

PROMOTION IN NAVY IS HELD TOO SLOW

Admiral Blue Says Officers Are Worn Out Before Reaching Higher Grades.

WORK DONE BY ENSIGNS

Half of Duties Requiring Lieutenant-Commanders Now Performed by Lieutenants—Congress Is Urged to Act.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Junior Lieutenants of the class of 1915 cannot hope to reach the grade of Lieutenant-Commander in less than 40 years under the present distribution of grades of line officers of the Navy, in the opinion of Rear-Admiral Victor Blue, chief of the Bureau of Navigation. Legislation providing for a redistribution of grades is urgently needed, Admiral Blue says in his annual report, made public today, or the men of the 1915 class will be close to the statutory retirement age of 62 before they reach the rank mentioned.

"In other words," Admiral Blue continues, "all the officers in the service fit for duty would be Junior Lieutenants and Ensigns. The Lieutenants, Lieutenant-Commanders, Captains and Rear-Admirals would be officers who have only recently stepped up from having been worn-out Lieutenants and would only be waiting to reach the retiring age."

Situation Almost Ludicrous.

"It is needless to comment on such a situation. If the matter were not so serious it would be ludicrous. The Bureau has no doubt that Congress will remedy this condition of the personnel. Nothing can be done without increased cost and the longer action is delayed the greater will be the cost. About 50 per cent of the 51 Lieutenants are now performing duty which normally would be performed by Lieutenant-Commanders, while about 10 per cent are doing watch duty, which should be the normal duty of the grade.

Ships Officer by Ensigns.

"Practically all the officers on ships in Mexican waters, except heads of departments, were in the grade of Ensign, and nearly half of the heads of departments were Lieutenants. This state of affairs obtains with more than 75 per cent of the line officers at sea—a greater percentage than ever before known in time of peace.

ST. JOHNS CURFEW TO RING

Limit for Winter Months 9 P. M. and Parents Are Warned.

ST. JOHNS, Or., Nov. 26.—(Special.) At the request of the St. Johns Women's Christian Temperance Union, the council has ordered notices posted for the strict enforcement of the curfew ordinance, which is 8 o'clock in summer and 9 in winter. The Chief of Police was ordered to enforce the ordinance, and the notices will warn parents that their children are liable to arrest if found on the streets after 9 o'clock at night.

William Gattion offered the council a five-acre site in the Gattion farm in North St. Johns for a city cemetery for \$1000. The offer was taken under consideration for one week. The fire engine loaned to St. Johns by A. G. Long, of Portland, was ordered returned to him. It has been held for six months.

FUND SAVING SUGGESTED

Governor Proposes Repeal of Continuing Appropriations.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 26.—(Special.)—Governor West, in his message to the Legislature, will recommend the repeal of all continuing appropriations, but those for educational purposes, according to an announcement just issued. He opposes them, he says, because they are not prudent. Legislatures, he says, should make every two years, and, further, because the Legislature in making appropriations for the departments fails to take note of the continuing appropriations.

RAILROAD PLANS CHECKED

Lack of Cash Postpones Work on La Grande-Walla Walla Line.

LA GRANDE, Or., Nov. 26.—(Special.)—The La Grande-Walla Walla Railroad has met seemingly insurmountable obstacles in its efforts to finance the project and is postponing the start up the attempt, for the time being at least.

C. J. Franklin, one of the promoters, was in the city today, going East later. He said that the adverse report presented by the committee at Walla Walla had convinced the promoters that there was no prospect of success at this time.

BOOTLEGGERS SENTENCED

Fines and Conditional Jail Terms Dealt to All but Two Boys.

CORVALLIS, Or., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—What is said to be the greatest cleanup ever made in Benton County was completed Tuesday, when Judge Hamilton in Circuit Court assessed fines and jail sentences against seven men and two boys for bootlegging. Of 19 persons indicted by the grand jury on 19 charges of bootlegging nine confessed their guilt and the other will fight the case.

D. D. Longbottom, a merchant of Alsea, was fined \$500 on two charges, W. R. Hawke, of Belfort, was fined \$250 and given a jail sentence

of 30 days, the jail sentence being stayed during good behavior. Others who received fines were J. T. Carpenter, a merchant and Justice of the Peace at Monroe; C. C. Chapman and D. C. Histrand, of Corvallis, each of whom was fined \$250 and given 30-day paroled jail sentences, and Chester Mason, of Corvallis, who was fined \$100 and conditional 30-day sentence.

SMELT OBSTRUCTION CITED

Petition in Circulation Asks That Mouth of Sandy Be Cleared.

A petition has been circulated in the Sandy Valley district asking the State Game and Fish Commission to have the obstructions at the mouth of the Sandy removed to give fish better access to

BRITISH ACTOR-AVIATOR, NOW SECOND LIEUTENANT, WOUNDED AT FRONT.



LONDON, Nov. 26.—Robert Loraine, the widely-known English actor and aviator, who is a Second Lieutenant in the British flying corps, is among the wounded reported from army headquarters under date of November 23. Mr. Loraine, who was one of the earliest and most enthusiastic of the English aviators, narrowly escaped death in a flight across the Irish Sea three years ago.

Lieutenant Hon. Fitzroy, of the First Guards, is also among the wounded. He is a member of Parliament.

the Sandy River. The petition states that these obstructions prevent smelts from entering the Sandy. The open season is for December, January and February. Several years ago some of the drift and other debris at the mouth of the Sandy were removed, which resulted in the annual appearance of smelt.

The petition has been signed by many in Eastern Multnomah County and soon will be submitted to the Commissioners for their consideration. It is thought the expense of removing the obstructions will not be great.

Idaho Students Take Cup.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, Moscow, Nov. 26.—(Special.)—Messrs. Kinison, Johnson and Huddleston, students in the horticultural department of the university, representing the university, carried off first prize and the silver cup in the apple-judging contest at the National Apple Show in Spokane last week, defeating the team from Washington State College. The horticultural exhibit showed the results in spraying for apple scab, codling moth and other common apple diseases and horticultural charts.

Girls Win Most Recruits.

CLACKAMAS, Or., Nov. 26.—(Special.)—A competition between the boys and the girls of the Methodist Sunday School for recruits for the school resulted in a victory for the girls, who were captained by Nellie Mesenheimer. The boys, as a result, entertained the girls at the Methodist Church Friday evening. They proved more successful as entertainers than as recruit gainers.

It is reported that oil fields have been discovered in the Vacuilla mountains of Bolivia.

AMERICAN NATIONS UNITE IN THANKS

Annual Celebration at Washington Is Commemoration of Reigning Peace.

TRIBUTE IS PAID PRESIDENT

Bryan Also Toasted as Factor Against Strife Between States. Diplomats Present Brilliant but Solemn Appearance.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—For the first time in several years the President of the United States was not present at the annual Pan-American Thanksgiving celebration when the affair was held yesterday at St. Patrick's Church. President Wilson spent the day with his daughter, Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, in Williamstown, Mass.

The celebration was attended by members of the cabinet, diplomats and the Supreme Court and several other prominent government officials. Mass was said, in commemoration of peace and thanksgiving among Americans, following the solemn entry of the diplomatic representatives in their brilliant uniforms.

Peace Emblems Given Guests. President Wilson was represented at the celebration by his secretary, Mr. Tumulty. Cardinal Gibbons and other Catholic clergymen assisted at the mass, which was celebrated by Rev. Michael J. Riordan. The Thanksgiving sermon was preached by Rev. John Cavanaugh, president of Notre Dame University.

After the mass the guests were entertained at luncheon by Monsignor Russell, pastor of St. Patrick's. A silver medal, bearing a figure of the "Christ of Peace," was presented to each of the diplomats and other guests. The figure on the medals is a reproduction of the statue of Christ, erected in the Andes Mountains, on the boundary between Argentina and Chile, to commemorate the peace between those two countries.

Tribute Paid President.

At the luncheon following the ceremony, Cardinal Gibbons proposed a toast to the President of the United States and paid a tribute to the President and Secretary of State for their efforts to maintain peace in the midst of the present world warfare.

NEW YORKERS GIVE FREELY

Charity Strikes Keynote of City's Thanksgiving Celebration.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Charity struck the keynote of New York's Thanksgiving celebration today. Despite all the relief measures that are being taken for starving Belgians and others abroad, who are suffering from the European war, the city fared well, on this day at least, for the temporary wants of its own needy, many of whom are this year in the class requiring charity because of the indirect but far-reaching effects of the great struggle going on in the Old World.

Free dinners, in which turkey figured with its customary prominence, were provided at the quarters of many charitable organizations. The Salvation Army fed more than 2000 persons in its big hall, the St. Andrews coffee stands supplied 2000 with free dinners in various parts of the city and sent 500 baskets of supplies to as many needy homes. Thousands of others were fed by various societies.

Gardiner Bank Charter Approved.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 26.—The Treasury Department approved the application of O. B. Hinedale, W. P. Jewett and others to organize the First National Bank of Gardiner, Or., with a capital of \$25,000.



A SALE of integrity in word and deed— in promise and performance!

—I offer women's tailored suits at genuine, incisive reductions from normal prices; no other store in Portland, large or small, offers merchandise of equal worth at reductions so great as these.

—Fancy suits regularly \$34.50 to \$49.50 are offered at \$19.85; those normally priced \$19.50 to \$32.50 are offered at \$14.85.

—These are suits from regular stock—they are all the suits I have in regular stock, therefore your range of choice is in no way abridged.

—Suits that are in the latest style—that are in good style, the most of them coming to me direct by express from New York City.

—I cordially invite your inspection and critical comparison with any so-called sale in Portland!

—Women's and misses' Balmacaans in late Fall and Winter fabrics, regularly \$10, are now only \$6.95.
—Balmacaans in finer materials range in price from \$12.50 to \$50.
—Peter Thompson dresses in rich, dark navy serges at \$4.95 for regular \$10 dresses, both in girls' and misses' sizes.
—An exceptionally attractive offer is that of my entire stock of plain-tailored school coats in heavy materials for both girls and misses; all \$10 to \$15 coats are grouped at \$5.00 and all \$17.50 to \$20 coats at \$7.50.
—With Thanksgiving festivities at an end, I invite your interested attention to these remarkable offers.
—All of these garments are displayed on the third floor which is abundantly day-lighted, permitting leisurely inspection under the most favorable conditions.

BEN SELLING

Morrison at Fourth



9 A. M. to 6 P. M. Elevator Service

BELFORT NOT AFRAID

Alsace, in France, Is Big System of Defenses.

WORKS GREATLY IMPROVED

Villages Connected by Trenches, Forts in Commanding Positions and Approaches May Be Inundated From Canals.

BELFORT, Nov. 6.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—"You know," said one of the old Alsatians who sought refuge in this last little corner of Alsace that was saved to France after the war of 1870, "they can't do much more than they did before, while we can do a lot more."

The news had just arrived that the Germans were forcing the fighting in Upper Alsace and the sound of cannonading seemed to bring nearer the eventuality of a third siege of Belfort. The town was none the less tranquil for that; most of the inhabitants shared the confidence of this old veteran, who, as he talked, pointed significantly to the great "Lion of Belfort" that Bartholdi carved in the solid red sandstone on which the citadel is built.

Town Held by French.

The Germans are, no doubt, sure they can do "a lot more" than in 1870. They undoubtedly will, if they can bring up their 16-inch mortars, but their troubles will begin further down the "Belfort Gap"—the open space between where the Jura Mountains end and where the Vosges begin. It is an inviting opening for an invader, but it is capable of many deceptions.

Colonel Denfert-Rochereau, with 17,000 men, could not prevent General Tressow, with a whole army, from installing his heavy artillery on the Lower Perches and the Upper Perches, the heights to the southeast of the town that dominate the citadel, but he prevented them from taking the town and, after 103 days of continuous bombardment, marched out only because his own government ordered him to do so.

Fort's Are Rebuilt.

Confidence in the resistance powers of any fortress under present conditions having been shaken by the fall of Liege, Namur, Maubeuge and Antwerp, it is expected to be rebuilt under the half-ton projectiles of the German mortar, but other lessons have been learned. There is the lesson of Nancy, an open town, with not a single fort to defend it, before which the Germans were forced to retire. The same field works they found there are admirably suited to the "Belfort Gap," and the besiegers may find that "it is a long way to the trenches."

The forts of these commanding heights have been rebuilt since 1870, and all the outlying defenses of the place which were its weakness then are its strength today.

Besides the forts of the Perches, the Germans will find on their left strongly entrenched supporting forces with all sorts of earthworks; on their right they would have the continual menace of forces holding all the crevices of the Vosges in German territory as far as Thann. On their front they would have to face a system of entrenchments that have been admirably augmented and reinforced since hostilities began.

Floods Will Aid Defense. All the surrounding villages are so many little fortresses, united by deep trenches, while all the lower approaches, mostly in marshy country, reached by canals, may be flooded on short notice.

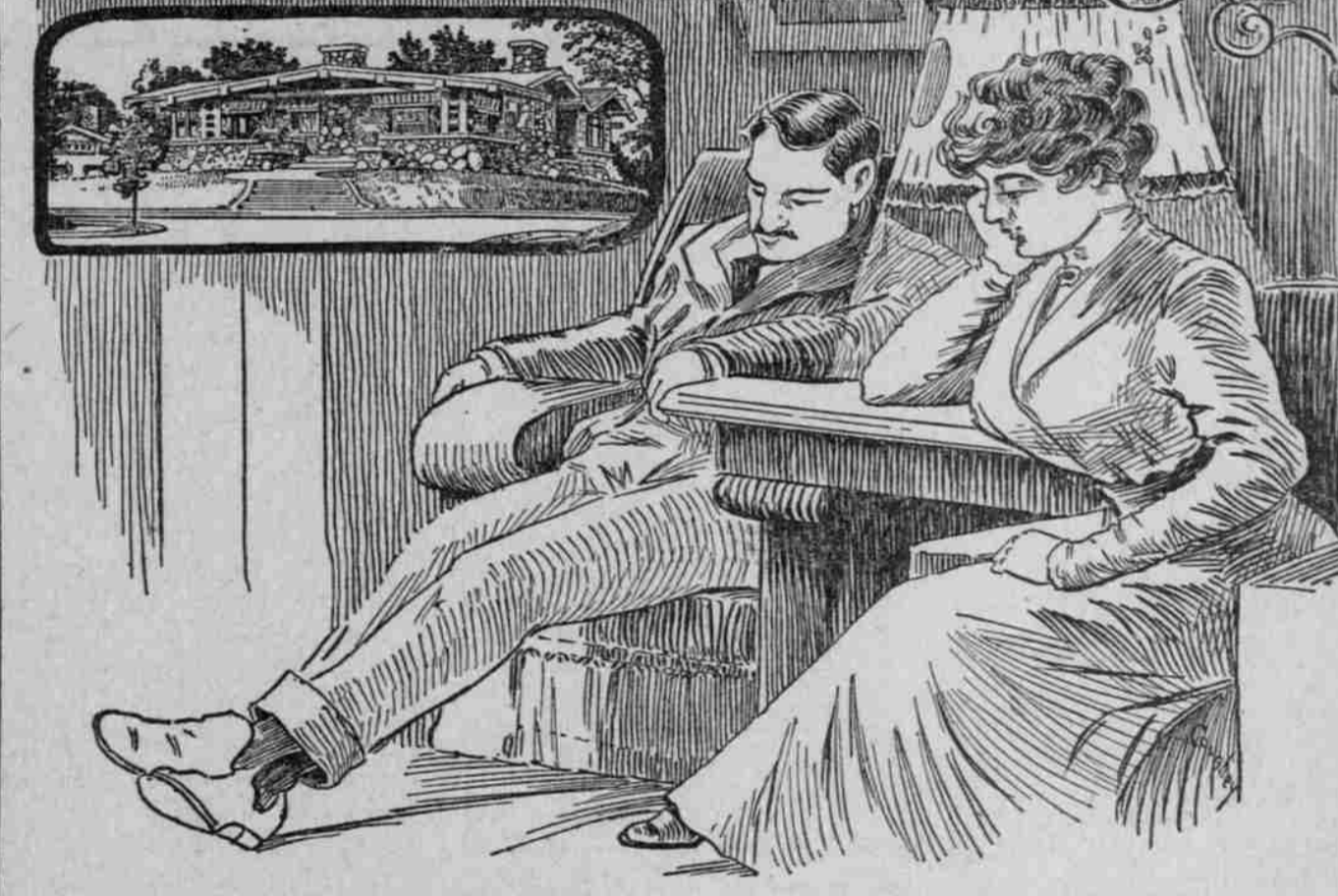
of many of the neighboring towns of the annexed regions of Alsace.

Genesee to Get Business School. GENESEE, Idaho, Nov. 26.—(Special.)—Mr. Creekmore who is teaching

school northeast of Genesee, has made arrangements to start a business school in the Genesee high school three nights in each week. This course will last five months and each may enroll by paying \$25 for the entire course. Upon

finishing this work the local high school will allow each and every student one credit for having attained such a certificate. Many students are making arrangements to take this course.

THE LACK OF A HOME OF YOUR OWN IS A HOUSEHOLD TRAGEDY!



You and your wife often sit in the evening and dream of that little home that you've always intended to build SOME DAY.

The glow from your deep-shaded reading lamp throws dark shadows in the corners of the room. Thoughts of other days come stealing over you. Your wife sighs as she thinks of the little plan of her ideal home she has tucked away. In the early days you both took so much interest in working out the details but tonight you are tired and discouraged and are convinced that your plans belong to the "Dear, dead days beyond recall."

COME OUT OF IT

There's many another man LIKE YOU, who has found a way in which to get a home of his own, in which, with his wife, to live over the days of his youth. GET RID of the idea that it is entirely beyond your means to enjoy the comforts of a home of your own. DON'T be shackled to the rent paying for life.

HERE'S THE WAY OUT

If you are without a home of your own and have a few hundred dollars, come to us and we'll lend you the balance and in a few short weeks you'll be installed in the home of your dreams in our Bungalow Fairyland. In addition, if you act quickly we will give you

A NEW FORD ROADSTER FREE

F. O. B. Detroit. What more could you wish for—a beautiful well-built home of your own—guaranteed by us—and an auto in which at slight expense, you can see more of Portland and the surrounding country in an afternoon than you have since your arrival in the city.

PAUSE! REFLECT!

before you throw away another year's rent. This is a wonderful time in which to build—lumber at less than cordwood prices and reliable contractors accepting contracts at wages only. It's the chance of your life to make a dollar go double distance—providing you with an ideal well-built home and an auto as well.

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ADVERTISING TALK NO. 15.

Didn't Think You Had So Much City Circulation

An advertising man said that to us when he had shown him where our 149 boys delivered The Oregonian every morning. He was surprised. Said he was glad he had investigated. We will show any advertiser just where every copy of our city circulation goes.

The man of the family reads it while he is waiting for breakfast—sometimes during breakfast, too. When he has gone to business his wife takes it up and looks over the advertisements first. Ask your wife.

She will perhaps see an ad that will give her an idea of what to have for your dinner at night. She may see a clothing ad and tell you you ought to get a new suit of clothes. This ever happen? It might have been a new hat, or a pair of shoes, or almost anything you wear. Isn't it so?

Ever buy your wife or kiddies something you saw advertised—just to surprise them? Of course you have. Well, you can advertise, too. And your ad will influence others just as others' ads are influencing you and your family.

The Oregonian will carry your message into more homes in Portland than any other medium, and to the very people you want to know about what you have to sell. The Oregonian is a home paper. It is looked for, read and appreciated. If you have anything to offer the public it will pay you to make The Oregonian your salesman.

Over 63,000 daily; over 82,000 Sunday.