

RIGID INQUIRY INTO CHARGES ORDERED

Secretary Baker Starts Investigation of Assertion Brest Conditions Are Bad.

Washington, Jan. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Public charges that 70,000 members of the American Expeditionary forces at the embarkation camp at Brest are existing under "such intolerable wretchedness and misery that one marvels at the patience and discipline that keep them from breaking into open rebellion," resented today in Secretary Baker directing Major General Harbord, in command of the service supply at the A. E. F., to make a personal inspection of the camp.

In making the announcement, Secretary Baker said, that on his last trip to Europe he personally inspected the camp and found that conditions were entirely satisfactory. The first intimation, he said, that conditions, since the winter set in, were not what they should be, came to him in published charges. He has received no formal report on the camp for some time, he said. Major General Harbord, as head of the service supply, is directly responsible for the camp, the secretary said. According to the published report, the men at the camp are served rations from garbage cans and coffee from ash receptacles, are insufficiently nourished and inadequately sheltered. They are said to be forced to wade knee deep in the wet, in addition to performing manual tasks beyond their strength.

London Paper Is Suggesting Prince Wed American Girl

London, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—Suggesting the possibility of a marriage between the Prince of Wales and an American girl, the Express today said: "Enthusiasm on both sides of the Atlantic for the marriage would be unbounded."

Yank Army Visited By Prince Albert

With the American Army of Occupation in Germany, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—Prince Albert, the second son of King George of England, is visiting the American front. He had lunch with General Dickman, commander of the American army of occupation Monday. Afterwards he visited the Yankee outposts and bridgeheads.

Albanians to Seek To Restore Nation

Rome, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—Albanians in Constantinople have decided to petition the allied high commissioners for restoration of Albania as a nation, according to a despatch received from Constantinople Tuesday.

Black Hand Plots Suspected in Two Chicago Bombings

Chicago, Jan. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Bombs exploded in two Chicago apartment buildings late Tuesday night wrecked the fronts of the buildings, jarred the occupants considerably, but failed to kill or injure tenants of either building. Police investigating the bombings believe members of a black hand organization placed the bomb in the hallway of the building owned by Frank Carisogne. Three families living in the building were considerably shaken up. Failure of a negro janitor to join the union is believed to be back of the bombing of the other building. The damage to this building was slight.

CHANGE IN METHOD OF DISTRIBUTING COUNTY SCHOOL FUNDS URGED

County Superintendents Also Advocate Increase in County Tax From \$8 to \$10 Per Child.

Salem, Jan. 1.—County school superintendents, who are in session here in the capacity of the state examining board, have passed resolutions recommending a change in the method of distributing county school funds and also urging an increase in the county school tax. At the present time the county school fund is raised by levying a tax equivalent to \$8 for each child enumerated in the annual school census. County school superintendents want this sum to be increased to \$10 for each child so enumerated. They recommend that this fund be distributed so that each district will be given \$200 instead of \$100, \$15 be given each district for each teacher who attends the annual county institute, and the balance be apportioned on a basis of actual school attendance and the number of teachers employed. "The would mean days of attendance in the public schools worth something to the district," said one of the superintendents.

Thursday the county superintendents will consider and discuss with Miss Cornelia Marvin, appointed state historian to compile a record of Oregon's soldiers and sailors, questionnaires which she has prepared for sending to all schools in the state seeking information of this state's fighting men. Schools will be depended on almost entirely for gathering this information, and it is expected that every home in the state will be visited.

Plebiscite Asked in Spanish Provinces

London, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—Leaders of the agitation for autonomy in four Spanish provinces have called for a plebiscite in the provinces affected, a Madrid dispatch to the Daily News announced today.

44,455 ANIMALS IN ARMY CAMPS IN U. S. WILL BE AUCTIONED

War Department Authorizes Sale of Horses and Mules During Present Month.

Washington, Jan. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Camps at which the war department will auction 44,455 horses and mules, together with the dates of sale, were announced by Secretary Baker today. They follow:

Camp Devens, Mass., Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28—2200 animals.
Camp Meade, Md., Jan. 7, 28—1300 animals.
Camp Greene, N. C., Jan. 7, 28—1050 animals.
Camp Hancock, Ga., Jan. 7, 28—1280 animals.
Camp Johnston, Fla., Jan. 7, 21—1000 animals.
Camp Gordon, Ga., Jan. 7—568 animals.
Camp Shelby, Miss., Jan. 7, 21—2214 animals.
Camp Pike, Ark., Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28—2400 animals.
Camp Logan, Texas, Jan. 7, 28—1518 animals.
Camp Bowie, Texas, Jan. 7, 21—1500 animals.
Camp Cody, N. M., Jan. 7, 21—1300 animals.
Camp Taylor, Ky., Jan. 7, 21—1484 animals.
Camp Grant, Ill., Jan. 7, 21—1050 animals.
Camp Funston, Kas., Jan. 7, 21—1514 animals.
Fort Sheridan, Ill., Jan. 28—1121 animals.
Camp Travis, Texas, Jan. 21—1000 animals.
Camp Sherman, Ohio, Jan. 14, 28—1488 animals.
Camp Dix, N. J., Jan. 7, 21—1100 animals.
Camp Wadsworth, S. C., Jan. 14—675 animals.
Camp Jackson, S. C., Jan. 21—1203 animals.
Camp Sevier, S. C., Jan. 21—957 animals.
Camp McClellan, Ala., Jan. 21—1025 animals.
Camp Wheeler, Ga., Jan. 14—1200 animals.
Camp Beauregard, La., Jan. 14—1500 animals.
Camp McArthur, Texas, Jan. 14—786 animals.
Camp Doniphan, Okla., Jan. 14, 28—1200 animals.
Fort Bliss, Texas, Jan. 14, 28—1200 animals.
Camp Custer, Mich., Jan. 14, 28—1128 animals.
Camp Dodge, Iowa, Jan. 14, 28—1296 animals.
Camp Upton, N. Y., Jan. 28—1100 animals.
Camp Lea, Va., Jan. 21—500 animals.
Of the total number of animals, 8237 are cavalry horses, 12,639 are artillery horses, 16,526 draught mules and 2793 pack mules.

Groom Gives Bride \$4,000,000 Check

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, 48, vice president of the American Tobacco company, and Miss Helen Elizabeth Oliver, 22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Oliver of New York, were married Tuesday. A check for \$4,000,000 was Cunliffe-Owen's gift to his bride. This is the second marriage for both.

441 Killed in Paris By Bombardments

Washington, Jan. 1.—(I. N. S.)—A total of 441 persons were killed and 910 injured in Paris and surrounding towns by German long range guns and airplanes during the period from March 8, 1918, to September 15, 1918, according to a dispatch, quoting the Figaro, to the French high commission Tuesday.

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Gowns at \$2.95 to \$4.95
Of soft lingerie cloth, sleeveless or with short butterfly sleeves. A choice of many charming designs—

Cotton Crepe Gowns and Billie Burkes
Priced \$1.95, \$2.95 and \$3.95
Slip-on Gowns and Billie Burkes of flesh-colored Cotton Crepe with bluebird or dainty floral patterns. Some lace and ribbon trimmed.

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Silk Envelope Chemise \$2.95
Lace trimmed, hemstitching and ribbon trimmed Envelope Chemise in Crepe de Chine and Wash Satin. A wide variety of styles for your selection—

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Lace trimmed and plain tailored models, ribbon trimmed—a variety of pretty models—

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