ing men in tents.

do their duty."

Gorgas' Report Quoted.

Chamberlain Makes Reply to Wilson and Assails War -Inefficiency.

## EXECUTIVE ALONE SPARED

Oregon Statesman, Impelled, He Says, by High Sense of Duty, Makes Startling Revelations of Administration Blunder.

(By the Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 24-Standing firmly by his charge that America's military establishment is enmeshed in inefficiency, Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, chairman of the military com-mittee, replied in the Senate today to President Wilson's denunciation of his recent New York speech. Senator Chamberlain repeated the

statement which drew the President's fire and declared that the President himself does not know the truth. Senator Chamberlain read to the Senate a letter received from President

amount to nothing to the American nance from the allies, but referred nance from the allies fr

League, accepted on short notice and League, accepted on short hotice and without time to prepare an address. He recalled that on the dais with him were Alton B. Parker, Theodore Roosevelt and Julius Kahn and that the audition of the substitute of the people could assist in getting ready for this terrible calamity ence was "a representative body that that confronts not only America, but for patriotism cannot be excelled by any like body in the United States."

Senator Chamberlain charged that

to the Senate a verbatim report pub-

letter from President Wilson containing a quotation taken from the New York World and asking if the quota-tion was correct. The President wrote that he did not like to comment on nothing.
the statements until he knew positively that the Senator had actually make or

Entire Speech Cited by Senator.

The letter was received too late for a reply Sunday, Senator Chamberlain continued, but in a letter sent to the White House the following day he replied that he had been quoted sub-stantially correctly in the World, but asked the President to read the entire speech as printed in the Times, instead Senator Chamberlain's letter added

that he was discussing only the policy "or lack of policy" of the military es--After stating his expe rience in the military affairs commit-tee and testimony in the committee's investigation, the Senator's letter con-

"I believe I know something about the deficiencies in the military estab lishments; deficiencies which are clearly recognized and proven in a system that ought to be remodeled for the proper prosecution of the war and have these disjointed and unco-ordinated ef-

fects weeded out."
In his letter the Senator also offered to go over the whole situation with the President, but said he received reply, and on the following day President's statement criticising

The President's statement and Senator Chamberlain's reply then were read to the Senate and the Oregon Senator

"I do not know if any reply to my etter was necessary. I assume that

letter was necessary. I statement is the answer. Statement Adhered To

"The statement of the President chal-lenges me, of course, for proof of the statement in the New York Times, to which statement I adhere and repeat before this body.
"The people of this country may not

guished body. I felt that I should say the things that are in me. If I succeed in making a rift in the clouds through which the American people may see, I will feel that my efforts have not been support of the President and the prosecution of the President and the Pres

OREGON SENATOR WHO DEFENDS HIMSELF AGAINST PRESIDENT'S the Senate the troops were "in the ACCUSATIONS.



The personal charges against me talls of American purchases of ord-

He then relievated that he assumed the Ordnance Bureau failed in 1916 to responsibility for the speech as re-ported by newspapers and had read tain.

"There were omens in the sky," he continued, "that America couldn't keep out. What was the Ordnance Department doing? Nothing. It was lying supinely on its back not making gauges for manufacturing ordnance nor discovering the possibilities of manufacturing—but doing nothing, absolutely "that the President did not know the as he tried to open the door, it struck truth. And I did. He must have gotten a heavy object. It was his son's body, and the door struck his head.

All Urged to Unite in Appeal.

"I want to arouse the country and every mother and father in the land given the truth." for manufacturing ordnance nor dis-covering the possibilities of manufac-turing—but doing nothing, absolutely

"I'm not blaming anybody in particular," the Senator continued. "I have high regard for General Crozier. But we haven't been able to do what England, France and all our other allies have done and that is to retire these regardless who have not proved them. The only fear is that this discussion of the failure of the Government of the G gentlemen who have not proved them—
gentlemen who have not proved them—
selves up to the mark. We ought not to dismiss them in disgrace, but in other countries they have gone into innocuous desuetude.

Nation Declared at Stake.

The only fear is that this discussion ment to accept wool offered when war was declared. Later, he said, the wool to be corrected and quickly. Great had gotten into the hands of specular to the countries they have gone into innocuous desuetude.

Senator Chamberlain passed around among Senators photographs of was responsible for use of shoddy.

"This isn't a question of personalities. This is not a question between the President and myself. It's a question of America, and every man ought

to make it his whole purpose to see that America is saved. "Take the machine gun," said the Senator. "It's an old controversy and much may be said on both sides. The Lawis gun has been manufactured here for the British Army and there are 70,000 of them on the battle fronts. Every British officer I have seen has expressed approval of that gun.

"America was prepared to produce them, but with the country standing on a seething volcano, the Ordnance Department was trying to decide on a gun. The War Department didn't even adopt a gun until May and finally Senator. "It's an old controversy and

adopt a gun until May and finally adopted it in June (1917), I believe. Ohio, told him there was a shortage of and then only on paper, and it still is a gun on paper. It never has had a field test. Maybe the Browning gun is a good weapon, but the Lewis gun 'that's not true,' "remarked the Senlard work. Why not manually that's not true,' "remarked the Senlard work. Why not manually that's not true,' "remarked the Senlard work. Why not manually that's not true,' "remarked the Senlard work."

is doing good work. Why not manufacture the Lewis gun?

"The Secretray of War stestified before the committee," he said, "that in
September the United States had nine
Browning guns, with which to go out
against the millions of Germany," He
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Senator Chamberlain then read from
a letter from Secretary Baker saying
a later report showed 7000 overcoats
were needed at Camp Sherman, but
that they "were in course of shipment." denounced the cry that investigation

gives information to the enemy. People Require Frankness. "Germany knows more about Amer-ica today than the men connected with the departments," Senator Chamberlain declared. "If the Government would

"Now that my truthfulness has been questioned." Senator Chamberiain continued. "I feel it my duty to tell the country semething I might not have told it under ordinary circumstances."

"The added. "I want it shown whether I distorted the truth when I said the military system had broken down," said he.

"Great Britain," he said, "did not waste time manufacturing guns. The had broken down," said he.

"Reading from the table to show short ages of overcoats running as high table in this country were as 75 per cent, the Senator reminded

clothing is concerned.

"But when you talk to the men that commanded these boys, you find it isn't told he might provide clean clothes. there," he continued. "On a per capita basis it is there, but not when it comes to effective listribution they simply haven't got the clothing.

"I realize the difficulties of the sate of the per capita with made and the might provide clean clothes. When he returned his son's face and hands had been washed, but still were to effective listribution they simply haven't got the clothing.

The next day he returned again as after that the difficulties of the sate of a nurse of a n

Crosier, chief of ordnance.

"If the Administration had wanted to be fair to the American people," he shouted, "why don't the distinguished Secretary of War, and I have the highest regard for him, let the people know, so that the people could assist in getting ready for this terrible calamity that confronts not only America, but haven't got the clothing.

"I realize the difficulties of the quartermaster-general. He has done the present father intervened the attendant said: "I guess I better get a funnel," and actually returned with a paper funnel. The President isn't responsible for the system. But the fact remains that we soon died. system. But the fact haven't the clothing."

haven't the clothing."

Senator Chamberlain said he proposed to show by Secretary Baker's own testimony that the Secretary did not know of actual clothing conditions.

"That is why I say," he continued, "that the President did not know the as he tried to open the door, it struck that he are blief in the president did not know the as he tried to open the door, it struck that he are blief if was his son's heavy plief. It was his son's heavy that the president did not know the same blief.

Duty Impels Statement. Appropriations for Jigs and dies to make ordnance, he said, had not been used.

Striding out into the center of the of a beloved son, brother or husband to send you herewith a copy of it.

"I feel it my duty to my country and may arouse the country to save the lives of our soldiers," Senator Chamberlain, to whom the left

among Senators photographs of wooden who was responsible for use of shoddy machine guns, rifles and heavy ordnance used at cantonments and asked Senators to study them carefully.

Senator Chamberlain passed around who was responsible for use of shoddy machine for use of shoddy who was responsible for use of shoddy who was responsible

"They are of some use." he explained, vising the Council of Defense.
"In training men. But if I had a boy training for the hattlefield I would not want him to have his training with "Conservation of wool." Senator not want him to have his training with nothing else than a wooden cannon." England and France, he said, saw the mistake of having artillerymen control

the ordnance department.

"You must go to men who have done these things to get results." he said, "and Congress should face this without fear of any man, but with due regard for the distinguished commander-inchief."

Shortage Matters Taken Up.

"That's the way ever since the war

"That's the way ever since the war started. 'In course,' but not getting there," he shouted.

Then placing in the record a chart submitted to the military committee by Secretary Baker showing shortages of material at all camps varying from I to 30 per cent, Mr. Chamberlain declared he wished that condition to become known to the neonle. become known to the people.
"I want it shown whether I distorted

The President's letter of yesterday to Senator James follows:

"You have been kind enough to tell chairman of the military committee."

regarding a bill for a minister of mu

who was responsible for use of shoddy in the Army clothing. Mr. Chamber-

Turning to the President's stricture

upon him, Senator Chamberlain read that part assailing Congressional in-

Rights of Office Claimed.

dent, who has served notice on Congress that there must be no meddling

and must be no investigation unless it meets the smile of executive favor,

servient take my place."
Senator James, Democrat, inter-rupted to explain that the President

had referred to the war cabinet bill in complaining that a bill for a war

cabinet was being introduced in Con-

said he, "I differ from that view.

"With all due respect to the Presi-

vestigations.

he was mistaken.

committee, ad-

AMERICA DECLARED TO HAVE "I am going to show that these hundreds and thousands of men dying in the cantonments are due to the War Department," he declared. FALLEN DOWN IN WAR WORK

> Full Text of Senator Chamberlain's New York Speech, Which Brought Presidential Wrath Down Upon Him.

Department." he declared.

"This information comes right from the men who are on the ground. They know what they are talking about. I didn't intend to do this, but in view of the situation that confronts me and involves my integrity I feel it is my duty to the country.

"I am going to call attention to the statement of Surgeon-General Gorgas that nearly all epidemics could have been prevented if the War Department had been effective."

Senator Chamberlain referred to the warnings given by Major-General THE full text of the speech of Sena- drop of blood and every dollar of the tor Chamberlain at the luncheon Treasury would be well spent for this tor Chamberlain at the luncheon Representative Julius Kahn at New York last Saturday, was published in warnings given by Major-General the New York Times of the next day.

Greble, commander at Camp Bowle.

Tex., last Summer against overcrowd
"I assure you it is a very great pleas-

I assure you it is a very great pleas-Men at Camp Bowie, the Senator declared, "were packed together like sardines," and despite frequent warnings, disastrous epidemics broke out in December, with 8000 men passing through the hospitals.

"Men died," he asserted, "without proper nursing because of inefficiency of the system. I challenge you to read the record. Don't take my word for it. All the cantonments are arteries of the system. work—the work of the preservation not only of our country, but the preserva-tion and perpetuation of civilisation itself. Let me disclaim, my friends, any further credit for what has been accomplished and for what we hope to accomplish in the great task that con-All the cantonments are arteries of information and I hope to God that every young man will write his father fronts us in this emergency. Let me say to you that I have had the co-operation and effort of the great mass of or mother and tell them just what the conditions are, not to stay patriotism, the members of Congress, without regard to party; and in addition to that, and above and over everything else, we but to atimulate those in authority to have had the support of such distinguished men as the ex-President and ex-Commander in Chief of the Armies and Navies of the United States, and such men as my friend, Elihu Root.

"In season and out of season these distinguished conflower have season these General Gorgas' report, he continued,

showed overcrowding in virtually every camp, and he asserted that the Surgeon-General, of eminent reputa-

men, or a million, to France in this day of rapid transit, it is well to remember that when America, on account of Washington's efforts, appealed to France for assistance they sent to us under Rochambeau five or six thousand troops across the water, and instead of taking them five or ten days or two port until they landed at Newport, R. L. afflicted with disease, and chased every foot of the way by a British fleet. My friends, if America had nothing else to fight for in this war but to preserve the magnificent French Republic, every

given in honor of himself and splendid people. "I am going to skip through it all because my time is almost up now. We have got to get out of here at 3 o'clock,

mind you.

"Traditional policy? It seems to me that a war policy called for by Washington and advocated by him would ington and advocated by him would sustain a policy now of training young men to do battle for their country. We have departed from traditional policy, thank God, and in the last two years we have enacted a law that, as your chairman has said, compels Americans to know that the duties of citizenship carry with them the responsibility for service whenever that service happens to be needed.

Volunteer System Victous, "The selective draft law which has been mentioned here put into service every man between 21 and 30; and it may be said to the credit of these young men who have been drafted that they are rendering just as effective and just as patriotic service as those who have volunteeried. I sometimes regret that volunteering has ever been permitted, for the reason that in the loss that we sustain in the battles where there is a Surgeon-General, of eminent reputation, had not been consulted regarding cantonment locations.

"Think of that," Senator Chamberlain said. "He was not even consulted with reference to the sites. And not a single cantonment was built in accordance with his recommendations for 56 feet of space for each man."

Senator Chamberlain then read present to be successful in it.

"In season and out of season these distinguished gentlemen have gone out among the people of the country and have tried to impress upon them, and they have begun to realize, that America, for the first time in its history, is involved in a war which may, my friends, mean its life and its dissolution unless America and her allies happen to be successful in it.

"Because of the limitation upon my life young men of all classes, so that

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want the citizenry of New York, I want you, Mr. President, and you, Mr. Secretary, and you, Mr. Kahn, to get behind it and see to it that this law graces the statute books of America, so that America may play her part in the war. Let us see to it that the Stars and Stripes are planted upon the plains of France and be there, as it is here, the sublem of freedom Wherty and the Republican Club yearsefay. The prince the sublem of freedom Wherty and the Republican Club yearsefay. The prince the sublem of freedom Wherty and the Republican Club yearsefay. The prince the sublem of freedom Wherty and the Republican Club yearsefay. the emblem of freedom, liberty, and the Republican Club yesterday, rights of man.

Your flag and my flag, and how it files world away. Rose-red and blood-red, the stripes forever

me that you had heard that I had writ- should have reported to the commandten a letter to the chairman of the Sen-ate military affairs committee con-mation had disclosed a dangerous sit-uation rather than to carry it to the

to write to the President of the United cerning the idea of the munitions min-Senate floor first in a speech. trench mortars, and machine guns, but beriain declared, as he finished reading the letter.

Senator Chamberlain, to whom the letter declared, as he finished reading the letter.

Senator Chamberlain circle where he was upon the subject to deliver in quantity next month. Evof the various difficulties and delays ery man that has been sent to France | Dozed to place life before property in Senator Chamberlain cited what he that had been encountered by the War said was another instance of ineffihas been properly equipped, he said. "There hasn't been enough rifles in the camps recently because they couldn't be manufactured in sufficient

mony before the Senate committee, and the camps the Senator merely mentioned to me that he had a bill in mind to create a quantities," he said. "The War Demunitions ministry.

ma no details of the bill in the hands of the soldiers now," he Concluding his reply to Senator Chamberlain, Senator Kirby declared that the Militar; Department had not fallen down and that where deficiencies occurred they had been remedied by volunteer beards composed of the beat talent in the country. wards, when I learned from others of the real character of the proposals, that I felt it my duty to write to the Senator and apprise him of my atti-

best talent in the country.

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"I assumed from what I heard "What was the excuse" asked the later that that particular proposal had been abandoned, and I was referring in my statement of the other day to Chamberlain replied. "I'd rather have the very surprising proposal to create conservation of life." known to our practice or institutions. "I give you these details merely to reply to your kind inquiry and let you know all the facts of the case as you desire."

> "The President's statement that he was not consulted concerning the war cabinet proposal is true," said Senator James. Senator Chamberlain then stated

Plan Submitted to Baker.

that last Friday the military affairs committee had delegated Senator are a co-ordinate part of the Govern-ment. When I become a rubber stamp in my duties Fil get out of the Senate and public life and let somebody sub-Hitchcock to lay the war cabinet plan before Secretary Baker and he be-lieved that had been done. "But probably the cabinet had not met up to the time the President made the statement," persisted Senator James. "He is absolutely right in his James.

Turning to the President's criticism gress without consulting him. Senator Chamberlain said he was of the impresthat the Oregon Senator "appeared to be against the entire Administration policy," Senator Chamberlain stepped sion that the President referred to the far up the center aisle, raised his hands and smiling, said:
"Et tu, Brutus—the most unkindest out of all." Senator James said he had a letter from President Wilson saying that Sen-ator Chamberlain had been to see him

Kirby Speaks for President. nitions, but gave no details, and that he had learned from others, of the berlain's speech the "condemnation of "surprising proposal" for a war cablist judgment," and challenged his protect. Think of Prices Like These Now-a-Days at the "Imperial"

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Red Tape Age Grown.

In his speech at the Republican Club, Senator Chamberlain, referring to the introduction of the War Cabinet bill tomorrow, said that "the roll of red tape morrow, said that "the roll of red table has grown with the ages, and it can only be destroyed in the same way that a tank destroyed the barbed wire in front of the enemy trench. "We are seeking," he continued, "to

put the supply department of the Gov-ernment under one head, that is, with one man responsible, and when things one man responsible, and when things go wrong the people will be able to put their finger on the place that goes wrong and locate the source of the trouble. We are going to apply business methods to the administration of Government affairs. America has been groping in the dark for ten months with able hands, but with no head responsible for a war programme. We want to put a responsible head there. "Some people say that the investigation now going on tends to discredit

forts that France made.

"With all the pacifists that are abroad in the land denouncing America for sending a few hundred thousand for sending a few hundred thousand for a mullion to Peans of the special conclusion. My friends, this is not an Administration measure; it is an American measure and comes from Republicans and Democrats both.

"I want this spiendid audience, I at the luncheon, and of what he said

cipal speech was delivered by Chamberlain, his speech be large part the same as that w In your land and my land, and half the previously delivered at the luncheon of the National Security League. In con-nection with the coal crisis he said: "There would have been no need for

this coal trouble if a coal programme had been mapped out six months ago. When the discussion on coal came up hast Summer, it was brought to the at-Senator Kirby, in defending the Ad- for the product. I voted for sustaining ministration, admitted there was a the Garfield order, though I believed it shortage of military equipment such as was not wise. I learned that there were was not wise. I learned that there were 127 ships in the Port of New York that

Senator Chamberlain paid tribute to President Wilson, whom he called the premier of all the statesmen of the world, leading others in thought as no ther one man. He declared that neither to the carrying on of the war and man-age them. The President needs respon-sible heads under him in order to see America safely through the war, he

added. "America, if it wants to save the allies, must get onto the ground with men, money, and means," urged the speaker. "America must get ready and speed up her programme and she must be ready to fight at the earliest possi-ble moment, and it is the duty of every American to speed up the programme and to play his part in this great war that threatens, not republics or empires, but civilization itself."

