

DRAFT RUMOR TRAIL LEADS OUT OF CITY

False Reports Are Traced to
Incorrect Dispatch to Prom-
inent Brokerage Firm.

SLEUTHS' METHOD SIMPLE

Each Person Spreading News Questioned in Turn by Secret Agents.
All Who Make Draft Subject of Jokes Face Prosecution.

Government special agents, working under instructions from United States Attorney Reames, yesterday ran down the source in Portland of false reports to the effect that drawings had been made for the draft.

These reports, which purported even to give the specific card numbers of the men who were to be called into military service at once, created intense excitement Thursday.

They came, the Government agents learned, from a prominent brokerage firm, which receives many wire reports from other cities. This firm received the draft rumor and the purported numbers drawn by telegraph from Salt Lake City.

Examination Is Searching.
After a searching examination of members of the firm, and corroboration of their statements from other sources, Mr. Reames reached the conclusion that they had been innocent of attempted mischief.

In fact, they had not themselves spread the report. Ten minutes after receipt of the message from Salt Lake City giving alleged details of the draft, another came stating that the first message was incorrect and it be "killed."

In the meantime, however, the telegram had been lying on a table. One of the patrons of the firm excitedly read it, copied off the numbers, and started pell mell up the street spreading the evil tidings.

This was about 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning. Within an hour it had spread all over town, causing intense excitement. In giving the numbers of those alleged to have been called up for draft the stories carried the supposed information that these numbers applied to every precinct in the United States.

County Numbers to Be Used.
As a matter of fact, the draft will not be made on precinct numbers at all, but county numbers. The local exemption boards of every county of every state in the Union within the past week have been rushing work, under direction of the War Department, to give new serial numbers to all registration cards within their counties.

These new numbers do not correspond with the old ones. The draft cannot be made until reports that the renumbering has been completed are received from every state, which will probably be within a week.

George A. White, Adjutant-General of the Oregon National Guard, and United States Attorney Reames promptly branded the stories as false. Much mischief was done. Government agents immediately got busy trying to trace the perpetrators.

Prosecution Is Possible.
It was very fortunate for the firm in question that it was able to demonstrate its innocence of malicious intent, for under the espionage law passed by Congress and effective June 15, any person who gives out false information obviously intended to hamper military operations, is subject, on conviction, to a fine of \$10,000 and 10 years' imprisonment.

The draft law will not be a safe thing for practical jokers to meddle with, for the Government takes the view that any false reports in connection with it are likely to disorganize the whole scheme of selecting men under its provisions.

The method by which the Government special agents traced the reports to their source was exceedingly simple, but at the same time remarkably effective.

When they got to work all kinds of rumors were flying about. They calmly picked up the first person whom they found spreading the reports in conversation, and took him to Mr. Reames' office.

Each Suspect Questioned.
There he was questioned as to who told him the reports that he in turn was an industriously spreading. He promptly "passed the buck" to another energetic purveyor of gossip.

The special agents then went after this man, at the same time taking the precaution of holding the first man until they got the second.

This procedure went on all night Thursday and Friday morning, up to 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

At that time the special agents had run the rumor through 32 links of a living chain, each chain being a man or woman, until on the 33d link they reached the brokerage firm in question.

"I am satisfied that this firm had no intention of spreading a false report," said Mr. Reames yesterday. "This explanation has been called up in every particular and found to be true. Accordingly, they will not be prosecuted."

No Joking to Be Tolerated.
"The incident should be impressive, however," I advise any humorously inclined person who feels inclined to

fringe some one or two of his registered friends into making them believe they have been drafted to abstain from his joke. The consequences are too likely to be serious.

"This is one subject on which no joking can be tolerated, for it would be easy for such an incident to disorganize the whole arrangement for calling out drafted men."

"The incident is not wholly closed even yet. I have taken up the matter with Government officials in Salt Lake, Seattle, Chicago, New York and Washington. Every attempt will be made to run down the absolute source of the reports, which first emanated from some point in the East. So far as I am concerned, I shall insist that the guilty firm, if it originated with a firm, as seems likely because of the widespread use of the wires, be denied the use of the wires hereafter."

"One result of the disclosure is likely to be a strict censorship of private news wires."

FUN MAY AID RED CROSS

DOUBLE BENEFIT BY AMUSEMENTS
FOR SOLDIERS PROPOSED.

Plans Are Under Way for Supervision of All Concessions at American Lake.

TACOMA, Wash., July 6.—(Special.)—Plans to have all amusement concessions at the American Lake cantonment and all concessions not covered by the legitimate field of the Army post canteen placed under the supervision of the Red Cross, with the profits of the \$1,000,000 monthly post payroll assured to go into the Red Cross funds, are taking form today.

The plan has been taken up by the Commercial Club and civic organizations of Tacoma and will include purchase of all supplies from Tacoma firms. It has been recommended by Major David L. Stone to the War Department and has his hearty approval.

Major Stone has written also to the chairman of the American Red Cross Society, endorsing the plan.

William Jones, financier; George S. Long, of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, and other Tacoma high financial and business circles, have been investigating the possibilities of the project and are taking steps to make it actual.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Adalena Jackson, of Salem, Or., is at the Seward.

W. R. Lewis, of Seattle, Wash., is at the Nortonia.

G. W. Gaylor, of Canton, Ill., is at the Washington.

David Keith, of Wenatchee, Wash., is stopping at the Nortonia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Callen, of Rainier, Or., are at the Cornelia.

Dr. R. C. Virgil, of Dallas, Or., is registered at the Portland.

Mrs. Harry Burton, of Everett, Or., is registered at the Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Brown registered at the Carlton from Bend, Or.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Houston, of Tacoma, Wash., are at the Oregon.

C. S. Whitman, of Seattle, Wash., is at the Nortonia for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gibbons registered at the Perkins from Boardman, Or.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thornton registered at the Cornelia from Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hooton, of Vancouver, B. C., are at the Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Nichols registered from Oregon City, Or., at the Ritz.

William Williamson registered at the Nortonia for a few days from Stella, Wash.

George J. James and M. H. Reeves, of Spokane, Wash., are registered at the Oregon.

Mrs. Amy E. Westfall and Miss Ruth Westfall are at the Imperial from Eugene, Or.

Mr. and Mrs. Silcox registered at the Washington from The Dalles for a few days.

R. M. Knight, of Roseburg, Or., and C. J. Fugh, of Falls City, Or., are at the Perkins.

Mrs. E. O. Blanchard and Miss Ethel-Jane Donald, of Hood River, Or., are at the Imperial.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson and Mrs. O. H. Foster registered from Eugene, Or., at the Portland.

Mrs. A. F. V. Davis, of Kelso, Wash., is spending the week-end in Portland at the Imperial.

Mrs. Cora Wright and Miss Iva Everett are visiting friends in Portland and Crockett, Goldendale, Wash., and John M. Conroy, of Tygh Valley, Or., are at the Cornelia.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Carpenter registered for a few days at the Seward from Dayton, Wash.

Mrs. Mildred Nadler, of Peru, Ill., is visiting in the West and she is registered at the Multnomah.

J. H. Coe, of Palmer, Or., and G. Rippan, of Port Angeles, Wash., are at the Carlton for the week-end.

Mrs. Byron Andrews, of Washington, D. C., will be in Portland for a week more and is at the Seward.

A. S. Lindstrom, of San Francisco, Cal., and A. O. Wilhelm, of Seattle, Wash., are at the Multnomah.

F. W. Robinson, of Olney, Or., and C. J. Shedd, of Shedd, Or., are registered at the Perkins for the week-end.

Mrs. R. L. Brown and family are visiting in Portland and are registered at the Carlton from Cleveland, O.

H. G. Stegman, of Goldendale, Wash., registered at the Multnomah.

Frank C. Robertson, of Spokane, Wash., and R. G. Johnson, of Walla Walla, Wash., are at the Portland.

Roy Crimmins, of Tillamook, Or., and W. W. Larrimore, of Washington, D. C., are at the Multnomah for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Searle and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Searle registered from Camas, Wash., at the Washington.

Frances W. Brown, of San Diego, Cal., and Clara Ireland, of Monmouth, Or., are spending a few days at the Oregon.

Mrs. A. A. Peters is making a tour of the Pacific Coast. She is registered at the Portland from San Luis Obispo, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hart and Robert Hart are spending a few days in Portland and are registered at the Cornelia.

J. A. Bigelow, of Klamath Falls, Or., and W. W. Russell and family, of McMinnville, Or., are registered at the Imperial.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Armstrong registered at the Portland from Fresno, Cal. They are on a tour of the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hooy registered from Chicago, Ill., at the Ritz, while C. R. McAllister gave his home as Lexington, Ky.

CHICAGO, July 6.—(Special.)—The following Portland persons registered at Chicago hotels today: At the Congress, E. A. Baldwin and F. W. Voght.

Poultry Stranded Near New York.

NEW YORK, July 6.—Thirty cars of live poultry are being held up in railroad yards around New York and cannot reach the market because of a strike among the handlers of poultry, according to a statement made tonight by George W. Perkins, chairman of the Mayor's food supply committee. The poultry is in danger of dying.

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NEW Telephone Directory

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July 15, 1917

If you want to be able to reach the greatest number of people, you should use Pacific Telephone Service, or if you want people to be able to locate you your name should be listed in the Pacific Telephone Directory. It is the most up-to-date reference book of Portland People.

There are now 49,319 Pacific telephones in Portland. This is more than one Pacific telephone to every six people.

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TEXT BOOK ASSAILED

Justice McCamant Criticises
Muzzey's History.

8-PAGE BRIEF IS WRITTEN

Supreme Court Jurist Maintains
That Volume Should Not Be in
Schools Because of Inaccuracies and Unpatriotic Tone.

The case of Wallace McCamant, Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, against Muzzey's "American History," which the jurist contends should be banned from the Portland high-school course, is fully presented in his recent letter to Elmer M. Westworth, president-general, Sons of the American Revolution. Extracts from that brief are spiced with Justice McCamant's criticism of the work as a whole, and of its alleged historical delinquencies.

"The author of the history is evidently a man of force and ability. He writes a trenchant pen," wrote Justice McCamant. "The above are the only respects in which I am able to commend his work. My objections to the history may be summed up under three heads: (1) the history is almost wholly lacking in incidents calculated to inspire patriotism in the children studying it; (2) it is inaccurate to a degree not to be tolerated in school history; (3) the concluding chapters of the history are a brief for the purely political views on the current political questions of our day; the views of the author are, in my opinion, unsound, unscientific and unsuitable to be taught to schoolchildren."

Heroes' Names Omitted.
"The history consists of 327 pages; 17 of these pages only are devoted to the Revolutionary War and five of the 17 pages are taken up with frontier fighting. The history contains no mention of Nathan Hale, and only one sentence is devoted to Paul Jones. There is no mention of the Battle of Bennington or of John Stark, and the story of Bunker Hill is told in a single sentence. Herkimer and Oriskany are not mentioned. Brandywine, Germantown and Valley Forge are covered in two sentences. The treatment of the partisan warfare in the Carolinas is thoroughly inadequate. The names of Marion, Sumpter, Pickens and Williams are not found in the book. There is no mention of Stony Point or of Anthony Wayne. Israel Putnam and Light Horse Harry Lee are not thought worthy of even passing notice. The history as told in the 17 pages is wholly lacking in dramatic interest and there is an omission of the hero tales calculated to inspire the imagination of the young."

"The author undertakes to account for these deficiencies by his statement of page 166 that a detailed description of battles and campaigns is suitable only to experts in military science. I am not contending that a school history should discuss in detail the tactics of the battles and the strategy of the campaigns. I do say that students in our public schools should be taught that our free institutions were won by heroism and self-sacrifice. They should know the story in sufficient detail to reverse the men who founded our Republic and to prize our institutions as a treasure bought with a great price. They should understand references in literature to Valley Forge and Bunker Hill; they should have some conception of the far-sighted wisdom of the great men of the Revolution, of the

hardships endured and the faithfulness exhibited by the people of that time, as also of the intrepid valor of the officers and men in the Revolutionary Armies."

Inaccuracies Are Cited.
"In speaking of the war in the Carolinas the author says, on page 140: 'The British had no systematic plan of campaign, but marched and counter marched in an irregular line from coast to interior and from interior to coast, wherever the resistance was least and the hope of attracting soldiers to their banners greatest.' The above statement is untrue in fact. The British campaign in the Carolinas was least and there were no additional reinforcements prior to Pickett's charge."

A brief, which comprises eight closely typewritten pages, discusses at length the alleged inaccuracies of the chronicle with reference to the reconstruction period in the South, to subsequent political and economic events, up to the present day. Justice McCamant advises that he is having a number of copies printed for distribution in his campaign against Muzzey's history.

In view of its sins, both of commission and omission, I am indignant that this work should have found entrance to the public schools of any American state," he declares.

The Portland School Board, frequently approached by Justice McCamant on the subject of the book's dismissal from the course of study, is positive that the contract with Ginn & Co., the publishers, binds the Board to fulfill the obligation of use which covers another term.

McClellan Held Overestimated.
"On page 427 the author gives the impression that the first of the Northern troops to reach the city of Washington after the burning of the city were the Massachusetts troops, who were mobbed in going through Baltimore. The fact is that prior to the time referred to 600 Pennsylvania troops from Allentown, Pottsville, Reading and Lewistown had reached the Capital. (8 Jenkins' History of Pennsylvania 85; Philadelphia in the Civil War 14.)"

"On page 440 the author speaks of George B. McClellan as 'a young General who had done brilliant work in holding West Virginia for the Union.' This is a gross misstatement. McClellan is thoroughly covered in an article written by General Jacob D. Cox in 'Battles and Leaders of the Civil War' 124, 125. It cannot with propriety be spoken of as brilliant."

"On page 448, in speaking of the battle of Antietam, the author describes it as being fought on the 10th of September, 1862. The true date is September 17, 1862. (4 Rhodes 150.)"

"On page 451, in speaking of the

battle of Gettysburg, the author says: 'At the beginning of the third day of the fight General Meade had over 90,000 men posted on the heights above and around Gettysburg.' This is a gross exaggeration of the strength of the Army of the Potomac at the time stated. The effective of the Army on the evening of July 2 numbered 55,000 (3, 'Battles and Leaders of the Civil War' 440). By that time the Sixth Corps had arrived and there were no additional reinforcements prior to Pickett's charge."

Believing that the railroads—especially the lines in the West—must return to a general use of wooden freight cars, the Pacific Car & Foundry Company is preparing to expand its plants both here and in Seattle to meet the demand.

Judge John Twohy, head of the Twohy Bros. Company of Portland, whose car building plant at East Sixth street and the Union Pacific tracks is to become the principal unit of the new company, has just returned from California. He is convinced the high price of steel will force the carriers to build all their cars for the next decade or two of wood.

Experience of recent years has demonstrated, said Judge Twohy, that the most efficient freight car service can be rendered by a car with heavy sub-

CAR MAKING EXTENDS

WOODEN FACILITIES EXPECTED TO
BE IN BIG DEMAND.

Plants Both in Portland and Seattle Are Preparing to Handle
Big Jobs.

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structure of steel, including steel bumper beams and the entire superstructure of wood.

This is the type of car that the Pacific Car & Foundry Company is building. Satisfactory progress is being made on the initial order for 200 cars for the Union Pacific system and 300 cars for the Southern Pacific. An order of 250 cars also is being filled for the Union Pacific at Seattle.

The Russian government also is understood to be after about 5000 new cars.

The Twohy plant in Portland has just been enlarged and improved, at a cost of approximately \$250,000, to accommodate the business now on hand.

Governor Carlson at Hood River.

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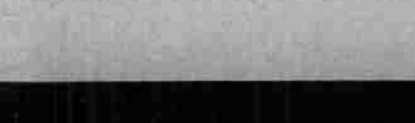
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