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FOUR MINUTE MEN ARE DEMOBILIZED

ORGANIZATION THAT WON NATIONAL PROMINENCE DISBANDED--VALEDICTORY OF LOCAL MEMBERS.

As chairman of the four-minute men for La Grande, I wish at this time to make a short review of our work, and to express appreciation for the courtesies extended to us. The division of Four Minute Men, of the committee on public information, was organized in the forefront of the war, as carried on by the United States. The purpose of the organization has been to reach a large number of people who do not read to any large extent, and thus could not be reached in any other way. Also, there is a power in the spoken word, straight from the shoulder and with some "pep" behind it, that cannot be attained by the written article.

The Four Minute Men have numbered about 35000 men throughout the United States, there being about 15 in La Grande who have labored faithfully in this work. We have campaigns, at the local theaters, campaigns, at the local theatres, making an average total of twelve speeches on each subject. H. E. Coolidge of this city was the chairman at the beginning of the work, and built up the organization that carried on the work under the writer, appointed as chairman in the early part of the present year to relieve Mr. Coolidge of one of the various lines of activity in which he was the directing hand. That we have done some good--a lot of good--goes without saying, as a number of specific instances have come under my personal observation from which I know that results have been accomplished that could not have been done in any other way. One illustration throughout the country, telescopes, that our boys on the Navy, asking for field glasses and telescopes, that our boys on the sub-chassis would have proper instruments, the secretary of the navy has given to the four minute men credit for getting about two-thirds of the total of some fifty odd thousand field glasses, telescopes and binoculars that were turned in, and the instances multiply without number, of the good results of our work.

At first, when we appeared at the local theatres, and when America was new in the war, and when the lessons had not come to us, as they did later, the people did not receive us as they did later on. We very seldom, if ever, received any applause; from a third to a half of the audience would leave, and it was a discouraging, uphill fight to get the speakers to stay with the job under such circumstances. But, as the work continued, and we kept appearing before the local audiences, the people gave us better attention, and as the real seriousness of the war was brought home to them, we were welcomed and listened to with interest, and when a good speech was made the maker thereof received a hearty round of applause. When we arrived at this stage the work was easier, but even at that a great deal of credit is due to the busy men who have taken this time to do his work. On behalf of the four minute men of La Grande, I wish to express to the good people of La Grande our appreciation for the hearty responses that we so received from our appearances before them.

A debt of gratitude is also owing to the theatres and the managers thereof for their kindness and cooperation in not only allowing us to appear in their places of business, but also for their active participation in the planning for a campaign on the various bulletins as they were received. The putting on of one of our speaking campaigns, required some considerable expenditure of time and money, in the planning thereof, arranging of dates and speakers, and we were greatly assisted therein by the managers of the local theatres, and to such co-operation we owe a goodly share of our success.

This, the 24th day of December, marks the official closing of our activities, and we are gathered out at this time. While there are still many problems before the country for adjustment and settlement, and while the readjustment to a peace schedule will require more thought and planning, and a large measure of patience in the part of our common folk, it was thought best that our speaking army be disbanded out of respect while our which was still untainted by any political or partisan accusations, and thus leave our good name as it has been to stand in the annals of this war, as a record of work well done.

The plan was--and the bulletin issued called for this--that our final appearance would be made on the platform of the theatres in which our work had been done, but as that is impossible, owing to local conditions, I take this means of expressing our appreciation for the kindness bestowed, and on behalf of the Four Minute Men of America, in this hour of peace, which we sincerely hope will allow in the thousand years of peace I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

H. E. COOLIDGE
Chairman Four Minute Men
La Grande, Ore.
December 24th, 1918.

"On the 24th of December, 1918, the four minute men of La Grande, Ore., held their final meeting at the La Grande Theatre. There was a large attendance and the meeting was a most successful one. The four minute men of La Grande, Ore., held their final meeting at the La Grande Theatre. There was a large attendance and the meeting was a most successful one. The four minute men of La Grande, Ore., held their final meeting at the La Grande Theatre. There was a large attendance and the meeting was a most successful one."

DECOYS CATCH MANY U-BOATS

DECEIVE HUN PIRATES AND GET NUMEROUS VICTIMS

Official Story of Anti-Submarine Warfare Contains Interesting Chapters.

LONDON, Dec. 24.--One of the most exciting chapters of the war against German U-boats is a series of accounts of notable engagements between British decoy ships and the submarines, made public by the British admiralty. While the whole story of the part played by these decoy vessels, "mystery ships" or "Q" craft, has not been revealed, it is evident that several of them were used to lure the Hun undersea craft to their destruction.

Some incidents in this campaign already have been made known, dealing chiefly with a few of the exploits of Commander Gordon Campbell, as master of the decoy vessels; but others in which he and other captains participated now are available. That at least a small fleet was used in this work is evident from the fact that Campbell at different times appears as the master of the Farnborough, the Pargust, the Dunraven and the Q-5.

The Prize, another decoy ship, was commanded by Lieutenant William E. Sanders and the Stock Force by Lieutenant Harold Auten.

Heroic Deeds Done.

Stories of the encounters between these ships and the U-boats are filled with deeds of heroism and instances in which the discipline of the British navy was displayed under the trying circumstances. For many months the decoy ships, heavily armed but with their guns hidden behind false bulwarks, steamed zig-zag paths in the seas which were the hunting grounds of the submarine.

In their character of lazy colliers or slow cargo craft they presented to the submarine commander an inviting object of attack but once he was well within range of the British guns, the false superstructure hiding the guns fell away, and the helpless collier became suddenly transformed into a fighting craft, bent on destruction. It was dangerous work, requiring a high order of courage, for the submarine must be lured near before the guns could safely begin their work. Meantime the Hun frequently had sent his torpedo home and the decoy ship was disabled, sometimes on fire and part of her crew wounded. In that condition the battle was fought and often the submarine destroyed.

"Panic Parties" One Rose.

"Panic parties" was one of the ruses practiced by the decoy ship's commander to coax the submarine alongside. When the mystery ship was torpedoed, these panic parties took to the boats, apparently abandoning their vessel, but always leaving on board another crew to man the guns and finish the submarine if it came near enough.

The first encounter mentioned by the admiralty took place in March, 1916, when the Farnborough, disguised as a collier, was attacked by a submarine. The "panic party" took to the boats and when the submarine closed in to about 800 yards, the Farnborough opened fire on her. The U-boat submerged and the Farnborough passed over her dropping depth bombs. The submarine reappeared standing almost on end. Five rounds were fired into her at nearly point blank range and she went to the bottom of the sea.

Prior to that action the Farnborough had cruised throughout the entire winter without being attacked.

Campbell Given V. C.

Within a month the Farnborough coaxed another submarine near enough to sink her by gunfire. Commander Campbell later was transferred to the command of the Q-5 and in the following February, 1916, his vessel was torpedoed by a submarine which eventually approached so near that a shot from the Farnborough headed the U-boat captain as he was climbing out of the tower, the submarine was sunk with her conning tower open and her crew pouring out. Destroyers towed the Q-5 in and beached her. For this exploit the Victoria Cross was awarded to Campbell.

The decoy ship Pargust with Campbell in command, was torpedoed on June 7, 1917, while disguised as a British merchant vessel. The submarine came within fifty yards of the Pargust which then opened fire on her with all guns. The submarine crew poured out of the conning tower and held up their hands in token of surrender, but the U-boat steamed away trying to escape in the night. The Pargust again opened fire on her and such her with one man clinging to her bow as she went down. The decoy vessel was towed back to port by American destroyers. Two Victoria crosses were awarded for this successful action.

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