

### OFFICERS OF ARMY DIVIDED OVER BILLS

#### Men of Temporary Rank Appeal to Legion.

### MEASURES UNFAIR, CHARGE

#### Regular Commissioned Personnel Accused of Working for Own Promotions.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 27.—Alarmed by the shape the army reorganization bills have taken, temporary officers, ex-officers and others interested in obtaining commissions in the regular army have appealed to the American Legion to use its influence with congress.

It is sought to have the law specify the exact number or the exact percent of new appointments to be made in each grade in the army from men outside the regular commissioned personnel. This refers particularly to officers from the national guard, reserve corps, national army and from the ranks of the army who made good during the war.

Both senate and house have passed bills alike in part, which went to joint conference, and each contains a joker, inserted at the wish of regular army officers, it is charged.

Under the senate bill the war department could promote all regular officers and leave all the several thousand vacancies in the lowest grades.

#### Bill Halts Promotions.

Under the house bill officers appointed in the higher grades, if any, would have to mark time until the last graduate of West Point prior to the war had caught up and passed them in grade. This means many of them never would receive a promotion, and simply would become dead wood, it is pointed out.

Senator Sterling sought to amend the senate bill by providing for the appointment of 12 colonels out of 500, 150 lieutenant-colonels out of over 800, and 750 majors out of over 2000, from men outside the regular commissioned ranks. This was to incorporate into the army officers who had made good during the war.

Senator Wadsworth, chairman of the military committee and hitherto champion of democratizing the army, blocked this. He gave as his reason the possibility of not finding a sufficient number of "qualified" officers outside the regular ranks.

#### Bitterness Crops Out.

This caused a tinge of bitterness to crop out among the temporary officers, who for obvious reasons cannot be quoted.

As the senator is advised by a war department board headed by Colonel John M. Palmer, general staff, it is charged he has fallen under the influence of the regular army officers.

Many of the temporary officers now say they feel they have been kept in the service and "used" to handle the mass of war work and to work for a new army. Now that the proposed legislation offers them little opportunity except at the bottom, regardless of age, fitness or experience, they charge it directly to the war department, which has officers advising both the senate and house military committees.

#### Original Idea May Survive.

With the bills in joint conference there still is a chance that the original idea to infuse some new life throughout the army's commissioned ranks yet may prevail.

Practically all regular officers object to having new officers taken into the army in the higher grades, each officer taking it as a personal matter. The worth or war record of the man does not enter into consideration. It is regarded as an infringement upon their "vested rights."

This attitude, it is charged, has been written into both senate and house bills.

Nothing in either bill now assures equitable and just treatment for officers who might be appointed from outside the army. It is sought to remedy this.

Under the army plan, which would prevail should either of the bills be enacted without change, all captains who have had six years' commissioned service, all majors except those promoted during the war and all lieutenant-colonels would be advanced in grade. Some colonels would be less than 45 years old, and some majors would be only 32.

#### SPEED FIENDS PAY FINES

#### Motorcyclist Deprived of Use of Machine for 21 Days.

J. W. Fourmar, who was arrested by Speed Officer Bert, driving down Hawthorne avenue at 20 miles an hour,

was fined \$25 in municipal court yesterday, this being the highest speeding fine of the day.

Judge Roseman levied a fine of \$20 against L. C. Shinn for going 40 miles an hour down Alinsworth avenue.

Others fined for traffic violations included: Joe Sim, speeding, \$10; Ed Turrger, passing an auto at an intersection, \$10; and Samuel Smith, failing to keep to the right side of the street, \$10.

When P. Williams appeared on a charge of speeding down Union avenue 38 miles an hour with his motorcycle, it developed that he had only one license plate on the machine. Judge Roseman deprived him of the use of his motorcycle for 21 days.

### PAYMENT NOT AUTHORIZED

#### MCCORMICK CASE REVIEWED BY ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

#### Statutes Said to Give National Guard Staff No Power to Grant Pensions or Allowances.

#### ACTOR AT BAKER KEEPS TAB ON PEG'S PET DOG.



Part of William Lee's work in "Peg o' My Heart" playing at the Baker theater this week, is done on the stage—and part of it was done "outside" last week.

The part that was done outside included a scramble to find a dog for Lillian Foster, the new leading lady, who plays the title role and who has several important scenes with the dog.

"If the dog had been too good-looking he would not have done," explained Lee. "He had to be homely and he had to be tame enough to let me handle him at the right times during the action of the play."

Portland on July 31, 1919, was promoted to the rank of major of infantry, allowed one month's pay following his relief from his former position as custodian of the Multnomah county armory and \$25 a month thereafter until the legislative session of 1921, are not authorized by law, according to a legal opinion given by Attorney-General Brown today.

Mr. Cogmick had been custodian of the armory in Portland for more than 30 years and it was in recognition of this service that he was promoted.

In his opinion, Attorney-General Brown states that he has been unable to find any statute in Oregon which authorized the general staff of the national guard to grant a pension or other allowance in addition to those prescribed by law.

In the light of the attorney-general's opinion, it will be necessary for the state to institute proceedings to recover from Mr. McCormick the sums paid to him since last October. The opinion was asked by George A. White, adjutant-general.

### \$206,490 GIVEN BAPTISTS

#### Returns From Eastern Oregon Counties Expected Tonight.

More than \$206,496 was reported officially yesterday as having been

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### OFFICE SEEKERS CALLED

#### WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR PUBLIC HEALTH? ASK DOCTORS.

#### City and County Medical Society to Hold Open Forum for Candidates May 5.

Candidates will have an opportunity to tell what they can and intend to do for the medical profession and for the public health. The City and County Medical society, which includes most of the physicians of the city, will hold an open forum, May 5, at the Multnomah hotel from 8 to 10 P. M.

### JAP FIGHTS WITH KNIFE

#### Hearing Is Fixed for Thursday on Charge of Assault.

T. Kishimoto, Japanese cannery laborer, who was arrested Sunday by Inspector Schuppius after he is said to have used a knife effectively upon the face and neck of Charles Yoko, a fellow-countryman, will be given a hearing in the municipal court Thursday. His bail was placed at \$250.

Kishimoto is said to have been jealous of the attentions of some Japanese children who were mutual friends of the two men. Yoko had recently returned from a trip to California and had brought the children some gifts. Consequently he was momentarily the more popular of the two.

Yoko, who is employed at the home of J. A. McPherson, 477 Summit drive, received a bad gash on the jaw and another on the neck. The case had been set for hearing yesterday, but when it came up it was again postponed. Deputy District Attorney Delch agreed to the lowering of the bail to \$250.

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### "DOWN ON THE FARM"



### MAJESTIC

come to a realization that if proper health laws are to be passed and enforced, and if the people are to be protected against medical frauds, the physicians must take an active interest in candidates for office.

"The Portland City and County medical society proposes to give each candidate in the field an opportunity to state how he stands on matters relating to public and private health," says Dr. Mackay. "From those candidates who are interested enough to avail themselves of this opportunity, the society proposes to carefully select a ticket and each member of the organization will be pledged to do his utmost to secure the election of those selected."

#### Firemen Indorse Bond Issue.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 27.—(Special.)—Members of the Hood River volunteer fire department last night adopted a resolution indorsing the bond issue of \$45,000 which the council will submit to vote at a special election to be called May 11. The firemen declare that the city is in dire need of a motor fire engine and home for the apparatus, purchase and construction of which are provided for in the bond sale.



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