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## CANNOT ENLIST AFTER DEC. 15

### No Man of Draft Age Will be Accepted as a Volunteer.

### RIGHT NOW IS THE TIME

A Number of Openings in the Oregon Coast Artillery for Those Who Wish to Escape Coming Under the Draft.

Up to December 15, but no later, any man registered under the draft who is not already in the military service or needed to fill a vacancy in the first draft quota, may enlist as a volunteer in the army, navy or marine corps. After December 15, no man of draft age will be accepted as a volunteer in any branch of the army service. While voluntary enlistments in the navy and marine corps will still be permitted after December 15, they can be made only if a man is able to produce a certificate from his local board showing him to be so far down the list that he would not be taken on the current draft. But up to December 15, any registrant may volunteer. A special ruling to this effect has just been made by the provost marshal general.

This ruling includes even men who have been called up for physical examination by their local boards, but not yet inducted into the army. In order to keep the state's quotas filled on the first draft, a good many more men were called up for physical examination than were actually required. Now they can voluntarily enlist up to December 15. Each such man must obtain from his local board a certificate that he will not be needed to fill any deferred percentage of the first draft quota of that board. This certificate must be presented to the recruiting office. Of course men of draft age who have not yet been called up for physical examination by their boards will not need such a certificate. They can volunteer—up to December 15—without it.

There is a fine opening just now in the Oregon coast artillery for men who wish to escape the draft and get into the army. The Oregon coast artillery, which is a regiment of heavy artillery, considered the most desirable branch of the service, is stationed for the present in the forts at the mouth of the Columbia River. Colonel C. C. Hammond, commanding, needs 130 good volunteers before December 15. If you want to enlist as a volunteer, you will never have such a chance again to save yourself from the draft and join a fine branch of the service as well. Remember that this chance will no longer be open after December 15. Men who want to volunteer must hurry.

## COLLECTION Y. M. C. A. BEGINS TOMORROW

The work of collecting the money subscribed for the Y. M. C. A. fund in this city recently, will begin tomorrow under the direction of Chairman George Hoek, and the principals in the local schools. Southern Oregon's share was \$1000 and Roseburg's share was \$150. The teams, however, collected \$240. This money will be paid on the installment plan until the first of April. W. A. Gross, state chairman of the boys division has written to this city asking that the work of collecting begin tomorrow.

## W. E. POE PASSES AWAY YESTERDAY

W. E. Poe, one of the best-known citizens of Douglas county, died last evening in this city, death resulting from pneumonia. The unfortunate gentleman having been ill since Monday with the dread disease. The deceased had resided in Roseburg and Douglas county for the past ten years, and his relatives of friends were shocked to hear of his untimely demise. Mr. Poe was a member of the Woodmen of the World lodge and was an active worker in the organization. A wife and two children are left to mourn his death. Funerals were held at 10 o'clock from the Roseburg Undertaking Parlor with interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

## ROAD VIEWERS NAMED

The county court today made an order for the viewing out of the gateway road petitioned for some time ago by C. H. Maupin, of Kellogg, and County Engineer Germond, H. Jones and T. A. Wilson, were duly appointed to make the view and report their findings to the court on December 27, at which time the matter will be disposed of. The court members were busily engaged all day yesterday in auditing the county bills and today road petitions are being looked after along with the regular routine of work.

## HOWARD WADDELL REACHES HONOLULU

Mrs. Howard Waddell last evening received a communication from her husband, who recently secured a commission as lieutenant and left for Russia, where he will be associated with the railroad commission project in that country. Lieutenant Waddell sailed a couple of weeks ago from San Francisco and the letter received was written from Honolulu where the officers of the commission were granted two days' furlough in order to view the country. The trip across was uneventful. However, according to Lieut. Waddell, every precaution was used. The transport being conveyed by a U. S. battleship and at night every light was extinguished in the danger zone. Mrs. Waddell is expecting a communication in the course of a few days, announcing her husband's arrival in Russia.

## BROTHERS ENLIST IN AVIATION DEPARTMENT

Ray and Frank Shields, sons of Ben Shields, of this city, today enlisted in the aviation department. The young men will leave in several days for Eugene where they will take the examinations and if they are successful will probably be sent to some fort. They stated that they did not know where they would be sent, but thought that the fort would be Camp Kelly, Texas. The young men have been employed for a number of years with their father, who runs a string of jitneys in this city.

## WILL RETURN FOR SHORT FURLOUGH

Word has been received in this city that Charles Stanton will return to Roseburg for a short furlough the latter part of this week. Mr. Stanton is enlisted in the 4th company and is now stationed at Astoria. Because his enlistment Mr. Stanton was on The News' editorial staff for a number of years and has a number of friends and acquaintances in this city, who will be glad to hear that he is returning for a short furlough.

## FORMER RESIDENTS PASS THROUGH CITY

Gordon and Weldon Gage, former residents of this city, and sons of E. W. Gage, who formerly operated a writing of fitters in this city, passed through Roseburg this morning, together with 45 young men enroute for San Francisco. They stated that they are enlisted in the gas engine department of the navy. Jack Titus, a brother of Mrs. George Werner, of this city, was also with the enlisted men. The young men are enlisted at Annapolis in the navy.

## PRISCILLA EMBROIDERY CLUB DONATES MONEY

Mrs. Harry Powers entertained the Priscilla club yesterday afternoon at her home on St. Charles street. The afternoon was spent in sewing and chatting and many were made to feel at home. The club has a fund of \$1000.00 for the Red Cross Society and Mrs. W. A. Gross, of Garden valley, was a member of the club. At the close of the afternoon the Priscilla club served a delicious refreshment. The next meeting of the club will be held at Mrs. S. T. Hill's home on December 19, when the Red Cross work will be taken up.

## SUNDAY, DEC. 16 BIG DAY ROSEBURG

### Dr. Foster, of Reed College, Will Present Interesting War Facts.

### CHURCHES PARTICIPATE

### Special Music Arranged For the Occasion—Various Choirs of the City to Assist—A Great Speaker.

Great interest is being manifested in the meetings to be addressed by Dr. Foster, of Reed College, on Sunday, December 16, and the occasion promises to be one of country wide interest.

Dr. Foster will arrive in Roseburg at two o'clock Sunday afternoon, and the first meeting will be called to order in the Methodist church at three o'clock. Henry Booth, chairman of the Roseburg Red Cross, presiding. The various church choirs of the city have been asked to join in the singing of America and the refrain to the Star Spangled Banner, Miss Kinser having been invited to sing the solo part of the national air.

Hon. O. P. Condon will be chairman of the evening meeting which will commence at 7:30. The musical program will be the same as at the afternoon meeting and at both the I. O. O. F. orchestra has been asked to play. The several churches of the city are expected to give up their respective services that evening and join in an outdoor service in the house of their Methodist brethren. Some of their ministers, and a detail of officers from each church, will assist at both gatherings.

Dr. Foster is a man of great intellectual power, a trained and analytical observer, and the head of the highest standard institution of general education in the United States. He went to Belgium and France, went right into the trenches, to get at the facts of the war and, if possible, to place responsibility for its outbreak. There is no speaker in this country better equipped for presenting first hand facts and every patriot should hear him, as should also those, if there are any in this community, whose patriotism is not fervent and active.

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## CITIZENS COMPLAIN ABOUT STRAY CANINE

Many complaints have been received at the recorder's office in the last few days by indignant citizens who are complaining about stray dogs that are allowed by their owners to run rampant over lawns, into chicken yards, etc., and as a consequence much property has been destroyed. A well known lady reports that a canine wandered into her back yard and associated with a large black dog. In view of the recent mail prices, this loss was keenly felt.

A city ordinance provides that dogs shall not be allowed to roam the city streets, unless they are licensed and muzzed. Those who have not licensed their dogs are liable to a fine of \$10.00 and a suspension of all dogs' sound running loose.

## MEAT PACKERS WANT UNION RECOGNIZED

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SEATTLE, Dec. 6.—(Associated Press.)—The meat packers of this city have been making a determined effort to secure recognition of their union and a uniform working contract. Seven hundred men, who are employed in the city, are members of the union.

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## THEATRES FRIDAY PROCEEDS TO RED CROSS

The Douglas county Red Cross Society has received today the proceeds of the Friday matinee performance at the Douglas county theatre. The proceeds, amounting to \$100.00, will be used for the purchase of supplies for the Red Cross hospital at the Douglas county hospital.

## IT CAN'T BE DONE

A subscriber to The Evening News called this afternoon, paid up his subscription, and stated he did not want the paper any longer for the reason that he was opposed to the tactics employed to defeat the improvement to the court house and jail in last evening's issue—adding that "Al Cresson was not the only one opposed to the county's advancement." Sorry, my friend, but don't get the idea into your head that you can control the policy of The Evening News for 25 cents a month. The subscription price when you call at the office to get your paper, no, never, it can't be done.

## AIRPLANE CREWS IN RAID CAPTURED

### Fleet of Twenty-five German Machines Attack the English Coast.

### DO BUT LITTLE DAMAGE

### Seven Killed and Few Fires Started—Italians on Asiago Front Holding Lines Under Desperate Attack by Teutons.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 6.—A fleet of about 25 German aeroplanes raided the English coast last night, and six of the machines penetrated as far as London. They were met by British airmen and in the light two of the enemy machines were brought down and the crews captured. Bombs dropped by the Germans started fires in different parts of the city, but these were soon under control. It is believed the casualties were light. Later dispatches indicated that seven were killed and 21 injured in the air raid. Half of the casualties were in London, and others at various points in track of the raiders.

On the Cambria Front.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The British advanced slightly southwest of Lavacquerie, on the Cambria front, yesterday. Tuesday night the British withdrew to the southwest of Noyelles and Bourlon wood, and the Germans apparently being aware of the fact until late Wednesday.

Asiago Plateau Battle.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 6.—Austro-German forces are assaulting Italian lines with intense artillery fire and liquid gas on the Asiago front today. Furious as was the attack of the massed Germans today they were repulsed with heavy losses, except around Tombercar, where the enemy succeeded in occupying a few advanced Italian lines. Austro-German divisions, fresh from the French and Russian fronts, are continuously arriving in Italy.

Berlin Statement.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—Eleven thousand Italian troops were captured by the Austro-German in the new offensive in northern Italy. A strong position in the Meletta region has been taken from the Italians, and is now held by the Teutons, who received sixty guns in the drive at that point.

## CALLS MEETING LEAGUE ADVISORY BOARD TUES.

Julius I. Biddle announced today that a meeting of all the attorneys who are to associate with the local advisory board in handling legal assistance to the registrants in filling out questionnaires will be held on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock and will be held at his office in the Douglas National Bank building. The meeting has for its purpose the working out of a system of keeping their headquarters open from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. daily. A competent attorney will have to be in attendance at all times and to insure this a plan will be suggested whereby at least one of the associate members will be found at headquarters ready and willing to assist in the needs of the men registrants.

T. W. Perkins has potentially offered a suite of rooms in the Perkins building to be used as headquarters for the board and his generosity has been accepted. Mr. Perkins will also have the rooms heated and kept clean while the Roseburg Light & Water Company has donated the light and water and when the organization is completed headquarters will be taken up in rooms 211 and 212 at the Perkins building.

## CASTLE BOND NOT FILED

According to information received today the surety bond arranged for yesterday by Mrs. Alice Castle and her son J. H. Castle, who is alleged to have been arrested, has not been filed at the court house. The bond was arranged for by Mrs. Castle and her son J. H. Castle, who is alleged to have been arrested, has not been filed at the court house. The bond was arranged for by Mrs. Castle and her son J. H. Castle, who is alleged to have been arrested, has not been filed at the court house.

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## MUNITIONS SHIP IS RAMMED—EXPLOSION

### 1000 Are Believed to Have Been Killed and Thousands Wounded.

### VESSELS OBLITERATED

(By Associated Press.)

LATEST FROM HALIFAX.

MONTREAL, Canada, Dec. 6.—Direct telegraphic advices from Halifax at late hour this afternoon state that the explosion was aboard a French munitions steamer instead of an American ship, as first reported. She was rammed, it is believed, by a Norwegian vessel carrying food supplies for Europe, and the accident occurred during a storm. Late estimates of the death list place the total at 1000, this being the telegraph company estimate, and is not official. Sixty per cent of the city of Halifax is in ruins, it is alleged.

AMHERST, Nova Scotia, Dec. 6.—Scores were killed and hundreds of buildings along the water front destroyed, while a portion of Halifax was set on fire today following the explosion of war munitions aboard an American ammunition ship, caused by collision with another ship at Rockingham, near Halifax. The concussion of the terrific blast destroyed the insulation in telegraph and telephone offices within a radius of 30 miles, so that details of the tragedy are coming in slowly. The vessels involved in the explosion are believed to have been literally obliterated.

Vessel Rammed Broadside.

Reports coming in allege that the ammunition steamer was just leaving her berth at the pier when she was rammed broadside by the other vessel, the name of which was not given, if known. Every man aboard the two ships was annihilated, so far as is known. The concussion was so powerful that the roof of the railway depot collapsed, and damage to all warehouses and docks generally resulted. Fires were started in many buildings damaged by the explosion, and within a distance of two miles freight cars were blown off the tracks. Messages were rushed to nearby towns asking for fire engines, doctors, nurses and supplies of a surgical nature to assist in caring for the wounded. Neighboring towns are also preparing to send in food supplies, as it is believed a great deal of such stores were destroyed. Several days will elapse before wire communication can be restored to normal conditions, as extensive damage was done to the telegraph and telephone system.

Four Far Transports.

ST. JOHN, Dec. 6.—It is reported here that several transports were in the harbor at Halifax when the American ammunition ship blew up, and four are entertained for their safety. Nothing concerning their fate is obtainable, nor is it known if troops were aboard the vessels.

Hundreds Killed.

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Dec. 6.—(via Havana cable.)—Hundreds of people were killed and a thousand wounded, is the estimate of the casualty list as a result of the American munitions ship explosion at Rockingham this morning. Half of the city of Halifax is in ruins from the concussion, and property loss will aggregate millions of dollars. The north end of the city is in flames, starting in the wrecked buildings.

THIRTY, Nova Scotia, Dec. 6.—Reports reaching here from the scene of the explosion disaster allege that it is feared several scores of lives were lost when the railway station at Halifax collapsed from the concussion. Twenty-five railway workmen were killed on the track near Richmond, and the total number of dead resulting from the explosion is believed to be 200. A report has gained some credence here that the exploding steamer was a Red Cross liner, but as the flames shut up instantly after the impact neither vessel was distinguishable.

North Halifax Burning.

ST. JOHN, Dec. 6.—Nearly half of the north end of Halifax was destroyed and a great fire is raging through the devastated district. Dead bodies are lying thick in the streets, while all hospitals are filled to overflowing with those injured by the terrific explosion. Many of the seriously injured victims of the explosion were compelled to walk the streets untreated, as no skilled assistance could be given them until the more serious cases were cared for.

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## RUNAWAYS FROM SEATTLE

According to information received here today an officer will reach here tonight or tomorrow to take charge of George Davis, aged 11 and Wayne Fraser, his companion, aged 12, who were picked up here early yesterday morning by Night Officer Wilcox and later taken in charge by Chief of Police Williams and turned over to the juvenile officer. The boys are runaways and will be returned to their parents, who reside at Seattle. The youths, since their detention, have been confined in the county jail, much to their discomfort.

## SCHOOL PLAN NEW COURSE IN MUSIC

Mrs. Chas. S. Heintline, a prominent music teacher of this city recently returned from Portland where she attended the state music teachers' convention. While in Portland Mrs. Heintline was appointed by the State Music Teachers' Association on a committee composed of Prof. McLaughlin, Frederick Goodrich, a prominent musical director of Portland, William Boyer, supervisor of music in the public schools at Portland; Prof. Gaskins, of O. A. C.; and Dr. John Landsberry, of Eugene, and Mrs. C. S. Heintline, of this city.

This committee was organized for the purpose of constructing a course of study of music which will be satisfactory to the school authorities for granting music credits outside of school. This course will cover from four to five grades and will be submitted before the teachers' association which meets the latter part of this month. If the plan is approved it will be given over to State Superintendent Churchill, who will have it placed in the public schools of Oregon.

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