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THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE

Great victories in Warfare have generally resulted from the unexpected. Washington secured the independence of the United States by keeping up the bluff that he was going to attack the British at New York.

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But the clever Germans marched their armies in at night just before the battle, and when they were ready they had our allies greatly overpowered at the attacked points.

THE NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE

At first I laughed at the idea of the non-partisan league propaganda. I didn't believe that it was possible among the people. But I was mistaken.

What have the victims received in return for their money? Nothing; what were they promised for their money? Absolutely nothing.

The naked truth is that the non-partisan league is nothing more or less than an indiscriminate graft. It is a half brother to the I. W. W.

Our country is fighting a brave struggle; what the end will be no man knows. Most people are making the supreme sacrifice that Right, Justice and Freedom will prevail.

PEACE NOT IN SIGHT

The rumors of a new peace move to be initiated by the Pope may be taken with whatever allowance attaches to the fact that the reports originate from German sources.

GUN-SHY

Reports from Flanders say that the German Crown Prince has shown great interest in the long-range gun which has been bombarding Paris from the safe distance of sixty or seventy miles and that His Imperial Highness has personally fired several shots from the weapon.

A SENATORIAL FACTOTUM

The other day Senator Hitchcock

of Nebraska, through the absence of Senator Chamberlain, found himself the acting chairman of the committee on military affairs; at the same time he was acting chairman of the committee on foreign relations, the vice chairman of the committee on banking and currency and of the committee on public lands, and chairman of the Philippines committee.

"NO CROSS, NO CROWN"

There is no politics in the Red Cross. There is no graft. There has been no falling down in its program. It is organized for a noble cause nobly pursued.

SIMS CONSOLATION

Princess Marie Antoinette, mother of Empress Zita, of Austria, has been ordered to leave Austria, the reason stated being that she was responsible for Emperor Charles' famous letter to Prince Sixtus of Bourbon—the peace letter.

NO LIP SERVICE

A paper napkin which enjoys a wide sale throughout the United States is ornamented profusely with tiny prints of the American flag.

CLACKAMAS SOLDIER MEETS OLD FRIEND IN FRENCH HOSPITAL

That the world isn't so large after all, has been proven by a soldier boy in France and a Red Cross nurse, who is nursing him in a hospital "over there."

Ferguson is a member of Battery D, First A. A. Battalion, and was recently taken ill and removed to a French hospital. In a letter to his father, received Wednesday, Ferguson says "You can imagine my surprise, when a Red Cross nurse waited on me, and proved to be Miss Finley, whom I have known since I have resided at New Era. She was so kind to me, and believe me, I had anything I wanted at the hospital. She is surely a fine nurse, and says to tell you folks about our unexpected meeting, and desires to tell the Eastman family at New Era."

He further says "I am still alive, and wish to say that the packages you have sent have arrived, receiving them while in hospital No. 2. I am now in a base hospital, and am able to sit up in bed, where I am writing this letter, and the sun is shining on me, which makes me feel almost human again, after what I have been used to."

"The French nurses have been so kind to the men in the hospital, and we fellows certainly appreciate it. "I don't think I will ever learn the French language, and I really knew more French before I came here than at the present time.

"It is difficult for me to write now while in bed, but will try and do better the next time.

"Trusting that you are in the best of health, I am

"Your loving son,

"OLIVER."

SERGEANT GOZESKY OF MARINE CORPS IS VISITING HERE

Sgt. A. J. Gozesky, U. S. Marine Corps, brother of M. Stanley and Joseph F. Gozesky, of this city, is visiting his mother until June 1. Upon expiration of his furlough he will report at Quantico, Va., the U. S. Marine rendezvous for overseas training.

LIBERTY TOTAL HEAVY

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Unofficial reports today to the treasury indicated that the third Liberty Loan total had gone above \$4,000,000,000 and might reach \$4,250,000,000. The exact total will not be known until next week.

STAFFORD BOYS IN ARMY SERVICE

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson Fighting for World Peace



PERRY CARL THOMPSON



CLARENCE WAYNE THOMPSON

Perry Carl Thompson and Clarence Wayne Thompson are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson, prominent residents of Stafford, who enlisted some time ago. Perry is with the Twentieth Engineers, and for the present is stationed at Washington, D. C. He is a member of Company D, and was recently promoted to corporal. He is 26 years of age, and enlisted last October.

Clarence Thompson, aged 23 years, is with the Medical Department of the Thirtieth Infantry stationed at Camp Fremont, Cal. He enlisted June, 1917.

These young men are anxious to "go over there," and expect to leave soon for France before the close of the war.

SOLDIER LETTERS PLEASE FOLKS

Yanks in Camp, Field and Trench Write of Army Activities

Mr. and Mrs. Dustin, of New Era are in receipt of a letter from Rae N. Newberry, son of Mrs. Dustin, who is stationed at Seattle, Wash., and which was written on Mothers' Day.

The following is a portion of the letter: Seattle, Washington, May 12, 1918.

My Dearest Mamma and Daddie: Haven't heard from you for several days, but will write even tho' it isn't my turn.

We had inspection this morning and there wasn't a single person in the whole camp who was "called for anything." Everyone made a special effort, I guess.

Mr. Conrad has gone out on a cruise for today, consequently I am here all by my lonesome. Don't care in the least—as I am caught up with my work so will write you a real long letter.

Tomorrow is "Mothers' Day." My I wish you could be here. You remember they also had "Mothers' Day" last year. The Captain serves some meal for them, and also "Battalion Drill" in the afternoon. I am going over to Johnson's and don't know where from there, so I won't be here for the spread.

Have you heard from Curt lately? I haven't.

Ge, I have been busy since I came back from home. It has been a steady grind on account of so many men being transferred, also enlisting. The men who enlist now are sent home until they are called by the Bremer-ton Navy Yard. One fellow came from Albany a few days ago; they sent him back home and informed him that it would probably be a month or two until he is called. Of course, the government pays their transportation.

The only two branches a person can enlist in are Seamen and Fireman.

One of the boys working in the office left for Portland last night. (His home is there). Gee, I surely envied him. Think I'll come down again before long.

The University fellows are having scouting practice over on the campus and it looks so "nutty." They run a little ways, then stretch out on the ground, jump up and run behind a tree or knoll, etc. if a person never knew what they were doing they would be liable to think it a home for the feeble minded. They class them-

MUSIC SUPERVISOR AND JANITORS ARE ELECTED FOR YEAR

Miss Beatrice Kirkup, supervisor of music in the city schools, was Thursday afternoon reelected for the next school year. Leave of absence for one year was granted to Miss Adah Mass, teacher of the fourth grade in the Eastman building, as she will spend the coming school year in the east.

EMMA HUGHES ASKS DAMAGES FROM BECHTEL

Alleging that Unabel J. Bechtel and Sheldon Bechtel made fraudulent representations in a real estate trade, Emma B. Hughes instituted proceedings in the circuit court Thursday for \$500 damages, which she alleges she suffers as a result of the representations.

GLADSTONE RED CROSS AUXILIARY RAISED MONEY ON MARKET

The market and cooked food sale given for the benefit of the Gladstone Red Cross Auxiliary under the direction of Mrs. F. L. Iawald and Mrs. O. E. Freytag, of that place, Saturday, was a decided success.

At 5 o'clock the drawing took place, when the cook book made and donated by Miss Nan Cochran and the grid-dle donated by the Wear Ever Company, brought \$5.00. The amount from the affair was over \$30.00. The cook book was won by Mrs. Cardonet, and the grid-dle by Miss Nancy Oswald. The drawing was made by Geneve Davy.

This is one of a series of cooked food sales to be held by the Gladstone Red Cross Auxiliary, and all have been very successful.

BELL IS RELIEVED

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Today's major orders announced the relief of Army General J. Franklin Bell from command of the 77th national army division. General Bell recently was examined for duty abroad. For the present General Bell is to remain in command at Camp Upton.

R. LEE STRICKLAND CADET OFFICER AT MILITARY ACADEMY

PORTLAND, May 20.—(Special.)—Robert Lee Strickland, of Oregon City, son of Dr. M. C. Strickland, has received an honor in his school work by being named an officer in the cadet corps at Hill Military Academy where the officers were recently given to students having a high average in schol-



Robert Lee Strickland

astic work, military drill and deportment. Young Strickland has done well in all those branches and has been named a first corporal. He has been attending the academy since last fall.

FAMILY REUNION OF MR. AND MRS. WILSON IS HELD AT MULINO

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson of Mulino, former residents of Oregon City, recently held a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson at Mulino. At this family gathering there were present the twelve children and parents, the first time they have been assembled together for sixteen years.

The children attending are as follows: Mrs. Charles Stark, of West Moreland, Multnomah county, Oregon; Miss Hattie Wilson, Oregon City; Mrs. A. J. Wilson, Oregon City; Mrs. Lou Anderson, Mulino; Mrs. Treaston Reed, Portland; Mrs. J. D. Willerson, Dallas, Oregon; Miss Lizzie Wilson, Portland; Mrs. Charles Schuler, Portland; George Wilson, Portland; Mrs. James Yount, Portland; Clyde Wilson, Portland; Henry Wilson, Mulino.

All of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's children are Oregonians, except Clyde, who was born at Aberdeen, Wash., and who is to enlist at the next draft. The eldest of the children is Mrs. Willerson, who is 45 years of age, and the youngest is Mrs. Schuler, 22 years of age. Mrs. Wilson is 64 years, while her husband is 67 years.

Although there are twelve children, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's family are still enjoying the best of health. They have never lost a child, and besides being the happy parents of these twelve daughters and sons, they have the following grandchildren: Mrs. Ernest Schatzman, Mulino; Mrs. Cleo Grimm, Aurora, Oregon; Miss Ellen Reed, Portland; Dorothy Schuler, Portland; Freddie Murray, Portland; Leola Stark, Carroll, West Moreland; Freddie Yunt, Portland; two great-grandchildren, Vance Tilton, Mulino; Evelyn Grimm, Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were married in Southern Oregon in the early 70s, both of whom came from early Oregon pioneer families. Mr. Wilson crossed the plains with his parents by ox team in the '50s. After making their home in Southern Oregon for some time they took up their residence in Oregon City, where they resided for about 20 years, later moving to Portland and Sellwood, until they took up their residence at Mulino, where the father, assisted by his son, Henry, are engaged in farming.

GLADSTONE RED CROSS AUXILIARY RAISED MONEY ON MARKET

Fresh material for the divorce mill of Clackamas county came to the circuit court clerk Monday in the shape of four new cases. Lillah Newton alleged Albert S. Newton called her vile names. They were married in Oregon City July 23, 1913. After living with her for 2 1/2 years, Thille Phillips avers Frank Phillips deserted her in 1915. They were married in Potwin, Kansas, June 20, 1886. Minnie E. Al-bright asks for legal separation from Frank Albright and \$25 a month alimony. The couple was married at Salem, October 14, 1895. The fourth suit filed was by Rosetta Heatrlick against James E. Heatrlick in which the wife alleges desertion. The couple was married in Vancouver, November 17, 1899.

AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The American steamer Neches, a cargo carrier of 7175 tons, was torpedoed and sunk on the night of May 14 or in the early morning hours of May 15, without loss of life, the navy department has announced.

BOYS WRITE FROM OTHER SIDE

Soldier Sons Tell Relatives Here of Life in Army

Mrs. John Montgomery of West Linn, whose four sons, John, Richard, Willard and Clyde, are in the service, John and Claude in the navy, and Richard and Willard in the army, is in receipt of an interesting letter from France, written by Mrs. Clara Bourgoin, of Paris, which she values highly. This is in regard to Mrs. Montgomery's son, Willard, who is one of the well known young men from this city, answering his country's call.

The letter follows: Paris, France, April 18, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Montgomery: Please let me introduce myself. I am an English woman. My husband was French, and has been dead for some years, and as I have only one child, a son, who has been lame all of his life, I am doing "my bit" during the war by inviting army "boys" I meet in the street or on the cars to my house to tea on Sunday. I am 61 years of age, old enough to be the grandmother of some of the brave "boys" fighting for liberty.

Your son comes sometimes in the evening with his friend to speak French and sing a song. He is passionately fond of music, and so kind and true. What a blessing for you to have such a son. How proud both you and his father must be of such a son. He seems so straight forward and honest, and yet so gentle.

I do envy you mothers that have sons fighting in this great warfare. Of course, I know your poor hearts must be very anxious sometimes with your loved ones so far from you and their homes. Still later on when they are back with you, I am sure you will be glad that they have done their duty to their utmost.

Now my only reason for writing was because I know how it does a mother's heart good to hear of her boy so with best wishes for your welfare, I am yours truly, CLARA BOURGOIN.

Camp Green, North Carolina May 13, 1918.

Dear Mother: I just got your dear letter today and was so glad to hear from you.

Well, I just heard from Washington, D. C. already about my case and I made it back to dear old Co. A., 4th U. S. Engineers, which are now in France and I'm good for overseas service too so you ought to be proud of your big healthy boy that can make them Germans dance. And I'm going to tell you the truth now, I'm going to church here every Sunday and I also went to church yesterday, and I told me to write to you and tell you that you got a good Christian boy and you ought to be proud of him and he's got the grace of God with him now and forever and he's going to battle with the help of Him as his master and leader. It's raining hard here now and as soon as I get paid I'm going to get my picture taken and send to you and its going to be one that you always can be proud of. I already got my card to get it taken with and it costs me \$1.00 and shows my whole record and also the names of my comrades too. So I hope you had a nice time Sunday for I did, and you are the only one in this world I like the best and the purest of all men. And you can tell them all that you have a son fighting for you and his country and also for humanity. And I'm praying for you every night. And I still got that bible you gave me and its going to battle with me right near my heart. Well I must close now for this time so write as soon as you get this letter and I wish you would address it to the Y. M. C. A. No. 104, Camp Green, N. C.

Your affectionate son PRIVATE WILLIAM FITZGERALD Y. M. C. A., No. 104, Camp Green, N. C.

COMMUNITY SING AT GLADSTONE AROUSES GREAT ENTHUSIASM

The second Community Sing to be held in Clackamas county was given at Gladstone Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Loyalty League of that place, and was largely attended. The singing was led by Thomas A. Burke, and never before in the history of Gladstone have the people become more enthusiastic than at this meeting.

Among the songs rendered were "America," "Red, White and Blue," "Over There," "Dixie," "The Long, Long Trail," "Keep the Home Fires Burning," "Star Spangled Banner." During the rendition of these songs, the two-piece orchestra of F. A. Burdon assisted, and added much to the selections. While the "Star Spangled Banner" was sung, J. C. Paddock one of the old time Civil War veterans, and whose home is at Gladstone, held the large American flag. It was later saluted by the large assembly.

Mr. Paddock was among those to make an address during the evening, and told of the organization similar to the Loyalty League formed during the Civil War. The motto at that time was "death to the traitor," and he said the motto should be now "death to the Kaiser." From the applause he received, it was evidenced that the majority of those in attendance at the meeting were of the same opinion as this gray-haired soldier. The organization 57 years ago was called the Union League.

The committee having charge of the community sing was F. A. Burdon, Thomas A. Burke, W. A. McNulty, Dr. Collins and Mrs. William Hammond.

Judge G. B. Dimick Spoke Last Week At Two Meetings

A patriotic meeting was held at the Beaver Lake schoolhouse Sunday afternoon and a well arranged program was given. Judge Grant B. Dimick was the main speaker of the evening. The meeting was largely attended. The roads to that section were in a condition that caused Judge Dimick's automobile to mire in the mud, and it was necessary for him to leave it at a point, where the road was almost impassable, and he had to "hoof" it, but the Judge is used to this and he arrived at the schoolhouse in time for his turn on the program. He also made a patriotic address at Clarke's Saturday evening and the hall was filled to capacity by a most enthusiastic audience. Here, too, a program was given.

SENATOR DIMICK PICKED BY DEMS FOR NOMINATION

State Senator Dimick, who was nominated in the Republican primary last Friday, also secured the Democratic nomination for state senator, obtaining about 10 votes more than contender. The names of both men were written in on the Democratic ballot. In the Republican primary Mr. Dimick obtained 2708 votes on the official count, against 1286 for his opponent.

PAVING IN SELLWOOD FORMING CONNECTION LINK NOW OPPOSED

PORTLAND, May 18.—Improvement of East Seventeenth street between Ochoco and Nehalem avenues by laying a 20-foot strip of surface placement, planned by City Commissioner Barber, was delayed by re-monstrance filed Wednesday by residents of the district.

Although not enough names appeared on the petition to stop the proceedings and time for filing additional remonstrances has passed, Mayor Baker referred the project to Commissioner Barber, who will confer with the property owners and attempt to come to some understanding.

The residents living along Seventeenth street have never paid for any street improvements because the street was formerly a county road and the contention of City Commissioner Barber. The strip which is to be improved is a connecting link between the pavement in Multnomah and Clackamas county and because of the heavy traffic is now in deplorable shape, he said.

ECLIPSE OF SUN WILL BE NEARLY TOTAL IN CITY

The eclipse of the sun June 8 will be 98 to 99 per cent total in Oregon City, according to Sidney Dean Towney, astronomer of Stanford. This means that Oregon City lies close to the path of totality and residents will be able to see the shadow of the eclipse but not the corona, which is the wonderful appendage that scientists are most interested in. The corona will last a very short time, not over two minutes and five seconds at the most.

The path of totality in which the eclipse can best be observed scientifically will be 65 miles wide. Its center will run through Baker, Heppner, Ione, Mt. St. Helens and South Bend, Wash., entering South Bend at 3:55 P. M. and reaching Baker at 4:05 P. M. Between these periods the shadow may be seen in Oregon City.

MRS. HILL, FORMER RESIDENT, DIES OF PARALYSIS STROKE

Mrs. Ida M. Hill, of The Dalles, Oregon, widow of the late John Hill, died suddenly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paquet, 112 East Twelfth Street, Portland Thursday evening at 10:15 o'clock. Mrs. Hill was stricken with paralysis Monday evening, and never recovered consciousness. Mrs. Hill was born at Canemah, 57 years ago. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, her maiden name being Ida Anderson. She is survived by her children, T. W. Hill and Miss Vera Hill, of The Dalles; two sisters, Mrs. F. M. Taylor, of Harris Station, Mrs. Anna Huff, of Grants Pass, Oregon.