

Colonel Eames Tells of the Magnitude of the Infantry School of Arms

Thirty-One Thousand Officers and Men of Whom Approximately 15,000 Will Be Officers.

3,700 CARS MATERIALS
EN ROUTE TO COLUMBUS

Magnitude of Camp Far Beyond Most Sanguine Expectations; Main Camp South of City to Be Known as
... "Fort Benning."

(By Colonel Eames.)

"The Infantry School of Arms will be located in a reservation which has been officially designated as Camp Benning. Unofficial information indicates that since the approval of the title, "Camp Benning," another order has been issued designating the station as Fort Benning, the change having been made to indicate the permanent character of the reservation.

"The reservation will include approximately 120,000 acres and will lie to south and east of the city in Muscogee and Chattahoochee counties. The exact boundaries of the reservation cannot be announced at the present time but it may be said that the eastern boundary will be in the neighborhood of and including Pine Knot Spring. The northern boundary will be near Schatulga and the southern boundary will be in the neighborhood of Jamestown. The

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Democrats and Republicans Still In a Wrangle

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Oct. 26.—Issuance of free election statements was continued today by democratic and republican leaders and campaign committees.

Representative Ferris of Oklahoma, chairman of the democratic congressional campaign committee, in a statement tonight charged that republican leaders in answering appeal of President Wilson to fellow countrymen resorted to "generalities, speaking of affinities but carefully refraining from mention of actual vote of great war bills."

An incident that occurred during the day's session of the house, in which Republican Leader Gillett called attention to what he termed a violation of house rules, by Representative Heflin, of Alabama, in securing the insertion of the president's appeal in the Congressional Record, under the rules permitting him to extend his remarks he was pointed to in a statement tonight by Representative Fess, of Ohio, chairman of the national republican committee. The incident was characterized by Representative Fess as illustrating "the obstructive methods in legislation employed by certain elements from the south."

Representative Ferris, democratic campaign leader, declared twice as many republicans as democrats in the house voted against the resolution declaring war on Germany, while three republicans and three democrats opposed it in the senate. He said 160 republicans and one democrat in the house and 21 republicans and no democrats in the senate opposed the shipping bill.

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western boundary will be an irregular line, the Chattahoochee river for a part of the way and an irregular line east of the city designed to avoid valuable grounds and existing factories on the eastern outskirts of the city.

"The fort itself will be built on the south bank of Upatoi creek in the vicinity of the Lumpkin road where the road crosses Upatoi creek. At this point a cantonment will be constructed designed to house 31,000 people, and a rifle range built immediately adjoining the cantonment.

"The present camp on the Macon road will be retained as a sub-camp and at least one other camp will be established near the eastern boundary of the reservation. The Lumpkin road leading to the fort will probably be paved with concrete from the city to the fort, and the Lumpkin road from the Fort south will be closed to public traffic, that traffic being diverted through Cusseta. The Cusseta road on the Buena Vista road which passes through the reservation will not be closed to public traffic though most of the interior roads will necessarily be closed.

"The fort will be connected with the city by a railroad line now in process of construction which takes off from the Seaboard where the Cusseta road crosses the railroad, and the new railroad will follow along the foot of the hills west of Esquiline and cross the Lumpkin road with an overhead crossing at Upatoi creek. The matter of electrifying this road or of constructing an extension of the city street car line is under discussion.

"Water for the cantonment will be obtained from Upatoi creek in the vicinity of Sand Hill, and sewage will be disposed of in the Chattahoochee river.

"The personnel attached to the school will consist of a total of 31,000 officers and men, 12,000 of whom are student officers and the remaining 19,000 are officers and enlisted men employed in the instruction, administration and upkeep of the school. The instructing and administrative staff will consist of about 1,000 officers, and about 500 other officers will command the various units that go to make up the school and post organization. These units consist of an administrative detachment of about 5,000 enlisted men, a medical corps of several thousand, and the following organized units:

- "One camp headquarters.
- One conservation and reclamation company.
- One ordnance repair company.
- One fire company.
- One laundry company.
- One bakery company.
- One mobile ordnance repair company.
- One wagon company.
- Two motor car companies.
- Three motorcycle companies.
- Five motor truck companies.
- Four reserve labor battalions.
- One base veterinary hospital.
- One ambulance section.
- One band.
- One base hospital of 1,000 beds.
- "And a student organization of 12,000 students. The fort at Columbus is unique in the very large proportion

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tion of commissioned officers that will be in attendance as compared with any other fort or camp in the United States. A division camp, for example, seldom has more than 1,500 officers present, while this fort will have nearer 15,000. For the housing of this personnel, temporary quarters of a type that may be classified as semi-permanent, will be constructed at a total cost of from ten to fifteen million dollars and it is expected that as soon as these buildings are completed and occupied, work or permanent buildings will begin, and that these permanent buildings will ultimately take the place of the temporary buildings about to be constructed. The buildings will be well built, though of frame, and will be nicely finished and painted. An idea of the magnitude of the camp will be obtained if one imagines a string of buildings half a mile deep along the Macon road extending from the railroad station to beyond the Cody place on the Macon road.

"Very little if any of the standing timber on the reservation will be cut, as it is the desire of the camp planners to utilize all of the natural beauty of the site. To this end Mr. Frederick Law Olmstead, the well known landscape architect or one of his associates, will arrive in Columbus in a short time to study the ground in order that the buildings

may be placed upon it in the most advantageous way, both from a point of view of economy, and of preserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the site. The student officers will be housed in units of about 1,000 students each. Every student unit will contain twenty separate barracks, with mess halls, storehouses and other obvious features, making a complete unit for instructors and students with school rooms and administrative facilities. There will be twelve such groups or units extending east and west along the plateau about one mile south of the Upatoi and lying west of the Lumpkin road. East of that road the units will continue along the ridge of hills towards the southeast and terminate in the very large group of buildings necessary to house a 1,000-bed base hospital.

"The steep grade of the Lumpkin road, after passing the creek, will be avoided by diverting the road toward the east and making a gentle climb through a wooded ravine up to the plateau level. Arriving on this level the visitor will find, in the beautiful Bussey oak grove, a complete country club for officers on one side of the road, the commanding officers' group of buildings on the other, while directly in front of him will lie the civic center wherein will be grouped the administration buildings, theatres, Y. M. C. A., hostess

features of a similar character. There will be a complete modern laundry, ice plant and refrigerating plant west of the Bussey house, a complete city fire department and police department, a salvage or reclamation building in which shoes and clothing are repaired and every bit of material is conserved for either repair or for the salvage of the material of which it is constructed. There will be about eight miles of railroad storage track and a group of fourteen large warehouses going to make up a very complete and modern railroad yard.

"Scattered through the reservation at various points will be target ranges over which problems will be fired with the rifle, the automatic rifle, the 37 mm or one pounder cannon and the Stokes 3 inch mortar. In the vicinity of the camp also will be bayonet training courses and grenade courts, as well as the regular and well known rifle ranges such as were used by the School of Small Arms at Camp Perry under Colonel Mumma before the absorption of that school by the School of Arms at Columbus.

"Work on the construction of the railroad has already begun as stated and some 2,700 carloads of material for the construction are now rolling toward Columbus from various parts of the United States."

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