

TRAINING CAMPS TO BE CROWDED

Number of Young Men Who Seek Commissions Exceed Estimates.

The Post's Washington Bureau.

Washington, D. C., July 2.—The war department is apparently surprised by the number of Montana young men who desire to enter the officers' training camp when the second series begins in August. According to present estimates in the office of adjutant general of the army the number of men who will apply for admission in the new series of officers' training camps will greatly exceed the quota of 14,000 allowed for the whole country. The response to the call has exceeded all expectations and the quality of the applicants, so far, has been very high.

The war department is laying stress upon the fact that the policy of commissioning all new officers of the line infantry, cavalry and coast artillery purely on the basis of demonstrated ability after three months' observation and training in the officers' training camps. Thus, the appointment of officers of the new army will be made entirely on merit and free from all personal or other influences.

"This ideal has already been made plain in a memorandum of information which includes the following: 'To provide officers for the drafted forces of the national army, the war department has adopted the policy of commissioning all new officers of the line infantry, cavalry and coast artillery purely on the basis of demonstrated ability after three months' observation and training in the officers' training camps. Thus, the appointment of officers of the new army will be made entirely on merit and free from all personal or other influences.'

"Even resigned officers of the regular army," the statement goes on to say, "are required to work in the ranks at the various training camps and their likelihood of getting commissions in the new army is entirely dependent upon their making good with the others. They are digging trenches and attending classes as 'bookies' and it is vastly to their credit that they are issuing no complaints against the great system designed to officer a tremendous force in record time. The cheerful manner in which they have subjected themselves to discipline is a lesson in democracy and stands as an inspiration to their industrious messmates. Among the men who, as officers, have seen thrilling service in the European war it is to be found the celebrated Captain Sweeney who, after a career of brilliant and heroic action in the most intense fighting of the war, is now, in a new, uncomplaining way, working out his commission at Fort Myer. 'His not to reason why,' Captain Sweeney is patiently doing his bit with the full knowledge that men capable of leading others must themselves learn respect for discipline and the tiresome details of training. The able commanders of the future are being law and keeping their mouths shut and they do not shrink at the dull jobs which go into the making of a soldier.

"Happily for the service, there are certain classes of men who have previously been listed as eligible for commissions. Although some irresponsible rumors have gone abroad to the effect that these men listed for commissions might consider themselves exempt from the training and entitled to become officers without undergoing the test, it is obvious that such is not the case. Every man must take his chances with the others entering the camps, for the government's policy will be strictly applied to all alike. Nobody accepted to these schools has a vested right to a commission."

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RETURN FINDINGS ON MINE DISASTER

Coroner Lane's Inquiry Into Granite Mountain Fire Concludes.

Coroner Aeneas Lane's formal inquiry into the Granite Mountain mine disaster came to an end at 11 o'clock Saturday night when the jury, which for more than two weeks has been listening to the stories of survivors, mine officials and rescue men, returned a verdict reviewing circumstances of the shaft fire, steps taken in the rescue work and declaring that 142 lives were lost and that all but two of the bodies have been recovered.

The verdict says:

"We find the deceased died at the Speculator mine between June 9 and 11, 1917, except Con O'Neill and Ed Lorey, who died at the Diamond mine June 9, 1917, all in Silver Bow county, Montana. Cause of death asphyxiation from gas and smoke from a fire which started on the night of June 8, 1917, at 11:30 p. m. in the shaft of the Granite Mountain mine.

"We find from the evidence that 1,200 feet of electric cable was lowered from the surface to the 1,400-foot level, said cable being held in place with the chippy steel cable by stoppers of manila rope placed 10 feet apart about one-half the length of the cable and in the remaining part the stoppers were placed five feet apart.

"At the 1,400-foot level, to straighten the cable about 150 feet of the stoppers were cut off. Then the cable slipped and fell to the shaft. The lead covering of the cable was partially torn off by coming in contact with shaft timbers and pipes in the shaft. The electric cable, the steel cable and stoppers were in good condition and were lowered in the customary way.

"About the 2,450 level a considerable part of the cable hung up in the shaft and the men were engaged in cutting it out when a light held in the hands of Ernest Sullivan accidentally set it on fire and also the shaft, which it was impossible to extinguish.

"The electric cable we find is universally used throughout the mining districts.

"The evidence shows that concrete bulkheads were in the 1,400 and 1,600-foot levels of the High Ore mine, placed there after the fire in the Missouri shaft, placed there to keep out smoke and gas from the workings of the North Butte property.

"The bulkheads in the 1,400 and 1,600-foot levels had to be broken down with rock hammers to allow men to pass through. The Speculator shaft was unfortunately shut down for repairs during the past three or four months and was not operating lower than the 800-foot level, but was put in operation as soon as possible after the fire started.

"The Granite Mountain shaft was downcast and supplied the principal part of the mine with air, causing smoke and gas to penetrate the workings in a short time.

"In order to save the lives of the men, the fans of the Rainbow and Jim shafts were reversed to force air into the mine and turn the Granite Mountain upcast, and the fan at the Speculator shaft, which was upcast, was got into operation to force air into the mine also.

"The rescue gangs from the various mines were notified and responded with their equipment of helmets and flashlights. A large force was employed exploring the mine and doing whatever work was necessary to locate the men who were alive and to bring out the dead bodies.

"The total dead in the Speculator mine numbers 142, two of whom have not been recovered. Of the 140 bodies brought to the surface, 94 have been identified and 44 unidentified.

"In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereto set their hands the day and year aforesaid: John Crowley, Thomas Duggan, Mike J. Dwyer, Nick Stires, Con Sullivan, George Goetzette and Andrew Donnelly."

The board of directors of the North Butte Mining company at a recent meeting held in New York adopted the following resolutions of condolence and sympathy:

"Resolved, That the directors of this company are inexpressibly shocked and distressed beyond measure at the accidental, disastrous calamity by fire which occurred in the Granite Mountain shaft of this company, and desire to express our tender hereby to all the afflicted families of the employees sincere condolences and deepest sympathy in their hour of sorrow and irreparable loss, and to assure them that every proper assistance will be given by the management to relieve suffering and distress.

"Resolved, That the grateful thanks of the directors be, and they hereby are, tendered to the officials and employees of the Anaconda, Butte and Superior and Tuolumne companies, to the mine officials and employees of this company, and to the state and city officials and the citizens of Butte and Montana generally for their invaluable, immediate assistance to this company in its time of need. By order of the board of directors.

"THOMAS F. COLE, President."

FUNERAL IS PRIVATE.

John Edward Mooney, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mooney of 5 Pearl street, Walkerville, died yesterday and the funeral was held this morning at 10 o'clock from the family residence. The last rites were private and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

HARKONEN FUNERAL.

The funeral services for Jake W. Harkonen were held at 12:30 o'clock today from the chapel at Sherman & Reed's parlors. Interment was made in Mountain View cemetery.

MATT TERVO DEAD.

Matt Tervo, aged 27 years, died in this city Saturday night. The remains are at Sherman & Reed's funeral chapel awaiting funeral arrangements.

LEAVES INFANT CHILD.

Helen Carlson, wife of Victor Carlson, died Saturday evening. Besides her husband she is survived by an infant child. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Sherman & Reed chapel. Interment will be made in Mount Moriah cemetery.

STATION TENDER DEAD.

Thomas Connell, a miner, aged 35 years, died last evening at his home at 763 1/2 North Montana street. Connell was a station tender at the Anaconda mine for many years. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning from the family residence and interment will be made in the Holy Cross cemetery.

MOONEY FUNERAL.

William P. Mooney was laid to rest this morning in the Holy Cross cemetery. The funeral was held from the residence of his sister, Mrs. John Mesly, 1015 East Galena street, and high mass was celebrated at Sacred Heart church. Interment was made in Holy Cross cemetery.

JERRY FOLEY HELD ON CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

Jerry Foley, a miner, occupies a cell in the county jail as the result of an assault he made last evening on J. L. Levy as he was entering the Mullins house, Centerville. The men had some previous trouble and Foley, picking up a cuspidor, threw it, striking Levy on the head, inflicting a severe wound. He was arrested by deputy sheriffs.

Bulletins From the Mens Store

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For the Golfer Smart Caps Golf Stockings

And a new golf glove with chamomile palm and silk back; just the glove for these warm days; also novelty silk handkerchiefs, belts, neckwear, shirts, etc.

White Oxford Silk Shirts

With collar attached and the half-sleeve; very popular on the eastern links and tennis courts this season; shown here in all sizes

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Soft coltskin gauntlet that is washable; made with perforated back it is the ideal glove for summer driving.

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- Pajamas light weight and in many new and pretty patterns, \$1.50 a suit and up
- New Sport Shirts—For holiday outing; either long or full sleeve styles; prices at... \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50
- New Wash Ties—For holiday; cool, clean and smart looking; special...
- New Soft Collars—For summer comfort; many styles, prices at... 15c and 25c

FEDERAL SANCTION FOR HOME GUARDS

Government Will Furnish the Equipment for the Local Organization.

Organization of the Home Guards, now in progress in Butte, is under federal authority, congressional enactment providing for the arming and equipping of such bodies. Gov. Stewart has taken the matter up with the war department, asking for detailed instructions as to how to proceed. Meanwhile plans are underway for formation of one company from members of the Butte Rifle club, one or two companies from the membership of the local camp of Spanish War Veterans and two companies from those who have recently enrolled.

A statement issued yesterday by the committee which is directing organization of the Home Guards says:

"The committee wishes to emphasize the fact that the Butte home guard is proceeding to organize with the express sanction of the government of the United States, and will tender its services to the chief executive of Montana in accordance with the federal law. It is not being organized by any one man or set of men, nor for any purpose except that which may be required by the state of Montana in the protection of the lives and property of our citizens. When its organization has progressed sufficiently, its services will be tendered to the governor of this state, and it will act only under constitutional authority. Every patriotic American citizen who desires to serve his country is invited to become a member. Headquarters have been opened in the rooms of the chamber of commerce on West Granite street, where enrollment blanks may be obtained."

ASSOCIATES TO HONOR PRESIDENT OF AD CLUB

Complimentary Dinner at the Finlen This Evening for J. H. Reynolds.

James H. Reynolds, president of the Butte Advertising club, will be honored this evening by his associates with a banquet at the Finlen hotel. John Brophy, vice-president of the club, will preside. The committee in charge is composed of: Adolph Heilbronner, Merle M. Davis, Malcolm Gillis, John A. Brophy, Tom McDonald, H. J. Lonksley and H. T. Snyder. Plates will be laid for 100 guests. The dinner starts at 8:30 o'clock.

Mr. Reynolds has been in Butte for the past 20 years. This does not mean that "Jimmy" is by any means advanced in years. He was only a lad when he was brought to Butte. He began his business career as "printer's devil" on the Butte Miner. His progress was very rapid and when he resigned from the mechanical end of the advertising business to accept the position of advertising manager of the Hennessy store he was foreman of the Miner composing room. He has been signally successful in his work. He leaves in a few days for Livingston, where he will open a new business.

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DILLON LAID TO REST.

The funeral of William Dillon was held this morning from the Daniels & Bilboa funeral chapel.

High mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's and interment was made in the Holy Cross cemetery.

BELGIAN WORKERS ARE SENTENCED TO PRISON

Amsterdam, July 2.—News received from Germany says that an extraordinary war tribunal has been instituted and began by sentencing two Belgian laborers to five and three years penal servitude for treason. Another workman received six years, and several male and female workers imprisonment for from two to eight months.

FUNERAL OF MARY E. CASEY.

The funeral of Mary E. Casey, daughter of Mrs. Nora Casey of 125 Wells street, who died Saturday evening at the family residence, was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Miss

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GIRLS' TRAINING SCHOOL DESTROYED BY FIRE

Copped Hall, England.—The buildings composing the Copped Hall farming school for girls, where the young women practiced at milking "dummy cows" with the intention of volunteering for farm labor as milkmaids, have been destroyed by fire. They were on a large ecclesiastical estate on the border of Epping forest, near London.

RED CROSS AUXILIARY IN OREGON PRISON

Salem, Ore.—One hundred convicts at the Oregon state penitentiary recently organized an auxiliary to the Williamette Chapter of the Red Cross and subscribed \$100 to the "mercy" fund. Jesse P. Webb, serving a life term from Portland, was elected president and George McMahon, another "life termer" was named treasurer. Three women prisoners belong.

FIND STOLEN AUTO.

A stolen Ford machine belonging to C. Stewart, 233 Pine street, was found yesterday by sheriff's officers within six miles of Anaconda. The machine was only slightly damaged.

NOTICE.

All members of 45, I. B. E. W.: Special meeting Tuesday, July 3, 7 p. m. Hall announced at Headquarters.—Adv.