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MAURER WILL STAY IN SOLDIERS HOME

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an inquiry started. According to Maurer's statement, he enlisted in the 35th volunteer infantry at Pendleton, and was discharged at Presidio. Prior to his enlistment he stated that he had resided in Umatilla for seven or eight years, and had been employed on the railroad there.

He became afflicted with hernia in 1921 and was operated on in a county hospital. Later the incision gave way and his condition became serious. He went from place to place trying to find relief, but could find no physician who would attempt another operation.

He was in the state home in California, and in the national home at Leavenworth and Milwaukee. In all of these places he was allowed the half fare railroad transportation given disabled veterans.

Coming to Roseburg he said that his physical condition was bad and he wanted to go to the home hospital for treatment. When he went to the home he said he was nearly exhausted, and could not answer many of the questions put to him. He was finally advised that he would not be allowed to stay, and had to come back over to town, where he looked up some Spanish war veterans who cared for him, and procured an examination by Dr. Stewart, and obtained a certificate of disability on which he was admitted to the hospital by the adjutant, while the commandant was in Portland.

Commandant Riddle stated that Maurer came to him carrying a suitcase and appearing to be able-bodied and not seriously ill. He admitted that he did not make any extended investigation into the man's physical condition but took up the question of residence qualification. The law requires that a man be a resident of the state for a year prior to the time of his admission and Riddle stated that Maurer was not able to show such residence.

The applicant, the commandant said, claimed that he had resided at Umatilla, and was asked to give the names of persons he had known there, and was unable to do so, or give the names of any of the stations on the railroad where he claimed he was employed.

"We are bothered every day with these floaters who put up any kind of a plea to get into the home," the commandant said. "These floaters—"

"I object," shouted Past Commander Waddell, who was conducting the examination on behalf of the veterans. "A man who has fought for his country, and who holds an honorable discharge, and who applies for admittance to a home where he rightfully belongs is not a floater."

"All right, all right," went on the commandant. "This man came in here packing a suitcase and looking as well as anybody. He couldn't give any names of people he had known. He couldn't tell the names of any stations, he had made affidavits of residence in other states. If we were to take in all these floaters—"

"I object, Mr. Governor, I object," thundered Mr. Waddell, his face red with anger. This man "Bosh," shouted the commandant. "Bosh."

Governor Pierce quieted the disturbance which for the moment threatened to become serious, and Judge Riddle went on with his statement.

It appears that when Maurer was refused admittance he asked the commandant to grant him half fare transportation to which the veterans of the home are entitled, but the commandant refused to do so, stating that Maurer was not a resident of the home and consequently not entitled to the fare.

Governor Pierce examined Maurer at considerable length regarding his residence in Umatilla.

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la. He found that Maurer knew a number of residents of that place, and could recite many incidents that occurred during the time he resided there, incidents of which the governor also had knowledge. Maurer described some of the buildings, particularly the Klondike hotel. The only time that he ever voted was at a school election held in Umatilla, he told the governor. He never served on a jury, never voted, never exercised his homestead rights or paid taxes.

The governor said he was satisfied that Maurer's claim of having resided at Umatilla was correct. A great deal of irrelevant matter was allowed to enter into the hearing, and many heated arguments occurred, particularly between Commandant Riddle, and Nancy Gibson, a nurse in the hospital, who told of slighting language used by the commandant concerning Mr. Maurer. The commandant denied the statements, and said that the language ascribed to him was not correct. He said that he was never abusive. In his treatment of any person, and in all of his conversations with Maurer had been kindly.

The Spanish American war veterans in an effort to show discrimination against the soldiers of the war with Spain, brought up other cases, that of Mickell McDermott, who was denied half fare transportation, and who later secured a rebate from the railroad company, and Franklin Stanwood, who it was claimed was at one time refused admission.

A number of other veterans made statements, most of them outside the case and entirely irrelevant, being statements of petty grievances which had no bearing on the matter at hand.

After listening to the rather informal discussion of the matter which at times bordered on wrangling, and which again had many humorous sides, the board of control went into executive session for a few minutes, after which it was announced that no decision would be made until after next Saturday when the board is to meet at Salem. In the meantime, it was stated, Maurer is to be retained in the hospital and will be given treatment.

In closing the case Governor Pierce took occasion to speak very highly of Commandant Riddle.

"No power can steal from you your reputation," the governor said. "No matter what occurs in this case you should not feel that in any way your reputation or character have been affected. What you have done for this country and this state have put you far beyond the power of any such minor affair as this. Do you injury. Your reputation is as permanent as this beautiful Umpqua river. You have been an outstanding figure in this community and in this state, and nothing can ever tarnish the record of your life."

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TUNNEY WINS FROM CARPENTIER IN BOUT

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promise, his days in the ring are retired for him and his defeat leaves over. It was to beat Tunney or no path for him.

Paul Herkenbach, sensational New York knockout artist, was given a draw with Augie Ratner, New York middle-weight in the eight-round semi-final.

Gene Tunney today denied that the blow which crippled Georges Carpentier in the 14th round of last night's battle was foul, as alleged by Carpentier and his manager Francois Des Campes.

"It was an uppercut to the pit of the stomach," said Tunney. "Carpentier, for whom a defeat in last night's match had been expected to mean retirement from the ring, said he could not give up his career until he had avenged himself on Tunney. He would make no other comment except that the finishing blow had been low."

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EXILES FROM RUSSIA DESPAIR OVER NEW IMMIGRATION LAW

BERLIN, July 25.—America's new immigration law is a bitter disappointment to the 3,000,000 Russian refugees scattered throughout European countries. Under the new law only 1,700 Russians may enter American ports annually, and not more than 170 shall enter in any one month.

At one time there were believed to be about 500,000 Russian refugees in Germany alone. The number is now much reduced, as the high cost of living forced many of them to seek other countries where exchange conditions are more favorable.

In Paris, Berlin, Prague, Munich, Dresden, Bucharest, Belgrade and Rome large Russian colonies are endeavoring to keep up their traditions in the hope of being able to return one day to the land which is so dear to them. Every rumor of Bolshevik collapse is eagerly received by the groups which still believe conditions similar to those which existed before the war will be restored in Russia, and that they will be able to return and claim the property which Lenin and his associates seized in the name of the Communist government.

But the younger exiles are impatient over the long delay, and each month there is less disposition to accept the promises of old-time poli-

tical leaders that the Bolsheviks will be overthrown. Many of the younger Russians had entertained hopes of immigrating to the United States. Medical, law and engineering students in various universities of central and western Europe were planning on an invasion of the new world on the completion of their courses. This hope is dashed by the immigration law just enacted.

Russians of all classes are returning to their homeland every time there is the slightest rumor of bettered conditions there. It is their desire to go to Russia rather than anywhere else, but they go so with much difficulty, as their countrymen of anti-Bolshevik tendencies have great contempt for Russians who accept employment under the Communist regime. It frequently means the breaking of all family ties and the severing of old friendships.

Soviet Russia needs the assistance of all the talented Russians who are in exile and is carrying on an active campaign to win the youngsters over to Communistic principles and induce them to return. The Communists also are working hard to create feeling against those exiles who will not return to their homeland on the ground that they are monarchial and undemocratic. This is true of only a small per centage, perhaps, of the refugees. Monarchists have been in far less danger in Russia than liberals who refused to support Communistic doctrines. Men, Socialists and Social Revolutionists of the Right, men who were Socialistic without being Communist and refused to follow the Bolsheviks into Communism, have suffered worse at the hands of the Moscow government than their countrymen who never made any pretense of being liberals.

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