

OREGON TROOPS TO START HOME SOON

Boys of 91st and 41st Divisions Ordered Back.

PERSHING GIVES OUT WORD

Wild West and Sunset Units Designated for Departure.

CALIFORNIA GUARD LANDS

Transport Matsonia Reaches New York With 3207 Men, Mostly From Far Western States.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The correspondent of The Oregonian is in a position to announce that the 91st National Army Division, known as the "Wild West" Division, is to return home soon.

The official order in regard to the 91st is that it shall be sent home as soon as shipping becomes available.

The orders placing these two divisions on the priority list mean that it is only a question of weeks, or a few months at most, until the people of the Northwestern states will have their soldier boys with them again.

Camp Lewis Men to Return. The 91st Division was trained at Camp Lewis, Wash. It is composed of selective service men from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and California.

The 41st Division is composed of National Guard Regiments from the West filled to war strength by drafted men mostly from Pacific Coast states.

The 31st Division was composed of the 31st, 32d, 33d and 34th Infantry Regiments, and the 24th, 27th and 34th Field Artillery Regiments.

General Pershing's announcement mentioning the coming early departure of the 162d Regiment stated that the Second Battalion was not included for departure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Practically the entire 41st Division (Sunset) was included in a list of units announced today by the War Department.

The list shows the headquarters and headquarters' troops of the 41st, the 181st Regiment complete, 162d complete, 14th complete and 142d less Second Battalion.

Many Units Designated. In all, more than 500 officers and 16,000 men of the Sunset Division, comprising troops from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, were ordered home.

The British party will travel via Spitzbergen, where under the direction of Captain Wild, who was second in command of Sir Ernest Shackleton's South Polar venture, a landing place is in the course of construction at Lawe Sound.

SPRUCE TROOPS DWINDLE Men Being Sent to Point of Enlistment for Mustered Out.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—At the rate that the soldiers in the spruce production division here are being mustered out, practically all of them will be gone within six weeks or two months.

The demobilization office force is running smoothly now and every effort is being made to return the men to their homes at the earliest possible moment.

DENVER SERVICE RESUMED Police Prevent Further Outbreaks Over 7-Cent Fare.

DENVER, Jan. 3.—Streetcar service, which was interrupted for several hours last night by demonstrations against the collection of a 7-cent fare by the Denver Tramway Company,

HONOR TO BE PAID JOAN Warship to Fire Salute on Maid of Orleans' Birthday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—A naval salute will be fired from the guns of a warship in New York harbor on January 6 in honor of the 50th anniversary of the birth of Joan of Arc.

SUFFRAGETTES KEEP WATCH FIRES BURNING

TORCHES PRESERVE FLAMES WHEN BLAZE IS QUENCHED.

Women Kindle Fire on Pavement in Front of White House Despite Rain, Sleet and Snow.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—A "watch fire," which "sentinels" of the National woman's party had kept burning in front of the White House for two days and nights, through rain, sleet and snow, was extinguished tonight by a crowd of men, some in uniform, and later another fire, which had been lighted on the sidewalk, was put out by the police after the heat had caused the pavement to buckle with an accompanying explosion that could be heard several blocks away.

The "sentinels" lighted torches from the blaze before chemical extinguishers in the hands of the officers had completed their work and later these were used to start in a metal wash tub another fire which was burning late tonight.

After the stone urn in which the first fire was lighted New Year's night had been broken several hours later by an angry crowd, a wash tub was used, but this evening the blaze was transferred to a new stone urn.

Shortly afterward spectators smashed this, scattering the embers. From these the bonfire was started on the sidewalk.

QUARREL ENDS IN SUICIDE

La Grande Rancher, in Poor Health, Places Revolver to Ear.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Herbert Speckhart, aged 25, committed suicide this morning at the Speckhart ranch. He and his wife had quarreled. The young man reached for a revolver, snapped it twice at the stove, but got no explosion. On the third time he turned it to his ear and pulled the trigger. Speckhart died instantly. Mrs. Speckhart witnessed the tragedy. It is believed Speckhart was convinced that the chambers were empty and was "bluffing" when he aimed at his head. He has been in poor health for some time as the result of a serious injury. He is survived by the widow, a small child, a father, mother and sister.

15,000 MISSING ARE ALIVE

British Find Many Prisoners Who Never Were Reported by Huns.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—There are 15,000 more British prisoners in Germany than the British records show, so that a number of men previously given up as dead or missing will return to their homes, it was stated here today.

The British had contemplated getting the last 20,000 prisoners out of Germany within a fortnight, but the German records show that there remain in German hands 35,000 men, of whom 15,000, through the failure of the Germans to report their capture and the men's failure to communicate with friends, had been listed as dead.

RACE FOR POLE PLANNED

British May Beat Americans in April Air Expedition.

(Copyright by the New York World. Published by arrangement.) LONDON, Dec. 29.—(Special Cable.)—Plans have been quietly laid for a British airplane expedition to start for the North Pole in April, two months ahead of the proposed American expedition.

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WORLD FRIENDSHIP TO BE ORGANIZED

President, in Rome, Indicates Paris Task.

OLD "BALANCES" DESTROYED

Intrigue and Coercion Tried and Found Wanting.

IDEALS BECOME PRACTICAL

New Age Opening and "New State-manship" Will Lift Mankind to Higher Levels.

ROME, Jan. 3.—In Parliament House a joint reception was given President Wilson by the members of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies. The function was an impressive one. The large and distinguished gathering gave the President an ovation. The President spoke as follows:

"You are bestowing upon me an unprecedented honor, which I accept because I believe it is extended to me as the representative of the great people for whom I speak. And I am going to take this first opportunity to say how seriously the heart of the American people has been with Italy.

"We have seemed no doubt indifferent at times, but our hearts have never been far away. All sorts of ties have long bound the people of America to the people of Italy, and when the people of the United States have witnessed its sacrifices, its heroic actions upon the battlefield and its heroic endurance at home—its steadfast endurance at home touching us more nearly to the quick even than its heroic action on the battlefield—we have been bound by a new tie of profound admiration.

"Right and Justice Sought. Then back of it all, and through it all running like the golden thread that weaves it together, was our knowledge that the people of Italy had gone into this war for the same exalted principle of right and justice that moved our own people.

"Great Empire Broken Up. It is for that reason that it seems to me you will forgive me if I say (Concluded on Page 3, Column 1.)

Official Casualty Report.

Table with columns: Deaths, Reported Today, Total. Includes data for Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Arkansas, California, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, and Florida.

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