

SOLDIERS' VOTE HOLD UP RESULT

**Courier-News States Amendments
Have Carried With Soldier Vote
Yet to Be Counted.**

On the face of the official county abstracts of votes from all but Morton and McLean counties the ten proposed constitutional amendments have secured unbeatable majorities of all votes cast at the general election. The abstracts were opened before the state canvassing board at its meeting Tuesday.

While neither the secretary of state nor the canvassing board have attempted to compute the totals, a Fargo Courier-News representative was able to get the following figures from the available returns from 51 counties. The total number of male votes was 86,958. Assuming that the majority of this number or 43,480 is necessary to win; this is how the ten measures turned the trick: No. one 56,752; No. two 60,407; No. three 69,436; No. four 49,218; No. five 32,519; No. six 43,753; No. seven 44,254; No. eight 58,702; No. nine 43,697; and No. ten 44,182.

The canvassing board has agreed to adjourn from day to day for a sufficient length of time to allow the soldier vote to be canvassed. Meetings must be held daily and adjourned in order to meet the provisions of the law. The soldiers vote which has been variously estimated up to 15,000 is extremely light. It is doubtful if more than 500 soldiers have sent in their ballots. On the returns now in the secretary of state's hands less than 100 have voted. Burleigh county which has 750

soldiers in the service polled seven such votes, Rollette county six and Richland county 1.

Fight on Barberry Bush.

An active campaign to rid the whole nation of the barberry bush is being carried out as a result of a \$150,000 appropriation authorized by congress, and in North Dakota the work has been delegated to H. L. Bolley of the agricultural college, who has been appointed state leader.

"The work has been started this year principally in the spring wheat states," says Mr. Bolley. "North Dakota, fortunately, has a state barberry law. Recognizing that it is a large state and that many towns, villages and farms have never been reached by the state inspectors, and recognizing that it is absolutely necessary that all bushes be found and eradicated, the United States department, of agriculture is sending into this state a number of men whose business it is to visit every town and village and as far as possible, visit every farm with a view of getting the co-operation of all citizens in the movement.

"At present three survey men, under the leadership of F. F. Blaine, are working out of Wahpeton in a survey of Richland, Sargent, and Ransom counties. We hope that the citizens will aid them in every possible manner in the location of these bushes which are so destructive to our wheat and cereal crops. When the bushes have been definitely located, we are sure the owners will uproot them. If they do not, it can be done through orders by the proper state and county officers."

Mr. Bolley says all letters, information or inquiries about barberry bushes or rust should be made to him at the Agricultural college.