

BAKER ADVOCATES POST FOR DIVISION

Large Plans for American Lake Revealed by Letter From Secretary.

CAMP SITE IS COMMENDED

Senator Chamberlain Disposed to Accept Secretary's Word That Project Does Not Interfere With Vancouver Barracks.

PROTEST MEETING IS CALLED.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce has called a special meeting of Portland citizens in the green room of the Oregon building, seventh floor, for this afternoon at 4 o'clock, when ways and means of maintaining the Army post at Vancouver will be discussed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 7.—What the War Department proposes to do with the 70,000 acres American Lake camp site near Tacoma, after it has been formally accepted as a gift from Pierce County, Washington, is not clear from the correspondence that has passed between Secretary Baker and the citizens of Tacoma.

Site Held Suitable for Division.

In a letter to the Tacoma citizens dated December 2, Secretary Baker agrees to accept the donation of the American Lake site "for the purpose of maintaining there a permanent mobilization, training and supply station."

Question Is Up to Congress.

It is evident from this that Congress has the final word in the matter. Secretary Baker's plan for the American Lake site shall be maintained as a maneuver and training camp or shall be built up as a permanent Army post, for the purpose of War, is up to Congress to decide.

Early Correspondence Made Public.

Among other papers sent to Senator Chamberlain is a report made in 1912 by a board consisting of Major General Murray, Brigadier-General Mackay and Captain Craig, who were ordered to investigate and determine the most suitable site in the Puget Sound district for a post to accommodate not to exceed a brigade of infantry for the support of the coast defenses of the sound.

RHEUMATISM GOES IF HOOD'S IS USED

The genuine old reliable Hood's Sarsaparilla corrects the acid condition of the blood and builds up the whole system. It drives out rheumatism because it cleanses the blood.

There is no better remedy for skin and blood disease, for leprosy, rheumatism, stomach and kidney troubles, general debility and all ills arising from impure, impoverished, devitalized blood.

BELLANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

STATUE OF LIBERTY ADORNED IN HER WHITE LIGHT ROBE FOR FIRST TIME.



THE STATUE OF LIBERTY AS IT APPEARED WHEN IT WAS ILLUMINATED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

President Wilson gave the signal for illuminating the Bartholdi statue for the first time last Sunday. Light reigns supreme over Lower New York. A few of the battleships of the Atlantic squadron played their searchlights on her and the Battery was brilliantly illuminated.

A dinner commemorating the first lighting of the statue was held in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. The President made a short address.

front between American Lake and Puget Sound, was unwilling to sell on what were considered reasonable terms. Apparently, from the correspondence sent to Senator Chamberlain, the brigade post idea was dropped, but the fact that the 1912 board report was submitted as a part of the papers, coupled with Secretary Baker's promise to "establish a division of mobile troops" at American Lake, seems to indicate that the present Secretary of War intends ultimately, if Congress be willing, to build up a post at American Lake twice the size of that contemplated four years ago.

Effect on Vancouver Considered. Senator Chamberlain says the Secretary of War has full authority under the law to accept the donation of the American Lake site, but points out that only with the co-operation of Congress can it be made a permanent Army post. Until something further develops Senator Chamberlain is disposed to accept the word of Secretary Baker that the American Lake project does not contemplate any interference with Vancouver Barracks.

VANCOUVER TO JOIN FIGHT

Portland to Co-operate in Opposing Belittling of Army Post.

Vancouver not only will join with Portland in making a fight of the post determined kind against the removal of troops from Vancouver Barracks to the proposed military camp to be established at American Lake, but will carry on a campaign of its own of opposition to any attempt on the part of Secretary of War Baker to overshadow Vancouver's long-established eminence as military headquarters in this part of the Pacific Northwest.

Portland business interests, which are naturally opposed to the removal of troops from Vancouver, will work with Vancouver to the fullest extent. The Chamber of Commerce awaits word from Senator Chamberlain as to what steps are needed to uphold Vancouver's military prestige, and will act as soon as the situation is simplified.

Veterans Reorganize New Camp.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special).—Three hundred members of the Marion County Veterans Association gathered at the Armory here today from all parts of the county for their quarterly meeting. A luncheon was served and campfire talks given by leading veterans. The organization officially recognized the new association of Mexican Border Veterans organized here by Company M, Oregon National Guard, and called Tia Juana Camp No. 1.

Civilians to Be Decorated.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The German Emperor has established a decoration for

ARABIA TRANSPORT, BERLIN DECLARES

German Government Defends Act of Submarine Commander in Sinking Ship.

QUESTION STILL IS OPEN

Affair Would Be Considered "Regrettable Mistake" if Washington Present Data Showing Conclusion Is Wrong.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Germany's acceptance of responsibility for the sinking without warning of the British liner Arabia, with the explanation that her submarine commander took the vessel for an auxiliary warship, has brought the issue over submarine warfare to a more serious and clear-cut basis than anything that has happened since the threat of the United States last April to break diplomatic relations after the torpedoing of the channel liner Sussex.

Such information as the American Government now has tends to show that the Arabia was a passenger ship of the Peninsular & Oriental line, passing through the Mediterranean on a regular voyage. Among the passengers was an American citizen who was rescued.

Result of Inquiry Stated.

The text of the note is: "The undersigned has the honor to inform Mr. Grew, charge d'affaires of the United States at Berlin, in reply to the note of the 21st ultimo, that the investigation conducted by the German government concerning the sinking of the liner Arabia has led to the following results:

"On the morning of November 5 a German submarine encountered a large steamer coming from the Corigo straits, 100 nautical miles west of the island of Corigo. The steamer was painted black and had a superstructure and not, as is otherwise the case with P. & O. line superstructures, a light color.

"The steamer, which was identical with the Arabia, was not traveling on the route regularly used by the passenger steamers between Port Said and Malta, as is made plain on the enclosed map, but was taking a zigzag course toward the west, 120 nautical miles north of the Arabia's course, on which the submarine passed three similar steamers at the same spot on the same morning, leads from the fact that the Arabia was moving on the transport route Corigo-Malta, used solely for war purposes, according to the experience until now.

"Workmen Soldiers" on Board.

"The commander of the submarine further ascertained that there were large batches of Chinese and other colored persons in the steamer. He considered them to be workmen soldiers such as are used in great numbers behind the front by the enemies of Germany. In spite of the clear weather and careful observation he did not perceive any women and children.

"In consequence of the commander of the submarine was convinced that in the case of this steamer he was concerned with the enemies of Germany in the service of the British government which is to be considered as an auxiliary warship, according to international law, and can therefore be treated like a warship. He accordingly considered himself justified in attacking the steamer without delay and sank it.

"Should the American government give the official data showing that the Arabia was at the time the torpedoed an ordinary passenger steamer, the action of the commander would not have been in accordance with the instructions given him, since these instructions are now as before in agreement with the assurances of the German note of May, 1916. This would then be a case of a regrettable mistake from which the German government would promptly draw the appropriate consequences.

Explanation Regarded as Weak.

In official quarters the German explanation is regarded as weak and unsatisfactory, no weight being attached to the statement that the Arabia was painted like a transport, and was following a route usually taken by transports and that the submarine commander saw many Chinese but no women and children aboard her. It is realized, however, that if official data finally establish the innocent character of the vessel, in view of the Sussex note, virtually only one course of action remains open to the United States and Germany, and that is to make every possible consideration had been given Germany's position.

While Secretary Lansing refused all comment today beyond the publication of the note, it is known authoritatively that Germany's admission in the Arabia case, her similar admission in the Marjorie case, and the early facts in the sinking of the American steamer Chemung have combined to cause much anxiety.

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ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 7.—The Newfoundland government, under the provisions of the war measures act, has prohibited the admission into Newfoundland of the American publications that have been excluded from English and Canadian territories.

PUBLICATIONS ARE BARRED

New Foundland Follows Action of Britain and Canada.

The regulation specifically forbids the bringing in of these newspapers either by mail or freight, and makes it illegal for any person to have a copy in his possession, even if sent by friends abroad. A heavy fine is provided for violation of the prohibition.

"Good-Bye, Bowie"

Only two more days to see

WILLIAM S. HART in his remarkable characterization of "Bowie" Blake in

The Devil's Double

Special Film Story of the Yale-Harvard Game

"ALICE IN SOCIETY"

A 3-reel funfest

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Portland Agents for Butterick Patterns and Publications—Latest Fall Styles Now Shown

Advertisement for Roberts Bros. Store. Includes text: STORE OPENS DAILY AT 8:30 A. M. ON SATURDAYS 9:00 A. M. PACIFIC PHONE MARSHALL 5080. The Most in Value—The Best in Quality. STORE CLOSING DAILY AT 5:30 P. M. ON SATURDAYS 6:00 P. M. HOME PHONE A 2112.

We Are Ready With New and Novel Gifts as Well as Practical Suggestions for the Whole Family

Underpriced Offerings for Our 839th Bargain Friday Sale

Helpful—that's it, exactly—and could help like this be more truly welcome than right now, when you perhaps are undecided what to give and what to pay. This ad simply hints at a few substantial gift things, chosen at random from overflowing stocks. But it is a safe guide to follow, because it indicates the trend of the savings. Underpriced specials for our great Bargain Friday Sale. The ideas will stimulate active thought, if nothing more; but you must cross the threshold if you would appreciate the real importance of splendidly helpful offerings we've made for holiday shoppers.

Glove and Merchandise Bonds Are Issued for Any Amount—Redeemable at Any Time in Any Department

An Astonishing Underpricing of Women's Winter Coats

Our entire stock, including the season's most fashionable styles in the most popular materials—Velours, Broadcloth, Novelty Mixtures, Plush, double-faced fabrics and the most desirable plain colored Coatings—Three great lots radically reduced:

To \$10 For Lines Selling to \$16.50 To \$15 For Lines Selling to \$21.00 To \$20 For Lines Selling to \$30.00

Smart, Practical, Serviceable Coats More than 300 Coats to choose from, in which is a splendid diversity of belted, loose flaring, tailored and effectively trimmed models—many with fur—the materials shown are wool velour, plush, zibeline, boucle, kersey, plaids, mixtures, wool plushes, as well as other popular novelty fabrics in shades of green, brown, navy, black, burgundy, etc.—all sizes from 16-year misses' to women's 44 bust measurement. Come to this sale and select from

Selling Regularly to \$30.00—Friday at \$10, \$15 and \$20

\$3.98 FOR WOMEN'S ONE-PIECE SERGE DRESSES—The Best Styles in All Sizes—In Navy, Brown, Green and Copenhagen—Values to \$5.95.

A Sensational Purchase and Sale Women's Sample Neckwear

The Latest Novelties in Collars, Vestees, Sets, Gimpes, etc.—\$1.00 to \$1.50 Values. All to Go Friday at... 63c. Particularly feminine and exquisitely dainty neckwear priced for this sale at half and less than regular retail figures. A prominent manufacturer's sample line of high-grade novelties—the latest new styles in broadcloth collars and sets, Georgette crepe collars, sets and vestees—Oriental lace and sheer embroidered organdie gimpes—hand embroidered collars, etc. Hundreds of pieces to select from—all crisp, new, and no two alike. Regular \$1.00 to \$1.50 qualities at only... 63c.

Children's Handkerchiefs, Usually 10c Sold at 18c, 3 for... 10c. Purchase your needs at this saving sale of children's neat embroidered handkerchiefs—they come three in a fancy holiday box and are regularly sold at 18c. Priced for Bargain Friday at...

CREPE DE CHINE AND SATIN BOUDOIR CAPS AT 59c—A beautiful line of new boudoir caps made of the finest crepe de chine or satin—trimmed with lace and ribbon trimming—all colors—59c each cap put up in a fancy holiday box—instead of \$1.50—An ideal Christmas gift—semi-made

SEMI-MADE CORSET COVERS AT 89c INSTEAD OF \$1.50—An ideal Christmas gift—semi-made corset covers, complete, with shoulder straps—they come in many styles, trimmed with hand-embroidery, and are the kind regularly sold at \$1.50. Priced for Bargain Friday at... 89c

ALL SATIN RIBBONS TO CLOSE AT HALF PRICE—Best grade satin ribbons in white, pink and light blue, in numbers from 5 to 100—the entire lot on sale, Bargain Friday at... HALF PRICE

EXTRA! Special For Friday! A Pre-Holiday Sale of Wool Toques, Tams, Caps

For Infants, Children and Misses All Popular Styles and Colors in Values to 85c, 59c One Day Only at...

An attractive and acceptable gift underpriced—you have choice from a splendid variety of styles in plain colors, neat mixtures and desirable color combinations. The popular little toques for school children and infants—the fashionable two-button caps in all shades of color—the ever-popular tams in white, blue, rose, green and in Angora finish—these and many other 59c dainty styles in knit wool headwear in values to 85c, choice Friday

GIFTS! For the Men!

Unlimited assortments with many offerings underpriced—practical gifts in worthy quantities—the kind that men will appreciate and long remember. 25c FOR MEN'S SILK FOUR-IN-HAND TIES WORTH 50c—An extensive variety of light and dark patterns to select from—all four-in-hand ties in a quality regularly sold at 50c. A leading offering, Bargain Friday, 25c. 79c FOR MEN'S SILK HESPER IN GRAY, cream and white. Best \$1.00 grade, Bargain Friday at 79c. 79c FOR MEN'S SUNDERS AND GAUZE SETS—in fancy holiday box—\$1.00 sets, Bargain Friday at 79c. 69c FOR MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS in the most popular patterns and colorings, in all sizes, Bargain Friday at 69c. \$2.95—MEN'S BATH ROBES, this sale, at... \$2.95

EXTRA! SPECIAL SALE WOMEN'S Union Suits at 47c

BEST 75c GRADE Medium weight, fleeced cotton Union Suits, shown in styles with Dutch neck and elbow sleeves; also with high neck with long sleeves—all sizes in ankle length; best 75c grade, Bargain Friday at 47c. Outsize Reg. \$1.00, Friday at 63c

Turkish Towels at 25c Each

BEST 35c GRADE 100 Dozen in Plain White 100 Doz. in Border Styles and Stripes In our domestic section we have arranged many special offerings in inexpensive Xmas gifts especially appropriate for housekeeping. Take this item for example: 200 dozen fine, large size Turkish towels. All white and in pink and blue checks or border styles. Best 35c grade, Bargain Friday at... 25c

A Gift! Great Pre-Holiday Sale of Gold Filled Locket \$1.49

\$2.00 TO \$3.00 VALUES At this unusual price reduction we are closing out a fine lot of gold-filled lockets. They come in plain styles and in engraved designs. They are guaranteed for 18 to 24 years and are the kind regularly sold at \$2.00 to \$3.00. While the lot lasts, Bargain Friday... \$1.49



A Gift! For the Little Lady! An Underprice Sale of

Jointed Dolls

at \$1.69

Best \$2.50 Grade

A Small Deposit Will Hold Your Purchase for Future Delivery If You So Desire

If there is a little lady you wish to present with a delightfully attractive doll, don't fail to profit by this sale. We have underpriced a limited number of full-jointed dolls, 24 inches long, made in the sewed, parted wig, moving eyes with neat chemise, shoes and stockings. A doll regularly sold at \$2.50, on sale Bargain Friday, day at... \$1.69