

# Secretary Garrison Leaves Cabinet

Following is an Associated Press report:

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—Secretary Lindley M. Garrison resigned today because President Wilson would not "irrevocably" support the continental army plan and because he opposes the administration's program of setting a definite time for Philippine independence.

President Wilson accepted the resignation and has not selected a successor. The President himself probably will take personal charge of the administration's national defense plans in congress.

Assistant Secretary Breckinridge also resigned as a mark of loyalty to his chief, whose views he shared. The President accepted his resignation. Both take effect immediately. Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, automatically becomes secretary of war ad interim.

It is known that one of Secretary Garrison's principal reasons for his convictions that only a federal continental army, instead of a reorganized National Guard, could be the main military dependence of the nation was his belief that some day the United States may be called upon to defend the Monroe doctrine and in that event he foresaw the National guard might not be available for use outside of the United States before a declaration of war.

### Cause of the Break

Upon the contention, on the one hand, that the continental army or ultimately universal service was the nation's only reliance, and on the position, on the other hand, that no one plan could be enforced upon congress, President Wilson and his

secretary of war parted official company.

Mr. Garrison's resignation was a complete surprise to official Washington generally. He made no personal explanation. Several hours before the official announcement he had boarded a train with his wife for New York, and word had been passed at the department that he had gone for an indefinite stay.

The acute difference of opinion which led to the break began early in the year, when opposition to the continental army plan began developing in congress. There had been indefinite rumors of the possibility of the secretary of war leaving the cabinet, but they never were countenanced in official quarters. The secretary everywhere was regarded as one of the strong men of the administration upon whom the President leaned in the difficult situations, both domestic and international, which have marked his administration.

The circumstances which led to the resignation were detailed in the secretary's correspondence with the President, which was made public tonight by the White house. The President, the letters disclose, believes that training, organization and control of a military reserve should be under immediate federal direction, but is not "irrevocably or dogmatically committed to any on plan." He wrote Mr. Garrison that he could not force any specific plan on congress, and added: "I must welcome a frank interchange of views and a patient and thorough comparison of all the methods proposed for obtaining the objects we all have in view."

from the Republic of Colombia by the Roosevelt administration in 1903, in order to secure title to the Canal Zone. By Joseph C. Freehoff, Ph.D., statistician with the Public Service commission in New York City. Published by the author, 373 Fourth Ave., (Room 806) New York.

Justice in War-Time. By Bertrand Russell. Author of "German Social Democracy." The Open Court Publishing Co., London and Chicago. Price \$1.00 net.

Anna-Marie and The Village of the Whole Wide World. Stories for little and grown-up children. By Lyle Weaver Sparks, 2327 Olive St., Kansas City, Mo.

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### MINISTERS OPPOSE PREPAREDNESS

Hon. Woodrow Wilson,  
President of U. S. A.,  
Washington, D. C.  
Your Excellency:

Those who favor for this country a policy of extensive military preparedness are bringing tremendous pressure to bear upon your administration and the country at large to force upon us that policy. In view of this fact we deem it but fair that you should know the sentiments of those opposed to said policy. Our opposition is based upon the following convictions:

1. The future prestige, prosperity and safety of our country will be determined primarily by her ability and willingness to serve the cause of humanity, rather than by the military force she can exert.
2. At the present time the greatest possible service any nation can render humanity is to lead the nations

into a better method of settling their differences than by armed conflict.

3. If the United States adopts at this time a policy of extensive military preparation these results will follow:

a. She will arouse the suspicion of other countries as to her motives.  
b. She will forfeit the opportunity of rendering the supreme service of leading the nations into the path of sanity, peace and good-will.

c. She will encourage and compel the other nations to continue a policy which has proved so terribly disastrous to Europe in helping to bring on the present conflict. Lord Rosebery is reported to have said in a speech recently delivered in London: "I know nothing more disheartening than the announcement recently made that the United States—the one great country left in the world free from the hideous bloody burden of war—is about to embark upon the building of a huge armada destined to be equal or second to our own. It will mean that the burden will continue upon the other nations, and be increased exactly in proportion to the fleet of the United States."

d. She will generate in her own people the psychological conditions which easily give rise to war.

In view of these possibilities we believe that any program involving a decided advance over that followed prior to the war for the gradual increase of our military equipment, will be inimical to the best interests of our country and the world at large.

We, therefore, venture to express to you our views with the hope that you may be encouraged to resist the pressure of those who would have us adopt a policy fraught with such grave possibilities.

Very respectfully yours,  
Twenty Ministers of Bridgeport, Conn., and vicinity.

### "PRAY," SAYS ADMIRAL BEATTY TO BRITAIN

A Liverpool cable, dated Jan. 27, says: Vice Admiral Sir David Beatty, commander of the First British battle cruiser squadron, whose ships defeated the Germans in the North sea, has made a stirring appeal for a great religious revival in England as a necessary step to victory in the war. In a letter read at the annual convention of the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge, he says:

"Surely Almighty God does not intend this war to be just a hideous fracas or a blood-drunken orgy. There must be a purpose in it; improvement must come out of it.

"In what direction? France has already shown us the way, and has risen, out of her ruined cities, with a revival of religion that is wonderful. Russia has been welded into a whole, and religion plays a great part. England still remains to be taken out of the stupor of self-satisfaction and complacency into which her flourishing condition has steeped her. Until she can be stirred out of this condition, until a religious revival takes place, just so long will the war continue.

"When she can look on the future with humbler eyes and a prayer on her lips, then we can begin to count the days toward the end. Your society is helping to this end, and so is helping to bring the war to successful end."

Maude Nance, Brazil, Indiana: Major General Scott, chief of staff of the army, tells the house military committee that "The United States would need an army of nearly 2,000,000 men in the event of war, or accept disaster." What greater "disaster" could befall a nation than that which is now being "accepted" by the "best prepared" nations of Europe?

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## Books Received

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Saul. A Tragedy. By John Armstrong Chaloner, author of "Scorpio." Palmetto Press, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. Price 50 cents.

Empire and Armament. The Evolution of American Imperialism and the Problem of National Defense. By Jennings C. Wise, late professor of political Science and International Law, Virginia Military Institute. Price \$1.50 net. Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2 West 45th St., New York.

West Point in Our Next War. The Only Way to Create and Maintain an Army. By Maxwell Van Zandt Woodhull, A. M. Price \$1.25 net. Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2 West 45th St., New York.

Towards A Lasting Settlement. G. Lowes Dickinson, Charles Roden Buxton, H. Sidebotham, J. A. Hobson, Irene Cooper Willis, A. Maude Royden, H. N. Brailsford, Philip Snowden, M. P., and Vernon Lee. Edited by Charles Roden Buxton. George Allen & Unwin, Ltd., Publishers, Ruskin House, 40 Museum St., W. C., London, England. Price 2s. 6d. net.

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