

TASK CONFRONTING OFFICERS BIG ONE

Preparing Camp Greene for Soldier Habitation Is Herculean Job.

ARMY OF WORKERS BUSY

Swift Way Troopers Have of Getting Things Done Constant Revelation to Easy-Going Troilers of South.

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WITH THE 162D REGIMENT, CAMP GREENE, Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 7.—(Special)—There are four Brigadier-Generals at this camp and every one of them has the job of a colossus before he can hope to bring order out of chaos. The task is simply stupendous and it would seem from a hurried glance at the present conditions of the 16 weeks prescribed as the period of intensive training for the troops at this camp would be taken up largely in preparing the camp for habitation. It would, too, if it were not for the caliber of the men selected by the War Department, for the cementing of the 41st division.

There is at work at the camp, from early morning until quitting time at night, an army of civilian employees, both white and black. Added to this number are the thousands of soldiers, who, while they are not drilling, are digging stumps, leveling company streets and the almost countless other details necessary to make a soldier camp fit and sanitary. The working people in this section of the country do not work with indecent haste. The negro is the second coming of the Mexican when it comes to the manana stuff. It has even permeated the white business man. Nothing is done in haste, nothing is done in a hurry or a rush. The negro loves to sing at his work. If he is wielding a pick, between the interval of raising the pick out of the ground and sending it aloft he sends forth several bars of music. The only time white or black hurries in this country is when he makes a drive to the paymaster's window Saturday night.

Soldiers' Ways Surprise. The swift way of the soldier going to a job and getting it done is a constant revelation to these people. The natives down here do not seem to realize yet that Uncle Sam is in a hurry. By the time they awaken to the fact the soldier will be up and gone.

Just the same the coming of the Northern soldier, with his snap and vim, will leave a lasting mark behind. The rapid way of doing things, his phatic demand that all things must be clean and that time is no longer a plaything just because it goes on forever, will without doubt wake the Charlotte people from their long lethargy. One can notice the old order of things crumbling, which in itself speaks worlds for the high class of Charlotte's citizenship. It is splendid to see the way they regard the soldier.

There seems to be but one condition asked of the soldier. That is that he go to church on Sunday. A visit to a church, and by the way all have the "welcome" sign hung out, means an invitation to a home and a good home-cooked dinner. Some families whose homes will permit invite as many as three or four soldiers to their homes on Sunday. So far to the credit of the soldier may it be said, in all earnestness, not one that has accepted this free and welcome hospitality has abused it. This alone is remarkable when one considers that in this camp there are nearly 20,000 men, taken from every walk of civilian life.

Policing Is Easy Task. Even the provost marshal, Major Palmer, of the Washington squadron, has very little trouble in policing the city. No soldiers are allowed on the streets after 10 o'clock at night and most of the work these soldier police have to do is picking up soldiers not wearing the prescribed uniform to be worn when they are on leave from camp. Charlotte is a historically old and quaint city. In addition to it being the birthplace of the first draft of the Declaration of Independence, President Jefferson Davis, of the Confederacy, was in the city when he received notice of the assassination of President Lincoln. The spot where Jeff Davis stood when he heard the news is marked with a large tablet. There is, right in the heart of the city, an unused home of the silent population. It was a Presbyterian cemetery. The donor, a Scotchman, gave the land to

the church to be used by the church and no one else. The city of Charlotte has grown around the city block given over to the cemetery, but because of the conditions of the will, the property, although it has a value of \$100,000, cannot be used or it would revert back to the heirs and I understand there are over 200 of them living.

Many of the marble headstones are blackened with age, some of the earlier ones dating back to 1791 and even earlier. Still other marble slabs, more exposed perhaps to the ravages of time and the elements, have names and legends no longer legible. In this plot is the last resting place of many men and women prominent in the history of the United States. On one stone, blackened and corroded, is the name, hardly legible, of Joseph Washington, buried in 1812.

Unexpected Men Appear. Getting back to the soldiers and starting right in with an "I told you so," in making the rounds of the different organizations in camp, I have come across a number of Oregon men, those who were turned down by the physical examiner at Clackamas, while the examination of the squadron, the battery and the engineers was being conducted.

It would hardly be fair to give their names or to tell what organizations they have been successful in joining. At the time they were turned down most of them declared their intention to enter the Army and that they preferred to go with an Oregon organization, but if not with Oregonians with any organization that would accept them. They got their wish. They are here today, all doing their share and, best of all, they are not sorry. Heroes, eh?

Not all of the Third Oregon is going to remain intact. In order to fill in another hospital unit, Major M. B. Marcellus will lose a non-commissioned officer and four men. At this time Major Marcellus has not as yet named the men who are to be transferred.

\$200,000 IS PROMISED

ROCKEFELLER FUNDS PLEDGED FOR SOLDIERS' RECREATION.

Appropriation for Army Cantonnments Is to Be Used Entirely in This Country.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The Rockefeller Foundation announced tonight that it has appropriated an additional \$100,000 for work at American army cantonnments by the Playground and Recreation Association of America. With the \$20,000, which the foundation appropriated on September 14, its total contribution to the coming year's budget for this work is \$120,000. The Playground and Recreation Association, working in co-operation with the War Department's commission on training camp activities, and the American Red Cross, will direct its efforts to activities that concern the soldiers in the communities surrounding the various cantonnments, just as the Y. M. C. A. is concerned with the soldiers within the camps. The foundation's appropriation will be used entirely in this country.

FREIGHT RATES LOWERED

SOUTHERN PACIFIC MAKES CUT ON EASTBOUND FLOUR.

New Tariff, Effective November 19, Applies Only to Shipments Consigned to Europe.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—Efforts to stimulate production of wheat and flour in California and to encourage shipments of Australian wheat to this state for reshipment to the European allies in the form of flour, thus saving billions because of the lesser bulk of the finished product, lie behind a reduction in freight rates on wheat and flour from San Francisco to Gulf ports announced here today by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company.

The new rates of 60 cents per hundred in carload lots becomes effective November 19, and apply only to wheat and flour consigned to Europe. The reduction amounts to approximately 5 and 10 cents, respectively, per hundredweight to Galveston and New Orleans.

FRENCH ARE PATRIOTIC

WAR IS FINANCED LARGELY BY SAVINGS OF PEOPLE.

Factory Workers in Republic Now Are Producing 250,000 Big Shells Each Day.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—France shella for a year been producing 250,000 shells a day for the famous "75" guns, as compared with 15,000 daily when the war began. And she is producing more. French Commissioner in the United States, said in a statement here today. His estimate of credits voted by France from August, 1914, until America entered the conflict was nearly \$21,000,000,000, of which more than \$19,500,000,000 came, he said, from the savings of the French people. The statement adds:

"In our country the amount raised by annual taxes reached this year 3,500,000,000 francs, which is the highest figure ever attained even in time of peace, although 12,000,000 French people are either mobilized for the army or the factories or kept in invaded regions.

"Figures sometimes bring revelations since the outbreak of the war until the intervention of the United States credits have been voted which amount to 104,000,000,000 francs. And do you know how much we borrowed from abroad? Six billion francs. So 98,000,000,000 were drawn from the savings of the French themselves, for the defense of the country."

Billbugs affecting corn can not live on cotton, therefore follow corn with cotton.

COAST TELEPHONE STRIKE IMMINENT

Tie-Up of Lines From Vancouver to San Diego Is Threatened.

WAGE INCREASE DEMANDED

Recognition of Girl Operators' Union Is Also Asked by Employees. About 5000 Men and Women Involved.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—A general strike of approximately 5000 union employees of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company for demands said to include a wage increase of \$1 per day was declared imminent today. Conference to avert the threatened strike, which would tie up company lines from Vancouver to San Diego, were being held, it was announced.

L. P. Fullerton, general superintendent of the company, said that demands for a wage increase were under discussion. He denied published reports that the employees, which include line men, plant operators, repairmen and electrical workers, had issued an ultimatum calling for a strike for next Monday unless their demands were granted.

"Conferees between company officials and representatives of the men are now going on. We are hopeful of averting trouble which might lead to a walkout," Fullerton said. It was declared that a referendum vote taken by locals of the different crafts affiliated with the electrical workers' organizations in different Pacific Coast cities favored a strike unless the company met wage demands.

"Apart from a wage increase, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is seeking elimination of the present examination system and recognition of the girl operators' union," declared John S. Wilson, secretary of the District Council of the Brotherhood.

"The present agreement between the electrical unions and the company expires October 21, so there can be no walkout before that date. The unions are now taking a referendum vote on the questions involved. This is under the direction of L. C. Grassie, a vice-president of the brotherhood.

"In certain sections of the Northwest the company has recognized the girls' union to the extent of granting an increase in wages. But it has not generally recognized this union and, as it is recognized by the brotherhood, this recognition is necessary."

LOCAL FORCE NUMBERS 1000

Portland Girl Operators' Union Organized Short Time Ago.

Negotiations to avert a telephone strike which would tie up the Pacific telephone system of Portland along with systems in other Coast cities, are being handled entirely in San Francisco, according to local officials of the company. Manager Spoor, of the Portland system is out of the city. Assistant Manager Greer said yesterday that he knew nothing more about the situation than what he has seen in the press.

The employees of the company in Portland are affiliated with the same union as those in other Coast cities. What affects the employees in one city will affect those in all. A strike in Portland would call out more than 1000 persons if the girl operators join. The girls organized a union recently in Portland and are now affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

MUSIC TRADE WELCOMES NEW HOUSE

Packard Piano Factory Products to be Handled

Beautiful New Store in Heart of Best Retail District

Mr. G. F. Johnson, the well-known music dealer, opens a new house in the heart of Portland's retail district, on Sixth street just opposite Meier & Frank Co.

It is the most modern Phonograph and Piano shop in the city. It has new, modern, attractive features. One of the chief points of merit is the perfect system of ventilation throughout the store. A letter written to a prominent Portland citizen contained the following: "Would fresh air in a Victrola record room add to the pleasure of your record buying? Every record room in our store is an outside room, with an abundant supply of pure, fresh air."

ers. "Our agreement with the company does not expire until October 21, and we could not go out before that time. We have made demands for increased wages, elimination of the company's examination system, and recognition of the girl operators' union. The unions are now taking a referendum vote on the questions involved."

TELEPHONE STRIKE LIKELY

Tacoma Girls Demand \$2.75 for Eight Hours' Work. TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—Tacoma telephone girls will strike October 19 unless their demands for higher wages and better working conditions are met by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company. The girls demand \$2.75 for eight hours and time and a half for overtime.

BRITONS EASILY DUPED

AMERICAN CAPTAIN TELLS OF GERMAN RAIDER'S CAREER.

Inspection of British Cruiser Is Passed by Disguising as a Lumber Carrier.

HONOLULU, T. H., Oct. 12.—Graphic details of how the famous German commerce raider Seeadler, which preyed on allied commerce for seven months in the South Pacific before meeting her fate on the reefs of Mopeia Island, passed the inspection of a British cruiser by assuming the disguise of a lumber carrier were revealed here today by Captain Hador Smith, master of the American schooner R. C. Slade, one of the three known victims of the German craft.

After capture by the British and subsequent escape the Seeadler put into Bremerhaven, a German port, and in December, 1916, fitted out as a motor schooner under command of Lieutenant von Lelker and a crew of 48, half of whom, according to Captain Smith, spoke Norwegian.

With forged Norwegian clearance papers and two four-inch guns concealed by a deckload of lumber the vessel put to sea, encountered a British cruiser, passed inspection, mounted her guns and proceeded to sink 13 vessels in the Atlantic, two of them British, Captain Smith said.

NEGRO MURDERER KILLED

Black Takes Refuge in House, but Fire Brings Him to Door.

DANVILLE, Va., Oct. 12.—Walter Clark, a negro, who murdered his wife in their home today and afterward barricaded himself in a house, where he shot and killed a policeman who attempted to arrest him and then probably fatally wounded Deputy Sheriff Bolesau, was killed when he attempted to escape from the building in which he had taken refuge.

FLOODS DEVASTATE CHINA

Rockefeller Foundation Preparing to Relieve Destitute.

PEKIN, Oct. 12.—The floods along the Hoangho show no signs of abating and the area under water in Chihli province is increasing. Floods are reported from six other provinces, but they are on a smaller scale. Considerable damage has been done, however, and the people driven from their homes by the water are suffering.

The Rockefeller Foundation, which is preparing to relieve the destitute and starving in the flooded area, is negotiating for a large tract of land in the Russian concession in Tien Tsin. It is proposed to erect refuge camps which will house several thousands.

Men and Railway Thanked

We, the undersigned retail merchants of the City of Portland, desire to take this occasion to express our appreciation for the manner in which the differences between the platform men and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company were adjusted.

We have confidence in both the men and Mr. Franklin T. Griffith, President of the Company, that the best interests of Portland will always be considered.

The retail merchants of Portland, as a unit, ask the public to give the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company their support and patronage—they deserve it.

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