

HE RECOMMENDS SUBMARINE BASE

Navy Board Also to Ask for Aviation Establishment at Columbia Mouth.

PROTECTION NEED URGED

River Is Held of Strategic Importance, Not Adequately Defended Now, but Unsuitable for Big Warships.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 12.—The mouth of the Columbia River should be adequately protected, both by land and by sea, and is not so protected at the present time, is the conclusion of the Helm Naval Board, which recently visited the Pacific Coast. But, in the opinion of the board, the Naval defense of the mouth of the Columbia should be confined, at this time, to a submarine and aviation base. The board is not in favor of establishing a first-class Naval base on the Columbia.

On the other hand, the board concludes that there should be two thoroughly developed Navy-yards on the Pacific Coast, having treble the facilities of the existing yards. It recommends the vast expansion of the Puget Sound yard and the establishment of a new yard on deep water in San Francisco Bay. An immediate appropriation of \$2,500,000 is recommended for the Puget Sound yard.

Submarine Base Recommended.

Specific recommendations for a submarine and aviation base at the mouth of the Columbia River will be embodied in a subsequent report to be filed by the Helm board. The report already submitted to Congress deals primarily with first-class navy-yards. The commission examined carefully the Columbia River with a view to determining its suitability for the establishment of a navy-yard thereon, says the Helm board report. "Strategically, the mouth of the Columbia River is well located for such purposes, but a possible base for a fleet its physical disadvantages must be considered.

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STEEL THIEF FRUSTRATED

Load of 2200 Pounds Taken From Giebisch & Joplin Yard.

Seven lengths of steel, each 16 feet long and weighing in the aggregate about 2200 pounds, were the plunder selected by a thief yesterday morning. "Driving a one-horse wagon, a stranger appeared at the yard of Giebisch & Joplin, contractors, at Sixty-eighth and Joplin streets. He told the foreman, William Schrader, that Mr. Giebisch had authorized him to haul the steel away, and loaded up the wagon. Schrader telephoned to his employer, who denied having given the order, and Ferdinand Joplin, the other partner,

SPECIAL ARMY OFFICER INSPECTS NATIONAL GUARD.

Arrival in Portland Is Scheduled for 8 A. M. Wednesday—Battery and Cavalry to Reach Here Few Minutes Apart.



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BARBER PICKETED BY REGIMENTAL TROOPS

Sacramento Proprietor May Be Prosecuted for Overcharging Soldiers.

TRAIN NEARS STATE LINE

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SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 12.—A barber shop was picketed for several hours today by a soldier in the uniform of a National Guardsman, who kept fellow soldiers from entering, during the stay in Sacramento of a troop train returning from the border with Oregon and Washington troops.

The proprietor of the barber shop, D. M. Combs, may be prosecuted under the Federal law for discriminating against men in soldiers' uniforms, according to Captain George A. White, of Troop A, from Portland, who was in command of the troop train. White formerly was Adjutant-General of Oregon.

Soldiers Are Overcharged.

Guard officers reported to Captain White that they had been overcharged for tonsorial work in the shop, being forced to pay 25 cents for being shaved, instead of the regular 15 cents, and paying more than customary rates for shampoo, face massages and other work.

Captain White posted a guard in front of the shop to keep other soldiers from entering and went in search of the City Prosecutor, for advice. This he was unable to get, owing to the fact it is a holiday. He then declared he would secure affidavits and forward them to the United States District Attorney in San Francisco after the troops get home.

GERBER, CAL., Feb. 12.—(Special).—

The Oregon troops will enter their home state early in the morning. They passed this point at 7:30 o'clock to night and will make their next stop at some Southern Oregon point, where the 500 men and 112 horses of the Oregon and Washington troops will be detained for exercise.

Main Day S. A. M., Wednesday.

They are due to reach the Union Depot in Portland at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. How long they will remain there before being transferred to Yreka is not yet decided.

A stop of four hours was made today at Sacramento, where horses and men were unloaded. No cases of sickness have developed among the troops.

The first train with the Oregon battery, under Captain Helme, left Sacramento at 1:30 P. M., while the second train with the Oregon Cavalry and Washington troops commanded by Captain White pulled out at 2:10. It has been arranged for the two trains to enter Portland 10 or 15 minutes apart.

HALF-HOLIDAY IS PROCLAIMED

Plans Completed for Rousing Welcome to Troops.

Portland will give a rousing welcome to the Oregon troops when they arrive tomorrow. The committee in charge virtually completed plans for the reception at a meeting held at noon yesterday.

In honor of the guardsmen who have been on constant duty at the border for eight months, Mayor Albion Baker declared a half holiday tomorrow afternoon, so that as many persons as possible may participate in the home-coming ceremonies.

A big military parade will be held in the afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock. In the line of march will be members of the old First Regiment, under command of General Charles F. Beebe; Spanish-American War veterans, members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the various fraternal organizations.

Beginning at 7 o'clock tomorrow night, an elaborate banquet will be given at the Multnomah Hotel. Members of Troop A and Battery A and guardsmen who have been on duty from the border will be guests. Fourteen other guests will be especially invited, as follows: Governor Withycombe, Mayor Albion Baker, Captain A. W. Orton and Captain Frank Tibbets, ex-commander of Troop A; Frank R. Radial, department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic; Major H. U. Welch, formerly commander of the Spanish-American War Veterans; Captain Lee M. Clark, of the battery veterans; George C. Brown, of the Spanish-American War Veterans; and Colonel C. V. Gantenbein, who will be toastmaster.

The reception and dance will begin at 9 o'clock, immediately following the banquet. The general committee has selected only members of the various military organizations and their auxiliaries for places on the reception committee. The public is invited to attend the reception and dance.

According to present plans, the troops will proceed directly to Vancouver Barracks after arriving in Portland, and will be mustered out there. They will be met by Mayor Albion Baker and the Police Band immediately upon their arrival.

Four British steamers and one Greek steamer are reported to have been sunk. The aggregate tonnage of the vessels was \$361.

AND BEING RESTORED

GERMANS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PAUSE IN ROMANIA.

Extensive Measures Adopted for Beginning Spring Planting—Hospitals Equipped and Reorganized.

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—(By wire) to Sayville, N. Y.—The pause in the fighting caused by extreme cold and violent snow storms along the Roumanian front has given the troops of the central powers an opportunity to repair the lost roads in Roumania and to reconstruct bridges and railroads, says the Overseas News Agency. The railroad traffic there is again in full swing almost all lines.

Refugees are being transported back to their villages, extensive measures have been taken to start planting in the Spring, and factories are being reopened.

Steps also are being taken to increase the number of hospitals. At Buzzeu, where there were three Roumanian hospitals containing altogether 800 beds, there now are 11 hospitals with 2448 beds. When the troops of the central powers entered Fokshani it contained only one hospital with 250 beds, and was in an intolerable condition.

The number of beds there now has been increased to 2300, some of which are in schools and other public buildings. Each of these is equipped with

modern sanitary appliances. The municipal hospitals are administered by German surgeons and provided with German material and medicine.

The municipal bathing establishment at Fokshani, which was left in an abandoned condition, has been completely restored. Special hospitals for the treatment of eye and ear cases are under construction, and laboratories for bacteriological examinations and use of Roentgen-rays already are in operation. In this work the Roumanian Red Cross, which was reorganized after the German pattern, is assisting.

Since there is plenty of food the invalids and wounded are receiving ample nourishment.

BERLIN, Feb. 12, via wire) to Sayville, N. Y.—Reconstruction work in East Prussia has made marked progress, says the Overseas News Agency announcement today. "According to official statistics," it is said, "11,000 buildings out of 30,000 destroyed by the Russians have been completely rebuilt."

BERNSTORFF PACKS UP

AMBASSADOR SAYS FAREWELL TO FRIENDS IN CAPITAL.

Trunks Are Piled High, Ready for Leaving Today—Steamer Will Sail From New York Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Count and Countess von Bernstorff said farewell today to a host of personal friends made during their eight years' residence in Washington. All day there was a stream of callers at the embassy and late today several intimate friends were entertained at tea.

The ex-ambassador, his wife and the embassy staff will leave Washington for New York tomorrow night to sail for London Wednesday on the Danish liner Frederik VIII.

All but last-minute packing, has been completed at the embassy and trunks are piled high in many of the rooms. The file rooms, in which official papers are kept, have been put in order, and everything is in readiness for the Swiss Minister, who has taken over Germany's interests in this country, to assume charge.

Count von Bernstorff completed today one special task he had set for himself. In his library there is a hardwood cabinet in which were filed personal letters, papers and copies of official notes, accumulations of eight years. Visitors found the ex-ambassador sitting in front of the big fireplace with stacks of letters before him, glancing at them one by one and destroying most of them, but placing a few aside, as the reason that they crossed and recrossed his face was no indication of his thoughts, the task was not one which he relished.

Tomorrow the ambassador's last day in Washington will be occupied by more farewells and probably a part of the afternoon will be spent in a movie picture of the city.

The Count and Countess von Bernstorff and his wife are especially fond of the movies, and even during the busy days of their residence in Washington they have had opportunity to spend an hour or two watching a play on the screen.

Progress of the War.

A PROPOSAL by Germany, made through the Swiss Minister at Washington, to negotiate, formally or informally, with the United States concerning the new submarine campaign has been declined by the United States Government unless Germany renews its assurance that in connection with the sinking of the steamer Sussex, in which several Americans lost their lives, and acts upon that assurance.

The American commission for relief in Belgium has informed the German authorities that owing to Germany's notification that American citizens could no longer occupy positions in connection with the commission, it will withdraw its representatives from the relief work in Belgium and Northern France for the 10,000,000 destitute persons in these countries.

Considerable fighting between the British and Germans in the Ancre region in France continues. Again the British have attacked the Germans north of the river in the vicinity of the Beaucourt-Puisieux road and captured about 600 yards of trenches. Serre, midway between Beaucourt and Puisieux, the Germans delivered an attack on the British trenches, but were repulsed, according to the British War Office.

Berlin, on the other hand, says the British in attacks against wrecked German trenches from Serre to the river, the British had driven back the British. It is admitted, however, that a trench southeast of Serre, which had been rendered unserviceable, was evacuated, but here the British offensive was launched.

On the remainder of the fronts, bombardments and minor operations have been going on. On the Russian front the Germans have attacked the Russian lines at several points and succeeded in two sectors in entering Russian trenches only later to be driven out, according to Petrograd. The Berlin War Office reported a successful counter for the Germans against the Russians west of Lutsk.

The recapture by Italians of positions taken from them last week in the Gorizia zone by the Austrians is told of official Austrian communications. More than 100 men were made prisoner in the engagement. On none of the other fronts has there been any fighting of great moment.

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Andrew Bonar Law, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, has asked the House of Commons to vote the government new credit for the conduct of the war, amounting to \$550,000,000.

GIRLS' SCHOOL HEAD GOES

Mrs. Hopkins' Leave Permanent, Is Report; Minnie Darst Succeeds.

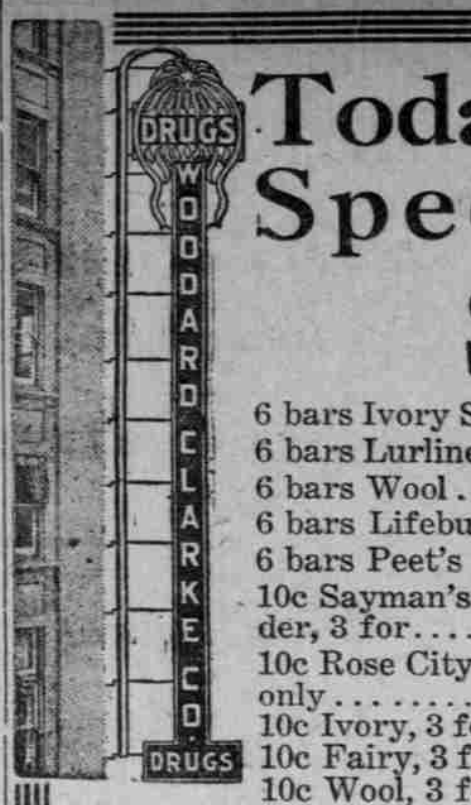
SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special).—It was intimated that the head of the absence for three months granted to Mrs. Esther M. Hopkins as Superintendent of the Girls' Industrial School, may become permanent.

Miss Minnie Darst, of San Diego, has arrived to take charge of the school.

Expecting the Stork?

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WASHINGTON TO ACT

Threatened Rebellion in Cuba Is Blocked.

De Zayas Adherents Say President Menocal Will Oppose Seating of Their Man if He Wins—Authorities Now Control.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—An appeal to the Cubans not to plunge their country into another revolution has been sent to Havana by Secretary Lansing. Around the realization that the contested presidential election in Cuba already had reached the incipient stage of rebellion, the State Department decided to issue to the people an urgent injunction to await the outcome of the voting and to abide by the decision of their courts.

The communication was sent to the American Minister with the instructions to have it published throughout the country.

The Cubans were reminded in the message that close elections are not uncommon in all countries, and that in the United States the selection of the winning candidate often is determined only after a contest, the case of Tilden and Hayes being cited as notable.

Appeal Is Not Received.

It had been reported that the opposition party had appealed to the United States to supervise the special election that has been called for February 14, but at the State Department it was denied that such request had been received. Through the American Minister at Havana, it was made known that the United States could not countenance the recurrence of civil war.

Minister Gonzalez at Havana notified the State Department today of revolutionary activity in Cuba, but added that President Menocal appears to have the little rebellion under control. Several Lieutenants charged with complicity in the plot are being held.

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Responsibility for the revolt is thrown by the Menocal administration upon political leaders of the opposition, whose candidate for the Presidency is Dr. Alfredo De Zayas. The special election in the State of Cuba, province, necessary to determine the result of the Presidential election, will be held February 14, but certain men of the De Zayas faction allege that even if De Zayas is elected, President Menocal will oppose his seating.

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MURDER AD CONFESSED

CANADIAN SAYS HE WAS PRESENT WHEN MAZIE COLBERT WAS SLAIN.

Frederick J. Farrell, 25, of Army Medical Service, Surrenders to Police in Montreal.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.—Captain of Detectives Tate today said that he had received a telegram from the police of Montreal, Canada, that a man named Frederick J. Farrell, 25 years old, serving in the army medical corps, had surrendered himself in connection with the murder of Mazie Colbert, the advertising art model, slain in her apartments here December 23.

Farrell, according to the telegram, Captain Tate said, declared he was with Bernard W. Lewis, of Pittsburgh, Pa., when the girl was killed and assisted Lewis in putting her in bed.

Lewis committed suicide in Atlantic City when about to be arrested in connection with the Colbert case.

Full Regiment Due if War Comes.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 6.—A full regiment would be raised at the University of Minnesota in event America is

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CAPTAIN STEVENS TO QUIT

Long Service on Vancouver Ferry to End With Bridge Opening.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special).—After traveling a distance equal to more than three times around the world on the Vancouver ferry, operating between Vancouver and Hayden Island, on the Portland-Vancouver run, Captain Frank Stevens will resign his command of the City of Vancouver. Captain Stevens crossed the Columbia River on the original first ferry in 1858, and has been captain since 1879.

The present ferry, built at a cost of about \$55,000 and put into service about 1902, will be taken to a dock in Portland and may be overhauled and used some other place.

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