

### BRIGADE-POST RUMOR HEARD AT VANCOUVER

Development Work at Military Barracks Being Done.

### OFFICIALS APPROVE PLANS

Garrison Strategically Located and Equipped, and Ready to Care for 12,000 Men.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 22.—(Special.)—The rumor that two regiments of troops are scheduled to be sent to Vancouver barracks here within a short time, and that the war department is to make this a brigade post, has sprung up again. It is reported, wholly unofficially, that from 10,000 to 12,000 troops are to be stationed here. However, officers in command in the post said tonight that they have heard of no such orders.

During the early part of the war a contract was let for the clearing of certain ground in the post for extensions. Part of this work was done then and this contract is now being completed. People seeing the ground being cleared have surmised that it is being done to accommodate more troops. It is thought that the quarters built for the troops during the war may be made permanent. The old quarters in the old post proper, of course, are permanent, and have been for many years.

**High Officials Approve Plan.**  
When Lindley M. Garrison, then secretary of war, made a visit to Vancouver barracks of a tour of inspection, he said that the war department was considering enlarging Vancouver barracks to the size of a brigade post, but could not state when this would be done. Many acres of ground have been cleared since then and the post much enlarged. There are over 640 acres of ground in the post and Major-General Morrison, when here, said that this is ample for a brigade post, with sufficient ground for maneuvering.

He suggested that the quarters could be built more compactly, which would be cheaper, require less piping for water, gas and heating and would give more room for a maneuver field.

There is a fine target range at Froebel, which the government has used for several years, and this is just a day's hike from the post. Troops leave here in the morning, prepare a meal on the road and reach the target range and go into camp that evening. The government at one time made an appropriation to buy this ground for a permanent range.

Albert Johnson, representative in congress, when here a few weeks ago

said he was able to have an appropriation made for improving the Columbia river from the mouth of the Willamette river to the government dock at Vancouver barracks, so that the post at Vancouver will enjoy a deep-water channel from here to the Pacific ocean. This district, it appears, was made part of the Portland district, and will be improved at the same time. It will require little dredging to give Vancouver barracks, which is above the city, a deep-water channel to the ocean with a mean depth of over 24 feet. At the present time the largest steel ships in the district are being built in Vancouver and can steam to the ocean without passing through a drawbridge.

Vancouver barracks has been recognized for many years as a strategic point in military affairs. It is large enough for a brigade, is away from a large city, but close enough to be reached in 15 minutes by automobile and 30 minutes by streetcar. When troop trains are needed, cars and engines may be secured in Portland on two hours' notice, and may be run right into Vancouver barracks on one of several sidetracks, so troops may entrain with all of their equipment and supplies.

**Post Well Situated.**  
Supplies for the post may be delivered by train to the very door of the army warehouse or to the government dock by boat. Being near a large city, supplies of all kinds may be secured at low prices and the cost of delivery is small. When the river is dredged between here and the mouth of the Willamette government transports may dock here to bring or take away troops and supplies.

Vancouver barracks is also on the main lines of several transcontinental railroads and troops may be sent inland by train on short notice. Supplies from the east and the Inland Empire may be shipped here by trains on a water grade, this post securing the same terminal rates as Portland. And last but a very important item, the post is located in a very healthful place, the records showing that the death rate here among troops is one of the lowest in the United States.

### FORUM WILL MEET TODAY

Criticism of Portland Dock Commission to Be Heard.

Charles F. Berg, chairman of the members' forum of the Chamber of Commerce, will preside at a meeting to be held at noon today at the dining room on the eighth floor of the Oregon building to hear criticism of the Portland Dock commission. Complaint has been voiced concerning the policies of the dock commission in the building of the municipal dock, terminals and elevators at St. Johns.

Mr. Berg said another meeting will be held later, when the criticism will be answered.

### Alleged White Slavers Held.

MEDFORD, Or., May 22.—Deputy United States Marshal S. F. Pace left this morning for Portland with Dave Bairdson of Albany, Or., and M. Whitjob of San Francisco, held to the federal grand jury by United States Commissioner F. Roy Davis on a charge of




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After reading "Huts in Hell," Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, in a personal letter to Dr. Poling, said: "It will lighten the hearts of a million mothers, and secure for the boys in the army that confidence in their essential fitness which can only follow the testimony of witnesses who, like you, have lived the life and seen conditions with anxious but unprejudiced eyes."

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