

# BAKER MAKES REPLY TO CHAMBERLAIN

## SECRETARY UP BEFORE MILITARY COMMITTEE

COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT IN MADE TODAY TO MILITARY INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE ON PRESENT EQUIPMENT SITUATION

MISTAKES CITED BY CHAMBERLAIN DECLARED OCCASIONAL RATHER THAN CHARACTERISTIC—EVERY MAN WHO NEEDS A RIFLE HAS ONE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—Secretary Baker at the public hearing before the senate military committee today replied to Senator Geo. Chamberlain's charges of inefficiency by making a comprehensive statement on all the army activities, particularly replying to the charge that the war department has fallen down.

He asserted that the mistakes which Chamberlain cited gave the impression that they were "characteristic," rather than "occasional," and declared that there were over a million men now under arms in the United States.

Major General Wood had recommended calling out a large army, although the men could not be provided immediately with rifles and clothing. It was stated.

Secretary Baker said, "Every soldier who needs a rifle has one, and has one of a better type than if the one used by the British in the field had been adopted."

In defending the lack of machine guns, Baker declared that General Pershing does not want the Lewis gun for the ground force, but only for the aviation service.

Secretary Baker spoke without manuscript, in a frank conversational manner, disclosing some facts that had hitherto been held confidential. He said that France and England supplying artillery to the American forces was because they wished to do so, having an excess on hand, and wishing to save the ships for more vital necessities.

Thirty-two divisions in the National Guard and the National Army troops are now in camp in the United States. The rate of rifle manufacture assures a steady supply of this article

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# MACHINE SHOP AND FOUNDRY FOR CITY

## OLCOTT IS NOW OUT FOR GOVERNOR

MAN WHO HAS BEEN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SEVEN YEARS WOULD BE CHIEF EXECUTIVE NOW

Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott has announced that he will be a candidate for governor of Oregon at the coming fall election.



The same degree of business efficiency, he says, which has characterized his administration as secretary of state will be pursued in case of his election as chief executive of Oregon.

As governor he would expect to be the business head of a great corporation of the people, and apply his energies to make a success of the business.

Enforcement of prohibition and the furthering of the equal suffrage move are among the things emphasized in his platform.

## FRANK SERVICE HEARING FIXED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—The Supreme Court has agreed to expedite the appeal on the proceedings brought by the Associated Press to prevent the International News Service from pirating news, and has fixed April 15th for hearing of the arguments.

## BIG STEAMER TORPEDOED

LONDON, Jan. 28.—The steamship Andania of the Cunard line is reported to have been torpedoed, but not sunk. She is said to have gone to the bottom, however, before she could get into port.

## INDIANS GET AN INCREASED APPROPRIATION

SUGGESTED \$300,000 FOR INDIANS OF KLAMATH RESERVATION IS TO BE INCREASED TO HALF A MILLION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—Five hundred thousand dollars for use of the Klamath Indians for livestock and improvements, instead of the \$200,000 provided in the Indian appropriation bill as it passed the house, is practically assured. The senate committee is understood favorable to the increase and the Bureau of Indian Affairs has withdrawn its opposition. The money is advanced by the government, reimbursable from tribal funds.

This much needed increase is a matter upon which the Klamath Commercial Club has been active for some time. It is believed that the efforts of Representative N. J. Sinnott and Senator Wm. McNary have had considerable to do with securing the increase.

## UNCLE SAM BUYS MUCH FERTILIZER

ENORMOUS QUANTITY NITRATE OF SODA BEING SHIPPED TO PORTLAND—FARMERS CAN OBTAIN IT THRU COUNTY AGENT

The government has been buying big supplies of nitrate of soda, according to County Agriculturist Agent H. R. Glasier, who has just received news that 18,000 tons are being shipped to Portland.

Farmers of Klamath County who wish to secure a supply of this chemical must put in their applications with Agent Glasier not later than February 4th. Nitrate of soda is a very strong fertilizer, and replaces nitrogen in the soil. Very little is said to be used in Klamath County, although it is used very extensively in the Willamette Valley.

A supply of alfalfa seed and spring type seed will soon be received at the office here for demonstration work. This seed is not for sale, but anyone wishing to secure supplies of the varieties which have proved most successful here, can obtain them thru the agent's office.

The Baltic variety of alfalfa has been demonstrated during the past two years to be the best adapted to this country, experiments conducted on the ranch of M. Giacomini showing an increased yield of over a ton per acre for this kind.

## Withycombe Wishes Thrift Day Observed

SALEM, Jan. 28.—Governor James Withycombe urged statewide observance of Thrift Day by Oregonians this year, in a statement just made public. The governor said:

"The people of Oregon are loyally supporting the entire war program, and are already practicing thrift, but it will be just as well, perhaps, to focus and concentrate our attention all the more on this particular patriotic duty at the time set aside for the all-American observance of the anniversary of Thrift Day, February 2, which is this year to be observed on Monday, February 4th.

"Waste and sinful extravagance weaken our nation in the sinews of war, and thereby furnish aid and encouragement to our enemies. A nation to be thrifty must have thrifty communities, and thrifty communities spring from thrifty individuals. Therefore the man who practices thrift and who encourages thrifty habits serves in a measure to help his nation to victory just as surely as—the less graphically than—the soldier of the trench and the soldier of the soil.

## Northwest Timber Allotments Published

The North Pacific district, comprising Oregon, Washington and Alaska, will receive \$273,422 of the 1918 allotment of funds under section 8 of the Federal Aid Road act, which provides for the use of \$1,000,000 of federal money a year for ten years to build roads and trails within or partly within national forests, according to District Forester Geo. H. Cecil of Portland, who has just received notice from Washington that the Secretary of Agriculture has approved the allotments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919. Under this allotment Oregon will receive \$132,796, Washington \$92,565, and Alaska \$47,061. This is about \$6,000 in excess of the 1918 allotment for the district.

Because of National forest land within their borders, twenty-seven states and the territory of Alaska share in the benefits of this act. The allotments are made on a basis of the area of national forest land in the several states, and the estimated value of the timber and grazing resources of the forests.

In order to take advantage of these allotments it is necessary for the local authorities, either state or county, or both, to co-operate in the various road projects, usually on a 50-50 basis. The engineering work for forest roads is done under the direction of District Engineer L. I. Howes of the office of public roads, who co-operates with the forest service in its road building operations.

Secretary Houston has already approved the co-operative agreements for seven federal aid forest road projects in the district: The Cocks-Columbia road on the Columbia national forest, the Republic-Waunona road on the Colville forest, and the Lake Quinalt road on the Olympic forest in Washington, and the Ochoco Canyon road on the Ochoco forest, the Canyonville-Galesburg road on the Umpqua forest, and two sections of the Medford-Klamath Falls road on the Crater forest in Oregon.

Funds to pay the government's share in the survey and construction of these roads have already been provided from the 1918 federal aid road act allotment.

## Renewed Activity in U-Boats Expected

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—American naval men see the possibility of our destroyers doing some smart fighting soon with Teutonic U-boats more powerfully armed than ever before.

That Germany has recently recalled her U-boats is indicated by news dispatched by the lower sinking rate and partially confirmed by official advice.

This may mean, in naval men's judgment, that Germany is not only putting bigger guns aboard her craft, but also she may be preparing to launch further big submarine cruisers, replacing some of the smaller type.

If Germany is doing these things, a new era of naval warfare is at hand which will mean spectacular battles.

## Now Commands Roumanian Armies



Crown Prince Carol of Roumania, is now believed to be in real command of the Roumanian armies, and it is considered he has almost displaced the king, his father.

## LOCAL BOY COMMISSIONED AS AVIATOR

MOTHER RETURNS FROM FORT WORTH, TEXAS, AFTER SEEING SON HONORED WITH LIEUTENANT'S COMMISSION

Mrs. Dallas Shidler of this city has just returned from a visit with her son, Lieutenant Horace Shidler at Telfer Aviation Field, at Fort Worth, Texas.

She had the honor of being present when he took the oath as an officer of the aviation section, signal corps, and of seeing the young lieutenant go thru the actual warfare tactics, including the loops, spiral wire dives, etc. Lieutenant Shidler is now in the 28th Aerial Squadron.

He enlisted in January, 1916, in the Coast Artillery, and was one of the few men who finished the forced march from San Francisco to Monterey in September of that year. He was transferred to the aviation service early in 1917, and was sent to New York and Canada in company with others for training.

## PLANS ARE COMPLETED FOR NEW INDUSTRY

MUCH NEEDED PLANT WILL BE MOVED FROM GRANTS PASS IMMEDIATELY—BUILDINGS TO BE ERRECTED NEAR FREIGHT DEPOT

LOCAL MILL MEN, WHO HAVE BEEN HANDICAPPED IN GETTING REPAIRS ARE BACKING NEW ENTERPRISE—BIG WORK WILL BE HANDLED

The Klamath Iron and Steel works is the name of a new corporation which has just been organized from the Grants Pass Iron and Steel works, and will move from that point to Klamath Falls immediately.

This new industry, which is being incorporated for \$20,000 is greatly needed here since the Klamath Iron works was closed some months ago. There has been no place where the mills in this vicinity could go for repairs for their big machinery, and it is understood that several of the mill men are backing the enterprise.

Messrs. Hill and Kirkpatrick, who have operated the Grants Pass Iron and Steel works for a number of years past, saw the big opportunity in this line at Klamath Falls, and have been working for some time with the idea of making the change. A more extensive plant than the one at Grants Pass is planned.

A site has been purchased at the corner of Elm and Spring street, which is said to be ideally located for switching purposes. It is close to the local freight depot, and along a street which will later be paved. The building will be erected with a track running straight thru, so that logging locomotives may be run right

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## Ugly Charge Made Against Meat Packers

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—From knowledge gained by an inspection of confidential letters and telegrams in the meat packers files, Francis J. Heney has charged five big corporations with control of prices and division of livestock purchases throughout the United States, so as to eliminate competition.

## Local Firm to Run Boat For Employees

Employees at the Chelsea box factory will be given a boat ride at each end of the day from now on, as the company has just purchased the steamer Curlew from Calkins & Hamilton on the Upper Klamath Lake, and is moving it down to Lake Ewau-na today.

The boat will be renamed the Chelsea, will make the regular landing at the Achley Brothers mill, as well as other stops along the route. It carries about forty men comfortably, and was one of the fastest boats on the Upper Lake. The new schedule is expected to start in a day or two.