

VICTOR MICELLI RETURNS HOME

After a Brief Furlough Will Again Return to His Post at Fort Stevens

BOYS ALL WORKING HARD

The "Fighting Fourth" is the Best Equipped Bunch of Soldiers—Are Holding the "Big Gun" Record.

Sergeant Victor Micelli, of the 4th Company, son of Joseph Micelli, of this city, who was temporarily rejected pending a minor operation, arrived in this city this morning on a three weeks' furlough.

According to Sergeant Micelli there are about 1500 well fed and well satisfied men at the fort at present. The boys are working hard to learn the many duties of a well trained soldier and if concentration of mind and muscle will accomplish the feat our boys without a single exception will more than merely make good.

The Ashland company arrived at the fort with 91 cents in their mess fund, but from information received here they have been "eating" better than any company there.

The companies are receiving new field equipment as fast as possible. The 4th company has been issued new field packs, the same as that of the regular army along with new guns and bayonets.

SHERIFF ON WATCH FOR AUTO THIEF

Sheriff George Quine received a phone call from Sheriff Hulbert, of Multnomah county informing the Douglas county official to be on the lookout for a Ford car which was stolen in Portland last evening.

Mrs. M. E. Lohr, of Portland, who has been visiting with her son, Bennie Lohr, a well known S. P. freeman, left this morning for her home after an enjoyable vacation here.

HAVE NO READING MATTER.

FORT CANBY, Wash., Aug. 16.—From reading the Roseburg papers, the Roseburg boys located at this fort have been under the impression that the good people of Roseburg have made shipments of reading matter to this place.

boys when they left here didn't have uniforms but all these things have been looked after and the company with a few minor exceptions is now fully equipped.

The 4th company as yet has no "regular" cook. Two of the boys who before enlisting worked in a local restaurant as waiters are doing the best they can until an experienced man can be found.

Sergeant Micelli says that the climate is somewhat cooler at the fort than it is here and for some time the boys suffered more or less on account of the fact, but they are fast becoming acclimated and no serious inconveniences have resulted.

Don't forget the boys at the front. They have plenty of regular army food, but the little tasty home-spun pastry, such as doughnuts, pies and cakes can't be secured at the fort and we at home should see that the boys of the "Fighting Fourth" are just as well fed as any other company there.

LOCAL BARBERS TAKE A "HITCH" IN PRICES

The constantly increasing prices in barber's supplies and the fact that everything is going up and nothing coming down in these war times, has caused the barbers of Roseburg to "take a hitch" in their prices in order to meet the demands of the times and get in "the clear".

OPENING GUN WILL BE FIRED HERE

First Meeting of the "Billion Bushel Fall Wheat Drive" Monday Evening

PROF. HYSLOP SPEAKER

Business Men As Well as Farmers Are Urged to Be Present—Oregon Asked to Increase Wheat Acreage.

Arrangements have been completed by the Patriotic Garden League in co-operation with District Agricultural Agent C. J. Hurd, for the first meeting in Oregon of the great national campaign of the billion bushel fall wheat drive, to be held in Roseburg and this meeting, which will be the beginning of a systematic campaign all over the state will be held at the court house Monday evening August 20, at eight o'clock.

Not only are the farmers urged to be present, but the business men are asked to attend as this meeting will be of interest to all. After the address a general discussion will follow.

The committees are very anxious to have a large attendance at the meeting and thereby show the rest of the state that Douglas county is willing to do her part in this great patriotic movement.

HALL WAS A "FOUR-FLUSHER"

Said He Drew Down \$125 to \$150 Per Month From the Government

SALARY WAS ONLY \$36

Little Wonder He Could Not Support a Wife and Two Children on This Paltry Sum—Was Engaged.

"Hall exonerated," "throwing the blame on Hall," "Mr. Hall did an injustice." "He is a perfect gentleman," and a lot of other rot goes to make up a published article last evening that shows the fine Italian hand of "interested parties."

That Hall has been exonerated by "one of the high military officials" can be taken for what it is worth, that he is shouldering any greater burden of blame for anything that he has done, more than his wife and two children in destitute circumstances, is information that needs verifying, and that he is a "perfect gentleman," The News will state that a representative of this paper had the privilege, in the presence of Sheriff George Quine, of informing this individual—right to his face—not out in the back yard—that any man who had two children calling for support and was out in the western hemisphere parading around like a "banyan rooster" had no connection whatever with the word "fixin'." And to this declaration Hall had not a single word to say, other than the fact that he had not lived with his wife for some five years.

Then, again, the same evening he left this city he admitted in the presence of two gentlemen, that he was engaged—would have a divorce about the first of September—and with his \$36 per month undoubtedly cut "some ice."

Hall had always claimed that he made between \$125 and \$150 a month and when confronted with absolute proof that his salary was only \$36 he "wormed" out of the matter by saying that the government allowed him upwards of a dollar per day for expenses and there was some other "side" money to be made.

This paper does not want to do full an injustice, and none so far has been dealt out to him. Neither are we going to sit idly by and condone any "four-flusher." He hasn't been given half what he deserves. His wife and children would evidently testify to this. When Deputy Sheriff Rafferty took the matter up of supporting his wife and children with Hall some few days ago the fellow would hardly give the matter passing attention, but did concede to sending them \$20, so he states.

The recent "purported interview" looks very much like it is a case of shifting the whole responsibility on a young woman, thereby covering up the tracks of others closely associated with the affair. Holding up Hall as a paragon of perfection at the expense of an innocent girl is a piece of diplomacy that would make a ward politician look like an angel.

DR. BATHRICK'S OFFICE ROBBED LAST NIGHT

The local band of "dime novel" thieves, after a few days of idleness, counting up the spoils of previous burglaries, read a few more pages of the "Perfumed Kid" and some time late last night entered the dental parlors of Dr. Bathrick, located in the Roseburg National Bank building, by "jimmyming" a door.

AUTO DEALERS WILL ARRIVE HERE TUESDAY

One hundred and twenty-five Portland folk, automobile dealers and their wives, will arrive in Roseburg next Tuesday morning and will be given a royal good time. Elaborate preparations are being made for their entertainment in which a banquet and reception are forecasted. The party are members of the Oregon Dealer's Motor Car Association and are touring throughout Oregon via Crater lake and central Oregon.

Thank the thieves for their consideration. Sheriff Quine was notified and a careful investigation of the premises were made, but as has been the case in other robberies of the past few months no clue was found. Mr. Quine as well as other officials believe that there is a well organized band of youthful thieves composed of local talent, responsible for this and many other robberies of the past and he is satisfied that he is well acquainted with some of its members and it is only a matter of time, according to the sheriff until this bunch of "rowdies" will be brought to justice, and severely dealt with.

MAY FACE CHARGE OF WHITE SLAVERY

W. O. Wimmer In "Tight Box" As Result of Actions Of The Past Week

MAY CONFISCATE CAR

Chief of Police at Albany Pleaded That Man is Taken, But Says Men With Tongues Hanging Out Are Disappointed.

It was stated here this afternoon that W. O. Wimmer, the man arrested by Deputy Sheriff Hopkins, of Canyonville, assisted by Elton Boltenbaugh and Marshal Griffith, of Myrtle Creek, and who was taken back to Ashland to answer the charge of resisting an officer, as well as that of importing liquor into dry territory, may face a far more serious charge than either, that of "white slavery," as it may be charged that he took a girl across the state line for immoral purposes. He is also liable to a charge of unlawful importation of liquor, here, as a horse was taken from his car when he was captured by the officers.

Troubles are pouring in on Wimmer thick and fast, as Sheriff Quine stated today that the car occupied by him may be confiscated and sold, in the same way a suit case containing liquor is confiscated. This is being done in Idaho, and in one instance on record there is the case of a man being fined for having two quarts of "fire-water" in his automobile, and then the car, a big Cadillac, was put up and sold at auction—pretty expensive piece of work for that bootlegger, but in Idaho they are determined to put a stop to their operations, and Sheriff Quine is very seriously considering the adoption of the same method here.

The chief of police at Albany was much pleased to learn that Wimmer had been caught, and stated that they had been given much trouble by him there. The chief further stated that there was considerable disappointment over the affair, too, as fully a dozen men whose tongues were "hanging out" were anxiously awaiting the arrival of Wimmer with his unlawful "thirst quencher."

The officers say that Wimmer had very little money on him and was evidently aiming to make the expenses for himself and the girl by dispensing, at bootlegger rates, the liquor which he had brought over the line.

Once more we are reminded that "truly the way of the transgressor is hard."

ARMY PAY SEPTEMBER 5.

Fort Stevens has received definite word to the effect that they will receive their army pay between the first and fifth of September. This comes as good news to them and the money will no doubt come in handy.

AGITATORS WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE

No Funny Business Will Be Tolerated by the Federal Government

AWAIT START OF TROUBLE

Interference With Harvest Operations Not to Be Tolerated—Prosecution Will Follow Demonstrations.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The sending of federal troops to the state of Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho for the purpose of keeping the war industries moving and to check disorders arising over labor disputes, is regarded by administration officials here as an immediate possibility. This action, will, however, depend altogether upon whether or the threatened Industrial Workers of the World strike materializes and attains serious proportions, getting beyond control of civil authorities.

Special representatives of the departments of labor and justice, the board of mediation and conciliation and the food administration are studying the northwest situation with much apprehension, and are prepared to take immediate steps to meet any developments arising.

United States attorneys in the four states affected are under orders to act quickly in order to control any possible emergency. The government will take no half way measures but will deal drastically with violators of the law. Conciliators of the department of labor are already in the districts affected awaiting further developments, the government being determined that efforts of any nature looking to retarding of harvest and consequent loss of food products shall be crushed in their incipency.

World Exempt Cops. NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Charles F. Hughes, chairman of the district board of appeals, stated today that he favored exemption of policemen and medical students from provisions of the draft. He asserted, however, that the board would continue to follow provisions of the draft law.

Don't Fear Workers. PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—Oregon timbermen said today that they do not fear the Industrial Workers' strike threatened for August 20. Mills throughout the state are re-opening work, and the situation is declared to be different from that existing in Washington and Idaho.

OFFICERS RETURN FROM SCOTTSBURG

Sheriff Quine and Miss Agnes Pitchford returned last night from Scottsburg where they went to look after juvenile cases, and brought back with them four juvenile charges who will be placed in the Boys and Girls home in Portland.

The oldest of the youngsters is a boy about fourteen years of age and the youngest about ten, and only the oldest had ever been out of Scottsburg, and then only to Drain.

The automobile trip to Roseburg was a great treat to the children and arriving here late at night, the electric lights were a marvel to them.

PORTLAND TOURISTS VISIT IN THIS CITY

Yesterday afternoon a party of Portland tourists passed through this city enroute to Klamath Falls and other points in the southeastern parts of the state, stopping here for a few hours. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, and Mr. Matheson and daughter. The left here about six o'clock expecting to make one of the southern towns for the night. During their trip they will visit Crater lake. Mr. Cunningham is president of the United States Mortgage Co. of Portland, owners of the fine property east of the city known

as the Alley ranch. While here, in company with Mr. Nichols he visited the place. These two last named gentlemen are familiar with farm interests and stock raising, and in fact are on their way to Klamath in the interests of a deal there involving considerable money. Mr. Nichols has extensive holdings in the John Day country, and is largely interested in sheep and cattle raising. He has lately acquired a considerable bunch of horses and cattle at Klamath, and will probably dispose of them while there.

FROM THE OFFICERS TRAINING CAMP

About fifty men from the officers' training camp at the Presidio, San Francisco, passed through here this morning on the Sasta Limited. The men had just purchased their uniforms, although the boys seemed a bit awkward in the new "uniforms" it was probably due to the fact, as one young officer stated, "We have been digging trenches, planting mines, washing dishes and eating soup for the past three months in the same suit of clothes and the same pair of shoes, and imagine we have been attending all kinds of parties and dances in the same outfit.

Some of the men have been transferred to American Lake and many others are going home on a short furlough, and will after the vacation is over, return to the Presidio and receive assignments to their respective regiments.

CANTONMENT QUARTER DESIGNATED FOR MEN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Secretary of War Baker has approved the disposition of 587,000 men composing the first draft, as recommended by the present marshal general. Approximately 43,000 men are going to be sent to each of the sixteen cantonments. The men drafted from Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming and Utah, totalling 46,159 men, will be quartered at American Lake, near Tacoma, Wash.

"BILL" HOLDS OUT FOR INDEMNITIES

No Restorations, Also Must Be Part of Peace Terms

SO SAY BERLIN PAPERS

For Those Very Sufficient Reasons, It is Alleged, Pope's Plans Will Be Impossible for Germany.

OFFICERS RETURN FROM SCOTTSBURG

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 17.—A dispatch received from Copenhagen, Denmark, states that the attitude to be taken by the imperial German government on so important a matter as the pope's peace proposal can be made known only after a most thorough and careful consideration of the document, particularly as a decision can only be taken in full accord with the conclusion of her allies. The German office has communicated a statement to the foregoing effect to the press. In Berlin, the Kreuz Zeitung, a copy of which has been received here, commenting on the government's position and the text of the pope's peace proposals, says that "sympathy with the pope's wishes for peace must disappear when it is seen that he has united himself with such conditions as restorations and no indemnities."

Western Front Situation. WESTERN FRONT, Aug. 17.—German troops made violent and repeated attempts last night to regain those important positions recently taken by the allies, and are said to have gained some small advantage at the Verdun front. Otherwise the principal results of the attack were to add to the already terrific losses sustained in their local offensive operations of late. The Teuton three counter attacks against new positions were repulsed at considerable loss. The Germans gained a slight advance in the second, but were driven back on the other two attempts.

BRITISH AVIATORS VISIT WITH BOMBS

German Positions in Belgium Receive Rain of Tons of Explosives

ACTS INDEPENDENTLY

China Makes no Mention of Allies in War on Germany and Austria—Cathedral Destroyed.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Aug. 17.—A successful air raid was made, yesterday, over the German position at Ostend, Royal service aviators dropping several tons of bombs on the railway station there, doing much damage to the station and sidings and to the railway junction at Ostend. The air-dome at Ghistelles, Belgium, was bombed and several fires started. All of the airplanes engaged in the raid returned in safety.

China Acts Independently.

PEKING, Aug. 17.—The formal declaration of war against Germany and Austria by the Chinese republic makes no mention of association with the entente allies, but rather indicates that China is acting independently of other nations in the war. The declaration of war as formally announced created little excitement in Peking. The Netherlands is handling Austrian affairs in Peking. Doors of the Dutch Asiatic Bank have been sealed.

Cathedral Burned.

FRENCH FRONT, Aug. 17.—Sentinels in the French trench near St. Quentin were the first to notice the fire in the famous cathedral early Wednesday evening, and soon the building broke into a blaze, lighting the whole countryside around until well along toward dawn Thursday, when the roof fell in. The cause of the fire is unknown, but was certainly not due to French shells, as reported by Berlin dispatches yesterday. There was scarcely any bombardment Wednesday night from French guns, so that the fire could not have been started that way. It is stated by eye witnesses that the landscape was singularly peaceful as the church burned. Prisoners taken by French troops state that the town was pillaged by the Germans before the fire, and that many valuables were carried away at that time.

TEN MILE BOY BACK FROM FORT STEVENS

Ned E. Bushnell, who has been with the Fourth company boys at Fort Stevens arrived in this city on train No. 17 yesterday enroute home to Ten Mile, having been discharged from military service on account of physical disability. About a year ago Mr. Bushnell had the misfortune to have the wheel of a traction engine pass over his left foot, and it was on account of the injury received from that, that he failed to pass the military physical examination. He says the boys are getting along quite well at the fort with the exception of the ration, which he states are very poor, and the boys seem quite dissatisfied with what they are getting to eat, and especially the manner in which it is served.

Mr. Cole, of Winchester, who failed on account of poor feet, and a Glendale man whose name Mr. Bushnell did not remember, who was also physically disqualified, returned home yesterday.

A FINE SHOWING.

PORT CANBY, Wash., Aug. 16.—Captain Finch, of "Fort Stevens, United States army examining officer, who passed upon the physical condition of the Fourth company and Sanitary Troop boys, stated yesterday to a member of the Sanitary Troops that Roseburg and adjoining sections sure took the prize for raising physically fit boys for the army and said that both organizations passed with high grades, only three being turned down out of the Fourth company while the Sanitary Troops lost only one. The boys are very proud of their companies as should be of the "folks at home." Words of commendation coming from a regular army examining physician mean a whole lot and the boys from Douglas county.