

APPROVE PLAN OF PLACING MILITIA ON WAR FOOTING

Idaho National Guard Officers Believe It Will Work Out Well—Twelve Divisions Proposed.

Adjutant General F. A. McCall, Major Jeffrey, Captain Davis and Lieutenant Emery, of the Idaho National Guard, have carefully examined the proposed plan of the war department to arrange the organized militia of the United States into 12 tactical divisions, the sixteenth to consist of Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada and Utah and approve it, according to a communication they have submitted to Governor Hawley.

The governor is in receipt of a communication from Caleb Shaw Oliver, acting secretary of war, setting forth the proposed plan for the reorganization of the militia into groups. This plan was later submitted by the governor to Idaho's leading military officers and has by them been heartily approved.

The proposition is one of unusual interest to every member of the national guard in Idaho. It is explained in the acting secretary of war's letter to Governor Hawley, which is as follows:

Washington, Nov. 16, 1912. The Governor, State of Idaho. Sir: I have the honor to enclose herewith a table showing a proposed arrangement of the organized militia into 12 tactical divisions. Whenever it becomes necessary to employ mobile troops of the organized militia as a field force, it will first be necessary to organize the units called forth into tactical divisions, and it is essential to efficiency and in the interest of the organized militia and the federal government that all the details of such an organization should be worked out and published in time of peace, leaving as little as possible to be attended to in the hour when the emergency is upon us.

district into tactical divisions, the whole force of the organized militia can be put on a much better basis as a field force for employment under the federal government, and the military authorities of the federal and state governments will also be enabled to gradually balance the force in all arms and further develop all questions involved in its training and prompt and orderly mobilization for war. With such an organization in effect, the general staff and the army war college will be able to put all war plans on a more permanent and satisfactory basis. Deficiencies exist in these tactical divisions, it is true, just as they now exist in the tactical divisions proposed for the regular army, but these deficiencies will be definitely known and their full supply will form a goal for future legislation.

In setting upon the 12 divisions shown in the table a number of general principles have been kept in mind, some of which may be summarized as follows: Separate companies of infantry have no place in a tactical division, and they have therefore not been considered in the table of organization. These separate companies, as well as all separate battalions of infantry, should be absorbed into regiments. Where this course is impracticable, these separate organizations may be converted into organizations of special or auxiliary troops to make good existing deficiencies.

To Form Field Armies. Field armies would be formed by the grouping of two or more divisions of the organized militia, or by grouping one or more divisions of the regular troops. Where such field armies were formed, the organizations forming the fourth brigade of any division so assigned to a field army, together with any excesses it might possess in any arm, would be employed as army troops or as the circumstances might require. The adoption of this principle does not mean that regular troops and organizations of the organized militia will not continue to train, maneuver and fight side by side, but it being the desire to make the tactical organization of both forces permanent, troops of the two classes are not mixed in the same division. The organized militia is localized and will remain so while the regular army must go here and there to perform duties falling short of actual war service. If placed in divisions with the organized militia the withdrawal of these regular troops would constantly be disrupting the divisions to which they were assigned and the troops of the regular army employed on these special missions would never have any permanent organization higher than

the regiment. The actual grouping of the divisions into field armies would depend upon the nature of the particular campaign.

In developing the policy herein outlined, the unallotted portion of the funds appropriated under the act of May 27, 1908, will be made available to assist the state authorities in making good their deficiencies in auxiliary arms and special troops.

Mobilization of Troops. There is appended hereto a table which is submitted as a guide as to what the proper proportion of units of the mobile army should be in the organized militia of each state and the District of Columbia. As the organized militia becomes more properly proportioned in all arms, there can be a gradual readjustment of division district lines.

In developing the questions involved in the mobilization of these 12 divisions of the organized militia it is planned to detail an inspector-instructor for those divisions made up of organizations from more than one state. The duties of these inspector-instructors will be limited chiefly to those matters connected with the mobilization of the divisions for active field duty under the federal government, and will include the drawing up of plans for the organization of any volunteer units which might be needed to complete the divisions.

War materials for the organized militia will be distributed and stored in suitable depots so as to be at hand locally when mobilization is ordered, the principle being to gradually decentralize as far as practicable in all matters connected with the war employment of this force. This letter and its inclosures are submitted to you at this time in order that any questions that are not fully understood may be taken up with your adjutant general by the representative of the army war college, who will be present at the meeting of the National Guard association on Dec. 2-4, 1912. A number of questions involved in this subject have already been submitted to your adjutant general. The department especially desires your aid and co-operation in developing the plan of organization, and before publishing the table submits it for your examination, with the request that you inform the department if the arrangements proposed for the militia of your state are in accord with your views, or if not, in what particular you would suggest improvement. If you can notify the war department at once of your approval, it will greatly assist the government in proceeding promptly with the work. Very respectfully, CALEB SHAW OLIVER, Acting Secretary of War.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION OF STATE ADOPTED

All of Those Submitted at Recent Election Adopted by Vote of Almost Two to One.

The eight constitutional amendments submitted to the electors of Idaho Nov. 5 for ratification carried by practically a vote of 2 to 1, or at least 1 1/2 to 1. The state board of election canvassers gained this information this morning by checking over the official returns from the 27 counties in the state in a general way, but not attempting at the time to tabulate the vote showing what the majorities are that each amendment has, in but only two or three counties were the amendments found to be in danger. Two of these were Bear Lake and Ada counties. In the former county several of the amendments lost. In Ada county amendment No. 6, providing for prison labor was lost by 32 votes. All the other amendments carried.

Counting in Progress. The state board of election canvassers, composed of Governor James H. Hawley, Secretary of State Wilfred L. Gifford, Attorney General D. C. McDougall, State Auditor Stephen D. Taylor and State Treasurer O. V. Allen, officially met at 10 o'clock and voted to open the election returns from the respective counties forwarded to the secretary of state. It was then decided to review the vote cast for amendments in a general way to ascertain if they had carried. Having satisfied themselves that they had and by large majorities, the members of the board decided that the returns should be placed in the proper order by counties and the board should then proceed to first canvass the vote on presidential electors and governor. Counting was actively taken up in the latter part of this morning and this afternoon. It will take probably three days to officially complete it.

Amendments Carried. The amendments submitted to the voters and which carried, are as follows:

- "Shall Section 1 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended so as to give the people the power (under conditions to be hereafter prescribed by act of the legislature) to propose a referendum vote on any act or measure passed by this state legislature and to approve or reject the same at the polls, independent of the legislature?"
- "Shall Section 1 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be so amended as to give the people the power (under conditions to be hereafter prescribed by acts of the legislature) to propose laws of their own initiative and enact the same at the polls independent of the legislature?"
- "Shall Section 1, Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended so as to limit the bonded indebtedness of the state, exclusive of the debt of the territory at the date of its admission as a state, and exclusive of debts and liabilities incurred subsequent to January 1, 1911, for the purpose of the construction and furnishing of the state capitol at Boise, Idaho, and exclusive of debt or debts, liability or liabilities, incurred by the eleventh session of the legislature of the state of Idaho, to be limited to the sum of \$2,000,000?"
- "Shall Section 2 of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Idaho, be amended so as to provide that the senate shall consist of one member from each of the counties of the state now created or which may hereafter be created, and the house of representatives consist of not to exceed three times the number of senators?"
- "Shall Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended by adding thereto Section 6 so as to reserve to the people of the state, or any electoral district therein, the right to recall any public officer except judicial officers in the state or said electoral districts?"
- "Shall the Constitution of Idaho be amended by repealing Section 3 of Article 13 of the Constitution, which provides that all labor of convicts contained in the state's prison shall be done within the prison grounds, except where the work is done on public works under the direct control of the state?"
- "Shall Section 2 of Article 9 of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be so amended that the general supervision of the educational institutions and public school system of the state of Idaho shall be vested in a state board of education, the membership, powers and duties of which shall be prescribed by law? The state superintendent of public instruction shall be ex-officio member of said board."
- (b) "Shall Section 6 of Article 18 of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended so as to authorize county treasurers and ex-officio tax collectors to employ deputies and clerical assistants when so empowered by the board of county commissioners?"

(a) "Shall Section 6 of Article 18 of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended so as to make the county treasurer ex-officio tax collector?"

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