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FAMOUS HERO OF ARGONNE DISAPPEARED

Charles W. Whittlesey, head of Lost Battalion, May be Suicide

HAS BEEN DEPRESSED SINCE WAR'S END

Law Partner Believes Mass of Appeals From Widows and Orphans May Have Affected Mind.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. — Secret brooding over the memories of experiences in the war from which he emerged as one of America's greatest individual heroes as ascribed by friends of Lieut. Col. Charles W. Whittlesey, commander of the famous "Lost Battalion" as the cause for his taking his life Sunday while on his way to Havana, leaving several letters. He disappeared from the steamship Tala.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. — Lieut. Col. Charles W. Whittlesey, hero of the famous "Lost Battalion," has disappeared from the steamship Tala on which he sailed Saturday for Havana, according to a wireless Monday.

News of the famous soldier's disappearance came in the following message received from the captain of the ship:

"Passenger named C. W. Whittlesey disappeared. Left several letters."

Officials of the United Fruit Line, operators of the ship, confirmed the fact that the passenger was Lieut. Col. Whittlesey through his relatives.

Members of Mr. Whittlesey's law firm here were at a loss to account for his visit to Cuba. When he left the offices of the firm Friday he announced his intention, they said, of attending the Army-Navy game Saturday.

In Good Health. His business associates declared his mind was clear and that he apparently was in good health when last seen. He seemed cheerful, they added, and declared they were unable to explain his seemingly strange action in going away without notifying them of his plans.

The crisp, laconic reply, "You go to hell," he hurled into the teeth of a German officer who called on him and his men to surrender was the rhetorical battlefield classic which brought Col. Whittlesey into fame.

Nearly Wiped Out. Surrounded in the Argonne with his command, the first battalion of the 268th Infantry, 77th division, he had been cut off for four days without food or fresh water. All but 87 men had been killed or wounded. At dusk October 7, 1918, a blindfolded German bearing a white flag crossed the lines. He bore a message asking the Americans to surrender. "In the name of humanity."

A few hours after the messenger was sent back with Whittlesey's reply, an American advance took place and all were rescued.

His exploit was rewarded by President Wilson with the congressional medal of honor. After the armistice the German officer who demanded Whittlesey's surrender added to his insults by publishing a statement extolling the American's courage.

Leaves Message. R. F. Little of White & Case, the

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Prohibition Party Will Try to Come Back Again

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—Virgil G. Hinshaw, chairman of the Prohibition Party, called today for vigilance committees to "arise all over the country to co-operate with the enforcement officials." Mr. Hinshaw sounded this note in opening a national prohibition conference and meeting of the Prohibition National Committee.

"We face a new opportunity, an opportunity to enforce the law that has been broken," the prohibition chairman told the conference. "This is our job."

"If we cannot get the administration now in power to lead the way

WINTER WHEAT CROP FAVORABLE SAYS REPORT

Rain Needed in Some Parts of Northwest to Make a Bumper Crop Certain.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Crop conditions for the first half of November are covered in reports received by the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, United States Department of Agriculture, from its field statisticians in the different states.

The husking of the corn crop has continued to make rapid progress throughout the leading corn-growing states, and the greater portion is already husked. The quality of the crop has been damaged considerably by ear worm and mold throughout the corn belt. Harvesting of the late crop is progressing under favorable conditions in Texas and neighboring states. Some plowing for spring planting has been accomplished in the northern states.

The condition of the winter wheat crop continues to be favorable throughout the north central states. Hessian fly is reported in some dis-

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MUSIC HOLDS SWAY AT CLUB

Elmer Stoddard graduated from the timber business to the ranks of professional lecturer on community singing today at the Ad club luncheon when he spoke on the well-known fact that everybody can talk and sing. Mr. Stoddard demonstrated a thorough-going knowledge of music, and talking as layman to laymen, he dissipated the popular notion that some people can't sing. The talk was followed by a demonstration by the 49 odd members of the Ad club present that singing is good for the soul. The speaker dwelt on the necessity of singing as a means of attaining happiness, and declared that he who could not enjoy music was missing the best thing of life. More community co-operation, he said, is obtainable if men will sing when they gather for any business transaction.

It was music week day at the club and Chairman T. K. Bellamy had plenty of it on taps. In honor of Virginia Rea who comes to La Grande December 9th, the records played by the phonograph were all of her make.

The business of the day was very brief and railroaded through to make room for the music part of the program.

G. L. Larson reported for the Good Roads committee that the committee had found it impractical to urge the grading of the road to Perry this fall.

Dr. E. P. Mossman, president of the club, advanced the plan to have La Grande's business section take on a Yuletide atmosphere by the placing of Christmas trees along the streets. The matter was referred to the Civic committee.

Mr. Kincaid of the Eastern Oregon Music company announced the details of the Virginia Rea concert.

Dr. R. P. Landis reported satisfactory progress with the latest campaign for a new depot.

The coming home talent play to be given by the Ad club next Monday evening was explained and the membership advised that a cracker-jack production was being prepared by hard work on the part of good home talent. The Ad club men's chorus is to be a feature for the evening. Tickets go on sale at Silverthorn's Thursday morning.

T. H. Crawford extended an invitation to the club to attend the Elk's memorial services next Sunday.

W. H. Lissman was named the next chairman.

Briton Wants a Moratorium

Proposal Would Favor Germany if Laffer Stops Making Money

LONDON, Nov. 29.—Rumors of a proposed moratorium for Germany were revived by the Daily Mail today, which reports that Sir John Bradbury, one of the British reparations commission delegates, had drafted a memorandum on the subject for the consideration of the cabinet. It is said that the cabinet may urge a moratorium on Germany's debts to the allies for two or three years on condition she cease manufacturing currency.

ARBuckle CASE ON ITS LAST LAP OF TRIAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—Enclosed in a glass jar, the internal organs of Miss Virginia Ruppe, motion picture actress, for whose death Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, former popular motion picture comedian, is on trial here, charged with manslaughter, were identified by two witnesses.

The prosecution in rebuttal called Miss Irene Morgan, British army nurse, who testified for the defense.

She was questioned about her service but asked nothing regarding the Arbuckle case. She said she was injured during the battle of the Marne.

Charles Bourrows, San Francisco publisher, testified that the reputation of R. C. Harpes, defense witness, was "bad."

OIL CONCESSION RUMORED

LONDON, Nov. 29.—A dispatch to the London Times from Bahara, Asiatic Turkey, says the Times correspondent at Mesopotamia under-

Persia have been granted to the Standard Oil company for 50 years.

More Road in Wallawa County Is Completed

WALLOWA, Nov. 29.—The 15 miles of the Wallawa Canyon-Lostine road is practically completed, according to State Engineer Bishop.

In spite of the heavy snowfall the final construction work on the concrete culverts and siphons is being rushed.

The thaw had no effect on the newly gravelled and graded section, the draining having proven adequate.

The gravel was obtained from the pit in Wallawa, and from the pit located a mile west of Lostine. Final cost estimates are being made in the engineer's office.

Location surveys are being made on the remainder of the section into Enterprise, with the view of carrying through that work in the spring.

This eight mile stretch is rather difficult, due to two rock cuts which are required.

TROOPS MAY BE REMOVED FROM CHINA

Extra-territorial Rights May be Given Up by Powers

HARMONY NOTE IS SEEN AT CONFERENCE

President's Plan for Annual Meetings of Association of Nations May be Formally Discussed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Nine powers in conference on the far east problems today adopted resolutions providing for the relinquishment of the foreign extra-territorial rights in China should the international commission find the Chinese judicial system adequate. Delegates are reported to have agreed in principle to the Chinese requests for withdrawal of foreign troops, but further discussion went over to another meeting.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—President Harding's suggestion for continuing the conference of nations is expected by administration officials to become the subject for formal discussion before the conference ends. There is no intention, said an administration spokesman today, that any association of nations resulting should become a rival of the league of nations.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN CAUGHT

PORTLAND, Nov. 29.—Sheriff Hurlbut was notified yesterday of the arrest in Seattle of Leon Zaradock, an alleged member of the group of six persons implicated in the robbery of the Liberty theater. This made the fifth arrest.

100 YEARS A HERMIT

LONDON.—John Haywood, who has lived in a hut near Fegham for 100 years boasts that he has never been in London, never been photographed and never been kissed. He says he may try all these pleasures when he is "old enough." He is now 104.

SPORT OR CRUELTY

VICTORIA.—The Queensland government has decided to press its legislation prohibiting coursing and pig-dog shooting on the grounds of cruelty.

Man Freezes Against Tree

Storm Overtook Cascade Locks Man; Body Recovered

CASCADE LOCKS, Nov. 29.—The frozen body of John Woods, resident of this city, was found Friday evening by Charles Roystrom on the Herman creek trail at Four-Mile post. The dead man was leaning against a tree where he had apparently stopped to rest, while his snowshoes were stuck in the snow at his side. Woods was returning from a visit with the caretaker of the Boy Scout camp at Wahum lake when he was overtaken by the storm.

THRIFT SHOP SENDS APPEAL

The plans for the Thrift Shop which the Red Cross is starting have been completed and it is the earnest desire of the committee that every person in La Grande take stock of the things which they may have and are not using and send them to the Red Cross.

Toys and clothes that children have outgrown, clothing that may be renovated, and numerous household articles that may no longer be of use where they are, may be just what some one else will want.

The Thrift Shop with its two-fold purpose of conservation and thrift, should be of interest to all and receive the hearty cooperation of La Grande citizens. At a time when conservation is a paramount issue, the Red Cross hopes to save for people who may need the articles, things which might otherwise be wasted or laid away.

Persons wanting to send in bundles may give them to any of the delivery wagons, laundry wagons or call Main 125.

U. S. CONSUL GETS THREAT

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 29.—John W. Dye, American consul in Juarez, received yesterday from syndicalists in Vera Cruz, Mexico, a letter warning him that American officials in Mexico will be killed if the United States government allowed the execution of the death sentence imposed at South Baintree, Mass., upon Sacco and Vanzetti for murder in connection with a payroll robbery.

ALASKA ROAD OPEN

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 28.—Alaska's \$50,000,000 railroad, which has been building for more than six years, is ready to accept freight and passengers in Seward for Fairbanks, and is in operation from terminals to terminus according to a cablegram received by Major C. E. Dole, general purchasing agent of the Alaskan engineering commission, with headquarters in Seattle.

FAILS TO PUT OPPONENT ON MAT TWO TIMES

Ad Gustavo and Scott Put up One of Best Exhibitions Seen Here in Many Months.

Ad Gustavo failed to make good his part of the bargain last night when he set out to throw Kid Burns and O. D. Scott two times out of three for each opponent in a total of ninety minutes. However, it was due largely to the fact that Gustavo's sportsmanship and Scott's grittiness clashed on three occasions during the match between them. Three times Gustavo had a hammerlock on Scott but Scott was gritty and refused to give up in spite of the possibility of having his arm broken. Gustavo refused to go so far as to force his opponent to give up in this position which would have probably meant a broken arm.

Burns was taken on first by Gustavo. The first two falls were in favor of Gustavo, being made in 14 minutes and 19 seconds.

Scott, from the start, put up a game fight. The first fall took a fraction over 24 minutes and was gained by Gustavo only after the lighter man had wriggled out of innumerable tight places and showed wrestling ability of a class seldom seen on a local mat. Then came fifty minutes of fast and heady wrestling, during which time Gustavo failed to throw his opponent.

Between the two matches in which Gustavo figured, Kid Dempsey and Slim Welch fought a scheduled six-round bout, Welch losing by a knock-out early in the second round.

The first preliminary was between two youngsters who put up a good scrap. They went three rounds. A four-round bout between Mike Terry of Baker and Emmett Butler of Ladd Canyon, which resulted in Terry taking the count in the second round.

The Gustavo-Scott match, as well as that with Burns, was declared to have been one of the best put on here in many months.

BULLETINS

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 29.—Center College will play a western team yet to be selected at the east vs. west football tournament here, December 26. Several western teams are being considered.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 29.—Loet of \$100,000 was taken by four robbers from the home of William Cooper, president of the Proctor & Gamble company, last night after imprisoning three women of the household in the cellar.

PORTLAND, Nov. 29.—Cattle were very weak today, hogs were 50 cents lower, prime lights being \$9 to \$9.50, and sheep were steady. Eggs and butter were unsettled.

PORTLAND, Nov. 29.—The police are seeking John Printer, the sixth member of the gang charged with the Liberty theatre hold-up. He was said to be in possession of the major part of the loot. Mrs. Paul Orleanschuck of Linnton has been taken into custody as a material witness. The police charge that the loot was divided at her home.

DEATH FOR 900,000 RATS

DOVER, England.—Nine hundred pounds of condensed beef was treated with poison and thrown into the sewers. It was estimated there was enough poison in every pound to kill 1000 rats.

Capacity House Hears Three Fingers Jack

With a capacity house in the main lives. This evening was pronounced auditorium and much of the gallery filled, last evening's Three-Finger Jack revival meeting is declared by the leaders to be one of the most helpful of the series. Mr. Godwin spoke on "She is my sister and he is my brother."

The effect of extreme poverty on both men and women were shown vividly, and he traced the very customary course of such a man and a woman as they slip from one bit of carelessness to an off shade and eventually, by degrees, get down. The speaker urged the people of today to demonstrate a disposition of love to those who have been in prison, and instead of keeping ex-convicts down, to assist their full recovery of citizenship and usefulness. The climax was a dramatic moment and after the very interesting sermon many responded to the call of the revivalist to lead now also predicted.



Tonight and Wednesday rain in the western portion of the state and rain or snow in the eastern portion. Fresh to strong southerly winds and also predicted.

