

MEXICAN TEST PROVES MILITIA COSTLY FAILURE

Twenty Per Cent of Officers Try to Resign—Less Than Half Accepted—Ranks at Only 40 Per Cent War Strength—Facts to be Bared in Report to Congress.

By GILSON GARDNER, WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17.—A flood of resignations sent by militia officers is pouring in on the war department and 355 resignations of militia officers have been accepted by President Wilson in the three-month period from July 20 to October 25.

This is probably less than half of the number of resignations that have been tendered.

Data as to the latter have not yet been compiled by the war department, but officials estimate that fully 700 militia officers have sought to get out of the service since the president ordered the militia to the border last spring.

On May 9 the president ordered the Texas, Arizona and New Mexico national guard to mobilize. This order was followed on June 18 by a general order to all the states to mobilize designated portions of their militia. The total number of militia ordered out was approximately 100,000 men. The quota of commissioned officers for this number of militia is approximately 4000.

Thus, nearly 9 per cent of all commissioned officers ordered to the border have succeeded in separating themselves from the service.

Of the 355 officers whose resignations were accepted in the three-month period in question, 237 were lieutenants, 81 captains, 21 majors and 16 chaplains.

And it is estimated by army officers that fully 20 per cent have sought to resign. The exact figures will appear in a report to congress in December.

The infantry arm of the service naturally lost the most officers. No less than 230 of its commissioned officers have resigned. The smaller contingents of cavalry, field artillery and engineer troops have had proportionate losses. In the cavalry, 17 commissioned officers resigned; in the field artillery, 41 left the service, and the engineers lost three officers. In addition, 64 commissioned officers belonging to auxiliary arms of the service—including medical corps, quartermaster corps and signal corps—have quit.

New York state, which sent the largest contingent of troops, has likewise sent in the largest number of resignations; 60 commissioned officers of the New York militia have quit in three months. Alabama has lost 25 militia officers by resignation; the Illinois regiments have lost 23 of their officers; Pennsylvania guard regiments are minus 20 heroes; Kentucky contributed 19 to the list of resignations; Iowa had 16; Georgia had 14; California, Connecticut and Michigan have had 12 resignations each; the other states follow with proportionate losses.

There has been no diminution in the number of resignations received daily, and the army officers say that the end apparently is a long way off.

Added to this demoralization among the officers is the equally serious difficulty of getting men to fill up the ranks. The units at the front are only about 40 per cent of war strength, and all efforts to get the remaining 60 per cent to fill up the units have been fruitless. These facts lead the war department officials to believe that the militia has fallen down terribly in the first test to which it has been subjected.

They realize that congress will be called on early in December to consider this matter, and these will be among the facts reported on the mobilization.

DEUTSCHLAND SLIPS TO SEA, BOUND FOR BREMEN

NEW LONDON, Conn., Nov. 17.—The Deutschland, the German submarine which arrived here on November 1, slipped out of the harbor at an early hour today, bound for Bremen. She left her pocket at the state pier at 1:30 o'clock and was towed down the harbor by two tugs.

Captain F. Hübner and other officials of the Eastern Forwarding company were on one of the tugs. A launch filled with news correspondents followed the submarine down the Thames river to the mouth of the harbor.

Two tugs owned by the T. A. Scott Wrecking company beamed up the harbor to the pier at 1 a. m. The Scott company is a subsidiary of the Eastern Forwarding company and one of its tugs met the Deutschland when she arrived here.

COUNTY COURT DELAYS ACTION ON WATER DISTRICT

The hearing held Wednesday and Thursday before the county court to determine whether a special election shall be called to vote on the formation of an irrigation district has been continued to November 20.

About 26,000 acres are included in the area to come under the proposed district. Some 6000 acres, unsuitable for irrigation purposes, will be cut from this figure, however, leaving the total to be irrigated 20,000 acres.

E. M. Brown, manager of the Rogue River Canal company, this morning refuted some of the claims made Wednesday before the court by A. E. Reames, who appeared in behalf of E. B. Hanley. Mr. Reames said Mr. Brown, stated that the company dam at Fish lake is constructed of dirt, is incapable of holding over seventeen feet of water and that last summer a large section of the dam fell.

The dam, stated Mr. Brown, is constructed of broken rock faced with four feet of clay to prevent leakage, and is sixty feet deep at the base. No portion of it has ever fallen in and twice during the summer the gates were closed and the water level raised to nineteen feet. The company, he continued, will be able to furnish any amount of water desired.

Commenting on the statement of Mr. Reames, who said that Mr. Hanley desires his alfalfa land exempted on the ground that alfalfa does not need irrigation, Mr. Brown said: "Irrigation and alfalfa go hand in hand, as every successful alfalfa raiser knows. The first crop may be raised without irrigation, but if maximum yields are desired in successive cuttings, water must be applied."

BULLIS LOCATING APPLIGATE MILL

Work was started today upon the erection of the mill of the Appligate Lumber company on a ten-acre tract of land lying along the right of way of the Southern Oregon Traction company, to the west of the present mill of the Trail Lumber company. The work being started today is preparatory to the pouring of concrete for the mill footings. Work will be begun as soon as possible on the erection of the two-story building in which it is hoped to have the machinery installed and in running order by February 1. The main building will be 32x100 feet, with additional buildings for the engine and boilers.

S. S. Bullis and C. J. Simon are today tramping over the 360 acres of timber lying up Jackson creek to the west of Jacksonville inspecting the timber and determining the course to be followed in logging operations. The Southern Oregon Traction company tracks have been extended from Jacksonville to tap this belt of timber.

WOMAN GIVEN TWO DAYS

To Make Up Her Mind for Surgical Operation. She Refused; Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Philadelphia, Pa.—"One year ago I was very sick and I suffered with pains in my side and back until I nearly went crazy. I went to different doctors and they all said I had female trouble and would not get any relief until I would be operated on. I had suffered for four years before this time, but I kept getting worse the more medicine I took. Every month since I was a young girl I had suffered with cramps in my sides at periods and was never regular. I saw your advertisement in the newspaper and the picture of a woman who had been saved from an operation and this picture was impressed on my mind. The doctor had given me only two more days to make up my mind so I sent my husband to the drug store at once for a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and believe me, I only took four doses before I felt a change and when I had finished the third bottle I was cured and never felt better. I grant you the privilege to publish my letter and am only too glad to let other women know of my cure."—Mrs. THOS. MCGONIGAL, 3432 Hartville Street, Phila., Pa.



when arrangements will be completed for the erection of a box factory in this city to operate in conjunction with the sawmill.

FUNSTON THREATENS BAPTISTS WITH LIBEL

SAN ANTONIO, Nov. 17.—"Baptists, who are distorting the statement of my position regarding the kind of church work acceptable in border camps had better put their property in the names of their wives" was a comment made today by General Funston on the action of the Baptist general association of Virginia at Norfolk, Va., yesterday in adopting a resolution protesting against the general's alleged attitude. He intimated that he might bring libel suits against his critics.

The controversy started by General Funston telling Dr. J. B. Gambrell, representing the Texas Baptist state board that he did not want men in the army to be considered as "lost souls."

F. H. Madden left Thursday evening for Seattle on a business visit.

GREAT NORTHERN TO ADD STEAMERS

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 17.—C. E. Stone, passenger and traffic manager of the Great Northern railroad, announced here today that four large ocean-going vessels, representing a cost of approximately \$3,000,000, will be added to the freight and passenger service on the Pacific ocean, operating between Seattle and the Orient within a short time.

Mr. Stone is accompanying a party of 28 Norwegian steamship men and capitalists to Seattle, and they will take a steamer to Yokohama, where the Norwegian will purchase the steamship Thorfrid. Four ships have been ordered by the new company, which will be known as the Norwegian-American line. The new ships will be built by Japanese in Yokohama.

CALL TO OREGON WIRELESS OPERATORS

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—Owners of amateur wireless plants in California, Oregon, Nevada, Utah and Colorado who wish to aid their coun-

try in time of war or national peril will be given an opportunity by the navy department, it was announced here today, to demonstrate the value of the service they can render.

At six p. m., November 25 the naval communication service from the navy radio station at Goat Island, San Francisco, will broadcast a test message addressed "amateurs." The wave length will be 2100 meters and damped oscillations will be used. Every amateur in the San Francisco district which covers the above named states, has been supplied, or will be on application to the naval radio authorities in San Francisco, with forms and envelopes and has been requested to copy the test message, exactly as received, and forward it to San Francisco.

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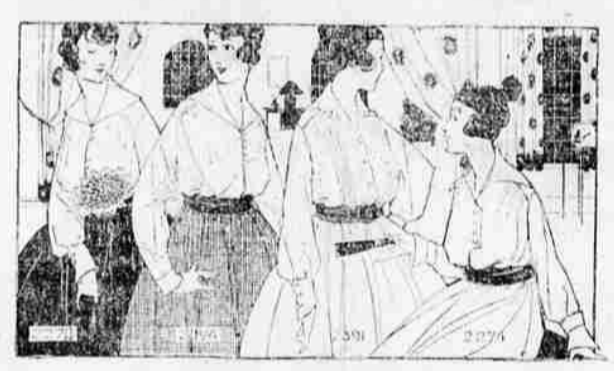


Mann's The Woman's Store 14-22 NORTH CENTRAL MEDFORD, OREGON

RIBBON Wide All-Silk Ribbon for Hair Bows, worth 15c, special at, per yard 10c	HOSIERY Women's Fast and Children's Black Hose, real 20c values, special, per pair 15c	HANDKERCHIEFS Women's All-Linen Handkerchiefs, also a big line of fancy ones, special, each 5c	GLOVES Women's Woolen Gloves for cold weather, all colors, very special, pair 35c
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New Skirts

"Korreet" styles in all the new materials, this is without doubt the best fitting and wearing skirt made, comes in regular and extra sizes, priced from **\$5.48** up to **\$15.**



New Waists

"Wirthmor" Waists, new fall styles, the best waist in the world for the price, on sale at, each **\$1**

200 Beautiful New Crepe de Chine Waists in white, flesh, maize, navy and black, on sale Saturday, each **\$4.98**

Saturday Suit Special

All of our \$30 and \$35 Winter Suits, all this season's styles, made of the best materials, well tailored, nicely lined; in order to clean up what we have left **\$25**

NEW SILKS FOR EVENING WEAR

We are showing a complete line of Beautiful New Silks in changeable taffetas, Georgette crepes, chiffons, poplins and Sundown silks, in the new evening shades, priced from **\$1.00** up to **\$2.25** a yard

NEW TRIMMINGS

Cloth of Gold and Silver, Silver and Gold Lace, Ornaments, Swansdown and Marabow, suitable for trimming evening dresses.

Saturday Coat Special

25 Brand New Winter Coats, made of all-wool velours and fancy mixtures, some trimmed with fur; these coats are worth up to \$25.00; as we are desirous of cleaning up our stock, we will sell them Saturday at, each **\$18**

Saturday Sale of Underwear

Women's and Children's Fleece Lined Vests and Pants, good quality, sale price, each 29c	Women's Heavy Fleece Lined Union Suits, all sizes, a good 75c grade, sale price 69c	Boys' and Girls' Shirts and Pants, odd lots, values up to 75c, to close out, each 25c
Women's Extra Fine Fleece Lined Union Suits, all sizes and styles, worth \$1.25, very special at, 98c	Dr. Denton's Sleeping Gowns for children, all sizes, on sale from 65c a garment up, 69c	Children's Outing Flannel Night Gowns, all sizes, in fancy stripes, very special, each 69c

Saturday Sale of Linens

60-inch Table Damask, new patterns, mercerized, worth today 50c, special for this sale, per yard 35c	Japanese Lunch Sets, 54x54 cloth with half dozen napkins to match, very special, \$1.25 set	36-inch White Cambric, good 12 1/2c grade, this is a very fine quality, special, per yard, 10c
Curtain Scrim, 36 inches wide, colored border, 25c values, very special, per yard, 19c	Japanese Drawn Work Scarfs and Squares, beautiful patterns, values up to \$1.25, sale price 69c	Huck Towels, good quality and size, worth at today's prices 12 1/2c, sale price, each, 10c

Saturday Corset Sale

Women's fine grade Coutil Corsets, 75c grade, special, a pair 59c	Women's New Model Corsets, flesh color, \$1.50 grade, special, pair 98c
Women's Fancy Braiseries, trimmed with lace, all sizes, very special, each 59c	Front Lace Corsets, new model, cheap at \$2.00, special, per pair \$1.25



Saturday Sale of Notions

Colgate's Toilet Powder, 25c cans, special at, per can 15c	Colgate's Tooth Paste, 25c tubes, special at 20c	Children's Hose Supporters, all sizes, special, pair 10c
Hand Bags, all leather, cheap at \$1.50, very special, each, 98c	Colgate's Week-End Packages, very special, each, 25c	Bucilla Crochet Cotton, all colors and sizes, special, per ball, 10c

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