

NOTE TO RESTRAIN STUDENTS SCORED

Every Able-Bodied Young Man Should Enlist, Says Major William S. Gilbert.

GOVERNOR IS CRITICISED

Letter Urging Youths to Continue in Schools or Colleges and Attitude of Heads of Universities Are Deplorable.

EUGENE, Or., July 27.—(Special).—Major William S. Gilbert, chaplain of the Third Oregon Infantry, in an address before the Oregon Presbyterian synod last night vigorously denounced the college programme outlined by university presidents at their recent conference in Washington, D. C., and also criticised Governor Withycombe and J. A. Churchill, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, because of a circular letter to high school graduates and other young men under the age of 21, urging them to enter college or remain in school until they become of age that they may be better fitted to fill their places in the ranks of reconstruction if the war should be ended within the next two or three years.

The schools of our country are refusing to arise to the call of the day," said Major Gilbert. "They are putting a misinterpretation to the message of Secretary of War Baker in which he virtually says that if a man's eyesight is defective or if he is knock-kneed or pigeon-toed let him stay in college.

The colleges are making a plea for an unbroken programme. It is all right for the physically unfit young man to finish college, but every able-bodied young man should answer his country's call."

More Than 2000 Students Enlist.

The students of the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural College were praised because of their loyalty to their country. Major Gilbert said that information he had obtained shows 1131 students from Oregon colleges have enlisted and that 1186 from Oregon high schools are now serving under the colors.

In speaking of the probable disposition of Oregon's troops he said that there were 75 chances out of 100 that they would see service on French soil and 20 chances out of 100 that they would be transferred to Russia.

The letter by Governor Withycombe and J. A. Churchill, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to which Major Gilbert referred, follows:

There is a strong desire among our young men and women to render some immediate service to our country. This is praiseworthy, and it is our wish to encourage this duty, which promptly and conscientiously.

Great Lessons Taught.

However, this world war is teaching us the lesson that every person must be intensely trained for the work he intends to do. With this thought in mind we are writing to you, as a parent, to urge you to give your preparation this coming year by attending the college or university of your choice. We feel that it is your responsibility to make every sacrifice possible to do this, because, through a continuance of your training, you can render some valuable and effective service during the later years of the war and in the times of need that will follow.

The college presidents of the United States have recently called for a national day of service by the Council of National Defense. At this conference they were urged by Secretary of War Baker, in conformity with the wishes of President Wilson, to keep the work of their institutions unimpeded as a means of national defense.

In accordance with the recommendations of these officials, we, therefore, urge that all boys and girls attending high school or normal school, technical school or other school, that all young men remain in school until they have graduated, and we further urge that all college men heed the call of duty to selective draft, and not recommended for special service, remain in college.

At all times, especially in our present hour of need, you should ask yourself how best you can contribute to the winning of this question at the present time, you can do no better than to act upon the advice of those who are responsible for the future welfare and integrity of this Government.

PORTLAND SCHOOLS ARE IN

Two Districts Added to State Debating League.

EUGENE, Or., July 27.—(Special).—The high schools of the city of Portland will comprise a district in the territorial division of the Oregon High School Debating League, which held a meeting in Salem recently, adding two districts. Portland has never before held membership in the league, which, however, has covered the rest of the state.

The other new district is formed by readjustment of the boundary lines of the two Willamette districts; territory taken from both the South Willamette and the North Willamette districts is combined to make up the new West Side district.

ASHLAND'S HELP TIMELY

Forest Ranger Gribble Expresses Appreciation of Citizens' Aid.

ASHLAND, Or., July 27.—(Special).—"On behalf of the Forest Service, I wish to express my full appreciation of the prompt and efficient assistance rendered by the Mayor, City Council and some of the citizens of Ashland in putting out the forest fire near Humming Bird Springs, along the trail to Mount Ashland.

"At this time, when labor is scarce, such timely help doubtless saved much of Ashland's valuable watershed and perhaps prevented a repetition of the devastating fires of 1910," said J. E. Gribble, Forest Ranger, here today.

SHIPYARD TROUBLE DENIED

Seattle Metal Trades Council Reassures Government.

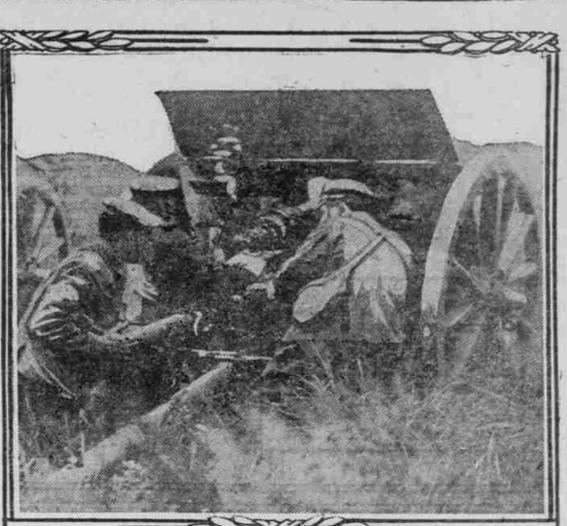
SEATTLE, July 27.—The Seattle Metal Trades Council, representing 15 local unions whose members are employed in the Seattle shipyards, sent a telegram to Secretary of Labor Wilson today denying that a strike of shipyard men was impending.

On the contrary, the telegram said, the unions were negotiating a new scale of wages with employers and negotiations were entirely harmonious.

Alaska Editor Is Dead.

JUNEAU, Alaska, July 27.—Bert Howdeshell, one-time editor of the Ketchikan Miner and the Skagway Alaska and well known to Pacific Coast and Alaska newspapers, died here Wednesday night. He leaves a widow here and a father, brothers and a sister in Kansas City.

MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Scene From "The Tanks at the Battle of the Somme" British War Pictures at Peoples Tomorrow.



Billie Burke who appears in "Peggy" at Star Theater Tomorrow.

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. Sunset—Douglas Fairbanks, "His Picture in the Papers," "Wild Winship's Widow." Liberty—Olive Thomas, "Madcap Midge," in conformity with the wishes of President Wilson, to keep the work of their institutions unimpeded as a means of national defense.

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THE motion-picture craze has swept

China and Japan and the prices of admission are so extremely low that the Japanese spend all of their leisure time looking at pictures, according to C. J. Hubbell, Hearst-Pathé News cameraman, who has just returned from a tour of the Orient.

"Many odd customs prevail," says Mr. Hubbell. "Incidental to the showing of a picture in a Japanese theater, the lecturer appears at the side of the screen and depicts the emotions of the actors. He weeps audibly with the heroine and roars with laughter at the antics of the comedian. It is hard work and these interpreters work in relays, although they seldom retire until they fall from exhaustion.

"The Chinese depend almost exclusively on America and Japan for their films and have no native companies. The Chinese theaters are divided into two parts, the men sitting in the orchestra and the women in the gallery. Scenes that are laughable to an American are enacted in these Oriental movie houses. As the visitor deposits his ticket of admission in the box at the door, he is handed a hot towel. As he walks to his seat, he wipes his hands and face to remove the grime and moisture in order to make himself as comfortable as possible for the pleasure that is to follow.

The theater owner insists on getting his towels back and the Chinese ladies and gentlemen, after they are seated, throw them across the house to usher stationed at various points. Sometimes, when business is good, the house is filled with flying towels, sometimes to the detriment of the screening of the picture.

"Each person of the audience is also supplied with a cup of tea, which he sips with a gusto that frequently, when a thousand persons are in the theater, resembles the escaping of steam from a damaged boiler. Despite these minor interruptions, the Chinese enjoy the silent drama to the fullest extent and are not critical if the film is seven or eight years old and sometimes so badly scratched and damaged that it is little short of impossible to distinguish exactly the movements of the figures from the numerous defects of the film."

Another Daredevil.

E. Quinn, of 300 West One Hundred and Fifteenth street, New York City, wants to get into motion pictures and he doesn't care who knows it. He wrote in this wise to Fox Film Corporation last week:

"I am employed in the Municipal bldg. as window-cleaner. There is many stunts we do which is never heard of and which would be interesting for some people to know, such as walking around the building on the 24th floor or 30. On a narrow ledge about foot wide or crossing from one window to another in any part of Bu? Or climbing from flagpole and many other little stunts you probably take pictures of this work or find some daredevil work for me to do."

Mary, "Doug" and Mary.

The headlines of the movies are above professional jealousies. The other day Miss Pickford and "Doug" Fairbanks both took turns at entertaining Mary Miles Minter, glided queen of the "Flying A."

The Minter-Pickford soiree came about by chance. Miss Minter and her mother went to a theater to see something Miss Pickford, too, was seeing. The audience, recognizing the latter, called: "Speech! Speech!" The latter responded, then seeing the former, called: "Come, Mary Miles." This she did, and a g. l. was had by all.

The Minter-Fairbanks levee was planned. Mother and daughter Minter were guests of the Fairbanks in a Hollywood visit. After luncheon "Doug" took 'em spinning in his new raceboat. And that's not all—he got the wheel to Mary, she put her foot on the 70-mile lever, then "Doug" stood on his head on the hood.

Screen Gossip.

Dustin Farnum has made a series of four pictures for Fox, with Winnifred Kingston as his leading woman. The pictures are: "The Scarlet Pimpernel," "Durdan of the Bad Lands," "North of Fifty-three" and "The Spy."

Selznick and Robert Warwick seem to have parted company for Harry Rapt, who recently sold the Warwick picture, "The Mad Lover," and the Florence Reed picture, "Today," to Pathé, announces that he is making two more features starring these players.

Rumors that Olga Petrova will go

with Triangle or Fox have been denied and it seems certain she will head her own company for the production of eight pictures a year. Mme. Petrova is resting after two years of steady work.

COOS FIRE SERIOUS

Blaze Thought Controlled Is Fanned by High Wind.

FIGHTERS SENT BY MOTOR

Destruction Is Confined Principally to Panther Creek and Elk Creek, Burned Over Before, and Timber Is Not Heavy.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 27.—(Special).—The first serious forest fire to concern the Coos County Fire Patrol Association sprang up from a practically controlled fire yesterday in township 21, range 9, when a heavy southwest wind fanned the flames. Six men brought the flames successfully before.

The rapid spread carried the fire over a distance of five or six miles in a short time. Secretary Carl W. Day called this morning forwarded all the men he could gather, under Chief Warden A. E. Crouch, in automobiles. They can get within eight miles of the fire by starting across trails at Sheep Ranch, on the Middle Fork county highway. Forty or 50 men were due to arrive there by 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The fire burned over several ridges and is confined principally to Panther and Elk creeks and on Six-Mile ridge. The creeks are tributaries to Cow Creek and West Fork. The district is an area burned over before and the timber is in patches. It is owned largely by individuals and the Coos Bay Lumber Company.

COTTAGE GROVE FIRE SERIOUS

Burning Logs Slide Down Mountain Starting Fresh Blazes.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., July 27.—(Special).—Dangerous fires have been burning the past week in the forest reserve east of here. The hardest to fight and the most dangerous is on June Mountain, where there is a crew of 30 firefighters of the forestry department. A crew of 20 was brought up from Roseburg and sent out on a special train. Another crew of 10 is fighting a fire in the territory in which the United States Logging Company is operating. This fire started from a downy engine. The origin of the other fire is not known.

The June Mountain fire is made particularly hard to fight because of the fact that burning timbers slide down the mountains and start new fires outside the fire trenches. The wind has not been favorable for backfiring, adding further difficulties.

FIRE RAGES IN RIVER GORGE

Flames Started by Railroad Crew Spread on Ruthon Hill.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 27.—(Special).—Despite the hard showers that prevailed here yesterday morning a spectacular fire raged through the Columbia River gorge at Ruthon Hill, west of the city, last night. With a gale blowing up the gorge, huge brands were driven skyward like rockets of set fireworks. Several local residents motored to the scene to watch the fire, which spread from burning logs on Ruthon Hill, west of the city, last night. With a gale blowing up the gorge, huge brands were driven skyward like rockets of set fireworks. Several local residents motored to the scene to watch the fire, which spread from burning logs on Ruthon Hill, west of the city, last night.

FIRE NOW UNDER CONTROL

Supervisor Evans Sends Men From Baker and Sumpter.

BAKER, Or., July 27.—(Special).—Because four forest fires on the south slope of the Evenshorns were too much for the local fire crew, the Columbia River fire, which started from a downy engine, was fought by a crew of 20 men from Baker and Sumpter to aid in checking the conflagration. It is explained at the forest office that the haze that was to be seen in Powder Valley today has come from fires all over the Northwest, even possibly as far west as the Willamette Valley.

DR. HINSON IS SPEAKER

"Interest of Nation's Soul Under War" Forum Topic.

At a noon meeting in the Unitarian Church yesterday Dr. Walter B. Hinson, pastor of the East Side Baptist Church, emphasized the points necessary in the "Interest of the Nation's Soul Under War." Freedom, democracy, brotherhood and humanity were the four points upon which his remarks were based.

There is no means of entering into service except tribulation, no redemption without blood; there is to be no faltering, no fear and, above all, no selfishness," said Dr. Hinson. "There is to be sacrifice; we are to give of our means; we are to economize and give of our pleasures and our blood, if we are to enter into the solemnity and the privilege of this day of destiny."

LIQUID FIRE IS DISCOVERED

Cottage Grove Soldier Thinks His Formula Will Aid Nation.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., July 27.—(Special).—Sergeant W. S. McCaleb, of the Sixth Company, has discovered a liquid which he believes is a great benefit to the United States in prosecuting the war, and which he will offer to the Government. He calls the liquid "chemical hell."

There are two chemicals which when brought together ignite, and pouring water on the flames serves only to spread them. The fire cannot be extinguished, and when once ignited the chemicals must be consumed.

A large bottle is used to contain one of the chemicals. The other chemical is placed in a small bottle inside the other. If the two bottles are dropped any distance they will break and chemicals unite and ignite.

Sergeant McCaleb thinks his discovery could be used to great advantage by aeroplanes, and that whole cities could be set afire in a few minutes. Only a small amount is necessary to start a blaze and the cost is less than 12 cents a gallon.

ASSEMBLY IS OPENED

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GATHERED AT SALEM.

Rally of "Tribes" Around Campfire Is Feature of First Day's Session at State Fairgrounds.

SALEM, Or., July 27.—(Special).—The Oregon State Baptist Young People's Union and Summer Assembly opened at the State Fairgrounds here today for a 10 days' session. During the mornings, except Sunday, classes will be held, and each evening the programme will close with an illustrated mission-ary lecture by Dr. O. C. Wright, of Portland.

Today the introductory address was delivered by Dr. John R. Brown, of Bridgeport, Conn., and a rally of the "tribes" around the campfire also was a feature.

Afternoon the annual meeting of the State Baptist Young People's Union will be held and in the evening, after a vesper period and a musical programme with readings by Miss Lena Tartar and others, Harry W. Hicks, of New York City, general secretary of the mission-ary movement, will deliver an address. Sunday religious services will be held and Dr. Hinson, of Portland, will deliver an address.

Other speakers that will be here during the assembly will be Professor Edna Florida, art teacher at the Oregon Agricultural College; Rev. James S. West, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Tacoma; Dr. Mary Helen Thompson, of Eugene; Miss Helen Chicago; Dr. Milliken, Oregon City; G. W. Pearson, Portland; Professor Carroll Woodley, McMinnville; Rev. C. S. Maxwell, of the Philippine Islands.

YOUNG SHEEP ARE SOLD

HIGH PRICE OF HAY CAUSES STOCKMEN TO REDUCE FLOCKS.

Baker County Reports Condition Which Will Greatly Decrease Wool Production Another Year.

BAKER, Or., July 27.—(Special).—Thousands of young sheep are being sold by the stockmen because of the high price asked for hay. Profit in raising the lambs under present conditions, the sheepmen say, would be very small or there might even be a heavy loss if all attempted to retain their young stock.

The disposal of the sheep is believed to be general throughout Baker County and will tend greatly to decrease the wool production next year.

The majority of the ewes are being kept, it is said, but comparatively few will be wintered in the county. Several of the largest growers are reported to be planning to take their sheep out of the county to winter because they can find hay at a more reasonable figure elsewhere.

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LOGGER KILLED BY TRAIN

C. Neteoff Meets Almost Instant Death at Blind Slough.

ASTORIA, Or., July 27.—(Special).—Christo Neteoff, an employe at the Larkin-Green Logging Company's camp near Blind Slough, was almost instantly killed yesterday. He stepped in front of a moving train and slipped and fell, the wheels of the truck passing over his chest and crushing it in. Neteoff was a native of Bulgaria, about 35 years old.

CHINESE RESUME FIGHT

City of Cheng-Tu, Capital of Szechuen, Reported in Flames.

SHANGHAI, China, July 27.—A correspondent of the North China Daily News reports that serious fighting has broken out again at Cheng-Tu, capital of the Province of Sze-Chuen, where Kwei-Chow and Yun-Nan troops have resumed their quarrel for mastery of the province.

The city is in flames and the people are fleeing in panic.

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