

## SENATOR WELCOME BUT NOT INVITED

### Chamberlain Not Slighted, Says Secretary Baker.

## WAR DEPARTMENT HEAD HERE

### Visit to Vancouver Barracks and Banquet Feature.

## ARMY CAMPS TO REMAIN

### General March, Chief of Staff, Accompanies Secretary on Tour. Future Army Uncertain.

BY JOHN W. KELLY.  
"Preposterous nonsense!" said Secretary of War Baker. "It is preposterous nonsense for anyone to say that Senator Chamberlain would not be as welcome on a ship going to Europe with me as any other member of congress. I saw an editorial on the subject. There is nothing to it."  
Thus did Mr. Baker dispose of the report from Washington that when he goes abroad he will not want the chairman of the senate committee on military affairs, Mr. Chamberlain of Oregon, on the boat. Postmaster Myers, State Democratic Chairman Starkweather, and former Councilman W. T. Vaughn listened to the statement, all attention.

## Welcome Given Secretary.

Accompanied by General F. C. March, chief of staff, the secretary of war arrived in Portland yesterday afternoon, was greeted by a delegation consisting principally of federal officeholders and democratic leaders, with a sprinkling of ordinary citizens. Officers from Vancouver barracks appeared with automobiles and whisked the secretary away after he promised to attend a dinner at the Hotel Portland last night, arranged on short notice by Collector of Customs Will Moore.  
Aside from Secretary Baker those at the dinner were Collector of Customs Moore, C. J. Smith, B. E. Hancy, W. D. Bennett, W. C. Dibber, H. B. VanDuser, William Hagood, H. G. Starkweather, Richard Montague, G. E. Hamsaker, George Loveloy, Frank Irvine, A. M. Smith, Alex Swack, M. A. Miller, Oswald West, W. N. Galena, Orlesby Young, George W. Trowbridge and G. Y. Harry.  
After the meal the secretary left for Tacoma. He is expected to double back Sunday and proceed to California.

## Army Camps to Remain.

"This is a trip of inspection," explained Mr. Baker. "Neither General March nor myself has ever seen Camp Lewis and we wish to familiarize ourselves with it, so that when the future army program is mapped out we will have it in mind."  
"American take will always be used for army purposes, the site having been accepted by the government, as I understand, a long time ago. I do not mean that it will continue to be used as a great mobilization point, however, but it will continue in service for military purposes."  
"Vancouver will also be maintained. But whether it will be turned back to the engineers or used for infantry I do not know at this time."  
"One of the principal things which has brought us on this trip is to gear up machinery so that demobilization will proceed faster than it has. We want the arrangements so made that no man, unless he is an exceptional case, will have to be held in one of these camps longer than 48 hours. We want to have everything ready, so that his record, pay, physical examination and all the other details can be attended to with speed and in 48 hours after his arrival he will be discharged."

## Source Operations Praised.

"At present we are bringing soldiers back as fast as we can get the ships. How long American soldiers will remain in Europe or how many will be detailed there, if any, I cannot say."  
"At Vancouver I was greatly interested in the work of the spruce division, which was one of the spectacular features of the war. The speed with which the division was demobilized and the equipment stored from the elements was remarkable. General Disque and his associates performed a wonderful task both at Vancouver and in the field."  
"Discussing conditions of American troops abroad, Mr. Baker said that the troops which had to occupy the devastated territory of France, where there was not a house nor shelter of any kind, where it was raining and cold, had to put up with creature discomforts, but these conditions are being improved daily."  
"Future Army Action Uncertain."  
Complaints from the soldiers, he said, he always receives seriously. He dwelt on the activity with which the soldiers are being returned to the United States by the hundred thousand, and predicted that this gigantic movement would continue as long as necessary.

## As to the future of the American standing army he had no information to divulge, for Congress has not expressed itself. There are a multitude of details to be worked out, said he, and for the present there is little to be said on the topic.

Mr. Baker is a man of small stature, with quick, nervous movements; a man who speaks fluently and carefully picks his words while doing so. Also he is an inveterate smoker, for, after slipping into his dress suit and while awaiting the democratic faithful to lead him to dinner, he smoked a pipe.

## SOLDIERS SENT HOME IN LIVESTOCK CARS

### SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN AGAIN ATTACKS WAR DEPARTMENT.

### Further Investigation Is Promised, With View to Fixing Definitely the Responsibility.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Charges that American soldiers from western states were moved from an Atlantic port of embarkation to their homes in cattle cars were made by Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, chairman of the military committee in the last senate, in an address here tonight before the Mississippi society.

"I will not tell you where those gallant boys debarked," said Senator Chamberlain, "because I propose to investigate the case further with a view to fixing definitely the responsibility. But the story told me only today was that these boys, overjoyed at getting back to American shores, were placed in cars used for carrying livestock. They had no lights except that which could be given by lanterns and nothing to eat except canned goods."  
"In this way they traveled for four days. Do you think that as they proceeded on their journey they cultivated additional love for the country for which they had fought and bled? They were in constant danger of getting into a spirit of desecration for the institutions of their country. What kind of a spirit do you think treatment of this character will inspire in the victims?"

"Of course, I know the head of a great department can't be in constant touch with the details of his office. But the man immediately in charge should be held responsible and Americans will demand a reckoning at his hands. The problem of taking care of the soldiers is one of the most severe that we will have to face. But it should be faced with candor, with open honesty and with unflinching courage. Nothing can be gained by concealing the truth."

## FLEET'S FLIGHT IS FAST

### Aberdeen Major Flies From New York to Ohio in Four Hours.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 15.—(Special)—J. S. Waugh, Aberdeen merchant now in New York, encloses in a letter an account of a flight of Major Reuben F. Fleet, of this county from McKean field, Mineola, Long Island, to Dayton, Ohio, in 4 hours, 35 minutes.  
The trip was made in a DeHaviland biplane equipped with 400 horsepower engines, and the flight was made at the rate of 135.5 miles an hour. The trip was made in stormy weather and the machine was blown about 100 miles off the regular course. Most of the distance was covered at a height of 10,000 to 12,000 feet.

## WOULD-BE ASSASSIN TO DIE

### Court-Martial Acts Quickly on Assassin of Premier Clemenceau.

PARIS, Friday, March 14.—It took less than six hours today for a court-martial to try Emile Cottin for his attempt on the life of Premier Clemenceau and to sentence him to death.  
The trial began after noon and ended at 7:25 o'clock, this evening, when Colonel Hyvert announced the verdict, which was unanimous.  
Cottin listened calmly to the president of the court as he read the sentence and then said:  
"I am glad to die for the cause of the proletariat. If my death will bring relief to the down-trodden working man I will not have died in vain."

## HOMING PIGEONS ORDERED

### Cascade Forester Will Use Birds to Report Fires.

EGENE, Or., March 15.—Twelve young homing pigeons have been ordered by Clyde R. Selter, supervisor of the Cascade national forest with headquarters in Eugene, to be used in protecting forests from fire this summer. The birds will arrive April 1, and four each will be sent to the ranger stations at McKenzie bridge, Oakridge and Reservoir, where they will be trained until the dry season, when they will be placed in active service.  
"Smoke chasers" will take the birds with them when they go to fight small fires, and if they find that they need help the birds will be liberated with a message to the nearest ranger station.

## MILES CANNON AT MOSCOW

### Idaho Agricultural Head Starts Work in Latah County.

MOSCOW, Idaho, March 15.—(Special)—Miles Cannon of Weiser, Idaho, the first man appointed head of one of the nine departments of Governor Davis' cabinet, is in Moscow arranging for cooperative farming by farmers, grain and mill men and other citizens of Latah county.  
Mr. Cannon is chairman or manager of the commission of agriculture. His work will be interwoven with that of the agricultural college and experiment station and with the extension work. Mr. Cannon is enthusiastic about the prospects of his department assisting the farmers to get better prices and more honest treatment in handling their products.

## 12 ALIENS ARE PAROLED

### Remainder of 54 Persons Under Detention to Be Deported.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Paroles were granted by the secretary of labor today to 12 aliens of the group of 54 sent to New York under orders of deportation. In 15 cases the deportation order was affirmed. In the remaining 23 cases no applications for reopening of hearings were pending.  
Most of the aliens ordered paroled had been offered paroles on the basis of their original hearings and before they were removed from the state of Washington, but refused to accept them.

## GIGANTIC WARSHIPS PLANNED FOR U. S.

### Construction Depends On Paris Conference.

## DANIELS SAILS FOR EUROPE

### Proposed Cruiser-Battleships Will Cost \$40,000,000.

## CRAFT WILL HAVE SPEED

### If It Is Decided to Build Powerful Type of Boats, America Will Have Strongest Navy of All.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Important conclusions which probably will be reflected later at Paris in discussion of limitation of naval armaments are expected here to grow out of the forthcoming conference between Secretary Daniels and his aides and European admiralty officials. The secretary sailed today, accompanied by his three chief technical advisers.  
While the main object of the trip of the American officials is to gather information upon which the navy department can base a report to congress relative to the proposal to substitute gigantic composite cruiser-battle ships for present-day capital war vessels, the fact that such a programme would render all existing fleets obsolete and that its cost would be enormous, insure, in the view of many officials here, that the project will be taken up at the peace conference.

## Big Questions Involved.

Naval officials generally are inclined to defer judgment as to the advisability of adopting the composite ship programme. They take the view that even in its narrowest and strictly American aspect the proposal raises questions of such a far-reaching nature that individual opinions should have no weight in arriving at the answer.  
In the view here, even the American 35-knot battle cruiser project now held to await a decision on the greater question of composite ships has in it elements that make it more than a purely national matter under present conditions. Officers say that if competitive naval building is to continue, other powers must provide similar ships, not even Great Britain is building craft of this type.

## BRITISH DISCONTENT SHOWN IN ELECTION

### 'E DEVELOPMENTS TAKEN AS WARNING TO PREMIER.

### indications Are That Political Tide Is Turning; Government's Financial Policy Disliked.

LONDON, Friday, March 14.—Pellucidly looked upon the result in the parliamentary election in West Leyton Division today as a sharp reminder to the coalition government of Premier Lloyd-George of popular discontent. The division returned A. E. Newbould, an independent liberal who was defeated in December by a majority of 2000 over K. P. Mason, a coalition unionist, who had the premier's endorsement.

In the general election recently the coalition unionist, Colonel Wrightson, whose death made today's election necessary, polled 11,000 votes to Newbould's 5000.  
This result, with the fact that Rear Admiral Sir W. A. Hall, coalition unionist, was returned for the West Derby division of Liverpool recently by a greatly decreased majority, is taken to show that the political tide is turning.  
Politicians credit this change in sentiment to the government's financial policy.

Appropriation bills for the coming fiscal year which the government has introduced in the house of commons in the last few days include £440,000,000 for the army, which is more than 10 times the scale before the war, and £149,000,000 for the navy, which is roughly five times the rate before the war.  
Another cause of dissatisfaction is the continuance of conscription in a limited measure and the general impatience to get the country back to a peace footing.

## RED CROSS WORKER DEAD

### Lieutenant Walker Victim of Typhus Contracted in Balkans.

ATHENS, March 14.—Lieutenant Walker of the American Red Cross, who had been engaged in relief work in Macedonia, is dead here from typhus contracted in the Balkans.  
The Greek government has conferred on him posthumously the cross of the Order of the Savior.

## FREQUENT RAINS LIKELY

### Pacific Coast State Due for Fall Below Normal in Temperature.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday, issued by the weather bureau today are:  
Pacific states—Frequent rains probable with temperature below normal.

## GOVERNOR OLCOTT OUTLINES POLICY

### Rumors of Political Upheaval Silenced.

## INDUSTRY TO BE ENCOURAGED

### Efficient Service Required of Department Heads.

## IMPORTANT PERIOD LOOMS

### Reconstruction Plan, as Outlined by Legislature, Meets Approval of New Executive.

SALEM, Or., March 15.—(Special)—There will be no political upheaval under Ben W. Olcott, Oregon's new governor. But the executive will expect that the men under him will give their utmost endeavors to carry on an efficient and a sound economical business policy in the administration of the affairs of their offices, and any other kind of an administration will be a signal for them to seek other employment.  
The executive announced today his expected summarization of the more important matters of policies which will control his conduct of affairs as governor, and in making the announcement he declares that with the broad problems opening before the state it is no time for factional strife and that for the well-being of the state the united support of its people should be given to the governor, regardless of who might happen to be occupying that chair.

## Reconstruction Plan Favored.

He declares himself in favor of a commendable reconstruction programme; that he believes the reconstruction plan as outlined by the recent legislature should receive the sanction of the people as a link in the chain of development and to bridge over a period of unemployment that is facing the state.  
He declares that it will be his policy to encourage industry to the fullest extent; to promote harmony and fairness between employer and employee necessary for industrial success; and a happy citizenship and to encourage the people to support the state.

## Transport Sinks, 9 Drown

### Vessel Strikes Mine in North Sea; 35 Survivors Landed.

LONDON, March 15.—Nine sailors are reported drowned in the sinking of the American naval transport Yselhaven, which struck a mine at 1:25 o'clock Friday morning, according to a report from London. The Yselhaven was bound from Baltimore to Copenhagen.  
Thirty-five survivors have been landed at Harlepool by a British steamer.

## Yeggs in Vladivostok

### Wave of Highway Robbery and Safe Blowing Reported.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—A wave of highway robbery and safe-blowing in Vladivostok during the past week was reported today to the state department. In one instance a band of armed robbers in broad daylight blew up a safe and took 250,000 rubles and other securities.  
In another securities valued at nearly 2,500,000 rubles were taken from the offices of the leading co-operative organization at Vladivostok.

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## WAR ON PROHIBITION IS OPENLY DECLARED

### ORGANIZATION FORMING FAVORS LIQUOR AND TOBACCO.

### Public Opinion to Be Influenced for "Maintenance of Standards of Personal Liberty."

NEW YORK, March 15.—Organization of the Association Opposed to National Prohibition was announced here tonight, with the avowed "prime purpose" of making the "18th amendment to the constitution forever inoperative." Application for incorporation under the laws of New York will be made next week, it was said. Among the incorporators will be Percival S. Hill, president of the American Tobacco company; Joseph W. Harriman, president of the Herriman National bank, and Michael Friedsam, president of B. Altman & Co. No person officially connected with the organization, it was declared, has any interest, directly or indirectly, in the liquor business.

Plans for organization of branches in 25 states have been laid, it was announced, and nearly 800,000 persons already have applied for membership. The organization, it was declared, stands on the principle of "personal rights and liberties" and is opposed to introduction of any bills in congress or in the various state legislatures differentiating between light wines and beer and whisky.

It is as strongly opposed, the statement continues, to prohibition by constitutional amendment of the manufacture and sale of cigarettes, cough drops and chewing gum, as it is to the prohibition by constitutional amendment of the manufacture and sale of intoxicants.

In addition to the organization's campaign to influence public opinion "for maintenance of the standards of personal liberty" by "all lawful and proper means," the organization also proposes to disseminate information regarding the political, social and economic effect of the prohibition of the sale of alcoholic beverages, to promote temperance in the use of alcoholic beverages "and to oppose any movement to limit or discontinue the use of tobacco."

The organization will hold mass meetings and parades in 43 cities on April 19, the anniversary of the firing of the first gun of the American revolution. A national convention is to be held, the announcement says, between June 1 and June 15.

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## SOLDIER AID IS APPROVED

### Spokane Business Men to Help Fighting Men to Get Jobs.

SPOKANE, March 15.—Plans for personal assistance for returned soldiers, to aid them in getting the sort of job they desire and help them otherwise when occasion demands, are to be worked out by a special committee of Spokane business men, to be named at a meeting of those interested which will be held here next week.

## R. A. Booth Urged to Stay

### Oregon Citizens Want Highway Commissioner to Retain Place.

SALEM, Or., March 15.—(Special)—From all over the state an avalanche of letters and telegrams has descended on the governor's office urging that he prevail upon State Highway Commissioner Booth to retain his place on the commission.  
Many of these endorsements are from communities where local candidates have arisen, and in practically every instance in which endorsements have been received for other candidates they have been preceded by urging the retention of Mr. Booth in the first instance, but stating if he cannot be retained they would like to recommend their particular candidate.

## SEATTLE FACES LARGE TAX

### Completion of Rail Deal May Involve Payment of \$275,000.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 15.—The city of Seattle will have to pay \$275,000 taxes for the year 1919 if the deal whereby the Seattle municipality acquires the street-car lines of the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power company is completed before April 1, according to a ruling made today by Clark R. Jackson, state tax commissioner. Jackson places the valuation of the carlines at \$12,000,000.

## RECORD CROPS PREDICTED

### Central Washington Farmers Start Sowing Spring Wheat.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 15.—Farmers in the southern section of the Big Bend country in north central Washington have started sowing spring wheat for what will be one of the largest crops in the history of this part of the country, according to reports received by former Governor Hay, who has farming interests in that section.  
Climatic conditions are excellent for a good crop, he said.

