

Army & Navy

Soldiers In Conclave

From all over the United States last week to Southern California, to Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel came some 300 officers of the National Guard, to attend the annual convention of the National Guard Association. Most of them crack officers from their respective districts, they represented the cream of an organization which represents a peace-time army of 177,000 trained men.

Topics of discussion were varied. Chief among them were: 1) suggested raise in army pay; 2) importance of the National Guard as a means of front line defense; 3) increase in number of men.

Speaking on the second topic, Major General David P. Barrows of Berkeley (40th Division), one-

time president of the University of California, pointed out that, as a result of reductions in the regular army under peace time conditions, there are only three divisions of this arm of the national defense in existence. It is therefore necessary, thought Barrows, that the forty divisions of the National Guard be trained intensively and kept up to a high standard. Reasons: To insure national defense; also to handle local disorders and be of service in time of disaster.

Lieutenant Governor H. L. Carnahan in a speech said: "We are building a social structure in California that is just a little bit better than any place on earth. And California wants first of all, absolute security for its citizens. California is interested in national defense because of its proximity to the Panama Canal, as well as its long coastline."

Colonel Alexander J. McNabb, United States Army rifle expert, extolled the virtues of the fighting man, weighed his value against that of modern engines of destruction, declared that in the last analysis, when hill or trench is to be taken, it is invariably man power that takes and holds it—if victory is to be certain.

In the latter stages of the convention, a report drawn up by a committee in connection with proposed amendments to the National Defense Act, was read. It urged that the militia units of the forty-eight States, the Territories and the District of Columbia be merged. Thus they would be ready for the call of the President at a single order. It also urged that the draft law be amended to provide that officers and enlisted men of the National Guard will not be subject to draft call, but permitted to take up war services under existing statutes.

Aviation

Zeppelin Airport

Made available for private enterprise when neither the Federal government nor the State of California desired its use, Ross Field, near Arcadia, used during the World War as a governmental balloon school, was last week leased to the Knabenshue Aircraft Corporation of Los Angeles.

A temporary lease of the field is now possessed by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, secured for the use of its "blimp"; to expire October 31. On November 1, the new organization will assume control.

Headed by Pioneer Dirigible-Building Roy Knabenshue of South Pasadena, the corporation plans to use the field as the headquarters of a lighter-than-air (Gondola-blimp) transportation service restricted to major Southern California cities; may also build there a dirigible to be used for short commercial flights.

Well-known as a dirigible builder is Corporation Head Knabenshue. From 1904 until 1913 he constructed 21 small aircraft. In Pasadena 15 years ago he began a sight-seeing dirigible service; regarded as a radical departure by tourists, natives.

Announced Knabenshue: Ross Field will not be restricted to commercial service. It will be available to United States Army aircraft, other governmental planes.

Sports

Prep Football

Screaming and hooting young men and women last week-end indicated that high school football games were well under way. All over the southern counties the young prep gridderes fought out exciting games.

Homert High School climbed another notch in its bid for the Riverside County League honors, defeated Ferris High 18-7.

In their last half minute of play, Pomona High's half-back, Grady, pushed a touchdown over Chaffey's goal line to win 7-0.

A strong eleven from Jacob Riis High School ran roughshod over a scrappy Torrance High team to the tune of 18-0.

Scoring a touchdown but missing a goal kick, Anaheim's title aspirations were upset when Garden Grove also scored and also converted the goal kick. Score 7-6.

El Monte's half-back, one Montgomery, spoiled El Downey's chances when he made runs of 60, 40, 20 yards, twice for touchdowns, adding to a final score of 25-0.

Brea's ball-kickers ran down their own field 6 times, and converted 4 times to win easily over Huntington Park, 40-0.

Scoring on the first play, Redondo High scored once more before the game was over and won over Compton, 13-0.

Every period of the El Segundo-Cathedral game saw the former's left-half, Cossley, score one touchdown, while the latter team only scored one in the final period. Score 32-6.

Not hard was Orange High's task of spanking the Excelsior team 20-0. Outstanding Orange ball-packers: Peters and Haas, right half and quarter.

As far as scoring was concerned, Beaumont and Elsinore need not have played at all. After sixty minutes of play, neither had scored, neither had proved superiority in any marked degree.

Monrovia scored two touchdowns against Fullerton in the last quarter of their game, but Fullerton had piled up a 19-point lead in the early stages and Monrovia lost, 19-13.

Banning fell before the onslaught of a good Cardena High team at the Banning grounds. Final score 13-0.

A kickoff and three consecutive plays resulted in a score for Santa Monica High which won them a game over Inglewood, 6-0.

Van Nuys was not a great deal better than San Fernando High but was superior enough to score 6 points and keep the San Fernando score at 0-0.

Bell High School was twice within five yards of Washington High's goal line but couldn't quite put the ball over. Washington, on the other hand, managed to push the ball across their opponent's line once and won a close game, 6-0.

Covina sent a team up to Whittier, met the Whittier College frosh, ran rings around them; and while the frosh scored but one touchdown, Covina ran down the field until it had made the score 33-6.

Redlands High boosted itself in the Citrus League Belt, trimmed Riverside 20-6.

Miscellany

Stowaways

When Captain Francis G. Main of the British vessel, Island King, en route from Panama to British Columbia, found three stowaways aboard, he threatened to declare them, to place them in the hands of authorities.

But the stowaways, worried themselves into the good graces by "falling to" when hard work was required; and when his crew informed him that declaration would result in the stowaways being sent to jail, Captain Main softened, said he could not declare them, would take them with him to British Columbia.

Faulty machinery changed the Captain's plans, forced him to anchor last week in San Diego for repairs, for additional food supplies. Meanwhile the stowaways decided to remain in San Diego, escaped from the ship. The crew, annoyed by the length of the trip from the Canal, the lack of food during the latter part of the voyage, wreaked vengeance on Captain Main by informing Immigrant Officer Dan S. Kuykendall of the undeclared presence of the stowaways.

Late last week Captain Main faced a formal charge of violation

of the immigration law for having brought three undeclared aliens in to the United States. His ship could not leave port until he satisfied a government lien of \$3000. Greedy was his annoyance; directed at ungrateful stowaways, thankless crew.

Two Feet of Land

For a number of years, two Riverside landowners have dwelt side by side; have discussed the weather, politics, other topics as they mowed their lawns, watered their shrubbery. A fortnight ago these two men, one Joseph Marshall, the other F. W. Braun appeared before the Riverside Superior Court; the former as plaintiff, the latter as defendant. Bone of contention: two feet of land.

For 20 years a fence had stood between the two plots of ground. Recently, its position was questioned; the two neighbors hired surveyors, ordered their property surveyed, their boundaries re-determined. When the surveyors announced that the fence was four feet over the property line, Landowner Braun tore it down, erected another one on the new line.

Before Superior Court a fortnight ago, Plaintiff Marshall demanded that the fence be moved back, declared he was entitled to all the original footage under the State law which gives a person title to land after an unchallenged residence of five years. Defendant Braun refused to comply with Marshall's demand; declared himself willing to compromise on an equal division of the intervening four feet.

Wounded Referee

When scores are close, when excitement is at fever pitch, when decisions seem questionable, loud are the demands of the spectators to "kill the umpire," "shoot the referee," similar expressions of enthusiasm, chagrin.

When South Pasadena and Burbank high schools met in the opening football tilt of the new Foothill League schedule, the game was none too thrilling a gridiron struggle. Yet before the end of the first half, the referee, one M. S. Phillips of Los Angeles, had been shot.

Not with malice aforethought, however. Near the end of the first half, he had cocked his gun preparatory to signalling the end of the play period; had accidentally discharged it, the wadding of the blank cartridge lodging in the upper part of the left arm.

To the Pasadena Receiving Hospital the too-willing referee was rushed; first aid rendered. He returned to the game, now a spectator, saw South Pasadena emerge victor with a 12-0 score. University of California's Ray C. Jellison substituted as referee.

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