

GRAVES PROPOSES TO MAKE OF FORESTERS STRONG DEFENSE AID

Chief Forester of Nation Outlines Program of Widening Department's Service.

MEN HARDY WOODSMEN

Resources of Guardians of Forests Abundantly Capable of Use in Time of National Peril.

United States forest service employees—men with keen eyes, steady nerves, strong bodies—men whose knowledge of the deep woods, yawning canyons, narrow defiles and winding mountain trails—will soon become an integral part in military preparedness of the nation.

Heads of the war and navy departments realize the availability of these hardy mountain climbers, and plans are already under way for the organization of this potent force.

Hundreds of thousands of acres of national forests are under the direct control of the forest service. Mountain fastnesses have within the last few years been penetrated by these adventurers, narrow trails have been cut in mountain regions, lookout stations have been established at altitudes from which field glasses may sweep vast expanses of country.

Should a foreign foe essay to penetrate the interior of the country through regions where forest patrols are assigned, what would happen?

Chief Forester Graves' own answer to this question sums up the situation:

"It would be like the soldiers of Great Britain in the Revolutionary war, when they found every stump a citadel and every ditch a trench from which poured the deadly fire of the defenders."

In flashing the danger signal to military posts, the rangers would at once arouse the entire country; the citizens of intervening places and the dwellers in hamlets and villages would become in a measure a part of the great army of defense.

Scattered about in the forests are 4,000 miles of telephone wires. There are 45,000 miles of trails reaching into the remotest sections.

Supervisors Trained Men. "Many of the forest supervisors are trained along technical lines," said Chief Forester Graves. He continued: "Some are civil engineers, others are surveyors, some have an intimate knowledge of wood values. In case of calling on these men for help, the field would offer almost boundless advantages. They will tell you where to get the best tideland spruce for the manufacture of aeroplanes; they will point the way to the monarchs of the forest which will make the best building material for wooden vessels; they will show you acres of all straight, sound trees which are unsurpassed in the manufacture of masts and spars, pontoons and bridges."

"Laboratory experiments now being carried on by the government are making discoveries of uses to which the forest products can be put. A few of these uses are bagging, cordage, substitutes for absorbent cotton, gun stock, charcoal and other ingredients for the manufacture of explosives, gunstocks, ether, artificial limbs, plinths, etc. These are only a few of the by-products of the forests which could be readily utilized in case of

MEN OF COAST ARTILLERY WHOM UNCLE SAM CAN TRUST



Upper, left to right—Captain Frank W. Wright, F. H. Reese, sergeant-observer; Second Lieutenant V. N. Walton, Gordon Stryker, corporal-reader; R. E. Mann, corporal-plotter. Lower group, front row, left to right—J. S. Hyatt, mess sergeant; O. Neville, first sergeant; F. H. Reese, sergeant and observer; E. H. Crow, corporal; W. L. Miller, sergeant and observer; R. H. Parkinson, corporal and gun commander. Back row, left to right—C. H. Willson, sergeant and observer; F. G. Kach, sergeant and range setter; First Lieutenant E. T. Stretcher; J. W. Neville, sergeant and chief of breach; B. W. Newell, corporal and assistant plotter; H. M. Kneupel, sergeant and gun pointer.

The United States coast defense depends upon the Coast artillery corps of the regular army and the National Guard units of the C. A. C. Oregon has a full regiment of this force, and all are well trained in the handling of the big guns in the forts protecting the harbors. One of these guns at Fort Stevens throws a projectile weighing 617 pounds and travels at the leisurely pace of 2250 feet a second. The gun itself is 67,488 pounds in weight and 30.5 feet long and rests on a disappearing carriage 185,753 pounds in weight. The gun costs \$23,500 and the carriage \$18,000. Uncle Sam does not

allow raw men to see or handle such a gun. Long training is necessary to qualify an officer to command it. Men who know how to work in conjunction with a gun crew of from 24 men up must drill and train. To support such a gun and keep it in repair is costly. First Place in National Guard. The Oregon Coast Artillery corps is composed of 12 companies and commanded by Colonel Creed C. Hammond. In the practice drills at Fort Stevens, Eighth company, commanded by Captain F. W. Wright, and composed of Portland men, won first place over all other National Guard C. A. C. in the country. Fifth company of Albany,

study, drill, training and practice. Some of the highly trained eastern companies made but 3 and 4 points out of a possible 100; and over half the companies in the United States made nothing more than "goose eggs." Fourth company made 69.796, and would have passed all others but for one green man substituted for another unavoidably absent. Is it any wonder that the Coast Artillery company of Oregon is considered one of the first land forces that will be mobilized in case of a general call? In target practice scores are allowed only with three shots and time in firing is an element in the award.

the celebrated mass meeting at Champeog, May 2, 1843, when the loyal sons of the new west declared that Oregon should be Uncle Sam's and not subject to the crown. James Sinclair was afterward killed by the Indians at a store near the cascades.

Wigwag Aids Phones

"In addition to the telephone we have the wigwag system, the heliograph, and we are now experimenting with wireless telephony in the southern part of Arizona. It is proposed to make this test at the Grand canyon. Portable telephones are also a side equipment of the forester, whose lives for the most part are already being instrumental in putting the foresters to the test. Invariably it has been found there that these men, irrespective of personal danger, have protected property and safeguarded against incendiary forest fires with courage, promptness and effectiveness."

"I feel certain that, should this arm of our service be called upon, it could give good account of itself. These men are not seeking the limelight, they are modest, yet assertive of their rights; they are courageous, yet not officious and persecutory; they are loyal American citizens, whose lives for the most part are passed amid the deep solitudes, and who, without praise oftentimes from the outside world, shoulder their way over all barriers, performing a distinct duty to their country. Such men would make good soldiers."

A small brush and a cake of soap can be carried in the handle of a new safety razor designed for traveling men.

Shopper Tries 7000 Rings, Buys Two Digs In Ribs Go With Bargain Sales

By Ella McMunn. For three days a downtown department store has conducted a sale of jewelry. To begin with, there were 7000 rings set with diamonds, topaz, rubies, emeralds, garnets, pearls and everything else down to dried beans. At least they looked like dried beans. They were beautiful. I tried all of them on, but I only bought two because it wasn't pay day and besides they cost 19 cents. I don't buy cheap jewelry any more for it simply doesn't wear at all and doesn't look like anything while it does last, and after you've learned the difference between a reconstructed ruby and an apple pie you never feel just right with base imitations for decorations.

Such Lovely Rings, Too. Mine are lovely. Everyone I've asked to say so has said so. One of them has a set like a piece of alum and the other set looks like a spoonful of currant jelly. And it was worth the price of the rings to see other women grab them. They had the whole lot in tubes—the rings, not the women—and you could just claw your way up to a tubful and paw them over to your heart's content. There was no guard

over them, but it took nearly a dozen of the saleswomen to handle the crowd who pressed forward and almost wrecked the showcase. The clerks weren't needed elsewhere very badly, for nobody was buying stockings or towels or plain, unattractive things like those so long as the ring sale lasted. Wanted Price Reduced. One woman dropped her silk umbrella, with a pearl and gold handle, on the floor and while she wanted them to cut the price from 19 cents to 10 cents on a ring, the crowd surged over it, and I, thinking that the umbrella was worth more than even two rings, bought two because I was a woman and restoring it to her. But that of course, was before I saw the rings myself. Now I like women, although I do think that they wear shoes that are too high-heeled and too tight, and their dresses are too short and too low at the neck. In fact, take them by and large, their clothing is nearly as hideous as men's and they are nearly as conceited, and think you are in love with them, and tell your secrets almost as freely and quite a lot of things, but it is a terrible strain on my affection to mix up with 900 of them at a sale.

Grand Wash On. They poke you in the ribs with their elbows and in the stomach with their umbrellas; they tramp on your feet, they put you aside as if you were all that stood between them and the ambition of a lifetime; they swell up to their greatest circumference, lengthen themselves to their greatest altitude and longitude and flatten themselves out to cover as much coveted space as they can, and they've got more elbows and more bones in each elbow than any other living critter. As I said, I like 'em. But when I've been to a sale, I kind of think more of our Poland Chinas down home, for at least they are hungry when they get their fore feet in the trough.

Birthday Observed By Pioneer Woman

Mrs. Charlotte Wood Honored Guest at Residence, 203 Gibbs Street; Early History Recalled by Old Timers. One of Portland's interesting pioneer residents is Mrs. Charlotte Wood of 203 Gibbs street, who celebrated her 77th birthday last week. She was born near Chicago in 1840, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Flett, and an uncle, John Aldison, had taken up farming land the year previous.

Accompanied by numerous relatives, among whom were James Sinclair, John Flett, David Flett, Nicholas Eld and Charles McKay, the Flett family moved overland to Oregon settling in Washington county on what is now known as Tualatin Plains, where her father helped to build the first Congregational church in the state. He gave the land on which it stood and acted as an elder after the organization. Three years later—January 16, 1843—her mother passed away, and in October of the same year her father, when the farm was sold to Jacob Hoover, whose heirs still own it. The men of the party were all members of

NORTHWEST CRACKLES WITH PATRIOTIC PEP AS NATION PREPARES

City and Hamlet Responds to Appeal of Patriotic Week in Oregon.

ENLISTMENT IS URGED

Steel Highways to the East Are Under Guard; Flags Fly; Programs of Loyalty Planned by Many.

Vancouver, Wash., March 24.—The detachment of 46 men of the Eighth company, Coast artillery, Oregon National Guard, which was detailed to this place last night on guard duty, has established its quarters in the building formerly occupied by the machine gun company. Arrangements were being made today by Captain Frank W. Wright, in command of the detachment, for pitching a camp near the depot, thereby placing the men within closer range. The men were scattered at different intervals along the railroad bridge. Three men have been placed on the north end near the draw span and five other men are stationed in other positions over the river. Relief is afforded those on duty every two hours, the men leaving the depot for their different positions on a hand-car.

Baker Wants Company

Baker, Or., March 24.—J. L. Soule, local recruiting officer for both army and navy, who has organized a high school cadet corps with 100 members, who has been making preliminary moves to organizing a national guard company here, this afternoon received a wire from Adjutant General White asking the possibilities of organizing a militia company at once, and the prospects as to membership. That it will be an easy matter to organize with 100 or more members at once, is believed, and efforts toward organizing will be made.

Pendleton Is Loyal

Pendleton, Or., March 24.—In keeping with the proclamation of Governor Withycombe making next week "Patriotic Week," Mayor Best today issued a proclamation making Thursday, March 29, a special day in Pendleton for manifestations of the city's loyalty and patriotism. One of the manifestations will be a patriotic mass meeting in the evening under the auspices of the Pendleton branch of the Red Cross.

Company 12 Busy

Hood River, Or., March 24.—Developments in the situation between America and Germany has caused considerable excitement in Hood River, where Company 12, Coast Artillery, O. N. G., is located, and in a single leap the enlistment sprang from 65 to 81 members, which constitutes the present authorized strength of the

MISS RANKIN PLANS TO LINE UP WITH THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

While Congresswoman Refuses to Answer Definitely She Gives Hint.

DISAPPOINTS REPORTERS

Representative From Montana Pays Visit to Chicago on Way to Des Moines to Deliver Address.

Chicago, March 24.—(U. P.)—That she would line up with the republicans in their fight to gain the speakership and control of the next house was indicated by Miss Jeannette Rankin, congresswoman from Montana, who left Chicago today.

She is on her way to Washington for the extra session April 2, but may stop over in Toledo and several other cities where suffrage leaders are anxious to have her speak. "I was elected by the Republican party," was Miss Rankin's only comment when asked how she would vote. When pressed for a direct answer she stated that she had nothing to say. Miss Rankin also refused to divulge her stand on the German situation or whether she would vote with congress to declare war.

On matters of no news value Miss Rankin talked gratuitously to reporters. On others she maintained an absolute silence, simply reiterating, "I have nothing to say." At the Blackstone hotel, where the Montana congresswoman was registered, the clerk and bellboys had strict instructions that she was "not in" to anybody. The telephone operators also were instructed that no calls should be connected with her room unless her permission was first secured.

Only once did Miss Rankin drop her guard during attempted interviews. "What do you think of Secretary Daniels' ruling that women should be eligible for service in the yeoman branch of the navy?" she was asked. "I think a lot about it," she replied, her voice indicating decided ideas on the matter. "I—well, I'll have plenty to say about that on the floor of the house. Goodbye."

Miss Rankin will speak in Des Moines March 30. She has cancelled her St. Paul and Minneapolis engagements. Makes No Rash Statements. Indianapolis, Ind., March 24.—(U. P.)—Jeannette Rankin, newly elected congresswoman from Montana, isn't going to make any rash statements about what she is going to do when she sits in the legislative halls. "She made this known today when asked regarding what her attitude with regard to Germany would be when congress meets on April 2. "Conditions will undoubtedly be greatly changed by April 2 and it would be utterly foolish for me to take one stand now and conditions force me to take another after congress meets," she said.

Railroad Bridges Under Guard

Baker, Or., March 24.—Owing to disturbed conditions owing to the German crisis, all bridges on the O-V. R. & N. between Huntington and Portland are under double night and day guard, according to word received here today. Mayor Palmer has been advised to place a guard at the city water system and may act accordingly.

An Unsurpassed Showing of

Dame Fashion's Spring Styles

Charming Suits at \$14.65 to \$37.50
New Spring Coats at \$5.95 to \$30

We have struck the note of response in the hearts of many women already with our strongly appealing Spring display. This year, of all years, there seems to have crept into Suits, Coats and Dresses a deeper harmony with the associations of Spring. There is a wonderful nicety of stitching, workmanship, pleating and edging of every garment. Here you will find styles becoming to all figures, and materials and colors to suit all tastes.

Suits

Of fine serges, poplins, gaberdines, pofret, jersey cloth, etc. Black and white checks, navy, tan, Copenhagen, gray, mustard, green, etc. All prices, \$14.65 to \$37.50

Coats

Of Spring weight materials in the shades of the hour. Tweeds, mixtures, velours, etc. Smartest styles moderately priced from \$5.95 to \$30.00.

Tempting Values in New Spring Wash Cottons

Delightfully varied assortments, including the most popular staple and new weaves in fashionable plain colors and charming color combinations. Fabrics suitable for both street and evening wear. Our prices will be found equally as tempting.

New Nap Crepes at 29c Yd.
A wash fabric guaranteed not to fade. Comes in pretty stripe styles and in plain colors.

Sport Suitings at 35c Yard
One of the most desirable and attractive Spring wash fabrics. Sport suitings in stripes and spot styles on white and tan grounds.

Palm Beach Suitings 35c Yd.
A fashionable wash fabric, full 38 inches wide. Comes in all wanted plain shades. One that will prove satisfactory in every respect.

Mercerized Taffeta 35c Yd.
A splendid material for waists, dresses, linings and skirts. Comes in both light and dark colors and full 36 inches wide. Has a highly mercerized finish.

Help Us Help Those Who Help Themselves Purchase Junior League Aprons at This Store

In addition to the low prices quoted for this sale, we call your particular attention to the fact that the only materials used are genuine Punjab percales and Piquet sheeting. Three lots to choose from as follows:

Coverall Aprons \$1.00	Junior League Styles at 69c	Household Aprons at 75c
All sizes. All made of Punjab percales.	All sizes in Junior League styles at Junior League price	Nurses and household Aprons of best quality piquet.

Newest Moderately Priced Offerings in New Chiffons and Georgette Crepe

A wonderfully complete showing of all desirable Spring crepes in Georgette crepe, chiffons, marquisette, indestructible voiles, chiffon cloths, etc. Come and compare values.

Dainty Chiffons at, yd. 75c	Satin Stripe Voiles, yd. \$1.75
Indestructible Voiles at the yard \$1.50	Silk Marquisette at only the yard \$1.25
Cheney's Crepe Chenette at, the yard \$1.95	Novelty Georgette Crepe at, the yard \$1.75 and \$2.25
40-inch Georgette Crepe at, the yard \$1.75	Dainty Chiffon Cloth at only, the yard \$1.25

A Special Showing and Sale of Men's Black Sateen Shirts at 75c, at 90c and at 1.25

Splendid wearing, perfect fitting Shirts in three dependable qualities of black sateen. They come with soft turn-down collar and two button sleeves. All sizes, 14 to 17. See our Third street window display.

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YOU'LL find a definite degree of individual style in these clothes for Spring; wear them and they will reflect your good taste.

The fabrics have been chosen with care, looking to durability as well as to color and pattern; the workmanship is of the usual excellence required by this store.

You are invited to make selections now, relying upon my certain guaranty of satisfaction in all respects, or your money back, gladly.

\$20 to \$30

The Spring hats are also displayed—the famous Brewer at \$3, with quality unchanged; the Dunlap, the country's standard, \$5.

Ben Selling

Leading Clothier Morrison at Fourth