

### ADJUTANT GENERALS ORDERED TO RETURN

250 Officers and 6500 Men to Leave France.

### TWO TRANSPORTS ARRIVE

First Unit of Ninety-First Division Scheduled to Reach Spokane Next Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Assignment to early convoy home from France of units comprising 250 officers and 6500 men was announced today by the War Department. The units include the 11th Engineers, complete, 374th Infantry, Medical Detachment and Second Battalion; 371st Infantry, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Engineers, and Third Evacuated Ambulance Company.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The American membership President Grant and the battleship South Dakota arrived today from Brest with troops.

On the warship were 116 officers and 1372 men, representing the 56th Coast Artillery and the 47th Aero Squadron, seven officers and 145 men.

Three Die of Influenza. Troops aboard the President Grant included the headquarters company of the Eighth Field Artillery Brigade, two officers and 41 men, and the following Field Artillery Regiments:

Second, 22 officers, 1434 men; 81st Field Artillery complete, 83d, 23 officers, 1871 men; Company H, 347th Infantry, four officers and 207 men, also were aboard. All these troops are regulars.

Aboard the President Grant also was the 11th Trench Mortar Battery, consisting of nine officers and 121 men. There were 150 cases of influenza among the troops during the voyage, of which all recovered except three, pneumonia setting in.

SPOKANE, Jan. 18.—The 34th Field Artillery, the first unit of the 91st Division to return from France, will be welcomed to Washington during a two hours' stop here January 23, it was announced by the Chamber of Commerce today. The regiment, which comprises men of the Western states, left New York Friday, and was received by the Chamber of Commerce today. It is en route to Camp Lewis, where it received its training, and will stop also at Seattle, it is announced.

CAMP LEWIS, Jan. 18.—Demobilization of the entire 13th Division, Camp Lewis, was authorized in orders received today. This order involves 10,000 men. An order was received a week ago to demobilize 8000 men, and as that had not been completed, it was stated at camp that the execution of the new order will not be begun until 10 days.

Orders Are Explained. Replying to charges made by Chairman Crombie Allen, of the military affairs committee in the California Legislature, that California soldiers being held here were being given men were given the preference in the discharges, division officers today said it was untrue. War Department orders, issued for the demobilization of the men, they pointed out, are that men from this state, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and as far east as Minnesota will be discharged here and given travel pay to the point from where they were inducted at the rate of 25 cents a mile. There are two demobilization points in California—at the Presidio, near San Francisco, and at Camp Kearney, near San Diego. The demobilization order from the Adjutant-General of the Army are that men from California will be discharged at these two points and will be sent from here, so far as practicable, in troop trains.

If there are 50 men from Washington, Oregon or any of the states in the Camp Lewis demobilization area to be discharged on the same day that a similar number from California are ready, those from the Camp Lewis area are discharged, while, according to the War Department order, those from California must go there before being released. The difference in the time is the number of days it takes to reach the California discharge stations and two days thereafter of the necessary clerical work to be done there before the men can be released. Officers were vigorous in their assertion that Tacoma had no right to do with the discharge of the men.

### 9,000,000 ACRES AVAILABLE

OREGON'S NEEDS SHOWN BY O. A. C. EXPERIMENT STATION.

Burned-Over and Logged-Off Acreage of 2,750,000 Suited to Conversion for Profitable Farming.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Approximately 9,000,000 acres of land await reclamation in Oregon, according to the official report of Dr. A. B. Cordley, director of the Oregon agricultural experiment station, for the biennium of 1918-1919, which has just been made to President W. J. Kerr, of the college. Almost 3,000,000 acres can be profitably reclaimed by irrigation, more than 2,000,000 acres of swamp, tide and other wet land needs drainage and 2,750,000 acres of burned-over and logged-off lands can be converted into profitable farm lands. Operations exemplifying combined drainage and irrigation are cited by the report in the field work in Klamath Basin. Two diked areas of peat lands in Klamath Basin, formerly tye lands, were drained to a depth of three and one-half inches an acre of storm water at the beginning of the growing season. Later about six acre-inches were applied last season as supplementary irrigation. The effects of these operations are indicated in the production of forage crops and removal of alkali. The average yield of the tame grasses was about three tons an acre, chiefly alsike and timothy. An appreciable amount of alkali was pumped off in these drainage and irrigation trials, the total solids amounting to 266 pounds an acre, being the net amount removed. Fairly definite methods of improving the wild meadow and alkali lands have been developed. In the reclamation of the peat lands drainage is the first step, while on the wild silt meadow better control of the irrigation water is of first importance. The average of all trials indicates a general field duty of 12 to 17 inches of these lands. With better control of the water, use of tame grasses and legumes, it is believed that it will be possible practically to double the production of about 500,000 acres of marsh and wild meadow lands in the state. The wet areas under investigation include wild lands of the Willamette Valley, steep hill lands of Western

Oregon, tide and overflow lands of the Lower Columbia and coast region, irrigated, water-logged lands of Eastern Oregon. From studies on drainage of white lands it has been established that on lands of this character tile laterals should be four rods apart and three feet deep, with capacity of the main drain for removing an acre inch of water from each acre every 24 hours. Because drainage is expensive and improvement of white land is slow, it is necessary to locate drains and handle the land after drainage, so as to loosen the soil and facilitate the entrance of moisture into the tile in order to make the drainage enterprise most profitable and successful. Lime, clover manure, green manure and combinations of these were employed in these trials to facilitate operations of tile. On one area of white land drains were installed to study the relative value of gravel as against straw for bedding over tile lands, to assist water in entering these drains in sticky soil. Results thus far favor the straw bedding as most degradable and far cheaper. It has been thoroughly established that white land can be successfully tilled and there is a great increase in the use of tile on such land. Outlet ditches on the district plan will greatly stimulate tilling of individual fields.

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### ADVENTIST CHURCH BURNS

Building at College Place, Near Walla Walla, Destroyed.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—In a fire which for a time threatened the sanitarium filled with patients, the Seventh-Day Adventist Church at College Place, three miles west of here, was burned to the ground this morning between 9 and 10, just as the first few teachers and children were gathering for the morning Sabbath school services. The church when built six years ago cost \$12,500, the total valuation, including furnishings, being estimated at \$15,000. The trustees carried \$10,000 insurance.

The origin of fire is believed to be a defective flue. Walla Walla College students rushed from their dormitories and carried out the organ and some other furnishings before the roof fell. A strong wind carried the sparks

French Ambassador Sails. NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 18.—William G. Sharp sailed today for France to resume his duties as American Ambassador in Paris.

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### WESTERNERS ARE FEARED

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TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Early tomorrow we must be ready to meet a hostile attack. It is therefore ordered that from 6 o'clock on companies will be alert for action. Munitions may be obtained at the K. T. K. at any time. Extra light machine-gun feedboxes must be exchanged for full ones. Opposite our sector lies the 91st American division; for each prisoner brought in from this division 18 days' extra leave will be given.

This order, found on a German officer taken prisoner, shows on its face that the Huns realized they were up against real men when they found that the "Wild West" fighters, trained at Camp Lewis, opposed them. The original order was sent to Miss Ora Fife

of Tacoma, by Sergeant George A. McDonald, Company I, 361st Infantry. Something of the baptism of fire which the 91st Division endured is described by Sergeant McDonald in his letters.

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