

OLD POSTS TO BE ABANDONED

Army Barracks Likely to Be Vacated as Part of Disarmament Plan

CONGRESS HAS PROBLEM

To Get Best Possible Advantage from What Is Left Is Big Problem

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—In line with Secretary Denby's recent decision that reductions of the naval establishment beyond those he has suggested must of necessity be made primarily in the navy yards and stations, cutting the army below its present authorized 150,000 enlisted strength undoubtedly would be reflected on the abandonment of old army posts over the country.

Exhaustive study of the problem has been made in the war department. It was prompted both by the desire of Secretary Weeks to cooperate with congress in its economic campaign and also by rumors of impending efforts to chop the army as low as 75,000 enlisted total.

Results Not Disclosed
The specific results of the study have not been disclosed. The general theory on which curtailments must be made, however, are familiar to all officers, it is said.

The question of the strength of the army is to come up in congress. Army officials, it was learned today, will be ready at that time to make it perfectly clear to them that they do not believe the present or future safety of the country will permit further reduction of either the commissioned or enlisted personnel.

At the same time to illustrate what reductions will mean if decreasing by congress they will be able to present specific plans for the distribution of the army under various totals between 150,000, worked out with the idea of getting the maximum possible advantage for the nation out of whatever is left. Abandonment of non-essential army posts, curtailment of the cavalry, artillery force and consequent closing up in reserve of defensive works, reduction of the Philippine garrison and many other ways of contracting the army without compelling abandonment of its major missions, have been carefully looked into in connection with this study.

First Five Lacking.
The army generally takes the view that at its present strength it does not even constitute a first line of defense. Practically all the mobile forces in the country which it has been possible to spare from other duties are now concentrated on the southern border. They make up two depleted, peace strength divisions, one of infantry and one of cavalry.

It is argued that should need arise for any important increase in the border guard the country would have to turn to the national guard or wholly abandon the new military policy of peace time training and restrict preparations for decentralized men in the event of war.

That training system just inaugurated to provide a self-sustaining reserve force is regarded as the primary mission, and it requires the stationing of at least skeletonized units of the principal arms of the service, infantry, cavalry, artillery and engineers in each army corps area created for the purpose. This would be the last force to be reduced it is said.

There is no immediate prospect that the force on the border can be reduced. Pressure from that quarter is rather for an increase, it is said. Under the naval treaty it may prove possible to cut the Philippine garrison to a size necessary for supporting the civil authorities of the insular government. The garrisons in Hawaii and the canal zone, however, cannot be reduced with safety below their present size, it is said.

The natural result of any drastic cutting of the authorized strength below 150,000 therefore, in the view of the war department, would be to compel further consolidation of the forces in the training areas and abandonment of all other military posts not directly needed in the training work or defense of the east lines.

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Dr. Peebles Dead, Does Not Reach Century Mark

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—The last wish of Dr. James Martin Peebles, physician, scientist and author, that he live until March 23, in order to round out 100 years of life, failed of gratification. He died at his home here today.

Dr. Peebles, who for a long time was in the diplomatic service in Turkey, wrote a large number of books, among which was one entitled "How to Live a Century and Grow Old Gracefully."

For the last 60 years of his life he has eaten no meat.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. C. C. Beach, of Battle Creek, Mich.

NEW CORPORATIONS

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday by the Bandon Cedar Manufacturing company of Bandon, capitalized at \$50,000. The incorporators are J. F. Kronenberg, O. L. Zentner and P. S. Perry.

Permits to operate in Oregon was accorded the Winchester company of the Pacific, a Delaware corporation having its headquarters in San Francisco, and capitalized at \$1,000,000. William C. Black of Portland is named as attorney-in-fact for Oregon.

A permit to operate in Oregon was also granted to the Toke Point Oyster company of South Bend, Wash., capitalized at \$500,000. Claude McCulloch of Portland is named as attorney-in-fact for Oregon.

Millinery Store Robbed In Heart of Seattle

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 15.—Entering a millinery store in the main section of the business district here late today, a bandit pressed a piece of metal in his mackinaw pocket against the side

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The top price was paid by Stephen Rents of Gervais for a fine March gilt of the Loe consignment. The price was \$102.50. The next highest price was \$75 paid for two gilts from the same Loe litter. Thomas W. Brant of Salem and H. H. Harvey of Orting, Wash., were the purchasers.

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taxes and another probably will propose that the state no longer appropriate money for the International Livestock exposition in Portland. There will be others.

North Howell Calls

About 50 memberships were signed up at Tuesday night's meeting.

A meeting will be held at North Howell Friday night of this week for the purpose of effecting a local organization. P. H. D'Arcy and S. M. Endicott will attend as delegates from the Salem organization.

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Nine Put Up Bonds of \$5000 Each at Capital

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Bonds of \$5,000 each were furnished today by the nine men ordered held for the grand jury by the request into the collapse of the roof of the Knickerbocker motion picture theatre.

The men were booked formally on charges of homicide, but District Attorney Peyton Gordon said that should any of them be indicted they could be charged with no higher offense than involuntary manslaughter. He said he did not expect the grand jury to take up the case until early next week.

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