

SPRUCE IS DESTROYED BY RAGING FOREST FIRE

PORTLAND, Ore., July 2.—Combat- ed by 250 soldiers of the spruce divi- sion of the aviation section of the signal corps and hundreds of civilians, a fierce fire is raging in the forests of Douglas fir in the vicinity of Coch- ran, 35 miles from Hillsboro on the Tillamook line of the Southern Pacific railroad. In the event of the wind shifting millions of feet of mark- etable timber, including much spruce so essential for airplane construction, will be consumed by the flames.

Railway traffic yesterday over the line was abandoned, it being deemed dangerous for crew and passengers to attempt to operate any trains through the fire zone. Consequently, trains from Tillamook and Portland were turned back and passengers compelled to wait until this morning before again taking up their journey.

It is a matter of conjecture whether traffic will be opened today al- though the Southern Pacific officials incline to the belief that patrons of the line by walking from a half to three-quarters of a mile through the fire zone will be able to reach their destinations on trains at either end.

Frank Keck, of Tillamook, one of the passengers forced to return to Portland, when seen at the Hotel Multnomah graphically described the fire.

"The entire mountainside," said Mr. Keck, "was aflame. The fire, eating its way into the heart of the magnif- icent virgin forest, devoured the ma- jestic trees lying in its path as so much kindling. As tree after tree, consumed to the core, toppled over, great showers of sparks and fire- brands were sent skyward. Tongues of flame shot hundreds of feet into the sky, boulders loosened by the ter- rific heat came racing down toward the track and the roaring and crack- ing was appalling."

That the entire Northwest forest districts are gravely menaced by de- struction from fire by reason of the unusual drought unless extreme care is exercised is the opinion of the officials of the U. S. forestry service. A special appeal is directed to campers to employ the highest degree of care in starting and extinguishing camp fires and persons contemplating the burning of washings particularly are cautioned against starting and fire which might have a tendency to get beyond their control in the event of high winds.

BIG SENDOFF FOR YOUNG MAN WHO SOON JOINS ARMY

An unusually large number of rela- tives, friends and neighbors gath- ered from far and near at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Armstrong, half a mile from West Linn, last Sat- urday evening to bid a hearty fare well to the youngest son, Willie, who joins the "grand army of Liberty" in a few days. Their eldest son, Joe, is serving on the "Leviathan," the largest steamship afloat in the world, and has made several trips across the At- lantic. He writes frequently and in- terestingly to his parents about his experiences and asserts that

"A life on the ocean wave
"A home on the rolling deep
"Where the scattered waters rave
"And the winds their revels keep"
is emphatically the life for him.

The "good-bye" to Willie Armstrong was certainly the most enjoyable af- fair in his vicinity, if the reports of those attending shall be the judge. There were about seventy people present, among them some who came from long distances. Mrs. Jean Slixo, of California, was a guest there for the evening.

The young folks sang, danced, and played games and frolicked to their heart's content, while the older ones were by no means backward in aiding to keep up the fun and speeding the young soldier on his way with happy memories of the smiling faces of his host of friends. At a late hour an abundant supper was enjoyed by all, after which Dr. Schiltz was called upon by the mother, Mrs. Kate Armstrong, to present a handsome wrist-watch from his sister Jane, to her soldier brother. After the presentation, Dr. Schiltz made an interesting address, which was much enjoyed and ap- preciated by those present, and es- pecially by the young man for whose benefit the words of wisdom flowed.

PORTLAND COUPLE TO WED
A license to wed was issued here yesterday to Peter Gordon Bowman, aged 35, a ship builder, and Mary Beatty, 33, of 424 Columbia Street, Portland.

New Lady of the Camellias



MISS HEPIZBAH E. KENDRICK

Hepzibah E. Kendrick is the new "Lady of the Camellias" for the troops going from the vicinity of Richmond to the war in Europe. The original "Lady of the Camellias" gave camellias to Union soldiers in the Civil War. The daughter of the first gave them from the same garden to men who went to war against Spain, and now a third of the family gives them from the same garden to the new soldiers.

LARGE ORCHARDIST IS OPTIMISTIC OVER PRUNE CROP OUTLOOK

Clackamas county is to have a bumper prune crop, according to the reports given by the prune growers of the county. W. I. Clark, of Clarks, who is one of the owners of the Clark orchards, near Molalla, was in Oregon City a few days ago, and reports that the crop from his trees will be un- usually large this year.

The Clark orchard is situated in a most delightful part of Clackamas county, overlooking the Molalla coun- try. An observatory has been estab- lished from where may be seen Mo- lalla, Woodburn, Gervais and miles of surrounding country with a back- ground of snow-capped mountains. There are 170 acres of land, with 50 acres in fruit, mostly in prunes. From the prune trees in 1916 52 tons of prunes were harvested, and from all indications this year will even exceed this amount.

A day and night force of hands will be used for drying the fruit this year, and many women will find employ- ment this year, owing to the large number of young men from that section who have enlisted during the past year.

STATE EMERGENCY BOARD TO CONSIDER INSTITUTION NEEDS

SALEM, Or., July 1.—Governor Withycombe today sent a letter to Secretary of State Olcott, asking that the state emergency board be called for the purpose of considering the needs of the state penitentiary. The maintenance fund of the state prison is nearing exhaustion, and Warden Murphy estimates that from \$50,000 to \$57,000 will be needed to cover the necessary expenses for the remaind- er of the year. No other business has yet been slated to come before the emergency board, but there has been some talk among state officials of submitting to the board all deficiency amounts that are likely to be in- curred by all the state institutions, in the hope that the board might now provide all funds needed so that no further meetings of the board would be necessary this year. The state time board may ask for a deficiency fund when the board is called. Sec- retary Olcott has not yet set the date for the meeting.

CHENEY WINS IN DECREE HANDED DOWN BY JUDGE

A decree was today handed down by Judge Campbell in the Circuit Court, in the case of A. W. Cheney, versus the City of Oregon City, and E. G. Caulfield, administrator of the estate of Luke Comer, deceased, in which it was ordered that the plaintiff was the owner in fee simple of the lands under litigation, which were portions of block 23, in Oregon City. The case has been in the courts for a consider- able period.

AUTOMOBILE DRIVEN BY H. L. MARTIN HITS MOTORCYCLIST

A young man whose name is believed to be Dave Cameron received serious injuries when an automobile driven by H. L. Martin of this city struck his motorcycle and ran over him. The accident occurred on the East 32nd street road, just south of Clackamas.

The boy was brought to the Oregon City hospital where an opera- tion was performed in an effort to save his life. His right leg is broken and in addition he suffered serious internal injuries.

Mr. Martin was returning to Oregon City from Portland. Just before he reached the point in the road where the accident happened, an automobile truck owned by the Crown Willamette mills, overtook a wagon going in the Portland direction. The truck and were abreast when Mr. Martin coming in the other direction passed. Just as he came abreast of the other two vehicles, the motorcycle bearing the man who was injured dogged from behind the wagon at a fair speed.

The motorcycle was struck, by- standers stating that they believed the accident was unavoidable.

In a moment of consciousness the man said his name was Dave Camer- on. The motorcycle bore an Oregon license tag numbered "T-47" and is registered under the name of Evert Hill of the DeMoy hotel.

Reports from the Oregon City hospital late last night were to the effect that the injured man had a fair chance to recover.

OVER-THE-TOP IS REPORT FROM ALL SECTIONS

More than \$1200 in pledges to the War Savings campaign marked an enthusiastic rally held last night in School District No. 61 in the Jones Mill district.

This district was given an allotment of \$2160 and the total subscriptions to the campaign thus far have reached \$2555, or approximately 20 per cent over the allotment.

Such credit for the work in this campaign goes to the committee com- posed of Ed Leek, Mrs. M. Trosenon and Mrs. Ida Gibson, who have been working incessantly securing pledges and selling "baby bonds" since the drive opened Monday.

Greenwood district, No. 69, common- ly known as "Hog's Hollow" also went over the top last night. The meeting last night was featured by al- most perfect attendance and prior to the arrival of A. A. Price, the orator selected for this district those gath- ered had pledged \$1430.

Short snappy punches, delivered with force and vim by Mr. Price brought numerous additions to the pledges and when he ended his ad- dress the pledges had mounted to \$2235. The quota for this district was \$1680.

Duncan Curry donated a rifle with a pearl sight which was auctioned for the benefit of the Red Cross—the lat- ter organization being enriched by \$10 when the gun found its new owner.

Speakers from various sections of the county were assigned to speak in various sections and at a late hour last night the reports indicated that Clackamas county had pledged itself in the War Savings Campaign, far over the original allotments and prob- ably in excess of any other county in the state according to population.

Mackburg, with a population of only 252 persons, subscribed \$6410, which is far in excess of the original allotment of \$5040. Willard Hawley, Jr., general manager of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company, addressed a well attended meeting in this district last night and many subscriptions fol- lowed his snappy and concise address.

BUSY CORPS AT W. S. S. HEADQUARTERS ARE FLOODED WITH DATA

Later reports from Gladstone told the cheerful news that that thriving section had raised \$21,080.00 exceed- ing their quota by \$5080.

There will be a special committee in Oregon City to canvass the town Monday and raise the required quota. J. E. Calavan and Brenton Vodder remained at their post of duty in the court house Saturday until 1:30 o'clock, securing the returns from the War Savings Stamp drive. The tele- phones were kept busy from all sec- tions of the county. These men were ably assisted by Miss Julia Baker, Miss Albert Dunn, Miss Louise Cochran, Miss Erma Calavan, who of- fered their services for the patriotic work.

U. S. FORCES FLOW INTO FRANCE TO FIGHT HUNS

WASHINGTON, July 2.—American troops sent overseas numbered 1,091,155 on July 1.

This was made known tonight by President Wilson, who gave to the public a letter from Secretary Baker disclosing a record of achievements which the President said "must cause universal satisfaction," and which "will give additional zest to our Nation celebration of the Fourth of July."

The four units—non-combatant—left American shores on May 8, 1917. General Pershing followed 12 days later, and at the end of the month 1718 men had started for the battlefields of France.

June saw this number increase by 12,261, and thereafter khaki-clad "crus- aders" from the Western Republic flowed overseas in a steady stream un- til upward of 300,000 had departed, when the great German thrust began last March.

IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR CHAUTAUQUA SESSION

Things are humming down at Glad- stone Park in preparation for the an- nual session of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua which opens July 9, for a 13-day assembly.

The park is being treated to some very essential repairs and much need- ed improvements and Chautauqua folks will hereby know the place when they begin to move down in a week or two for the annual assembly.

A fine new gravel walk has been completed from the lower gate clear up to the auditorium; the old auto gate has been moved nearly 100 yards north of the old site and enlarged parking facilities for autos will be the result of this change.

A fine new concession stand is be- ing built by the assembly and it will be located down near the baseball grounds near the lower entrance to the park. Bids are being received by the ex- ecutive committee for the 1918 conces- sion, which includes camping provi- sions, soft drinks, ice cream, etc. In former years the association has main- tained two concessions or stores on the grounds, but the plan is to give the entire affair to the highest bidder this year. The new plan will be highly ad- vantageous to the concessionaire as it lies right at the park entrance and adjoins the car tracks where the crowds gather each afternoon and evening, and during the ball games.

Increased piping facilities will pro- vide an abundant water supply for the big Chautauqua family and a new main has been laid into the park. Things are in splendid shape for a great year.

Governor Urges Precaution on Fourth of July

In view of the unusual fire hazards which now exist due to the prolonged drought and because of the imperative necessity of conserving war materi- als, I most earnestly appeal to the people of Oregon to refrain as far as possible from the use of firecrackers and other forms of fireworks on the Fourth of July this year, and admonish all to exercise extreme caution and bear in mind the severe penalty of the law for negligence in this connection.

At a time of heart darkness when so many heavy sacrifices are being made for liberty and justice it should hardly be necessary to recommend a safe, sane and serious anniversary observance of the Declaration of Independence. This is not quite the hour for noise and bluster as the Mayors of Oregon cities and towns have severally proclaimed in response to a warning recently issued by the State Fire Marshal.

With all structures, woods and fields extremely sensitive to conflagra- tion there is just now an emergency need for conservatism and care which no patriotic person can overlook.

Therefore, I do hereby call upon the sheriffs of Oregon to instruct all peace officers in their respective counties to watch zealously for viola- tions of the law in connection with Fourth of July celebrations not only in the cities and towns but also in the rural communities and especially at picnic places in the country where momentary carelessness with a single firecracker might destroy a forest or a grainfield.

(Signed) JAMES WITHYCOMBE, Governor.

U-BOAT SINKS BELGIAN SHIP 25 SURVIVORS ARE RESCUED

WASHINGTON, July 2.—The Belgian steamer Chiller was sunk 1400 miles off the Atlantic coast on June 21 the navy department today announced. Twenty-five survivors were picked up by a sailing vessel on June 27.

The following statement was is- sued: "The navy department is informed that the Belgian steamship Chiller was sunk by shell fire from a German submarine about 1400 miles at sea from the Atlantic coast on June 21. Twenty-five survivors were rescued on June 27 by a sailing vessel. First information was received last night. The Chiller was a ship of 2966 gross tons."

The Chiller was sent down in mid- ocean three days after the British transport Dvinsk was torpedoed 700 miles from the American coast. It is thought probable here that both ves- sels were victims of a German sub- marine or submarines returning to base after raiding off the United States. No evidence of submarine ac- tivities near the shores of America has been reported since the steamer Henrik Lund was sunk 120 miles east of Cape Hatteras on June 10.

OFFICERS FIND CLOTHES BUT OWNER MISSING

A mystery confronts the local sher- iff's office here over the discovery of a uniform of a State Training School boy, and so far they have been unable to locate the previous wearer of it. The clothing was picked up by the conductor of the out-bound 4:30 car on the steps leading up the hill at Canemah. It consists of a cap, trousers, and coat, and a light wash neck- tie. The number written on the inside of the coat and the trousers was 1656, and the uniform was the regulation gray state outfit for those confined at the school. The cap is a large one, size about 7 1/2, while the coat and trousers would fit about an ordinary sized man. A letter, in the inside coat pocket was addressed to Mr. G. Kleinschmidt, at 760 E. 26th St., Port- land, Oregon, and carried explicit di- rections as to how the address was to be reached. Folded up in an inner pa- per, carefully pinned together, was a short note, signed "Carl" and address- ed to Mr. Kleinschmidt. In the letter the writer said "Dear Dad, can you come up Sunday, I want to see you, as I have something to ask you."

The envelope in which the message was folded, had a Turner address printed on the corner, "R. F. D. 1, Box 18."

Deputy Hackett immediately com- municated with the State Training school, but up to a late hour they had not reported any missing. The clothing was in good shape, although the sleeves had been relined, and some buttons replaced. The cap was comparatively new.

WOODLAND NOOKS AT CHAUTAUQUA PARK APPEAL TO CAMPERS

Camping at the Chautauqua Park during the coming assembly will be one of the most popular of vacations for city folks this season, as an op- portunity is thus given of combining recreation with education and whole- some enjoyment. At the same time, the Chautauqua vacation is one which the busy business man and his family may enjoy, for the convenience of the location, coupled with the unexcelled transportation facilities, make the spot one of the most favored in the entire Northwest. Special rates on the many lines running to the park and the frequency of train service, make it possible for the man of affairs, who to domicile his family in the magnificent camping grove at the Gladstone Park, while he goes to and from his work, either in this city, or Portland. Es- pecial inducements are being made to have the tent city well populated this season, and those wishing accom- modations are urged to communicate im- mediately with the secretary.

SEEKS TO HAVE WILL PROBATED

Helen M. Olson, administratrix of the estate of the late Mathias Olson, who died at Canby in July of last year, has petitioned the court to ad- mit the will to probate. The estate is listed as consisting of cash in the Canby bank to the amount of \$5,000. The administratrix is the wife of the deceased.

Pendleton.—Dedication of Olney Ab- bey Mausoleum, one of the handsom- est community mausoleum U. S. will take place here.

Says Prohibition Will Limit Shipbuilding



BAINBRIDGE COLBY

Speaking for the Shipbuilding Board and the Emergency Fleet Corpora- tion, Bainbridge Colby, a member of a Senate Committee that "bon- ed" prohibition, taking the beer of the workmen in shipyards from them, would decrease the shipbuilding pro- gram by 25 per cent.

GERMANY DEMANDS HEAVY IN PROPOSALS

PARIS, July 1.—Great Britain must turn over its war fleet to Germany, return Gibraltar to Spain and restore Egypt and the Suez canal to Turkey. Great Britain, France and the United States must pay Germany an inden- sity of at least \$45,000,000,000. Bel- gium and French territory must be surrendered to Germany.

These are among the conditions in- cluded in the German peace program published in the Nachrichten of Ger- mits, Prussia, by Count Roon, a mem- ber of the Prussian house of lords, ac- cording to a Havas dispatch from Basel, Switzerland.

Count Roon says Germany is enti- tled to the following terms because of its strength, and until they are re- alized there should be no armistice and no cessation of submarine war- fare:

Annexation of Belgium, with ad- ministrative autonomy in the interior. Independence of Flanders.

Annexation of the entire Flanders coast, including Calais.

Annexation of the Brie and Longwy basins and the Toul, Belfort and Verdun regions eastward.

Restitution to Germany of all her colonies, including Kalo Chau.

Great Britain to cease to Germany such naval bases and coasting sta- tions as Germany designates.

Great Britain must return Gibrat- tar to Spain, cede its war fleet to Ger- many, restore Egypt to Turkey and the Suez canal to Turkey.

Greece must be re-established un- der former King Constantine with frontiers as before the war.

Austria and Bulgaria will divide Serbia and Montenegro.

Great Britain, France and the United States must pay all of Ger- many's war costs, the indemnity be- ing a minimum of \$45,000,000,000. They also must agree to deliver war materials immediately.

France and Belgium are to remain occupied at their expense until these conditions are carried out.

BATTLEMENT OF BOCHES WIPED OUT IN BATTLE

PARIS, July 2.—German counter attacks west of Chateau Thierry against the positions captured by the American troops have completely failed, according to the War Office announcement tonight. The village of St. Pierre Algis is again in French hands.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE MARNE FRONT, July 2.—American troops, which advanced and hurled back the Germans on a front of two miles west of Chateau Thierry in a battle which began last night at 6 o'clock, continued their pressure on the enemy throughout today, and re- pulsed a counter attack against their new positions.

The village of Vaux, the height to the west of the village, two patches of wooded land, a large slice of the Paris highway west of Chateau Thierry and other ground gained by the victorious Americans has been re- tained. The battle continues.

The total number of prisoners cap- tured by the Americans is now esti- mated to be about 500, of whom seven are officers. Many groups of pris- oners already have been sent to the rear and others have been located in hospitals where they were removed after being wounded. The Ameri- cans have captured many machine guns and other equipment.

There was hot fighting today in front of Hill 204, which is in the hands of the Germans. At 5 o'clock this evening, the American artillery was engaged in heavy shelling the position.

ITALIANS SMASH OFFENSIVE BEGUN BY AUSTRIAN TROOPS

ROME, July 2.—A new Austrian at- tempt to resume the offensive has been smashed by Italian troops, who inflicted a crushing defeat on the enemy in the vicinity of Monte di Val Bella, the Italians capturing more than 20000 prisoners. Two terrific at- tacks were made by the enemy in the course of the afternoon. Both were repulsed with enormous losses to the Austrians in killed in addition the prisoners taken.

The Italians in a brilliant attack on Col Del Rosso carried that formidable Austrian stronghold, inflicting severe losses, and also were successful in surprise attacks on the left side of the Piave in the Montello salient. Several enemy posts were carried and numerous prisoners, machine guns and other war material were taken.

SOCIALIST LEADED IS ARRESTED FOR TALK

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 1.—Eu- gene V. Debs, four times Socialist candidate for the presidency of the United States, was arrested here to- day by United States Marshal Chas. W. Lapp and Deputy Marshal Charles Boehme as he was about to deliver a speech.

The arrest was made on a warrant in connection with his speech at the Socialist state convention in Canton, O., June 16 last.

The arrest was made on a secret in- dictment returned yesterday. It is un- derstood the indictment contains 10 counts under the espionage act, which provides a penalty of 20 years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$10,000 and costs for each violation.

Debs was arrested as he was about to enter the garden where the meet- ing was held. No commotion was caused, as few persons were aware of what was transpiring until after Mr. Debs was taken to the Federal build- ing.

Following the announcement of Mr. Debs' arrest, a defense fund of more than \$1000 was raised by popular sub- scription before the meeting ended.

SENATE ANNULS CHARTER HELD BY GERMAN SOCIETY

WASHINGTON, July 2.—Without a word of discussion or a record vote the senate today adopted the resolu- tion of Senator King, of Utah, annul- ling the Federal charter of the Na- tional German-American alliance. The resolution now goes to the house.