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STATE LEGION GATHERS SOON

Theodore Roosevelt Jr. Will Address First Oregon State Convention of American Legion Held in Portland.

PORTLAND, Aug. 28.—Former soldiers, sailors and marines from every section of the state of Oregon will gather in Portland on September 17 and 18 for the first state convention of The American Legion, the national organization of men who fought in the great war. Several will be elected at the public auditorium at 2:30 on the afternoon of the 17th with an address by Theodore Roosevelt, who, with George A. White of Portland, is credited with the conception in Paris of the organization of former service men. Roosevelt refused at the national caucus at St. Louis to accept the office of national chairman but is a member of the joint executive committee of which 17 members were selected at St. Louis and 17 at Paris.

Election of state officers and the naming of delegates to the national convention of the American Legion at Minneapolis, November 10-11 and 12 will be the chief objects of the convention in Portland. There will be accredited delegates from every post of the American Legion in the state—there are now 31—but the meeting will be opened to all members of the organization.

Through its legislative committee in Washington, The American Legion, representing 3,000 local organizations of American veterans of the Great War, will give its active support to the Johnson bill in Congress which calls for the deportation of undesirable aliens and denies readmission to deported enemy aliens. This bill has already been passed in the House and is now before the Senate Committee on Naturalization and Immigration. Under its provisions enemy aliens who have been interned at Fort McPherson, Ga., and other concentration camps may be sent out of the country.

Failure of Congress to require alien slackers to serve in the recent war will constitute one of the blackest pages in the history of America's war preparations, according to an article on "The Sacred Alien Slacker" by Representatives Roscoe C. McCullough of Ohio in the current issue of "The American Legion Weekly."

50,827 MEN MUSTERED OUT IN EIGHT MONTHS.

CAMP LEWIS, Wash., Aug. 28.—Records of the Demobilization Group at Camp Lewis disclose that during the period from January 1 to August 20 of this year 50,827 men were mustered out of the service. The paperwork involved in demobilization is stupendous, and the huge American army could never have been returned to civilian life in so short a time had not the process been revolutionized. Formerly the work was done by officers and men of every separate organization, under the supervision of the mustering office. Now there is a discharge center through which the soldiers pass as through a mill, entering one door as parts of Uncle Sam's fighting forces, and leaving by another as private citizens on their way home. The personnel occupied in the work at Camp Lewis is made up of 25 officers, 40 field clerks and 57 enlisted men. Not only does this force accomplish all the discharge records, but it receives all detachments, "feeds and sleeps" them outfits them with new clothing, gives them final pay and instructions, and sends them on their way rejoicing, in an average time of less than 24 hours.

POLYNESIANS DECORATED.

PAPEETE, Tahiti, Aug. 28.—Many Polynesian boys, returning as veterans of the world war wear the Croix de Guerre and some of the French Military Medal. They have many friends among the American Expeditionary troops. In the last great battles they were in the Bois-sons sector beside the United States fighting men.

PRINCE OF WALES, WHO IS NOW IN CANADA



The Prince of Wales, Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David, is now in Canada. After visiting several cities in that country, he will go to Washington and New York before returning to England. The prince resembles in many ways his very popular grandfather, the late King Edward. He has made many friends among Americans, especially among our army and navy men he has chance to meet during the war. Rear Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey, third sea lord, who is shown in the circle above, is entrusted with the safety of the prince on his trip, and General Currie, commander of the Canadian forces, shown below, will have charge of all military demonstrations and functions for the prince while he is in Canada.

The Herald tells you today's news today—not tomorrow.

9,000,000 HORSEPOWER TOTAL CAPACITY OF FRENCH WATERFALL

PARIS, Aug. 28.—Nine million horse-power is the total capacity of the natural waterfalls of France, according to a complete census made by Monsieur Jules Cels, under Secretary of Public Works. Of that total 750,000 horse-power was utilized before the war and about a half million has been put into operation since 1914. The Chamber of Deputies is now discussing a bill regulating the cession of water power privileges which, it is hoped, will facilitate the utilization of the remaining seven and three quarters million.

The advantage may draw from full exploitation of this rich resource in power appears clearly when it is recalled that Germany has only 1,300,000 horse-power in hydraulic resources, that coal costs three times as much as it did before the war, and that the French water power corresponds to a total annual coal consumption of seventy-eight million tons—eighteen million tons more than France consumed annually before the war.

France requires twenty million tons of coal yearly in excess of her own production, at its maximum. At the present cost, the purchase of such a quantity means the payment abroad of a billion two hundred million francs annually, materially aggravating the situation of French exchange.

The programs of utilization of the unimproved water power comprises the manufacture of nitrate fertilizers so much needed to increase agricultural production in France.

FRENCH ARMY HEADQUARTERS WILL BE DISCONTINUED.

PARIS, Aug. 28.—The General Headquarters of the French army, established August 2, 1914, at Vitry le Francois, soon will be discontinued after five years of varying fortunes, vicissitudes, reverses and victories. It will now be superseded by the old French Supreme War Council, with headquarters at the Military School in Paris.

Marshal Petain, it is understood, will drop the title of Commander-in-Chief to take that of Chief of Staff, which Joffre held at the beginning of the war.

FREE TIMBER GIVEN TO RAILROAD FIRM FOR ALASKAN ROAD

PORTLAND, Aug. 28.—Acting District Forester Munger, the Forest Service announces, today approved a permit granting free to the Alaskan Engineering Commission about four million feet of timber on the Chugach National Forest, along the right of way of the Alaskan Northern Railroad, which the Commission is building. This timber will be used for piling, telephone poles, railroad ties and as general construction lumber. Ever since the railroad was started the Forest Service has under a special provision of law granted timber free for this government railroad, and this permit has the effect of extending this privilege to cover more timber and additional time.

The coast of the British Isles is so well protected with light-houses that if a ship sailed right round England, Scotland and Ireland by night only on six occasions would it be where it could not see the light of a light-house lantern.

Famous Australian Tennis Stars Arrive for Championships



Left to right—Patterson, Norman, Brooks, Lycett and Thomas, the four leading Australians who have come over to play in the American tennis championship matches to take place this month. Photo shows them arriving on the S. S. Adriatic.

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