

FALL OF BASTILLE IS CELEBRATED

Natal Day of "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity" in France Commemorated in Portland.

MINISTERS LAUD FREEDOM

Resolutions Adopted Giving Assurance That America Shall Stand at France's Side Until Autocracy's Stronghold Falls.

Portland yesterday paid tribute to citizens of France, joining them in the celebration of Bastille day, a day held sacred because through the destruction of the Bastille in Paris July 14, 1789, chains of autocracy were torn asunder and the beacon light for freedom in all the world was lit.

From the pulpits of Portland churches ministers yesterday spoke of the friendship of Americans and Frenchmen, and recalled how in the days when this country was young and beset with difficult problems, La Fayette came to our aid with aims and hopes alike. They called attention to the fact that America and France again have joined arms and are fighting to prevent German autocracy unloosing the work instituted by the patriots who in 1789 laid the Bastille in waste and ruin.

Government Four-Minute Men appeared on the platforms of the theaters of the city and read a message pledging America's fidelity to France and giving assurance that America shall stand at France's side until autocracy's stronghold of autocracy falls in ruins around the Hohenzollern dynasty.

Following the reading of the message, the Four-Minute Men presented a resolution which was adopted by a standing vote in every theatre in which it was recited. The resolution read as follows:

Resolved, That the Fourteenth of July message you have just heard be the sentiment of America and that it be delivered through four-minute men of the committee of public information to the French Ambassador for transmission to the people of France, and that this audience with thousands of francs be used to honor our noble ally, the Republic of France.

America Not Forgetful. In keeping with this spirit of the day, Rev. Edward Constant, pastor of the Highland Congregational Church, spoke on the "Fraternization of America and France."

"America is today proving to the world that she is neither forgetful nor ungrateful," said Mr. Constant. "We are discharging honorably the debt we owe to the people of France. Our obligation dates back to the work of the Jesuit Fathers and the voyageurs from France and was vastly augmented by the sympathy and help which we received in our struggle for independence."

"Now has come opportunity to seal afresh our friendship for our sister republic. The 14th of July, the anniversary of the fall of the Bastille ought to be for us a memorable day. France was then taking a decided step toward liberty and the rights of man. We are now engaged in a struggle to make permanent the work of the revolution of America and that of France. Let no one fool us in that matter. The issue is plain and clear cut."

"We are with France in a fight to the finish. We are fighting because we love to fight, but because of the things which are at stake. Peace is sweet, but there is that which is more precious than peace. There is freedom. France is now finding her better self. Splendidly is she standing trial. She is weary, but brave and heroic and the smiles that radiate from her face with her vivacity we now see the whiteness of her soul. Gay Paris shows herself to be the city of the haughty heart. Regard her as she comes from this wide plantation of the dead."

Death Knell of Tyranny Sounded. The fall of the Bastille, like the shot of the American Revolution, sounded the death knell of tyranny. Society refuses to stand for that in any form, whether of the autocrat or the plutocrat. There may be a menace in money power as in a one-man power.

"Gratefully do we extend our hand to France and pray that the spirit of America may imbibe the spirit expressed in the motto of the French people, 'liberty, equality and fraternity,' while we seek to work in dependence upon Almighty God."

President Wilson and President Polk were visualized by Rev. E. B. Lockhart as standing with hands clasped on the site of the old Bastille. Dr. Lockhart used the Freedom day of France as a standing example of the yesterday morning at the Clinton Kelly M. E. Church and at the Lincoln M. E. Church in the evening.

"I expect and hope that some day a similar column will stand in the city of Berlin to signalize the complete downfall and wreckage of the Hohenzollerns and the Prussian militarists."

SEATTLE DAILY DECORATED. French Flags Intertwine With Stars and Stripes Throughout City.

SEATTLE, July 14.—Seattle was gaily decorated with flags today in observance of the fall of the Bastille. The number of French flags rivaling the number of Stars and Stripes displayed following a patriotic parade through the downtown streets a monster mass meeting was held in the Masonic Temple.

The speakers included Governor Ernest Lister and Mayor Ole Hanson. Appropriate programmes were carried out in several city parks.

Tricolor Flies at Hoquiam. HOQUIAM, Wash., July 14.—(Special.)—Hoquiam today observed Bastille Day, France's national holiday, generally. The French Tricolor was flying over the city. Hats and ever many homes and business houses. In practically all of the city churches the ministers devoted part of their remarks to the subject of the fall of the Bastille. Four-minute speakers devoted their addresses, in part at least, to Bastille Day and the part France is playing in the great war for the liberty of the world.

Many Sheep to Be Shipped. YAKIMA, Wash., July 14.—(Special.)—Fifty carloads of sheep and lambs will be shipped East from points on the Northern Pacific on July 18, coming from the bands of Archie Prior, P. Agor, Anderson Bros., Kohler & Whipple, F. Walker, and Butler & Knox. Coffin Brothers, of this city, will ship 12,000 lambs to the Chicago market about the middle of August.

PORTLAND "MESSENGER BOY" WHO IS THE FATHER OF FOUR WESTERN TOWNS.



Colonel W. A. Belcher, Who Built Colfax, Wash., and Watsburg, Wash., and Gladstone, Or., Daylong Does His Bit by Carrying Messages for the Postal Telegraph Company.

TOWN BUILDER AIDS

Colonel W. A. Belcher Messenger for Postal Telegraph.

EARLY DAYS ARE RECALLED

Veteran Claims Distinction of Being "Father" of Colfax and Watsburg, Wash., and Redmond, Or.; Growth Is Rapid.

It's an uncommon thing to have a telegram brought to your office by a "messenger boy" who has built four of the Northwest's most flourishing towns, made fortunes in Alaska gold, and is a well-known and prominent figure to many old-timers of Washington and Oregon.

But that will be your experience some day if you ring the Postal Telegraph Company and your call is responded to by a spry, happy, white-haired man known as Colonel W. A. Belcher. Colonel Belcher isn't a regular messenger boy, but in these days when every man must do his bit, he thinks it is his duty to contribute his energies in this way.

Western Growth Is Watched. To see a town grow from a wooden store building in a sea of sagebrush, to a bustling city has been the privilege of few people, and it is doubly so if any other man has been so closely connected with the growth of the farm-lands of Washington and Oregon as has Colonel Belcher. He was a close friend of all the town builders of the early days, and recounts with delight the story of his friends, General McCarver and his Star brothers, who started Tacoma, and Jim Glover, who founded Spokane, who was operating a mail boat between Olympia and Victoria, B. C., decided he had the town going good, said Colonel Belcher. "He was on an old mule and said he was going up to the falls in the Spokane River to start a town. He wanted me to go with him but I told him I couldn't leave, so he went on alone and started by himself. Just after later developed into a city. I think it was about 1872 that General McCarver, who was operating a mail boat between Olympia and Victoria, B. C., decided he could make a nice settlement on Commencement Bay, in Puget Sound. I went over there and stayed a little while, but I didn't like the water so I went back to the inland country. He named the town Tacoma, and it flourished from the start."

Colonel Belcher came to the Coast in 1863. After a short enlistment in the Union Army, he came to Dawson, California, coming west by way of Panama. He later moved to Portland and thence to Lewiston, Idaho, from where he packed supplies into the Kootenai Canadian mines. He started the first quartz mill in Idaho in 1867 at Elk City. In 1872 he took up land and started the city of Colfax, building a store and establishing a postoffice.

Fortunes Made and Lost. When the gold rush to Alaska started Colonel Belcher went to Rampart, halfway between the ocean and Dawson on the Yukon River. There he engaged in mining operations and bought a steamboat. He has been interested in the propositions in Alaska and has made and lost large sums there. He also was an investor in the Hoquiam oil wells when they were first opened.

Although having made and lost much money, Colonel Belcher is optimistic over financial matters. "Whether I make or lose, I am always a millionaire," he said. "That's the only way to live. Make money and use it. As long as you have plenty for yourself and your family, you can never be richer. Enjoy life as you go along, make a young man."

In 1903, Colonel Belcher went into the Deschutes country, put up his tent in the sagebrush, platted the town of Redmond, started selling lots and established one of the most successful farming communities in Central Oregon.

Although Colonel Belcher is 73 years old, his step is as spry and his laugh as bright as a youngster. "I attribute my youth to the kind of life I lived when I was a young man in the West," he said.

Chehalis Boy Qualifies. CHEHALIS, Wash., July 14.—Howard LaFollette, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. LaFollette, of Chehalis, has recently passed an examination in Utica, N. Y., and is now qualified as an instructor in the use of the machine gun. Young LaFollette is a graduate of the Chehalis High School. From Utica he was sent to Quantico, Va., to study.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. GREEN

Popular Gladstone Woman a Victim of Heart Failure.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 14.—Mrs. Mable M. Green, wife of George A. Green, of Gladstone, died suddenly of heart failure at a local hospital Saturday morning. She had been ailing but a few days and her death was a great shock to her relatives and many friends. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the Baptist Church, and interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery.

ARMORY SITE IS SECURED

Marshfield Now Waits for State to Perform Its Share.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 14.—The last preliminaries to presenting a site to the state for an armory in Marshfield have been completed and nothing now stands in the way of construction, and this is urged by city officials upon the state administration.

TOLL GATE PROPERTY SOLD

Land Located at Summit of Blue Mountains Disposed of for \$3000.

MILTON, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—The historic Toll Gate property, located at the summit of the Blue Mountains, 20 miles from Milton, was sold yesterday by Mrs. M. A. Woodard and associates to a Walla Walla man. It is understood the consideration was in the neighborhood of \$3000. The Woodard wagon road has long been the principal thoroughfare between the Walla Walla and the Wallowa Valleys. By a grant from the Legislature in



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the early days of Oregon's history the Woodwards were given the right to collect toll at the summit from those who used the road in crossing from one valley to another. Of late years there have been several attempts to get Umatilla and Union counties jointly to buy this property and open the road as a public thoroughfare, but in each instance the attempt has failed.

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TO THE PUBLIC:-

Complying with the Request of the War Industries Board at Washington Through the Oregon State Council of Defense

as addressed to the people of Oregon communities in the daily press for some time past, we are planning our delivery system so as to meet with the requirements of the Government towards securing the release of Men, Capital and Equipment, as may be needed by the Government.

As stated in the daily press the complete co-operation of the shopping public is essential to the fulfillment of the Government's request. Confident of your assistance the MEIER & FRANK CO. will make every possible effort to help the Government by limiting the number of regular package deliveries and ON AND AFTER MONDAY, JULY 15, WE WILL MAKE

One Delivery a Day

To curb waste and release men and capital for the war the Government further requests that a charge be made for special deliveries. Goods will only be received for credit or exchange within 3 days from receipt. This rule does not apply to merchandise that is sold on a strictly non-returnable basis for sanitary or other reasons. When shopping do not leave the store empty-handed. Carry parcels with you to the extent of your ability. Help make this "The Fashion." It's a Patriotic duty to carry parcels. Shop carefully and return as few goods as possible. When you have goods to be returned, do not leave home empty-handed. Carry parcels for exchange, where possible. Avoid C. O. D. purchases whenever possible. Shop early in the day, if possible. The above effective beginning Monday, July 15, 1918.



Monday Money Savers for Men and Boys

We Have Unparalleled Stocks of Wash Togs for Boys



We have every desirable style and every serviceable material in wash togs for the little boys' Summer wear. We make a special featuring today of the well-known "Kaynee" Wash Suits \$1.50

The color in every Kaynee wash suit is guaranteed FAST—a new suit free, if one should fade. We have all the popular models, such as middy and middy Norfolk in both double and single-breasted styles, also fancy models with pleated pockets and contrasting belts. Materials include Indian head, madras, gingham and chambray. An almost unlimited selection of patterns and colors. Sizes 2 to 8 years. Excellent values at \$1.50.

We Have All the Necessary Clothes for Shipyard Workers

The largest and most moderately priced assortment of men's work clothes in Portland will be found at the Quality Store on the Third Floor, Fifth Street. A hint of what you will find.

MEN'S WORK PANTS Heavy and medium-weight cotton worsteds and wool mixed cassimere work pants that are made to give the best of wear. In dark and medium shades, stripes and mixtures. All sizes. Pair \$3, \$3.50 and \$4.

MEN'S OVERALLS We carry only the best and strongest made denim overalls and coveralls in bib or waist style. Bib overalls can be had with elastic or high-back suspenders. Full-cut garments with double sewed seams and all the necessary pockets. Moderately priced.

MEN'S WORK AND OUTING CLOTHES Men's canvas and duck work and outing clothes of all good kinds. MEN'S KHAKI PANTS AND COATS Extra good quality khaki pants made with belt loops and strong pockets. Sizes 30 to 48 waist measure. With coats to match.

MAJOR SILVA DIES

Prominent Portland Resident Succumbs to Heart Disease.

ARMY RECORD IS NOTABLE

Former Officer in Regular Army Gains Distinction at Close of Civil War by Being Assigned to Guard Jefferson Davis.

Major Valentine M. C. Silva, prominent Portland resident, veteran of the Civil War and last surviving officer of the regular army who guarded Jefferson Davis at Fortress Monroe, Va., and for the last year one of the dollar-a-year men serving the Government, died yesterday at St. Vincent's Hospital. The immediate cause of death was heart disease.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 P. M. today at the chapel of J. P. Finley & Son, at which Rev. John H. Boyd will officiate and the Elks' burial service will be read. The last rites will be at the Portland Crematorium.

Major Silva entertained a party of friends February 14 last at Silvan Farm, his country home on the Clackamas River, near Barton, the occasion being his 74th birthday. Saturday, realizing that death was approaching, he expressed to Mrs. Silva the wish that the friends who had been present at the birthday dinner should be the pallbearers at his funeral, and Will F. Lipman, Harvey O'Bryan, U. D. Maxson, Loring H. Adams, W. P. Richardson and Dr. E. T. Hedlund will comply with the wish of their old associate and friend. Major Silva is survived by his widow and one sister, Mrs. Maria Wilson, of Chicago, Ill.

He was born in New York City February 14, 1844, attended a private school conducted by two Quaker Sisters, until he entered the College of the City of New York. From there he went to the University of New York, where he was in his second year when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted in the Ninth New York Volunteer Infantry August, 1861, and went directly to Newport News, Va., with his regiment. He served continuously during the four years of the Civil War, in several important engagements, and before the close of the war was commissioned a second and first lieutenant in the Twelfth United States Infantry on the same day. He was stationed in Richmond, Va., with his regiment for a short time after the surrender of General Lee, when he went to Fortress Monroe with his company, where he remained for some ten months.

Jeff Davis Guarded. Lieutenant Silva was one of the officers detailed to guard Jefferson Davis; he was locked in the room with the former president of the Confederacy every third or fourth day when it came his turn for guard duty, and during the ten months he was on duty, came to know him intimately. He was the last surviving officer of the regular army who guarded Jefferson Davis at Fortress Monroe, Va., and for the last year one of the dollar-a-year men serving the Government, died yesterday at St. Vincent's Hospital. The immediate cause of death was heart disease.

Additional interest in the appearance of May Yohe, formerly Lady Francis Hope, is found on the new bill opening yesterday at the Hippodrome.

May Yohe is of international fame, and the good-looking ankles and shapely limbs which graced the London stage and danced their way into the hearts of London theater-goers some years ago, still are shapely, nimble and interesting.

Miss Yohe wears a sort of boyish peasant costume, with a big hat set atop her dark curls, and sings two of her best-known ballads, one of which, a Southern air, is especially charming. She has a pleasing personality and her voice is deep and pretty. She doesn't attempt high notes or the impossible, but sings easily and cheerily her two songs, and revives memories of days when she was the toast of nobility and Sir Francis Hope and scores of noble personages were rivals for her hand and heart.

Sir Francis won her—and then lost her. By accident and luck for the Hippodrome she happens to be a guest in Portland, en route to France to do Red Cross work with her present husband, an English soldier, and the Hip-

podrome engaged her for this bill. That is the how and why of her appearance.

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SINGING AND DANCING ACT WINS HIPPODROME AUDIENCES.

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Department, and performed important service in charge of the division of inspection and purchase of flour for the Government, for the Quartermaster Department.

Major Silva was a member of the Multnomah Bar Association; military order, Loyal Legion; Oregon Society Sons of American Revolution; Lincoln Garfield Post, Grand Army of the Republic; honorary member of the Officers' Club, Vancouver Barracks, a Knight Templar since 1857, when he joined the Appomattox Commandery in Petersburg, Va., and a member of Portland Elks Lodge.

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