

GARRISON WILL PUT QUICK ACTION FIRST

Secretary Begins to Realize Hopeless State of Unpreparedness of Nation.

MUNITIONS AWAY SHORT

Universal Service Still Ultimate Goal of Administration's Plan, but Will be Subordinated to Present Necessities.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—In an effort to build up at once the National defense, Secretary of War Garrison is spending the holiday week at his home in New Jersey preparing means and data with which to expedite the Administration's plan for National defense through Congress.

A reanalysis of the military situation of the Nation, made not so long ago, said to have shown a hopeless state of unpreparedness, is declared to have determined the department to embark on a campaign for immediate action to build up defense. While universal service is admittedly the ultimate goal of the Administration plan, it is expected that the Secretary will take secondary plans to measures designed to provide immediate defensive necessities and outline a definite military policy.

Years Required to Make Guns

The survey, which went into the question of munition manufacturing facilities, it is said, showed that in the single item of machine guns it would take three years to produce the guns now believed necessary for a force sufficient to guarantee safety from invasion. However, from the fact that the estimate of necessary reserve material, estimates of the proportion of light and heavy guns in any field army have increased two-fold.

Claims for Programs Outlined

From this official, who will be among those authorized to present to the committee an amplification of the views of the Administration, was obtained the following outline of what the Secretary expects to tell Congress the proposed programs will do:

- 1. Write a definite military policy founded on the unanimous conclusions of the military experts of the National staff and present.
2. Enroll within three years and give some preliminary training to at least 500,000.
3. Provide within six years for an additional force of 500,000 reserves for the troops with the colors.
4. Furnish the most attractive form of voluntary military service it is possible to devise, thereby serving as a goal and concrete goal of the possibility of organizing in peace times an adequate volunteer army system.

Head of Universal Service Laid

Furnish system as widely universal military service could be applied quickly and without the necessity of extensive reorganization.
Furnish a reserve army sufficient to co-operate with the training of continentals and also to carry on the necessary peace activities.
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Coast Defense Strengthened

Furnish an adequate force to man all coast defenses, now lacking nearly 50 per cent of the necessary personnel.

Build up within four years a reserve of material to cost \$100,000,000 and estimate of the quantity of ammunition shown by the best available reports from the European war.

Inaugurate a system under which commercial munition plants can be fostered by the Government in peace times, insuring an adequate and continuous supply of guns and shells in time of war.

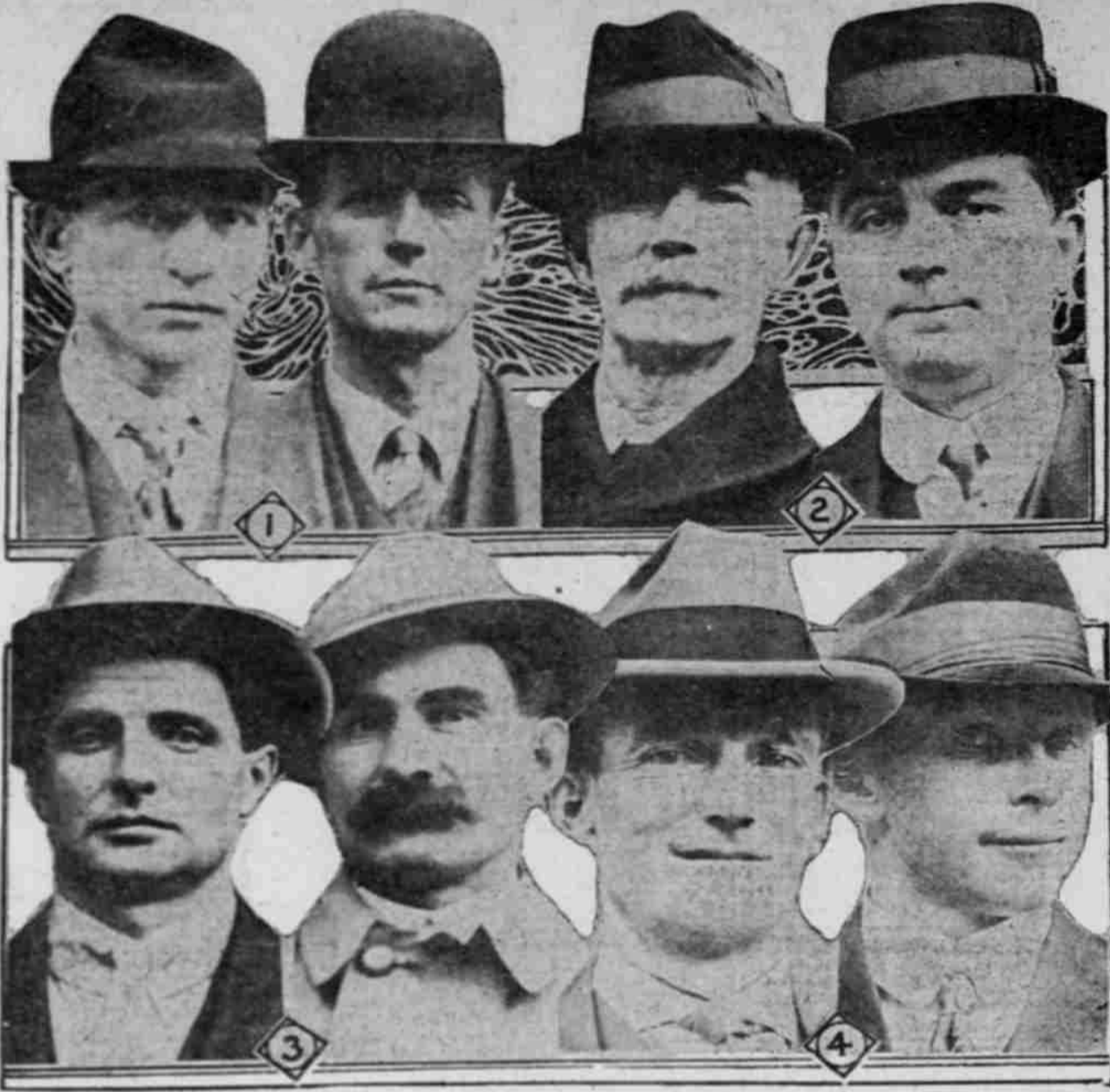
The most vital thing, it is contended, is to obtain the names of the citizens who are obligated to turn to the colors at call, to supply them with necessary arms, equipment, organization and instruction, and to give them the rudimentary military training. If this were accomplished, experts say, and if officers and non-commissioned officers were assigned, a great stride would have been taken, a short cut to the formation of a volunteer army in time of need that would save months of delay, if it accomplished nothing more.

HORSEMEN ARE TO CONFER

Show to Be One of Features of Meeting January 7.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—John Wells, of Albany, president of the Oregon Horse Breeders' Association, has called a meeting of that organization, to be held at the Oregon Agricultural College January 7, during the annual Farmers' and Horse-makers' week. The second annual horse show will take place at night.

SOME OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN OREGON'S REPRESENTATIVES AT THE IRRIGATION CONGRESS.



(1) Oscar Parsels and H. N. Aldrich, Silver Lake; (2) J. N. B. Gerking, of Tumalo; J. C. Cockerham, of Opal City; (3) A. F. Wallenburg, of Culver; L. Nichols, of Prineville; (4) G. E. Steadig and L. A. Hunt, of Lower Bridge.

STATE AID DESIRED

Senator Day Opposes Waiting for Congress to Act.

CHEAP MONEY IS WANTED

Speakers Declare Efforts Should Be Made for State Backing at Time Jones Measure Is Being Advocated in Washington.

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and in favor of the enactment of a law providing for the establishment of a system of rural credits.

"Why wait for Congress?" he asks. "To secure cheap money for the development of irrigation and drainage," he said, "the security must be ample and the payment of interest sure. This can be secured only by either the Nation or the state standing back of the project."

"Why wait action of Congress? Why not unite with the farmer of Western Oregon and put the state back of the Jones bill? The bonds, to get the United States back of them, must be good; then, why, if the bonds are good enough for the United States, are they not good enough for the state?"

"When you have brought water to the land, you must have a man to farm it, and how is he to get and pay for it? He cannot pay for disconnected bonds, high interest charges and short-term payments."

"Before any progress can be had in that direction, some system of farm credit must be adopted which will admit of his purchasing on long term, easy payments."

Rural Credits Declared Essential.

"Rural credits are essential to the success of any irrigation scheme on an extensive scale."

"We have Eastern Oregon asking for aid for irrigation, Western Oregon asking for aid for drainage, and both wanting cheap money. We have men seeking money. Why not unite all these forces and get through the matter?"

"Why not put the state back of these projects?"

Mr. Day agreed with the other speakers at the congress that the Jones bill providing for Government backing of irrigation projects is an excellent bill and expressed the hope that it may be passed by Congress.

"But if it fails," he cried, "are you members of this Irrigation Congress going to let even another year slip by before taking steps to secure the relief that the situation demands?"

Backing Would Insure Development.

"The thing to do is to stop marking time and get into a united campaign to carry through the measure which will insure state backing of the projects, will make possible the development immediately of the irrigation and drainage projects of the state."

J. T. Hinkle, who preceded Mr. Day, had touched upon the apparent lack of public sympathy with the irrigation movement, and the failure of a bill embodying much the ideas advanced by Mr. Day to be carried in the last election by a referendum vote. Mr. Day replied to this by asserting that public sentiment has to be educated, and that if the irrigators let a single setback stop them they will never get what they are after.

O. C. Leiter, secretary of the resolutions committee of the Congress, addressed publicly before the Congress, and the failure of a bill to be passed by the Chamber would tend its support and indorsement.

Mr. Chapman, while expressing doubt that the Chamber would give a hasty decision in favor of any resolution of the congress might see fit to adopt, believed that it would give the most careful consideration to any measure proposed and take the position which seemed best for the State of Oregon at large.

He said that he believed the Chamber would not indorse the measure until the form of the bills proposed had been submitted to it.

G. Laugaard asserted that he had Finland has an area of 144,249 square miles, of which one-fifth is water, owing to the numerous lakes in the interior of the country.

CITY PLAN ADVANCED

J. A. Keating Urges State to Extend Bancroft Act.

SAVING IS POINTED OUT

Portland's Method of Guaranteeing Improvement Bonds Said to Be Possible on Larger Scale for Irrigation Districts.

Senator Promises Aid.

"Whether the measure be adopted or not, whether the people pass the bill or not, I am for this measure," replied Mr. Day.

"I am willing to go in, if the movement is initiated and given the support of the bill all the time and means I am able, to carry it through. The man who waits to take up a measure for the benefit of the state until he is certain of success immediately is of little use, and I would just as leave pioneer this bill as any other, that means the development of Oregon and the bettering of the conditions of living for its citizens."

The whole attitude of the Congress during the discussion was intensely enthusiastic and, while the movement in support of the Jones bill will go on probably as powerfully as ever, the discussion of the measure as a result of yesterday's session, appears to be to proceed along the lines of state aid at the same time, so that if the Jones bill fails, it still will have a definite and constructive program to carry forward.

Technical Problems Considered.

The resolution committee was in session last night until a late hour, and the principal resolutions that will be introduced this afternoon will probably be those indorsed by the Jones bill, and urging the organization of a campaign for the proposed state measure.

The engineering and legal phases of irrigation development were considered at the morning session, the principal speakers being Judge Carroll E. Graves, of Seattle; Attorney-General G. M. Brown and L. M. Rios, irrigation engineer, of Seattle.

O. LAUGAARD spoke in the afternoon on "The Irrigation District: A Solution of the Problem," and he also gave a brief report of the meeting of the International Irrigation Congress in San Francisco, December 2-3.

LETTER MISSING 5 YEARS

Mail Sent in 1910 Is Received by Addressee in Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—A letter mailed at Corvallis on July 7, 1910, was delivered in Albany this morning, having been five years in coming from the post office, a distance of 10 miles. The letter was addressed to Elmer Williamson, R. F. D. No. 3, Albany. At the time the letter was mailed, Mr. Williamson was residing with his father on rural route No. 4.

He has been living in Albany since June, 1912, and is assistant cashier of the Albany State Bank. The letter had been opened and had been sealed again with a Postoffice sticker. It also bore cancellation dated Albany, July 9, 1910. The Postoffice authorities are unable to explain where the letter has been for the past five years.

MILL BOARD TO SEE PLANS

Hawley Paper Company Directors Are Expected to Approve Addition.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The directors of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company will meet next week to check over the plans for the \$500,000 addition to the plant. As soon as the directors approve the plans, they will be announced.

W. P. Hawley, Jr., said today that the new mill would be built. Satisfactory agreements with the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, regarding power rights and with the city for a site have been completed.

It is expected that the company will begin to tear down some of the buildings on the site within the next two or three weeks.

The delta of the Mississippi River covers an area about equal to that of the State of Maryland.

CITY ACCEPTS REQUEST

SUIT PROSPECT IN VOORHIES CASE FACED BY DENVER.

Will of Pioneer Who Cut Off Nephew in Portland to Be Contested by Relatives, Say Lawyers.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The Denver City Council has decided to accept the request made by the late John H. P. Voorhies, Denver pioneer, of \$75,000, to be used in constructing an ornamental arch in the civic center to commemorate the late pioneer and his wife. It will do so with the prospect of accepting a lawsuit also.

The will is to be contested in the District Court anyway, according to announcement made to Judge Hotherber by attorneys for the heirs.

A brother and two nephews are behind the contest. The brother, William Voorhies, of New Orleans, who is mentioned in the petition as the "sole heir," received nothing, while a nephew received \$500.

This nephew was Dr. Charles Voorhies, of Lexington, Ky. The disinherited nephew is Edwin P. Hammond of Lafayette, Ind. A niece, Mrs. Nancy Voorhies Nichols, of Portland, Or., receives \$10,000. The other nephew is Gordon Voorhies, of Portland.

At the death of Mr. Voorhies, he left a will giving about \$25,000 of his \$100,000 estate to relatives and asking that the remainder be devoted to building a memorial arch or gate to his wife and himself.

"Investors and underwriting houses are accustomed to buying Bancroft bonds and they will be receptive to bonds similar to the Bancroft bonds, issued for irrigation purposes."

Mr. Keating declared that he believed that the voters of Oregon will feel supported a measure providing for the development of a financial plan for irrigation development such as he outlined.

Experts' Aid Is Described.

W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College, spoke on the assistance the state college can give to irrigation work by its extension work, the services of its experts in soil analysis and in other phases of agriculture, and by its training of irrigation engineers and irrigation farmers.

He pointed out that a thoroughly equipped irrigation engineer must be able to organize a movement for an irrigation project as well as the construction problems, if he is to be qualified to handle an irrigation project successfully.

The resolutions committee was in session throughout the evening and will present its report today.

It is expected that certain resolutions will be brought in indorsing the Jones bill and the Smith bill, now before Congress, and providing for steps to organize a movement for an initiative measure providing for state guarantee of principal and interest in irrigation and drainage bonds, as suggested by Senator I. N. Day yesterday.

Appointment will be made probably of a delegation to represent Oregon at the National Irrigation Congress in Washington, D. C., in the present session of the United States Congress.

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Jet Hats Beautiful Jet Hats The Latest In Women's Headwear OPTION GIVEN ON CITY SITE Hawley Paper Company Gets Time to Decide on \$20,000 Tract. OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—A 60-day option on city property wanted by the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company as a site for its proposed \$500,000 addition was signed last night by Mayor Jones and Recorder Loder. The transaction was completed after the ordinance authorizing it had unanimously passed the Council. The company has 60 days in which to make up its mind to take the property at \$20,000. An ordinance authorizing the exchange of a small site for another tract nearer the center of the business section passed its second reading. The fire-hall will be moved and repaired.

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