.

Senator Chamberlain will leave early next week for Washington, D. C., to get ready for the coming session of Congress. President Wilson invited him several weeks ago to come to Washington for a conference on the question of military legislation. He proposes to confer with the President and with Secretary Garrison on this question. It is probable that a tentative draft of a bill will be prepared before Congress meets and that when the bill is submitted it will have the support not only of the President and the Secretary of War but of Senator Chamberlain and the majority of the military affairs committee.

"I expect no opposition to the plans to increase the Army," said the Senator. "It is not a political question. All parties will support it in my estimation. The country needs it and public sentiment will demand it. The only question is on the extent of the increase."

While reports from Washington convey no idea that the President and the War Secretary intend to provide for a system of military training in the schools and in the colleges, Senator Chamberlain proposes to ask for some legislation along those lines. He is in hearty accord with the plan for optional military training in the high schools, such as has been proposed in Portland.

Appropriation Main Feature.

"I believe, too," he added, "that we should have attached to the bill providing for a reserve army, a provision for aid in all schools and colleges that receive aid from the Federal Government. This would give us a fair nucleus for a reserve Army in time of need."

He was much interested in the reported plan of the President to provide for a reserve of short-term enlistments. Such a plan, he believes, can be made practicable if enlistments can be made attractive for the average man.

Plans for encouraging the National guard of the several states and for using the full strength of the military academy at West Point also have the approval of Senator Chamberlain.

The principal problem in the way of increasing the country's military strength is one of appropriations.

With the decrease in revenues due to the reduction of the tariff and the shortage of imports, the question of finances will be a serious one to consider.

In view of the apparent necessity for better preparedness to protect the country against war, members of Congress believe, though, that Congress will find means to increase the strength of both the Army and the Navy.

FERRIS BILL DEFENDED

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN TALKS BEFORE BANKING INSTITUTE.

Recent Conference on Water-Power Sites is Criticized in Address on Land Legislation.

Land legislation—past and proposed—was discussed before a well-attended session of the American Institute of Banking at the Portland Hotel last night by United States Senator Chamberlain.

It was the regular monthly dinner of the Portland chapter of the Institute and Senator Chamberlain was the principal speaker. R. M. Doble presided. The Senator explained the past policy of the Government in parceling out large areas of land to settlers and to various corporations, and then took up a discussion of pending water-power legislation.

"Our water power," he said, "is the greatest heritage left to the people of the United States. It ought to follow, then, that this resource should be controlled at all times by the people of the United States—the people that own it. The ostensible issue," he declared, "is state control against Federal control."

"The real issue as presented by the resolution passed by that conference was: Shall the Government grant leases for the water powers of the West revocable at the end of fixed periods, or shall the Government give away, practically, the control over these sites?"

MAZAMAS LEARN OF BIRDS

W. L. Finley Explains Habits of Many in Woods Near Portland.

A bird lecture by William L. Finley, State Biologist, was attentively listened to last night by approximately 100 members of the Mazama Club in their clubrooms in the Northwestern Bank building.

The life, habits and peculiarities of all the varieties of birds that are found in the immediate neighborhood of Portland were explained by Mr. Finley, who is quite as familiar with bird lore as any person on the Coast.

At the conclusion of the lecture, Mr. Finley's collection of more than 50 stuffed birds was admired by the Mazamas.

WAR FIANCEE IS STAR

NINA MORRIS AT ORPHEUM TO WED WAR CORRESPONDENT.

Frank Schaffer, Prospective Bridegroom, Suspected of Being Spy, Once Captive in England.

"War Brides," a vaudeville sketch has been made famous by Nazimova. "War Babies," another vaudeville playlet, is attaining great success in the East with Valerie Bergere as the star and now comes Nina Morris, Orpheum headliner, who announces herself to be a "war fiancee" in real life. Miss Morris is the affianced bride-to-be of Frank Schaffer, a New York newspaper man.

At the outbreak of the war Schaffer was the London correspondent for the New York Star. He was invited to attend a week-end party in company with Miss Morris and other notable English and American artists and while the



Nina Morris, "War Fiancee," Who is Starling in Orpheum Playlet.

party was assembled on the sands a discussion arose regarding the positions of the allied and German armies. Schaffer, who was familiar with the country at the Western battlefield, illustrated some of his points of argument by drawing, marking on the sand with his cane. An outsider became suspicious and soon after Schaffer was arrested on suspicion of being a German spy. He was incarcerated in Old Bailey and was brought to trial within a fortnight.

Miss Morris, hearing of the plight of the newspaper man, got together many English and American friends and succeeded in gaining release of the suspect. Miss Morris and Schaffer are to be married after the completion of Miss Morris' Orpheum tour in "The Blue Diamond," the playlet of which she is star.

Attorney Denies Divorce Charges.

Answering the suit for divorce filed by Florence A. Sargent, denial is made by H. K. Sargent, Portland attorney, of the charges of cruelty brought against him. The answer states also that Mr.

and Mrs. Sargent by mutual agreement have not lived together as man and wife for the past three years, it being agreed that neither would interfere with the other. The complaint charged the defendant with having associated with other women, particularly Mrs. Clara B. Crouch, but unlawful conduct was not charged specifically.

\$389,760.06 IS DELINQUENT

Multnomah County Taxes Paid to October 1 Total \$7,173,559.15.

A statement showing that of the total of \$7,553,314.21 due on the 1914 tax roll for Multnomah County, there had been collected upon October 1, \$7,173,559.15, leaving a balance of \$389,760.06 delinquent, was issued yesterday by Chief Deputy Tax Collector Huckaby. The percentage of delinquent taxes is thus 5.15 per cent as compared with 4 per cent last year, when the delinquent date was September 1. The date of delinquency this year was October 1. However, this year's second half taxes amounted to approximately \$2,500,000, while second half taxes last year amounted to only \$1,800,000.

Mr. Huckaby says that more than \$2,000,000 came in on the four days prior to October 1, the date of delinquency.

Troutdale Association Meets.

GRESHAM, Or., Oct. 14.—(Special.)—The Troutdale Parent-Teacher Association held its first meeting October 8. The following officers, who were elected in May, were in their chairs: President, Mrs. A. Fox; vice-president, Mrs. George Lundsten; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Jessie Larson; directors, Mrs. Louis Kummer and Mrs. Rogers.



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Mrs. Kummer and Mrs. Larson were chosen delegates to the state convention at Corvallis.

Knights to Attend Funeral.

Portland members of the Knights of Columbus will attend in a body

the funeral of the late Rt. Rev. Felix Verwilghen, state chaplain of the Knights of Columbus of Washington and vicar-general of the diocese of Seattle, which is to be held in Vancouver, Wash., today. They will gather at the clubhouse at 8:45 this morning and leave

in a body for Vancouver. Rev. Father Verwilghen was well-known in Portland and throughout the Northwest.

Barber Is Suicide.

J. E. Robinson, barber, who took chloroform at his home, 72 Watts street, early yesterday, died at the St. Vincent's Hospital at 12:15 yesterday afternoon. Business worries are thought to have driven the man to take his life. He was 52 years of age and married.

Child's public debt is \$50 per capita.

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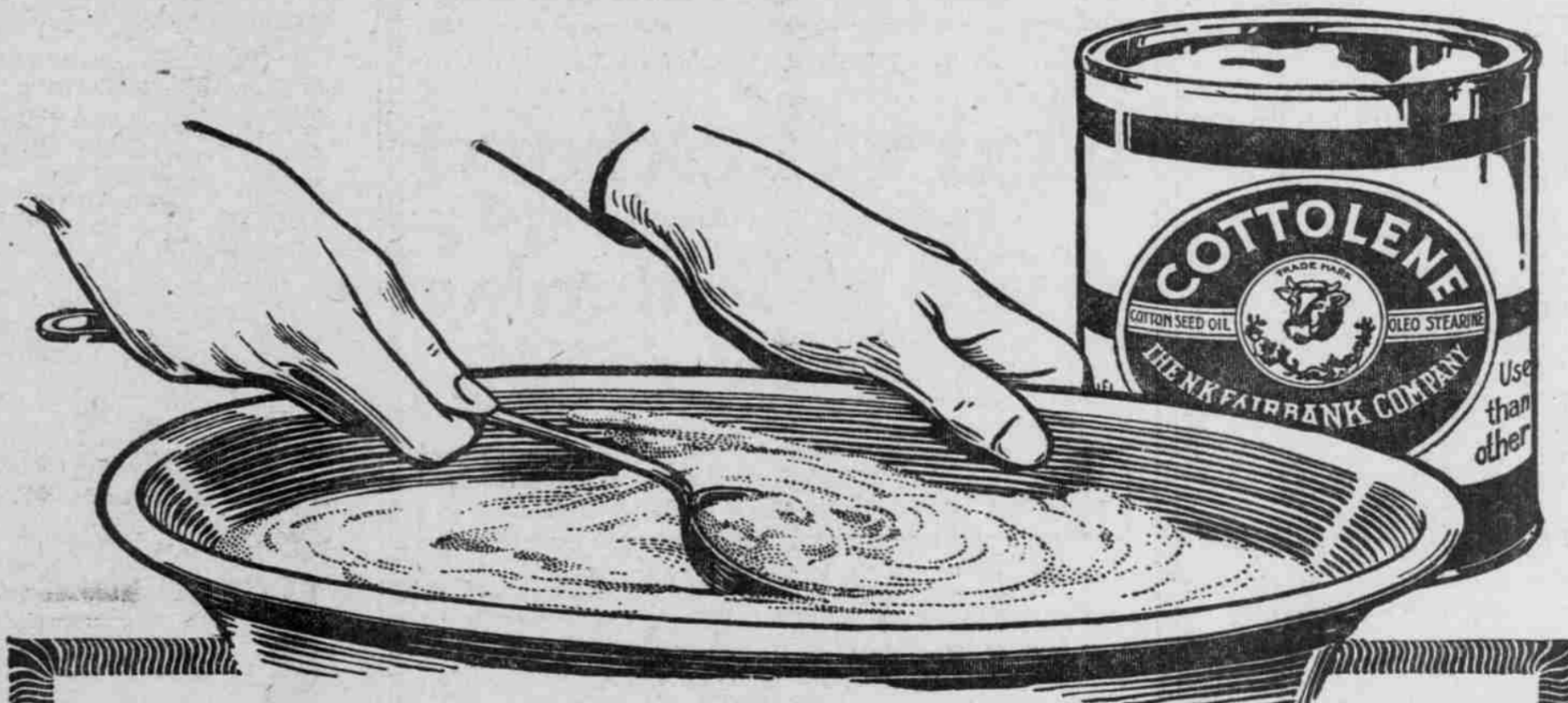
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