

CONTINENTAL PLAN DOOMED; GARRISON MAY QUIT HIS JOB

ILL HEALTH IS ONE REASON GIVEN OUT

Other Features of Preparedness Are Confused Also, and Compromise Bill Seems Only Chance of Any Kind of Success in the Bigger Army Plan—Navy Plan Calls for Submarines for Pacific Waters.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—Lindley M. Garrison, it is rumored, may resign as secretary of war. Ill health and the failure of his continental army plan are the reasons given for his resignation.

The continental army plan is apparently doomed under the many other features. As a result of the present plethora of plans, the preparedness issue is so confused that if anything passes both houses it will most probably be a compromise measure.

Senator George E. Chamberlain, head of the military committee, says he favored the continental plan only as a second choice. He wants universal service.

"The continental plan is unsatisfactory," said Chamberlain. "It lacks effectiveness, but possibly it has political advantages which other plans lack—the president favors it."

General Scott today defended the continental plan before the senate military committee today as the best compromise between unwieldy militarism and total unpreparedness.

Representative Stanford, before the house committee, testified that the preparedness project included an expenditure of \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 for submarine bases on both the Pacific and Atlantic.

"The Mercy Shot" as the Mexicans Administer It



Here is pictured the only mercy shown to the sixteen American miners murdered by Villista bandits, who took the Yankees from a train near San Ysabel last week. It is the firing of the "mercy shot." The Mexicans, after they shot an enemy, seriously

wounding him, fire, if it is requested, a "mercy shot," to put the sufferers out of their misery. The man firing this shot stands directly over the wounded person, and with his gun close to the victim, shoots at a vital spot, usually the brain.

with the result that practically every rural district is up to standard in attendance, progress in studies, condition of grounds, outbuildings, equipment, etc. The schools have been made more interesting to parents, and more closely watched by them as the result of parent-teacher meetings and community gatherings, fostered largely by Peterson.

Rural high schools have received great encouragement. Besides the standard high schools at Klamath Falls, Bonanza and Merrill, there are one, two and three year accredited high schools in the following places: Port Klamath, Keno, Bly, Henley. These high schools are maintained largely from the county high school fund, and therefore place no particular burden on the local community.

As far as possible, industrial club work has been encouraged in the schools and in many instances has made marked progress. During the past three years the enumeration has increased from 2,390 to 2,780; attendance from 1,625 to over 2,000, number of teachers from 86 to 100, and normal trained teachers from 15 to 39.

With the co-operation of the county court, the county was made the unit for raising school taxes. As a result the districts are in the best of condition financially. Klamath county is paying its rural teachers the best salary paid in Oregon, and as a result of these salaries Klamath has a larger per cent of trained teachers than any other county, and those trained teachers are where needed, in the rural schools.

While paying better salaries than ever, the rate of school taxation is lower, owing to the fact that the special taxes have been eliminated to a large extent.

It has been necessary in the East to acquire by purchase the same class lands which in the West were put into national forests by proclamation. An appropriation of \$11,000,000 was made available for this purpose, to be expended during 1910 to 1915. It is expected that 6,000,000 acres will be purchased. Of this amount 1,317,000 acres has already been acquired.

the state of Oregon in the matter of uniformly good school buildings. Playground apparatus is rapidly going into all school yards. The standard school idea has been given great stimulus by Peterson.

CONGRESS LOOKS INTO GRANT CASE

OFFICIALS ASKED TO SAY WHAT MEASURES SHOULD BE ENACTED FOR RELIEF OF INNOCENT BUYERS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—Interior Secretary Lane and Attorney General Gregory were today asked to advise congress as to what legislation should be passed for the relief of homesteaders on land bought from the Southern Pacific under the Oregon-California grants, their titles being voided by the supreme court's decision in the suit.

Congressman Ferris stated that he believes it necessary for congress to validate the titles of these people, who bought the land in good faith. He said this litigation, involving \$13,000,000, presents one of the most important problems before this session of congress.

NEW STORE WILL BE BUILT ON 6TH

HARRISON & MATT LOCATION TO BE MOVED TO CENTER OF THE BLOCK TO MAKE ROOM FOR A NEW STRUCTURE

Early next week, Robert E. Wattenburg expects to begin the removal of the building at Sixth and Klamath occupied by Harrison & Matt to the back of the lot it now occupies, to make room for a new frame store building to be erected at the corner. This is to be occupied by the J. S. Mills & Son company, local agents for the International Harvester company, who will put in a full line of farming implements and accessories.

The new building will be 70x100 feet, its 100 foot side to adjoin Klamath avenue, Harrison & Matt's store, after removal, will face Sixth street instead of Klamath avenue.

Late War News

By HENRY WOOD ROME, Jan. 21.—Much importance is attached to the announcement that Pope Benedict will hold another consistory of cardinals in March. It is believed that this is another step in the vatican's peace plan, the pope seeking to inform himself as to the possibilities for peace in Vienna and Bavaria. It is the pontiff's hope that the continuation of his plan of conferring with the cardinals of the belligerent countries will help to develop a tentative peace plan.

United Press Service AMSTERDAM, Jan. 21.—The Kaiser is now on his way home to Berlin, after a trip to Belgrade. In an address to German forces at Nish he hinted that the Turco-German campaign in Egypt would soon begin.

United Press Service NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—The Press bureau today announced that the Ford peace party has won Germany's consent to re-cross Germany to Stockholm. They will travel in a sealed car.

Mouse Dance Tonight. The regular Friday evening dance will be held this evening at Moose hall.

O. P. Horner is a late arrival from Redding, Calif.

C. A. Jones is a business visitor from Chico, Calif.

O. E. Crane is here from Seattle, Wash.

*B. P. Clark is a recent visitor from Wood, Calif.

POLITICAL POT SIMMERING AT A GREAT RATE NOW

MANY NAMES MENTIONED FOR CANDIDATES

Several Are Spoken of for Circuit Judgeship—Many Are Possible or Avowed Aspirants for the Shrivelfight to Be a Hard One—De Lap and Chastain Not Contested Yet.

The season for the office seeker and candidate has arrived.

Already this subject is taking prominence in all gatherings on the streets and in the stores and offices, and is usually the main topic of conversation wherever two or more men get together, and is also arousing considerable interest among the women.

From present indications there will be no end of candidates for all of the county offices from which the voters can make selection. No petitions have been filed yet for the primary election, to be held May 19th, for the reason that not enough voters have registered to enable the candidates to circulate their petitions.

For circuit judge, D. V. Kuykendall, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late George Nealand, will be a candidate for the republican nomination. Other republicans mentioned as possible candidates for this nomination are E. L. Elliott, C. M. Onnell and W. S. Wiley. It has been reported that Mr. Onnell may decide to run as an independent candidate instead of trying for the republican nomination. He has been affiliated with the now nearly defunct progressive party. R. C. Groesbeck is the only candidate that has been prominently mentioned for the democratic nomination.

The office of prosecuting attorney has been the subject of much discussion all over the county. It is stated that John Irwin, present incumbent, will seek renomination. Other possible candidates for this position are Joseph S. Kent and Harold Merryman, who have both publicly announced their intention of seeking the republican nomination. So far no democrat has been mentioned for this position.

It looks as if no one cares to attempt to wrest the county clerkship from C. R. De Lap, who will be a candidate for renomination. A number have stated that they would try for the republican nomination in case Mr. De Lap decided not to run. It is probable that Mr. De Lap will have opposition on the democratic ticket at the November election, although no names have been mentioned with any degree of certainty.

George Chastain is the only man mentioned so far for the office of clerk of the circuit court. He is a democrat, and has held the office since it was first established in 1913.

The most popular office in the entire county seems to be that of sheriff, if the number of candidates seeking the office can be considered as proof of popularity. Some even say that the reason there are so few aspirants for some of the other county offices is because all the available candidates have announced their intention of running for sheriff. It is impossible to record all the names of those mentioned for this office. The number has been placed all the way from ten to twenty. Sheriff C. C. Low has announced that he will seek renomination on the republican ticket. Other republicans who have privately announced their candidacy for this office are: R. R. Brewbaker, E. W. Gowen, John Collman, O. B. Dewa, C. M. Ramsby and Wm. Hall. Against this vast army of republicans one lone democrat name has been mentioned, that of George L. Humphrey.

It is stated that Captain J. P. Lee will again seek the democratic nomination and election as assessor. He will probably be opposed on the republican ticket by C. A. Hayden, who served as deputy in the assessors' office up until last spring. George A. Hayden will probably seek re-election as county treasurer. No formal announcement has been

U. S. Soldier Taken From Ship by British



Alfred Clark

Alfred Clark is the private in the United States army who was on his way from Panama to Washington on board an American vessel, who was taken from the ship at Jamaica. He was compelled to leave by three negro soldiers of the British army. After an officer had questioned him, he was permitted to go back to the ship and on to Washington.

made by any others for this job.

While at the present time it looks as if the office of county school superintendent will go begging for the want of a candidate, it is probable that an ample supply will be in the field before the primaries. County Superintendent Fred Peterson, who has so ably filled the office for the past term, has positively announced that he would not be a candidate, giving as his reason that the expenses of properly conducting the office were too great for the compensation received. The salary is \$1,200 a year, and an additional \$200 is allowed for traveling expenses. In order to visit the schools and keep in proper touch with the work being done throughout the county, it is necessary for the superintendent to own his own automobile, and it is stated that his investment and repairs, expenses, etc., leaves the occupant of the office in poorer financial condition at the end of his term than when he took office. While no formal announcements have been made for this important office, several names have been talked of, among them, Miss Edna Wells of the city schools, Professor B. P. Anderson and W. E. Faught, former principal of the county high school.

The plan is to make three units, the east side to comprise one unit, and the lands on the west side to be divided into two units. Indian Office to Stay WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—Abolition of the Indian office at Roseburg, Ore., is not being considered. Representative Hawley has been so informed by the Indian bureau. The Roseburg Commercial Club telegraphed a protest, having received a report that such action was contemplated by the department. F. T. Nelson and wife are visiting here from Reno, Nev.

DYKE SUGGESTED FOR DRAINAGE OF LOWER LAKE LAND

ENGINEER'S PRELIMINARY REPORT IS MADE

Don J. Zumwalt Recommends Construction of Dykes From the Railroad Embankment Along the Straits and Shore Line to State Boundary—Would Reclaim in the Neighborhood of 27,500 Acres.

Dyking is the most feasible manner of reclaiming the 27,500 acres of marsh land included in the Lower Klamath drainage district, according to the report of Don J. Zumwalt, the project engineer. This report is made following extensive field work.

Zumwalt suggests the construction of dykes on either side of the Klamath Straits, beginning at the railroad embankment. These would follow the east and west boundaries of the straits and the east and west boundaries of Lower Klamath Lake south to the state line. At the state line, the eastern dyke would extend east toward higher land, and the western dyke would be run in a westerly direction at the state line.

The dykes would have a total length of 32.4 miles. Their construction would involve a cost of approximately \$97,976. This would reclaim about 27,500 acres.

A feature of the plan proposed is that the marsh land would be drained without the necessity of shutting off the water coming through Klamath Straits, which could be accomplished at the railroad crossing. The government has never given the land owners any satisfaction regarding this, but the dykes would be sufficient to keep like water from the marshes, no matter what the stage of water in Lower Klamath.

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Railroad, Reclamation Go Together--Strahorn

PORTLAND, Jan. 21.—Oregon looks to the building of the Central Oregon railroad as a powerful aid to state development.

Robert E. Strahorn, who has undertaken to finance and build the new railway system in the central part of the state, says that without reclamation of the lands by irrigation neither the investment of millions of dollars nor the construction of hundreds of miles of railroad would be justified.

In recognition of Mr. Strahorn's experience as a practical irrigation man and railroad builder Mr. Strahorn was named yesterday as one of the five men who will represent the Portland Chamber of Commerce at the state irrigation, drainage and rural credits conference next month. The others appointed are C. C. Colt, A. L. Mills, J. N. Teal and Franklin T. Griffith.

In an interview Mr. Strahorn vividly showed the great importance to all industrial and constructive enterprise that the state get back of and show faith in the reclamation of its semi-arid lands. And the method that should be

used, he is convinced, should be by state guaranty of irrigation and drainage district bonds.

He considers the conference to be held here during February of the utmost importance. At that time legislation will be drafted and a campaign organized to secure favorable action by the people at the next general state election.

"In stating my opinion of the most important matter ahead of the convention of the Central Oregon Development League at Bend in November to insure railway development," said Mr. Strahorn, "I used these words: 'Immediate aggressive and continuous effort of all of you and your communities to work out all this irrigation, drainage, subdivision and colonization of lands without which the railroads cannot be built, and would not pay if they were built.'"

"Central Oregon in its present condition would not justify the large investment for this railway development. I would not have the courage to attempt anything of the sort but

MOMYER TO MAKE TRIP TO CRATER

RANGER GOING TO CRATER LAKE PARK MONDAY TO REMAIN UNTIL CLOSE OF SEASON NEXT FALL.

Head Ranger H. E. Momyer of Crater Lake Park, is making prepara-

Peterson Will Not Be Out for Second Term of Office

MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED DURING HIS ADMINISTRATION OF BENEFIT TO THE SCHOOLS OF KLAMATH COUNTY, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE RURAL DISTRICTS

"No, you can state positively that I will not seek re-election to the office of county superintendent of schools," said Fred Peterson today. Thereby he firmly declared himself out of the field, despite the rumors of friends that he might run.

During his three years as head of educational affairs in Klamath county, great progress has been made, due largely to Peterson's efforts, as well as to co-operation on the part of progressive teachers and school district officials.

In that time, seventeen new school buildings have been erected in Klamath county, and five buildings have been completely remodelled. As a result, Klamath county ranks first in



Fred Peterson