

DISMANTLING CAMP CRANE BIG JOB

Commander Snyder is in Wash- ington, Conferring With the War Department.

Closing out and dismantling a military camp, even so small a one as Camp Crane, is not child's play and the prospect of there being continued activity in the camp for a good many months to come appears greater as the subject of dismantling and salvaging the plant is considered.

Up to this time there has not been any active bidding for the salvaging of the plant but a good many inquiries have been received relative to various lines of materials to be secured.

Because the greatest effort will be made to keep the materials as valuable as possible, there will not be reckless destruction. There is something like \$120,000 worth of iron piping alone in the heating and other systems of the camp. Every piece of this will be taken apart carefully and the various lengths and shapes assembled. Then there is the large steam plant, which must be removed from foundations, and which took many months to build.

The coal problem is looked upon as a pretty large one. There are over four thousand tons left on the big pile along Liberty street. To remove it, this must be shovelled into trucks and then carted away. Its location is such as to make rapid loading difficult and therefore prevents use of many trucks.

Col. Snyder is away in Washington and it is expected that when he gets back, probably today, that preparations for moving will fly, although at the best it is anticipated that it will require several months to accomplish the last detail.

There is a large amount of equipment and supplies on hand. It is expected that this will be sent to a government arsenal, probably in Philadelphia.

Meanwhile the authorities of the Fair are chafing over all delays. The annual meeting of the association will be held on Tuesday next and it is hoped that a definite program can be announced by that time, although up to this time definite settlement of many of the points involved is still in doubt.

Lt. Col. Snyder, it is said, will go to Camp Kearney, California, when he leaves here. Lt. Col. Slee has received no intimation as to his future.