

UNPREPAREDNESS OF GUARD IS SCORED BY SEN. CHAMBERLAIN

American People Blamed by Chairman Senate Military Committee for Lack.

PLAN SHOWS WEAKNESS

Time Lost in Starting Militia and Then Without Horses, Supplies and Some Mules Gun.

Washington, July 1.—(U. P.)—Had trouble threatened with a powerful, aggressive nation, instead of Mexico, the last few days would have shown the "inherent weakness of the National Guard system even more strikingly than has been the case." Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military committee said today in an interview with the United Press.

He had before him reports of guardsmen leaving for the front short of horses, mules, supplies, even rifles, of state forces when they were called to the men never had fired an army rifle, of large proportions of National Guard companies being disqualified by United States army regulations.

Not Attack on Guards. "Let me make clear first," he said, "that this is not an attack on the guards. The guardsmen, faulty as the system has shown itself, are better prepared than any of the rest of us. Indeed they are the only men who have imposed any sacrifice on themselves."

"What the failures of the past 10 days ought to do is to show the American people their duty—the duty of such one to begin to get ready for whatever situation may come up. "It is the American people who are responsible for the machine guns, no zero service to speak of, a lack of horses, and organization so inefficient that in 10 days we have succeeded in starting only the militia of a few states to the border and those in various degrees of criminal unpreparedness. "It was wrong to expect a small percentage of citizens—largely untrained, largely the butt of sold-laced jokes, and always with military interests strictly secondary, to bear our unpreparedness burden. The system has shown its weaknesses as we should have anticipated."

Men Physically Unfit.

"Neither can the railroads be blamed for the delays. "The American people never have suggested that railroads ought to be prepared, as a part of the nation's military machinery."

"Industries suddenly called on to give up part of their employees and the same time to hurry up supplies for them are altogether wrongly blamed. Lately 'industrial preparedness' has become a phrase, used to recall it has been only that. We find, most serious of all, wide physical unpreparedness."

Nation a "Slacker."

"I called from stores, warehouses, and other indoor and partly outdoor positions are supposed to be fit. As a matter of fact, some of them have fainted when called on to march and drill a few hours in a climate which compares to Mexico's, is like a summer resort."

"We find that when troops had to change mounts the utmost confusion resulted. In one drill a dozen were injured, one fatally. "The whole nation has been a 'slacker.' We have not only refused to do our duty, but even to see it. "Let us thank God it was only Mexico that waked us up."

New Postoffice to Be Named Wemme

Will Be Established in Bungalow Store on Road From Welches to Cherryville—L. A. Wrenn, Postmaster.

Wemme will be the name of the new postoffice that will be established at the Bungalow store on the road from Welches to Cherryville, in an effort by the people to perpetuate the name of the late E. Henry Wemme, to whom they are indebted for better roads. L. A. Wrenn will be commissioned postmaster, and the office will be in operation within 10 days, is the statement of C. W. Kern, proprietor of the Arrah Wenna hotel, through whose efforts the plan was materialized. The old Barlow road to Mt. Hood was purchased by Mr. Wemme a number of years ago and with his own money graded and made a passable highway from a winding buffalo trail.

Pledges Made by Missionary Society

Conference at Salem Will Give \$1000 to Portland Industrial Center; Two New Officers Are Elected.

Salem, Or., July 1.—Pledges for \$1000 to the Salem Old People's home, \$1000 to the Portland Industrial Center and \$300 to national work outside of Portland, were made at the thirtieth annual convention of the Woman's Home Missionary society, the M. E. church, Oregon conference, before final adjournment here Friday. The only change in officers was the election of Mrs. J. E. Carstino of Medford as fifth vice president, and Mrs. Marie Pettit of Portland as temperance secretary.

STATE EDUCATORS AT EUGENE FAVOR RURAL SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Want the Present Supervisory Law Made Mandatory in All Counties of the State.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., July 1.—At the close of the seventh annual session of the Oregon Educational conference at the university Friday, resolutions were adopted supporting rural school supervision and recommending that the supervisory law be made mandatory on all of the counties, that uniform transfer cards should be provided for all state high schools, that the thrift movement receive the encouragement of Oregon teachers, and that the use of school houses as social centers should be continued and extended.

Teachers' tenure laws were under discussion at today's meeting, but no final agreement was arrived at. Miss Viola Ortschild of the Portland Grade Teachers' association upheld the present Portland law, claiming that the teachers, relieved from the worry over re-election, were giving better attention to their classes. Superintendent C. A. Howard of Coquille counties, against the tenure law on the ground that the superintendents cannot be held responsible unless given power to discharge.

Dr. E. C. Ayer of the university appointment bureau, Charles Jones and Superintendent R. L. Kirk of Springfield were among today's speakers.

Naval Battle Waged In Baltic Is Reported

German ships at First Repulsed Small Russian Flotilla Who, Reinforced, Returned to Conflict Yesterday.

London, July 1.—(I. N. S.)—From Copenhagen comes the report of a battle which began on Thursday night off Lansort in the Baltic and continued throughout the night. It states that German cruisers, accompanied by some large warships, attacked some Russian torpedo boats and destroyers. German reinforcements came up, forcing the Russians to withdraw. Their numbers strengthened, the Russians returned to the engagement and firing began at 6 o'clock this morning. It is believed that the German warships, which were met by the Russians, were seeking to reinforce by sea Von Hindenberg's army in their new offensive.

New York Press to Be Merged With Sun

Frank A. Munsey Gains Control of Both Papers by Purchase of Interests of W. C. Reick.

New York, July 1.—(I. N. S.)—Frank A. Munsey, owner of the New York Press, announced last night that he had purchased the interest of William C. Reick in the Sun, with morning and evening editions, gaining control of both papers. Coincident with this transfer the Sun buys the Press from Mr. Munsey and with it gets its associated Press franchise. The notice says: "The amalgamation will take place with the Monday issue of the Sun—Monday, July 3—when the Press will be merged with it. The name of the amalgamated paper will be the Sun. It will, of course, be necessary to carry the name of the Press in a conspicuous place for brief time. As early a date as is wise the name of the Press will wholly disappear. The price of the Sun is to be reduced to 1 cent."

QUITS JOB TO AVOID PAYING WIFE'S COSTS IN DIVORCE ACTION

Peter B. McCracken Files Affidavit Explaining He Is Now Out of Employment.

FATHER HAD PAID FEES

Husband and Father Had Promised Her \$75 Monthly as Long as He Held His Job.

To avoid making further payments of \$75 a month to his wife, Peter B. McCracken, in reply to a request from his job as salesman for his father, James R. McCracken, proprietor of the McCracken Motor Car company. This charge is made in an affidavit filed by Peter McCracken yesterday afternoon in reply to a request from his wife, Mrs. Emma C. McCracken, for \$100 attorney's fee and \$75 a month suit money with which to defend his action for divorce.

But the \$75 a month was being paid to Mrs. McCracken by his father under the terms of an agreement made last August. At that time Mrs. McCracken threatened to bring suit to collect a \$10000 given her by her husband and to satisfy her the father, Mr. McCracken agreed to pay her \$75 a month as long as his son was in his employ.

Repudiates Agreement. The elder McCracken repudiated the agreement last February and Mrs. McCracken a few weeks ago brought suit for \$300 overdue payments and won a verdict for the amount. Then Peter McCracken, his affidavit says, served his wife with notice that the agreement made by his father was revoked. She replied in writing that she refused to accept his revocation of the agreement.

Then, so James R. McCracken might avoid further litigation, the affidavit says, Peter resigned his position to take effect June 26.

"I am now out of employment," he says, "and have been since June 26. I cannot increase my income of my own except such personal belongings as are of small money value."

He cites the fact that he was tried on a charge of conspiracy and the district court found that his wife was not in want and dismissed the charge. He says she is staying at a prominent hotel and her bills are paid promptly.

Says Wife Well. He cites further that she has a son, a sister at Colusa, Cal.; a daughter at Greenwich terrace, San Francisco; a mother at Tonopah, Nev., and says they are all well and do and live as usual. He says he is friendly to his wife. When they separated in January, 1915, he says he gave her everything he had, which was 75 shares of mining stock of par value of \$1, two claims for labor perfection and a \$6000 life insurance policy.

LIQUOR SELLER IS FINED

George L. Hoffman Convicted of Maintaining Nuisance at Home.

George L. Hoffman, former saloonkeeper, was convicted yesterday afternoon in District Judge Jones' court of maintaining a nuisance at his home at 890 East Yamhill street, in violation of the prohibition law. Judge Jones imposed a fine of \$50.

The principal witness against Hoffman was Dave Ellerson, an automobile driver, who testified that he had purchased more than 100 quarts of beer from Hoffman for other persons since the first of the year. Hoffman's conviction hinged on the question of whether Ellerson was an accomplice, as the law provides that the testimony of an accomplice before a conviction can be had, must be corroborated. Judge Jones held that a person who buys liquor from another in violation of law is not an accomplice. The court also decreed that a person who conducts a liquor supply station in violation of law is much more reprehensible than the person who distributes the liquor.

THREE DIVORCES GRANTED

Cruelty Chief Charges in Cases Adjusted by Court.

Decrees of divorce have been granted as follows: Elizabeth Weidenkeller vs. Conrad Weidenkeller, married in Portland in 1904, cruelty, the custody of the three children and the home and \$15 a month alimony given the plaintiff; Edna Bullock Houston vs. David Asher Houston, married at Hillsboro in 1909, two children, non-support, \$15 a month alimony allowed; William W. Post vs. Cynthia A. Post, married in Portland in 1910, cruelty. Suit for divorce was filed by Helen Eva Kane against Frank Joseph Kane, charging cruelty. They were married in Portland in 1913. She asks for \$50 a month alimony.

STREETS CLOSED FOR FOURTH

Council Shuts Traffic From Thoroughfares Near Centers.

To give space for the naval spectacle on the Willamette between the Broadway and steel bridges the city council has authorized the closing of Cherry, McMillen, Halney and Clackamas streets from Larrabee street to the river, and of Marginal and Crosby streets from the Broadway bridge to Holiday, from 7:30 to 11 o'clock. Streets bounding the park blocks between Jefferson and Montgomery streets will be closed between 1 and 2:30 o'clock for exhibition of fire drill and races.

Molesworth Is Arrested.

Sheriff Hurlburt was advised yesterday that Thomas S. Molesworth, under indictment on charge of subornation of perjury, has been arrested at Kalama, Wash. Molesworth has made affidavit that he induced Edison Carr to give perjured testimony in connection with the suit of Mrs. Selma Wallace against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for damages for personal injuries.

Will Enlarge School.

John Day, Or., July 1.—A contract for the construction of a two room addition to the Dayville schoolhouse has been let to Kinsey and Wilson, John Day contractors. Work will be completed within 30 days.

Comes From Mexican Capital.

W. L. Vall of the City of Mexico is a guest at the Portland.

Haines Man Injured In Auto Accident

Berry Jolley in Baker Hospital Suffering From Injuries Received When Car Turned Turtle.

Baker, Or., July 1.—Berry Jolley of Haines, lies in a local hospital suffering with serious and possibly fatal, internal injuries as a result of an auto accident while driving from here to Haines last night. He swerved from the road to pass a wagon, the car overturned.

BROOKINGS, SOUTHERN CURRY COUNTY, SCENE OF BUSINESS REVIVAL

Big C. & O. Lumber Mill to Be Again in Full Operation Within a Few Months.

Marshfield, Or., June 30.—The town of Brookings, in southern Curry county, is the scene of much activity this summer. Much of the work is being done by the C. & O. Lumber company and within a few months the big lumber mill will be in operation again.

The C. & O. Lumber company is a consolidation of all of the interests of the Brookings Timber & Lumber company in southern Oregon and about 12,000 acres of timber land owned by the Del Norte Lumber company in northern California. The company, which is often referred to as the Owen interests, will cut its own redwood and manufacture it at Brookings.

The town was established by the Brookings company in 1913 and the mill was completed two years ago. The plant was closed during the dull lumber market but improvements were continued in the town. When the C. & O. company was formed the capital stock was increased to \$2,000,000.

The big lumber mill will start operations again about the middle of September. One of the extensive improvements to be made this summer will be the erection of what is known as the cable which extended out from the land to a point in the water where vessels could remain at anchor in safety, protected by the reef on Anderson. The improvement will cost \$65,000.

New Sheds Built.

The mill will cut about 200,000 feet of lumber a day. New sorting sheds are being built, a monorail system installed, and other additional machinery put in. A lathe mill will also be built.

The company has already let the contract for a lumber steamer, which has been started at St. Helens. An order will be placed for a second steamer and possibly for a third, all of which will be used in transporting the lumber from Brookings to California markets.

New Building for Marshfield.

Marshfield, Or., July 1.—The Going Investment company has awarded to J. M. Wright the contract for building the new Going building in Marshfield. It will be located on Anderson street and will extend the entire block from Broadway to Second court. The piling for the foundation was put in some time ago and it is expected to have the building complete before the fall rains start. The structure will be occupied by the Going & Harvey furniture store. It will be the largest modern structure erected in Marshfield this year.

Marriage Annulment Sought by Authoress

Ellen Gates, Creator of "The Poor Little Rich Girl" Finds Since Second Wedding Divorce from Husband Null.

New York, July 1.—(I. N. S.)—Ellen Gates, author of "The Poor Little Rich Girl" and several other novels, who is known in private life as Mrs. Frederick F. Moore, has begun action in the supreme court at White Plains, for annulment of her marriage to Mr. Moore, which took place in California in October, 1914. In August, 1914, Miss Gates obtained an interlocutory decree of divorce from Archibald W. Kelly, an attorney. The decree she believed to be binding and her marriage to Mr. Moore followed. Recently, however, she learned that the decree was null and void and the fact was confirmed after consulting with her attorneys.

Swiss Neutrality in Danger, Says London

German Violation Believed to Be Devaluation of Near Future Because of the Great Need for War Supplies.

London, July 1.—(I. N. S.)—German violation of Switzerland's neutrality, as she violated that of Belgium, is believed in London today to be a development of the near future, following advice from Bern that the German government is insisting on immediate release of 25,000 bags of cotton held by the Swiss and upon the free export of foodstuffs across the Swiss border. Switzerland is reported to have been warned by the entente allies that compliance with the German demand will be considered a breach of neutrality. Private advices from Switzerland assure the vison's issue are being made by the Italian and French occupying cantons against compliance with the German demand and that a general agitation is in progress against continuing of supplies which have crossed the frontier into Germany. The prices of food in Switzerland have increased enormously and a serious shortage is feared if merchants are allowed to continue exportations to Germany.

Suit for Architect's Fees.

Suit to collect \$4,832.70 architect's fees was filed yesterday afternoon by Edgar M. Lazarus against Mrs. Martha Dabney, executrix of the estate of R. T. Dabney, who died February 2. The fees, according to the complaint, are for perspectives, plans, drawings, etc., prepared for a building that was to have been erected at Dabney Cliffs, near Crown Point, on the Columbia river highway.

PORTLAND GIRL ONE OF AUTOISTS HELD AT BAKER FOR TIRE THEFT

Alleged Supplies Stolen From Garage Where Party Had Left Car for a Few Days.

Articles Are Filed By Fair Association

Southern Wasco County Organization Elects Officers for Ensuing Year, W. H. McAttee Being Named President.

The Dalles, Or., July 1.—Articles of incorporation of the Southern Wasco County Fair association have been filed and, at a recent meeting of the board of directors of the association, officers for the ensuing year were elected. The present board of directors and officers are: K. H. Hauser, L. D. Kelly, J. S. Brown and F. B. Ingles; president, W. H. McAttee; vice president, J. E. Kennedy; secretary, F. C. Butler; treasurer, J. T. Harper. The association incorporated for the sum of \$5000, and with a part of this sum 41 acres of land were purchased from W. H. McAttee on which permanent fair buildings will be erected. This land includes some desirable spots for camp sites.

Quarantine Is Raised.

Baker, Or., July 1.—The quarantine was raised Friday at the home of A. C. Voelker, where his little girl died of diphtheria 10 days ago. City Health Officer Dr. J. W. Huff, believes danger of an epidemic is over. The other child in the Voelker family who was suffering with the disease has recovered, and no other cases have developed.

Snake Creates Panic.

Baker, Or., July 1.—A yellow and green snake, crawling forth from a banana packing case, created panic among the women shoppers Friday at a local grocery store. The women sought refuge on the counters, chairs and elsewhere, while the employees dispatched the reptile, which was three feet long. It evidently made the journey from the tropics to Baker in the bunch of bananas.

Information Council Meets for First Time

Charged by Act of Congress With Cataloguing Private and Public Enterprises in Interest of Defense.

Washington, July 1.—(U. P.)—Steps toward the coordination of industrial and commercial resources for the national defense, were initiated Friday when the newly created council of executive information met for the first time. Secretary of War Baker presided. The council, which was created by a recent act of congress, is charged to catalogue private and public enterprises of the nation with a view to their utilization in time of war and to encourage as far as possible the development that would strengthen the nation's power of resistance from without.

Two Are Killed in Automobile Accident

Machine Goes Over 12-Foot Embankment in California With Fatal Results—Japanese in Auto Injured.

Willows, Cal., July 1.—(U. P.)—Roy Stoddard, 25, of Princeton, and Virgil Davis, 28, of Princeton, were killed Thursday near Arbutle when their automobile went over a 12-foot embankment, according to word reaching here today. Both were crushed under the car. A Japanese, who was also in the automobile, was pinned under the wreckage for three hours and was badly hurt internally.

Refugees Refused Landing.

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Alleged Horse Thief Held at The Dalles

George Holt Wanted in Clackamas County Charged With Stealing Animal From a Ranch Near Oregon City.

The Dalles, Or., July 1.—George Holt, wanted in Clackamas county for horse stealing, was arrested here. Holt stole a horse from a ranch near Oregon City. It is alleged. He told local officers he traded the stolen horse in Portland for another and rode to The Dalles over the Columbia highway. He was negotiating for another trade when arrested.

Rain Worries Fruit Men.

The Dalles, Or., July 1.—A rain storm occurred here today and fruit-growers are depressed. The rain fell in great sheets. The river has reached a flood stage of 40 feet and is rapidly rising.

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Federal Inquiry or Railroad Strike?

Faced by demands from the conductors, engineers, firemen and brakemen that would impose on the country an additional burden in transportation costs of \$100,000,000 a year, the railroads propose that this wage problem be settled by reference to an impartial Federal tribunal.

With these employes, whose efficient service is acknowledged, the railroads have no differences that could not be considered fairly and decided justly by such a public body.

Railroads Urge Public Inquiry and Arbitration

The formal proposal of the railroads to the employes for the settlement of the controversy is as follows:

"Our conferences have demonstrated that we cannot harmonize our differences of opinion, and that eventually the matters in controversy must be passed upon by other and disinterested agencies. Therefore, we propose that your proposals and the proposition of the railroads be disposed of by one or the other of the following methods:

1. Preferably by submission to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the only tribunal which, by reason of its accumulated information bearing on railway conditions and its control of the revenue of the railways, is in a position to consider and protect the rights and equities of all the interests affected, and to provide additional revenue necessary to meet the added cost of operation in case your proposals are found by the Commission to be just and reasonable; or, in the event the Interstate Commerce Commission cannot, under existing laws, act in the premises, that we jointly request Congress to take such action as may be necessary to enable the Commission to consider and promptly dispose of the questions involved; or
2. By arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Federal law" (The Newlands Act).

Leaders Refuse Offer and Take Strike Vote

Leaders of the train service brotherhoods, at the joint conference held in New York, June 1-15, refused the offer of the railroads to submit the issue to arbitration or Federal review, and the employes are now voting on the question whether authority shall be given these leaders to declare a nation-wide strike.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is proposed by the railroads as the public body to which this issue ought to be referred for these reasons:

No other body with such an intimate knowledge of railroad conditions has such an unquestioned position in the public confidence.

The rates the railroads may charge the public for transportation are now largely fixed by this Government board.

Out of every dollar received by the railroads from the public nearly one-half is paid directly to the employes as wages; and the money to pay increased wages can come from no other source than the rates paid by the public.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, with its control over rates, is in a position to make a complete investigation and render such decision as would protect the interests of the railroad employes, the owners of the railroads, and the public.

A Question For the Public to Decide

The railroads feel that they have no right to grant a wage preferment of \$100,000,000 a year to these employes, now highly paid and constituting only one-fifth of all the employes, without a clear mandate from a public tribunal that shall determine the merits of the case after a review of all the facts.

The single issue before the country is whether this controversy is to be settled by an impartial Government inquiry or by industrial warfare.

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