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**DR. PRATT DIES** Plainfield, N. J., Feb. 11.—The Rev. Dr. William Woodbury Pratt, 62 years old, secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society of New York there in 1905 to become assistant to the Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell in Philadelphia, where he remained six years.

### QUITS BECAUSE ARMY PLAN IS OPPOSED

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advocacy and was still trying to get Congress to adopt it. The President, his friends said, worked with Congressional leaders on the currency, tariff and other bills, and through making some concessions, was able to get bills which he finally approved. He still feels that it is best to pursue the same policy in dealing with the army and Philippine questions.

Technically the war department today was without a head, although Major General Hugh Scott, chief of staff of the army was ranging officer.

#### Will Not Delay Congress

Under an existing executive order, General Scott, in the temporary absence or illness of the Secretary of the Assistant Secretary would become acting secretary. The judge, however, General Scott as secretary ad interim was immediately drawn up. The order authorizes General Scott to perform the duties of Secretary of War for a period not to exceed thirty days "until a Secretary of War shall have been appointed and shall have qualified."

"Congress will proceed to completion of a military program without regard to the resignation of Secretary Garrison," said Chairman Chamberlain of the Senate Military Affairs Committee to-day after a meeting of the committee. "The resignation will have no effect one way or the other upon the military committees of the Senate or the House. Personally I very much regret his resignation. Mr. Garrison was a forceful man and one of positive views which he was not afraid to stand by. Unfortunately his continental army plan was not popular in the military committees of Congress, or did it meet with the views of a majority of the members in the Senate and the House."

The Senate committee decided to begin next Monday the work of framing the army reorganization bill. Lindley M. Garrison, Secretary of War, was regarded as the ablest and strongest of the advisers of the administration.

Official Washington was amazed when the announcement was made that Mr. Garrison had resigned. Twice before it had become known that Mr. Garrison was on the verge of resigning. Major-General Scott, chief of staff of the army, automatically becomes Secretary of War ad interim. Since six months ago, when President Wilson reversed himself on his preparedness program, newspapers published the fact that Mr. Garrison had previously threatened to resign if he were not supported. An official denial was issued at the White House that Mr. Garrison had ever had any intention of leaving the Cabinet. The

### Text of Resignation and Its Acceptance

War Department, Washington, Feb. 10, 1916. My Dear Mr. President:

I am just in receipt of yours of February 10, in reply to mine of February 9. It is evident that we hopelessly disagree upon what I conceive to be fundamental principles. This makes manifest the inappropriateness of my longer remaining your seeming representative with respect to these matters.

I hereby tender my resignation as Secretary of War, to take effect at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,  
 LINDLEY M. GARRISON,  
 The President.

The White House, Washington, Feb. 10, 1916. My Dear Mr. Secretary:

I must confess to feeling a very great surprise at your letter of today, offering your resignation as Secretary of War. There has been no definite action taken yet in either of the matters to which your letter of yesterday referred. The whole matter is under debate and all the influence that work for clarity and judgment ought to be available at this very time.

But since you have felt obliged to take this action, and since it is evident that your feeling in the matter is very great indeed, I feel that I would be only imposing a burden upon you should I urge you to retain the secretaryship until while I am endeavoring to find a successor. I ought to relieve you at once, and do hereby accept your resignation because it so evidently your desire that I should do so.

I cannot take this important step, however, without expressing to you my very warm appreciation of the distinguished service you have rendered as Secretary of War, and I am sure that in expressing this appreciation an only fitting tribute to the judgment of our fellow-citizens far and wide.

With sincere regret at the action you have felt constrained to take,

Sincerely yours,  
 WOODROW WILSON,  
 Hon. Lindley M. Garrison,  
 Secretary of War.

resignation announced last night, however, was the culmination of a strained situation which has existed for nearly a year, or ever since Mr. Garrison formulated his program for the expansion of the army.

#### Garrison States Position

Following an interview between the President and Mr. Garrison on the night of the resignation, the President, specifically stating his position. The President informed him that Mr. Hay had told him a federal reserve system could not be obtained and that the same end could be achieved by utilizing the State troops and making appropriations to pay to the States on condition that the federal government control the militia. Mr. Garrison then replied that the continental army plan absolutely discarded a military system based upon State troops and that the two systems were diametrically opposed to each other and are irreconcilable. "We are challenged," he wrote, "by the existing situation to declare ourselves simply openly an unequalled force or be charged properly with lack of sincerity and good faith." He added that since Mr. Wilson's word was final, he did not wish to cause any embarrassment at work to withdraw if it would relieve the situation.

The President wrote in reply that he and the Secretary agreed that the chief thing necessary for the army was that we should have trained citizen reserve and that the training, organization and control of that reserve should be under immediate federal direction. He declined, however, to take an irrevocable stand on the ground that it would not be proper for him to say to a committee of Congress that it would have to take his plan or none. He declared he did not believe members of the House dealing with military affairs was ignorant of the military necessities of the nation, but had found them well informed.

He said he would welcome a frank interchange of views, but added, "no one will expect me to acquiesce in any proposal that I regard as inadequate or illusory."

Should a bill be presented to him which he could not accept as accomplishing the essential thing sought, he said, it would be his duty to veto it and go to the country on the merits.

The views of the President and Mr. Garrison were reviewed in other letters, which culminated in the offering and acceptance of the Secretary's resignation.

#### Continental Army Plan

President Wilson has supported the continental army plan and continues to believe that it is the best plan for strengthening the army. He has made it plain, however, in speeches and in talks with congressional leaders, that the main thing to do is to have a large reserve for the United States army and that the details must be worked out through "common counsel."

The President and Secretary Garrison have been close personal friends since the administration came into office and have stood together on practically every question.

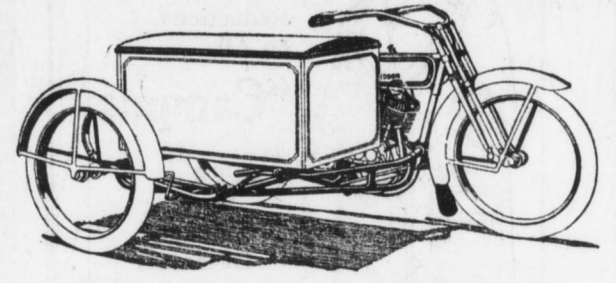
Secretary Garrison has been a leading figure in President Wilson's official family ever since the administration began. To his urging has been ascribed in part Mr. Wilson's determination to carry to the country his plea for adequate national defense.

Mr. Garrison began a close study of the military situation nearly two years ago. He has devoted days and nights to the subject, beginning his inquiry, he has himself declared, with only a vague knowledge of the military history of the nation or of the problems presented in planning for defense against any possible enemy. For months it has been a common sight at the War Department when he has been in the city to see the lights in his office blazing far into the night. Surrounded by his bureau chiefs and officers on staff duty, the Secretary went into every aspect of the case with all the concentration he developed as a lawyer and a member of the New Jersey judiciary.

Out of that study came the plan for the continental army and the correlated increases in the regular army and proposals for coast defenses and a huge reserve of war material which constitutes the administration preparedness, so far as the army is concerned. Behind that plan the President has stood.

Mr. Garrison recently declared for universal military training as a doctrine of democracy, although he said he thought the nation not ready for such a proposal at this time. He has repeatedly said both publicly and privately that he was so full of the subject of preparedness and of the need for it as a result of his studies that he dreamed of it at night and it was with him every waking moment. The only organized opposition to Mr.

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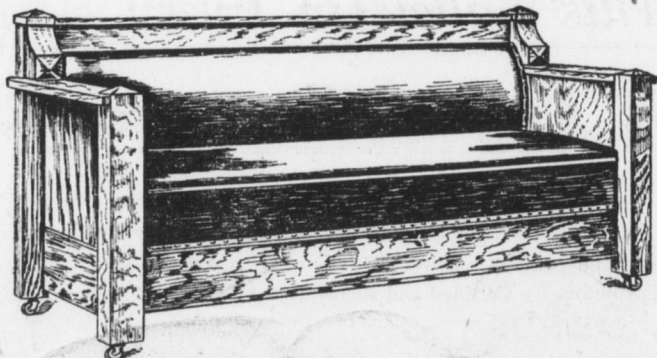
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