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ARMY REORGANIZATION LEGISLATION PROMISES TROUBLE.

Investigation of National Defense Act of 1916 May Cast Light on Unpublished Conditions.

OREGON NEWS BUREAU, Wash., July 26.—Much trouble is in store for the general staff of the army when legislation looking toward army reorganization comes up.

And at this time there are prospects of some trouble even before congress reaches the matter of reorganization. Senator Chamberlain of Oregon unquestionably intends to drag the general staff into his fight for court-martial reforms.

The Oregon senator already has obtained the passage of a resolution through the senate that will cause the general staff some annoyance. This resolution calls on the war department for full information relating to interpretation or execution of the provisions of section 5 of the national defense act of June 3, 1916.

General Staff Work Outlined.

This section provides that members of the general staff shall be confined strictly to the discharge of the duties of the general nature specified for them in that section and in the organic act that created the corps, and they shall not be permitted to assume or engage in work of an administrative character that pertains to the established bureaus or offices of the war department; and it provides also for forfeiture of pay and allowances of any officers responsible for its violation.

The Chamberlain resolution is sure to bring to light an unpublished opinion of the judge-advocate-general of the army made shortly after the enactment of the legislation and construing the law in a manner that was regarded by the secretary of war as excessive, in that it placed restrictions upon the general staff administrative functions to an extent within the terms of the law.

Medals Also to Be Investigated.

It will be shown that upon the rejection of this opinion Secretary of War Baker issued instructions which went to the other extreme. This latter opinion has aroused some indignation. The purpose of Senator Chamberlain's resolution is to fix the responsibility for it.

Another resolution introduced by Senator Chamberlain calls on the war department for the results of the conferences of a board convened in accordance with a section of the national defense act for the purpose of investigating and reporting upon past awards or issues of congressional medals of honor.

The board, headed by Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles, retired, was directed by the law to ascertain what medals had been issued not in accordance with law and to require return to the war department for cancellation such medals as had been issued irregularly.

For some reason the report was suppressed by the war department.

TEXAS MOTHER GIVES ALL LIVESTOCK MORTGAGED TO BUY TICKET TO SON'S BEDSIDE.

Soldier Boy's Call Brings Impoverished Parent to Hospital With Home-Made Bread.

NEW YORK, July 26.—Mrs. William Hammond of Gorman, Tex., mother of 11 children, summoned by telegram to the bedside of her critically ill soldier son, Ruel E. Hammond, 22 years of age, arrived at St. Mary's hospital in Hoboken today. She mortgaged two horses and a cow to raise the money to get here, and said she was paying 10 per cent interest on the loan, "which Ruel will help pay off when he gets well."

Warned of the high cost of living in New York, Mrs. Hammond brought with her a large bag of home-made Texas bread, which she hoped would last until her return to Gorman. Nurses and friends at the hospital raised a fund to supply the impoverished but happy mother with shoes, a hat and a new dress, and when she was ushered into the sick ward to see her boy he smiled wanly and, after embracing and kissing the white-haired woman, remarked: "Well, mom, they can put you in fine city clothes, but they can't take the Texas walk out of your feet."

Young Hammond, who is the eldest of the family, and a younger brother volunteered for service at the outbreak of the war. He saw active service in France and his brother, a sailor, is a member of the crew of the army transport Powhatan.

Mrs. Hammond said she had written to Secretary Daniels asking that he be honorably discharged, "now that the armistice had been signed, so that he can help us run the farm."

SHIPYARD MEET ADJOURNS

REPORT FROM SAN FRANCISCO DIFFERS FROM LOCAL NEWS.


Conference Suspends Until Missing Delegates Are Secured to Settle Wage Points.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—Shipyard owners of Portland and Los Angeles have not yet taken any formal part in the conference here between coast employers and metal craftsmen to formulate a new working agreement.

Nonparticipation of these points has somewhat delayed negotiations, John O'Connell, chairman of the metal crafts committee said, and had caused withdrawal from the conference of labor representatives from Portland and Los Angeles. A coast-wide agreement is the aim of the conference, O'Connell declared.

Portland shipyard owners were represented at the conference by C. E. Bowles, who returned to Portland Friday night from San Francisco. Mr. Bowles said last night that the conference was adjourned until August 4 to give Los Angeles shipyard owners, who had not been represented, an opportunity to send a delegate to the conference.

The principal cause of contention at the conference, according to Mr. Bowles, was a demand on the part of the labor representatives that the same conditions be signed by all coast yards, while the owners wished to have the matter arranged by districts.



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HOOD SCENERY IS FILMED

Scenes for "Last of His People" Staged in Foothills.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 26.—(Special.)—Hood River is entertaining its first party of movie-makers, eight men and women of the producing company now engaged in filming "The Last of His People," here to get local color. The party plans to make Hood River a base of operations for the next five days, while bits of film are taken here and there along little creeks of the foothills.

Mitchell Lewis, who is promoting the production, plays the lead. Robert North Bedford is director, and E. L. McMonical camera man. A partly overclouded sky badly handicapped the movie party yesterday.

HAYWOOD BOND APPROVED

L. W. W. Secretary Will Be Released Monday.

CHICAGO, July 26.—Bonds of \$46,000 for the release of William D. "Big Bill" Haywood, convicted secretary of the Industrial Workers of the World, were approved by Federal Judge Alschuler today.

He probably will be released from the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., Monday, pending hearings on appeals taken by himself and 37 other L. W. W. convicted before Federal Judge Landis a year ago.

GASTON SOLDIER RETURNS

Myron Armstrong Home From Overseas Service.

GASTON, Or., July 26.—(Special.)—Myron Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs.

YAKIMA ORCHARDS SOLD

American Fruit Growers, Inc., Buys Thousand Acres.

YAKIMA, Wash., July 26.—(Special.)—Orchards valued at \$800,000 and amounting to 10,000 acres have been purchased in the Yakima valley by the American Fruit Growers, Inc. according to W. E. Clore, a director of the company, who was assigned the task of selecting the orchards desired by the corporation.

With Mr. Clore here at this time is R. B. Woolfolk of Pittsburgh, vice-president of the company. He said the company would depend on orchards purchased in the Yakima and Wenatchee valleys for its boxed apples, and get its barreled apples from its orchards in Illinois and Virginia.



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