



# SEPARATE UNIT OF MILITIA IS NOW PROPOSED

### Divorce Of Bureau From The General Staff With Assistant Secretary In Charge, Is Recommendation Rickards

### Negress Of National Guard Slowed, He Says

### Present Method Of Conducting Examinations Called A "Real Injustice" By Chief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Divorce of the Militia Bureau of the War Department from General Staff control through appointment of an assistant secretary to handle all national guard affairs under appropriations separate from those for the regular army, is recommended by Maj. Gen. George C. Rickards, head of the Pennsylvania National Guard, in his annual report made public today as chief of the bureau.

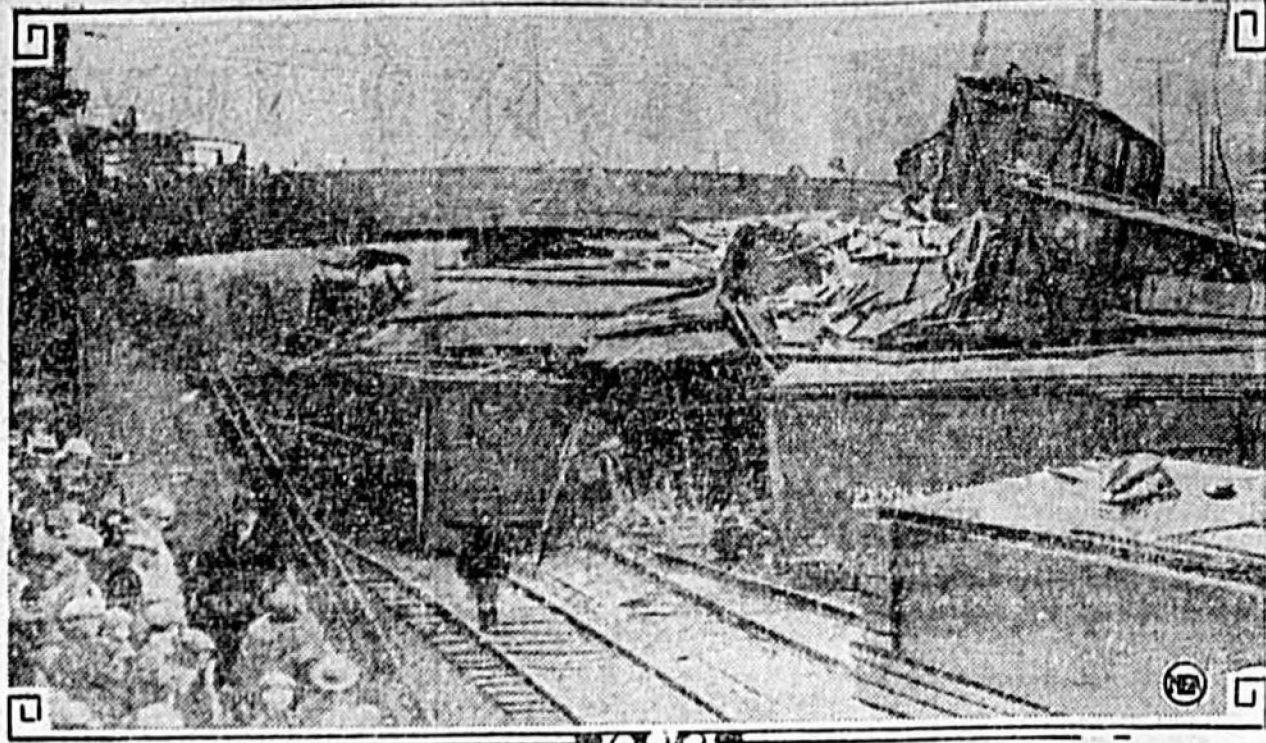
Progress of the National Guard has been hindered as a whole, Gen. Rickards declared, by "the tendency of the War Department general staff to take over certain administrative functions of the chief of the Militia Bureau."

"It should be apparent to the General Staff," the report continued, "that the Militia Bureau has a competent staff of regular army officers who are familiar with the National Guards of all the states, and know their problems through more intimate contact with them than it is possible for any other War Department agency to have."

"I am convinced," the General declared, "that sound business principles and best interests of national defense will be served when the Chief, Militia Bureau, shall have his duties fully defined by regulations, if not by law, and be permitted to exercise them. My experience leads me to the conclusion that it (the National Guard) feeling which now appears to be prevalent in the regular army to the effect that money's used for the maintenance of the National Guard are being taken from funds necessary for the support of the regular army."

"It is my firm conviction, based on long experience and close study, that had the Chief, Militia Bureau, as I believe was contemplated by the Congress, and to have handled the appropriations in his own way instead of being bound by the actions of the Secretary in his own way instead of being bound by the actions of the Secretary of War, which actions were based on recommendations of the General Staff, a strength of 190,000 could have

## When 19 Freight Cars Were Piled Up



A long string of freight cars on the Pennsylvania railroad got loose on the famous "horse shoe curve" near Altoona, Pa., and raced down a steep two-mile grade into the city. There the cars "side-swiped" another string and were wrecked, blocking all traffic on the main line and killing two trainmen. The brakeman saved his life by running back along the tops of the cars. There are nineteen cars piled up in the heap shown above.

been reached and maintained throughout the years 1925 and 1926.

"Due to the restrictions placed upon it by higher authority, the Militia Bureau was forced to stop Federal recognition of new units, restrict recruitment, and reduce the number of armory drills, thus leaving a considerable unused balance of funds which was appropriated by the Congress for these specific purposes."

Gen. Rickards complained that present War Department policy of conducting examinations for general officers in the Guard only annually was "a real injustice" because it kept vacancies open for months and was not in harmony with the prompt promotion for regular officers. He also deplored other "hindrances" to the guard development, and added:

"I do not wish to be understood as condemning the whole War Department policy as it relates to the National Guard, for I trust I am too liberal-minded to do that. As a result of my experience during one year as a member of the War Department General Staff, four years as Chief, Militia Bureau, and 43 years of continuous active National Guard service, I feel qualified to speak on this subject."

"There is much to praise and comparatively little to condemn. Jealousy, animosity and personal advancement must have no place in the great undertaking, which has won such hearty approval."

"I still urge strongly as ever the amendment of the law so as to provide that there shall be issued to federally-recognized National Guard officers commissions in the Federal Service, to become effective upon call or draft into

the service of the United States without reference to appointment or commission in the Officers Reserve Corps.

"I respectfully recommend the advisability of abolishing the title of Chief, Militia Bureau, and instead to amend the law so as to make this officer an assistant secretary of war, with his duties specifically defined by law."

Gen. Rickards served as Chief of the Bureau for all but two days of the fiscal year covered by the report and signed the body of the document, which included his recommendations, at the request of his successor, the present chief, Maj. Gen. Creed C. Hammond of the Oregon National Guard.

Gen. Hammond made no reference to his predecessor's conclusions in the brief word he added to the report, although he commented on "the wonderful work" done by Gen. Rickards as militia chief. The new chief's recommendations were confined to requests for modification of Department policy of the department as to new guard units, particularly in the case of air units for the four guard divisions still lacking in this respect, the Thirty-Second (Michigan and Wisconsin), the Thirty-Third (Illinois), the Twenty-Seventh (Ohio) and the Forty-Fourth (New York, New Jersey and Delaware.)

In connection with the need of the guard for increased appropriations, Gen. Hammond pointed out that many articles issued to the state troops formerly by the War Department from surplus war stocks, now must be charged against guard appropriations and that the "most gratifying" increase in attendance at armory drills merited an increase in appropriations for pay purposes.

## STARTLING NEW EVIDENCE SHOWN IN BIG WILL CASE

### Discomfiture Of Defendant In McArthur Hearing And A Hint At Sensational Disclosures Come Today

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 5.—(AP)—The startling disclosure that a nephew of George E. Rafferty, was a roomer at the Rafferty home here for at least two weeks prior to the death of Archibald McArthur, on June 13 last, and that this man left Jacksonville to go to California about a month ago today, was dropped like a bomb into the hearing of the contest of McArthur's will before County Judge John W. DuBois. Luther McArthur of McArthur, Calif., nephew, is leading in the fight by fourteen other relatives who seek to have the probate of the will revoked.

In the will Rafferty, of no kin to McArthur, was bequeathed the major portion of the estate estimated at \$50,000 to \$350,000 in value, while the relatives were left but \$5 each. Rafferty too is administrator of the will's provisions. Charles Muchison, associated with Herman Ulmer in the plaintiff's action brought the announcement from Rafferty while questioning him about a man named "Varrell." After further questioning, Rafferty, with some evident confusion, admitted that Varrell and James Stofor was one and the same man and that he was his nephew, and had roomed at his home at the time of McArthur's death, and had been there for about two weeks "while his wife was in Kentucky."

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## Furs Are Dyed All Colors Now; Idea Is to Match It With Cloth



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On suits, the fur is dyed to match the color of the cloth, rather than in contrast to it. Thus, a wine colored suit would have wine-colored fur trimmings. A green suit would have green fur to match, etc.

In the evening wraps, however, they are running to such brilliant shades as scarlet and purple and yellow and orange.

The first wrap above shows a silver cloth, gathered model, trimmed in three bands of fur, dyed in three shades of orange, running from a deep burnt orange to a corn yellow-orange. This is particularly lively coloring with silver cloth. The model at the bottom of the

sketch shows a tailored broadcoted coat of silver and green, trimmed in a flat fur collar of a bright blue green. A large silver flower adorns the lapel.

The evening wrap at the left shows that the hand-painted shawl is still the beautiful garment for decorative woman. Especially when fringed in heavy silk, and banded in heavy satin. The shawl above is in shades of deep greys and black and flamingo. It is banded in black satin, and edged in black fringe, and looks very gorgeous on the beautiful Dolores Costello, who wears it picturesquely in the James Cruze production of "Mannequin" for Paramount. The shawl was painted and designed at the Paramount studio by Howard Greer.

## Spider Ropes, Hog Ties, Kills And Drags Away, Mouse

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—A vouchsafed story of a long battle between an ordinary kitchen spider and a half grown mouse, in which the spider won by arduously wrapping its strands around the mouse's tail, and eventually lifting it free of the floor into its web, has been added to the long list of nature's paradoxical tales, by the American nature association.

The story, made public today by the association, was based on a report made to it by Martin J. Arvin of Indiana, who said he first found the mouse caught in the spider's web behind a leg of his kitchen range. When he first saw it in the morning, the mouse was suspended with several strands around its tail, and was desperately scraping the floor with its fore feet. After futile attempts to draw the mouse from the floor by throwing a web larva around its neck, the spider took a position at the base of the mouse's tail, where the skin was tender, and "evidently sunk its mandibles into the victim, which was noticed to flinch several times."

Returning home in the evening Arvin said he found the mouse, then dead, lifted into the web a full inch above the floor. Things remained undisturbed until the following morning, when the mouse had been raised one and three quarters inches.

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