

WE NEED A MUCH LARGER ARMY

UNITED STATES NOT PREPARED FOR WAR

PAST CONFLICTS HAVE BEEN COSTLY

F. L. Huidekoper Writes of the Condition of the Military Forces of This Country

War used to last a hundred years or more. Now it lasts one year or less, and preparation must be made beforehand.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16.—As a disinterested military critic of international fame, Frederic Louis Huidekoper prepared the following statement of the condition of the national defense of the United States for the United Press. He is the author of numerous military works, and is one of three foreigners who have been granted access to the secret military archives of Paris, Vienna and St. Petersburg. His book "Military Studies" is the only work by a non-military man included in the International Military series. It has been placed by the war department in the War College at West Point.

The deep study he has given the general subject, coupled with the fact that he is not connected with the army or politics in any way, gives special weight to his opinion as that of a qualified expert.

The statement prepared for the United Press follows:

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The American people should know that their army is in a lamentable state and that our means of defense, except the navy, are virtually nil.

The recent report of the secretary of war was made in consequence of a resolution introduced in the house of representatives by the Hon. James McLaughlin, a member from California. It disclosed a condition of affairs so disgraceful that it has been suppressed, under the excuse that it was purely "confidential." Mr. Dickinson's report probably did not contain one single thing which is not known to well informed military men both in the United States and all over the world.

During the war of 1812 our legislators did a lot of boasting that Canada could easily "be captured without soldiers, and that a few volunteers and militia could do the business." What happened? In 1814 the United States called out no less than 235,839 troops, but notwithstanding the size of these forces, Americans suffered the humiliation of seeing their much-vaunted plan of conquest vanish in the smoke of a burning capital.

The Value of Defense

Lasting peace is desirable above all other things, but to be weak when others are strong is to invite destruction. Might still makes right among nations, and it is high time that Americans knew the real value of their powers of defense.

On October 15, 1910, the United States army consisted of 4,476 officers and 72,559 men, a total of 77,035. In this country there are 59,687 troops; in the Philippines 17,000 and in Honolulu 1,400. The militia numbers about 110,000 officers and men. In time of war the regular army could be increased to 100,000. It would then contain no less than 30 per cent of recruits and, consequently, be far below the fighting efficiency it ought to possess. That is bad enough in itself.

But the American army today has only enough infantry ammunition for one single engagement. At this instant the field artillery does not possess enough manufactured ammunition to fight so much as one battle. At the end of the Civil war the Union army had 1,800 pieces of artillery. The United States army today possesses but 572 guns of all calibers.

The American officers rank with any in the world, and our army has more technical troops than are to be found in almost any other army of 450,000 men. The backbone of any army is always the infantry. The brunt of the fighting falls on the infantry. When the reserves are called into action the infantry is the only arm which has every man engaged in battle.

Couldn't Face Invaders

Our army today has only thirty regiments of infantry. Eight of these are in the Philippines and one in Alaska and Honolulu, leaving only twenty-one in the United States. Granting that all of these twenty-one reg-

iments could be utilized, how long would they stand against 200,000 troops which every military man knows that Germany could land within our territorial limits on the Atlantic coast or Japan on the Pacific coast within five weeks after the declaration of war? There certainly ought to be fully thirty-six regiments or six infantry divisions within the United States.

The very best that we can do at present would be to put 40,000 or 50,000 men on our Western coast in two weeks. As a matter of fact, the United States cannot today put on shipboard in twenty-four hours one regiment fully ready for war, as some of the European armies can easily do with an entire army corps.

Army Has No Reserve

The American army has no reserve because of our defective laws. General Leonard Wood recently called the attention of the military affairs committee of the house of representatives to the fact that the army is graduating by expiring enlistments 30,000 soldiers each year. These men have seen three years' service, but no means exist to utilize them in time of war.

Never in our history have we been prepared for war. A good business man cannot be made in a day or a month; neither can a good soldier. To employ untrained material is always dangerous and very expensive. In the Revolution we used 231,771 regulars and 164,987 militia and volunteers against England's 150,605 men; yet it cost us \$370,000,000 and 70,000,000 in pensions.

In the War of 1812 we had 56,032 regulars and 471,622 militia against the English and Canadian forces of only about 55,000 men. That war cost us \$82,627,009 and 145,808,676 in pensions. In the Mexican war 31,024 regulars and 73,532 militia were required to conquer about 46,000 Mexicans, at a cost of \$88,500,205, and the pensions have amounted to \$42,956,768.

In the Civil war the United States employed no less than 67,000 regulars and 2,605,341 militia and volunteers to defeat about 1,000,000 Confederates. The war cost the fabulous sum of \$5,371,079,748, and \$3,837,488,171 have already been paid in pensions, and we are a long way from the end yet.

The Spanish-American war compelled us to use 58,688 regulars and 223,235 militia or volunteers to subdue 200,000 Spaniards, at a cost of \$321,833,254, while 76,416 regulars and 50,052 volunteers were employed in the Philippines, at a cost of \$171,326,572, and \$30,191,725 have already been paid in pensions for them both. How many Americans have any conception of the outrageous extravagance in men and money that has characterized our past wars? How long would any properly run company or corporation tolerate any such mismanagement?

Until the last few years our annual expenditures for pensions have exceeded what it cost to maintain the German army. Since 1791 our army has cost \$6,845,129,239 and our pensions no less than \$4,115,829,223. The size of our present pension list is a disgrace to any civilized nation, and this condition of affairs will continue until the name of every pensioner is published once a month in the local newspaper of the city, town or village where he lives. Public opinion will do the rest.

The "Economy Congress"

The present congress is supposed to be an "economy congress," yet a bill has just been introduced to increase the pension list by \$44,000,000 a year. Do you realize what this amount could do for our defense? In one single year \$44,000,000, in addition to what the army now has on hand, would be enough to provide ammunition, guns, gun carriages and reserve supplies to equip an army of 1,000,000 men.

If the United States possessed an army and reserve of 375,000 troops, all of whom had had three years' service in the regulars, and a militia of 125,000 men, thoroughly equipped and organized as they ought to be, it would have nothing to fear from any other nation in the world. At the present our defensive strength is virtually nil. Napoleon won his battles because he outnumbered his adversaries on almost every occasion; when he ceased to outnumber them even he fell.

Washington's Warning

We Americans seem to have sublime faith in the truth of the remark once made by Bismarck that "the Lord takes care of babes, fools and the United States." If we were wise we would bear constantly in mind the warning uttered by Washington in his speech to congress on December 3, 1793:

"There is a rank due to these United States among nations which would be withheld, if not absolutely lost, by the reputation of weakness. If we desire to avoid insult, we must be able to repel it; if we desire to secure peace * * * it must be known that we are at all times prepared for war."

DEGREE OF HONOR INSTALLS

THE NEWLY EJECTED OFFICERS TAKE OBLIGATION

Evangeline Lodge No. 68 Has Very Capable Set of Officers—Banquet Is Served

Evangeline Lodge No. 68, Degree of Honor, started the new year by installing as capable a set of officers as there is in that order in the state. Past Chief of Honor Josie M. Baldwin acted as installing officer, and the following officials took their obligations and assumed their stations:

Past Chief of Honor—Mrs. Mina Shive.

Chief of Honor—Faye Hogue.

Lady of Honor—Mrs. Leroy Ballard.

Chief of Ceremonies—Roxa Shive.

Recorder—Mrs. Mary R. Hogue.

Financier—C. C. Hogue.

Receiver—George R. Hurn.

Usher—Mrs. Jennie Hurn.

Inside Watchman—Mrs. Nellie Summers.

Outside Watchman—George T. Baldwin.

After the ceremonies a delightful banquet was served.

Evangeline Lodge is one of the best there is in the state, and it is due in no small degree to the efficient work of the officers who have occupied the various stations.

TOTAL ESTIMATE IS \$12,000,000

BOARD ASKS FOR FIVE MILLION DOLLARS

President Taft Says It Is Not Only the Right, But the Duty to Render It Impregnable

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—President Taft sent to the house the report of the army and navy Panama canal fortifications. The board asked the immediate appropriation of \$5,000,000 to start the work on the proposed defenses. The total estimate is now \$12,000,000. Last April President Taft asked for \$9,000,000 immediately and a total of \$19,000,000.

The board's report strongly urged the immediate fortification. President Taft also forwarded a letter from the secretary of the navy. The president's message said:

"The canal, when completed, affords the only convenient water route between the Atlantic and the Pacific, and will virtually be a part of the American coast line. Its assured possession and control will greatly contribute to the peace, safety and prosperity of the nation. In my judgment it is the right and duty of the United States to fortify the canal and make capable of defense the work bearing such a vital relation to its welfare, being created solely by the expenditure of an enormous sum."

EX-MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO ALLOWED TO LEAVE STATE

Eugene Schmitz Granted Permission to Go to Mexico to Look After Mining Interests There

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—Eugene E. Schmitz, former mayor, and against whom there are five indictments pending, was granted permission by Judges Lawlor and Dunne to leave the state for ninety days.

Attorney Frank Drew stated that Schmitz wanted to go to Mexico to look after his mining interests near the City of Mexico. No objection was made by the district attorney. If Schmitz left California without permission his bail would be liable to forfeiture.

POPPY SEEDS LULL BABIES INTO EVERLASTING SLEEPER

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The twin babies of Mrs. Raphael Stase, an Italian woman, went to sleep last night contentedly sucking at milk bottles in which poppy seed had been placed as a soothing potion. Neither awoke again. Both died within a few hours and autopsies will be held to determine the cause of death.

Mrs. Stase told the police that the use of the poppy seed was common among Italian mothers, and that she could ascribe no reason for the death of her babies. A portion of the seed used has been turned over to the board of health for analysis.

CALIFORNIA WILL HAVE AN OFFICIAL STATE FLAG

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 12.—The bill making the "Bear" flag the official state flag was introduced in the senate by Holohan. California has no distinctive ensign. It is proposed that the flag have a white field with a blue star in the corner and a bear on a grass plot in the center.

MAKE PEARY REAR ADMIRAL

REWARD HIM FOR DISCOVERING THE NORTH POLE

Would Retire Him With the Rank and Pay of High Office, and the Thanks of Congress

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—The sub-committee of the house naval committee voted to report favorably to the committee a bill creating Robt. Peary a rear admiral and extend the thanks of congress for discovering the north pole and retire him with the rank and pay of a rear admiral, the pay to date from April 6, 1909, the date he reached the pole.

DAIRY DOTS AND DASHES

School at Hildebrand, which has been closed a week on account of diphtheria, will resume Monday.

W. P. Sedge is confined to his home by a severe cold.

Mrs. J. G. Wright, who has been visiting relatives in Ashland during the holidays, returned home Saturday.

Chris Pearson is out with a petition for appointment as road supervisor for this district. If the number of signers is of weight he should land the job.

As a result of a runaway, S. D. Looker lost a valuable horse on Tuesday. In the four-horse mixup one had a leg broken.

Ed Wiggins of Bly is visiting relatives in Dairy.

Ranchers have taken advantage of good roads and weather to get up their supply of wood.

U. E. Lemmon, who has been sick, was a recent Dairy visitor.

H. J. O'Brien returned from the Falls Tuesday. He brought out a new wagon and harness.

E. W. Muller, the sewing machine and phonograph dealer of Klamath Falls, was delivering goods in Yonka this week.

MORE LOTS ON PELICAN BAY WILL BE PLATTED

MEDFORD, Jan. 11.—All of the ten residential lots recently platted by the forest service on the shores of Pelican bay have been leased by summer cottagers, and the demand for them was so great that Supervisor M. L. Erickson will have an additional thirty lots surveyed as soon as the snow is off the ground. The location of the lots is ideal. The rental charged by the government for them is nominal.

WILL OF STEPHEN B. ELKINS IS FILED FOR PROBATE

ELKINS, W. Va., Jan. 12.—The will of the late Senator Stephen B. Elkins was filed here for probate.

Under the terms of the will the Davis Trust company of Elkins, Davis Elkins and Stephen B. Elkins Jr. are named as executors.

While the value of the estate or its disposition has not been learned, it is said to be between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000.

STANDING ARMY OF MEXICO IS INCREASED

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 12.—An important increase in the standing army of Mexico has resulted, according to the Mexican Herald of Mexico City, from the present revolution in Northern Mexico. The paper says that four new regiments of artillery are now being added to the army of the republic.

Frank Bloomingcamp was here from Merrill last Friday.

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Mr. Booker Leaves

J. C. Booker left last Friday on a business trip to Chico, Calif. He will join his wife, Mrs. Edith H. Booker, at Portland, where he will assist as singing evangelist in a revival meeting which she will hold for the Emanuel church there. Mrs. Booker will preach her farewell sermon in Klamath Falls next Sunday at 11 o'clock in the Baptist church and at 3 o'clock in Houston's opera house.

The Snowfall

Saturday two inches of snow fell, and to date there has been 15 1/2 inches.

Mrs. Rufus Moore is entertaining her friend, Miss Edith D. Foster of Portland. Miss Foster expects to remain in the city for several weeks.

Sleigh Ride to Merrill

A party of Klamath Falls' young people went to Merrill last Saturday evening with a four-horse sleigh. They attended the social dance and return Sunday morning.

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