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BRITISH CRUISERS ARE GUARDIANS OF AMERICA

We Are Now Only Going to Relief of Those Who Have Done Much for Us

Instead of Causing Them to Lay Down on Us, Our Military Efforts Stir Our Allies to New and Redoubled Endeavors.

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Off to the north of London is a part of the British fleet, a minor part, we are told. Light cruisers they are in name—great masses of steel, built and manned for fighting in reality. There they lie at anchor, like dogs chained in restraint, ready to be let loose at a moment's notice. One wonders that there ever was so much floating steel and power and so many guns in the world. There is an understanding that figures shall not be published, but let every American breathe easier for that part of the navy, and let each of us, when inclined to think that we are placing Great Britain under certain obligations to us in sending troops over to help in the fight, remember that we are under lasting obligations to Great Britain for the protection she has afforded us with her fleet, ever on the watch in the North sea.

But the light cruiser squadron is not all by any means. Farther to the north is another and greater part of the North sea fleet. Battleships, they are. Veterans of the Jutland and of the Dardanelles are there, to the left the floating fighters are seen in great numbers and tonnage beyond comprehension. To the right are more battleships. Farther and farther, and still beyond in the mist, are seen the forms of more hulls, more stacks, more protectors of our shores and of theirs.

A company of British infantry that I saw marching away to the trenches was made up of boys just turning 19 years. England takes in the boys at 18, trains them a year, and then sends them to the front. With the coming of American troops there was an agitation in England to send the 18-year-old boys to the trenches with six months' training instead of waiting a full year.

Three companies, sent marching along the strand for the front, were made up of men from 35 to 40 years old. All over England one notices the absence of young men, of men under 41 and boys over 18. They are either at the front or in training.

It seemed to me that America would have to send at least 10,000,000 to the front before our manhood would be combed as fine as it is combed in England.

When we in America deny ourselves that our allies may have, we may be sure that the sacrifice is appreciated, and that England in no way takes advantage of what we do.

Very strict laws have been passed for conserving food over there, and they are rigidly enforced. The object of the British government is so to distribute the food made available that rich and poor shall be served alike. To this end there are laws against hoarding, against any person purchasing more than the government allowance, and, to prevent profiteering, the government fixes the price of meats and other necessities.

Gasoline and other war necessities are carefully conserved. In London the number of taxicabs has been reduced, and the fare fixed. Private cars are forbidden to use gasoline, and one sees no pleasure riding in England, and no driving of passenger cars by private individuals except in government service.

In England, everywhere, one is impressed with the wonderful spirit of the people, with the indomitable will, with the grit, and the cleverness, yes, cleverness which equals that of the Germans but without the German bragging about it, with the capacity for taking punishment and no whining, with the generosity which talks of the achievements of others when their own are the equal of any. England has suffered—suffered grievously. Her young men, from families in every walk of life, have given their lives by the hundreds of thousands, but the spirit of Britain still lives.

After having visited their fleet, their munition plants and training camps, I remarked to a British colonel that their achievements were great; that they had come out of a condition of unpreparedness and had made great strides.

"Yes, we have finally gotten in shape to do a bit of good work," he said. The man himself had done brilliant work at the front. "But you Americans are doing things in a big way. You are accustomed to doing things on a large scale. We made many blunders at the beginning, but you people were shrewd enough to study them and profit by them. I think the work of America has

Roots in Trail Prove to Be Camouflaged Elk Antlers

King of Forests, Who Bore Them, Dead for Quarter Century or More

A magnificent set of elk horns were accidentally discovered in the woods on Mosby creek a short time ago by John Palmer and John Barker. Mr. Barker was cutting out a trail. Mr. Palmer, coming along behind, noted what appeared to be a root sticking up in the path, and chided Mr. Barker for not making a cleaner trail, and himself attempted to pull up the root. To his surprise it broke off in his hand and was found to be a prong of a horn. The antlers were so perfectly camouflaged with moss and brush that they would have fooled any hunter. From their condition they adorned a king of the forests who may have been dead 25 or 30 years. All except the portion of the skull which held the antlers together had decayed.

The antlers are more than four feet in length from base to tip and have a spread of over three feet.

FEAR OF DRAFT SAID TO BE CAUSE OF SUICIDE

Former Creswell Man There on Visit Takes Own Life Rather Than Fight Kaiser Bill.

Brooding over ill health and perhaps over the fact that he was likely to be drafted in the army against his will to fight against a country with which he was apparently in sympathy, Clifford Grousbeck, of Narrows, Harney county, shot himself through the heart with a rifle at the roadside near Creswell late Monday night. He was 43 years of age, and leaves a wife and small son.

Grousbeck, his wife and son had been visiting at the home of Mrs. Grousbeck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Weeks, two miles south of Creswell, for three weeks, having driven from their homestead in Harney county in their car. On Monday, it was ascertained by Sheriff Elkins, District Attorney Ray and Coroner Veatch, there had been a family tilt over the child. That night Grousbeck retired as usual but at 11 o'clock arose and, getting his car out, drove away. It was found that he had driven to Creswell, thence a quarter of a mile along the road that leads westerly, stopped his car, alighted, sat down by the side of a fence and, placing the muzzle of his short Winchester carbine over his heart, pulled the trigger. He evidently died instantly.

The body was found Tuesday morning and the authorities were notified. It was presumed that Grousbeck had shot himself. Later, when Coroner Veatch examined the body, it was thought that he had been shot from behind as there was a large bullet hole in front and the one in the rear was small. This gave rise to the report that he had been murdered, and Sheriff Elkins and District Attorney Ray were notified. They made a hurried trip to the scene. However, after questioning the family it was determined beyond doubt that Grousbeck had taken his own life.

Fifth Member of Limit Club.

Cottage Grove has a fifth member of the war savings stamp limit club in the person of a woman who has asked that her name be withheld from publication.

been wonderful. Your government achieved great things quickly.

"You made a great record in the first five months of the war, and you are still making it. In those five months America declared war, passed appropriation bills, passed a conscription law treating all classes alike, built 16 great cantonments, had them well equipped and ready for use, and had 640,000 soldiers in them. You people may not realize it, but we who were in the early struggle here do realize that it was a wonderful piece of work, and it is a great satisfaction to know that your people as a whole are behind the movement; that you give and give, and pay and pay, with ever increasing amounts—and do it freely."

Nowhere was there any evidence of an effort on the part of the British to "jolly" Americans into carrying Britain's burden. The contrary seemed true to me. Instead of saying "Let America do it," the spirit seemed to be more "America has come in, now let us pitch in the harder, make more sacrifices, put in every last man and all together finish up the job as quickly as possible."

In driving through something more than 75 villages and cities in France, scarcely a man under 45 or a boy over 18 was seen except in uniform, and very few of them. They are all at the front or in their graves. France has been bled white. There is no more man power for her to draw on. She still has a good many men at the front, able-bodied and brilliant fighters. Their morale is good, especially since America came into the fight, but whatever additional army strength is necessary to give the Germans their final beating must come from America, as far as France is concerned, for she can furnish no more.

H.H. OLCOTT SAYS HE WILL NOT RETURN MUCH FRUIT IS GIVEN FOR SOLDIERS

Leaves Everything to Wife Except Reason for His Sudden Disappearance Solicitors Find Quick Response to Appeal for Dainties for Boys in Hospitals

There is yet no explanation of the sudden departure of H. H. Olcott, who had been in the grocery business here several years. Mr. Olcott left for Eugene Saturday night, and Monday morning H. J. Shinn received a letter from him saying that he would not be seen any more, that he had taken \$75 in cash and the clothes on his back, and that everything else should be turned over to Mrs. Olcott. The keys to the store were also enclosed.

Mrs. Olcott was at Canyonville at the time attending a family reunion. She returned Monday afternoon in response to a telephone call from Mr. Shinn, and has reopened the store, but can offer no explanation whatever for her husband's action. She has as yet received no information as to his whereabouts. There had been no family difficulties or financial troubles, so far as Mrs. Olcott knows.

PASS CREEK CANYON ROAD TO BE NAVIGABLE THIS COMING WINTER

The work of macadamizing the new road built in Pass creek canyon this year has started, S. Schell having the contract. The rock will be quarried and crushed near the work and there seems no doubt that a fine winter road the entire length of the canyon will be completed this season. The canyon has never been "navigable" during the wet season.

LIEUTENANT L. C. BEEBE WOUNDED AND GASED

Mrs. Lewis C. Beebe has received a letter from her husband, a lieutenant of the 30th regular infantry, that he was wounded in action in the first big drive in which United States troops participated. From the information in the letter, the wound, caused by a piece of shrapnel which grazed the side of his face near the eye, is not as serious as the mustard gas, which blistered his feet.

He says that the colonel of his regiment was killed, that many are missing, and that a number are known to have been taken prisoner. Lieutenant Beebe says that in the entire war there has been nothing to equal the bombardment which took place during the first few days of the great allied drive.

AUTO FINDS TRACK POOR PLACE TO TRAVEL

Tourist Gets into Tight Place by Accident and Is Struck by Dark Troop Train

Running an automobile along a railway right of way and between the rails was found to be a somewhat exciting and dangerous experiment by a tourist who passed through here a couple of nights ago.

While crossing the Southern Pacific tracks at the first crossing north of the city the wheels of his car were caught by the rails, and as he was going at high speed he was across the cattle guard and quite a distance from the road before he could stop his machine. Hearing a train bearing down upon him from behind, he let his wife out and then tried to beat the train down the track, hoping to find another crossing. Seeing that he would be unable to do this, he attempted to jump from his car just as the engine struck it. The engineer had seen the tail light of the car and had brought his train almost to a standstill when he struck. Neither the driver, who refused to give his name, nor his car were greatly damaged, the machine being repaired and the trip resumed the following day.

The accident occurred about midnight. The train, which was carrying troops, was without lights, something having gone wrong with the lighting system a few miles before the point where the accident happened.

O. E. Woodson, of Woodson Brothers' garage, was returning home a short distance behind the tourist. He assisted in getting the car back into the road and towed it into the city.

FLUTTERING FLAGS USED FOR TABLE DECORATIONS

C. A. Bartell has adopted a nifty idea for the decoration of his dining tables at the Oregon hotel. Each table has a small silk American flag into which thin wire has been inserted and twisted so as to give each flag the appearance of fluttering in the breeze.

MUCH FRUIT IS GIVEN FOR SOLDIERS

Solicitors Find Quick Response to Appeal for Dainties for Boys in Hospitals

There has been a ready response in the drive this week for canned fruit and jam for soldiers in the hospitals at home and abroad. Although residents have felt very severely the curtailment of sugar, they have expressed the feeling that they cannot make any sacrifices equal to those made by the soldier boys who are in hospitals as a result of their devotion to their country. A few have felt unable to give jam, however, because of not being unable to get sufficient sugar to make it.

Mrs. Chas. Adams, chairman for the city, has not received reports from all the committees which are doing the soliciting but estimates that there will be not less than 500 quarts of canned fruit and a large contribution of jam.

Get your girl—and then get your announcements from The Sentinel. ***

CANNERY REMODELS BARN FOR STORAGE AND PACKING ROOM

In anticipation of a tremendous increase in the amount of produce that will be packed this year, the old barn which stands on the cannery property has been converted into a packing and storage room and connected with the main cannery building. Another cooking vat has been added. Produce is coming in at a very satisfactory rate, although the rains that insure a large crop of produce have hindered picking during the past week.

HOME GUARD COMPANIES RECEIVE ENDORSEMENT

The work of the home guard companies is endorsed by General Crowder in his announcement that a system of military training will be adopted for all men subject to the draft and is further endorsement of the statement often made that home guard training is going to assist drafted men to positions as non-commissioned officers.

The training will be non-compulsory and free. The men will be instructed in simple evolutions with stress upon military courtesy. Those who demonstrate their ability will receive certificates of merit, which will serve as an index of their qualifications as non-commissioned officers.

QUICKSILVER MINE IS SUBJECT OF BIG SUIT

W. B. Dennis, Former Manager, Seeks Judgments Aggregating Total of \$425,000

Seeking judgments totaling more than \$400,000, W. B. Dennis has begun suit in circuit court against the Black Butte Quicksilver Mining company, operating at Black Butte, 18 miles south of here.

Dennis, formerly manager of the mining properties, and one of the principal stockholders before they passed into the hands of the present company, but now manager of the Carlton Lumber company, at Carlton, seeks to recover the sum of over \$75,000 on straight promissory notes and seeks to foreclose a mortgage for over \$350,000.

The notes and mortgage were given in Seattle a number of years ago and were signed by John H. Powell as president and Marion Edwards as secretary of the company. The quicksilver mines have been operating steadily for two or three years, after having been idle for a period much longer than that, and the capacity has been greatly increased during the past few months with the addition of much new machinery.

WORTH HARVEY AND MISS NEVA PERKINS WED

The Eugene newspapers state that Worth Harvey was in that city Wednesday on important business, and the court house news confirms the statement by announcing that a marriage license had been issued to Mr. Harvey and Miss Neva J. Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey passed through here Wednesday night on their way south on a honeymoon trip. Mr. Harvey is assistant cashier of the First National bank. The bride taught in the schools here several years, and at Halsey last year. Both are most favorably known here. The couple completely surprised their friends, and even near relatives were not informed of the approaching nuptials.

Legal blanks at The Sentinel office.

Both 84 and Have Lived 64 Years as Man and Wife

Husband of Long-Lived Pair Has Been a Mason for Fifty-six Years

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson H. Slagle will celebrate their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary Saturday. They have been residents of the Cottage Grove country since 1880, living first on Silk creek with Mr. Slagle's father, George Slagle, who died years ago. They moved into the city in 1908.

Mr. Slagle was born in Allen county, Indiana, May 23, 1834, and Mrs. Slagle, whose maiden name was Mary Elizabeth Swayze, was born at New Salem, Fairfield county, Ohio, October 18, 1834. Mr. Slagle has just passed his eighty-fourth birthday and Mrs. Slagle will be eighty-four in October. They were married August 24, 1854, in Whiteley county, Indiana. Mr. Slagle left his wife and two little children behind to serve his country in the Civil war as a member of Co. H, 13th Kansas volunteers. He was wounded in September, 1862, at the battle of Prairie Grove, in Arkansas, and was discharged in 1863 for disability in the line of duty, but his disability did not prevent his joining the Kansas militia, and he again left his family behind to aid in the defense of Fort Leavenworth when it was captured by the Confederates. He was discharged from the state militia, but later acted as first lieutenant of a company called to again give battle to General Price, this time with victory to the federal troops.

Mr. Slagle joined the Masonic fraternity in 1862, during the stirring Civil war times, and for 56 years has held his membership in his mother lodge, Hiawatha No. 35, of Hiawatha, Kan.

Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Slagle. Four died in infancy, and David S. died in April of the present year at Silverton, Colo. The surviving children are: George, of Sacramento, Calif.; Dennis, of this city; Daniel W., of Ridgway, Colo.; Lawson B., of this city; Mrs. Angeline E. Scholer, of Pacific Grove, Calif.; and Mrs. Minnie B. Mouser, of Portland.

CHAUTAUQUA COMING HERE SEPT. 12, 13 AND 14

Radeliffe System Promises Program in Keeping With the Stirring Events of the Day.

The Radeliffe chautauqua system has set the dates for the session here as September 12, 13, and 14. The session was to have been held in June and, as no words had been received setting another date, the local signers thought that Cottage Grove had been passed up for this year.

In a letter announcing the session the Radeliffe people say:

The program which we have prepared for you will not only be very interesting, but will be of great value to your community, for we have included a number of important subjects. We will send you a domestic science worker who will give scientific and practical demonstrations of the use of the foodstuffs available in your section, as well as discussions relative to home efficiency. There will be a speaker who will present the marvelous story of the American Red Cross, not only concerning the care of those wounded in battle, but in regard to the alleviation of suffering wherever it may be, and whatever may be its cause. Speakers of national reputation will deal with matters of importance during the present crisis, and will bring to you at home messages from a number of officials in Washington. These officials have recognized the chautauqua as one of the most important mediums through which they can speak directly to the American people.

Is No Deserter.

Foy Johnson, who left with the draft contingent July 25, writes that he is an acting corporal in the 29th company, 8th battalion, depot brigade, at Camp Lewis. Johnson writes this information because of the fact that a report has reached him that he has been reported as a deserter and he does not want anyone to think he is not doing his full duty in the war against the Hun.

Brown Planer in Operation.

The planer at the Brown mill is now in operation, although the planer building itself is not yet completed. The machine, which has a capacity of 40,000 a day, is operated by electricity, which has a steeper pulling power than steam.

SIX MORE YOUNG MEN CALLED TO THE COLORS

Six young men of the Cottage Grove country have been called for the draft contingent which is to leave August 27. They are as follows: Fillmore Dale Wyatt, Robert Guy Conner, and Frank M. Willis, Cottage Grove; Harley Isaac Ross, Lorane; Luther E. Rogers, Suginaw, and Howard Clair Cox, London.

This list is only tentative and some changes may be made. The men are to be called for general military service.

You still get want ads. at before-the-war prices—and they are of the same quality they always were. ***

SCHOOL TAX MAY BE CUT ALMOST IN TWO

Amount Asked in 1918-19 Budget Trifle Over Half of That Asked Last Year

By Consolidating Classes, Vacating Old Building and Reducing Number of Teachers, Severe Economies Are Effected.

Good news for the taxpayers of the Cottage Grove school district is contained in the budget which will be submitted to the voters at the annual tax budget meeting September 3. The amount of money to be raised by the budget is \$9,620, as compared with \$17,812 last year, which cuts the tax almost squarely in two.

Instead of having outstanding warrants this year the tax yet uncollected leaves a balance of \$3300. In addition to this, other economies have been effected, among them being a reduction of the number of teachers by putting all of the seventh and eighth grades in the west side school, which eliminates the expense of upkeep of the old high school building, used last year for several of the classes.

Included in the budget is an item of \$200 for an instructor in military training and calisthenics.

Those who opposed the domestic science and manual training departments did so because they wished to keep the tax down to 10 mills. The amount to be raised this year will require almost exactly that number of mills.

Captain Cruson Passes Exams.

Captain C. C. Cruson, of this city, now commander at Fort Columbia, has received word that he has successfully passed the examination which he recently took at Fortress Monroe. He is one of few officers of the old national guard who has survived the weeding out ordeal conducted by the war department.

Sunshine Pleases Farmers.

The clearing of the skies following the heavy rains of last week brought good cheer to the prune growers and to those farmers whose grain was in the shock. Continued rain would have cranked the prunes and rotted the grain in shocks. Indications are that there will be fair weather until after these crops are cared for. Pasture, berries, and growing crops are showing the refreshing effect of the moisture.

Plums and Prunes Good Crop.

Plums and prunes are a very excellent crop this year, and of large size. H. W. Vincent brought to The Sentinel office a few days ago some samples of a Japanese plum, six of which weighed a pound and a quarter.

ELDERLY WOMAN SETS EXAMPLE FOR IDLERS

While many others younger in years and with few cares are doing little or nothing for the Red Cross, Mrs. T. M. Doak, who has long been a faithful Red Cross worker in the west side room, in one week did practically all the work on ten helpless case shirts. In order to do this, it was necessary for her to take the work home. This work on the part of a woman of her age certainly shames the lack of effort on the part of many much more able and with as much or more time.

SCHOOLS WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 23

The Cottage Grove schools will not open until September 23, this late date having been set as a patriotic measure to allow school children to assist in harvesting crops and work at the cannery. All the teachers have agreed to the change in date and will teach overtime at the end of the year to make up for the lost time.

WOULD MAKE VALLEY A HUNTERS' PARADISE

Thirty-eight pairs of China pheasants have been received from the Simpson pheasant farm and have been liberated on the game preserves of this section by C. A. Bartell, secretary of the rod and gun club. Mr. Bartell states that Game Warden Shoemaker has said that he hopes to make the Willamette valley a hunter's paradise which will attract large numbers of sportsmen from the east in future years.

The Sentinel—the live newspaper. ***

Home Guard Recruits.

The following added their names to the roster of the home guard company Tuesday night: M. H. Anderson, J. K. Hendricks, V. Horn and E. L. Knight. New members are being added at every meeting and well attended drills are being held.