

STARTLING CONDITIONS AT MOSCOW REVEALED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Official dispatches today from American Consul-General Poole in Moscow lifted the curtains for a moment and revealed an amazing train of events in that city.

Consul-General Poole, after witnessing the violation of the French and British consulates and the arrests of the Consul-General and their staffs, destroyed his code book and papers and turned the affairs of the American Consulate over to the Swedish Consul, at the same time demanding safe conduct from the country for himself and his associates.

French and British citizens have been arrested and the Bolsheviks have announced they would hold them as hostages because of the attack on the Soviet government by British and French troops at Archangel.

Members of the French and British military missions stationed in Moscow were refused permission to leave the country, in spite of a previous promise of safe conduct.

It is possible that since the sending of Consul-General Poole's telegram, which began on July 29 and continued until August 6, the situation may have changed, because it is reported that Lenin and Trotsky, the Bolshevik leaders, have fled and the Soviet government in Moscow may have been overthrown.

Should the situation be unchanged, the American Consul-General's action will not affect the status of other American Consuls in Russia as they have been working with the local governments throughout Russia, where pro-ally feeling is strong.

The story is told in sequence in the State Department's official announcement of its advice from Mr. Poole. The department of State has now received several telegrams from Consul-General Poole at Moscow concerning recent events in that city.

One of the telegrams, similar in character to a previous message received through other channels, states that on July 29 Lenin declared repeatedly before an official gathering of the Soviets that a state of war existed between the Russian republic and the allied powers.

BEGGER ABROAD BUT JUDGE LODER FINDS HIM GOOD POSITION

The "Work or Fight" order had no terrors for one R. M. Griffin, a full-fledged knight of the road of the antebellum species, who drifted into Oregon City a few days ago. He was arrested for begging.

Griffin seemed to be an able-bodied chap of about 35 years of age. He informed city officials he did not work, and furthermore he would not work. His case attracted the attention of Judge John Loder who visited the city jail.

"I understand you will not work," said Recorder Loder.

"Correct," remarked Griffin with a yawn.

Whereupon the good Judge read Oregon City's loiter ordinance which provided that any reasonable means may be used to enforce labor upon reluctant enemies of toil.

Just what else Judge Loder said to Griffin will probably never be known, but at any rate, in company with Street Superintendent Babcock, Griffin marched away at 1.00 P. M. Tuesday afternoon and he has been industriously engaged ever since in street work on the hill section. According to the officials he is more than earning his keep.

MARINE INSURANCE RATES GO HIGHER SUBMARINES CAUSE

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Marine underwriters today advanced war risk rates on sailing vessels both for coastwise and trans-oceanic routes, because of the continued activity of U-boats in coastal waters. Rates jumped to 3 per cent and in some cases to 4 per cent for sailing between American ports, while trans-ocean rates were advanced to 10 per cent by some underwriters.

AMERICAN LOYALTY LEAGUE DEDICATES STAR STUDED FLAG

The Loyalty League of Beaver Creek dedicated its service flag last Saturday evening before a large audience, many people from various sections of the county attending, and participating in the exercises. There are eighteen stars in the flag representing the young men from that section in the service. As the roll call was given each name called was responded to by a letter from the young men, making it a most impressive affair. A flag drill was given by 16 children. William M. Stone was the speaker of the evening, and made an excellent address.

Seats of honor for the parents of the young men in the service were decorated with the national colors. Ice cream and cake were served.

One of the features was raffling a quilt of the Henri Red Cross Auxiliary, and \$53 was added to the treasury. Henry Heitman was the winner of the handsome cover.

The entire hall was festooned with flags and bunting, and presented a most patriotic appearance. The decorations were in charge of Miss Llewellyn. The program of the evening was in charge of Mrs. Ab Thomas and Mrs. George Havill.

The young men who are represented on the service flag of Beaver Creek Loyalty League are William, George and John Watt, David Harris, Harry Perry, Humphrey Perry, Fred Bluhm, Emmett Hughes, Irving Dodge, John White, Griffith Roberts, Lloyd Schram, Robert Beattie, John Beattie, Charles Beattie, Max Holman, Robert Lynch, and Griffith Jones.

A. A. PEASE BOUND OVER FOR FEDERAL GRAND JURY ACTION

A. A. Pease, of Mount Pleasant, who was taken into custody in Oregon City Saturday, July 20, on a federal charge, when he was accused of uttering seditious remarks, has been turned over to the federal grand jury, and his bonds placed at \$500. W. W. Myers, of this city, has gone on the man's bonds. Pease is also accused of saying the Red Cross Society was a grafting organization.

Pease recently went on the bonds of P. W. Meredith, who is a neighbor of the farmer at Mount Pleasant, and who has been indicted by the federal grand jury on a similar charge.

A number of flour hoarders, who recently were arrested on charges of hoarding more flour than they were entitled to, have been turned over to the federal grand jury and are out on bonds.

SEPTEMBER MORN TABOO

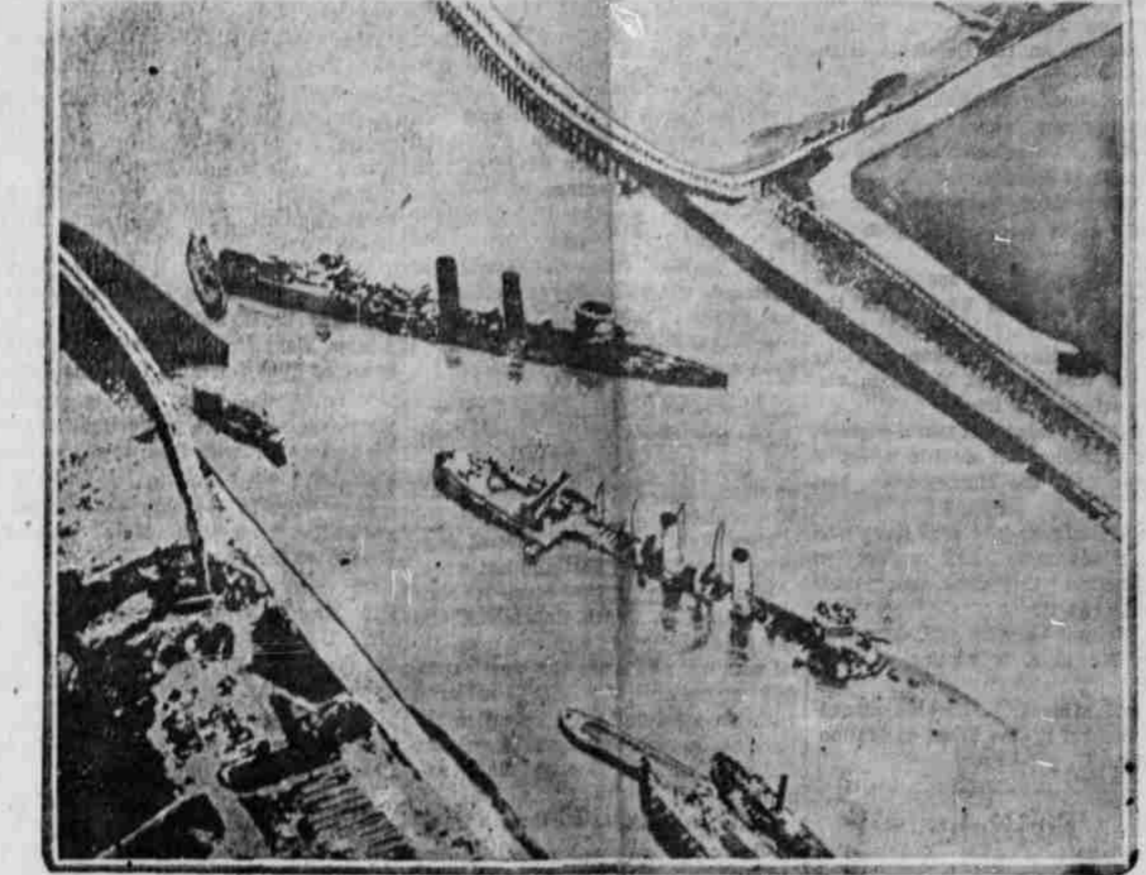
DENVER, Colo., Aug. 12.—Eye and September Morn both had to don skirts before William Fineran, cow puncher, of Hudson, Col., could break into the American army. When Fineran applied at a Denver recruiting station for enlistment the examining officer rejected him because of a figure of Eve tattooed on one thigh and that of September Morn on the other. Fineran told his troubles to a nearby tattoo "artist," who by a few deft jobs of a needle put a Hula-Hula garb on the offending figures. Fineran is now at Fort Logan.

Newest Photo of Kerensky



This photo of Alexander Kerensky, former premier in the Provisional Government of Russia, who was one of the few rulers respected by the allies, was taken in Paris, where he is now trying to induce them to send an army into Russia.

German Photo Shows Ships That Blocked Zeebrugge Harbor



This photo of the harbor of Zeebrugge, Belgium, was taken several weeks ago, long after the British had sunk cruisers filled with cement to block the channel and prevent U-boats from escaping. The picture was obtained from Holland and the original had come from Germany. It shows very little space for U-boats to leave their base, from which they had preyed on allied commerce.

FIVE MILES OF COUNTRY ROAD GET PAVEMENT

Five miles of hard surface paving will be the goal for county paving operations in Clackamas county during 1918, according to Roadmaster Roots. With the completion Wednesday of a one mile stretch between Milwaukie and Clackamas, from the 2 1/2 mile city limits, a little over 2 1/2 miles has been laid since early in July.

Monday morning hard surface work is to begin in the city of Gladstone, which voted a 10-mill special levy for hard surface roads last fall. The work will begin at the Clackamas bridge and an equal amount of the special tax is to be spent on the river road and the Clackamas road. The road is to be the standard 16-foot pavement which has been laid by the county during the past two years and will be the first step in a system of permanent hard surface roads through Gladstone connecting with trunk lines on each side. According to Roadmaster Roots the work will begin Monday morning.

Two other districts which voted special levies for hard surface roads during the past year will get their highways before the fall rains set in. District No. 12, plans to pave the Clackamas Rock Creek road toward Baker's Bridge from the Smith ranch. In the Wichita-Ardenwald district, where \$3000 was voted for hard surface, the work will be carried on following the Rock Creek stretch. Other plans are under foot, according to Roadmaster Roots, which will total five miles of paving for the summer's work.

The Oak Grove river road between Jennings Lodge and the John Risley place, connecting with hard surface at either end was the first piece of hard surface laid this summer.

Doolittle Did Little Wife Files Objections Divorce Mill's Grist

When there was little to do Doolittle did little. Also when there was much to do, Doolittle, alleges Mrs. Doolittle, did little. And when Doolittle would do little, Mrs. Doolittle would have to do a little more.

Just why Doolittle did little is not explained in the divorce suit of Nellie M. Doolittle filed Monday, but at any rate she charges that her spouse refused to accept employment when it was offered and compelled her to earn her own living. Therefore, in the natural order of things Doolittle's tendency to do little finally landed him in the Clackamas county divorce mill, where the suit will be threshed out before Judge Campbell at an early date.

CONSTRUCT HUGE TANK

The Hawley Pulp & Paper Company is having constructed on High Street near Second Street a reservoir with about 50,000 gallons capacity. This is being erected on a lot recently purchased by the paper company from Judge Thomas F. Ryan. The reservoir is to be used for holding a reserve water supply for the sprinkling system of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company.

Hurled Vile Epithets Threw Plates Around Now May Be Bounced

"Creature of hell," was one of the pet epithets used by P. C. Sonnesyn, when addressing his wife, Christina Sonnesyn, according to her complaint filed in the circuit court Tuesday. The wife claims that her husband has almost continually manifested ill temper toward her, without cause or provocation, and that almost every day he would knock the plates off the table, and do other unconventional acts, as a result of which Mrs. Sonnesyn became highly nervous.

She further charges that her husband purchased a tract of ground and had the deed made in his son, J. P. Sonnesyn, for the purpose of preventing his wife's interest in the said property from materializing. She asks that this be declared a deed of trust and that she be decreed to be the owner of one-third of said lands, and be given \$2733.33 permanent alimony, with costs and attorney's fees. The land is a ten acre tract in the Lewis D. L. C. in Tp. 2 S. R. 1 E.

Ralph B. Jennings charges his wife, Zella Jennings, became cool toward him, solicited absolutely no affection, became angry over trifles, and finally packed up her things and left, with her daughter, for Nebraska, where she is now residing. He asks a divorce on cruel and inhuman grounds. The couple were married in 1898.

STATEMENT MADE BY UNION FORCES HINTS STRIKE SETTLEMENT

The following statement relative to the paper mill strike situation was given out for publication Wednesday by Thomas J. McGrath, president of the Pulp & Sulphite Workers Union Local No. 68:

"Acting upon a telegram from E. J. Stack secretary of the Oregon Federation of Labor, who has been in San Francisco for some days in conference with the officials of the Crown-Williamette Paper company, a strike committee from the paper mill unions of Oregon City and Camas, Wash., left last night for San Francisco to meet with the officials of the paper company in an effort to adjust the labor troubles that have been in progress in the two cities, together with Lebanon, Or., for the last 10 months. This committee comprises W. R. Smith, second vice president of the Brotherhood of International Papermakers, who has been in charge of the strike situation for the last five months; Harry Anderson, president of the Central Trades council of Portland; E. J. Stack, state secretary of the Oregon Federation of Labor, who will join the members in San Francisco; Geo. Dumaire and S. Ed Launer, from Oregon City; Frank Frampton and Jack Lane, from Canas.

"Lebanon voted to permit the Oregon City members to represent their union in the adjustment of the strike.

"The paper mill strike has been in progress since October 25, 1917. The mills have since been operating with men brought in from the outside.

DAN FINNUCANE GASSIED BY HUN BUT STILL ALIVE

Dan Finnucane, son of P. S. Finnucane, and one of the well known Oregon City boys, is suffering from gas burns, recently received while serving his country in France. A letter was received by Mr. Finnucane Saturday morning from the young man, who is still in the hospital, but wrote a cheerful note saying that he was getting along O. K. It was while at the front Dan received his first attack of the deadly gas given out by the Huns.

In his letter Dan says: "I will drop you a line to let you know that I am suffering from gas burns, and am in a hospital, where I am receiving the best of care, and we certainly appreciate the care we are getting. When I return home, I will sure have something to tell you of this war, that is if I ever get home alive.

"I have always enjoyed hearing the tales of the G. A. R. men, but I tell you right now, they haven't anything on us now, believe me. When you are on No Man's Land you cannot realize it is such a place, when you see green fields of grain and almost like a garden.

"I have some great stories stored away that I will relate to you all when I return home. These are true. Everything you see in the movies showing pictures of the war are true.

"When you write, tell me about the Fourth of July celebration or what was done on that day at home. The day was observed here."

Private Dan Finnucane wrote the letter July 11, and one of his letters written June 25, told of his being in the best of health. The gas attack occurred shortly after writing the first letter. Dan has many friends here, who congratulate him on getting off as safely as he did from the Hun attack.

Nuts in Abundance But Not Crazy Kind Big Money In These

Can a man be called nutty when he is crazy about nuts? If that is true there is room for an insane asylum in Oregon City, for Clackamas is a splendid county for nuts. A visit to Homer Kruse's place near Wilsonville shows what can be done with walnuts and filberts. You can find walnuts growing prettily much all over the county, and giving good returns, but it is doubtful if there is another orchard of filberts of the size and variety here anywhere in the United States. One of the trees has a spread of thirty feet, and the trunk is thirteen inches in diameter, at the age of twelve years. There is one other tree as large as this located in the East, but it is over twenty years old. As the County Agent went over this orchard and saw the loads of nuts there, as many as 30 to 50 pounds to the tree, and thought of the unlimited demand for these nuts at 20 cents a pound, he began to feel decidedly nutty. It seems that Oregon doesn't appreciate her own opportunities, for a Seattle firm has stepped in and contracted for all the cuttings from the two best varieties.

PRODUCTIVE SOIL IN CITY BRINGS EARLY FLOWERS AND FRUIT

ORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY Public Auditorium Portland, Ore.

Although August is somewhat early for the dahlias blossoms to be opening, some of the gardens of Oregon City are attracting much attention. Here are some of the handsomest blossoms to be seen, ranging from the snowy white blossoms to the crimson red and to the almost black dahlia. These blossoms generally make their appearance in September or in October, but the recent warm weather has been the means of these flowering plants to bloom much earlier.

Among the gardens that are attracting much attention is the dahlia bed of Mrs. G. A. Harding, where some of the choicest flowers are seen, while other gardens are ornamented with prize-winning dahlias, including those of Mrs. J. D. Baker, Mrs. Grant B. Dimick, Mrs. L. E. Jones, and Mrs. Frank T. Barlow, of Gladstone.

At the greenhouse of H. J. Bigger on Center Street are over 25 varieties of dahlias that are making their appearance. These are growing on graceful stalks and the bright colors make them most attractive. At the rear of the dahlia bed will be seen Mr. Bigger's war garden, one of the best in the city, where pumpkins and squashes are making a rapid growth, to be exhibited at the Clackamas county fair in September. Stalks laden with the finest corn is finding a ready market, while the tomato vines are doing their share by bearing an enormous crop.

One vine, a volunteer, is in the greenhouse and measures 27 feet long, and is bearing dozens of tomatoes.

BRIEF ILLNESS TAKES FORMER RESIDENT OF THIS CITY ON AUG. 3

C. P. Bailey, of The Dalles, prominent resident of that city, and a former resident of Oregon City, died August 3 at the family home, after a brief illness. The funeral services were held August 6. His death was due to heart failure.

Mr. Bailey's mother, Mrs. Thomas Bailey, died when he was but eleven months old in Missouri, and the father, bringing his children across the plains shortly after the death of the wife and mother, arrived here in 1852. The family settled at Boone's Ferry, and later moved to Linn City, residing there before the great flood when that city was swept away.

Mr. Bailey is survived by his wife and eight children, six daughters and two sons, all of whom are grown. Mrs. J. W. Norris, of this city, is a sister.

Teach Patriotism in Schools, Says Educator



Mrs. Mary C. C. Bradford

Mrs. Mary C. C. Bradford, superintendent of public instruction in Colorado, has joined the campaign of the National Security League to teach patriotism in all public schools of the country. "The public school system in the United States can undertake no greater work at this time," she said.

RIBECOURT FALLS INTO HANDS OF FRENCHMEN

PARIS, Aug. 15.—(Special)—The capture of Ribecourt by the French marks an important epoch in the offensive which has for its immediate purpose the freeing of the region between the Somme and the Cise. As a gain from the strategic standpoint it ranks with the taking by the French of the forest and hill positions between the Matz and the Oise, which has brought the French almost to the gates of Laasigny. Through Ribecourt lies an open route up the Oise Valley to Noyon—a route by rail and the big national thoroughfare, not to mention the canal which parallels the roadways for the greater part of the way. Noyon is only a little more than six miles northeast of Ribecourt.

German front-line trenches at Beaumont Hamel, Serre, Puisieux Au Mont and Bucquoy have been found untenable by the enemy in the face of the recent activity by the British all along the line from Albert to Arras, while the French have persevered in their violent attacks against the Germans on the sector which dominates the lower portion of the Pleardy plain and the Oise Valley and have encroached further upon the Lassigny massif and the Thiescourt plateau and farther south have captured the important town of Ribecourt.

Unofficial reports have announced the capture of Lassigny by the French and of all the German positions between the western outskirts of Brav-sur-Somme and Etinehem by the Australians.

From the Somme to the Aisne, except in the latter region where the French have made further gains, the Germans seemingly have had further success in holding back the allied troops and still are in possession of Chaumes and Royce, upon the capture of which the efforts of the British and French have been centered. In the central part of the battle front the enemy continues to deliver violent counter attacks and also has further reinforced his line with men and guns and is using them without stint to retain his position, realizing that their capture would spell disaster.

HON. MAYOR HACKETT PROVES HIMSELF AS GOOD AS THE BEST

Oregon City has many war gardens, where you will find the "tater" vines bearing some of the best Burbank and Early Rose, and corn stalks ornamented with fringed "ears" and soon ready for roasting. While looking over the city's war gardens, there is one not to be overlooked. This is owned by Mayor Hackett, planted and cared for by him in his spare time from duties in the sheriff's office. The tallest corn in the city, measuring from eight to nine feet, will be found here, and the corn is ready for use. There are several varieties, as the mayor likes a change once in awhile.

Among the varieties he has the Golden Bantam, pronounced exceptionally fine. Vines that are simply laden with green tomatoes will have an average of several bushels before the close of the season.

Mayor Hackett has a "mouth" for watermelon when a boy, and as he still delights in getting his share, has planted some, and the vines show many small melons making their appearance. Potato vines are looking thrifty, and there will be more than enough for the family during the winter.

Mr. Hackett who was born and reared on a farm, knows something about gardening from the appearance of his place at Greenpoint.

WESTERN UNION HAS ANNOUNCED AN INCREASE IN WAGES

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Announcement of a general increase of 10 per cent in wages to all employees of the Western Union Telegraph company belonging to the association recently organized by the company, was made here today. The increase, retroactive from July 1, applies to about 45,000 employees.