

MOBILIZATION AN AID

Maneuvers Show Improvement in Militia and Regular Forces—War Rumors Increase Interest.

Washington, Sept. 7.—Reports thus far received by officers of the war department on the recent country-wide military maneuvers indicate that the militia establishment of the nation is more enthusiastic and of greater force than since 1898 when the war with Spain aroused citizen soldiery.

The regular army, observed in the same maneuvers, is regarded as a more effective fighting force because of the Texas mobilization and its participation with the militia in maneuver camps.

Regular army officers attribute the greater interest taken in the militia largely to frequent rumors of trouble with Mexico and the unrest in Central America.

In the absence of official reports from the empires who officiated at the various problem maneuvers, including the attacks on New York and San Francisco, military experts last night were not prepared to comment at length on the lessons learned from the field exercises. It was admitted, however, that the unofficial reports indicated the analysis of the movements against both cities would disclose defects in their defenses.

The maneuvers, which lasted eight days, cost close to \$2,500,000, of which the federal government provided \$1,350,000.

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In the matter of the estate of Humphrey E. Stone, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Jackson county, Oregon, sitting in probate, administratrix of the estate of Humphrey E. Stone, deceased.

All persons indebted to said estate are requested to settle the same immediately, and those having claims against said estate will present them at the office of Geo. W. Trefren, at Ashland, Ore., with proper vouchers attached, within six months after the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated August 12th, 1912. MISSOURI E. STONE, Administratrix of the estate of Humphrey E. Stone, deceased. GEO. W. TREFREN, Attorney for said estate. 22-5t-Mon.

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Katharine Ridgway with her concert company play the opening number in November. In all lyceum circles the name of Ridgway carries with it "extreme satisfaction."

Governor E. W. Hoch of Kansas will bring a message that grips the mind and soul of his hearers. His fellow-townsmen of Topeka, speaking of his lecture at Kansas City, said: "His speech at Kansas City dazzled the natives."

Strickland W. Gillilan, humorist, will be the next number. He says in his own inimitable way: "The best thing I ever saw in print about my work (that I didn't write myself) was this: 'Gillilan's entertainment makes you love your children better.' That's worth working for."

Next, John B. Ratto, impersonator. Character studies from life. It is said of him that he lives every character he studies. Has a rare quality of popularizing classics, simplifying them without having to make apologies to their builders. In presenting each number Mr. Ratto "makes up."

Next, the Strollers Quartet. Many enjoyed the Whitney Brothers last winter. We are assured this attraction will excel the brothers. They are not musical "pick-ups." They are musicians for life. They court no other calling. To be first in music is their one ambition.

Last but not least is Ralph Birmingham, entertainer. The only one in his class. This man will make you laugh in spite of yourself. You simply can't help it. Your neighbor will laugh, the woman in front of you will laugh, the man behind you will be bubbling over with laughter. The advice of the committee would be, just buckle up the belt straps a little tighter; you will need extra preparation for this entertainment. It will be worth your while. Everybody laughs but the grocer, and he laughs—some.

Take it all through, we present you a very evenly balanced program for the coming winter. We have confidence in the folks of Ashland that it will be well patronized. Season tickets \$2. Student tickets \$1.50 with reserved seats. We venture the promise that seats will not be sold the second time for this course.

Packer Liable for Poisonous Pork. New York.—In overruling a demurrer interposed by Armour & Company in a damage suit brought by Sophie Kelterer, who alleged that she had been poisoned by trichinae-infected pork prepared by the defendant, Judge Noyes, in the United States district court, ruled that the packer, not the middleman or retailer, is responsible.

"The producer should be held responsible for the result of negligent acts which he can readily foresee," said the court. "The iron manufacturer who fails to inspect a piece of iron cannot foresee that it will be used in a boiler and cause a ship to sink. But the meat packer who fails to inspect his products for poisonous parasites or ingredients knows that poison will poison and that persons will be poisoned through his neglect will be those who eat his products and no one else."

Armour & Company contended that a manufacturer who deals with the middleman and not directly with the consumer, owes the latter no duty whatever, except the duty of refraining from knowingly and willfully inflicting injury.

Bourne to Support Teddy. Washington, D. C.—Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon issued a statement here recently declaring that he will support Colonel Roosevelt for the presidency. He is as yet undecided whether to take the stump for the progressives.

Eighty-three divorces were granted by Portland courts during the month of August.

UNUSUAL RECORD.

Thirty-two Years a Railroad Employee Without the Loss of a Day.

Lebanon, Sept. 7.—Thirty-two years of honorable service with the Southern Pacific Company in Oregon is the record of James Skelly, section boss of the Lebanon branch, who will be retired under the pension rules of the company shortly. Skelly not only has a record for honorable service, but in all of those years he has never missed a single day's work. He went to work for the Southern Pacific—known at the time as the Oregon & California—in September, 1880.

Shortly after taking employment with the company he was given charge of the Lebanon & Albany branch and he has been the first and only section boss on that branch. Skelly has saved a sufficient sum to enable him to purchase a 100-acre farm two miles west of Jackson and will begin the life of a farmer as soon as the pension board authorizes his pension.

The pension system of the Southern Pacific Company is absolutely voluntary. Employees are not required to contribute to any fund. When they have reached the age of 70, or have been incapacitated for work after an honorable service, they are retired with a pension. On August 31, 1912, there were 508 pensioners on the rolls of this railroad. These men and women are from all departments. Some are officials and many are from the maintenance of way department. Since the establishment of the pension department in September, 1903, the Southern Pacific has disbursed \$1,083,822 in pensions.

EUTHANASIA URGED.

Woman Paralytic Asks to Be Put Out of Misery.

New York.—The legal and moral issues of euthanasia are presented to the people of New York state by Mrs. Sarah Harris, an incurable paralytic, who asks for the enactment of a law which would permit a physician to end her suffering by death. Mrs. Harris is a patient at the Audubon Sanitarium. Paralysis has stricken her every faculty save brain and speech. Physicians admit their helplessness in Mrs. Harris' case, asserting it may be years before she dies.

"When a brute of the lowest animal kingdom," says Mrs. Harris, in her appeal, "is suffering, it is killed and put out of its misery. But a cruel order forces human beings to suffer. I seek a law which would permit physicians to kill any person incurably affected, who prefers death to a life of suffering."

Superintendent Lloyd of the Audubon Sanitarium says he is inclined to favor the law if it could be safeguarded and restricted. He feared, however, it would open an avenue to make murder easy. Lloyd expressed deep sympathy for Mrs. Harris.

LONGEST TUNNEL IN AMERICA.

Southern Pacific Will Bore 30,000 Feet Through Sierras.

San Francisco.—Chairman Robert S. Lovett of the board of directors of the Harriman lines discussed, Friday, details of the long tunnel the Southern Pacific plans to bore through the Sierras. To save a pull of about 1,000 feet, the company proposes to build a tunnel 30,000 feet in length and which will cost about \$10,000,000. It will be cut into the mountains at a point between Blue Canyon, Cal., and Truckee. According to Judge Lovett, it will be the longest tunnel on the continent.

Trains propelled by electric power will be used in the big bore, which is to be for a single track only. Double track systems, however, will extend from its western portal clear to San Francisco Bay, and from the eastern portal of Omaha, save for stretches of single tracking in isolated spots. The point selected for the tunnel will necessitate a big change in the present line between Truckee and Blue Canyon.

STRANGE FOSSILS SOUGHT.

LaBrea Tar Bed to Be Explored for Animals of Pliocene Age.

Los Angeles, Sept. 7.—A thorough excavation of the famous LaBrea tar beds, near Los Angeles, in a systematic search for the skeletons of birds and animals of the Pliocene age, will be begun here soon, according to Prof. Reginald C. Stoner, a graduate of the University of California. Prof. Stoner arrived in Los Angeles recently.

"There are few places discovered in any portion of the globe that have produced such perfect specimens of fossil organisms as the LaBrea tar beds," said Prof. Stoner. "They may possibly reveal new features in the science of paleontology and give us even more wonderful animals than the saber-tooth tiger and the mighty sloth, remains of which have been taken from LaBrea with little effort."

SALMON FRY SLIPS AWAY.

Recent Rains Enable Little Fellows to Leave Hatchery.

Tillamook, Ore.—A large number of young salmon fry have been turned loose and planted in rivers of this county from the Trask river salmon hatchery. Some 700,000 young fry were ready to be turned loose when the recent rains came, and, owing to the rise in the Trask river, they made their escape. As they were the largest fish at the hatchery, they had obtained sufficient growth to protect themselves from the salmon trout, the worst enemy the young fry have to contend with when turned into the rivers.

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THE BURBANK OF THE VALLEY.

Gold Hill Man Working Wonders With Four Acres.

Wheat straws six feet in length, 65 to 100 springing from one current kernel, with heads averaging six inches, presaging a yield of at least 100 bushels to the acre, is a possibility for southern Oregon that has been exclusively demonstrated by Enoch M. Smith upon his little brush-land farm just west of Gold Hill. By selective breeding, covering only two seasons of growth, and by an intuitive knowledge of gardening and the needs of plant life, Gardener Smith has succeeded in producing such wheat as this, which he proposes to distribute among growers really interested in the improvement of wheat yields. Owing to his limited acreage upon the little patch of land which he cultivates he has not been in a position to produce seed of this sort in any considerable quantity, but is certain that he could repeat the yield in equal proportion upon any given area.

"Gardener" Smith, as he styles himself, is 65 years of age, and for a lifetime has been modestly tinkering away at the problems of plant growth and breeding, utilizing for the most part land thought to be unfit for agricultural purposes, and making several acres of such soil produce what the average grower considers to be a good return upon many times the acreage. The little plot near Gold Hill produces such agricultural marvels as seed and seedless squash upon one vine, big yields of garden truck throughout the entire season upon unirrigated soil, and is the site of Gardener Smith's laboratorial labors with various fertilizers of his own devising, the formula of which he secretly preserves, and which he guarantees to accelerate plant growth at a rate never attained since Jack planted the marvelous bean and went after the giant.

Mr. Smith's two sons, John and James, are well known and prosperous ranchers of this locality, following worthily in the parental furrow upon their quarter section of fine alfalfa land on Sardine creek. Gardener Smith, however, professes that four acres of Jackson county brush-land is enough to satisfy the most ardent agriculturist, and is planning to assist the southern Oregon climate in producing some really remarkable and novel yields another season.

LUMBER PROBE CONTINUES.

Evidence Reveals Control of Wholesalers Over Consumers.

Seattle.—Further evidence of the pressure brought to bear on the lumber manufacturers and wholesalers who violated the lumber trades code of ethics by selling to mail order houses, "poachers" or consumers was given Thursday before Special Commissioner Palmer, who was taking testimony in the government's anti-trust suit against the retail lumbermen's association.

Louis Schwager, of Schwager & Nettleton, wholesalers of Seattle, told how his company had much correspondence with some of their large customers and with association secretaries when they sold lumber to unethical dealers in North Dakota. He said the practice of selling only to legitimate dealers was a long-established custom and was recognized by his company.

CURE FOR INFANT PARALYSIS.

Medical Man Claims He Has Remedy for This Baffling Disease.

Boston.—It is confidently expected that a cure for infantile paralysis will soon be given to the world.

After four years of study and investigation at the Harvard Medical School, Dr. Phillip A. T. Sheppard is convinced that he has isolated the microscopic infectious virus which attacks the spinal cord, causing infantile paralysis, with all its hideous symptoms.

Now that the virus, a morbid poison, has been isolated, it will be comparatively easy to find an anti-toxin to combat it.

Dr. Sheppard, who is investigator for the state board of health, declares the house fly and dust in particular carry the virus of infantile paralysis and play the most important part in its propagation and distribution.

Progressives Sweep California.

San Francisco.—Practically a complete count of returns of yesterday's state primary indicates the progressives have nominated more than 80 of the 100 republican party candidates for the legislature as opposed to Taft republicans, that they are victorious in five and possibly seven of the eleven congressional districts. Phelan of the Wilson wing of the democrats won easily from Bell of the Clark faction throughout the state.

As the progressive victory insures the nomination of presidential electors pledged to Roosevelt, the Taft leaders have begun a discussion of plans for placing their candidates on the November ballot. Their only recourse is to launch special petitions each of which must bear the names of 11,000 who did not participate in the primaries. Even then they will not be allowed a party designation.

Indian's Word Good.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 7.—That he was worthy of the trust reposed in him today is proved by George Gray, a Klamath Indian. When Gray was sentenced to 60 days' imprisonment for giving away liquor on the Klamath Indian reservation he asked United States District Judge Beau that the sentence be suspended two months so that he might return home and harvest his crops. The court granted his request and Gray returned at the proper time and gave himself up. Gray's trouble was the result of the birth of an heir. He felt so happy he obtained several gallons of whiskey and shared it with his neighbors.

PARCELS POST REGULATIONS.

Senator Bourne Gives Out Information Concerning New Law.

In response to many inquiries for information, Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., chairman of the senate committee on postoffices and post-roads, has prepared the following summary of the provisions of the new parcels post law which will become effective January 1, 1913:

Any article is mailable if not over 11 pounds in weight nor more than 72 inches in length and girth combined, nor likely to injure the mails or postal equipment or employes.

Flat rate of 1 cent per ounce up to 4 ounces regardless of distance.

Above 4 ounces, rates are by the pound or fraction thereof, and varying with distance as follows:

Rural route and city delivery, first pound 5 cents, each additional pound 1 cent, 11 pounds 15 cents.

50-mile zone, first pound 5, each additional pound 3, 11 pounds 35.

150-mile zone, first pound 6, each additional pound 4, 11 pounds 46.

300-mile zone, first pound 7, each additional pound 5, 11 pounds 57.

600-mile zone, first pound 8, each additional pound 6, 11 pounds 68.

1,000-mile zone, first pound 9, each additional pound 7, 11 pounds 79.

1,400-mile zone, first pound 10, each additional pound 9, 11 pounds 90.

1,800-mile zone, first pound 11, each additional pound 10, 11 pounds 111.

Over 1,800 miles, first pound 12, each additional pound 12, 11 pounds 132.

The postmaster general may make provision for indemnity, insurance and collection on delivery, with additional charges for such service, and may, with the consent of the interstate commerce commission after investigation, modify rates, weights, and zone distances, when experience has demonstrated the need therefor.

Disastrous Fire at California Resort.

Los Angeles.—Fire originating from a defective flue at the Casino cafe on the pleasure pier at Ocean Park at 5 o'clock Tuesday night caused a loss of at least one life and a property damage estimated at \$2,250,000. For a time it threatened to devastate the twin beach resorts of Ocean Park and Venice, 18 miles from Los Angeles.

A high wind caused the flames to spread so rapidly that seven men were caught at the end of the Frazer pier, on which the Casino was located, and were forced to jump into the breakers. Six of them were rescued by lifeguards, who put out in boats. They were not in time, however, to save the life of E. W. Leach, chief of the Casino cafe.

The flames, spreading rapidly through the concession district, swept everything from the Dragon George, a huge roller coaster, down toward Venice. The abatement of the wind gave the fire department, augmented by fire companies from Los Angeles, an opportunity to get the fire under control.

At the Decatur Hotel, which was destroyed, there were many thrilling rescues, and Special Officer Charles Simpson rescued Mrs. H. C. Lathrop, an invalid, from the top floor. Patrons lost \$10,000 in gems, money and clothing.

Nine babies, including one Japanese infant, were saved from the "baby incubator" on the pier by Frederick House, the babies being taken away in metal cases of the incubators.

Roosevelt's Portland Program.

Portland, Ore.—Details of the program for the entertainment of Colonel Roosevelt, presidential nominee of the progressive party, September 11, have been announced. The program calls for two luncheons, one street parade, two short addresses to mothers and children and one long speech on campaign issues. He will be in Portland the entire day.

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