

37 OF 1100 ALIVE, BUT ARE PRISONERS

Crack Canadian Regiment Is Virtually Wiped Out by War in Flanders.

CAPTIVITY IS IRKSOME

Harsh Opinion of Germans Revised but French Soldiers Are Disappointed—Belgians Finest Fighters of All.

GOETTINGEN, Germany, July 2.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Late in February the Fifth Royal, one of the crack Canadian regiments, 1100 strong, left Montreal en route for England and the great European war. In the four months later, after weeks in the trenches at Ypres, only 37 of those 1100 men were known to remain alive and they are prisoners in the great military camp here.

Overpowered by the gases wafted toward them, deserted by colored troops supposed to come to their support, all but decimated by the deadly German fire, the little band of four non-commissioned officers and 33 privates was easy prey. Before they retained consciousness they were in captivity.

The 37 at Goettingen hope that some of their brave regiment may have escaped and may still be fighting, but they do not believe it. They were on the outskirts of the gas columns that swept over the trenches and they escaped with the trenches because they did not have to breathe the noxious fumes in their full strength.

Opinions of Captors Revised.

The men portray the fight at Ypres as one of indescribable horror; they chafe at confinement and their lack of assurance that England is winning; they express in varying degrees surprise that the Germans are not the "barbarians" they had believed them to be.

Harry Anning, a Montreal boy, serves as well as any other member of the little group to describe their feelings as they now loaf about in captivity.

"There isn't any question," he said, "but that we all have had to revise our opinion about the Germans, though not all of us were prepared to believe all we had heard and read about them. The worst thing about being in a prison camp is the inactivity, and for that the Germans naturally are not responsible.

Food Fair but Monotonous.

"The food is fair, though as a matter of course monotonous. I for one haven't any complaint, though I manage to get a good many extra things from England to piece out with. I imagine that the men who have no friends and who don't get any extra does a certain amount of suffering.

"But mail, money and packages come regularly and reasonably quickly. We all have to admire the thoroughness of the German system in regard here. Those of us who are able to take matters philosophically appreciate that. Though being prisoners of war is far from being a joke, we are well treated and reasonably quickly.

Another member of the Fifth Royal gave a brief glimpse into the relations among the men. "I don't know of any fighting here. The French as fighters have proved a big disappointment to us. Whenever the two have been together, the English and Canadians—it has been the latter two who have had to bear the brunt of the work."

Belgians Splendid Fighters.

"The Belgians, on the other hand, have proved the finest little fighters in the world. If the French were anywhere near as good, with their numbers, the war would be over."

"What do you people think of the colored troops?" the Canadian was asked, as he eyed the odd-colored soldiers, black as ebony and speaking a horrible jargon of French, sauntered by the barracks.

"They're cowards. At Ypres they sent up a lot of these so-called soldiers to relieve us and they promptly turned and ran. We had to shoot a lot of the beggars ourselves to prevent demoralization."

Aside from the Fifth Royal, the Canadian troops now imprisoned at Goettingen belong to the Forty-eighth Highlanders, of Toronto, and the Second Buffs. There are approximately 125 of the former left out of a total of 1100 and less than that number of Buffs.

CONDITIONAL PARDON GIVEN

Victim Asks Clemency for Swindler, Who Is Released.

SALEM, Or., July 21.—(Special.)—Governor Withycombe today granted a conditional pardon to Walter Ahrendt, sentenced to serve from one to seven years for defrauding Mrs. L. Bushmann, of Portland. District Attorney Evans and Clerk Davis, before whom the man was tried, recommended the conditional pardon. In a letter the judge said in part: "Because of the fact that his wife is soon to become a mother, I desire to recommend that you extend to him a conditional pardon on condition that he repay her in small monthly installments."

HARVEST FIRE IS CHECKED

First Blaze of Season Reported Near Athena; Separator Damaged.

ATHENA, Or., July 21.—(Special.)—The first harvest fire of the season in this section occurred this morning on the Joe Key farm, three miles northwest of this city, caused by an explosion in the separator. By quick work the crew saved the machine and kept the fire from spreading into the grain, but the separator is badly damaged and will require several days for repairs. Mr. Key, who is the owner of the outfit and who was running the machine at the time, was badly burned about the face and hands.

There is practically no smut in this section this year and it is thought perhaps incendiaries are at work again.

Cut in Rates Expected to Aid Mills.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 21.—(Special.)—Shingle-mill men here believe that the new tariff on shingles to Iowa points from the Northwest will be a boon to that industry. When the new tariff goes into effect on August 15, the rates will fall from 65, 67 and 68 cents to 45 cents to points in that state, thus netting a saving of from \$4 to \$12 a car. Shingle men say this will allow Northwest mills to compete with patent roofing men in that territory.

ALLEGED LEADER IN SENSATIONAL AND SPECTACULAR SERIES OF HOLDUPS IN OREGON AND CALIFORNIA NOW HELD IN PORTLAND.



John Austin Hooper, Photographed Yesterday by The Oregonian Staff Photographer as He Stepped From the Train.

ROBBER IS GRADUATE

Captive Scouts Sentiment and Says He Is Holdup Man.

CAREER IS SPECTACULAR

Long Train of Daring Robberies Is Laid at Door of Well-Dressed Young Man Who Hints at Budding Romance at The Dalles.

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Bank and a general merchandise store at Hornbrook, Cal.

He admitted traveling about the Northwest considerably since leaving Folsom.

"I am in California with several thousand dollars," he said. "Since that time I have traveled around quite a bit, working now and then. My trade? I am a photographer. At least, I know more about photography than anything else. I have also written insurance."

Hooper Unlike Desperado.

With curly brown hair, pleasing gray eyes, well-molded features and sturdy knit body of rather over the ordinary height, Hooper did not portray a single characteristic of the average desperado. His face was studious rather than predatory, and there was an absence of harsh lines. He is about 33 years old.

"You would expect that a man who had done the things that I am accused of would be a hard character, wouldn't you?" he asked, calling attention to himself. "I don't look like a dangerous man, do I? And I'm really not, you know. Yet I don't doubt that what I am accused of would be afraid of what I am accused of."

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"Dressed only in the lightest manner, as befitted the warm day, he was standing on a street corner. He related, when suddenly there were five or six men around me with their rods pointed at my ribs. I thought the militia had been called out. I had no weapon."

Hooper did not care to talk about himself. He was particularly keen to discuss sociology and kindred subjects, quoting Ingersoll and other authorities. He said the Jacobs store in Hornbrook, and enjoyed communion with books more than anything else. He did not explain what use he had for two high-power rifles and automatic pistols found in his room at The Dalles.

"He shoots from the hip," is the way the officers sum up Hooper's ability as a two-gun man. And they knew when they met Hooper face to face they would have to be ready to shoot quickly, more quickly than they ever shot before in their lives.

Career Brief and Thrilling.

Loot to the extent of \$25,000 is believed to have fallen into Hooper's hands as a result of his nine months' career. Brief though his career has been, it has contained some of the most daring holdups and robberies in the history of the West.

Last October Hooper was paroled from Folsom penitentiary, California, where he was serving a life sentence for highway robbery. His parole was granted through the insistence of his mother, who lives at Petaluma.

It is believed that Hooper, soon after his release, established himself in the Siskiyou Mountains, in Northern California, where he planned the deeds which have caused the officers of three states to "jump sideways" looking for him.

Pistol in Clew.

Through all his crimes Hooper was traced by a 45-caliber automatic pistol which he used. Strapped to his left hip he carried a Luger gun, which on a few occasions he flourished—and a flourish was all that was necessary.

Last Winter Hooper, if the stories are true, bought \$400 worth of revolvers from the Jacobs store in Hornbrook, Cal. These, it is said, he distributed among the Indians and halfbreeds in that area. His first appearance before the public eye was when he held up the same Jacobs on the streets of Hornbrook, and at the point of one of his own revolvers, forced him to give up

\$600 worth of gold dust which he had in the store.

After that Hooper is believed to have come to Portland. Always immaculate and well dressed, he was a prepossessing figure wherever he went. But when he "worked" he bought a pair of overalls, removed his spectacles and put on an old shirt, and pulled a handkerchief over his face.

Canamah Robbery Typical.

March 3 the Oregon City electric train was held up at Canamah, just south of Oregon City. This was a typical Hooper job, according to Lou Wagner, who made the investigations there and determined that a desperate criminal was "working" this vicinity.

A practically new pair of overalls was found near the scene of the crime. Wagner learned where the overalls had been bought, and got a description of the man who had purchased them. Then he went to the Southern Pacific Station at Oregon City and learned that a man answering this description had bought a ticket for Grants Pass shortly after the hour the holdup occurred.

"In regard to industries which have taken over the preparation of war munitions, the trades unions made arrangements to mobilize all the labor required, partly by establishing courses of instruction in the new methods, and thus insuring the highest efficiency in output. Whenever interests of state demanded a special increase in labor, i. e. longer working hours, the trades unions have put no hindrance in the way. All strikes and wage agitation were instantly cancelled, while the employers, on their part, supported the masters and the men, the unions have steadily supported the arbitration committees.

Holdup Is Forecast.

Wagner was told just how the bank would enter. A well-dressed man would enter, carrying a suitcase. The cashier would be alone. The stranger would approach the window, dash a scowp all the money in his suitcase and disappear.

Wagner believed this "tip." Also he acted on it. He went to Grants Pass and hung around for days; he told the bankers at Rogue River that they might expect a holdup, and a guard was stationed by the bank. Although nothing happened, and Wagner came back to Portland.

A few days after he returned, and a day or so after the Rogue River Bank had concluded that his "tip" was correct, the bank was held up and \$1800 carried away in a suitcase. The well-dressed stranger, who blinded the cashier with a bottle of ammonia. About the same time two banks in Grants Pass were entered, and money by someone who knew his business. Then the Southern Pacific depot at that place was held up, netting the robber \$300.

All Officers on Trail.

Early in June another Oregon City car was held up, this time near Glen Echo station. The robber carried a 45-caliber automatic pistol. He forced the conductor to pass his hat among the passengers, collected about \$60 and then left the train. Although two suspects were arrested later, Detective Sergeant Joe Day and Lou Wagner did not believe they were the men. This, they said, was a typical Hooper job.

After that holdup, all the officers and special agents in the Northwest were put on Hooper's trail. It was about this time that he was said to have visited his mother in Petaluma, Cal., and left her \$2500 in cash. Nobody knows where he got it, nor can the horrors place their finger on a hold-up or similar crime in which such an amount was lost. At the same time was said, he bore several scars and one bullet wound which he did not have when he left Folsom penitentiary in October.

He is said to have visited Yreka, Cal. Special Agent McShane, of the O.-W. R. & N. train, has learned that Hooper actually had accepted an officer on the street in Yreka.

Officer "Covered" With Gun.

"I'm John Austin Hooper. I know you're looking for me. But listen, you didn't see me, see?"

All the time he was "covering" the officer with a gun held in his coat pocket.

Somewhere in Northern California the authorities lost track of Hooper. Now they don't know where he was when an attempt was made to hold up a train near Sedro-Woolley, Wash. They also think he may have gone over to Yellowstone Park and held up a party of 20 there.

Since his arrest they believe that from California he went to Klamath Falls, Or., and from there to The Dalles. He was preparing to hold an O.-W. R. & N. train when arrested. They think he had bought a horse, a high-power rifle and other necessary equipment. The weapons were found in his room. The officers say he had \$1000 in cash in his pockets, besides some strong evidence connecting him with the Oregon City electric train robbery.

Germans Taken From Steamer.

NEW YORK, July 21.—Two Germans, who were cabin passengers aboard the Dutch steamship Nickerie, were taken off that ship by a boarding party from the British cruiser Isis, which stopped today off Barneval. Captain Van Borden reported upon his arrival here from South America and West Indian ports tonight.

IMMIGRANTS GERMAN DECLARE LOYAL

Cologne Zeitung Says Working Classes Are Unit in Support of Present War.

WHOLE STRENGTH UNITED

No Hindrance Put in Way of Longer Hours Where Interests of State Have Demanded It—Solidarity Is Manifest.

BERLIN, July 2.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—From the beginning of the war the German trade unions have proved a strong help, rather than a hindrance, to the government in its efforts to secure the highest efficiency in output of the various necessities of warfare. The Cologne Zeitung devotes a long article to a tribute to the work of the unions. It says, in part:

"Among the many surprises and disappointments which the present war has brought our enemies, a leading place is taken by the unanimity with which the German nation, irrespective of party and of class, picked up the gauntlet that was thrown down before it. Our foes reckoned with certainty on the disintegration of war among the great masses of the people, and the consequent opposition to militarism by the Socialists in the Reichstag, would gravely hamper the mobilization of the army and navy and lead to a weakening of the German forces. All these calculations proved erroneous.

All United Against Enemies.

"Even among the working classes complete recognition prevails that our enemies were bent on the destruction of Germany—the same Germany that has done more than any other civilized state for the welfare of the working classes, especially by means of its magnificent system of national insurance.

"The trade unions, the vast majority of which are normally in direct opposition to the government and the parliamentary majority, have frankly declared that the widely-ran social institutions in Germany bind the German workers more closely to their life as a whole than is the case with the English or French workers. And, indeed, the enemy states are so behindhand in this respect that the German workman does not find it hard to remain a German in body or soul.

"The coming of the war with the German empire thus strengthened by social legislation has caused the representatives of organized labor—the trades unions—set aside since the outbreak of war all trade union interests and to throw into the scale their own strength in the purpose of bringing to a victorious issue a war forced upon the German nation.

Strikes and Lockouts Suspended.

"In regard to industries which have taken over the preparation of war munitions, the trades unions made arrangements to mobilize all the labor required, partly by establishing courses of instruction in the new methods, and thus insuring the highest efficiency in output. Whenever interests of state demanded a special increase in labor, i. e. longer working hours, the trades unions have put no hindrance in the way. All strikes and wage agitation were instantly cancelled, while the employers, on their part, supported the masters and the men, the unions have steadily supported the arbitration committees.

"The unions have, of course, suffered severely in the war in that their subscriptions have been cut owing to the calling up of members for military service. On April 30 this year the number of members of the unions who represent 77 per cent of all organized labor—serving with the colors was 98,247, or 47.7 per cent.

"Difficulties that seemed insuperable have been overcome with ease. This unity of effort guarantees the continuance of the production of the German nation in a happy issue of the war."

MOUNTAIN CLIMB PLANNED

Hood River Party Will Ascend Mount Hood on July 29.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 21.—(Special.)—Plans are being made by a very large party of Hood River people to climb to the summit of Mount Hood, between 50 and 100 local people will make the ascent on Thursday, July 29.

A special train will leave Hood River with the prospective mountaineers at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning. Vehicles will meet the train at Parkdale and transport the visitors to Cloud Camp Inn.

The mountain party is the beginning of a series of such excursions that have been planned by the horticulture and Ray B. Early, respectively superintendent and general ticket agent of the Mount Hood Inn.

OREGON CHERRIES LARGEST

Lamberts and Blings Win Admiration at San Francisco Fair.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 21.—(Special.)—According to letters from C. N. Ravlin, Oregon's chief of horticulture at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, a box of Lamberts grown by James R. Nunamaker were the largest cherries exhibited at the exposition.

"Mr. Ravlin says that some of the cherries were palmed in oils by the Government for permanent exhibits. Commenting further on the fruit, he says: 'Without any prejudice I can say that the best cherries I have ever come to my department for award were from the Rogue River Valley and Hood River sections.'

SOCIETY SEES OLD DANCES

Classic Steps Are Illustrated by Miss Epping on Lawn.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 21.—(Special.)—The members of the Hood River Society's Classic Dances, a classic dancing party given on the lawn of Mrs. Charles N. Clarke today. City and Valley society was present to witness the programme rendered by Miss Dorothy Epping, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Adrian Epping, whose dancing at the University of California, where she has been a student for the past two years, brought her marked recognition.

Preceding Miss Epping's dancing, six little girls participated. Among the Portland guests were Mrs. Asa Benson and Mrs. J. B. Yeon.

I'm Glad to Find That Some Believe Me; I'm in Deadly Earnest

One of My Highest Priced Player Pianos and a Number of Others Were Taken.

I tried to tell it in a straightforward, definite way in yesterday's paper. And I guess I did. At 8 o'clock this morning a wealthy East Side Timberman came in, and, after seeing my highest-priced player piano, he gave me a check. And he saved a bunch of money. So did the other folks who bought yesterday. Take my word for it, these pianos must be sold. And they're going to be sold. The banks are full of money and there are thousands of homes that actually and urgently need just what I have to offer now.

I can't take space to state all details and reasons for this genuine sacrifice of pianos. It's a peculiar situation. All you're really interested in, anyway, is the saving. These are good pianos, mind you, and the best kind of player pianos.

What would you think of beautiful new pianos that you and your music teacher and all your musical friends recognize as genuine and actually worth \$625, artist pianos, the standard of comparison the world over, now offered at an actual discount of \$270—priced at only \$355? You don't believe it? Come and see—that's all I ask. I'll take \$10 a month, if I have to.

Then, again, player pianos actually for \$230; new ones—positively less than factory cost. And I'll sell the best player piano in the world for only \$465. Nothing better to be had, even if it were priced \$1150 to \$1250. It can't be done? Yes, it can. You'll find it so if you see me now. I'll give the first caller tonight (after 6 o'clock) \$30 worth of music rolls free! So come this evening or first thing tomorrow morning.

I might write here all day, but that would not have half the influence as one glance at this stock and these prices. See the brand new upright pianos at only \$143. It's no use to try to tell about them, and if you are not interested enough to come and see, what's the use?

Never an institution needed to sell stock on hand so badly. An agreement to pay so much a month or so much every three months for a bit more than mere additional simple interest will secure any piano at the sale cost price. Don't ask for terms any smaller than necessary; it's better for both sides to get the piano paid for as soon as possible. Here's a fine, big stock, no doubt the finest in town; but it can't last forever at these low prices. So come today.

I'll send pianos anywhere to be tried and tested and paid for when found just exactly as we advertise and say.

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Given unlimited liberty with prices, believe me, I'll get the results all right. I know the conditions, and that's why I candidly state that never such low prices as I'm making now. Positively, it's the limit. C. W. HOUSEMAN.

TAX DELEGATES NAMED

PORTLAND MEN AND STATE COMMISSIONER SELECTED.

Body Chosen by Governor to Attend Annual Conference, to Be Held at San Francisco.

SALEM, Or., July 21.—(Special.)—Governor Withycombe has appointed Henry R. Reed, Assessor of Multnomah County, F. A. Ross, of Portland, and Charles V. Galloway, member of the State Tax Commission, delegates to the ninth annual conference of the National Tax Association in San Francisco, August 19-24. Much importance attaches to the conference because of increased interest in National state and local taxation. An important feature will be the report of the committee on the Federal income tax, of which Edwin R. A. Seligman, professor of political economy at Columbia University, is chairman. Co-operation of the Treasury Department is expected in the discussion of the report, suggesting amendments to laws which will give better administrative results.

Another important report will be that of the committee on increase of public expenditures, of which Dr. T. S. Adams, of the Wisconsin Tax Commission, is chairman. A plan for checking waste and introducing economies in fiscal affairs will be discussed. Professor Seligman is president of the association, and other officers are: S. T. Howe, chairman, Kansas Tax Commission, vice-president, and T. S. Adams, secretary.

Mr. Galloway will deliver an address at the conference on "Measures of the 1914 Election as to Constitutional Amendments."

Water Power Delegates Named.

BOISE, Idaho, July 21.—(Special.)—Governor Alexander today appointed seven delegates to attend the water power conference of representatives from Northwestern states, in compliance with resolutions adopted by the last Oregon Legislature, to be held at Portland September 21 to 24. They are: Dr. J. E. Morris, Lewiston; James

H. Hawley, Boise; J. M. Hall and Harold M. Sims, Hollister; T. J. Wilson, Eden; F. W. Berger, Berger, and Stiefen Bos, Amsterdam. The call for the conference was issued by Governor Withycombe, of Oregon.

Dufur Man Hurt as Auto Spills.

DUFUR, Or., July 21.—(Special.)—George Mack, proprietor of the Dufur Garage, was injured seriously today, when an automobile he was driving on

Five-Mile Hill, near The Dalles, ran over the grade at Five-Mile Creek.

Canada Gets Cash in New York. NEW YORK, July 21.—J. P. Morgan & Co. and Brown Bros. & Co. announced today that in association with the Bank of Montreal and the First National and National City Banks of this city, they have bought \$43,000,000 of notes of the government of the Dominion of Canada.

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of well-dressed and particular men and young men are replenishing their clothes and hat needs at this store. Our

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- \$25 Benjamin Suits Now \$18.75
- \$30 Benjamin Suits Now \$22.50
- \$35 Benjamin Suits Now \$26.25

Straw and Panama Hats	
\$3 Straws now \$2.25	\$4 Straws now \$2.45
\$5 Straws now \$3.75	\$6 Straws now \$4.15
\$5 Panamas now \$4.15	\$6 Panamas now \$4.95
\$7.50 Panamas now \$6.45	\$8 Panamas now \$6.95
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