

DENTISTS DO SHARE IN FREE OPERATIONS FOR SOLDIER BOYS

NEW YORK.—Free dental operations to the number of 65,000 are being performed monthly by members of the Preparedness League of American dentists, according to the report just made public at the league's headquarters here.

Almost 20,000 drafted men were examined in the course of the month and 18,000 of these required work to be done in order that they might meet the dental requirements at the camp to which they were to be sent.

The dentists in the state of California led in the number of men examined 25,000, and performed a total of 9,200 operations. Many of these, however, had been performed in other months, but, as in the case of other states, had not yet been reported to the league.

New York was second with 600 operations and Pennsylvania third with 4,900 free operations to its credit. Dentists in the state of Iowa showed a total of 4,824 operations.

The kind of work done during the month including 41,000 fillings, 11,000 extractions and 10,700 prophylactic treatments.

The preparedness League of American Dentists now has 17,000 members or considerably more than one-third of the dentists in the country, contributing their time and materials to the dental fitting of drafted men for service.

NINE PUPILS FROM CLACKAMAS COUNTY WIN STATE PRIZES

PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—Nine Clackamas county pupils win pins of recognition in Liberty Loan essay contest on subject "My Liberty Bond and I," as follows: Shirley Robbins, Molalla, fourth grade; Jessie Henderson, fifth grade; Louise Wadsworth, sixth; Hazel Weeks, seventh; Dorothy Vaughan, Molalla, eighth; Dorris Finch, Estacada, ninth; Harid Regele, Canby, tenth; Frances Robinson, Canby, eleventh; and Marian Peterson, twelfth grade. One hundred and fifty thousand young people in the state competed in the contest. Ten gold medals were awarded and one hundred and twenty pins of recognition.

SHIPYARDS IDLE

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 12.—Shipyards of Seattle are celebrating Liberty day today by remaining idle.

The men demanded double time for working today, declaring it is a legal holiday. The companies agreed to pay regular time, but the men refused to work on this basis.

Between 30,000 and 40,000 men are idle.

SPANISH INFLUENZA AT AGGIE COLLEGE IS ON THE DECLINE

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Oct. 16.—The epidemic of colds and grip at the college is on the rapid decline, the crest having been reached several days ago, when 229 cases were reported to Colonel A. C. Sharpe, S. A. T. C. commander. Since then there has been a steady decrease. A few new patients are reported each day, but many are discharged. The cases are extremely light, with the exception of a few where complications have developed. There have been no deaths. The third floor of Waldo Hall is being used as a hospital. Graduate nurses are in attendance. Dr. R. L. Bosworth, city health officer, is physician in charge.

EARTHQUAKE ROCKS PORTO RICO; MUCH DAMAGE IS DONE

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, Oct. 11.—This island was shaken by an earthquake this morning and the shocks were followed by a tidal wave.

Reports from Aguadilla, a town on the low lying northwestern coast, say that the tidal waves had submerged the town. Fourteen persons were killed and 40 or more were injured.

At Ponce, a city of more than 200,000 persons on the south coast, the city hall was wrecked, and it is reported that several of the inhabitants were killed. Details are lacking.

U. S. TRANSPORT SINKS AT PIER TROOPS SAVED

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Oct. 15.—The U. S. transport America sank at her pier in 26 minutes today. All soldiers aboard escaped it was reported that some members of the crew were missing, but later it was stated all hands had been accounted for.

The sinking is believed to have been caused by water pouring in through open portholes as the ship was loaded, or accidental opening of the sea cocks. Preparations are being made to raise the vessel.

The America is a steamer of 22,622 tons, next to the Leviathan in size. She lies partly submerged on her starboard side, having careened away from the pier as she went down. Before the war she was the German liner America.

A naval court of inquiry is to start an investigation immediately.

Troops aboard the ship were forced to flee for their lives, so hurriedly that many lost their equipment and personal belongings.

In every K. of C. hut in this country and overseas there is an admonition to "Write to Mother often."

PLENTY OF GASOLINE FOR ALL USES IF WASTE IS STOPPED

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—So much is printed from day to day about the gasoline situation, the decreasing stocks and the increasing Government demands for fuel for war uses, the public at times is greatly alarmed, and this anxiety has its effect upon the retail automobile market.

As a matter of fact, there does not seem to be any real reason for undue alarm. It has often been said at Washington that there is enough gas for war and for home consumption, if the waste can be stopped and the consumption kept within reasonable bounds. That there are many ways to keep consumption within bounds which will still permit all the existing automobiles a reasonable weekly mileage is well known.

The problem is merely how to curtail consumption and still not curtail necessary mileage of both passenger and commercial cars. In any system of curtailment it is easy to see that the government will give preference to commercial cars. The passenger cars will undoubtedly get what fuel is left and if the waste is stopped there should be plenty of fuel left for the passenger cars.

The note of warning sent out last week by the War Department relative to the increasing needs of the army for motor fuels would seem to destroy any hope for an early abandonment of the "gasless" Sunday.

"STAND BY THE WAR"—SLOGAN OF REPUBLICANS

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 11.—Chairman Will H. Hays, of the National Republican Committee, in a patriotic and ringing editorial in the National Republican today, calls on all citizens to stand by the war, and spent the last drop of blood and treasure for this purpose, if need be.

"The Republican party says to the country—STAND BY THE WAR.

"In this declaration of purpose is included the statement which the Democratic party seems to have adopted as a slogan—'Stand by the President.'"

"Stand by the President in support of all war measures is a duty and privilege which the Republicans have assumed as a matter of course, as to all that the great office implies, and in the performance of which duty the Republican party has functioned for more fully and efficiently than the Democratic party, and in which course will persist without waver or shadow of turning.

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"This includes more. It includes, Stand by the President; it includes stand by every public official, high or low, measured by the thoroughness with which that public official stands by the war; it includes stand by the government; stand by this country; stand by our allies, every one; stand against our enemies in this war, every one; stand by our soldiers in France and the soldiers of our allies; stand by every effort for WAR SAVING and WAR GIVING in this country; stand for the Fourth Liberty loan and every other war effort; stand for the cause for which we fight; stand by the 'irreducible minimum' of peace terms so splendidly enunciated by Senator Lodge; stand by the war aims of this country to vindicate American rights, interests and honor and to forever end Prussianism in the world and the oppression which it typifies, and to make certain forever the inability of militarism, Prussian or otherwise, to disturb again the peace of the world; stand irrevocably for a peace with victory only and not for a peace based on compromise of principles which would make of our sacrifice a sacrifice to be made again by our grandchildren.

"All this we say—STAND BY THE WAR—and for this purpose we dedicate the last of our blood and of our treasure."

TRANSPORT SUNK; 372 SOLDIERS ARE LOST

A BRITISH PORT, Oct. 11.—A large number of American troops have been lost as the result of the sinking of the transport Otranto in the North Channel between the Scottish and Irish coasts in a collision with the steamer Kashmir.

The Otranto, after the collision, was dashed to pieces on the rocks off the South Scottish coast with a probable loss of 372 American soldiers.

Three hundred and one men were taken to Belfast by the British destroyer Mounsey, the only vessel which made an attempt at rescue in the terrific gale when the Kashmir, another vessel in the convoy with the Otranto, rammed the Otranto amidships.

Seventeen men were picked up alive on the Scottish coast.

Of the 699 American soldiers on board the Otranto, 310 were loaded,

Seven enlisted men of the crew of the U. S. S. Westgate, which sank in collision on October 7, were reported missing today by the Navy Department. Among them was Lloyd C. Hanson, of Oregon City.

HOMES FOR WORKERS PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—Four million dollars will be spent for the construction of new homes for workers, and probably half as much more in rehabilitating old buildings to make them suitable for residences.

18-YEAR-OLDS DISQUALIFIED AT CORVALLIS

CORVALLIS, Or., Oct. 14.—By a new ruling of the war department, just received at the Oregon Agricultural college, boys under 18 years of age are not eligible for induction into section B, the vocational section of the S. A. T. C. As a result of this order perhaps 200 men between the ages of 18 and 19 who have registered at the college and have been accepted by the military department as eligible for induction into the vocational section, will be disqualified, for the present, at least, for membership in the S. A. T. C. Class B men are limited by this ruling to a course of eight weeks fitting them for immediate service overseas as auto mechanics, blacksmiths, carpenters, radio operators, mechanics, foundry men, pipefitters, surveyors, topographic draftsmen, tractor operators and band musicians, or to the course of 13 weeks for radio electricians. These courses are open to men who have attained their 18th birthdays, but not to men only 18 years old.

The new ruling brings peculiar disappointment to a large number of boys who have 10 to 12 units of high school work to their credit, but lack the necessary 13 to enter section A of the S. A. T. C. Many of these are asking to be taken into vocational courses of the college at their own expense in order not to interrupt their military training and to secure further preparations for the work they hope ultimately to do when they qualify either in age or credits for the S. A. T. C. They would then have the same relations to the institution as the large number of high school graduates not yet 18 who are now pursuing courses at the college in anticipation of entering section A of the S. A. T. C. when they attain the draft age. The college which has rearranged all its work for men to conform to the government's requirements is now wrestling with this new problem with a view of adjusting the courses of these 18-year-old boys so as to be of greatest value to them.

SOLDIER BOYS RUSH WORKER FOR GOOD EATS

By Graham Weat.

PARIS, Sept. 30. (By mail) We were standing in the dusty road beside the shell splintered gate posts that marked the entrance to the emergency hut established by the Knights of Columbus in the center of a shattered French village. Lines of singing, chattering American troops were swinging by on their way up to the front to continue the chase and the punishment of the retreating Germans. Y. M. C. A. Salvation Army and Jewish Welfare Workers who had been with us in the long trip to the front were working side by side.

"Oh, you, lollypop," shouted a big western, as he slung his gun strap over his shoulder that he might the more easily slip both, instead of only one hand, into the big box from which we were distributing candy, chocolate and other sweets.

The music of his voice was scarcely gone before there was a rush of weary, exhausted men staggering toward us from the opposite direction. They were the fighters the westerner and his comrades who were "going in" to relieve. The tide almost swept me off my feet. I was carried far from my post beside the "goodie" chest. The men who pushed were really hungry not through any fault of the United States Army supply system, but because those weary hungry men, fought so hard, and went forward so swiftly that the food supply never had a chance to keep up with them. They had not eaten in many hours and our immediate supply of candy, chocolate and other eatables disappeared almost as rapidly as the German offensive had a few hours earlier.

The officer in charge of the detachment stood off, smiling grimly at his men disregarded, many of them, their slight wounds, and filled their mouths with the first food they had tasted in hours. When they had finished, I stepped up to the officer and thanked him for permitting the soldiers to stop and partake of the supplies.

"Thank you so much," replied the officer, twisting nervously on his heel. "Er - er - by the way, er - now - er you don't happen to have an extra piece, do you? I haven't eaten since yesterday noon?"

MUCH DAMAGE RESULT OF BIG OIL PIER FIRE

SEATTLE, Oct. 16.—Although under control, fires sweeping the Great Northern oil piers were still burning fiercely at 8 o'clock this morning despite the efforts of all the city's marine and land fire apparatus, together with a heavy downpour of rain that has been falling for four hours. The flames burst out at 11 o'clock Tuesday night.

Losses are estimated this morning at \$2,000,000 minimum.

The cause of the blaze has not been determined.

WOODBURN MAN IS INJURED IN MILL ACCIDENT

WOODBURN, Oct. 11.—George Dickson, an employe at the Woodburn sawmill, met with a painful accident, when his right arm was caught in a saw, severing ligaments and one bone. Dickson was sent to a Salem hospital, after being given first aid treatment here.

INFLUENZA REPORTED UNDER CONTROL BY PORTLAND OFFICIALS

PORTLAND, Oct. 15.—With only 100 cases reported in the past 48 hours, Dr. George Parrish believes the influenza in this city is under control.

Less than 300 cases in all have been reported and all but few are colds and light attacks of grip, declares Dr. Parrish, who has personally investigated many of the reports. With only two deaths—both of men coming from outside the city—and few cases of pneumonia, the most dreaded complication, the situation is less serious than at first feared.

Dr. Parrish and Mayor Baker still are seeking an emergency hospital. The White Shield Home, now little used, is believed suitable and the city hopes to get it. If not, a school house may be commandeered.

Portland generally has obeyed the order prohibiting public gatherings. Few complaints are received. Everyone appears to be cheerfully complying with the spirit of the order.

Two weeks is the minimum time set for the closing period. If the disease is not then checked definitely, the closing period may be extended.

Fresh air and plenty of it are recommended by Dr. Parrish as the surest cure and prevention. Open windows are a necessity, he says. For a month nose and throat wash, Dr. Parrish recommends two standard solutions, Dobell's at 35 cents a pint and Dakin's at 50 cents.

NEARLY 1000 DEAD IN FOREST FIRES MANY HOMELESS

DULUTH, Minn., Oct. 14.—The forest fires which have taken a death toll in Northern Minnesota and Wisconsin, estimated at over a thousand, making 40,000 homeless of whom 15,000 are destitute are receding in their fierceness today, last reports being that everywhere they are being brought under control.

In the Moose lake district alone, fatalities are estimated at 400, while in other devastated sections figures bring the total to more than 1000. Property loss is roughly placed at \$100,000,000.

Nearly 200 bodies have already been brought to this city, which has been made the objective of thousands of fleeing refugees. Rescue parties and companies of home guards, fighting the flames, report that charred bodies strewn along the roads leading through the devastated regions.

SPANISH INFLUENZA CAUSES TOWNS TO CLOSE IN NORTHWEST

YAKIMA, WASH., Oct. 12.—Yakima health authorities report two new cases of Spanish influenza, bringing the total to four. None of the cases shows any serious turn. Schools and theatres are closed and all public meetings called off. Dr. W. B. Abbott, deputy county health officer, has gone to Seattle for a conference with physicians there.

PENDLETON, Oct. 12.—Pendleton schools were closed at noon Friday by order of Dr. Kavanaugh, city health officer, and a proclamation of Mayor Vaughan ordered all theatres, churches, lodges, pool halls and other places of amusement to close because of influenza. There are five known cases in the city.

LEBANON, Oct. 12.—On receiving instructions from the state board of health, City Health Officer R. B. Miller Wednesday ordered the schools, theatres, churches and all other public places closed. The order resulted from the appearance of Spanish influenza.

DALLAS, Oct. 12.—Not a single case of Spanish influenza has appeared here and no action has been taken to close schools, theatres or public gatherings. No other contagious disease are reported anywhere in Polk county.

TAILORING SHOP GETS GOOD COAT OF NICE YELLOW PAINT

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 15.—The front of Paul Becker's tailoring establishment was plastered Sunday morning with a thick coating of yellowish calumine. The painting extended across the sidewalk in front of his place, and included the word "Hun." Becker is said to have appealed to a policeman to try and find out who did the work, and to have received the reply that it would not have happened. It is the first action that has been openly taken here against those suspected of being pro-German.

SUIT IS SETTLED The suit for Frank E. Andrews vs. J. E. Gage to recover money was settled out of court on a compromise basis and was dismissed in the Circuit court Thursday. The case had been set for trial for Thursday.

MUCH SPEED IS MADE BY GEN. CROWDER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—A rapid pace is being set in the speed-up contest organized by Provost Marshal General Crowder for the classification of men of the ages 19 and 30 and 31 to 36, inclusive, who registered September 12.

Since yesterday the number of local boards in various states that have completed classification and finished the physical examination of all Class 1 men has been doubled, General Crowder announced today. Although 83 boards have gone "over the top" in this respect, Iowa leads, with 15 of its boards credited with completion of the task.

CHAS. M. SCHWAB GETS PLEDGES IN SHORT TIME

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—A million dollars a minute in subscriptions to liberty bonds was the response made today to an appeal made by Charles M. Schwab, director-general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. At the end of 38 minutes pledges for \$38,000,000 bonds had been secured.

Within the first six minutes \$6,000,000 in liberty bonds were subscribed to build six \$1,000,000 ships for the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Mr. Schwab made his address at a luncheon in honor of foreign diplomats and representatives of the Government.

The enthusiasm in the pledging was so great that there was no cessation in the bidding after the amount called for had been raised and \$38,000,000 had been subscribed within 38 minutes. Within the first hour \$50,000,000 had been subscribed.

As each million of the first \$22,000,000 was subscribed, a miniature ship was launched by a mechanical device.

U. S. SOLDIERS GET RAINCOATS FIRST OF ALL

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—The telegram given below has been sent to every procurement department quartermaster in the United States, under date of October 12 and by authority of the acting Quartermaster-General. Announcement to this effect was made today by the chief of the waterproof clothing division of the local office of the Quartermaster-General.

"You are instructed to continue the purchase of all spot delivery raincoats suitable for soldiers from manufacturers and wholesale stocks. Instruct all manufacturers and wholesalers to once cease delivering any raincoats to the civilian trade until you survey their stocks. This order is effective as of October 12."

599 ACCIDENTS FOR THE WEEK ARE REPORTED

SALEM, Oct. 12.—A total of 599 industrial accidents, of which three were fatal, were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the past week. The fatal accidents were: Walter Harvey and O. L. Waters, Portland, shipbuilding; John Conter, St. Helens, lumbering.

Of the total number reported, 562 were subject to the provisions of the compensation act, 32 were from firms and corporations which have rejected the provisions of the act, one of the latter being a passenger.

FAIR POSTPONED

THE DALLES, Or., Oct. 14.—Although no cases of Spanish influenza have been reported in The Dalles, as a preventive measure the county fair, for which preparations were well under way, has been postponed, according to the recommendations of J. T. Rorick, president of The Dalles chamber of commerce. The fair was originally planned for October 25 and 26, but it is not expected that it will be held this year.

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The annual convention of the union has been called to meet here today.

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PORTLAND, Oct. 11.—No orders whatever have been issued by the state fuel administration regarding the non-sale of gasoline and oil between the hours of 6 P. M. and 6 A. M. and on Sundays, regardless of the fact that dealers throughout the state have been receiving such orders purporting to come from the fuel administration.

"Until such orders are issued," said Fred J. Holmes, State Fuel Administrator, "dealers are free to do as they choose in the matter, although D. M. Folson, Pacific Coast Oil Director, has asked for voluntary co-operation in this matter."

It is not known who is responsible for the notices. In some instances they appear to be purely local. In other cases dealers for a certain company receive notices while others do not.

Sometimes, closing stations may release man power, but often it only works a hardship upon the dealer, who may do his biggest business in the evening, according to Mr. Holmes, who advises dealers to "use their own discretion in the matter."

HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO BUILD ROADS IN TILLAMOOK COUNTY

PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—The State Highway Commission as its own contractor will build 10 miles of highway on what is known as the Three Rivers project in Tillamook County, from the end of Sour Grass road to Hebo. This decision was made at a meeting of the commission held in Portland.

Tillamook county recently entered a bid to do this work, but Attorney General Brown subsequently gave an opinion that the county could not legally take over contracts of this kind. There is no question as to the state's authority to do the work, so the Highway Commission has taken the contract at the figure, \$122,000, bid by the county.

The county will expend \$17,500 of this sum in grading work, leaving \$104,500 to be met jointly by the state and the Federal government on a 60-50 basis.

Work on the project is to begin at once. Much of it will be done this winter, though the project will not be finished before late next spring or early in the summer.

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A Noted Sale We have moved a large amount of musical merchandise the past week. The coming week we offer a few violins that are of exceptional value, finish and tone perfect, and ranging in price from \$12.00 to \$90.00. For the coming week only we are offering a reduction of 25% on Ukeleles. Prices range from \$4.50 to \$10.00. SHEET MUSIC A special offering of sheet music, 2 copies for 25c. Theroux Music House Ninth and Main

Special Sale USED CARS 1918 Dodge---like new \$40.00 worth extras. \$1100---terms. 1916 Olds 8---A snap \$1050 takes it---terms. Used Fords---Buys Touring Cars and Roadsters \$365 to \$490---terms. Pacific Highway Garage 12TH AND MAIN STS. OREGON CITY, ORE.