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DRAFT MEASURE NOW READY FOR WILSON'S NAME

Bill, Signed by Vice President
Marshall and Speaker
Clark, Is Being Perused by
Baker and Experts.

PROCLAMATION READY FOR ISSUANCE AT ONCE

What Will Be Done With T.
R. Division Plan Is Unan-
swered Question.

Draft Service Limit Voted.
Washington, May 18.—(U. P.)—After two hours' debate the senate today adopted an amendment to the recent deficiency bill providing that selection of young men for service in the army shall pertain only to the period of four months after peace with Germany has been declared.

Washington, May 18.—(U. P.)—The house finally disposed of the selective service army bill this afternoon, when Speaker Clark signed the measure. Vice President Marshall signed the bill immediately afterward.

Instead of being sent direct to the White House as most measures are, the bill was sent first to Secretary of War Baker for his perusal. Baker went over the measure with his military head, as of course, thereby causing delay in its reaching the president.

Little, if any, ceremony was anticipated when the president signs the bill.

Moosevelt Question Unanswered.
The task completed, the president will issue a proclamation, long prepared, calling upon the youth of the nation to gather at appointed registration places on a fixed day and sign their department cards, from which the process of selection can be deduced.

The bill includes provision for bringing the draft act into line with the drafting of the national guard into

GOVERNMENT AT LAST AWAKES TO FACT IT CAN BUY LOWER HERE

Quartermaster's Department
Awards Contract for 1000
Tons of Oats to Firm.

Portland has finally broken into the quartermaster's department on Hawaiian orders.

Word came this morning that the Northern Grain & Warehouse company had been awarded the contract to deliver 1000 tons of oats to the army quarters at Honolulu, and that the contract was to be shipped to San Francisco for delivery.

First word came from Washington that the bid and its bid on 3000 tons of oats for Philippine delivery, had been thrown out because of a claimed differential against Portland in transportation rates.

It now develops that the quartermaster's department has listened to the insistent claims made by the Chamber of Commerce through the Oregon delegation in congress and is holding that award in abeyance as well.

So insistent is the Chamber of Commerce that the transport Dix be sent here for the big shipment that it has wired the quartermaster stating that, in all, it necessary through the Oregon delegation in congress and is holding that award in abeyance as well.

Appeal in Bean Bill Case Filed

By Stipulation of Attorneys for Both
Sides, Argument Will Be Heard Next
Monday Afternoon at Salem.

Salem, Ore., May 18.—Appeal in the Bean bill land grant tax case was filed in the supreme court today by District Attorney Max Gehlert, who, with Attorney M. J. B. Smith, of Portland, represents the state in the action to require County Clerk Boyer of Marion county to refrain from putting the bill on the special election ballot on the grounds that it was never legally passed by the legislature.

The appeal is from a decision of Circuit Judge Bingham holding that the bill was legally passed, although less than a majority of the members of the house of representatives voted to concur in amendments made to the measure by the senate.

By stipulation of the attorneys for both sides, the case will be argued before the supreme court next Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The attorneys waived the requirement for filing a printed abstract of the case and printed briefs.

German Divers Are Checked By Patrol System

American Destroyer Squadron Re-
ported "Doing Its Bit" and
Doing It Well.

Washington, May 18.—(I. N. S.)—German submarines are being held in their home bases by a new and greatly strengthened patrol system. In the patrol the American destroyer squadron is "doing its bit" and doing it well, according to confidential advices reaching members of the foreign missions now here. That is the real reason why there has been a falling off in the number of sinkings. And the experts here who are aware of what is going on declare that never again will Germany have a "million ton" month.

Japanese Boats Reach France.

Paris, May 18.—(U. P.)—Arrival of a number of Japanese gunboats at Marseilles to aid in combating the submarine warfare was officially announced today.

The New York Herald today printed a story asserting that a contingent of Japanese troops had been landed at Marseilles on April 29, according to information received in New York. The Japanese forces, it was said, will fight side by side with the Russians on the west front.

French Craft Sunk.

Paris, May 18.—(I. N. S.)—German submarines sank only three French ships in the week ending May 13. It was officially announced today. During the week, 1500 tons of supplies entered French ports and 991 departed.

BIG NAVAL BATTLE IN ADRIATIC ON TUESDAY IS REPORTED BY ROME

Austrian Cruiser Fleet Driven
Off When Allied Ships Ap-
pear; Italian Ship Sunk.

Buenos Aires, May 18.—(I. N. S.)—Advice from Rome late this afternoon announced a big naval battle in the Adriatic last Tuesday. Fourteen Austrian cruisers attacked a fleet of Italian destroyers, and the former were chased away by reinforcements of allied destroyers. The Italians lost one destroyer. No mention was made of the damage to the enemy fleet.

British Lose 14 "Drifters."

London, May 18.—(U. P.)—A British cruiser fleet of 14 "drifters" in the Adriatic on Tuesday, the admiralty announced this afternoon. Returning after chasing the enemy, the British light cruiser Dartmouth was torpedoed. The latter vessel reached port with 18 casualties.

The "drifters" mentioned in the admiralty statement are small powerboats used as auxiliary chasers.

The British cruiser Dartmouth is a vessel of 2520 tons. She is one of the older vessels, having been laid down in 1914. Her heaviest guns were eight 6 inches.

"Drifters" are also used without power for exploding mines and watching for submarines. Many are converted fishing smacks.

Rockingham Gun Crew at New York

New York, May 18.—(U. P.)—The naval gunners of the torpedoed American steamship Rockingham, submarine of the coast of Ireland, May 1, arrived here today.

They were picked up May 4, but nothing had been heard of them since. The Rockingham survivors included Third Officer Arthur McKenny, Chief Gunner Wood of the United States navy and 12 naval gunners. They said Lieutenant Thomas, U. S. N., in charge of the gun crew, died of exposure.

Joint Allied Body to Sit in U. S., Is Plan

Washington, May 18.—(U. P.)—Establishment of a joint, permanent committee of the allies to sit in Washington to facilitate American cooperation in the war, has been suggested by the French and British war missions, it became known officially today.

The allies have suggested that the United States send representatives to take part in the various committees on the conduct of the war in London and Paris.

Telegraphers Are Considering Pension

Seattle, May 18.—(P. N. S.)—Pensions for members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers are being considered here today at the biennial convention of that body, which is assembled in the Labor Temple.

The pension committee, appointed at the convention of the organization two years ago, are making a favorable report for such action on the part of the order and little doubt is expressed but that the report will be adopted.

Liner Colonian Is Reported Torpedoed

Boston, May 18.—(U. P.)—Indirect reports this afternoon said the liner Colonian had been torpedoed and sunk in the English war zone. The liner was reported to have been torpedoed with grain and war munitions and was due to arrive in the war zone yesterday. Her crew consisted of 60 men.

Leyland line officials said they had no confirmation of the report but that they had received the news indirectly.

ITALIANS TAKE FORTIFICATIONS EAST OF GORIZZ

Gateway to Trieste, Principle
Port of Austria on the Ad-
riatic, Being Forced Open,
Says Telegram From Army

BASTION NEAR PLAVA GIVES WAY TO DRIVE

Official Statement Reports
Capture of 6432 Aus-
trians and Material.

Trieste Is Panic-Stricken.
Rome, May 18.—(U. P.)—Austria has ordered all civilians to evacuate the Isonzo section of the fortifications on the steadily forging ahead today. Trieste is panic-stricken at the approach of the Italians, according to word received here.

All banks there have been closed and the government offices and leading business houses have hurriedly shipped all records to Vienna.

Most of the Austrian prisoners taken so far by the Italians were from divisions recently detached from the Russian front, it was announced.

The Italian general Falkenhayn is still at the Austrian front, attached to the Austrian general staff.

Indians to Work on Withycombe Farm

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INGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Commissioner Cato Sells of Indian affairs advises Senator Chamberlain as to a request from Governor Withycombe to allow students at the Chemawa Indian school to work for farmers in the Withycombe farm.

The best he can do is to send the school to the farm for a few days, he said.

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Power to Control Food Prices Urged

Agriculture Committee Told That
Social and Political Unrest Will
Sweep Country Unless Action Taken.

Washington, May 18.—(U. P.)—A social and political unrest will sweep the country unless congress takes immediate steps to conserve the food supply of the country, James H. Kellogg of Leland Stanford University told the house agricultural committee, considering the Lever food control bill today.

"Something must be done at once," Kellogg said. "You must give the president power to control prices or you will leave the public at the mercy of speculators in the future."

Unless wide food control powers are vested in the president food riots will result, United States Attorney Anderson, Boston, said.

Anderson said, "The government has already caused unrest and continued operations will cause violence."

Former Governor Eberhard, Minnesota, asked the committee to use school lands in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Minnesota, to increase the country's food supply. Two million acres, he said, could be put under cultivation.

Chinese Highbinder Faces Death Penalty

San Francisco, May 18.—(P. N. S.)—The first conviction of first degree murder carrying the death penalty for a Chinese highbinder in a tong war in San Francisco occurred today, when Judge in Superior Judge Frank J. Dunne's court returned a verdict of guilty against Wong Hing, member of the Sing Kong tong.

Wong was convicted as one of the three men who shot and killed Ny Yoo, wealthy Chinese undertaker, on March 5. Wong was brought here from Seattle as a hired gunman.

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Bakers Approve Conservation Plan

Chicago, May 18.—(I. N. S.)—The convention of bakers from all parts of the country, in convention here, sent a telegram to Herbert C. Hoover, who is advising the government on the food question, approving his suggestion for the milling of flour up to 75 and 75 per cent of the wheat berry.

Selective Draft for Canada Is Plan

Ottawa, Ont., May 18.—(U. P.)—The selective draft system may be instituted in Canada, Premier Borden intimated while speaking in the house of commons this afternoon.

Honduras Has Cut Relations With Germany

Central American Nation, U. S.
Ambassador Reports, Takes Its
Place Beside United States.

Washington, May 18.—(I. N. S.)—Honduras has broken diplomatic relations with the imperial German government.

This information was conveyed to the state department this afternoon in a cablegram from United States Minister Wing at Tegucigalpa. The American envoy's dispatch was dated yesterday afternoon, it said.

"The president has just announced that Honduras has broken relations with Germany and that Honduras takes its place beside the United States."

Spain to Protest Sinking.

Madrid, May 18.—(I. N. S.)—Another protest will be sent to Berlin as a result of the sinking of the 2000-ton Spanish steamship Patriotic, it was learned today. The decision to send a note was reached at a two-hour session of the cabinet, which was convened as soon as news of the destruction of the vessel was received here. A sailor was wounded.

GERMANS APPEAR TO BE MAKING READY TO EVACUATE 'COAL CITY'

Flames and Explosions in
Lens Plainly Visible During
Night From British Line.

By William Philip Simms.

With the British armies in the field, May 18.—(U. P.)—Lens is being set aflame. Fires and explosions in France's "coal city" were plainly visible from the British lines throughout last night. The Germans plainly know the danger they are running now of a British sweep that will close the circle about the city and trap them there.

Note—It is possible the destruction of buildings in Lens may indicate a withdrawal from that city. The same program of burning and blowing up of buildings has been followed by the Germans in every city and town they have evacuated.

Rain for the past few days has turned the battlefield of Lens into one of mud. The British are making operations in progress early today.

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LIBERTY LOAN MUST NOT DISTURB MONEY MARKET, IS WARNING

McAdoo Urges Immediate
Purchase of Treasury Cer-
tificates.

Washington, May 18.—(I. N. S.)—The American money market must not be disturbed when subscriptions to the liberty loan of 1917 are called at the end of June. This is the word sent to all American banks and trust companies today at the direction of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

To prevent disarrangement of the money system by large withdrawals, the secretary urges upon bankers the immediate purchase of the convertible treasury certificates of indebtedness now on sale. These certificates may be turned in by banks either for themselves or for their depositors in payment for liberty loan bonds. Thus the actual physical payment of cash for the bonds is avoided.

As another means to prevent large withdrawals of money from circulation, Secretary McAdoo urges banks and trust companies to qualify as depositories for the liberty loan. Banks that qualify as depositories and have made payments for treasury certificates up to \$100,000 may subscribe for any amount not taken care of by the conversion of these treasury certificates, by merely transferring the money on their books on June 28. No new credits must be made to the treasurer of the United States and the federal reserve bank of the district.

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Committee Held Up Until Pickets Quit

Washington, May 18.—(U. P.)—Un-
til suffragists remove pickets carrying suffrage banners from before the White House, a similar government committee in the capital, the government will not appoint a suffrage committee, Representative Harrison of Mississippi told a delegation of suffragists at a hearing before the house rules committee today.

"The picketing at the White House is disrespectful to the president," Harrison said, "and cannot possibly tend to promote the cause of woman's suffrage."

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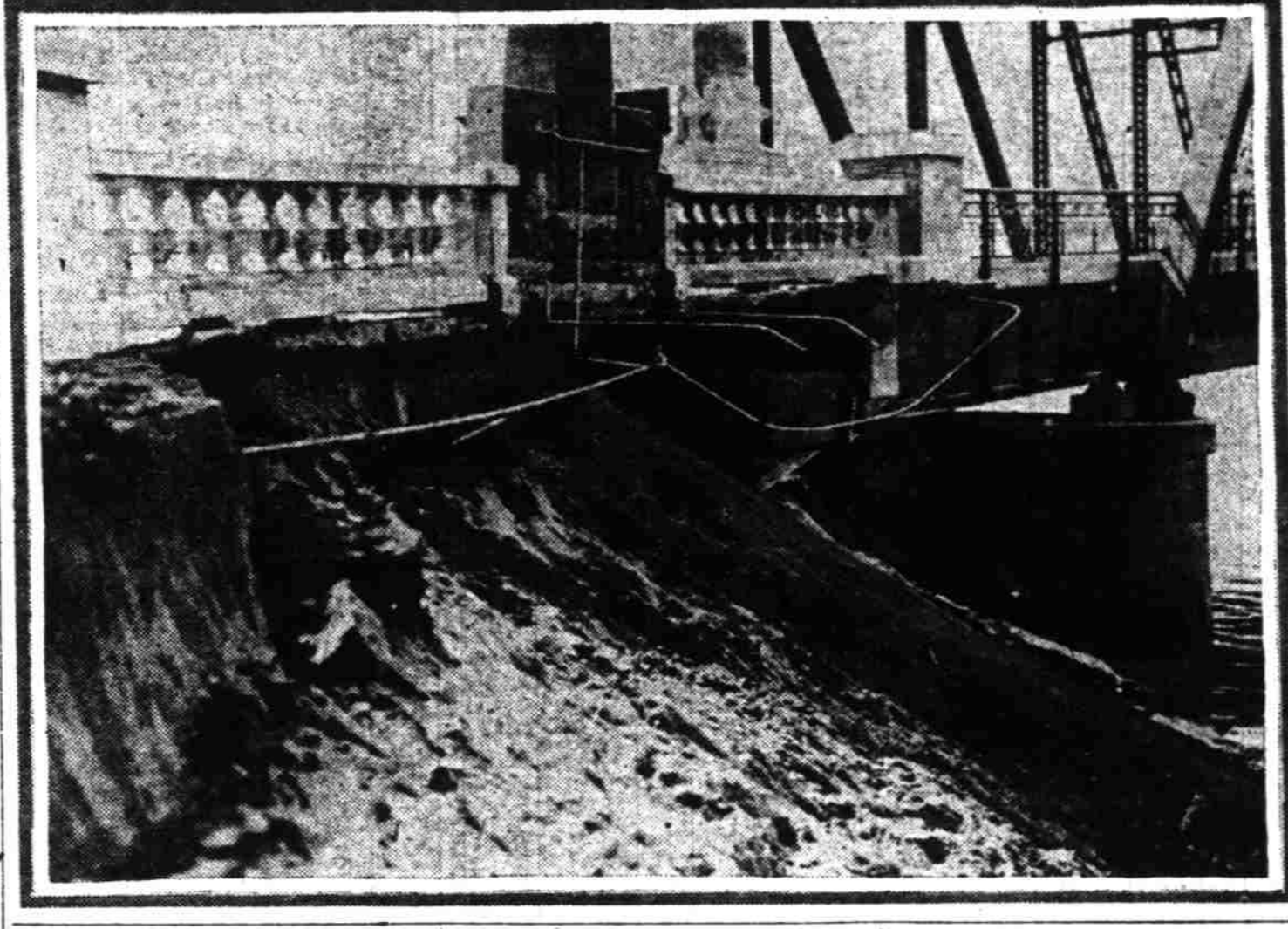
Big Electric Plant At Niagara Afire

Buffalo, N. Y., May 18.—(I. N. S.)—The plant of the Electro Lytic company at Niagara Falls caught fire late this afternoon and is threatened with destruction. The plant is valued at several million dollars and is manufacturing chemicals and war munitions. It is not known whether any lives have been lost.

France Plans New Diplomatic Service

Paris, May 18.—(I. N. S.)—France is considering the reorganization of her diplomatic service, it was learned today.

WHERE SWIFT WATERS of the rising Columbia are eating at the west side of the abutments at the Vancouver end of the new Interstate bridge. View shows sand washed away from concrete casing, so undermining structure that D. A. R. fountain and part of cement handrail have settled down on the river bank.



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Bankers Plan Campaign.

Washington, May 18.—(I. N. S.)—The American Bankers' association decided today to undertake a nationwide campaign in behalf of the liberty loan. Officers of the association are planning to reach the people of the entire country by operating through the thousands of banks which are members of the organization.

Bank Invests Ten Millions.

New York, May 18.—(I. N. S.)—The National Bank of Commerce today subscribed for \$500,000 worth of the liberty loan bonds. It was announced that the bonds would be retained by the bank as an investment. Another big sale of bonds was made to the jewelry firm of Tiffany, which bought \$1,000,000 worth.

California Subscribes \$500,000.

Washington, May 18.—(I. N. S.)—The state of California today subscribed for \$500,000 worth of the liberty loan of 1917, it was announced at the treasury department.

Army Stores Burn In Mysterious Fire

Albany, N. Y., May 18.—(I. N. S.)—Government agents are today investigating a mysterious fire in the Rathbone, Sarg & Co. plant here, which destroyed 6000 tent stoves designed for the United States army. The total loss is estimated at \$100,000. The company has a United States contract for 40,000 stoves.

32 New Cities to House Soldiers Of U. S. Army

Washington, May 18.—(I. N. S.)—Thirty-two cities, each capable of housing 25,000 men, a division of soldiers, will spring into existence when the first army of 500,000 is called to the colors, it was announced here late this afternoon. Six hundred million feet of lumber will be used to build the cantonments which are required and the work will be on contract.

BIG SHIP CONTRACT IS LET IN PORTLAND BY GOVERNMENT OF U. S.

Ten Wooden Craft Will Be
Built Here at Once at Total
Cost of \$3,500,000.

Contracts for 10 wooden ships to be built in Portland have been closed, according to word received from Washington by local firms today.

The Peninsula Shipbuilding company will build six steamers and the Coast Shipbuilding company four.

The C. A. Smith Lumber company of Coos Bay will build two more and the Sandstrom company of Seattle an additional two craft.

The contracts represent a price of about \$350,000 each.

The Coast Shipbuilding company received word from H. E. Pennell telling of the securing of its four contracts early this morning. Orders to prepare the keel blocks were at once issued, and it is believed that actual construction in the yard of the old Heath Shipbuilding company in South Portland will be under way within a week.

Other Portland firms, including the McEachern Ship company, Standifer-Clarkson Shipbuilding company and Supple & Ballin, are also expected to work momentarily that they have been awarded contracts.

The drive for efficiency inaugurated by the Chamber of Commerce shortly after Theodore Brent, vice chairman of the shipping board, was here, will now be put into actual being. Lumber will be cut and hauled, big timbers cut ahead and other materials put ahead of other kinds of freight.

More Labor Is Sought.

The labor situation for the present will take care of itself, say shipbuilders; but within 60 days it is believed that more men will be needed than this vicinity will be able to supply. Arrangements for the importation of a large number of millwrights from the interior are under consideration.

Coincident with this announcement news of the establishment of a yard, known as the American Shipbuilding Corporation at Warrenton, came out. The company is composed of capitalists from Spokane and was originally planned by H. A. Spear, who made several visits here and several announcements of his plans so quietly were made that it is said, and has been bought out, it is said, and the plant now under the guidance of C. T. Diamond, an architect and builder from Spokane. E. W. Milburn of Warrenton is engineer, and Edson E. Schock of Seattle, an experience naval architect.

Work on the yard was started early in the month, but so quietly was it undertaken that no word was received here until the plans were well along.

G. E. Snyder and Samuel Edelstein, of Spokane, fiscal agent and attorney respectively for the company, were in Portland today.

INTERSTATE BRIDGE DAMAGED BY RISING WATER IN COLUMBIA

Vancouver, Wash., May 18.—The entire casing of the west side abutment of the Vancouver approach to the new Interstate bridge over the Columbia river was washed out at about 1 o'clock this morning by high water, seriously threatening the safety of one span of the structure.

The fine fountain dedicated last week by the Daughters of the American Revolution has been washed out and is now being poled 12 feet above the water line, and may drop into the current at any time. Effort is being made to get a cable around it, and anchor it safely until it can be raised.

The concrete railing has collapsed. Damage to date is estimated at \$10,000.

Rock Is Ordered.

Three hundred and fifty yards of rock, for rip-rapping, has been ordered from nearby quarries, and is now being loaded onto cars for quick dispatch. It will be piled up inside near the abutment to prevent further washing, and Sandbags are being thrown into the void as a temporary relief.

The bridge has not yet been opened to traffic, and is now being held in place by the approach on the east side of the approach several days ago, which was estimated at more than \$1000.

While the cement casing on the east side of the approach was badly cracked by sand being washed from under it, the force of the current against it prevented much of it from sliding into the river. Bags of concrete were piled against it, and since then there has been no indication of further trouble on that side of the approach.

On the west side of the approach no danger from the water was expected, but the swift current has had just the opposite effect and has washed the sand from under the casing and has added its force to the weight of the casing, with the result that most of the cement casing and large quantities of the sand of which the fill is composed has disappeared into the river.

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SENATE COMMITTEE FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING

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NATIONAL GUARD WILL BE CALLED IN 3 SECTIONS

Oregon's Contingent to Re-
spond on July 25, Accord-
ing to Orders From War
Department.

Washington, May 18.—(U. P.)—The National Guard will be called into federal service in three groups on July 15 and 25 and August 5.

In notifying state adjutants general of this fact today, the war department authorized the recruiting of the guard organizations to war strength. The war strength of the National Guard is about 430,000. It notified them, however, that regardless of whether they reach the war strength, the organizations must report on the date assigned, to the war department for training camps for intensive instruction in modern warfare.

In case existing organizations have insufficient equipment, full equipment will be assured when the troops arrive at the training camps.

Two Weeks in Armories.

The national guardmen affected by today's order are those who have not already been called into federal service. They will be kept in their home armories about two weeks and then will be sent to the training camps.

The military division estimates that from six weeks to two months of intensive training will suffice to put these units into war condition. When they are out of the way the new selective service army can occupy these camps.

No announcement is made as to the disposition of the national guard at the close of their intensive training, the assumption previously expressed is that very soon thereafter they will be utilized for European service.

Oregon in Second Group.

The states called out July 15 are: New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska.

The following will be called on July 25:
Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont.

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DAILY SAVES BIG SUM FOR TAXPAYERS IN THE WATER BUREAU ALONE

Lower Cost Is in Spite of In-
crease of 20 Per Cent in
Size of the Plant.

The total operating cost of the bureau of water works, under the administration of Commissioner Will H. Daly, showed a decrease of \$54,423.23 for 1916 as against the year 1915. In other words, it cost the taxpayers of the city that much less to run the water system during the last year, than it did under Commissioner Daly's assumed office.

It is also true, as shown by the records of the department and the cost figures compiled by the city auditor, that the total operating cost of the water department has been steadily decreasing each year for the past four years of Commissioner Daly's administration.

In the face of this decreased cost of operation, the records further show that during the four years of Commissioner Daly's administration there has been constructed or acquired approximately 20 per cent or one fifth of the entire water system now in use.

Big Increase in Mains.

During the past four years 169 1/2 miles of water mains, 125 miles of which have been from six-inch to 30-inch mains, have been laid or acquired. In addition, 18 miles of smaller pipes have been replaced with two-inch galvanized mains. In those cases where

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