

# BARNETT MODIFIES HAITIAN CHARGES

## Killings Not "Promiscuous," but Sufficient to Warrant Probe, He Says

**CONFERS WITH DANIELS**

Washington, Oct. 18. — Brigadier General Barnett, former commander of the marine corps, yesterday, following a conference with Secretary Daniels, modified the statement contained in his report on Haitian conditions, in which he said a statement by counsel in a court-martial case "showed virtually indiscriminate killing of natives had been going on for some time."

General Barnett in his statement now says he does not mean "promiscuous" killing, but that there had been "a killing of law," and that he only considered the statement of counsel sufficient to warrant resignation.

The statement follows:

"I have consistently refrained from giving out any information and from granting any interviews on the Haitian situation, and I have not been in the command of the corps was taken

"My official letter of September 27, 1919, covered the case fully, but at the request of the secretary of the navy I

should like to make it clear that the statement in my letter of October 2, 1919, as follows: namely, 'a statement by counsel showed me that practically indiscriminate killing of natives,' etc., was meant by me to express 'without due process of law,' and not as seems now to be misinterpreted as 'promiscuous,' and further meant, of course, that such 'statement of counsel' would have weight in my mind only when proved, and in order to help him prove or disprove the truth of the statements I wrote the letter of October 2, 1919, to the friends commander.

"I am a soldier and not an author. I feel certain that the brigade commander, to whom the letter was written, fully understood my meaning."

"This whole matter refers to only a very small portion of the marine corps, and I am sure the full report shows that this duty is a general one splendidly performed by the marines."

## WILL SAVE CHILD LIVES

### New Health Council Head Plans Campaign Against Disease

Dr. J. Blair Spencer, who resigned last week as physician-in-chief of the Department of Public Welfare, has become the head of the medical staff of the Philadelphia Health Council and Tuberculosis Committee, has instituted a campaign to reduce disease and death among the 200,000 children of the city under six years old.

Dr. Spencer says no disease-prevention work has ever been attempted among children of this class. He hopes to save thousands of lives annually.

He has issued a warning against contagious diseases which will be given when the city receives its quota of immigrants now pouring into Ellis Island.

"They will crowd into our one and

occupied to the point of suffocation," he said. "Every square inch of these diseased breeding spots is already taken up, but, as the saying goes, there is always room for one more. And that one or two more will bring a calamity of disease to Philadelphia."

## OPERA SALE BOOMING

Subscription List Promises to Break Former Record

The Metropolitan Opera Co., of New York, has issued its prospectus for the coming season, and the "boom" in performances, which this year will be given at the Academy of Music.

The subscription list has assumed such proportions that the prospects for obtaining seats for the single performances will be remote.

Subscription lists are still available in the several sections of the house, from present indications, those remaining will be allotted before the closing of the subscription.

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Illustration of a woman in a patterned dress and high heels, standing with one leg raised.