

457 ROOMS NEEDED FOR REGISTRANTS

Examination of Men Held Over From Saturday Will Be Resumed Here Today.

NAVAL RECORDS SMASHED

Thirty-Six Recruits, Accepted at Spokane Before Draft Order Became Effective, Reach Portland in Charge of Athlete.

It required 457 rooms in Portland hotels to house the young men waiting in the city for acceptance into the United States Navy and those already accepted who were sent away early this morning to mustering units.

As many of the rooms were occupied by two men this little delight given by the Navy recruiting officers, who checked the lodging bills presented yesterday, pointedly corroborated statements descriptive of the eleven-hour rush of applicants who swamped the city's enlistment offices the latter part of the week.

Though much of their time prior to noon, Saturday, when enlistment bars again registered men was up, devoted only to proper recording of applications, the Naval Bureau managed to avoid any delay in the mustering, while the Army station passed on to Vancouver Barracks 125 recruits.

As was estimated at the time, the Army office has approximately 400 men waiting to be sworn into their country's service, while the Navy "waiting list" exceeds 350.

Spokane Delegation Here. Twenty-six potential recruits, accepted at Spokane before the draft order became effective, reached Portland yesterday.

The incoming workers of the Naval Bureau kept at their enlistment job yesterday, when 85 men were sworn in and "shipped." The Army recruiting station remained closed all day, but will launch into the job of passing upon qualifications of the waiting applicants with renewed energy this morning.

Naval Records Smashed. Once again the naval bureau is setting an enlistment record at rival stations that the latter will find difficult to follow.

Appearance on the streets of Portland Saturday and yesterday of men attired in half-and-half costumes, consisting of part civilian and part soldier garments, set afloat a lot of interesting rumors.

Many Uniforms Altered. Twelve patriotic young men, patients in the Good Samaritan Hospital following minor operations intended to fit them for war duty, were given a thrill of pleasure shortly before noon Saturday, when Colonel S. Y. ...

CLUB WILL BE FESTIVE

IRVINGTON FOLK ARRANGE FOR TWO WEEKS' FESTIVITIES.

Christmas Doings to Include Party and Tree for Kiddies and Another for Adults.

Two weeks brimming with activities have been planned by the officers and social committee of the Irvington Club.

For tomorrow night there will be a card party at the clubhouse with bridge and 500 as the diversions.

Christmas week will be marked with a children's party and tree on Thursday, December 27, and on Friday with a formal ball and Christmas tree for the grown-ups.

EXPLOSION IS DUE TO GAS

Eleven Men Killed, Six Are Said to Be Still Entombed.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 15.—The explosion in the Susanna mine of the Yukon-Poconahonta Coal Company in McDowell County, which resulted in the known deaths of 11 men and possible deaths of others was caused by leaking coal gas.

NOTES OF INTEREST FROM OREGON BOYS IN SERVICE

Portland Recruits Winning Promotions in Uncle Sam's Fighting Machines. Young Men Stationed at Many Points in U. S.



ALPH I. GIFFORD, son of Benjamin A. Gifford, of Gifford & Prentiss, photographers, is stationed at the naval training station at Goat Island, Cal., where he will receive three months' training.

Warren Cornell's promotion to the rank of corporal, Corporal Cornell is with the machine gun company of the 1524 Infantry. He was employed by John A. Roebeling's Sons and lived with his mother, Mrs. E. W. Phillips, 802 East Yamhill street.

Corporal James A. Parker, of Company D, 162d Infantry, was one of the first Oregon boys to receive promotion at Camp Mills. He enlisted early in the game in the old Third.

Jesse A. Dignam, who enlisted in the aviation corps last June, has recently been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is now stationed at Fort Worth, Tex., but expects to leave soon for New York.

First Lieutenant Joseph W. Crawford, who graduated from the second Prentiss camp, is now at American Lake, where he was ordered December 15. Lieutenant Crawford is a graduate of Yale, class of 1913, and ex-assistant Attorney-General of Oregon.

Word has been received in Portland

DRY VOTE UP TODAY

Congress to Clean Up Domestic Legislation by Christmas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Congress turns tomorrow to a clean-up of domestic legislation before the Christmas holidays, after which it proposes to devote itself exclusively to war problems.

Interest in the National prohibition question to be voted on by the House tomorrow at 5 o'clock.

Approval by the necessary two-thirds majority of the resolution for submission to the states of a National prohibition amendment to the Constitution.

The resolution was adopted August 10 last by the Senate. Action by the states—three-fourths majority—must approve before the amendment becomes effective, is required in seven years by the House resolution and six years under the resolution.

If the House acts tomorrow the difference must be adjusted in conference. Disposal before the recess of the proposed woman suffrage amendment to the Constitution now is regarded as impossible.

The Senate tomorrow will resume consideration of the Walsh-Pittman coal and oil land leasing bill, which probably will pass Tuesday.

Informal agreement for elimination from the bill of the controversy over Nevada's naval oil reserves, which plan for Government condemnation and development of private holdings there is expected to expedite passage of the measure.

Plans to begin inquiry into the Navy's war activities will be made tomorrow by the House naval subcommittee.

Investigation of the sugar and fuel shortages will be resumed tomorrow by the Senate committee on Commerce, with Claus Speckels, of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, returning to the stand.

La Follette Case Not Dead. Further progress in another investigation, that of the alleged disloyal St. Paul speech of Senator La Follette, will be discussed at a meeting of the Senate privileges and elections committee next Thursday.

Representatives of State Railway Commissions were heard again Saturday before the Congressional Joint railroad committee and all joined in objecting to any system of regulation which did away with state commissions.

Gus J. Karger, of the Cincinnati Times-Star, has been elected president of the National Press Club.

3 SOLDIERS BURN TO DEATH

Aero Squadron Prisoners Victims of Accidental Fire.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 16.—E. F. Gallagher, Munhall, Pa.; W. J. Kramer, and W. J. Willey, Rockford, Ill., all members of the 123d Aero Squadron, U. S. A., were burned to death when the guardhouse at the Government aero warehouse at Middletown, near here, was destroyed by fire early today.

The fire was caused, it is believed, by gas generated by burning an roofing paper, which the men, the only inmates of the small frame structure that served as a camp prison, were using to heat the stove in the building.

The men were confined for minor offenses.

BOY OF THE YEAR GRILLED BY CORONER

Death of Miss Florence Cook Alleged to Follow Incorrect Treatment.

FATHER'S WISH IS DENIED

Permit to Ship Remains to San Francisco Withheld Pending Further Inquiry Into Circumstances of the Case.

Because of suspicions of incorrect diagnosis and treatment availed when the body of Miss Florence Cook, 23, daughter of Isaac B. Cook, of San Francisco, was subjected to a post-mortem examination Saturday at the coroner's office, County Coroner, yesterday issued an order forbidding the sending of the body to San Francisco for burial as had been planned.

Miss Cook died Saturday afternoon at the Good Samaritan Hospital, after being there for a day and a half. Prior to going to the hospital, Miss Cook took treatment for several days for an ailment said to be entirely different from that which caused her death.

Health Officer Parrish was surreptitiously advised of the case, a few hours before Miss Cook was sent to the hospital, a telegram came from her father in San Francisco requesting that no operation be performed. Miss Cook died a few hours later.

LA GRANDE PAYS TRIBUTE Frank Bay Laid to Rest With Impressive Services.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—A funeral procession of proportions probably never equaled in Union County this afternoon attended the rites over the remains of Frank W. Bay, who was electrocuted Thursday while working on a plumbing job.

RED CROSS CALL ISSUED

CHAIRMAN DAVISON APPEALS TO LOYAL AMERICANS.

Organization Representative of Entire People Expected to Have Membership of Twenty Millions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—On the eve of the great Christmas membership campaign of the American Red Cross announced to Secretary Henry P. Davison, chairman of the society's war council, issued this call:

"To the 10,000,000 or 15,000,000 members who will join us before Christmas eve—fall in."

"Today the American Red Cross is one of the modern miracles," he said, "it has mobilized America for action in the world emergency. It works with President Wilson's approval in the task of preparing our people for national service in the world emergency."

Union County Starts Drive. LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Union County is organized to show its support for the Government's membership drive which begins tomorrow.

STATE PLANT PROFITABLE

Poultry Department of Washington Penitentiary Nets \$2072.59.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The net profit of the poultry plant at the State Penitentiary for the first 10 months this year was \$2072.59.

There has been no guesswork in arriving at the conclusion that the prison poultry farm is a paying unit," he said.

PERSONAL MENTION.

R. H. Jolin, of Lebanon, is at the Perkins.

Mr. Mark Ennis, of Aberdeen, Wash., is at the Oregon.

The Newman, of Condon, is registered at the Perkins.

C. L. Little, of Enterprise, is stopping at the Perkins.

Omer Digeress, of Silverton, is registered at the Oregon.

Mr. Allen, a prominent Pendleton merchant, is Christmas shopping.

Paul V. Maris, of the O. A. C. faculty, is registered at the Imperial from Corvallis.

C. A. McCrow, a rancher of Dallas, Or., is among recent registrants at the Corvallis.

W. L. Kadderly, of the Oregon Agricultural College faculty, is registered at the Seward.

Fred Curry, city manager of La Grande, Or., is among recent arrivals at the Imperial.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Coffield, of Goldendale, Wash., among recent arrivals at the Seward.

Mrs. Fred Johnston and Mrs. N. Clarke, of Calgary, Alberta, are visiting at the Seward.

H. F. Effenberger, widely-known millman of Nehalem, is at the Oregon while here on business.

Mrs. Jack Appleton, whose home is a model ranch on Deer Island, is visiting for a few days at the Corvallis.

S. C. Stewart, the Lebanon banker, accompanied by Miss Stewart, his daughter, is registered at the Seward.

Leo Parvin, herald of the theatrical attraction, "Fair and Warmer," is registered at the Portland from New York.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Allen, of Corvallis, Or., where Mr. Allen is in the mercantile business, are registered at the Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stanley, of Waterville, Wash., where Mr. Stanley is a merchant, are stopping at the Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. Madison Cooper, of Wasco, Or., are registered at the Oregon. Mr. Cooper is in charge of the banking firm of W. H. Barnett & Co.

Mrs. F. N. Whitman, whose husband is manager of the Weinhart Hotel at Astoria, is registered at the Imperial upon her return from a visit to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hampshire, of Grants Pass, are at the Portland for a few days.

Mrs. Cornelia Richards, a student at the Oregon Agricultural College, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Burnett, of Goldendale, Wash., who are at the Corvallis.

H. S. McGowan and John D. McGowan, of McGowan, Wash., pioneers in the salmon-packing industry, are registered at the Imperial.

Dan E. Servey, of Kansas City, formerly consulting engineer of the plant at Gold Hill, Or., is registered at the Portland. He is accompanied by Mrs. Servey.

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BRIDGE ORDER HELD UP

REMOVAL OF SALEM STRUCTURE IS OPPOSED BY MR. McNARY.

Future Shipments of Portable Houses to France Delayed Pending Reply to Cablegram.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Senator McNary today called on General Black, chief of Army engineers, to inquire why more contracts are not being placed for portable houses for the Army in France.

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COVE RED CROSS WORKERS MEET. COVE, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The initial work for the Red Cross member-

ship drive for 400 Cove quota of Union County's 5000, opened Friday night in Macabee Hall and continued until a late hour, with a large attendance.

High Water Forces Suspension of Yeomans Mill. CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—High water in the Chehalis River as a result of the heavy rains has washed out a part of the electric company's dam at Pe Ell and the town is again without lights.

Due to a shortage of logs the Yeomans mill in Pe Ell suspended operations Thursday, there being too much water in the river to attempt floating logs down.

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