

COAST MEMBERS LAY PLANS FOR COAST DEFENSES

Taking Full Warrant From "Confidential" Report of Dickinson—Course of Congress Uncertain.

(By the International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 17.—An impasse has been reached between the conflicting elements in the countrywide agitation over the state of the national defenses. Secretary of War Dickinson has advised congress, by direction of the president, "that it is not compatible with the public interests for me at this time to make a report answering in detail the question embodied in the McLachlan resolution."
The immediate consequences of this will be a concerted effort on the part of the representatives of the Pacific coast states to secure at once sufficient appropriations to provide for dock facilities, submarines and improved and increased coast defenses for the Pacific.

Representative Hayes of California, speaking for the coast representatives, outlined this plan to the International News Service correspondents today shortly after Secretary Dickinson's letter to Speaker Cannon declining to make public the information requested was received at the capitol.

"Confidential" Only a Label.
Secretary Dickinson's position is that everything pertaining to the nation's defenses and the needs of the situation that can properly be made public is contained in the annual reports of the war department, which have already been submitted to congress. He ignores the fact that information from half a dozen different sources that are technically termed "confidential" has become public property and lacks only a formal report to congress to make it official.

Whether, lacking this official stamp of approval as to the known conditions, congress will also take only those steps that were in contemplation before the agitation was begun, remains to be seen.

At the war department today there was absolute silence following the letter of Secretary Dickinson to Speaker Cannon. None of the bureau chiefs, all of whom are trained soldiers and practical fighting men, has changed his views, but whatever else may be lacking in the service, it is strong on discipline. Through the secretary of war the commander in chief has spoken, and there is nothing to be said.

Preparedness and Chickamauga.
It may be interesting, however, to reflect upon the parting shot of one practical fighting man who had his confidential say this afternoon.

"We are a vain, hopeful people" said he. "It is a vain, hopeful people for us to boastfully assert that we can lick any nation on earth and do it when the time comes without much preparation. Likewise we have short memories. When the war with Spain came we started in to prepare ourselves, and because of our lack of preparedness we lost five men by sickness in camps far from the theater of war to every one man lost in action. In the one simple matter of care of our men we were so absolutely unprepared that 17,000 men were carried off more men than the enemy. We are paying thousands in pensions for soldiers who never got any farther than the hospitals in Chattanooga. We had about 400,000 men under arms in that war. Japan has a million and a half under arms in her war with Russia, and in actual numbers her sick list was smaller with her 1,500,000 to care for than ours with only 400,000 to care for. That's preparedness."

PENDLETON POULTRY SHOW COMES TO CLOSE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., Dec. 17.—Dr. J. R. Orm, of Stanfield, won the sweepstakes prize offered by the Pendleton Woolen Mills company for the best pair of birds on exhibit at the big poultry show, which closes tonight. The wonderful 87 point pullet and her mate with a score of 96 points were several points ahead of their nearest competitors, a pair of White Wyandottes owned by A. E. Dickson, of Pomeroy, Wash.

That Principal L. E. Young, of the Milton high school, can breed chickens as well as teach school is evident from the fact that he carries off two of the handsome trophy cups offered at the local show. He not only won the Buff Orpington cup given by Royal Sawtelle for the best pen of Buff Orpingtons, but he also won the cup for the best pen of Orpingtons other than buff, with a pen of Black Orpingtons.

N. A. Humphrey of Pendleton bears the unique distinction of being the only exhibitor who was about to "come back." He won the American National bank cup for Black Minorcas last year and came back this year and duplicated the performance, defeating his competitor, Lester Boyd, also of this city, by a narrow margin. Boyd took both second and third pens and the competition in this class was about the keenest of any in the show.

M. E. Taylor, of Winona, Wash., wins the cup for the best pair of chickens in the Anatia class, having had clear sailing with a magnificent entry of Black Langshans.

WOULD DIVIDE CITY INTO FIFTEEN WARDS

J. W. Campbell, a member of the city executive board, has drafted an amendment to the city charter and submitted to the people at the municipal election next summer for the purpose of giving voters a chance to divide the city into 15 wards instead of 10, as at present. In case the proposed amendment is adopted no councilmen at large will be elected in future.

Hood Students to Debate

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Hood River, Or., Dec. 17.—The first debate of the Hood River high school students will be held at Hood River, January 13, at which time the Graham high school students will debate the question "Resolved, That the United States should maintain a system of bonuses and subsidies for the aid and maintenance of the merchant marine." Hood River will debate the affirmative side and the team will be composed of Earl Spalding, Lin Young and Vito Nickelsen.

Two Highwaymen Who Robbed Physician, and Their Captors



Reading from left to right—Police Sergeant Wanless, James Gilsan, William Martin, Police Sergeant Keller.

Four men held up and robbed Dr. J. A. Merriman, 158 North Fourteenth street, Friday night for \$2,622 cash. The robbers also secured a gold watch and chain, and these were given to the man who was instrumental in arranging and

leading in the holdup. After the four highwaymen had taken the physician's money and watch and chain, they went to Erickson's saloon in the north end and divided their loot.

James Gilsan, alias Dan Connors, and William Martin, two of the highwaymen, were arrested within half an hour after the crime. They were taken by Police Sergeants Keller and Wanless. The two other thugs escaped and have not been apprehended.

Dr. Merriman was robbed at Seventeenth and Gilsan streets, while on his way home from St. Vincent's hospital, where he had been on a professional call.

DISCUSS PLANS TO FIGHT FIRES

Oregon Forest Fire Association Decides Cooperation Necessary.

At its first regular meeting since the fire season, held yesterday in the assembly room of the Portland Commercial club, the Oregon Forest Fire association discussed the lessons of 1910 and steps for approaching the danger months of 1911 with the fullest cooperation for fire prevention by all agencies interested in protecting the forests of Oregon.

It was decided that during the months intervening before the fire season arrives again a canvass will be made of all timber owners in the state to induce still more liberal support of fire work individually and cooperatively. Where the intermingling of ownership makes it feasible, there will be joint district patrols in which the owners pro rate the cost, as has already been highly successful in Idaho, Washington and several parts of Oregon. Where the blocking of holdings makes individual protection of these tracts, neighborhood patrols will be united to hire additional wardens to cover the intervening strips of ill-kept unguarded territory. A system of reporting fires and dangerous conditions to central authorities will be perfected, so that throughout the season reliable information can be furnished on concerning all desirable steps to increase protection can be taken promptly.

To strengthen the present methods for organizing and assisting the local systems, and for interchanging information and educational work, the central management of the association in Portland will be given increased duties and facilities supported by assessing the cooperating owners. A committee to organize these methods, and report to the association on January 4 was appointed, consisting of G. L. McPherson, Welis Gilbert, E. L. Marvin, E. T. Allen and C. P. Sprague.

"GIRL FROM WYOMING" IN UMATILLA COUNTY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., Dec. 17.—Miss Alberta Claire, the "Girl from Wyoming," who is attempting the remarkable feat of riding horseback from ocean to ocean, is in Pendleton and will remain here until Monday morning, when she will resume her long journey. She rode into town Thursday afternoon from La Grande, having consumed three days in forcing her way across the Blue mountains. She found the snow very deep on the summit and the trails all obliterated so that it was with the greatest difficulty and only after experiencing many hardships that she succeeded in beating her way through. On Wednesday she made only ten miles, so great were the obstacles in her path.

Miss Claire left her home in Buffalo, Wyoming, on April 2 and has been riding continuously ever since with only a few day's intermissions occasionally to enable her to make funds with which to continue her trip. This she generally does by appearing at a theatre in a vauville sketch and while in Pendleton she will be featured by the Grand theatre for the next three nights. If she succeeds in completing her journey to New York by way of San Francisco and New Orleans, she will receive one of the best farms in her home state and in addition \$1000 in cash.

Miss Claire is rather diminutive in size but she has an unlimited amount of pluck and goes on her way without the least fear or hesitation. That she encounters many hardships and dangers goes without saying but she accepts them all as a part of her task and meets them as they come. She tells of many exciting experiences but her nerve, her dog and her revolver have always carried her through them safely. Frequently she says she is forced to put up at the camps of cowboys, woodchoppers or loggers but generally, she says, they treat her with every respect. Only once a tough cowboy insulted her, but a shot from her revolver which clipped off a part of one ear reminded him that a woman who is ready to undertake such a trip is also prepared to defend herself.

FORMER CONGRESSMAN W. T. FOOTE IS DEAD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
New York, Dec. 17.—Former Congressman Wallace Turner Foote Jr., of Port Henry, this state, died in St. Luke's hospital, this city, this morning after several months' illness. Mr. Foote was born at Port Henry, April 7, 1854.

FISHERIES COMPANY PACKS 20,000 CASES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 17.—Twenty thousand cases, equal to nearly 1,500,000 pounds of fish, valued at \$95,000, were packed last season by the Pacific Fisheries company of this city, being the largest pack ever made on Grays harbor. The run of fish was unusually large and a greater number of fishermen were employed. The prices paid were also better than usual. A total of \$15,000 was paid in wages, of which the fishermen received \$850, all of which remains here as only white fishermen were employed. Besides this, 30,000 shnooks were picked for foreign trade, and as many more for eastern demand. Several thousand dollars will be spent for improvements before another packing season.

Engineer Sues Union

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Butte, Mont., Dec. 17.—After considerable arguments this morning District Judge McClernan granted a motion to quash service of summons on engineers' union No. 5 in a novel suit brought by James J. Lynch, who asks for a writ of mandamus to compel the union to issue him a working card to enable him to secure the union scale of wages.

Lynch claims that he took a withdrawal card from the engineers' union and when he applied for a working card several months later it was denied him.

GALLAGHER SHOT IN SALOON ROW

Time Keeper at Hogan-Frayne Fight Wounded by a Deputy Sheriff.

(United Press Local Wire.)
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 17.—William Gallagher, who was timekeeper at the Hogan-Frayne fight this afternoon and a prominent local sportsman was shot and probably fatally injured tonight by Charles Long, deputy sheriff of San Mateo county. The row occurred in the saloon of Alex Gregains, an old time fighter and promoter. The motive is a mystery but it is believed to have been the outcome of an argument over the boxing contest.

Gallagher is unconscious. After the shooting Long escaped. Gallagher is an old time sporting man and has been mixed up in many rows here in years past. He formerly kept time and was second for Sullivan, Corbett, Fitzsimmons and other famous fighters. He was known as all around "tough man." The police are looking for Long.

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All \$30.00 Garments...	\$22.25
All \$31.50 Garments...	\$23.60
All \$32.50 Garments...	\$24.45
All \$33.50 Garments...	\$25.35
All \$35.00 Garments...	\$26.00
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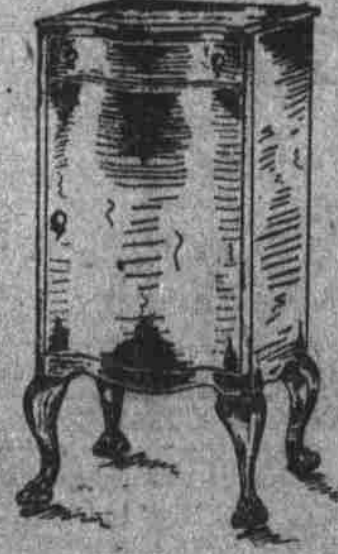
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