

FUND OF \$25,000 WILL AID SOLDIERS

Object Is to Provide Comforts for Oregon Men in All Branches of Service.

BENEFITS WILL BE GIVEN

Preliminary Arrangements Made at Meeting in School Board Rooms and Everybody Will Be Asked to Contribute Something.

A fund of \$25,000 or more is to be raised for the comfort, convenience and needs of Oregon soldiers and sailors in every branch of the service.

The preliminary steps were taken at a meeting yesterday in the rooms of the Portland School Board, attended by a gathering of 55 representative business men.

The fund is not to be confounded with the relief fund for which a special session of the Legislature was asked at another meeting held Monday at the Chamber of Commerce, but it is to be a separate and distinct fund, to be placed in the hands of officers of the various arms of the service where Oregon boys are enrolled, to be used to provide for any necessity of these soldiers and sailors.

The meeting was called by Dr. E. A. Sommer, of the School Board, who was made temporary chairman. Charles A. Rice, assistant superintendent of schools, was temporary secretary.

Benefits to Be Given.

Three large benefits to be staged at the Auditorium were decided on as one means of raising the money, and there is to be no limit to the number of tickets at 25 cents each which a man or woman may buy. Everyone, from the poorest patriot to the well-to-do, will have a chance to contribute something, either in the way of buying tickets or donating to the fund outright.

Kline started the ball rolling by volunteering to buy \$500 worth of tickets at the start.

But the movement is not to be confined to Portland alone. As soon as the organization is under way and plans fairly definite, the various superintendents and Mayors throughout the state will be asked to head the movement in their respective districts.

George L. Baker, Mayor of Portland, explained the movement to the gathering of men yesterday. "We want to put a sum of \$25,000 into the hands of officers of the various batteries, troops and companies of Oregon soldiers and sailors to be used for the needs of the Oregon boys," Mayor Baker explained. "We want to raise a large sum right here in Portland, but we also want to interest every community in the state and get them to raising money. The more the better, but we should have \$25,000 at least. This sum will be apportioned to the various companies, batteries or troops having Oregon men, and will be for every branch of the service, artillery, cavalry, infantry, marines, signal and signal corps men, and every other arm of the service which has an Oregon contingent."

Aid Is Offered.

On the motion of W. F. Woodward, Mayor Baker was appointed chairman of a committee with power to act in carrying out the plan. Mr. Woodward volunteered his services as a theatrical man to help stage the benefits.

Dr. A. A. Morrison, pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church, pledged his cooperation, and L. R. Alderman, Superintendent of the Portland Schools, said the schools and the school children would stand ready to aid. His suggestion was quickly taken up and preliminary plans made for putting the school children to work selling tickets and interesting the city in the benefits and the funds.

Contributions from 25 cents or less up to any figure will be welcomed and gratefully received, but the committee will not rely on contributions alone. A policy of "something for your money" will be adopted and the three large benefits, with real talent on the bills, have been tentatively decided on. The first benefit will not be staged for about three weeks anyway.

Jefferson High School printing department, through Dr. J. Francis Drake of the School Board, offered to the committee, and Dr. Alan Welch Smith, chairman of the School Board, offered to provide a programme for two nights anyway. Dr. Sommer, chairman of the meeting, undertook the responsibility of interesting the other cities and towns of the state in the movement.

H. R. Albee, ex-Mayor of Portland, after announcing that 22 members of his Sunday school class were in the service, suggested ways in which the Sunday schools could be interested and used to further the movement.

Ferdinand Reed, president of Laurelhurst Club, proposed that every member on the committee obligate himself to account for \$100 toward the fund. This was quickly intimated, and some informally agreed to be responsible for a good deal more.

Many Indorse Project.

Plans were proposed by a number of speakers, and others pledged co-operation. Among the speakers were H. L. Pitcock, H. W. Stone, Dr. Luther Dyer, Professor W. H. Boyer, Dr. Andrew C. Smith, Tom Word, Dan Kellaher, S. C. May, T. T. Davis and H. H. Hardman.

- The following men attended the meeting, but there were 100 others actively interested who could not be present on account of pressing business or other engagements: George I. Babington, J. H. Thomas, E. M. Lane, J. Francis Drake, Walter G. Gleason, W. H. Boyer, F. E. Reed, Luther R. Drott, H. W. Piering, J. G. Chambers, W. P. Strandberg, C. A. Williams, James K. Brookway, T. M. Word, D. C. O'Reilly, M. J. Callan, William Parker, Mrs. M. B. Edmondson, Wilbur E. Corman, Fernhabe, D. A. Groat, Paul Chamberlain, H. I. Pitcock, C. H. Waters, Alan Welch Smith, H. H. Stone, George Arthur Brown, F. J. Lutzgeran, W. C. Walter, R. W. Sherwood, W. P. Greer, R. H. Hughson, Charles F. Beebe, M. W. Effinger, F. C. Malpas, J. W. Sherwood, G. K. Wentworth, Jr., L. R. Alderman, H. E. Pennell, Mrs. W. P. LaRoche, C. A. Higley, W. P. LaRoche, T. T. Davis, K. K. Kubi, W. R. Pletcher, Frank L. Walker, E. J. Hall, W. F. Woodward, Rev. A. A. Morrison, E. A. Sommer, Samuil C. May.

THREE CHILDREN ARE HURT

Accidents Reported From Widely Separated Districts.

Charles Tracy, of 308 Mill street, sustained a broken leg early last night when he was struck by an automobile driven by Fred Lyson at Fifth and

College streets. He was taken home and attended by Dr. R. F. James. The boy who is a student at the Shattuck School, was playing with other children in the street. Mr. Lyson was driving a machine with a Washington license, but his address was not learned.

Helen Schlitt, 7, of 410 Graham avenue, was run down and injured yesterday by an automobile driven by G. W. Ingram, 1028 East Washington street. She also was playing in the street while on the way home from school. Dr. E. D. Bodine said her injuries were not serious. Both accidents were reported last night to Harry P. Coffin, chairman of the Public Safety Commission.

Helen Clogg, 8, was bruised badly when she was struck by an automobile driven by Dr. R. W. Benjamin, 1102 East Yamhill street, at East Twenty-eighth street and Hawthorne avenue, last night. The child was putting nails on the rails of the streetcar track and jumped in front of the automobile when the driver blew his horn.

16 TO WED; 14 TO QUIT

LICENSE CLERK KEEPS SLIGHT LEAD ON DIVORCE COURT.

Repayment of Loan Made to Mrs. John L. West by Former Admirer

Arrouses Mate's Ire.

With a record of seven new divorce suits filed during the day in the Circuit Court department, "Cupid" Caswell had a strenuous time yesterday, but he managed to close the day with a slight lead, having issued a total of eight marriage licenses.

When John L. West was required to repay \$200 borrowed money to a former admirer of his wife, Ellen C. West, the same having been loaned to the wife and expended by her, according to complaint for divorce filed yesterday, he concluded the time had arrived for asking for a legal separation.

Anna Ryan sets out in her divorce complaint that Edward Ryan, to whom she was married at Vancouver, Wash., December 17, 1913, after charging her with infidelity, invited her to institute a divorce suit.

Cruel and inhuman treatment is charged by Jessie Southmayd as grounds for divorce from D. S. Southmayd, whom she wedded in this city September 17, 1902.

Four other suits for divorce filed in the office of County Clerk Beveridge yesterday were: Edith M. Singley vs. J. C. Singley, married at Dallas, Or., August 14, 1913; Carrie A. Depp vs. Harry L. Depp, married in this city, August 15, 1913; Florence H. Height vs. Fred Alton Haight, married at Seattle, August 24, 1908, and Ethel Rowe vs. Harry Rowe, married at Port Orchard, Wash., October 26, 1914.

LOAF MAY BE ENLARGED

DECLINE IN FLOUR PRICES MAY MEAN CHEAPER BREAD.

High Cost of Operation, Says Master Baker, Figures in Charge for Bakeshop Goods.

With the decline in the price of flour announced yesterday, there is a prospect of cheaper bread.

"That an extra ounce may be added to the present loaf is the prediction of H. F. Rittman, vice-president of the Master Bakers' Association and proprietor of the Log Cabin Bakery company.

At present the 10-cent loaf is supposed to weigh 16 ounces, and Mr. Rittman thinks it is possible that for the same money a slight addition in the size of the loaf may be worked out by October 1.

The bakers are still using the higher-priced flour, he said, and probably will be baking from it for two weeks more.

"If it were not for the high cost of operation," said Mr. Rittman, "we could reduce the price of bread considerably. For instance, if people would call at the bakeries and pay cash, taking home their bakeshop goods, the overhead expense could be materially cut. The Government, perhaps, may work out some scheme of maximum profits for those engaged in the milling and baking business, so that as a matter of fact, the price of bread may be fixed by Federal officials."

AGE OFFERS SERVICE

Mrs. Esther Ransom, 92, Volunteers for War Work.

HOUSEWORK DONE DAILY

Patriotic Woman Was One of First to Respond to Call of National Council of Defense for Registration.

When the National Council of Defense issued a request for all women of the country to register for war duty last Saturday, Mrs. Esther Ransom, of 447 East Eighteenth street North, was one of the first to register. On the surface there is nothing remarkable about this, but when you learn that



Mrs. Esther Ransom, 92, Who Wants to Do Her "Bit."

Mrs. Ransom will celebrate her 92d birthday next month you will wonder what service she can be to her country.

"Why I can do many things to assist in this war," said Mrs. Ransom yesterday, as she leaned back in one of those old, comfortable-looking chairs that causes one to wish he could recline there always. "I have only one son, and he is too old now to be of service to his country by enlisting in the Army or Navy, and I have no grandsons, so I feel that I must be of some service myself," she continued.

Mrs. Ransom has resided in Portland for the past 25 years, and in the same house that she now goes about her daily work in, for, as she said yesterday, she does not believe in having maids to wait on her so long as she is able to do her own work. There is only one subject she is just a little baneful about, and that is the exact date of her birthday. She says that it is about three weeks away, but the exact date she refuses to tell.

"When I am 100 years old I will make the date of my birthday known," she smiled, "but until then I am going to keep it a secret. Now don't smile," she continued, "for I am going to celebrate my 100th birthday before I die. Any person can live to be 100 if they will only make up their mind that they want to. The secret is to keep your mind occupied; get plenty of exercise and don't give up."

She was born in Hatfield, Mass., and came to Oregon by way of Buffalo, N. Y. When she first went to live in Irvington there were only four houses in the district. Now it is thickly populated and boasts the most pretentious homes in the city.

Her only son, J. W. Ransom, is an agent at the municipal docks.

Youth Called to War Will Wed.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 18.—(Special).—A marriage license was issued here today to Max A. Hollman, age 24,

ZONE SYSTEM IS ADOPTED

Conferees Near Agreement on War Tax Bill.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Increasing strife today between Senate and House conferees on the war tax bill, as final votes were approached, foreshadowed considerable delay in final action.

Progress was made today, however, on many important disputes. The conferees definitely decided to adopt a zone system for increasing second-class mail rates, discussed the war profits and income tax sections at length, and tomorrow expect to begin decisive voting.

Other agreements reported were on the passenger transportation and automobile tax provisions. In lieu of the House tax of 10 per cent and the Senate rate of 5 per cent on the former, the conferees were said to have compromised on a 6 per cent, estimated to yield about \$57,000,000.

The liquor schedules also were considered during the day, with the House conferees reported to favor final acceptance of the general features of the Senate's revisions.

DR. F. L. LOVELAND RESIGNS

Minister, Formerly in Portland, Is Chautauqua Lecturer.

Dr. Frank L. Loveland, up to last Fall pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Portland, has resigned his pastorate in Indianapolis and will go upon the Chautauqua lecture platform, according to information that Portland Methodists have received.

For the past year Dr. Loveland has been pastor of the Meridian-avenue Methodist Church of Indianapolis. This Summer, during his vacation, he spent eight weeks at the Chautauqua lectures and was so pleased with his new field that he resigned his pastorate, preaching his final sermon last Sunday night. The Indiana Methodist conference is now in session and his successor will soon be named.

Dr. Loveland's predecessor at the Indianapolis church was the Rev. Joshua Stanfield, of the Portland First Church, the two clergymen having arranged an exchange of pastorates last Fall.

PRESIDENT IGNORES 'PULL'

Exemption Claims Will Be Considered Only on Merits.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—President Wilson gave notice to all Governors today that in hearing claims for exemption coming up from the district boards he would consider only evidence definitely submitted to the boards and nothing else, unless the boards would recommend it.

The effect of the President's action is absolutely to shut out all appeals of a political nature, or those which may be brought by interested friends "with pull," and confine consideration of the case to the evidence.

LYNN H. HOUGH TO SPEAK

Progressive Business Men's Club to Hear Illinois Professor.

Lynn Harold Hough, of Northwestern University, will speak on "The American Voter" tomorrow noon before the Progressive Business Men's Club at the Benson Hotel. Dr. Hough has done much original research work along social lines, and is recognized as a forceful speaker and original thinker.

Rev. T. W. Lane, pastor of Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, will act as chairman of the day.

CANADIANS TO FLY IN U. S.

Training to Be Completed in South, Where Weather Is Good.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 18.—During the last three months the Victoria office of the Imperial Royal Flying Corps has sent 200 men overseas, cadets and

Your Opportunity will come, young man—be ready for it— Mark this: Today's conditions make it more essential than ever before that you not only be dressed in clothes of good style, but correct style. They are the first step toward creating confidence in the men you have to meet and do business with. When your opportunity arrives—and it is sure to arrive—make it a point to be in condition to take advantage of it by wearing clothes like these. \$15, \$18, \$20, \$25, \$27.50, \$30, \$35 Young Men's Store, Entire Second Floor. Young Men's Shapes in Brewer Hats \$3 Ben Selling Morrison at Fourth Young Men's Neckwear and Furnishings

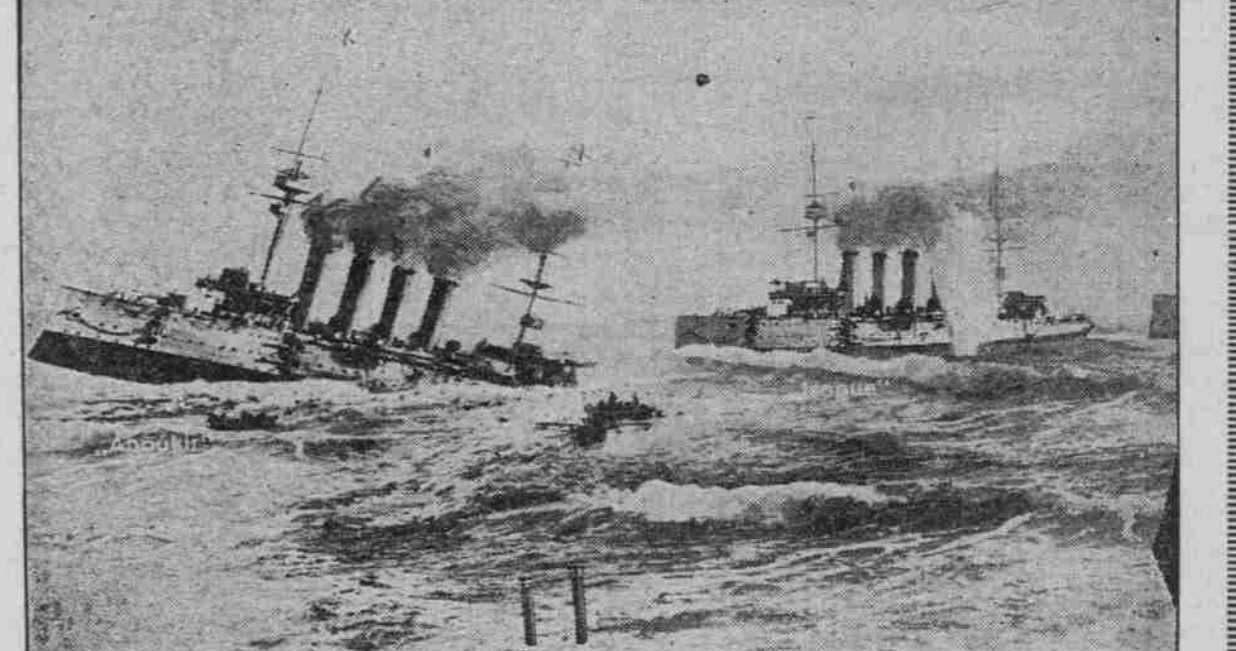
mechanics, the former obtaining their certificates and commissions as Second Lieutenants here before their departure for England. Within a month it is expected that Canadian aviators who are then in course training in the dominion will proceed to Texas in order that training may go on uninterrupted by weather conditions. Many Die of Typhus in Germany. PARIS, Sept. 18.—Albert Champion, a French soldier who on his third attempt has just escaped from Germany, brings the information, according to the Paris edition of the New York Herald, that 3700 French and British soldiers and 1500 Russians have died of typhus at the German concentration camp at Cassel, 90 miles northeast of Frankfurt-on-the-Main. State Forester Elliott today was informed that two new forest fires have broken out in Jackson County, one in the north end and the other in the south end of the county. Neither is serious. Geologist Falls to Death. NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—The dead body of Alfred R. Conkling, lawyer, geologist and author, was found in the courtyard of his East Seventeenth-street home early today. He either fell or jumped from the fourth floor during the night. Read The Oregonian classified ads.

"The Diary of a U-Boat Commander"

Authentic, thrilling, tense with dark drama, and hopelessly philosophic is this strangest document of the Great War, the first installment of which will appear in

The Sunday Oregonian

Commencing September 23, and Continuing for Two Sunday Issues.



The British Ship Aboukir Dipping to Destruction at the Behest of a U-Boat, While the Doomed Hogue, Her Sister-Ship, Steams Up to Attempt Rescue.

HOW DO THEY FEEL? What is the thought of the U-boat commander as he orders the leaping torpedo that carries death with ruthless indiscriminate? This narrative, the actual diary of Captain Hans von Tuebinger, commander of an avid "coyote of the sea," holds the answer. With the picture of struggling crews and passengers before him, and the dark depths his haven from the vengeful destroyers of the Allies, Captain von Tuebinger penned his own personal record of how it feels to carry out the orders of "death without warning."

YOU SAIL WITH THE U-BOAT IN THIS YARN As easily as you tell an everyday story to your friends, the U-boat captain writes of his business, of the wave-hidden ambush, the perfect harmony of men and machinery, and the blow that strews the waves with flotsam and struggling humanity. In the end, Captain von Tuebinger, through the slaying of his own sweetheart on a vessel torpedoed by him, the Kaiser's retainer leaped into the sea and perished—as his protest against further outrage and destruction.

Appearing in Three Issues of The Sunday Oregonian Beginning Sunday, September 23

Reasons Why You Should Have Grape-Nuts on the Family Table ECONOMY—Highly Nourishing—No Waste ECONOMY—Ready to Eat—No Fuel Cost ECONOMY—Keeps Indefinitely—No Spoilage ECONOMY—Easily Digested—A Body Builder PLEASURE—This whole grain-food with its rich, nut-like flavor is in the form of crisp, golden granules particularly appealing to the palate.

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