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ALLIES HITTING HEAVY BLOWS

The war is progressing very well, thank you.

The Americans and French in a brilliant assault have now reached the German border in the vicinity of Metz and have begun the bombardment of the great forts protecting that famous city. We must not expect that the American boys will walk into Metz whenever they take a notion so to do. Metz is one of the most strongly fortified cities in the world and it is doubtful if it can be taken by direct assault. Big guns must tear the fortifications to pieces and by plenty of hard fighting, the city must be encircled, thus forcing the enemy to abandon it or get caught in a trap.

In the Holy Land, the British have destroyed two Turkish armies. The Turks who were not killed or captured, have fled and all Palestine is now in the hands of the British.

Serbian, Grecian, French and Italian troops by strategic advances and marches have defeated the Bulgarians and their German allies and have begun the invasion of Bulgaria. One Bulgarian army has practically been isolated. Both Bulgaria and Turkey are ready to quit the war and it is the general surmise that a peace will be arranged with both these countries, but more especially Bulgaria. The United States has never declared war on either of them and the supposition is that Bulgaria will now ask for peace and let President Wilson dictate the terms. The Allies have no desire to destroy Bulgaria other than to acquire it to give up what has been taken and re-arrange its boundaries according to nationality. Bulgaria was forced into the war by a pro-German king against the wishes of its people.

The British under Haig continue to pound away around Cambrai and St. Quentin, the object being to force the Hun to abandon these two places both of which are strong links in the great Hindenburg line. The French are pushing from the other side, and it will soon be up to Fritz to back up in this particular part of France.

Yesterday the Americans and French began a smashing drive in the Champagne section with great success.

Prospects were never brighter for a successful termination of the war, (Continued on Page 3.)

HOW RALF GOT CAUGHT

News has been received giving an account of the capture of Lieutenant Ralf A. Floyd, who is now a prisoner of war. It appears that Ralf who was delivering air planes from the base to the front stations, made a mistake one day and landed behind the German lines, and will be their "guest" until the end of the war.

"BIG WAR IN EUROPE" PAY MORE FOR LIGHT

The Oregon Power Co. has taken advantage of the "big war in Europe" to put over what is really a raise in rates. Patrons who were given a rate of 10c. for payment before the 10th of each month will now have to pay the regular eleven cents. While numbers of municipal light plants over the country, despite the war, are making money at a cheaper rate than ten cents, it appears that the Oregon Power Co. which lights and waters a number of Willamette valley towns, has found what it terms a plausible excuse for making the corporation yield more profits to its stockholders.

There is much rejoicing in Independence that the contract between the city and the Oregon Power Co. expires December 1. Citizens in general are going to insist upon a big reduction in the price of this contract, \$100 to \$150 monthly is a sufficient amount to pay for what the city is now charged approximately \$300.

MONMOUTH PRUNE DRYER BECOMES OVERHEATED

(Monmouth Herald.)

The Monmouth fire department was called out to suppress a fire in the prune drier last Friday noon. One of the flues of the drier became overheated and the loaded trays began to smoke and then burst in flame. Manager Alsip and his crew by carrying water in small quantities from the tap succeeded in keeping down the fire until the city department arrived and with the hose soon put it out. There were anxious moments however, as the hose was attached to a hydrant nearly three blocks away and there was a delay in time spent in hunting up spare hose to reach the distance.

Damage done was mainly to the trays and the prunes on them which were in process of drying.

WOMEN AND THE WAR



By MRS. HENRY P. DAVISON

Treasurer War Work Council
National Board Y. W. C. A.

In an Illinois prairie town lives a widow who launders seventeen baskets of wash a week and every night thanks God for having put pity into the hearts of women.



Mrs. Davison

The mother opened the tin bank in which she had been hoarding her dimes and quarters against this day. The money was scarcely enough. Nevertheless she started. She walked the first eighteen miles. Then her strength gave out, and she took a train.

She did not know that visitors to Camp Funston stay in Junction City, eleven miles away. So she got off the train at Fort Riley. An officer set her right and she reached Junction City after dark. Somehow she found a rooming-house. Some one there stole five dollars from her—five of the precious dollars she had earned over the wash tub and saved by walking. Terror-stricken, she crept out of the house when no one was looking.

Later in the night a soldier found her trembling in the street, and took her to the rooms of the Young Women's Christian Association, rooms which the War Work Council had opened as a clearing-house for troubles. The poor frightened woman was put to bed, but she was too miserable to sleep. The matron got up at daybreak, built a fire, and comforted her. The son's commanding officer was reached by telephone early in the morning, and the boy came to his mother on the first trolley-car he could catch.

The two spent long, low-voiced hours together, perhaps the last hours they will have this side of heaven. Every moment was as precious as a month had been last year. The old lady had still one present worry. The boy's bad cold might turn into pneumonia if she left him. But she had not money enough to stay another night and buy a ticket home. When the matron told her that her bed was free, she broke down and cried and cried.

"I did not know there was so much pity left in the world," she sobbed. She stayed till her boy's cold was better. Then she went back to her seventeen washings and her memories.

Because of the certainty of just such cases as this was Governmental sanction given to the activities of the War Work Council of the Y. W. C. A. From the Pacific to the Atlantic its field extends. Every state in the Union has its members. Urgent appeals for help are its cause and its

inspiration. Women of every race and creed are its wards. The task of the War Work Council is tremendous.

When the United States entered the great war the Young Women's Christian Association was, as always working among women. With the call to new duties its members did not abandon their old responsibilities. The War Work Council was formed as an emergency measure to take care of the women who were caught in some of the mazes of war, just as the parent organization has taken care of them through many years of peace. The varied activities decided upon by the War Work Council follow closely the needs of the different communities of the country. Secretaries trained in the methods of the organization were sent out broadcast. They were instructed to report to the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association in New York the lines of work which could be best followed in the various localities. These secretaries work in close cooperation with ministers, women's clubs, chambers of commerce, churches, military officials, and charitable societies. The record of a day's doings of a secretary reads like a novel, an economic treatise, and a psychological essay all compressed into a line-a-day entry.

A secretary sent out by the War Work Council must be equal to any emergency. Miss Lillian Hull at Chillicothe, close by Camp Sherman, hurrying along the street at nightfall came upon a forlorn couple. A Finnish soldier had found a job for his wife, so that she might come on from Cleveland. When she arrived she was refused the place because she spoke no English. Their money had been all spent on the railroad fare, and the soldier was due back at Camp. The situation was bad.

Thanks to Miss Hull a Chillicothe housewife now has an industrious and grateful domestic, a soldier is happy, and a soldier's wife is safe.

Army folks often benefit even more directly from the secretaries' work. In Bremerton, Washington a secretary was accosted on the street by a sailor. She was a slender woman, and he had mistaken her for a girl. "May I walk along with you?" he asked.

"Surely," she replied with mature understanding and intuition. "What is the matter? Are you homesick?"

The lad's story came out with a rush. Yes, he was homesick, so hopelessly, despairingly homesick that he was on the verge of deserting. But this woman gave him genuine sympathy and encouragement. She saved him to his country.

From north, south, east and west these pioneer secretaries sent in their reports. The appalling size of the undertaking was revealed to the War Work Council. Systematization of the work was the first step. Out of the multitudinous phases certain lines of work were revealed.

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POLK COUNTY PRUNES

The Polk county prune crop is estimated at five million pounds and is valued at \$450,000.

RAILROAD GOING SWIFTLY TOWARD THE JUNK PILE

The Independence & Monmouth railroad is rapidly being erased from the map. In a few days nothing will remain but the right-of-way and the memory.

It goes to the junk pile but many hopes there be that in the good days to come, it will be restored greater or better than ever and the financial returns will be such as to cause the owners a much greater degree of comfort than it has been in the past.

POLK COUNTY MUST RAISE \$249,000 FOR LIBERTY BONDS

The Polk county quota for the Fourth Liberty Loan has been fixed at \$249,000.

This amount has not yet been subscribed and it will mean that many voluntary contributors will have to come forward within a few hours.

DOING THEIR FULL DUTY

(Polk County Observer.)

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Burbanks of Pedee probably hold the record for giving sons into the military service, or holding them in readiness to respond to their country's call. They are the proud parents of sixteen children, nine of whom are boys within the draft age. Two of these have already enlisted for service, while seven others are subject to draft.

SCHOOL HEAD IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Prof. W. Eugene Smith, principal of the Independence High School, is seriously, if not dangerously ill at the Beaver hotel in Independence. Relatives at Pasadena, Cal. have been notified. Prof. Smith arrived in Independence about a week ago and had been here but a few hours when taken sick.

High School begins Monday and will be in charge of Miss Lottie Granger of Des Moines, assistant principal. Another teacher has been added to the corps because of Prof. Smith's absence.

CIRCUIT COURT CONVENES NEXT MONDAY, OCT. 6

The October term of the circuit court will convene at Dallas on Monday, Oct. 6, with Judge H. H. Belt presiding.

Among the jurors who will report for duty are C. D. Smiley, Independence; C. J. DeArmond, Independence; A. Womer, Airlie; C. A. Kerber, Airlie; Geo. H. Bronson, Airlie; J. W. McCormack, Airlie; J. J. Underwood, Independence; Geo. W. Baum, Monmouth.

ACCIDENT PROVES FATAL TO 13-YEAR-OLD BOY

Neal Moreland, age 13, who fell from a truck last Friday and was run over, died from the effects of the accident. The wheel of the heavily loaded truck passed over his leg and severed the large artery of the limb which caused the boy to bleed to death.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moreland of Monmouth.

Keep Him From Your Home



You won't have to buy Liberty Bonds

The climax of a recent thrilling story of a German who masqueraded as a British officer is the exposure of the spy through his typically Teuton touch in kicking the face of a servant whom he had knocked down.

"You might have knocked him down and been British," said the man who turned him over to the firing squad, "but not the rest of it."

Myriad undisputable instances of Hun bestiality unrestrained show him to have exhausted all imaginable possibilities of brutishness in his treatment of his war victims.

Oversubscribe your quota of Fourth Liberty Loan bonds and help throw the German army back across the Rhine where its own people may have a taste of its "will to power".

CIVIC LEAGUE TO MEET NEXT TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Be sure and come to the meeting of the Civic League next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the library and hear the reports of the delegates who have just returned from the Federation held in Portland. We are urged to keep this club well organized that we may effectively assist in the great movements under way. Every woman interested in the upbuilding of her town and ready to do patriotic service is urged to be present and start the new year with the other workers. This Club has always stood for good in the community and starts the new year with every evidence of continued efficiency.

KINGS VALLEY BUTCHER FACES SERIOUS CHARGE

Paul Pappas, a butcher at Kings Valley, must face a serious charge in the next term of circuit court of Benton county and at present is at liberty on a \$300 bond.

A married woman at Kings Valley is involved with him in the alleged crime.

DR. W. D. BUTLER GIVEN CAPTAIN'S COMMISSION

News has been received in Independence that Dr. W. D. Butler, formerly of Airlie, has been given a captain's commission.

HUSBAND vs. CHILDREN

A knotty problem has arisen that is causing many minds to become fagged out. When a woman picks hops, who is entitled to spend the money she earns—her husband or her children?

OREN McELMURRY CUT UP BUT IN A HOSPITAL

Mrs. S. H. McElmurry has received a letter written August 27 from a chaplain in France telling her that her son, Oren, is in a hospital, recovering from the effects of an operation for appendicitis. The letter says in part: "Oren was operated upon for appendicitis about a week ago and is doing nicely, but in consideration for your feelings and that you might not worry too much, asked me to write these few lines. He will be up in a few days, so do not worry."

HOP PICKING FINISHED; NO MARKET FOR CROP

Another hop picking season has passed into history. All the yards have finished with the exception of two across the river.

There is no market for the hops and many of them will have to be stored away waiting the time they can be sold.

AMERICA'S EXPONENT OF THE SMILE

Douglas FAIRBANKS

IN
His Own Story,
"Down To Earth"

A romance so full of humor that you must come expecting to be amused as well as entertained by the touching emotional scenes and climaxes. This is Doug's own story and he has made it to fit himself and it does; no question about that.

ISIS THEATRE

Sunday,
SEPT. 29

SATURDAY NIGHT'S "BLUEBIRD"
CARMEL MYERS in Elsie Jane Wilson's special production, "THE CITY OF TEARS"