

WAR DEPARTMENT'S BRING GOOD THING

Secretary Baker Is Forced to Make Number of Important Changes.

GRAFT WILL BE CUT DOWN

Disclosures of Incompetence and Mismanagement Made by Senators Chamberlain and Reed Will Be Benefit to Country.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 12.—Though Congress, of course, will not pass the Chamberlain bills creating a war cabinet and providing for the appointment of a director of munitions, radical changes are being wrought in the War Department which are the direct result of the fight that developed over these two bills and culminated in the speeches of Senator Chamberlain and Senator Reed.

And as the result of the airing the War Department has received at the hands of these two Senators, the country will benefit materially and promptly. In the matter of incompetency, which was laid bare by Senator Chamberlain, especially, Secretary Baker has been forced to make important changes of personnel and other changes are to follow. Incompetents who have been holding high offices either have been relieved of responsibility or will be displaced by more competent men, and the general laxity that prevailed up to very recently will disappear.

As to graft, or incompetency in the negotiation of contracts, which was dwelt upon more particularly by Senator Hitchcock and Reed, it will be eliminated for again publicity has been threatened if unwise financial moves are made in the future—provided Senator Hitchcock and Reed are not entirely eliminated. It seems to be a part of every war Administration, regardless of politics, but it can be held down to a minimum.

The speeches of Senator Chamberlain and Hitchcock, considered with evidence that has been given before the Senate committee on military affairs, have served to point to two prime reasons why the War Department, in a large measure, has "fallen down." The first and largest cause has been the interference of the Council of National Defense with the legitimate work of the War Department, an interference that was made possible because Secretary Baker, in addition to being the head of the War Department, has also been head of the Council.

Navy Escapes Notoriety. It has been the Navy that has escaped most of the unpleasant notoriety that has been heaped upon the War Department. The reason is plain to those familiar with the big battleship "machine" at Washington. The Navy, in a word, did not permit the Council of National Defense to interfere with its business. When the Navy was ready to contract it did not consult the Council of Defense, whether its contracts were for ships, for clothing, for supplies, or for construction. Through its established business the Navy Department, since our entrance into the war, has conducted its purchasing exactly as it did in peacetime, and the Council of Defense has had nothing to say about Navy contracts. The result is the Navy is getting its ships with reasonable speed, considering the frontier chaos here. Last year transportation difficulties in Russia considerable delays are expected.

In the War Department a different situation prevailed—it was not only unscrupulous, but it was also unbusinesslike. The Quartermaster-General is the official charged with purchasing all Army supplies, uniforms, tents, etc. His efforts have been directed to the buying. But instead of letting the Quartermaster-General buy the supplies for the Army, Secretary Baker insisted that the Council of Defense pass upon contracts and proposals, and before long, the Council of Defense virtually had supplanted the Quartermaster-General, and was directing all Army purchases.

RUSSIA BURDENS GERMANY

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Official confirmation that either France or Great Britain had recognized the new Ukrainian government was still lacking today.

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GARLANDS OF LOVE GIVEN

(Continued From First Page.) spoke "not as a father but as an elder brother." He addressed the boys eloquently and inspiringly, quoting many passages from Lincoln. Diligence, temperance, truthfulness and loyalty were advocated. Mr. Day warned the boys and the guests against suspicion and jealousy and all pettiness and upheld the principles demonstrated in the life of Lincoln as the ideals toward which the young men of today may work.

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Senator Lewis Delivers Eulogy; Gettysburg Address Read in House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Abraham Lincoln's birthday anniversary was observed in both houses of Congress. Senator Lewis, of Illinois, delivered an eulogy, and in the House Representative Johnson, of Kentucky, in whose district Lincoln was born, was called to the chair to preside while Representative Russell, of Missouri, read the Gettysburg address.

Secretary's war lords were scathingly denounced and Americans urged to fight for "the democracy implanted by Lincoln and advanced by Wilson" in the address of Senator Lewis of Illinois. The German peace offers were declared to be only a "ruse to murder."

Struggles of the world's democracies to retain their liberty were recounted by Senator Lewis, quoting the German poet Goethe, "that those who have liberty must fight to keep it." He referred to President Lincoln as the apostle of the liberty of man and the standard-bearer of the democracy of the world. "This Nation's progress and freedom," he declared, "is the world's inspiration for Republican government."

FRIEND OF LINCOLN SPEAKS

Dunham Wright Tells of Boyhood Associations With Emancipator.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—One of the speakers at today's Lincoln luncheon given by the merchants of the city was Dunham Wright, of Medical Springs, this county, whose mother was a sister of Nancy Hannock. Mr. Wright spoke tenderly of his boyhood associations with the Emancipator. At the recent fire in the Medical Springs Hotel Abe Lincoln's first Bible went up in the flames, a fact Mr. Wright regrets keenly.

O'CONNOR DELIVERS EULOGY

Irish Nationalist Leader Says Name of Lincoln "Flaming Torch."

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 12.—In a Lincoln day address here tonight, marking the celebration of the martyred President's 109th birthday anniversary, Thomas P. O'Connor, Irish Nationalist leader in the British Parliament, declared the name of Lincoln to be a "flaming torch" firing the torch of freedom in the hands of the people at home or facing death on the battlefields of Europe.

LINCOLN DINNER HELD

REPUBLICAN CLUB PAYS TRIBUTE TO GREAT EMANCIPATOR.

Mrs. Harriet Hendee Presents Organization With Service Flag Containing Twenty-five Stars.

An impressive feature of the Lincoln day dinner given at the Oregon Hotel last night by the Republican Club of Oregon was the presentation to the club of a service flag by Mrs. Harriet Hendee, acting president of the Women's Republican Club. The flag contained 25 stars in honor of members of the organization who enlisted and are today in active war service. A. N. Willis, president of the club, fittingly acknowledged the gift of the emblem.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Veterans Club, an organization composed of four gray-haired veterans who fought in '61 and whose combined ages aggregate 299 years. As one of their number, the quartet sang "I Know a Yankee Man," the words for which were written by H. W. Sparks, of Forest Grove, the music being supplied by Professor Z. M. Farvin, one of the singers. The other members of the quartet were: A. W. Mills, Dr. E. J. Hall and W. N. Morse.

Messages of regret were read from Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft, Charles E. Hughes, Senator McNary, Arthur Hays Sulzberger, and John E. Williams, National Committeeman.

SMILAGE COMES NEXT

DRIVE OF ROTARY CLUBS BEGINS ON MONDAY. Books of Tickets Prepared to Give Soldiers Chance to Enjoy Amusement Features in Cantonments.

Beginning with next Monday morning the smileage book drive will be conducted in Portland for four days under the auspices of the Rotary Club. This is a National affair and these books are being sold all over the United States under the auspices of the Rotary clubs in the different cities.

The Military Entertainment Council, appointed by the Secretary of War, has originated a type of book of tickets that members of the soldier's family and their friends may send to him at the front. The books are made up of coupons somewhat like the smileage books of the railroads, and come in two sizes, 20 coupons for \$1, and another size, 100 for \$5. These coupons will be good for payment for seats at any performance in any camp theater. Probably, as the movement grows, they will be made good also for certain other and similar uses.

Four comedy companies have already been assigned to the circuit of Army cantonments, and these entertainments have been arranged so that the shows will be varied and will not be along the same line.

Between the professional offerings there are to be regular amateur productions so that the men may have an active part in the enterprise and so that when they go to the front they will have a fund of memories.

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Choral Society to Give Concert. GRESHAM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The Gresham Choral Society, Joseph A. Finley, conductor, Mrs. J. E. Clanshaw, accompanist, will give its first concert in the opera-house tomorrow evening. Miss Goldie Peterson, soprano; Mrs. J. A. Finley, soprano; Mrs. Ethel Meade, pianist, and Harold Moore, basso, and the Aeolian Male Quartet of Portland, will assist. The chorus numbers 28 voices—Mesdames E. W. Aylsworth, L. E. Backstrand, C. O. Branson, J. N. Clanshaw, James Elkington, Myrtle Myers, C. A. Radford, J. C. Schultz, F. C. Todd, Misses Effie Bradley, Grace Hartley, Emma B. Johnson, Gladys Neal, Winnifred Osborn, Mildred St. Clair and Henrietta Wiles. Messrs. Dr. J. E. Clanshaw, W. E. Child, L. R. Mallory, Glen Risher, Charles St. Clair, L. H. Stone, W. E. Townsend, Leslie Walrad, Lesley Wiles. Several Portland singers, members of the Portland Oratorio Society, will assist in the chorus.

Perdu Woman Sets Record. ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Miss Evelyn Hanke, of Perdue, a small settler in this county, has the distinction of being the largest individual buyer of war savings stamps, having purchased \$500 worth. A campaign is on among the school children of this city for the war cause and many are investing.

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