

MEN FROM OREGON ARE OFFICIALLY HELD NATION'S CLEANEST

Surgeon-General Blue Wires Fact is Disclosed in First 1,000,000 Camp Reports.

Surgeon-General's Official Telegram Oregon Social Hygiene Society, 720 Sealing Bldg., Portland. A tabulation of one million reports first received from camp surgeons throughout the country shows that Oregon leads the country with a rate of fifty-nine hundredths of one per cent found to have a venereal disease on arriving in camp.

RUPERT BLUE. Oregon men, called to the colors during the greatest of all wars, were physically the cleanest in the entire United States Army.

Such is not the mere boast of any citizen of this state, backed only by a high sense of local pride, but it is the established record of the United States Army, communicated to the Oregon Social Hygiene Society by Rupert Blue, Surgeon-General, thus giving it the greatest possible weight. As will be seen by perusal of the foregoing telegram from Surgeon-General Blue, a tabulation of 1,000,000 of the first reports received from camp surgeons places Oregon in the lead with a rate of fifty-nine hundredths of one per cent (which means less than six men to the thousand), or, compared with another wire from him, this state's standing is but a fraction lower than 18 times ahead of the state with the highest per cent of infection, which was eight and nine-tenths per cent (eighty-nine men to the thousand).

This constitutes one of the grandest and proudest records of the whole war period and, great as has been this state's part in all patriotic endeavors, nothing could fill the hearts of its people with a higher degree of pride than the official acknowledgment from the National Capital that Oregon's men stood far and away above all others in clean manhood.

"That the work of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society, carried forward for but seven years, should produce such magnificent results, is a subject of the most gratifying kind to the entire Board," said Executive Secretary Cummins. "Every one of the men who have worked so hard to bring about the result regard this official notification from the Surgeon-General as a complete vindication of the program sought to be carried forward in this state. That the public will respond to sane, clear facts, rightly presented, is also demonstrated beyond doubt. Educators, who have

RED CROSS ROLL CALL FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

American Public Asked to Respond With Universal Membership.

Is your name written there? Where? On the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, of course.

Beginning with Red Cross Sunday, December 15, the entire American nation will be given the opportunity during the week of December 16 to 23 to line up for all those errands of mercy that the bright Red Cross against the white background has come to symbolize.

This is in no sense a call for funds. It is the annual call for service. Every member of every household, from the grandfather to the nursery, should be represented on the Red Cross Service Flag. Only dollar memberships are being asked for, and these are for the calendar year of 1919.

Everywhere throughout the fourteen Red Cross divisions the week will be celebrated as a rededication to personal service and self sacrifice. No matter what may be the immediate task ahead, there are bound to be increasing demands made on the Red Cross during the coming year, and every American, whether here or in foreign parts, has his part to play.

Through the Divisions every Chapter, and through the Chapter every Branch and Auxiliary will spread the Red Cross Message and endeavor to enroll every person in every community. Already the membership in this national organization has grown from some few hundred thousand in 1916 to more than twenty millions since our own country entered the world war. There are no limits set for the 1919 Christmas enrollment. Every American everywhere is the hoped for goal.

Programs subject to local conditions will be arranged for the week, based on suggestions worked out by national campaign managers at Headquarters. On Roll Call Sunday the Red Cross message will be preached from every pulpit, and all church meetings will arrange special programs of Red Cross activities.

With the co-operation of local artists, every community will be decorated with Red Cross posters. Posters will be used on all packages sent out from the stores during Roll Call week, and the movies will show films picturing the various Red Cross agencies at home and abroad. "For All Humanity" shows scenes taken on the actual battlefield. There will also be Women's Day, club programs on Red Cross, special exercises in the Red

Cross workrooms. Employees day (when special tribute will be paid to the contribution made by the laboring man), the week ending with a general "Clean-up" day, when every person in the community not yet enrolled will again be personally solicited for membership.

It is believed that some time during the week at least one performance of the masque, "The Roll Call," especially written by Mr. Percy Mackay, with stage settings designed by Robert Edmond Jones, will be given in every community. This has but twelve speaking parts and is arranged especially for community presentation, with men, women and children in the pantomime parts. It can be given either elaborately or very simply, as conditions warrant. In its dramatic theme it expresses the emancipation of the human spirit from tyranny through the humanizing agency of the American Red Cross. Copies of the masque, as well as directions for costuming and incidental music, can be secured at Red Cross Headquarters in every town and city.

One of the most novel and interesting features of the campaign promises to be the One-day and One-Hour plan of enrollment. This consists of dividing the community into units of one hundred houses, the idea being to have sufficient workers to canvass these homes practically simultaneously, a sort of "home stretch," distributing the work among many with a minimum of time consumed by each.

The official uniform worn by Roll Call workers will be a cap and arm brassard. These are to be made of red flannel and a small paper circle in white will carry the Red Cross emblem. This uniform will serve both as protection against the unscrupulous and as an aid to the workers themselves. Corporations, business firms and industries will be supplied with a 100% Service flag.

There will be no Christmas sale of tuberculosis seals this year. Instead, the Red Cross has made a direct appropriation of \$2,500,000 for this work, and ten seals will be awarded each person who joins the Roll Call as a reminder of the very important work being done by the National Tuberculosis Association.

Wars may come and wars may go, but the Red Cross goes on forever. Will you not be among the first to place your name on the 1919 membership roll?

officially," commented A. F. Flegel, president of the Society. "This record cannot be overestimated. It is a glorious achievement." "The full significance of the official announcement from Dr. Blue is difficult to grasp," said Adolphe Wolfe, treasurer of the Society. "Dealing as it does with human life and morals, it is, in a larger sense, more important than many other achievements, not to detract one whit from any of them. At the outset, many good people doubted the ability of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society to accomplish worthwhile results. I think now, however, no further comment need be had. Surgeon-General Blue's telegram is sufficient." Lieutenant-Colonel P. C. Field, division surgeon of the 1st Division at Camp Lewis, has officially credited the splendid record made by Oregon men to the educational work that has been and is being done by the Oregon Social Hygiene Society.

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Engene—Lane county has shipped in 300 ton alfalfa this year.

MORGAN'S SAPOLIO SCOURING SOAP Economy in Every Cake

PRIVATE JAMES COOK WRITES OF HIS TRIP ACROSS FRANCE

Former Vale Boy Writes From France—James Cook and Capt. Bartlett in Same Company.

St. Aignon, Oct. 29, 1918. Dearest Folks:

I just came back from my 13 days furlough a couple of days ago. I left here with Bill Hinkey a Boise boy, who has been with our company for about three months. After we reached our leave area we were somewhat disappointed in it. By using our heads a little and more of our nerve we managed to get away from there and headed for Paris. That was the start of our rambles over France. We spent nearly three days in Paris, taking in all the places of interest we could. We were in Notre Dame cathedral and all around the outside. That was the one place I was more anxious to see than any, as I had always heard so much about it at home. The outside of it didn't impress us very much. It looked shabby and worn but of course was immense in size. On the inside it was beautiful though beyond explanation.

We also visited the Luxembourg gardens and Tuileries gardens, and the Invalides which is an old hospital that Napoleon used. They are still using it for wounded soldiers and in the grounds there we saw general Foch decorated about 80 high French officers and one Red Cross nurse. It sure is some ceremony. In my collection of photos I have one of the same ceremony. Just back of the Invalides is the Tomb and Chapel of Napoleon. We walked all around in it with an American captain who had a book telling about all the things of historic interest. He really acted as our guide. Ha! He sure was some swell fellow though, and we spent the afternoon with him at his request, for he was a stranger in Paris himself.

I forgot to mention the captured German aeroplanes and cannons that were on exhibition at the Invalides. The "ace of aces," "Spad" machine was also there and the German planes were all his captive machines. I could go on and tell you about the different things of interest till I was black in the face, but I will save it till I get home. Of course we visited the Soldiers and Sailors club and Madeline cathedral which is close to the club and also in the main part of Paris business section.

During the evening we took in the largest theatres which I will tell you about later.

From Paris we took the limited train for the Mediterranean by way of Dejon, Loyn and Marseille. We were in Marseille about two days and saw everything we cared to and then passed on. It sure is the cosmopolitan city of the world alright. You can see people of all nations and languages and every type of dress. From there we went to Nice and Monte Carlo, and great resorts of the world which were only a six hour ride from Marseille along the Mediterranean sea. We were able to go to the gambling houses in the mornings and saw the tables where millions of dollars have changed hands. They are still running 16 large roulette tables there.

Coming back we went another route by way of Clermont-Ferrand, Montecorn and Orleans, also taking in many other smaller places for a few hours. In the amount of time we had I don't think anyone could have seen France any better than we did. As Bill said, "it seemed we had a lucky star following us all the time."

I'll have to tell you our experience with a couple of British officers we met. One evening one the way to Marseille we were eating in the diner and these officers came in and sat at our table as they were the only Americans in the car and so we didn't mind eating with them especially after we found them so congenial. On of them asked us if we could stay in Marseille the next day but we told them we had decided to go straight on to Nice and Monte Carlo. Well it happened that we did stay in Marseille on account of trains which turned out to be for our benefit. That noon we were looking for a place to eat but couldn't find any but the swiftest restaurant in town so we busted in regardless. We had ordered a regular dinner and had the first course which consisted of thirteen dishes of salads, pickled brains, oysters on half shell, etc., and the waiter brought the next course of halibut fish. We began to get weak in the knees wondering what the price would be and if we'd have enough money, etc., so we had to ask the waiter who, we noticed was the head waiter, waiting on us, how much the meal would be. We told him if it took our purse we'd pay for what we'd had and go. Well we were knocked cold when he said it would cost six and a half francs, which would be about the same as a dollar, for each meal. Then he told us how much it would have been if we'd ordered the meal a la Carte (dish by dish instead of getting a regular dinner.) He figured it out for us and it would have amounted to twenty francs a piece. Then we proceeded with our meal which we thought was a good bargain. There were six courses that followed and after that the manager came around and told the waiter something in French as he did not talk English and the waiter told us he had said for us to come back at five that evening for tea and that it would be free of

The Vale Hot Springs Sanitarium Rooms, Board, Bath and Massage: Dr. Thos. W. Thurston, Supt., Vale, Ore.

charge. We felt like telling the waiter to tell the manager that we weren't Gen. Pershing and President Wilson, but he shot another invitation at us before we got over the shock. He said that the Majesties Royal Guards Band was giving a concert at the Opera that afternoon and that he had a couple of passes for us. What could we do but take them? Well we did, and when we saw the leader we found him to be one of the officers we'd eaten with on the train. By the program we saw that his name was Billon and also the author of a piece they played, Serenade in D," you've heard it for its a peculiar piece.

After the concert we went back for tea and found that we were among the members of the band and a bunch of officers, among which were the two we ate with on the train. They spotted us and came over and shook hands with us. We told Captain Billon we'd heard his concert and complimented him, and ourselves for the privilege. They sure treated us royal. The officers gave toasts and speeches while we ate and drank our tea. Ha! Well the good part of the joke is that we found out later from one of the band members that the officer with Captain Billon was a major general in the British army. Well we had to take the count hat was all.

Well here's hoping this letter finds all well. I am as ever your loving son. JIM. P. S.—Captain Bartlett is attached to our hospital now. Harry Parks and I spent the evening with him talking old times. He is going on sick leave to Nice but will be back here after a rest. He has been through quit a lot but is coming out O. K. as ever.

DRAFTS, SNEEZES AND GERMS

I was riding through the city On the P. R., L. & P., And was sittin' next to me; Who was settin' next to me; And he 'lowed that things was goin' At a helluva rapid pace' When a feller couldn't sneeze without A kerchief 'cross his face.

And the windows all was open With the wind a-howlin' through, Just a-fittin' up the people For a dose of Spanish "flu." And the passengers was roastin' Uv the idiotic guy, Who said we'd have to freeze to death In order not to die!

Every feller's full of germs— So the man of learnin' say— And one half's eatin' tother In a never endin' fray; So, if you sneeze a batch of 'em Out into open space, It may be they're the very ones That'll save your neighbor's face.

Only half of the bacillus Is a aimin' fer to kill us, The others are all cannibals, they say, And they exercise their muscle In a great devourin' tussel, So why should tremblin' mortals say them nay?

And if you sneeze a million, Or, let us say a billion, And stow the little reptiles in your vest, You can say you've done your duty Though you thus say, say the cutie That was fixed to put a crimp in all the rest! —T. T. GEER.

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