

NOTE TO RESTRAIN STUDENTS SCORED

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

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 the duty which promptly and conscientiously they should perform."

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 note of encouragement, to urge your preparation this coming year by attending the college or university of your choice. We feel that it is your Oregon duty to make every sacrifice possible to do this, because, through a continuance of your training, you can render a service valuable and effective 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 prayer 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 who are attending school from high schools enter college, technical school or normal school; that all who are not in school until they have been graduated, and we further urge that all college men below the age of ability to selective draft, and not recommended for special service, remain in college.

At all times, and 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 Majestic—Miriam Cooper, "The Innocent Sinner." Peoples—Mary Pickford, "The Little American." Star—Robert Warwick and Gail Kane, "The False Friend." Globe—Bessie Eyton, "The Heart of Texas Ryan." Circle—"Is Marriage Sacred?"

THE motion-picture craze has swept over 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. But 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."

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Advertisement for MEDIATORS ARE HOPEFUL. Text: "Manufacturers and Strikers to Confer at Raymond." "SEATTLE, July 27.—The mediators who are seeking to bring about a settlement of the strike which has almost stopped lumber-making in this state were encouraged today by a conference between manufacturers and strikers, arranged to be held at Raymond, Pacific County, the center of the Willapa Bay lumber industry, the district being next to Grays Harbor, the largest producer in the state. This will be the first meeting between employers and strikers. Read The Oregonian classified ads."

Advertisement for The Northwestern National Bank. Text: "START AND FINISH ONE DOLLAR opens a Savings Account at the Northwestern National—and every dollar added to it keeps that balance growing." Includes an illustration of the bank building.

Advertisement for Chamberlain's Tablets. Text: "The ANNUAL QUESTION and the ANSWER Shall I take a vacation this summer? Where shall I go? By all means take a vacation so that you may be physically and mentally fit to meet the requirements of these exacting times. For variety of attractions, the great cities, historic places and mountains, rivers, lakes and ocean resorts of the East afford an unrivalled vacation. The journey East is delightful from the moment you start on either 'The Olympian' or 'The Columbian' via the CHICAGO Milwaukee & St. Paul RAILWAY. Steel cars—Electric travel over the Great Continental Divide without cinders or smoke to annoy. We will plan your entire trip and arrange all details. E. K. GARRISON, D. F. & P. A. Third and Stark Sts. Main 8413 A 2601"