

NEW CHIEF WORKER

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as Human Dynamo.

CAREER AN INSPIRING ONE

Permanent Chairman of War Industries
Board for Northwest Says
Usefulness to Society Meas-
ures Man's Worth.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 27.—(Special.)—Herbert Witherspoon, of Spokane, who has been appointed permanent chairman of the War Industries Board for the 20th zone, comprising Washington, Oregon and Idaho, has accepted and will serve without pay till the end of the war. He came to Seattle Friday to arrange for the immediate opening of permanent headquarters and to start in motion the organization machinery already improvised by his conferees from the three zone states.

The purpose of dividing the country into 20 districts, each under the general management of a chairman, and each place of importance in the three states co-operating through an industrial committee, simply is to keep in close touch with the needs of the Government and to supply the needs from the nearest place; to make each zone self-supporting; to promote industrial development, and to give impetus to home manufacture that will be an economic necessity after the war. Instead of centralizing war orders in the East, which alone cannot supply the Government's needs, the board will distribute orders throughout the country, encouraging home manufacture of everything needed within each zone.

Mr. Witherspoon is 39 years old. He is noted as a human dynamo—a "fiend for work"—and is never so happy as when doing something constructive for the common good. At Spokane, where he has lived 35 years, with the exception of a brief residence at Moscow, Idaho, he is known as a man whose word is as good as a bond and as a man of action. He is a fighter and diplomat—a rare combination—and famous as a financier.

In 1894, merry, active, brown-eyed boy of 16 applied to the Spokane & Eastern Trust Company for a job as office boy. He said he meant to be a financier. Starting with a capital of

honesty, energy and courage, utilizing his opportunities through the next 20 years, the boy became the big man of today, vice-president of the bank which gave him his start. Besides, he has widespread and diverse financial interests and holds many offices.

"Usefulness to society is the true measure of any man's worth," said Mr. Witherspoon. "To the degree that one is useful to humanity he is successful, and pay in money is not to be considered. I'm the same boy that I was 23 years ago, but wiser by experience and in knowledge of myself and other men.

"In assuming this job, I am acting upon a motive to which all true men respond—the call of my country to

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service. I am sure that the business men of Oregon, Idaho and Washington will similarly respond.

"United through the machinery of the War Industries Board, the manufacturers and merchants of the 20th zone can help mightily toward winning the war. They can produce practically everything needed within their zone, plus a great surplus for outside shipment. They can solve their labor and finance problems, speed up war work, put new life into every war activity and inspire every man within reach of their influence to become a soldier for the common good."

The measurements of the Venus de Milo are: Height, 5 feet, 8 1/2 inches; bust, 35 inches; waist, 21 inches; neck, 13 1/2 inches; weight, 170 pounds.

CAMP CHANGES OUT

Officers' Training Extended by
Federal Orders.

STUDENTS TO ENTER ARMY

New Plan Provides Military Study
for Officers, Who Will Be As-
signed or Commissioned After
Four Years' Course.

Recent advice from Washington will cause the reserve officers' training camps to be withdrawn from all universities and all students over 18 will be inducted into the service on matriculation and allowed to remain in college for four years, announced Colonel W. H. C. Bowen, professor of military science and tactics at the University of Oregon yesterday.

The new plan provides no training for officers, but at the completion of four years' military training in the colleges men will be commissioned or assigned to the ranks, according to the records they have made.

New Plan Satisfactory.

"This arrangement is superior to the R. O. T. C. in many ways," said Colonel Bowen yesterday. "It is going to keep our young men in college and at the same time give them adequate training to fit them for active service upon their graduation. The great point in its favor is that it will permit us to make soldiers of the entire student body instead of officers of the chosen few.

"The new body will be called the Student Army Training Corps and in all probability it will replace the R. O. T. C. at the opening of the Fall semester. It will be administered by the committee on education and special training of the war department, and will become a section of the training and instruction branch of the war plans division.

Transfer Held Possible.

"According to this new arrangement a boy over 18 will have virtually enlisted in the service upon matriculation. Should he decide not to finish the four years' college course, his transfer from the student training corps into active service will be made from Washington in regular form.

"Boys under 18 will be allowed to train if they express the desire, and all

those over 18 will be inducted into the student army upon entering college.

Colonel Bowen will remain at the University of Oregon as professor of military science and tactics, and Lieutenant-Colonel John Leader will remain as commandant of the students in training. Several additions to the personnel of the staff will be made before the opening of the new semester.

The new orders governing the student army will in no way effect the second officers' training camp, which opens at Eugene August 3, said Colonel Bowen.

MEN MAY BECOME FLYERS

Marine Corps Gives Its Privates a
Chance for Commissions.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Enlisted men in the land and sea service of the Marine Corps are now getting a chance at Marine Corps aviation, the newly added phase of marine activities. The aviation section is being expanded rapidly, it was announced today, and in accordance with the general policy of the marine corps enlisted men get the first chance to qualify as aviators.

Accepted candidates are given a 10 weeks' course at the Navy ground school, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., followed by about three months of actual flying training. Ground school students rank as gunnery sergeants, and completion of the flying training brings a Lieutenant's commission.

CONSPIRACY IS UNEARTHED

Attempt to Blow Up Machinery
Plant Is Frustrated.

NEWARK, N. J., July 27.—An attempt this morning to blow up the plant of the Gould and Eberhardt Machinery Company at Irvington, near here, was frustrated by factory guards. It was announced that evidence of conspiracy had been unearthed. Bruno Reichelt, a patent attorney, Frederick R. Bischoff, a skilled chemist of Irvington, N. J., and William Heineman, were held on charges of violating the espionage and sabotage acts.

Bischoff, according to the federal authorities, was interested in compounding high explosives and was arranging with Reichelt to circulate the country with German propaganda.

Highway Contractor Injured.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., July 27.—(Special.)—L. A. Burkheimer, single, of the firm of Jarvis & Burkheimer, contractors in charge of the work on the Pacific Highway south of town, was seriously injured yesterday when he lost his footing at the top of the big cut south of town and slid and rolled 100 feet, then dropped 15 feet, landing

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on his head. He was taken to a Seattle hospital. Seattle is the home of his parents.

Health of Soldiers Excellent.

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., July 27.—Only 87 cases of illness were re-

ported in a total enlisted strength of 25,345 men in camp for the week ending midnight, Thursday. Influenza leads with 62 new cases. Others were: Measles, six; German measles, two; mumps, six; pneumonia, nine; and scarlet fever, one. There was but one death, a suicide.

U. S. Seaman Falls Overboard.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The Navy Department announced today, Seaman Augustus Porter fell overboard from the U. S. S. Benham, July 22, and is still missing.

MARGUERITE CLARK

in

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN

Topsy

100%

Little Eva

Since Marguerite Clark's "Goose Girl" no one of this little star's pictures has been more eagerly looked forward to than this, the filming of Harriet Beecher Stowe's great story.

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Starting Today

COLUMBIA

—6th at Washington

Admission 20c
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OTHER WORTH-WHILE FEATURES