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## UNITED STATES AT MERCY OF FOREIGNERS GENERAL ARMY STAFF POINTS OUT WEAKNESS IN DEFENSES

### SAY WE CANNOT DEFEND COASTS

Japan Could Land 100,000 Veteran Troops on Coast in Three Weeks, and Uncle Sam Could Not Say Them Nay.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—It was learned that the report of the general staff of the army will point that the United States is totally unprepared for war at the present time and that our elaborate coast defense offers little security because of the country's defenselessness against land attacks. The report, which soon is to be submitted, is the result of an investigation upon which its authors have been working for two years.

#### Will Suggest Plan.

It is understood that it will set forth a comparative plan for reorganization of the army with properly proportioned and effective fighting machines as the object in view.

One of the leading officials of the administration in discussing the subject pointed out some of our weaknesses. He declared that our position as a world power really has been assumed and that its continuance depends upon the acquiescence of foreign cabinets and the reorganization of the army so that it can be mobilized to defend our coasts from land attacks.

#### Standing Army Too Small.

His statement, which is said to foreshadow the report of the general staff, sets forth that the present standing army of the United States is not strong enough to prevent a foreign foe from capturing our strongest coast cities.

It would take six months to even prepare to repel foreign invaders, it is said. Following are the arguments to be set forth:

#### Japan Could Land.

Japan could land 100,000 veteran troops on the Pacific coast within three weeks and could put double that number upon American soil within ten days more.

In two weeks Germany could place a trained army of 200,000 upon the Atlantic coast of the United States. Once introduced in our coast cities, a foreign army of 150,000 veterans could hold out indefinitely against five times that number of American troops, it is contended.

#### Navy Inadequate.

It is pointed out that the navy is largely dependent upon coast defense, but that it can defend only one coast at a time and under present conditions it would be impossible to predict which coast might be attacked.

Also it is urged the navy is essentially an aggressive weapon and should not be led up for coast defense, because an invader, unmolested, might capture our insular possessions and then send emissaries to sign a peace pact.

#### Dissatisfaction in Army.

It is a well known fact that there is considerable dissatisfaction on the part of officers in certain branches of the army, who contend that the army has not been given proper attention in recent years in the matter of appropriations.

Some officials here are inclined to believe that the talk of danger to our coasts is perhaps in some degree the work of agitators representing these factions of the army, who desire to gain large appropriations. The general staff, however, has had the matter under serious consideration for some time, and when their report is submitted it is reported that it will be an official document that will carry much weight and receive the most serious attention.

### RAILROAD WAR ON IN EARNEST

Hill, Harriman and Gould Interests Give Promise of Fighting Fiercely Over Southern Oregon During the Coming Year.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 4.—The triangular railroad warfare between the Hill, Harriman and Gould interests is centering in the struggle for territory of Southern Oregon and Northern California, and information obtained upon good authority today here leads to the belief that tremendous sums of money will be expended by all three concerns during the next summer in the efforts of each to gain a lead over its rivals.

It is understood that the Southern Pacific has already completed plans for extensions that will cost it \$4,000,000 in Western Nevada, Northern California and in Oregon. This announcement, following the planning of an agreement by which the Hill and Harriman interests have arranged to occupy jointly the narrow gorge of the Deschutes river, means that it is now an open race for the opening of new territory.

#### Deschutes War.

For many months the struggle between Hill and Harriman for possession of the Deschutes canyon, which controls the entrance to the Columbia river territory into a vast rich section of Oregon, has been the center of interest. It is not apparent that the Southern Pacific believes that Hill, regardless of statements to the contrary, plans to build southward into California and to extend the Burlington road westward from Wyoming to a junction with his system somewhere in this state.

#### Gould a Factor.

The completion of Gould's Western Pacific through Nevada into Northern California, down to San Francisco, which soon will be in actual operation, is one of the most important factors in the present situation.

It is expected that the Western Pacific very soon will be running through trains and will be in actual competition for transcontinental traffic through its connections east of Denver. A Southern Pacific official here made the interesting statement that Thomas G. Walker, the lumber king, does not own the Fredonia Pass, which is the key to the approach from Oregon into the Sacramento valley. Walker has announced several times that he purchased this tract, and the statement that he does not now own it caused a flutter of surprise in railroad circles. It was pointed out, however, that even if he did own it, the railroad might possibly make use of it through condemnation proceedings.

The Harriman project, which has been surveyed, and which it is understood will be started very soon, includes 90 miles of road to be called the California Northwestern, 150 miles to be called the Oregon Eastern, 80 miles called the Modoc Northern, 160 miles called the Goose Lake Southern and 120 miles called the Feraley & Larsen.

### MAN AND WIFE CHARGED WITH KILLING CHILD

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Feb. 4.—Wilford Thomas and his wife, Mary Chio Thomas, are under indictment charged with the murder of their infant a few hours after its birth on December 18, 1909.

When Thomas was charged with the crime by District Attorney Lea, he is alleged to have admitted it. Later, according to the officers, he accused his wife of complicity.

### OVER 700 MEN WORK ON ROAD

Dirt Files Fast on Pacific & Eastern—Right of Way Will Be Entirely Cleared to Butte Falls by February 20—Bad Weather Delays.

Over 700 men are now at work on the Pacific & Eastern and construction work is going ahead more rapidly than at any previous time. More men are being added to the large number already engaged daily, and when the spring really opens fully 1000 men will be at work.

The right of way, as far as Butte Falls, will be entirely cleared by February 20, and much of the rock work has been completed. With the opening of spring so that grading can be done more advantageously, the work will move along much faster.

Throughout the winter, which has been an unusual one, difficulty has been experienced in obtaining men to carry on the work. Better weather means it will be much easier to obtain labor.

Some time in May it is expected that the road will have been completed to Butte Falls. Aside from increased business, this means much to residents of the valley, who in an hour or two can reach a favorite camping ground. Business men will thus be enabled to spend Sunday in Butte Falls with their families and still attend to business in Medford.

### WILEY TELLS HOW TO LIVE CHEAPER

Says Ten-Cent Soup Bone Will Flavor Half Bushel of Spuds, but All Lies in the Cooking.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—The advice of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry, to the housekeeper in the present financial crisis brought about in the family purse by the high cost of living, is to abstain from worry and buy everything she has been buying only not so much of it.

"A 10-cent soup bone will flavor half a bushel of potatoes," said Dr. Wiley today, "and will, if cooked right, taste just as good as a dollar steak. With the addition of an onion, a carrot and a sprig of parsley that soup bone can be made to produce enough good, nourishing soup for a big family. Then, after the soup is made, save a little of the fat and boil it down in the kettle with the meat. Then you'll have a 'pot roast' which, if made right, will be fit to set before the president.

"Canned goods of all kinds are cheaper than ever before in our history. Prices of peas have not risen in price and make the food for man. Wheat flour at the price it is now selling is the cheapest food that can be bought, and corn has not changed in price for the last ten years.

"If the American cook would study the methods of the French cook who uses up all the 'left-overs,' you would not hear so much about the increased cost of living."

#### Body Found and Lost.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 4.—The body of a woman, accidentally found yesterday and lost again, is being sought today by Coroner Sawyer of San Rafael, according to a message received at local police headquarters.

The remains were found yesterday by two youths of San Francisco.

### START WORK SOON ON DEPOT

Landscape Gardener Has Already Surveyed Land and is Preparing Plans—Will Undoubtedly Stand Two Blocks North, as Was Proposed.

The chief engineer of the Southern Pacific in Portland has wired A. S. Rosenbaum, local agent, to interest local contractors in building the new Southern Pacific passenger depot. Thus local men will get a chance at the work.

Work on the new \$40,000 passenger depot of the Southern Pacific company is to be started immediately, according to an announcement made by officials of that company on Thursday in this city. In fact, the work of planning the parking of the right of way being already under way, J. A. Gilbertson, the landscape gardener of Ashland, spending Thursday in Medford looking over the grounds. That the depot is to stand two blocks north is assured by the fact that Mr. Gilbertson is working on that presumption.

On Thursday afternoon a large party of Southern Pacific officials were in Medford on their annual tour of inspection. The party included M. J. Buckley, general superintendent; L. R. Fields, superintendent; T. W. Younger, assistant superintendent; C. C. Hood, assistant superintendent; J. M. Scott, assistant general passenger agent; J. F. Myer, car service agent; Messrs. Miller and Hughes, roadmasters, and W. H. Jenkins, traveling passenger agent. While these officials did not make any positive statement as to the location of the new depot, they evidently assumed that the depot was to be located two blocks north.

Work is to start in the immediate future. Gathering of material is now under way.

Mr. Gilbertson, landscape gardener, is planning a splendid arrangement for the parking of the right of way through the city, which will be a great improvement.

### APPETITES ARE WHETTED IN COURT

Luscious Oranges and Juicy Grapes Grown in California Make Jurors Hungry in Land Case.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 4.—Luscious oranges and juicy grapes grown under the skies of Southern California and a trip in a special car whetted the appetites and the imaginations of the jury listening to the trial of the Binger Hermann Blue Mountain conspiracy case today. But the grapes and the oranges had long since been eaten and the car had long since been ridden in by Hermann. Only letters and testimony, mostly very dry and uninteresting, told of the pleasures of other days.

The letters were written to R. Fallon, forest superintendent of California in 1902, thanking him for the presents of choice fruit sent to the commissioner in Washington. They were put in to add another link to the contention of Prosecutor Henry that Hermann knew Allen's bribery case and must have had his attention especially interested when the Holsinger report on the Hyde-Benson frauds, charging Allen with having bribed, came before him. The car trip came in to assist in the refreshment of Hermann's memory regarding the Binkner reports.

### ENDEAVORING TO PUT END TO FRAUD

Attention of Postal Authorities is Called to Circular Letters Sent Out Advertising Sutherland Land Claiming for That Section Local Records

The attention of the postal authorities has been called to the fraudulent letters sent out by agents handling lands in the Sutherland valley in an endeavor to put an end to the fake advertisements. If the postal authorities take the matter up it will not be long before an end is put to the circulating of these "statements of facts" in which Rogue River valley fruit records are claimed for Sutherland.

The matter was recently referred to in the editorial columns of the Mail Tribune, and since that time has been a subject of discussion throughout the valley, and the wild-cat methods resorted to by the land agents is condemned.

The agents claim all of the high records made by Rogue River, including that of Hillerest of \$10.08 a box for Comice, \$2250 of Bear Creek for d'Anjou and others equally well known.

### WARM ELECTION ON IN MEXICO

Two of Opposition Are Arrested Charged With Sedition—Diaz Certain of Re-election.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Feb. 4.—A future has developed throughout the country today as the result of the arrest and imprisonment of Samuel Monteras, the leader of the opponents to the re-election of Vice-President Corral and the imprisonment of Garcia Cadena, an orator for the democratic party, which opposes the re-election of Diaz and Corral.

The press is bitter in its criticism of the action, calling attention to the statement of Diaz that he was glad to see the people exercising constitutional rights.

Charged With Sedition. Both men are charged with sedition.

The re-election of Diaz is favored by a great number of citizens, and it is believed that there would be little or no doubt about it.

Corral, however, is unpopular, and there is a strong sentiment about him. The campaign was proceeding with a semblance of freedom of speech and action which was praised by the liberal press.

The arrest of the two anti-Corral leaders and their incarceration came as a rather sudden shock and has served to embitter more than ever the opponents of the Diaz government.

#### Details Not Given.

The details of the charges against the politicians were not given out, but it is generally believed that their alleged "sedition" will be contended upon the complaint that they attacked the methods of the administration under Diaz.

As the two men were open to their political moves and were taking their action publicly in the campaign, the charge caused great surprise.

If they were engaged in any plot, their friends said today, they did not confide their purposes to anyone.

Monteras and Cadena are being called patriots and martyrs by the liberals and such open condemnation of an act of the government has seldom been heard during the iron rule of Diaz.

N. G. Bates, until recently employed in Whisenaut's barber shop in this city, has purchased the shop in the Oregon hotel at Ashland.

ing a trip he made to Fresno to inspect oilfields there, upon which occasion he was met by the oil men in a special car and taken to the fields. This evidence was also gleaned to show that Hermann had paid particular attention to the charges made in the Binkner reports.

### \$18,000,000 TO PROTECT PARIS

Huge Canal Planned to Carry Surplus Waters of Seine in Future—Canal Will Encircle Entire City.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—A bill to provide an appropriation of \$18,000,000 for the construction of a canal south of the Paris fortifications to carry off future overflows of the Seine was introduced today in the chamber of deputies.

The original plan proposed by engineers was for the construction of a large canal to encircle Paris and its environs in order to guard against future inundations. It is believed now, however, that a canal to the south of the city will be sufficient protection from further flood damage.

### SEINE WILL REACH NORMAL IN WEEK

Conditions in Paris Flood District Rapidly Improving—Bastille Is Closed.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—The Seine continues its steady recession today, and it was predicted by the fluvial department that it would reach its normal level within a week.

Conditions throughout the districts stricken by the flood were generally improved today and the work of ministering to the homeless and hungry was greatly facilitated.

The July column in the bastille was closed to the public this afternoon. Many of the great stones sealing the tombs under the monument were found to have been loosened by the action of the water, and the authorities ordered the public barred until they can be replaced.

### COOK SAYS CHARGES ARE ONLY A JOKE

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The statement by Charles L. Warriner, convicted treasurer of the Big Four railroad, that he paid Edgar S. Cooke of this city a monthly sum for promise not to reveal Warriner's thievery, was termed a "joke" today by Cooke.

Cooke, who was treasurer of the company before Warriner was accused on the witness stand of receiving more than \$100,000 from him for silence.

Cooke, however, declared that the statements of Warriner appeared to be those of a reckless man who had nothing to lose.