

ARMY RED TAPE GETS UNDER 'HIDE' OF CONGRESSMEN

By David Lawrence
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Washington, Jan. 26.—Members of congress who lately have visited the war department in behalf of soldier constituents who have been disciplined for trivial offenses, have returned incensed and indignant over what they termed "hard boiled" treatment by the officers of the regular army.

A smouldering controversy has just been started by the war department which will be cured in legislation pending before congress or there will be a sweeping investigation to apprise the public of the severity of the punishment being meted out to men who served with distinction in the world war, only to be given dishonorable discharges for unlawfully borrowing a blanket or a pair of shoes.

Out of 15,000 cases it develops that the efforts of a reform element inside the regular army have resulted in the restitution of more than 4000 to the status of honorable discharge, but for many more of the remaining 12,000 are deserving of leniency is hard to conjecture, though both sides in the controversy say the percentage probably will be small.

It is getting justice for that small percentage which is agitating members of congress, who are trying to wade through the meadows of red tape to get at the bottom of the army system.

It sounds incredible, but the stigma of dishonorable discharge must be carried through life by one man who fought in France and whose offense on his return to the United States consists of taking a pair of shoes from a comrade. It develops that the soldier wanted to go to a dance and asked the sergeant of his company if he could borrow a pair of shoes. The request was granted. For a week the sergeant was not in the barracks and, naturally, thinking there would be no objection, the private again borrowed the shoes.

TAFE HINDERS REFORMERS

When the sergeant came home, he reported his shoes were missing. When the private who borrowed them came back from the dance, he was locked up and charged with theft. There isn't a thing in the evidence to prove the soldier intended permanently to deprive the sergeant of the pair of shoes, nor that he was a confirmed thief. His record was good. Nevertheless, as a punishment, in civilian life, if he were convicted of petty larceny, he might be given 10 or 20 days, but in this instance not only was he confined for six months, but his record in the world war was stained by a dishonorable discharge from the American army.

Instances of this kind can be found in the records and while a number of army officers with kind hearts are distressed over the pitiful pleadings of friends and relatives for justice, they can't say a word to anybody but their superior officers. Under a rule of the war department, no officer can communicate anything of this kind to a member of congress, unless the suggestion goes through military channels. That often means going through the same officers who are defending the practice complained of.

NO SENSE OF PROPORTION

The whole trouble, however, seems to be in one of those mischievous riders which are mysteriously attached to appropriation bills when nobody is looking.

It so happens that in the act of 1915 a rider was tacked on declaring that all matters relating to prisoners in detached military barracks should be transferred

from the judge advocate general to the adjutant general. This provision of law was ignored from 1915 until October, 1920, when it was suddenly applied. And most of the trouble has developed since last October, because the adjutant general's office simply acts upon a statement of facts without going into the records of the case or the extenuating circumstances. The adjutant general's office does its duty as it sees it and if a man's paper shows that he was convicted of larceny, it doesn't make a whole lot of difference whether a soldier stole a pack of playing cards or a suit of underwear.

The dishonorable discharge has been given just the same.

CIVIL WAR CASES

Essentially the judge advocate general's office is the place where matters of law and evidence and justice are concentrated. A clemency record in the judge advocate general's office constantly reviews cases and recommends changes. The adjutant general's office is a huge clerical organization, where no attempt is made to inquire into questions of leniency.

If congress will put the power to handle dishonorable discharges back into the hands of the lawyers of the army by repealing the rider that was put in the 1915 act, much of the trouble will be eliminated, but members of congress are wondering what they can do to restore some of their constituents to an honorable discharge whose cases already have been finally ruled upon by the war department. There are thousands of cases standing over from the Civil War, veterans who have been vainly endeavoring for years to rid themselves of the stamp of dishonorable discharge, but without success. The offenses are just as trivial as the borrowing of a blanket or a pair of shoes without any idea of theft.

Prison Camp Work For Paroled Convict Class Is Proposed

State House, Salem, Or., Jan. 26.—Employment of paroled convicts at the state prison work camp at wages to be fixed by the state board of control is contemplated under the provisions of a bill introduced Monday afternoon by Senator Harney.

The measure carries out a recommendation made by Governor Olcott in his message at the opening of the session.

It is the intention of this act that as nearly as possible all convicts sentenced and received at the Oregon state penitentiary be retained inside of the prison walls during the period of their incarceration and it is the further intention that paroled convicts for a reasonable length of time be given an opportunity to earn honest labor a reasonable sum of money to assist them in returning to productive citizenship," one section of the proposed act reads.

Wages for the paroled men would be paid from the institution's betterment fund.

Purcell to Address Benson Graduates

W. G. Purcell, Portland architect, will deliver the commencement address to the 18 graduates of Benson Polytechnic school Friday night, according to plans just completed by Principal C. E. Cleveland. Director George B. Thomas will hand out the diplomas. The school band will play a recessional and the miss club will sing. Roy Fifield and Miss Margaret Carney will sing solos.

Ashby Goes to Omaha

George F. Ashby, statistician for the O. R. & N. since 1912, left this morning for Omaha, where he will take new position under E. E. Calvin, vice president in charge of operation of the Union Pacific system. L. L. Hutton, assistant statistician, has been appointed to succeed Ashby February 1.

GRILLETT MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL FUND TO AID YOUNG MEN

By Fred Lockley

Albert Grilley, former physical director of the Portland Y. M. C. A., is dead, but his work will live. He belonged to many of the civic bodies of Portland and the members of these clubs are planning to raise a fund of \$2500 as a memorial to him. His whole life was one of helpfulness and so this fund is to be used as a student loan fund to help ambitious young chaps to secure an education.

Contributions are to be asked from members of the various civic organizations and from the Y. M. C. A. TO MAINTAIN FUND

The money thus raised is to be deposited in the savings department of a Portland bank and checks on this fund are to be signed by some business man, who will act as trustee, or countersigned by either of the other two trustees. The trustees will consist of some local business man who is a member of the Y. M. C. A. athletic committee, the head of the Oregon Institute of Technology and the secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A. Contributions will be received by The Oregon Journal and by The Journal turned over to the trustees.

The money from this fund will be used only to help ambitious young men obtain an education in Portland and will not be used as a loan for any other purpose.

EARLY DAYS RECALLED

I met Albert Grilley first in Salem when he was a youngster in short trousers. He was a sunny-tempered, happy-natured, likeable lad. He landed a job in the Salem Y. M. C. A. in which Joe Weatherbee was physical instructor. Albert's winning smile, his hearty handshake and his charm of manner made him a host of friends and before long he was one of the valued employees of the Salem Y. M. C. A.

He was called to the Boise Y. M. C. A., where he did a splendid piece of constructive work. From Boise he came to Portland. For many years he was one of the best known and best loved men in the local Y. M. C. A. He made friends because he had a genuine interest in his fellow men. Hundreds of young chaps who are now successful in business life can look back to helpful advice from Albert Grilley.

BUSINESS MEN AIDED

Scores of Portland business men have worked with Grilley when he was in charge of the physical department of the Portland Y. M. C. A. and have only pleasant recollections of their association with him. During the war he worked at Camp Lewis and had 85 secretaries worked under him. Albert had had many offers to go elsewhere at a very much higher salary than he received in Portland but he felt that here he was among friends and that his work was here, and so he never left.

I met him shortly before his death. His body was pitifully wasted but his indomitable soul still triumphed over disease and he kept cheerful and sunny tempered to the last.

WILCOX MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PLANNED

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and the "tremendous help to the city and the church to have these thousands of people from all parts of the country here and to know the church, the people and the Northwest country."

The bishop spoke of the new church building, parish house and rectory at Seaside and the new rectories of St. Marks mission at Medford and St. Michael and All Angels.

Regarding the nation-wide campaign, Bishop Sumner announced that if in the future it shall be shown conclusively that it is not to be a financial success, he would lay before the diocese immediately full statement of facts and start about a readjustment policy fair and equitable for every parish in the diocese.

COMMITTEES NAMED

Committees were appointed. Rev. John D. Rice was reelected secretary. Lurch was served at the church, followed by the afternoon business session. At 6:30 p. m. a dinner will be held at the Chamber of Commerce by the laymen in honor of the clerical and lay delegates. Bishop Rowe of Alaska and Page of Spokane will speak. The annual election will be held Thursday afternoon. A mass meeting was held Tuesday night in the interests of church extension and religious education.

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For the purposes of the present review, it is necessary, the auditors point out, to consider the deficit now existing at \$44,344.34 the difference between that figure and the previously announced deficit of \$700,022.53 representing the bankrupt's equity in bonds held by Seattle banks and not yet restored to the bankrupt.

On December 31, 1919 which is the basic date for the present audit, there existed an operating deficit of \$161,458.83, and that amount was carried to January 1, 1920, as a "balance brought forward."

DEFICIT IS ADDED

To that is added a deficit in the capital account of \$32,000 under date of December 24, 1920. The net loss on operation from January 1, 1920, to December 24, 1920, is \$480,480.62. Dividends paid on preferred stock—and overpaid—total \$7201.89. (Such dividends were paid at the rate of 8 per cent, whereas stock certificates called for 6.)

The total of these elements of the deficit is \$731,644.34, upon which there is a possibility of material recovery of funds from several sources.

The deficit brought forward from 1919 includes \$51,652.37 that was charged to the account of John L. Etheridge, recent head of the defunct firm, on December 31, 1919. An additional \$25,000 carried as an asset was written off the books by the auditors because it represented stocks which had gone out of the hands

BISHOP ROWE HERE FROM ALASKAN POST



Alaska, Bishop Rowe is here from the Alaskan post. He is a member of the Y. M. C. A. athletic committee, the head of the Oregon Institute of Technology and the secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A.

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COUNTY CONTRACT FOR CLEANING OF WINDOWS \$50 LESS

Window cleaning prices have taken a drop. The board of county commissioners has accepted the bid of the American Window Cleaning company to care for the windows in the county building at the rate of \$60 per month. Under the last contract the county was paying \$110.

A few days ago, when bids were called for, the American Window Cleaning company put in an offer of \$110 and the Portland Window Cleaning company bid \$80 a month.

When new bids were called for on Wednesday, the only bidder was the American company, which had reduced its price to \$50.

COUNTY DECLINES HUBER'S OFFER ON LINNTON ROAD

In refusing to accept a compromise offer of Oscar Huber in the matter of the maintenance of the Linnton road, the board of county commissioners today gave notice that it would hold paying contractors to a strict compliance with their contracts to maintain their work for a period of 10 years.

While the commissioners felt there might be mitigating circumstances in connection with the Linnton road, such as the destruction of the asphalt by creosote and improper drainage, it would be a bad precedent to compromise in view of other contracts. It was decided that it would be better to test the contracts in court.

WELFARE BUREAU TO ADVISE COUNTY IN RELIEF WORK

The offer of the public welfare bureau to act in an advisory capacity in the administration of county relief was accepted by the board of county commissioners today, with the reservation that the board of county commissioners reserved the right to use its own discretion in disposing of the recommendations of the public welfare bureau. Commissioner Hoyt voted against the resolution on the ground that all relief action should be kept with the board of commissioners.

The request of the public welfare bureau for a temporary loan of \$10,000 was refused by the board of county commissioners for the twofold reason that the funds were not available and illegal.

COMMISSIONERS PROMISE TO FIX UP MUNSON ROAD

A delegation of farmers from the northwestern part of the county descended on the county commissioners Wednesday and won a promise that the board would try to do something toward fixing up the Munson road, which is an extension of the Skyline boulevard connecting the Lewis trail and Cornelius pass roads. They declared the road to be impassable for a mile and one half and to drive over it was as expressed by one of them "unhuman."

COURT APPROVES SALE OF G. W. WARREN'S HOLDINGS

An order approving the sale of the holdings of George W. Warren, which consisted of a large loan of \$10,000, was signed this morning by Federal Judge Bean. The holdings were sold several weeks ago by the United States marshal to satisfy the claims of the Crocker National bank of San Francisco. The court also signed an order releasing from writ of attachment 128 shares of stock of the Astoria National bank which Warren formerly held.

LAWYERS FOR STANFIELD FILE AMENDED COMPLAINT

In compliance with a previous order of the court, attorneys for Senator-elect and Mrs. R. N. Stanfield and Ferdinand E. Reed, filed an amended answer to the complaint of the Travelers' Insurance company, in the federal court Tuesday. The insurance company has brought suit against the Stanfields and Reed as owners of the Henry building, to foreclose a \$150,000 mortgage. For alleged default of a \$25,000 payment.

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Walter Malcolm, the youngest boy in the senior class of Jefferson high school, less than 16 1/2 years of age, and Miss Elsie Egans were the two winners of the gold scholarship medals awarded by Principal Hopkin Jenkins Tuesday morning.

The medals are Jenkins' personal recognition of scholarship and are given to the boy and girl of each senior class having the highest grades. Two silver medals are likewise awarded to members of the freshmen class, but since freshmen grades will not be completed until the end of this week, awards will not be made until the beginning of the new term.

Malcolm resides at 2809 Seventy-first street southeast, and Miss Egans at 1234 East Tenth street north.

Burglars Frightened Away

Using a heavy screwdriver as a jimmy, prowlers attempted to break into 81 North Third street early this morning, but were frightened away before accomplishing their "job." A short while later C. R. Goroerick, 26, and Mickle Sauer, 22, were arrested on an after-hours charge by Patrolman Morelock and Melners at Broadway and Ankeny streets. A screwdriver and a flashlight found in the possession of the two men aroused the suspicions of the police, who will investigate their records.

PORT BILLS WILL BE STORM CENTER AT SALE TONIGHT

State House, Salem, Jan. 26.—Everything is set for the big show tonight in the senate chamber when the Port of Portland consolidation bills will again be taken up for consideration and discussion at a public hearing before the judiciary committee of the senate and the Multnomah delegation sitting in joint session.

The formal statement issued by the Multnomah delegation contending that it will be impossible to take up the improvement of the North Portland channel before January, 1922, has not increased the good nature of those who are contending that this work should be undertaken at once, and in all probability this circumstance will lend added interest and liveliness to the meeting tonight, particularly as the advocates of that development were those who were "shut out" of their hearing at the last meeting. It was because of this that Gordon of Multnomah dumped his bomb into the closing minutes of the last week's meeting by demanding that

Moser be deposed as presiding officer at the next hearing.

It is anticipated that there will be a large delegation present tonight to have their respective turns in talking for or against the various angles of the port program, as now before the senate.

Portland Y. W. C. A. Elects Its Officers

Mrs. George F. Wilson was elected president of the Portland Y. W. C. A. at the annual meeting of the board Tuesday. Mrs. John S. Pearson was made vice-president; Mrs. Forrest Fisher, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Charles A. Morden was reelected recording secretary, and Miss Carrie A. Holbrook, treasurer. Mrs. W. N. Everett was elected a board member to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. James Falling. E. B. MacNaughton, W. R. Mackenzie and Earl Bronaugh were reelected trustees.

Lang Syne Society In Reunion Tonight

The Lang Syne society will hold its eighth annual reunion and banquet this evening at the Hotel Benson. The reunion will take place between 5 and 7 after which the banquet will be served in the crystal room. The principal speaker will be B. B. Beekman. Dom J. Zan will sing. Dr. Norris R. Cox, president, will act as toastmaster.

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Fund to Further Experiment Work At Station Urged

Grants Pass, Or., Jan. 26.—Following a talk Tuesday night by Professor F. C. Reimer, superintendent of the Southern Oregon experiment station at Talent, the directors of the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce sent telegrams to the Josephine county delegation in the state legislature urging support of increased appropriations for the station.

Reimer told of the accomplishments and needs of the station and of the many demands made upon it. The directors gave unanimous approval to the work.



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