

# LEGION HEAD IS SOLDIER OF TWO WARS, A WORKER

### First Military Service Was Seen in the Spanish-American War.

George R. Wilbur, the new state commander of the Oregon department of the American Legion, is a veteran of two wars, his first experience in war problems having been during the Spanish-American embargo in 1896. At that time he enlisted as a private in the Second Nebraska volunteer infantry and served throughout the conflict, and when the World's war broke out he was captain of the Hood River, Ore., company, coast artillery corps, was mustered into the federal service and remained in the service until after the armistice was signed.

It was while he was a student at the University of Nebraska that he joined up with the volunteers, and after the war he went to the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated from the law department after returning to his home state—he was born in Dixon county, Nebraska, March 15, 1879—he remained there until he started for Oregon, landing in Hood River in the spring of 1909.

Amistice Halts Voyage. In 1916 he organized and was the first captain of the 12th company, Oregon coast artillery, and when the Oregon National Guard was taken into the federal service the following year he went to Fort Stevens for six months. After being sent to various parts of the United States as an instructor, he received his sailing orders to go overseas, but just as he was embarking at Newport News the armistice was signed, causing him to remain in the United States until he was mustered out two months later. At present he is in the reserve corps.

His election to state commander of the American Legion came after three years of faithful service as state executive committee man from his district, and he was honored at the fourth annual convention held in The Dalles-Hood River Congregational church, the Knights of Pythias, Elks, Masons, and Beta Theta Pi fraternities.

Wife Leading Worker. Mrs. Wilbur is president of the Hood River auxiliary of the American Legion and is a delegate to the national convention at New Orleans in October. Their two sons, 18 and 16 years, are members of company C, 18th infantry, Oregon National Guard.

When Commander Wilbur was mustered into the federal service he was state senator from Wasco and Hood River counties, and it was while in the state legislature at Salem that he fathered the first anti-alien law. This was in 1917. He resigned from the senatorship when he received his sailing orders.

Only minor changes are contemplated in the Oregon state department of the American Legion, according to the new commander, and he will call a meeting of the state executive committee some time next month for the first business session since his election. There is nothing urgent coming up for discussion at present, and he does not deem it necessary to call a gathering until after the vacation season.

A coincidence in his election lies in the fact that Elmer Lindberg, the new state commander of the United Spanish War Veterans of Oregon, and Wilbur grew up together as "kids" in Nebraska.

Enlists in 1898. When the Spanish-American war was declared, Wilbur enlisted with the Second regiment, and Lindberg went with the First, each declaring that his was the better outfit. Lindberg went West and Wilbur went South. Incidentally, here's a tip to the membership committee of the Spanish-American "Vets" Commander Wilbur is not a member of the Spanish-American War Veterans' association at present, but he doesn't see much coaxing to "get him to sign on the dotted line."

"Hood River hasn't a camp for '93 veterans," said the Legion commander, "and I have never been in a position where I could join my comrades, but I certainly am going to enlist at the first opportunity, for Elmer and I haven't settled that argument yet and may have a chance to of for better discussions now."

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# VOLUME OF SALES STAYS UP WELL

### Lumber Activity Remains in Spite of Many Causes to Keep Commodity Backward.

While industrial disturbances are adversely affecting lumber demand, the total volume of buying is nevertheless well up to normal for this season, says the American Lumberman. In fact, many careful students of the situation maintain that buying is much heavier than usual. Home building remains active except where curtailed by purely local conditions and the demand it creates is now supplemented by a steady expansion in the requirements of industrial enterprises. The trend of both hardwood and softwood prices is upward, but advances are not very large, the lumber market having remained conservative because of the railroad situation, carload orders are somewhat slow in getting through. Many purchasers have to consider carefully orders for future delivery, and unquestionably a good deal of business, which under ordinary transportation conditions would be accepted, has to be turned away. The railroad situation also partly accounts for the fact that softwood production is now slightly in excess of bookings.

Production on the Pacific coast is held down by a scarcity of logs that cannot be relieved until the danger from forest fires is removed. The summer has been excessively dry on the Pacific coast and the woods are like tinder, so that very great precautions have to be taken to prevent the spread of fires. Many men are required to fight those which already have been started, so that few new logging camps are being opened, and some old camps which are in especially dangerous locations are not operating. Lumber production in the south is held down because of scarcity of labor. As a matter of fact, more men could be used in all divisions of the lumber industry, and large consuming industries are beginning to advertise aggressively for the workers.

# MISREPRESENT SAY STRIKERS

### Disorders at Albania Plant Widely Reported Are Denied by Men on Strike.

PORTLAND, Aug. 8.—Charles had faith on the part of railroad officials, B. A. Green, attorney representing the various railroad shop crafts now on strike, filed a petition in the federal court Saturday asking for a continuance of the hearings of 29 strikers cited to answer contempt charges in court today.

The 29 are accused of violating Federal Judge Wolverton's anti-picketing order because they called at the shop offices last Tuesday to draw back pay which they had coming from the company, in the contention of Mr. Green. This, in part, is admitted by railroad attorneys, who add, though, that the men, after receiving their pay, loitered about the shop entrance and abused and jostled non-union men leaving the plant.

"The railroad company is not acting fairly in this matter and is simply attempting to create public sentiment in its favor," said Mr. Green. "I have investigated the cases of the 29 men cited for contempt and find that the majority of them have not

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BY ROY GIBBONS  
CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—What would you pay for a smiling, healthy, happy, pretty little girl of five? Little Marie Bakker, who's all that, brought \$30 at "auction" in the domestic relations court here. Marie had been held in ransom by friends of her father to force settlement of a \$405 board bill and doctor bill rendered in her behalf after the father had left Marie in their care.

Efforts on the part of a sister-in-law of the father, Mrs. John Kenney, a wealthy resident of Rosville, Minn., to compromise the debt and take Marie away with her, met with opposition from the child's "captors," who were holding her for the bill ransom.

visited the picket lines since the strike started; that they called at the offices of the superintendent of motive power at Albania last Tuesday to draw back pay which they had coming. Some of them loitered about for a few minutes and talked with friends whom they had not met since leaving the plant. The majority, though, after receiving their money went directly to their homes. The railroad officials have seized this occasion as a chance to bring charges against the men and create public sentiment against us.

Strikers Declared Peaceful. "The strikers have been peaceful"

They proposed relinquishing Marie if Mrs. Kenney would settle up and pay all freight charges on the "goods"—Marie. At this juncture Judge Adams of the domestic relations court intervened and awarded a claim of \$30 for Marie's board. This amount Mrs. Kenney paid, whereupon she was allowed to lead forth her 1922 "slave" on the basis of "bought and paid for."

Instead of picking cotton for her new "mistress," Marie is to have a permanent industry in the Kenney household with the rank of daughter. "I'm your new mamma, honey," said Mrs. Kenney as she picked up her human chattel and walked out of the court building.

CHILDREN WORK. (By Associated Press) ALEXANDROPOL, Armenia, July 15.—(By Mail)—The largest textile and sewing industry of the Near East has been organized here by Mrs. Bertie Anderson, of Jacksonville, Fla.



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