

BAKER GRILLED BY CHAMBERLAIN FOR BAD FAITH

Oregon Senator Declares Secretary of War Under Influence of Reactionaries of General Staff, Refusing to Reform Court Martial Abuses and Helping Destroy Gen. Ansell.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, chairman of the senate military committee, made public today a letter to Secretary Baker in which he charged the war secretary with being under the influence of reactionaries opposed to changes in the army court martial system, with acting in bad faith toward congress and with ordering an investigation which the senator said, in his judgment was designed to destroy Lieutenant Colonel Samuel T. Ansell, "the man who exposed the injustice of the present system."

Baker's Telegram
With his letter, Senator Chamberlain gave out a copy of a telegram received from Secretary Baker, now on an inspection trip on the Pacific coast, declining to make public immediately a reply to Colonel Ansell's statements made by Mr. Baker and Judge Advocate General Crowder, in response to a message from Senator Chamberlain asking that the Ansell letter be published, Secretary Baker telegraphed:

"More than a year ago I asked of the military committee of both the senate and house legislation to correct the evils of the present court martial system. I shall renew the request when congress assembles. There would seem to be, therefore, no controversy on the merits of the subject. Have not yet seen the letter in question and cannot imagine why my consideration of it on my return will not be time enough."

"Deaf to Complaints"
In his letter Senator Chamberlain said Secretary Baker was "deaf to complaints" and was focusing on the subject. He declared the bill drafted by the war department to correct the court martial system was not "simply designed to allay public apprehension and inquiry by the appearance of doing something." The letter continued:

"You appointed the officer who had seen fit to call your attention at the beginning of the war to the necessity of keeping the strictest supervision over court martial proceedings by an officer who contended that such supervision was not necessary and that such supervision would derogate from the power of the commanding officer and destroy discipline. You elbowed aside the one officer who even then had the courage to condemn the system and the provision to point out its terrible results—General Ansell—and took into the bosom of your confidence a trio of men who are pronounced reactionaries—General Crowder, the then acting chief of staff and the inspector general—the last named of whom is even this day engaged, by your order, in a so-called 'investigation' designed in my judgment to destroy the man who exposed the injustice of the present system."

Seek Ansell's Scalp
In order that any further responsibility might be shifted to congress the senator wrote, Mr. Baker presented a bill which if he did not know, advisers did, could not be passed. The slightest consideration of the measure, he asserted, would show that had it been enacted into law it would have made the system even "more reactionary, if possible, than it is now."

Senator Chamberlain said Colonel Ansell while serving as acting judge advocate general, had written an opinion in which he demonstrated that the power of supervision to correct evils was given in existing law, but that the secretary either ordered or permitted General Crowder to write an overruling opinion.

"Advised to do the proper thing by your chief law officer, and having been shown by him the way to do it," said the letter, "you declined to do so upon some slight legal technicality. This is evidence to me that you did not desire to do so."

\$1422 COLLECTED FOR ARMENIANS

The drive for funds for Armenian relief having been closed, the local committee in charge wishes to make a report on its work. A total of \$1422.43 was collected, and the total expenses of the campaign was \$19.57, leaving a balance of \$1402.86 for relief, which sum Delroy Gitchell has remitted to Ben Selling, of Portland, the state treasurer of the campaign. The executive committee wishes to heartily thank the men and women who made the canvass, for their faithful service in raising the fund.

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\$200,000,000 BOND ISSUE TO FINANCE RAILROAD LINES

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—The war finance corporation is considering floating a large bond issue, probably of \$200,000,000 within a few weeks to provide funds for railroads and to meet any other demands on the corporation. The interest rate contemplated is 4 1/2 per cent.

The bonds would run for a year or possibly a year and a half, according to tentative plans. They would be sold privately to banks and big business interests. The bonds would be exempt from all taxes except estate, inheritance, excess profits, war profits and war-taxes and interest on \$5000 owned by any single interest would be entirely tax exempt. The corporation has authority to sell its bonds below par.


EPWORTH LEAGUE LEADER IN CITY

J. Edgar Purdy, secretary for the northwest of the Epworth League, which he is now mobilizing behind the great spiritual and financial campaign of the Methodist centenary, arrived in Medford today for a series of conferences with local Epworth leagues and to make preliminary arrangements for the Epworth League conference-rally at Medford on April 1, when a series of prominent speakers will discuss the part the Epworth League intends to play in all phases of the centenary program.

There are 13,000 members of the Epworth League in the northwest, Mr. Purdy said. "Towards the \$105,000,000 fund of the missionary centenary of the Methodist Episcopal church, the Epworth League plans to make an outright presentation of \$400,000, or \$80,000 a year for five years, he said.

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GOLD HILL BOY DECORATED FOR BRAVERY IN ACTION

A wounded and gassed Jackson county hero of Chateau Thierry, wearing a croix de guerre medal decorated with a palm leaf in official recognition of heroic conduct displayed on the battlefield, spent Thursday in Medford, in the person of William Dewey Herron of Gold Hill, who motored to this city this morning with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Herron.

Proud of his medal but with modesty, this 20 year old youth reluctantly discussed his war career and the exploits in which he was wounded and gassed and won his bravery medal. He had been in the United States marine service for 20 months, having enlisted from Gold Hill, and returned home from France in February. He still suffers from shell shock and wounds.

He was a member of the famous Fifth marines regiment which as he remembers it had 75 per cent of its members killed at Chateau Thierry, and most of those remaining alive were wounded. Out of his company of about 200 men, all but 16 were killed.

After Machine Gun Nest
The same day on the night of which he was wounded he won his distinguished service medal. His terse story of this affair was told as follows:

"Seven of us went after a German machine gun nest that had been bothering us considerably. We circled about and got in their rear and finally charged on them with hand grenades, exterminating the Germans and capturing the machine gun, but five of our number were either killed or wounded in the attack. That's all there was to it."

But after Corporal Herron and the only other man left unscathed had reached their own lines and turned the captured machine gun over, after learning that the stretcher bearers had refused to go out to the location of the gun nest just cleaned out and bring in the wounded marines, Herron and one other man at once volunteered to go back and try to bring in their wounded comrades. They advanced with bullets raining around them from other German machine gun nests, found two of the marines still alive, and brought them safely back into their own lines.

Brought Back Wounded
For this heroic conduct Herron and his companion were personally cited and awarded the palm leaf to wear on their distinguished service crosses. Every member of the Fifth marines was awarded the distinguished service cross.

About 1 o'clock that night his company had received orders to go over the top again and had just started when a big German shell exploded near Herron and, figuratively speaking, blew him up. A piece of the shell broke his left shoulder and another piece cut through the flesh of his right leg six inches between the knee and ankle clear to the bone. While he was still lying where he fell

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the Germans sent over a wave of poisonous gas, which the wounded man breathed in. Because of the gas and wounds Herron was unconscious for 18 hours after he fell, although picked up and removed to the field hospital soon after.

HITCHCOCK VISITS PERSHING'S REVIEW

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—Republican leaders were speculating today on a Coblenz, Germany, dispatch announcing that Frank H. Hitchcock, former postmaster-general and previously manager of the successful Taft campaign, was a spectator at General Pershing's review of troops. He is quoted as saying he was "merely on a sightseeing trip." The state department has announced that passports are not being issued to sightseers.

FIRST UNIT OF 91ST REACHES CAMP LEWIS

TACOMA, Wash., March 20.—The first unit of the 91st division to return from France reached Tacoma early this morning. The unit is the 316th trench mortar battery, and as it stepped off the train it consisted of three officers and 35 men. When it went to France the battery contained 240 men, but all except the 35 were either killed, wounded or transferred across the Atlantic.

The returned 91st fighters were given an automobile ride about Tacoma this morning before being taken to Camp Lewis for discharge. They reached New York two weeks ago, the first men from the Wild West division who saw actual fighting, to be returned.

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(Signed) Srgt. BEN H. PLYMALE
Srgt. TREVE B. LUMSDEN
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Instead of the thousands of sickly, anaemic-looking men, women and girls with pasty or muddy complexions; instead of the multitudes of "nerve wrecks," "rundowns," "brain fags" and pessimists, we should see a virile, optimistic throng of rosy-cheeked people everywhere.

An inside bath is had by drinking, each morning before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour fermentations and poisons, thus cleansing, sweetening and freshening the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

Those subject to sick headache, biliousness, nasty breath, rheumatism, colds; and particularly those who have a pallid, sallow complexion and who are constipated very often, are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store which will cost but a trifle but is sufficient to demonstrate the quick and remarkable change in both health and appearance awaiting those who practice internal sanitation. We must remember that inside cleanliness is more important than outside, because the skin does not absorb impurities to contaminate the blood, while the pores in the thirty feet of bowels do.

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Try it the next time you suffer from a cold or the grip. It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore safe and harmless.

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