

BRITONS' HAD NOT SEEN A BARRACKS

War Department Finds No Evidence of Unneutral Recruiting at Vancouver.

DESERTIONS ONLY NORMAL

Investigators Say Portland Police Desisted From Apprehending Officers Because of Jeers of Their Comrades.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash., Jan. 25.—While desertions from the United States Army at Vancouver Barracks have increased because of inducement of better pay and promise of active service under the British flag, the War Department finds, after thorough investigation, that no British or Canadian officials have been inducing American soldiers to desert to join the British forces in Canada and ultimately in Europe.

The War Department today made public the findings of Colonel Carlton and other officers of the Inspector General's department who were sent to Vancouver Barracks to investigate charges of somewhat sensational character. The report of Colonel Carlton, though received more than a month ago, has been held back pending confirmation.

Desertions Only Eight a Month.

A statement by the War Department today announces the following findings with regard to conditions at Vancouver Barracks:

"Vancouver Barracks is not being used as a recruiting station for Great Britain. Desertions have not increased at an enormous rate at Vancouver Barracks. For the entire period of 1914 and 11 months of 1915 they amounted to only 183, or an average of eight per month. In Portland enlisted men have read letters from Canada from deserters from the United States Army, but in no case has it been proved that any directions have been given in these letters to intending deserters.

"The reading of letters appears to have been harmless, but the men who received them were not apprehended nor were efforts made to apprehend the foreign agents.

Police Unwilling to Be Jeered.

"The Portland police discontinued posting deserters from Vancouver Barracks and ceased to take an interest in their apprehension, due to unwillingness to subject themselves to taunts and jeers of enlisted men on their appearance at Vancouver with apprehended deserters.

"No conspiracy exists to use the Army to help out the Canadian recruiting service.

"Desertions from Vancouver Barracks have not been unrestrained. On the contrary intelligent and zealous efforts have been made by the post authorities to keep these desertions within normal bounds. No letters from Canadian recruiting agents have been exhibited by American soldiers. Desertions have increased at Vancouver Barracks due to inducements of better pay and promise of active service in Canada.

Work That of Individuals.

"Knowledge of these inducements may have been conveyed to enlisted men by individual sympathizers with the English cause or by the usual Canadian recruiting posters brought across the border.

"Efforts have been made by individuals to secure trained men for the Canadian service, but it is not believed that any individuals or organizations have been authorized by the Canadian officials to induce American soldiers to desert and enlist in the Canadian service. It seems unreasonable to believe that systematic efforts to induce our men to desert and join the Canadian forces could have been made at Vancouver Barracks without the knowledge of soldiers of German birth and sympathy who are found in every organization at that post and who it is manifest to the inspector would be keen to detect and quick to report any such violation of our neutrality."

PEACE JUNKIE IS JOYRIDE

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aged to furnish two meals. At the rate of European wagon restaurant fare those meals should have cost \$5 cents for lunch and \$1.25 for dinner, or \$375 for the party. The manager, however, charged just under \$100 and refused to allow any of the remaining food—there were eight whole turkeys untouched—to be eaten by the starving members of the expedition when the arrival was 10 hours late.

\$30,000 Spent in Christiana.

The four days spent in Christiana, counting the cost of train and the \$10,000 given the students' building, was \$30,000. The tips for the boat were \$400 and tips for the Grand Hotel in Christiana were \$250. It is any wonder that the waiters smile when we come into the room? The Stockholm bill will be \$30,000, including the train.

At every meal both here and in Christiana there are scores of graters. Most of the newspaper reporters of the town get both meals at the hotel; there are groups of students, curious outsiders, persons who have met one member of the party and like the means. At present we have an American chorus girl who was asked to join a Christmas eve restaurant party and hasn't left the main Ford party since.

Tonight at dinner I stood up in my place and counted 43 outside guests, none of whom as far as I know was

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AMERICA TO HAVE 42-CENTIMETER GUN

War Department Plans for Utilizing German Weapon Told to Committee.

FRENCH 75'S DUPLICATED

Rapidity of Fire Not Attained, but Is Expected—Utilization of Private Munition Factories Is Being Studied.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Some idea of what American Army officers are learning on the battlefields of Europe was given the Senate military committee today by Colonel C. G. Treat, of the Army War College. Much of what the Colonel said was treated as confidential, but it is known that he told the committee there was an American observer with the armies of each belligerent nation, and that their reports to the War College had been of great value in the preparation of new Army plans.

As a matter of course, Colonel Treat said, none of the observers would send home during the war information which might be of value to other belligerents should it become known in this country.

Types of Guns Discussed.

Both the Congressional committees obtained much information today as to artillery types. Brigadier-General Crozier, chief of ordnance, discussed in detail before the House committee the War Department's plans for his guns, while Colonel Treat, a field artilleryman, talked of the lessons drawn from the war.

Colonel Treat disclosed that the War Department has definite information as to the famous 42-centimeter howitzers which the Germans used to crush their way through French frontier forts. The guns can be fired without mounting them on concrete emplacements, he said, and made ready for use in less than an hour and a half after they reach a given point. Both he and General Crozier told of plans for using these guns, now being prepared in the War Department.

He said they would be used in coast defense work, although motor tractor plans for their use in field operations also are being worked out.

Trench Warfare Not Expected.

There is no reason to expect that trench warfare conditions will have to be met in this country, Colonel Treat said, and therefore the proportion of high explosive shells and shrapnel for field guns will not be altered as radically for the American Army as the French and British have found necessary. Describing the effect of high explosive fire at troops, he said it had been noted abroad that the moral effect of the detonation of these shells was far greater than that of shrapnel, although the latter was more deadly. A high explosive shell bursting at the head of a column, he said, while it killed fewer men than a shrapnel shell, would be more likely to check the advance.

The American three-inch field artillery, the Colonel said, was the French 75s in every respect but rapidity of fire, and experiments are in progress which, it is believed, will give the guns the advantages of the French weapon.

Private Factories May Be Used.

General Crozier's examination by the members of the House committee indicated that efforts would be made to write into the Army bill definite plans for utilizing private munition factories in time of war. Several suggestions were advanced, chiefly a proposal that the necessary patterns and machine attachments be made and stored so that every commercial rifle and machine gun factory could be converted quickly to turn out Army calibers. General Crozier estimated that this would cost \$275,000 and would produce the implements necessary for increasing the Government's capacity to make 1500 new model Springfield rifles a day to a total daily production for the country of 15,000 or more.

Without the preparation of such implements in advance, he said, conversion of the plants might take a year. It was pointed out that while many American-made rifles have gone abroad during the present war, none of the orders for the service models in use in various armies has yet been filled because of the time required to convert plants.

Men Do Not Enlist.

The only other witness heard was Adjutant-General McCain, who repeated before the Senate committee his belief that the United States could not recruit for the regular Army more than 50,000 men a year, under any circumstances. Asked what the chief difficulties in the way of getting men were, he said:

"Well, they just don't enlist."

General McCain said that there now is a reserve of approximately 1400 men for the regular Army, compared with the much-reduced force of 16 last year. The reserve law did not go into operation until last November. At the end of the first seven-year enlistment period, General McCain said, there would be from 50,000 to 60,000 regular Army reserves, and this number would be maintained as long as the authorized strength of the Army and the reserves were unchanged.

Admitting that the continental Army scheme was an experiment, the General said he believed a trial should be made, since he was positive an Army of 250,000 regulars could not be recruited. He declared there was no information on which to base an opinion as to whether the proposed 400,000 continental Army volunteers could be found.

STEEL COMMON PAYING

QUARTERLY DIVIDEND OF 1 1/4 PER CENT IS DECLARED.

Earnings in Last Three Months of 1915 Largest on Record for United States Corporation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—United States Steel common shares were restored to their regular dividend status of 5 per cent today when the directors unanimously declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 per cent of earnings for the last quarter of 1915. Total earnings of \$31,332,785 for the three months were the largest for any similar period in the history of the corporation, exceeding the previous record, made in the second quarter of 1907, by \$7,753,953.

That some fair dividend would be declared was foreshadowed in the recent decision of the corporation to increase the wage of its unskilled labor by 10

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—Fancy lounging or tailored robes, made from heavy Beacon blankets, plain ciderdown and all-wool blankets, in figured designs and plain colors. Trimmed with satin bandings, pipings and tailored cord. Made in at least a dozen different styles.

Robes to \$ 5.00 are now \$3.95
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Notion Sale

15c Wire Hair Frames for 10c
10c Bias Tapes5c
15c Sew-on Supporters5c
15c Dress Shields5c
25c Silk Dress Shields10c
25c Sanitary Aprons15c
25c Elastic Sanitary Belts 18c
50c Scott San. Aprons38c
10c Sanitary Napkins6c
25c Household Tape15c
5c Basting Thread4c
25c Shell Hair Combs and Barrettes10c
\$1.00 Kleintert Brassieres 79c
25c Pin-on Hose Supporters for12c
10c Collar Supports5c
10c Hooks and Eyes7c

Blankets—Both Wool, Cotton Fleece

Winter Warmth and Stock-Reducing Economies

—Just in time for the second spell of cold weather comes this offering of excellent blankets, consisting of 5000 pairs of heavy cotton-fleece blankets and 3000 pairs of all-wool blankets. Made with pretty fancy borders.

\$5.00 Wool Blankets \$3.95 \$10.00 Wool Blankets \$7.95
\$8.50 Wool Blankets \$6.85 \$11.50 Wool Blankets \$8.95
\$12.50 Wool Blankets for \$9.85

\$1.00 Cotton Blankets 83c \$1.65 Cotton Blankets \$1.35
\$1.25 Cotton Blankets 98c \$2.00 Cotton Blankets \$1.59
\$2.75 Cotton Fleece Blankets \$2.29

Third Day of the Silk Sale

\$1.75 Taffeta \$1.19

Were You Here Monday to Share in This Sale?

—Taffeta silks for Spring are to be worn more than any other fabric, so say fashion authorities. Surely there never were prettier, newer silks than these—new hairline stripes, checks and block checks, in all the very latest colorings.

Silks for Dresses
Silks for Waists
Silks for Every Purpose

—Of the best \$1.75 quality and every yard 36 inches wide. —Do not delay, but choose from this sale today. —Second Floor

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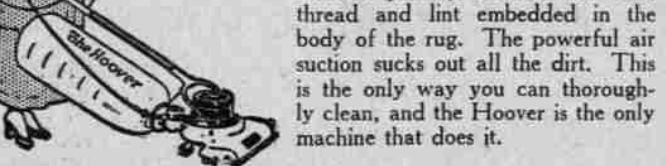
Special Demonstration Week Of the Famous Electric

Hoover Suction Sweeper Of the Modern Sanitary Way to "Clean House"

—The Hoover Suction Sweeper shakes, vigorously sweeps and draws out all dirt in your rugs—without injury to the nap—in fact, brings it back to the correct position and restores the original colors. The action of the Hoover is this:

—The air suction lifts the rug from the floor and holds it so that the electrically revolved brush (a Hoover patent) loosens the dirt, thread and lint embedded in the body of the rug. The powerful air suction sucks out all the dirt. This is the only way you can thoroughly clean, and the Hoover is the only machine that does it.

—Will you come in and try the Hoover yourself? Do it today. See the special demonstration on the first floor in front of the elevators.



per cent and the offering of the common stock to employees on the profit-sharing plan at 85.

The corporation's financial position may be judged from the fact that it has cash in banks amounting to \$105,000,000, while its surplus for the last quarter of 1915 amounted to more than \$25,000,000, as against a deficit of \$6,000,000 in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

Total earnings for 1915 were \$130,151,286, compared with \$51,746,518 in 1914. On the basis of returns for the last quarter of 1915, and with orders already in hand, it is believed the steel corporation's earnings for 1916 will run into unprecedented figures.

MURDERESS IS ACQUITTED

Jury Frees Woman Who Killed Man Threatening to Expose Her.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—A jury in the Superior Court today freed Mrs. Mary Pamelia arrested last October when she confessed that she had killed

a former sweetheart with an ax, cut his body into chunks, and stuffed it into a box couch where the police found it. He was Michael Weinstein, with whom Mrs. Pamelia had been friendly in Atlantic City.

The jury exonerated Mrs. Pamelia of the murder charge on her plea that she had killed Weinstein because he tried to coerce her with a threat that he would expose her to her husband.

Cottage Grove Resident Dies.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—David Gibson, a resident of Oregon for 41 years and a resident of Cottage Grove five years, died Sunday night following a lingering illness. He was born at Independence, Mo., in 1831. He was married to Miss Amanda Partin at Roseburg in 1878. She survives.

Third German Loan Completed.

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—(By wireless to SAVILLE, N. Y.)—Payments on the third German war loan have been completed, the last installment having been due

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Four More Days of the White Sale

From the Undermuslin Section

Have come some of the greatest bargains of the year, and for the four more days left of this great white sale the offerings will continue to be equally as attractive. For today we feature

45c, 65c and 85c Corset Covers For 29c, 39c and 59c

—These in the prettiest of styles, made from longcloth, nainsook or crepe, with dainty embroidery insets combined with lace insertions, or yokes of embroidery and lace insertion. Some are plain embroidery trimmed. All sizes are here.

40c, 45c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50 Drawers For 25c, 29c, 39c, 59c, 85c and \$1.00

—A great variety of separate drawers, made from fine longcloth or crepe, in the flat-leg or circular-cut style. In both regular and extra sizes. Lace, embroidery and ribbon trimmed. —Fourth Floor

Perhaps It's an Out-Worn Corset That Makes Your Dresses Set So Badly—So Why Not One of These

Corset Models at White Sale Prices

\$2.25 Corsets Special \$1.79

—Splendid models for all figures 19 to 30. With medium bust, long hips and back, without boning over the hips. Made of good quality batiste or coutil, neatly trimmed with lace and embroidery at the top. Three pairs substantial hose supporters attached.

\$3.50 to \$6.00 Corsets \$1.95

—These fine corsets come in small sizes only, 18, 19, 20 and 21, and are a real "find" for the small woman who wishes either high, low or medium bust and medium or long hips. These are also excellent for young women and schoolgirls.

\$3.00 Rengo Belt Corset \$1.95

—Made of coutil, featuring both the medium and low bust style, with extra length over the abdomen. Made with wide elastic in the back. Embroidery trimmed and reinforced. Three pairs of hose supporters attached. In sizes 19 to 30, for the medium and stout figures. —Fourth Floor

Three Styles—First of the Spring Models In Our Very Special \$1.50 Wynall Blouses

—The best styles we have ever offered in \$1.50 blouses, and you'll say so, too, when you see the fine sheer quality of voile from which they are made and the dainty trimmings of lace and embroidery combined with tuckings. All three models have long sleeves. In styles as illustrated. —Third Floor

TOWELS of All Kinds At New Low Record Sale Prices

50c BATH TOWELS 39c

—Extra heavy, double warp. Pure white, with hemmed ends. Size 27x54 inches.

60c BATH TOWELS 50c

—Heavy raised corded borders. Pure white only. Extra large size, in fine, substantial quality.

30c BATH TOWELS 25c

—Plain white or colored borders in red or blue. With neat hemmed ends. Good size.

20c BATH TOWELS 15c

—Good heavy weight, closely woven. Made with hemmed ends, in pure white only.

HUCK TOWELING 45c TO 90c YARD

—These prices are extraordinarily low. All widths from 15 to 24 inches are included, in plain and figured weaves, suitable for guest and regular size towels. A large assortment to select from.

SOILED HUCK TOWELS 38c TO \$1.19 PAIR

—Beautiful quality union and pure linen huck, with scalloped, hemstitched and plain hems. Some with space for initial. They come in pairs, extra special 38c to \$1.19 pair. —Second Floor

This Little Group of Silver Plated Table Accessories As Illustrated All \$1.00 Articles For 59c Each

—Butter tub, horseradish jar, mustard jar and a pair of salt and pepper shakers in a box. Made with clear, beautiful glass insets mounted in a pierced design of silver plate. —Sixth Floor



January 22. The total was 12,160,000,000 marks.

Amateur Auto Race Sanctioned.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—The contest board of the American Automobile Association has given its sanction to the holding of the first annual Western inter-club non-professional automobile race, to be held here in May, according to an announcement made public today. Only non-professional drivers and mechanics will be allowed to compete.

Members of the Portland Ad Club IMPORTANT NOTICE

Regular luncheon today will be held, through courtesy of L. Lundberg, Manager of the Benson Hotel, in the Crystal Room, BENSON HOTEL, at 1215 P. M. Sharp.

Be sure to attend. 12:15 P. M. Sharp. IMPORTANT NOTICE

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