Nation's War Leaders Visit Portland

RELEASE OF MEN FROM SERVICE TO STILL MOVE FAST

Standardization of Demobilization Machinery Brings War Secretary and Party West.

COMPLAINTS ATTENDED TO

Vancouver and Camp Lewis to Remain as Permanent Centers; Spruce Production Surprises.

Contradicting the formal dress in which Newton D. Baker, secretary of war of the United States, was prepared for a dinner given in his honor Saturday evening, the man who has shouldered many of the heaviest burdens of the war puffed heartily at a pipe of very democratic proportions. He discussed in his apartment at the Portland hotel, the object of his tour of inspection and the problems of the war department in stopping the machinery of warfare.

Small of stature, large and clear of eye, and seemingly thoroughly advised upon the business of war time government at home and overseas, Secretary Baker expressed a keen interest in the military affairs of the northwest and the large part they played in the program of war that was moulded under his personal direction at Washington.

The establishment of a uniform system throughout the nation for the demobilization of armed forces and a personal inspection of the American Lake military reservation donated to the federal government by the people of Pierce county, Washington, brought Secretary Baker and General Peyton C. March, chief of staff of the army, together with Frank B. Davis, the former's secretary, to Portland. The party arrived at 3:30 Saturday afternoon.

After a brief reception at the station, where prominent citizens, including General Beebe, representing Governor Olcott, greeted the visitors, they went to Vancouver Barracks. Saturday evening Secretary Baker and General March were entertained at dinner at the Portland hotel by 25 friends.

To Correct Demobilization System

"While a creditable system of demobilization is in working order throughout the cantonments at home and the camps overseas, that system is not uniform.

"To make it so uniform that no American soldier sent to a cantonment for discharge will be detained more than 48 hours between his arrival and his discharge from the service, the general and I are primarily making this trip.

"Otherwise our interest in the American Lake reservation, which neither of us has seen, is our object.

"The government has heard as many complaints as any one has, as to conditions here and overseas. We recognize every complaint, from whatever legitimate source, and to the best of the ability of the department conditions which are not exactly right are being remedied.

"We faced great odds when our troops were sent to France. It took time to overcome the faults in a camp settled upon a war torn terrain, but those faults have been, and constantly are being, corrected. At Brest I may say, astonishing improvements have been made, and the improvement continues as rapidly as possible. Creature discomforts were inevitable, but they have been or are being eliminated.

Spruce Showing Surprises

"At home delay in discharge of men assembled for demobilization may have caused local complaints. These delays we purpose reducing to a minimum by the establishment of a uniform plan whereby every man will receive his discharge papers and final pay not more than 48 hours after he has reached the demobilization point.

"I was surprised at the scope of the work done by the spruce production division under Brigadier General Brice P. Disque, as it shows at Vancouver barracks. The showing is remarkable. The fact that much equipment remains is a tribute to the management of the spruce production corporation and is the natural result of the preparation that had been made.

"Vancouver barracks will remain a permanent military center. Its future use, however, must depend upon plans adopted by congress for our armed forces. The department does not know at this time whether the reservation will revert to the use of the army engineers.

Camp Lewis Permanent

"The future of Camp Lewis, insofar as it can be determined now, was settled long ago. The reservation has been accepted from the people of Pierce county and that is guarantee of itself that the tract will be a permanent military post. The scope of its use and its future population cannot be known at present, but there will be troops on the reservation as long as the United States has a standing army.

"During March 225,000 men will be brought back from France. The only reason this number is not doubled is that ships are not available for transport. Our forces will be returned just as rapidly and just as impartially as ships will bring them. Ships are our one consideration in clearing Europe of American soldiers.

"I am not personally familiar with present conditions overseas generally, but I am confident of the truth of departmental reports that bear out faithfully what I found there upon my last visit, and which I know to have developed since then. My coming trip to Europe will be in the nature of a personal inspection as much as is this trip through the United States.

"There has been a report that I have indicated Senator Chamberlain of Oregon will not be made welcome in the party that may accompany me to France. "That report is preposterous nonsense. "Senator Chamberlain will be welcomed as warmly as any member of congress."

SEC. BAKER STRONG FOR THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

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of war. He paid beautiful tribute to the great West, through which he has traveled, and which he has appraised personally for the first time. He praised the virile young manhood that came out of the West with the idealism of a great cause well founded and marched to a military victory of more consequence to civilization than any the world has known.

During the address Secretary Baker said:

"The magic of patriotism and idealism, in spite of religious and political differences, came with our men from all walks of life and from everywhere. The supreme passion of the hour was moulded into a common Americanism. America seems to me a greater nation than I ever thought before I made this trip.

"The genius of one man dominated the history of the United States for 10 years following the war for independence. The critical situation facing us now is very similar to that which George Washington faced.

"Rome in her palmiest days was not, among the nations about her, the prominent military power that Germany was. Yet Germany was defeated and civilization has prevailed. The fate of civilization is at stake at this moment more than ever before.

America Must Be Example

"The world must determine whether that civilization is to obtain America must, more than any other country, be an example in maintaining civilization. Not a self-righteous example, for the Almighty did not make America for the selfish uses of you and me.

"This is our challenge. We cannot lead the world by wishing it well in our self-righteousness. We cannot make our own prayer in our own little corner of our own little church. We first must see that our own house is in order.

"Such a preparation as we must make does not come from villifying and backbiting, but from full hearted cooperation of every man for the constructive good of all. Our chance comes to us through the peace conference.

League of Nations Essential

"What would peace treaties avail if they were written and left without the protection of a federation of nations?

"At last the civilized powers of the world are getting together to free the world of the incubus of recurring world war. I am proud of the expressive stand the people of Oregon are taking with regard to the League of Nations.

"I read of the wonderful results of their vote in The Journal this evening, and I can find no better proof of my delight than that I am sending The Journal's story of Oregon's support of the league to President Wilson in France. I know how it will stimulate and cheer him.

"I can see President Wilson, 3000 miles from home and in a strange land, battling for the highest things man ever battled for. And the ship that carried him over, if I may speak of it as a sailing ship, was waited by contrary breezes—breezes blown for the men who are not favoring his constructive efforts.

"I would like to stand outside the door of the peace conference chamber and hear the president plead for this great idea with the knowledge that every one of us is backing him.

"This is a moment to which future generations of mankind will look back. There will be no book of history in the next thousand years that does not start a new chapter with today.

Does the World Want War?

"The question now involved is whether the world wants a repetition of war.

"I would rather my 10-year-old son would die today than that he should be sacrificed to a future war. When I must leave him to make his own way I want to look into his face and say to him that I have made his path as safe as I can for him.

"We talk of setting aside a field of honor for our heroic dead in France. But a clause in our peace treaties for justice and reason in world affairs would be a greater monument and more satisfactory.

"Not one of our boys fought that the boundaries of this nation or that might be this way or that, but they fought to rescue the fundamentals of liberty for the possession of all mankind. We owe to them the assurance of no repetition to war.

"And still we have those who cannot walk unless they have been over the road before.

"If we approve and adopt the League of Nations the hands of potentates may never greet us, but the hands of plain and liberated democracies the world over will reach out to us and we will find ourselves in their respect forever.

War's Cost Colossal

"The war has cost the allies in actual money $197,000,000,000—the entire value of all the real and personal property in the entire United States. The loss through wasteful production—production to be expended at once—stopped the heart beat of the world and we bled at terrible cost. As a result of the war directly 7,300,000 men, more than seven times the population of Oregon, have died—these men whose shoulders were just getting ready to bear the burdens of the world.

"The world has borrowed so much money that the children for 100 years to come will be born with a birthright of debt.

"Terrible as was the threat of Prussianism, the remedies were very simple. Our young men, high ideals to guide them, were the remedies."

March Lauds Military Power

Placing blame for any failure of the war department to function as it might have done in some cases where criticism has met its efforts, at the door of congress, General March made a brief but highly interesting address.

The chief of staff gave all credit for the ending of the war to military power and declared that he has found sentiment strongly in favor of a system of universal training.

"We have ships enough in sight now to insure that by July 1 815,000 men will be back in the United States or will have embarked for home ports.

"And we will have an army of never less than 500,000 men in the United States until congress takes action to increase or lower the number. We will keep emergency forces until the enlisted strength of the regular army has reached 500,000," the general said.

Secretary Baker and General March left last night for Camp Lewis on their tour of inspection.

Mysterious Death Of Army Nurse Is Still Unexplained

San Francisco, March 16.—Investigation today by army and police authorities into the death of Miss Ines Elizabeth Reed, the army nurse, whose body was found at the bottom of a ravine on the Half Moon bay road, resulted in the finding of a witness who saw Miss Reed in an automobile on the Mission road the day before death and overheard her conversation with others in the car while a tire was being repaired. It is now said that the authorities know the make of the machine.

The identity of the witness has not been disclosed by the authorities, who say their informant has identified Miss Reed's clothing as the same as that worn by the woman in the mystery car. This witness says he can identify the other occupants of the machine.

Kansas City, Mo., March 15.—(U. P.)—Army officials at Fort Riley, Kan., base hospital, have issued no comment on the circumstances surrounding the death of Miss Inez Elizabeth Reid, army nurse who was found dead near San Mateo, Cal., last Saturday. Miss Reid is said to have been on furlough from her post at Fort Riley.

It was learned, however, that army investigators are investigating the circumstances which seem to connect a Camp Funston officer with the mysterious death of the nurse. His name was not disclosed here.

In explanation of a money order for $75, said to have been sent to Miss Reid by the major, it was pointed out that the money may have been sent by an army officer under the impression it was to be used to defray expenses back to Fort Riley at the expiration of her furlough.

The major involved is said to have denied any knowledge of Miss Reid or the money she is alleged to have received. He is further credited with the statement that he "would produce facts sufficient to remove his name from the case."

Vote Is Necessary That Seaside May Improve Its Streets

Seaside, March 15. — Because it was found that the charter did not provide for the improving and opening up streets, the council decided to call a special election within a few weeks to remedy the defect.

Families Move to Seaside

Seaside, March 15.—Every train coming in brings several families coming here for the balance of the winter and spring.

LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FOLLOW WAKE OF CYCLONE

Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas Swept by Terrific Wind, Rain and Electrical Storm.

WIRE SERVICE CRIPPLED

Oil Tanks in El Dorado Field Are Struck by Lightning; Buildings Demolished; Rivers Overflow.

Tulsa, Okla., March 15.—(I. N. S.)—Loss of life and destruction of property followed in the wake of a cyclone that swept through Oklahoma tonight. Wire communication was crippled and details were not available. Five lives were lost at Porter, a small town near Muskogee. Half the buildings in the business part were destroyed. Several persons were injured. The storm extended into Texas, where, it was reported late tonight, considerable property damage resulted.

Kansas City, Mo., March 15.—(I. N. S.)—Meager reports received here tonight state that several oil tanks at Eldorado, Kan., were struck by lightning this evening, and considerable damage done. Telegraph and telephone service is crippled and it is impossible to learn the exact amount of the damage. No lives were lost, so far as could be learned.

Reports received tonight from Maryville, Mo., also state that high wind struck that city, blowing down barns and silos. No lives were lost, but the property damage is considerable.

This afternoon the streams in Saline county, Kansas, were over their banks, following a three-inch rain there.

Heavy rain, accompanied by an electrical display, struck Kansas City late tonight.

Topeka, Kan., March 15.—Terrific rain and wind storms swept over the entire Kansas river valley today, the rainfall varying from one to four inches. The result was rising creeks and rivers and many streams are out of their banks.

Heavy damage was done by the storm. A tornado seven miles north of Horton took off roofs of houses and smashed smaller buildings.

Maitland, Mo., March 15.—(I. N. S.)—A small cyclone swept this section of the country here this afternoon, demolishing garages, barns and corn cribs. No one was injured, as far as learned.

TREATY TO INCLUDE COVENANT OF LEAGUE

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ing of the final draft, it was pointed out here today.

"Committees probably will sit for several months after the treaty is signed, settling up some of the claims and adjusting some of the minor boundary agreements," one official stated.

With the light thrown on the peace treaty situation today, it would appear that President Wilson would be ready to return to the United States with the final treaty for senate ratification about the middle of May. The extra session of congress, therefore, may be called early that month and the fight over the League of Nations is expected to begin immediately.

May Appeal to People

The president's course, according to his friends, will be to take a short rest upon his return and immediately thereafter start out on a campaign direct to the people for support of the league covenant as part of the treaty proper.

Washington, March 15.—(U. P.)—Senator-elect Medill McCormick tonight issued a statement declaring that "Europe must come to understand that President Wilson is attempting a coup d'etat in defiance of the decision of the common people of America uttered at the last election, when he tries to force upon the American people the constitution of an international confederacy by linking that constitution, article by article, and clause by clause, to the treaty of peace."

McCormick assailed the reported censorship of news from America, described by a Paris journalist.

"A news censorship from America to France or Great Britain is a crime," said McCormick. "It can have been imposed only on a calculated attempt to deceive the people of Europe as to the opinion of the American people. Europe does not understand, as Mr. Wilson appears not to have understood, that his leadership was definitely repudiated by the American people in the last election."

McCormick then analyzed the situation in the senate, where, he declared, "sixty senators out of a total of 96, Democrats as well as Republicans, share the opinion expressed by the 39 signatories to the Knox-Lodge resolution." This was the round robin demanding amendment of the league constitution as the price of the signers' support.

President Wilson ought to "put aside his pride" and invite Senators Knox, Lodge and Hitchcock to Paris to write an American league of nations plan, McCormick declared.

London, March 15.—(U. P.)—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Paris said today that Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Sonnino soon will confer with President Wilson for the purpose of intimating that Italy will withdraw from the peace conference unless she is given Fiume.

HUNS GIVE UP BIG SHIPS TO OBTAIN FOOD

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ployment resulting from the lack of an export market.

Assurance that the recent deadlock between the economic missions at Spa was only temporary, and that matters would soon be adjusted, insuring a steady flow of food into Germany and the reopening of many essential industries, probably did more to weaken the Spartacan revolt in Berlin than the government's military pressure. The Germans knew that distribution of this food would be in the hands of the present government, according to interpretation in official circles here, and preferred the certainty of plenty to eat to the uncertainty of communism.

As was anticipated, the new program of the allies met with ready acceptance and its terms will be put into effect as rapidly as possible. According to Herbert Hoover, there is now sufficient food stored in Europe to begin revictualing Germany, which will receive supplies at the rate of 270,000 tons a month. German exports will be confined to raw materials, such as coal, potash and certain dyestuffs. She will not be permitted to export manufactured articles because of the unfair commercial advantage this will give her over France and Belgium, whose factories she deliberately destroyed.

In return, Germany will turn over practically her entire merchant fleet. Most of these ships will be used to repatriate American and British colonial troops. On their return trips, it is believed, they will bring back food for Germany. The rental of these ships will be applied on food payments. The balance will come from the money obtained through exports, and if this is not sufficient, from Germany's gold reserve.

Meanwhile the peace conference is setting a rapid pace in an effort to perfect the preliminary treaty in time for submission to the enemy the last of next week or first of the next. A conference of neutral representatives has been set for Thursday, at which returns will be received for amendments to the League of Nations covenant. In case it is decided to incorporate the covenant in the preliminary treaty, the Germans may not be called to Versailles before next Tuesday or Wednesday, at the earliest.

Several questions affecting the boundaries of all allied states are still far from settlement, but all-allied matters will be shoved temporarily aside if they interfere with the progress of drawing up the preliminary treaty. Within a few days after the German treaty is signed, according to semi-official announcement, separate treaties will be presented to Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey.

Farm Laborers in England to Meet

London, March 15.—(U. P.)—The National Union of Agricultural Laborers today called a nationwide convention to meet not later than April 12, for the purpose of planning action to compel acceptance of their demands. They want a 44-hour week and a minimum wage of $12.50 a week, with time and a half for overtime and double pay for Sundays. At a session of the agricultural board Friday the employes and farmers were deadlocked on the question of wages.

IF YOU HAVE ECZEMA THIS WILL INTEREST YOU

"ABOUT two years ago," writes a prominent business man of Portland, Oregon, "an itching sore appeared on my leg, halfway betwen body and knee. For a time I used home remedies without success. I then went to a prominent skin specialist. He said my trouble was Eczema. He treated me for some time but without any improvement. A similar sore would occasionally come about the same location on the other leg. I tried many remedies and then went to another skin specialist, took medicine and treatment and again with no improvement. The Eczema continued for about a year. Sometimes the sore would be almost entirely well, then in a few days it was like a house afire; itch something dreadful and exude a thin fluid. I then tried Santiseptic Lotion and it gave me relief. It was not long until the Eczema was entirely healed, but it remained tender. I continued using Santiseptic, and the tenderness finally disappeared. Santiseptic Lotion cured my case of Eczema and I write this experience with the hope it may be of benefit to other sufferers."

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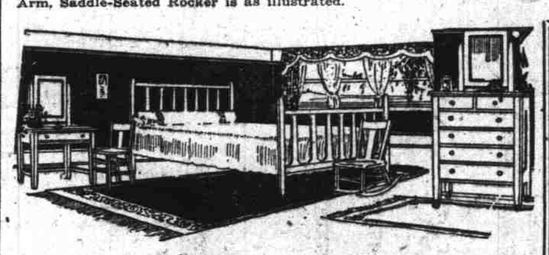

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