

DISCHARGE GIVES MEN THE STATUS OF CIVILIANS

Judge Advocate Gives Decision Which Would Wipe Out Guard Organization in Federal Service.

Washington, Dec. 24.—An opinion of the judge advocate general's office approved by the secretary of war holds that officers and enlisted men of the national guard will revert to civilian status when discharged from the federal service. The effect of the ruling practically is to wipe out of existence the national guard as it was organized prior to the war.

The opinion was made public today by the War department. General March, chief of staff, on December 20 asked for an opinion as to the status of members of the national guard subsequent to their discharge from the federal service. His memorandum called attention to a digest of an opinion of the judge advocate general dated January, 1918, in which it was said that when the guardsmen were "mustered out" of the federal service they would revert to their militia status and also to their status in the national guard.

General Ansell, in his decision, pointed out that this opinion was based upon muster out and not upon discharge.

Take Dual Oath.

When federalization of the National Guard was enacted in the national defense act of 1916, a dual oath of allegiance for the members of that service was required, allegiance primarily to the federal government and secondarily to the state government being sworn by officers and men alike. Every National Guard unit in the country was required to subscribe to this oath.

The language of the national defense act, however, is specific in stating that when the National Guard draft has been applied by the president, the members of the militia are then discharged from the militia of the country. The purpose aimed at was to make the National Guard after draft a force that could be employed outside the country, which could not be done under the constitution while its members remained in the militia.

This undoubtedly will be sought insistently, partly in the case of famous guard organizations with treasured histories and traditions. There has been no announcement as yet of the department's policy.

South Dakota Girl Sends Present to Lonely Soldier Boy

If Santa misses any lonely soldier today he may receive a Christmas present from Ensign Grantham of the Salvation Army, who has received a box of goodies from Miss Eva Lambert of Bonfield, S. D., to be given to some lonesome soldier. The box contains chocolates, dates, "cigs," and handkerchiefs. If no one asks for the gift, it will be sent to Fort Omaha to be given to someone who failed to receive a Christmas box.

MIDDLE WEST IS COVERED WITH FIRST BIG SNOW

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ing toward Denver tonight. All transcontinental trains on the road were going forward, including those held at Dodge City and Syracuse, Kan. A telephone message from divisional headquarters at La Junta said the storm in Kansas had abated, the wind had diminished and it was hoped normal service would be restored tomorrow.

Union Pacific trains from Kansas City still were tied up between Hugo, Colo., and Ellis, Kan., according to railroad information. Officials, however, said service would be resumed within a few hours. The main line of the Union Pacific between Omaha and Ogden is open and has not been seriously affected by the storms.

Pueblo Trainless.

Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 24.—The first train from the east to arrive in Pueblo since yesterday morning, got into Pueblo shortly after 6 o'clock this evening.

Funeral of Mrs. Squires Will Be Held Next Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Ella J. Squires will be held at the First Congregational church, Nineteenth and Davenport streets at 2 o'clock, Friday afternoon, December 27, conducted by Rev. F. G. Smith, pastor, assisted by Rev. T. J. Mackay of All Saints church. Burial will be at Prospect Hill cemetery.

Honorary pall bearers will be: Ex-Senator Millard, George A. Hoagland, J. A. Munroe, John Brady, Luther Drake, C. E. Yost, G. W. Megeath, M. T. Barlow, Charles Kountze, John Wilbur.

Active Bearers. Harry Tukey, Dr. Leroy Crummer, Luther Kountze, Will Hoagland, Ben Warren, Joseph Barker.

HUNS COMPLAIN THAT FOCH FAILS TO KEEP TRUCE

Declare French Order All Males Not Residents of Frankfurt Before War to Be Interned.

Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—The French troops of occupation have included Nied, a suburb of Frankfurt, in their zone, and contrary to the promises of Marshal Foch, the chairman of the German armistice commission complains, the French commandant has ordered all males who were not residents before the war to be interned. The commandant's decree, which the commandant declares, concerns a large number of railway officials and several hundred workmen in a great locomotive factory which has been doing work for the entente, it is declared, and now has been shut down. The Berlin dispatch contains this complaint and adds that the measure prevents Germany from carrying out the delivery of locomotives to the entente as had been agreed upon and announces that the German armistice commission at Spa has entered a protest.

Geo. E. White, Former Teacher of Anatolia College, Visits Here

George E. White, Nebraska man who was president of Anatolia college, Marsovan, Turkey, until ordered out by the Turks at the time of the Armenian deportations, August 10, 1915, was in Omaha Tuesday night stopping over on his way home to Hastings, Neb., for Christmas.

"I am going back," said Dr. White, who has been acting as executive secretary for the Minneapolis branch of the committee for the Armenian and Syrian relief. "During the week of January 12 to 19 America will give \$30,000,000 to save starving women and children in Armenia. Nebraska's share is \$300,000. I understand, and everybody knows this state will raise its quota."

Cold Cause Headaches and Pains
Feverish headaches and body pains caused from a cold are soon relieved by taking LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. There's only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on the box. 30c.

REJOICE FOR PEACE ON EARTH AFTER BIG WAR

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by wireless to the units of the navy in all parts of the world a Christmas message reading as follows: "Voicing the sentiments of the whole world, which is proud of the achievements of the American navy, I send Christmas greetings with congratulations upon high achievement. All in the navy will celebrate this Christmas with knowledge of the appreciation of the American people for the important part they bore in bringing peace on earth this Christmas day."

Gratitude to Navy.

"The navy never so well deserved the confidence of the people and it never possessed it in so large a measure. It is safely anchored in the affections of all Americans. This thought must give happiness to all in the service. My good wishes for a happy Christmas to all in the navy and to all who are near and dear to them."

Major General George Barnett, commanding the marine corps, sent the following message to every marine station in this country and abroad:

"The major general commandant desires to wish every officer and man a merry Christmas and a happy new year and to thank one and all for a year's hard work wonderfully well done."

Food Administrator Hoover, who is in Europe arranging relief for the people in the war-devastated countries, called his greetings to all food officials and employees with a message to the American people that some task yet remains before us, as Europe will be another six months in recovering from its main food difficulties.

NEW YORK ENTERTAINS SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

New York, Dec. 24.—Victory Christmas preparations in New York were completed tonight in a cold rain which swept the streets almost bare of belated shoppers, but failed to dampen the ardor of the city's millions for the celebration tomorrow of the first "Peace on Earth" Christmas since 1913.

Most of the preparations centered on events to make the day memorable for 100,000 soldiers and sailors who, unable to get to their homes, were expected to spend Christmas here. The festivities started tonight when several thousand soldiers and sailors attended a "Khaki and Blue" dance given in the 71st regiment armory by the war camp community service. They received homemade fudge and Christmas cake from a great Christmas tree, about which the dance centered.

Nearly 10,000 wounded heroes went to sleep in debarkation hospitals confident that Santa Claus, in the person of Red Cross workers and others, would visit them during the night. Knives, fountain pens, cigarettes, candy and chewing gum were among the items packed into big stockings to be hung at the head of every hospital bed. During the night Christmas trees were to be erected and decorated in every ward.

CHRISTMAS PACKAGES REACH YANKS IN COBLENZ

Coblentz, Monday, Dec. 23.—Fourteen car loads of Christmas packages from the United States arrived here today. These are for the divisions of American troops along the line and distribution will be started immediately by means of motor trucks and the railroads. Hundreds of soldiers have been pressed into service to assist the civilian mail employees during the Christmas rush.

Word reached the transportation bureau of the Third army today that more than 200 Knights of Columbus and Y. M. C. A. entertainers are on the way to the occupied territory by special train to give entertainments for the soldiers at various points on Christmas eve and Christmas day.

To add to the cheer of the soldiers on Christmas, orders have been issued that drills will be dispensed with on Christmas, and for a week there will be drills only in the morning. With their afternoons free, the soldiers are planning many sight-seeing trips.

Schiff Fails to Settle Clothes Workers' Strike

New York, Dec. 24.—The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America yesterday refused to arbitrate a proposal made by Jacob H. Schiff, who is trying to adjust their differences with members of the Men's and Boys' Clothing Manufacturer's association. They offered in turn to submit the issues to a joint board to determine questions for arbitration.

FUNERAL PYRES BURN VICTIMS OF FLU IN PAPEETE

City Turned to Charnal Place With One-Seventh of Population Dead; Starvation Faces Living.

Papeete, Tahiti, Dec. 24.—Influenza has turned the Island of Tahiti into a charnel place. At the crest of Papeete burn great pyres, with the stark, sheet-covered bodies of many natives waiting to be thrown into the glowing ashes of those who have been consumed by the flames.

The Associated Press correspondent has learned that fully one-seventh of the population of Papeete are dead. In almost every native home families are with no medicine and little attention, while the fever consumes their lives. They beg in vain for food.

Form Volunteer Corps. Those Europeans and Americans who escaped the disease formed a volunteer corps to carry food and medicine to the sick and to take measures for the disposal of the dead. But the situation grew enormously, and soon got out of hand. The deaths became so numerous in the past week that to bury the victims was impossible. Only the pyre was left.

The start of the epidemic has been traced to the arrival of a steamer here on November 17 with many cases on board. Attempts to keep the epidemic from spreading have failed. It has now reached the Island of Moorea, where there are no doctors, and is exacting enormous toll there.

Death Trucks Rumble. In Papeete the victims of the plague are everywhere, surrounded by the dying. Day and night trucks rumble through the streets filled with bodies for the constantly burning pyres which seem never to want for their human fuel.

The three doctors, authorities and volunteer workers have as yet been unable to control the epidemic. Two public meetings and other gatherings were held after the arrival of the steamer. Quarantine regulations proved unavailing. Medical authorities here stated it was the most widespread and destructive epidemic in the history of the islands.

Reports from other points say that the mortality is appalling.

Commute Death Sentence of Soldiers for Desertion

Washington, Dec. 24.—Death sentences imposed by court-martial for desertion upon Recruit F. C. Laub and Private George A. Jacobs, One Hundred and Fiftieth infantry, were commuted by President Wilson today to dishonorable discharge and 20 years' imprisonment at hard labor. Laub was convicted at Camp Dodge, Iowa, and Jacobs at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Reduced Dividends.

New York, Dec. 24.—The Anaconda Copper Mining company today declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.50, as compared with \$2, which has been the quarterly disbursement for some time. While no reason for the reduction was announced, it was attributed to the uncertain state of the copper industry.

REALTORS WANT SURVEY MADE OF WATER POWER

Adopt Suggestion of D. C. Patterson That Secretary Lane Be Urged to Send Engineer to Nebraska.

An appeal will be made to Secretary of Interior Lane that government engineers make a survey of the possibilities of water power development in Nebraska at many points from the Wyoming line to Omaha as a result of a meeting of the Omaha Real Estate board held in the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday.

The idea is that these projects can be developed by the voting of bonds by the cities and by districts under the same law which created the Omaha Water plant. In making the suggestion D. C. Patterson offered figures on the amount of coal consumed by the factories of Omaha in the development of power, with at least ten different water power sites in the state waiting development.

The board O. K'd a proposition to accept Liberty bonds at their full face value in real estate transactions. The matter of uniting the governments of Douglas county and the City of Omaha, and working out a system whereby city and county taxes be presented on the same bill twice a year also was a topic discussed.

Leo Bozell, publicity director, who attended the Christmas banquet of the real estate board of Kansas City a few days ago, told them of some ideas he picked up there, and Allan Tukey who recently returned from the battle front in France told something of his war experiences.

Mrs. S. P. Davidson Dies in Kansas City Hospital

Twelve days after her marriage to Judge Samuel P. Davidson of Tecumseh, Neb., Mrs. Samuel P. Davidson, formerly Mrs. John T. Wagner of 3862 Charles street, Omaha, succumbed to diabetes, from which she had been a sufferer for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson were married December 12 at the home of Mrs. Davidson in Omaha. Their wedding trip took them to Kansas City, where, Monday night, Mrs. Davidson lapsed into an unconscious condition. Her death occurred Tuesday morning in a Kansas City hospital.

Mrs. Davidson leaves an only son, Mr. Ray C. Wagner, an officer in the Bankers' Reserve in Omaha, and many warm friends in Omaha, where she resided for many years. The funeral will be held at the late residence of the deceased, 3862 Charles street, Thursday, December 26, at 2 p. m. Rev. Dr. Jenks, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will conduct the services. Interment will be at Forest Lawn cemetery.

Four Bad Bandits Make Big Haul of Diamonds

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 24.—The American Jewelry company was robbed by four men early today of \$50,000 in diamonds and \$850 in cash. A clerk was forced to open the vault containing the stock, knocked unconscious with a gun butt and left in the vault.

French Schools Put at Disposal of U. S. Troops

Paris, Dec. 24.—(Havas)—Secretary of War Baker and General Pershing have replied to offers made by Andre Tardieu, head of the general commission for Franco-

American war matters, to place at the disposal of American soldiers French universities, libraries and technical schools. They express thanks for the spirit which prompted the offer. Details of the proposed organization are being considered by a committee.



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