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NO FOUNDATION TO RUMOR. UNIT STILL AT CAMP MILLS. ALL WELL AND HAPPY--CHAS. HARDING

The above telegram was received at The Observer office in answer to a telegram sent yesterday asking information concerning the rumor that the Hospital Corps had been submarined. This telegram removes all doubt that the boys are safe and still in the U. S. A. The telegram is dated Camp Mills, L. I., New York, 1:25 P. M. Oct. 16, 1917.

LIBERTY LOAN MASS MEETING HUGE SUCCESS

BIG SPEAKERS EXPLAIN FACTS
CONCERNING BOND ISSUE
AND MAKE APPEAL.

METCHAM AND SPENCER PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS

Big Audience Impressed by Arguments; Excellent Musical Program Precedes Meeting.

Preached with fervent vigor, listened to with rapt and interested attention, the gospel of Liberty Loans was propounded from the Methodist pulpit last evening by squadrons of orators from down state. Something of the interest taken by the farmers in this loan matter was demonstrated when Chairman Holmes electrified the interest in Liberty Loans by announcing that Angus Shaw and Charles Playle, two farmers of the Grande Ronde Valley had each subscribed \$5,000 in bonds.

For an hour and a half, an audience that substantially filled both the auditorium and balcony of the Methodist Church listened to earnest appeals to get behind the Government by subscribing for Liberty Loan Bonds. Pictures of the war, and what would have happened eventually to America if the allies hadn't halted the mad rush of Prussian hordes across Western Europe, and some of the practical, every day, common-sense reasons for subscriptions to Liberty Loans were advanced with telling effect. On the whole La Grande did herself proud in receiving the emissaries of the Government, and, in turn, the powers that be displayed keen judgment in their selection of speakers to send to this city. All are masters of the art, and, more than that, all fully appreciate the importance of the matter in hand—each lays down his own affairs and gives freely and gladly of his talent and time to further the cause. With such men as these in the field, and giving too, it becomes apparent that the sit-at-homes can give liberally as well.

Music Opens Program.
With Mrs. W. A. Winters at the organ, and Angela May, well-known vocalist, who helped dedicate the Arcade organ last evening, singing and leading "The Star Spangled Banner," the audience took hold of the music in fine style. Later the same number was repeated. Chairman F. J. Holmes presided and members of the Liberty Loan committee and others occupied special seats on the rostrum.

Judge McGinn, now attending the Chinese trials here as special counsel, was introduced and spoke briefly, and again at the conclusion took the floor to announce his text for the meeting later in the week when he will be the principal speaker. "Moses the law-maker and Abraham Lincoln the liberator," will be his theme then.

Phil Metcham, Jr., Speaks.
Phil Metcham, Jr., proprietor of the Imperial Hotel in Portland, who has qualified remarkably well as an orator, was the first principal speaker of the evening. He too, went over the field as it appears to a thinking man and exhorted his hearers to buy bonds, and in crisp, pointed sentences pointed out some of the salient reasons why.

Rond Details Are Explained.
Mr. Metcham took the part of exploiter and propounder of the working details of the bonds; how they are handled, how they are bought and paid for, and all about that phase of it. He incidentally recalled that he is of German parentage, yet today stands as one in full accord with the side of America.

Oratory Is Rife.
Striking facts, undisputable and positive, were driven home by Attorney A. C. Spencer, O.W. counsel. With all the eloquence at his command—and he has plenty of it—Mr. Spencer impressed upon the audience some of the things that would have happened hadn't the allies thrown back the Teutonic lines. He pictured some of the things that might have resulted had the allies been defeated: German soldiers stretched across Canada, marching across the United States to the Gulf was one possibility. He defended the policy of loaning

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Germans Gloat Over Naval Successes

(United Press.)
Amsterdam, Oct. 16.—Every German newspaper received here devoted considerable space to gloatings over the success of the German naval campaign against the Russian island of Oesel and Dago, declaring that the German success there was an answer to the recent war speeches by allied leaders.

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION DONATES \$150,000 TO FUND

San Francisco, Oct. 16.—The War-Camp Community Recreation Fund through its Western headquarters has announced the receipt of a gift of \$150,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation. With the \$50,000 which the Foundation gave on September 14, its total contribution to the coming year's budget for recreation outside of the Army camps is \$200,000.

Speakers Leave for Union.—Phillip Metcham, A. C. Spencer and Judge Henry McGinn left this morning for Union, where they will speak for Liberty Bonds.

CAMPAIGN FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS ON TOMORROW

COMMITTEES NAMED TO CAN- VASS LA GRANDE AND COMMUNITY.

The local Liberty Loan committee met this morning at City Manager Curry's office and outlined its campaign for the coming week. A systematic scouring of La Grande and the surrounding country begins tomorrow morning when Larison's "Million Dollar Committee" starts at 8 A. M. on a tour of the outlying districts.

The general committee was divided into three sub-committees, each of which will have a certain territory to cover. The committees are as follows:

C. D. Emahiser, chairman; William Miller, E. E. Bragg, T. J. Scroggin, J. G. Snodgrass, chairman; W. H. Bohnenkamp, G. L. Larison, Herman Siegrist.

Dr. A. L. Richardson, chairman; A. T. Hill, E. E. Kiddle, Mac Wood. E. E. Kiddle was appointed chairman of a committee which will work in conjunction with J. H. Hutchinson of Union, and the North Powder Bank.

TRIAL OF CHIN TING BEGINS THIS MORNING

ALLEGED MURDERER OF WIL- LIAM ENG ON TRIAL FOR SECOND TIME.

The last lap of Chinese murder trials commenced this morning in Judge Knowles' court, after all day yesterday and part of today was taken up in getting a jury, which is composed largely of North Powder and Elgin citizens. A Chinese named Chin Ting, sometimes known as Chong Bing, jointly accused of complicity in killing William Eng, is on trial for a second time, a jury having disagreed in his case in July. Opening statements this morning were made by District Attorney Hodgkin for the State and by former District Attorney Eberhard, for the defense. Judge Crawford examined the witnesses for the State this morning and George T. Cochran cross-examined on behalf of the defense. The trial promises to last 2 or 3 days. Two other Chinese now in jail remain to be tried this term.

Former Circuit Judge Henry E. McGinn, of Portland, is associated with the local attorneys for the defendant and is expected to make the principal argument to the jury in his behalf.

INVESTIGATION OF LA FOLLETTE CASE HALTED

SENATOR REFUSES TO PROVE
STATEMENTS UNTIL SHOWN
FALSE.

COMMITTEE WILL REPORT IN DECEMBER

La Follette Makes Written Statement Outlining Position; Declares Has Aided Investigation.

(United Press.)
Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—La Follette's refusal to prove the alleged disloyal statements until shown to be false by accusers today ended the hearings in the La Follette investigation.

Chairman Pomerene announced, after the executive session, that no more hearings would be held by the special committee considering the La Follette expulsion.

The committee will obtain information from other sources and report to the December session of Congress. Instead of making a verbal statement La Follette gave the committee a letter outlining his position, declaring he had done everything possible to make the investigation complete.

KANSAS CITY STOCK YARDS ARE DESTROYED

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 16.—Fire destroyed 25 acres of pens and killed over 7500 cattle and 3100 hogs at the Kansas City stock yards this morning. The property damage is estimated at \$500,000. Stockmen believe locomotive sparks caused the fire. Rumored incendiarism is unconfirmed. The greater part of the yards were saved. All railways, except Missouri Pacific, issued embargo against cattle shipments to Kansas City until conditions regain normal.

Up to October 3, the United States had loaned the Allies \$2,518,400,000. Quite a tidy sum.

WAR SERVICE LABOR BOARD IS CONSIDERED

COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DE-
FENSE WANTS LABOR QUES-
TION SOLVED.

BOARD WILL HANDLE MANY PROBLEMS

Question of Replacing Men With Women Will Be Investigated Also Labor Conscription.

(By United Press)
Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—The Council of National Defense is considering the creation of a war service labor board to solve the constantly increasing problems. Replacing men with women, workmen entitled to exemption from draft and labor conscription are among the subjects the board would handle.

Labor shortage is curtailing the munition output. The War Department is considering taking conscripts from camps to the factories.

MRS. MCALLISTER DIES AT CAMP LEWIS

The sad news has been received that Mrs. McAllister, mother of Mrs. Elmer Stoddard died suddenly while visiting her son at Camp Lewis. She was taken to her home in Logan, Utah, and Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard will leave tonight for that place.

ARTILLERY ACTIVE ON YPRES FRONT.

(United Press)
London, Oct. 16.—General Haig reported only raids and artillerying today. The German guns were active in the Ypres and Staden districts last night. The Irish successfully raided the German positions northeast of Bullecourt.

OREGON HAS SUBSCRIBED OVER \$4,000,000 TO LOAN.

(United Press.)
Portland, Oct. 16.—Oregon's Liberty Loan total is now \$4,199,950. Four hundred and seventy-six thousand, eight hundred dollars was subscribed within the last 24 hours.

Kerensky Confined To Bed By Illness

(United Press.)
Petrograd, Oct. 16.—Kerensky is confined to bed with the influenza according to dispatches from the front. Kerensky was reported ailing several days ago but the news that his illness was sufficiently serious to keep him in bed was unexpected.

WHITE HOUSE PICKETS GIVEN 6 MONTHS EACH.

(United Press)
Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—Police Judge Muldowney sentenced four suffrage White House pickets to six months each in the work house. Declaring that the women refuse to recognize a law they didn't help to make, the women announced a monster demonstration will be held before the White House on November 10.

GERMAN OFFICERS OF INTERRED BARK ESCAPE.

(United Press)
San Francisco, Oct. 16.—Captain W. C. Brauch, and Engineer Laou, officers of the German merchantman seized when the United States entered the war, escaped from Angel Island intern camp. They were recaptured before noon in a boat on San Francisco Bay.

THREE KILLED WHEN ENGINE EXPLODES.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 16.—Three trainmen were killed and one injured when an engine pulling a Santa Fe train exploded. Several cars were derailed and the track destroyed.

SWEDEN MAY WITHDRAW HER U. S. MISSION

(United Press)
Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—Sweden may withdraw her economic mission from Washington because Britain delays diplomatic pouches, Swedish officials said.

It is unofficially hinted that the mail may contain secrets rivaling the Luxemburg affair.

Swedish representatives claim the pouches contain principally food statistics. Sweden is highly indignant because the privilege of cabling Stockholm in code is denied.

HOME GUARD ASSURED 65 ARMY RIFLES

OREGON SOON TO BE WITHOUT
TROOPS; HOME GUARD
WILL PROTECT.

STATE TO PROVIDE GUNS AND AMMUNITION.

Counties Will Be Asked to Furnish Belts and Uniforms for Local Organizations.

Definite assurance has reached La Grande that 65 new army rifles will be apportioned to the La Grande Home Guards, Sheriff Warnick, who is commander in chief of the home guards of Union County, has been so advised, and that the guns will be forthcoming this week is anticipated. When the news was announced to the battalion last evening by Major Coolidge, generous applause greeted the statement. The fact that guards here are already well drilled in the ordinary evolutions and many of the advanced principles of warfare as well puts the La Grande organization well in the forefront in the state.

The Home Guards of Oregon have suddenly become of prime importance. On the day that Oregon is without troops, which will be soon, the Home Guards will be the sole protection of Oregon homes and property.

From the governor's office and the office of General White come forth important announcements in this concern, one item being that the state authorities will ask each county to provide belts and uniforms while the state provides guns and ammunition.

The Portland Journal says in this respect:

Equipment for the home guards in the state is being distributed rapidly and military organization of each unit under the sheriffs and company commanders with the cooperation of Governor Withycombe and Adjutant General White soon will reach a stage when the home guards can assume active duty in quelling internal disorders, taking the place of the national guard now mustered into federal service.

A statement to this effect was made Saturday by Adjutant General White. "With our national guardsmen mustered into the federal army and with all troops in intensive training for the war on Germany it is necessary that we train these home guards for a duty which is none the less vital to a successful prosecution of the war than the sending of soldiers to the front," he said.

Status is Explained.
"A great many people do not know the exact status of the home guard organizations. They are not merely for parade and are not just an evidence to an outburst of patriotism. Home guard means a protection at home, and it is for this purpose that the units are being organized.

"Rifles and other supplies were not distributed among them for any other reason than are arms and ammunition given to soldiers in khaki. Plans are afoot further to equip the home guards. As the units are principally organizations of the counties under the command of the sheriffs, appropriations are to be asked of county commissioners for purchase of belts and other necessary equipment.

"While the home guards are not a state organization they are being formed with the cooperation of Governor Withycombe and will do the work of state troops.

Not Subject to Call.
"The agreement between Governor Withycombe and the sheriffs empowers the commanders of the home guards to act in the capacity of officers of the national guard in putting down disturbances.

"The home guards will not be subject to call by the governor, however, but will act under orders from the sheriffs. At present when the county authorities are unable to cope with disorders which threaten to lessen our effective war preparation they send a call for the assistance of state troops to the governor. A perfection in the organization will do away with the calling for troops. The sheriffs with their trained companies will be able to successfully quell riots in their communities."

There are now eight home guard units in Multnomah county, the Elks lodge having a full battalion of three companies. All of the companies are reporting excellent progress in drills.

HELLO SAMMY! BRITISH GIRL MUNITION WORKERS GREET NEW ALLIES



One of the heartiest welcomes given American soldiers arriving

in England was that extended at Blackpool by British girls munition

workers. This truckload of girls waved flags and cheered as their new allies marched past.