

CONGRESS TO HOLD ARMY TO 280,000

Rejection of Plan for 576,000 Appears Certain.

GUARD, LEGION HEARD

General O'Ryan of New York Urges New Citizen Organization to Replace Other Reserves.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Rejection by house and senate military committees of war department proposals for a regular army of 576,000 officers and men appeared practically certain tonight when Chairman Wadsworth...

Senate sub-committee hearings on the bill were concluded today while the house committee considered the future of the national guard. The military policy committee of the American Legion explained to the sub-committee today its recommendations of the organization as formulated at its recent convention in Minneapolis.

Under the legion's recommendations only a sufficient standing army for police and overseas garrison purposes should be provided. Universal military training for boys from 18 to 20 years of age and a general staff "liberalized by an admixture of citizen-officers" was recommended.

Major-General John F. O'Ryan, New York national guard, renewed his recommendations for a citizen army to replace both national guard and reserve corps to supplement the regular forces and be available locally at the call of state governors upon application to the federal government for military assistance.

FEW PASS EXAMINATION

Only One Candidate Qualifies in Each Town for Postmaster.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Announced by the postoffice department today that only one candidate had qualified in civil service examinations for each of the following Oregon post-offices:

Willamette, Clackamas county; Charles A. Hilder, Benton; Ferguson county, Frank R. Cowan; Tillamook county, Mrs. Grace Norman; Butte Falls, Jackson county, Mrs. Mary L. Cadow; Grand Ronde, Yamhill county, George P. Peterson.

LEGION DEMANDS ACTION

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a letter from Secretary Baker, in which the secretary declared any further action in the case of Allan Broms, Minnesota, conscientious objector, recently released from Fort Leavenworth, although having more than two years to serve, must be taken by the department of justice.

After Mr. Baker's letter was read to the conference of state legion commanders, they referred the case to the national executive committee by a committee for "drastic and appropriate action." It was said the matter would be taken up at a conference meeting of the legion executive committee in Indianapolis.

Mr. Baker explained in his letter that, although the premature release of Broms was a mistake, the only remedy left was to deal with Broms for any future violations of law.

In addition to his letter to the legion commander, Mr. Baker made this statement: "The judge advocate-general has ruled since the power to remit sentences is in the secretary of war the action taken declining to re-arrest Broms at the time he was released by accident is in effect the equivalent of a remission of the unexecuted portion of the sentence and that the secretary of war has not the power to re-arrest him. There is nothing, therefore, that can be done in the case."

The war department has this feeling about the conscientious objectors and other military prisoners—and don't make any distinction between them because the war department does not—the whole object of confinement in military prison is reformation and not punitive or vindictive, the idea being as soon as it is safe to return a man to civil life as a good citizen, with a better education and better morals than he had before, he should be released. We feel that men are better outside than inside.

WASHINGTON APPOINTMENT MADE.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Dec. 17.—Donald McDonald of Seattle has been definitely decided upon for federal prohibition director of Washington, State Commissioner Kramer, head of prohibition enforcement announced today.

COUGHED THREE MONTHS

Relief in 24 Hours. Simple Home Medicine Did It.

Mr. H. C. Hood, chief operator, F. C. R. R., Birmingham, Ala., writes: "I tried your Mentho-Laxene for a cough and I find it the premier medicine for that ailment. I had a cough for three months and made me a syrup of your Mentho-Laxene and I got permanent relief in twenty-four hours, etc."

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PLANE AND CREW THAT FLEW FROM ENGLAND TO AUSTRALIA.



Upper, left to right—Sergeant J. W. Bennett, Captain Ross Smith, Lieutenant Keith MacPherson Smith (Captain Smith's brother) and Sergeant W. H. Shiers. Lower, left to right—Sergeant W. H. Shiers, Keith MacPherson Smith, Captain Ross Smith (Keith's brother) and Sergeant J. W. Bennett.

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KILLINGS ARE RESENTED

AMRITSAR SHOOTINGS SUBJECT OF CORONER'S INVESTIGATION.

Secretary Denies Censorship Has Prevented Full Reports of Trouble Occurring Last April.

BY JAMES M. TUOHY. (Copyright by The New York World. Published by Arrangement.) LONDON, Dec. 17.—(Special Cable.)—Rumblings of trouble for the government are making themselves heard over the massacre of last April at Amritsar, India, in which 500 unarmed natives were killed and upward of 1500 wounded when British troops fired on a crowd.

The Amritsar liberals have taken up this affair, which at first was almost ignored by the press, and today in the house of commons they pressed questions upon the secretary for India, Edward Montagu.

The secretary admitted that the reports had caused "a profound disturbance of public opinion," but asked the house to wait until he could furnish it with the full report of the commission which had investigated the killing. He promised that he would not delay this report unnecessarily.

INDIAN CENSORSHIP DENIED.

Questioned further, he denied that any censorship exists in India and offered to show to the house the account of the massacre published in the Indian papers.

Eight indignation meetings were held in Glasgow yesterday and demand was made that the labor party force the impeachment of General Dwyer, who ordered the killings, and Lieutenant-Governor Odwyer, who commended him for his action.

The labor party's organ, the Herald, has called for prompt action. There are persistent reports that the whole truth of the affair has not yet been told. It is pointed out by those numbered almost 20,000 instead of 5000, which raises a new question as to how much has been suppressed in view of the systematic censoring of information by the government of India and the Indian secretary here.

Action in Ireland Cited. Direct application of this incident to the state of affairs in Ireland is made. It is pointed out by those who are opposing the present governmental policy there that the excuse given by General Dwyer for his action is the one habitually given for the repressions in Ireland.

His idea was to give the natives a "lesson," and the completeness of the lesson, in his opinion, was spoiled only by his inability to get his machine to play upon the defenseless mass of humanity. Precisely the same talk is going on among supporters of the government's policy in Ireland today and the Morning Post and the Daily Express can hardly conceal their disgust, because the rising and the force of the British army of occupation could be brought to bring contentment and acceptance of alien rule to Ireland is not coming off.

TWO MINES AGAIN WORKED

Tono and Mendota Output to Be Normal Again Soon.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The mines of the Washington Iron Coal company at Tono, and those of the Mendota Coal & Coke Co. at Mendota resumed operations this morning with full crews following the settlement of the nation-wide strike of bituminous coal miners.

The Tono mines started producing at the rate of 500 tons a day. This will be gradually increased until the normal capacity of 1000 tons is reached, which is estimated, will be in two or three days.

The Mendota mines have a normal capacity of 500 tons a day, but E. H. Johnston, president of the company, estimates it will be 30 days before this tonnage is reached.

BABY FIGHTS FOR LIFE

Mercury Tablets Swallowed in Play May Result in Death.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—City physicians are fighting today to thwart mercury poisoning that threatens the life of Baby Robert George Sanholm, 11-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Sanholm, 611 Twenty-second avenue.

Baby Robert gleefully munched bichloride of mercury tablets as fast as his 2-year-old brother, Buster, could extract them from the bottle he found in the medicine chest Tuesday night. It will be four days before medical experts can tell whether the child will live or die.

BERGER OPPOSED BY 'GOOD GOVERNMENT'

Wisconsin League Backed by Both Political Parties.

SINGLE OPPONENT NAMED

Henry H. Bodenstab, Republican Nominee for Congress, Lacks Socialists' Support.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 17.—Victor Berger is the issue in the special election called for December 19 in the fifth congressional district of Wisconsin. The socialist leader, who was selected to the present congress but denied his seat following his conviction for violation of the espionage act, is again the nominee of his party.

He is opposed by Henry H. Bodenstab, a republican, whose candidacy is backed also by the democratic organization and a local society known as the "Good Government League." The fifth district is looked upon as the socialist stronghold in Wisconsin. Berger carried it several years ago when he was elected to Congress the first time, and again at the regular election in November, 1918. At the latter time he had a plurality of more than 5000 votes, polling 12,920 against 12,450 for Carney, democrat, and 19,878 for Stetson, republican. Carney instituted the contest which resulted in Berger's loss of his seat.

Berger Unanimous Choice. Berger was the unanimous choice of a mass meeting called hurriedly because of lack of time for taking the usual party referendum. The Berger meeting approved his "every act, word and writing." The platform on which Berger seeks re-election reiterates many of the socialist party principles and declares against prohibition, against "the impertinent presumption of any clique or party in the house of representatives to dictate whom the district is to elect as its representative" and against "meddling in the internal affairs of any foreign country—Russia, Germany and Mexico."

Bodenstab's candidacy was the outgrowth of a conference between representatives of the republican and democratic county committees and a delegation from the Good Government League.

Bodenstab also has announced that he is against prohibition. The nub of his platform is the declaration "to keep inviolate the fundamental principles of our government, and stand opposed to every attempt to Bergerize and bolshevize this country."

Socialists Most Active. Prior to the primary election, the socialists were more active than the fusionists, at least with regard to the holding of meetings. Berger was quoted in one of his speeches as having said that he hoped the soldiers would refuse to take the place of striking coal miners and declare that the former German emperor would not use "regular troops" to intimidate Berkers. At another time he said: "If this district is made up entirely of horse thieves, then a horse thief is its only true representative."

Bodenstab in outlining the issue at an organization meeting of one of the branches of the Good Government league, said: "It is not true socialism that the fifth district is confronted with. It is something much worse, it is bolshevism. The socialists whom Mr. Berger represents are a group of individuals who do nothing but stir up employ against employer and employer against employer. Now they are trying to overthrow the accepted form of government of this country. Mr. Berger is trying to irritate old scores for his own benefit."

PERSHING DUE JANUARY 18

General Wants to Meet ex-Service Men—Chamber to Entertain.

Information received by telegram Tuesday at the chamber of commerce was that General Pershing would arrive in Portland January 18 at 2:30 P. M. and would leave at 11 o'clock that night for Puget sound. Colonel Marshall telegraphed that the general would be accompanied by nine staff officers and would acquire in any arrangements that might be made, providing he would not be called upon to give frequently for formal speeches. General Pershing desires to have an opportunity to meet members of the American Legion and ex-service men.

The chamber of commerce directors will consider plans for making the visit of the commander of the American overseas forces a memorable event. The co-operation of city officials is assured.

VULTURE DROPS AIRMAN

French Aviator Forced Down When Bird Breaks Propeller.

MOULMAIN, Burma, Dec. 17.—Lieutenant Etienne Poulet, Frenchman, who recently lost the Paris-Australia air race to Captain Ross Smith, is safe today after a battle in the air with a huge vulture which broke a propeller of his machine.

The bird forced him to land on a small plateau in the mountains. KALAMA NOW 16 ABOVE. KALAMA, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The lowest the mercury dropped in this vicinity during the past few days has been to 5 degrees below zero. The weather has moderated considerably and the thermometer now stands at 16 degrees above.

One man has crossed the Columbia river on the ice, while at Martin's Bluff, five miles south, several people have crossed during the last two days.

As Influenza Is an exaggerated form of Grip, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets should be taken in larger doses than is prescribed for ordinary Grip. A good plan is not to wait until you are sick, but prevent the taking LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets in time.—Adv.

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BOISE PLANS EXPANSION

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WITH 2000 MEMBERS FORMING.

Elaborate Civic Center Part of Scheme to Make City Big In-termountain Magnet.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Boise has inaugurated a movement to build a bigger and better city and for the past month has been engaged in preliminaries leading up to starting the rebuilding plans.

The commercial club, which has been directing activities in the past, is being dissolved for a chamber of commerce with a membership of 2000, including the most influential men in the community. It is proposed to offer every in-

LOST LOVE CAUSES SUIT

John P. Winkler Says Wife No Longer Cares for Him.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—John P. Winkler has brought suit for divorce against Mary Winkler, alleging that his home life had been made burdensome for him and that Mrs. Winkler has ceased to have any affection for him. No children and no community property are involved.

Mr. Winkler until recently was one of the most prominent dairymen in the Adna neighborhood, holding a dispersal sale a few weeks ago when one of the best producing herds in this section was sold.

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EXPOSURE KILLS BIRDS.

HARRISBURG, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Many birds perished in this section during the severe cold, due to exposure. In many instances snow birds froze in barn lots where feed had been thrown out for them. Quail found shelter in stock barns and va-

cant buildings, birds of various kinds have been found dead in trees with their feet frozen to the limbs.

The Dalles Has Silver Thaw. THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Despite predictions that severe storms would result from today's planetary distribution, this city enjoyed the mildest temperatures in 100 years this morning. The minimum temperature this morning was 9 degrees above zero and the maximum 28 above. A genuine silver thaw was in evidence.

JAP CONSUL SEES GOVERNOR.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Tosuji Siginuma, Japanese consul from Portland, passed the day in Salem conferring with Governor Olcott and other state officials.

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"Such women in increasing number are acquiring the mercuriol wax habit. By applying the wax at night as they would cold cream, washing it off in the morning, they secure, and maintain, entirely natural complexion. Their faces exhibit no evidence of having been "beautified." Nothing is added to the old complexion—the latter, instead, is discarded. Mercuriol wax, procurable at any drug store (an entire sufficient), absorbs the devaluated outer skin, gradually, almost imperceptibly. The fresh, clear, satiny under-skin which appears bears a healthy, youthful bloom not comparable with the fixed artificial color."—Adv.

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