Development Work at Military Barracks Being Done.

OFFICIALS APPROVE PLANS

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 filme, and that the war department is no 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 completed.

sions. 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 four 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 enjarged. 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 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 Proebstel, 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.

MEEDTORD OF MEET TODAY

Criticism of Portland Dock Commission to Be Heard.

Charles F. Berg, chairman of the member's 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 on the eighth floor of the Portland Dock commission. Complaint has been voiced concerning the policies of the municipal dock, terminals and elevators at St. Johns.

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

Alleged White Slavers Heid. High Officials Approve Plan.

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 Rairdson of Albany, Or., and M. Whita permanent range.

said he was able to have an appropriation made for improving the Columbi-river from the mouth of the Willamett river to the government dock at Van-couver 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 part of the Fortiand district, and will be improved at the same time. It will require little dredging to give Van-cuver carracks, which is above the city, a deep-water channel to the ocean with a mean depth of over 34 feet. At the present time the largest steel ships to district are being built in Vanin the district are being built in Van-couver and can steam to the ocean wihou passing brough a drawbridge. Vancouver Barracks has been recognized for many years as a strategic point in military affairs. It is large Garrison Strategically Located and
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point in military altairs, it is targe 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

Post Well Situated.

Albert Johnson, representative in grand jury by United States Commiscongress, when here a few weeks ago sioner F. Roy Davis on a charge of roe, the woman in the case, was also Klamath Falls, a one-armed man, held completed the party.



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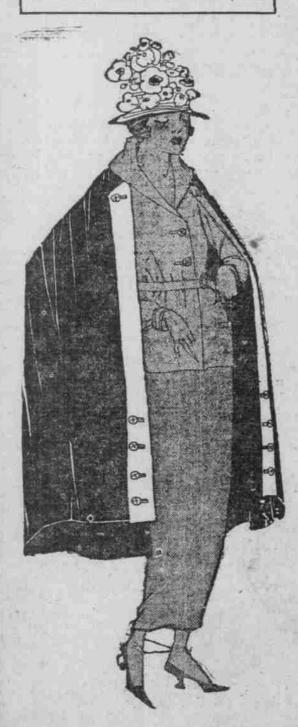
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