

U. S. SHELL FIRE MAKES HUNS QUAIL

Letters Found Upon Prisoners Tell How They Dread Hail of American Artillery.

"HELLISH" THEY CALL IT

Missive From Civilian in Magdeburg Asserts More Intelligent Are Coming to Doubt Possibility of Victory.

BY THOMAS M. JOHNSON.
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, July 28.—For giving an accurate picture of what impression the once scorned Americans are making upon the German soldiers nothing is equal to their captured letters, written to families and friends in Germany, sometimes as long ago as a month. In these letters the German soldiers tell of the hellish American artillery fire and how they dread it.

From Eaux Boies, northwest of Chateau Thierry, which was about four miles behind the front when the American counter blow was struck, a German soldier in one of the fusilier regiments wrote:

"I find myself in Eaux and quite close to the front. The Americans are shooting with such good effect that I am never sure of my life. We all hope that the war will be ended soon and I can go back to Baden, to stay always in the Fatherland."

A letter taken from a prisoner and dated June 18, said:

"I am not with my company as I cannot get out of the village. They are firing very heavily, in fact we have the Americans opposite us and when they fire it just kills. We think that the hour of our lives is at an end."

The state of mind in Germany is shown by the following letter from a man in Magdeburg to his brother in the army:

"I cannot promise myself results from our offensive. The throngs of men go down to their death and our main objectives are not attained. Peace hovers further away and the German nation receives only fresh wounds and suffers still further privations. Only the clear thinking people have this conviction, a conviction how we are being trampled down. If the end does not come soon some sort of outbreak will be inevitable. I cannot yet trust my thoughts to the letter. I hope we shall be able to bear all the hardships firmly and then resume the life of human beings. If one did not have this hope he would rightly call our present conditions nothing better than slavery and a mere struggle for existence."

These revolutionary sentiments are getting somewhat more frequent in the captured letters. Talk of the same kind also is becoming stronger among the prisoners, but the day of actual revolution in Germany seems about as remote as it was a year ago. Some of the prisoners taken lately seem furious against Field Marshal Hindenburg and General Ludendorff for driving them on, but they have a kinder, kinder feeling for the Kaiser, who, they say, rightly or wrongly, is entirely under the thumb of the military in Germany.

AIRCRAFT CHIEF COMING

JOHN D. RYAN TO BE IN PORTLAND WEDNESDAY.

Men From Vancouver Will Decorate Chamber of Commerce Rooms for Lunch in His Honor.

Officers and men of Vancouver Barracks, where the mammoth cut-up plant for airplane stock molds for Uncle Sam, have volunteered to take charge of the decorating at the Chamber of Commerce, for the visit of J. D. Ryan, director-general of the Aircraft Production Board, and Major-General William L. Kenly, in charge of aircraft service.

Mr. Ryan, General Kenly and their party will arrive in Portland on Wednesday evening, and will remain in this city for a day or so in conference with Colonel P. D. Dine, in charge of spruce production. Chief of the functions which have been planned for their entertainment is the luncheon to be given at the Chamber of Commerce Thursday noon.

Edwin N. Weinbaum, assistant executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who is in charge of reservations for the luncheon, said yesterday that approximately 100 places of the city available remained open for reservation. No ladies will be given tickets, owing to the restrictions on space. All tickets must be reserved before 11 A. M. on Thursday.

The decorative scheme of the great dining hall will be worked out in spruce from the city's spruce. It is in this work that the men from Vancouver Barracks have volunteered to aid.

21,000 FLOCK TO RESORT

COLUMBIA BEACH SCENE OF BIG CROWD WHICH ESCAPES HEAT.

Amusement Place Is Illuminated at Night With Colored Lights. Bathing Proves Popular.

More than 21,000 persons flocked to Columbia Beach yesterday to escape the city's heat. Until late last night the big amusement park of the sandy shores of the Columbia was thronged by men and women and little folk. Manager Lewis' new 7000-candle-power multicolored beach light was on the job last night. By a clever arrangement of revolving colored glasses the bathing beach was illuminated in various pleasing shades.

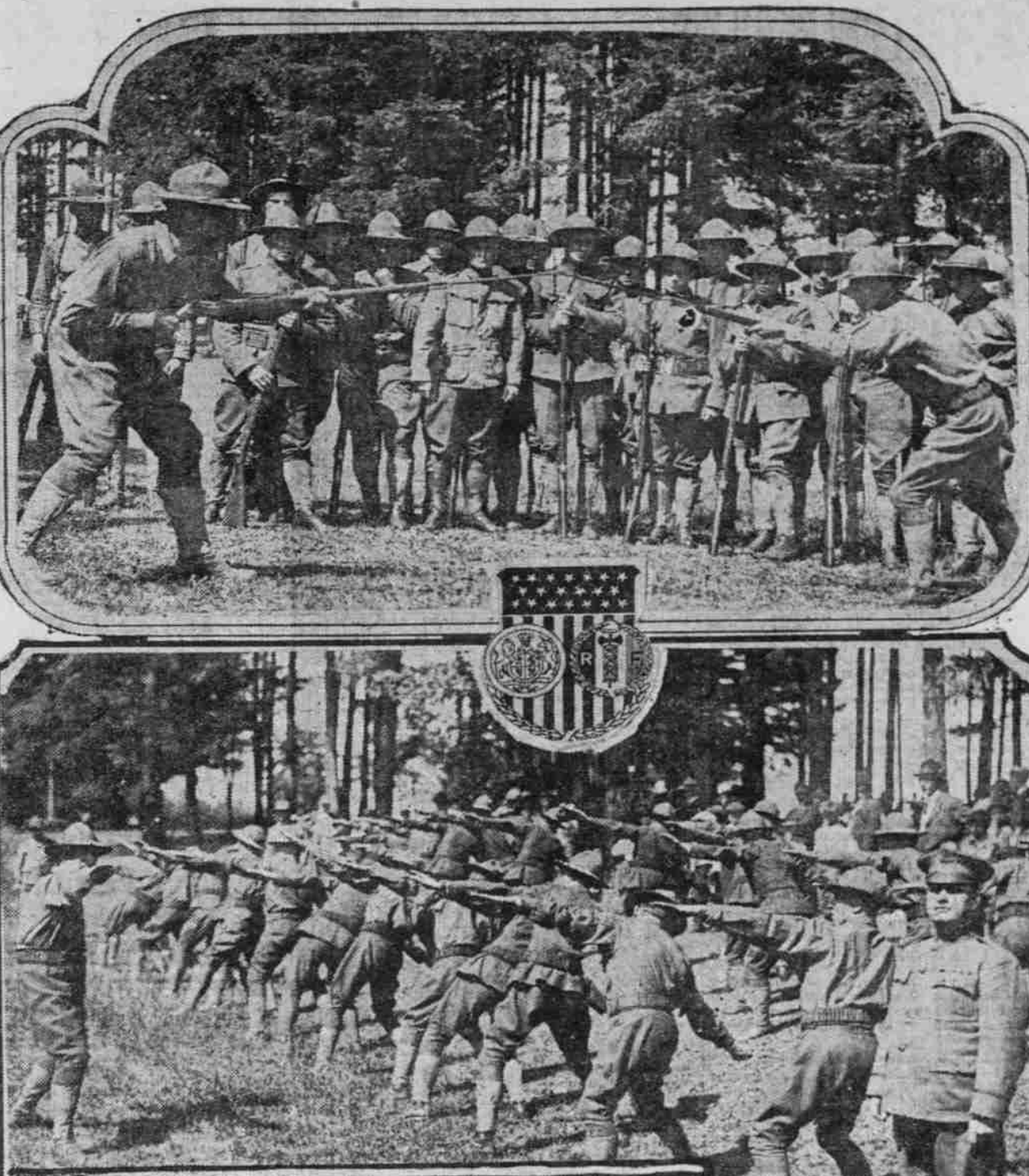
The bathing beach was most popular yesterday. Thousands took to the water. Much amusement was caused early in the day by a couple of swimmers who brought an old washtub down to the river and tried out a few stunts preparatory to the Water Carnival, which is being planned for the latter part of this week.

Polo orchestra is proving a splendid feature, and the daily concerts and the dancing pavilion music are much enjoyed.

The concessions along the promenade did a land-office business from the roller skating rink and ferris wheel to the man whose Shetland ponies provide rides for the kiddies.

Manager Lewis is now making ready for a water carnival.

COMPANY A, OF THE OREGON GUARD, MANEUVER AND DRILL IN SELLWOOD PARK.



Upper—Instruction in Bayonet Combat; Lieutenant Monte J. Wax at the Left. Private G. H. Zauwalt, Company A, at the Right. Lower—Practice in Grenade-throwing Under Leadership of Lieutenant Wax. Captain W. B. Wolcott, Senior Captain of the Oregon Guard, at the Right.

THREE MEDALS WON

Private Mike O'Rourke Holds Distinctive Record.

HERO TO SPEAK TONIGHT

Man Who Has Gone Through Trench Warfare and Bullet-Blown Hades of No-Man's Land, to Give War Experiences.

Supposing, as the children say, you had climbed out of your comfortable trench and into the crackling, bursting, bullet-blown hades of No Man's Land to achieve the rescue of a sorely wounded comrade. When they pinned a medal on you, after that bit of gallantry, you wouldn't flinch from the honor, would you?

Well, in the case of Private Mike O'Rourke, who wears the Victoria Cross and who speaks tonight at the Auditorium, they gave it to him because of more than a dozen such rescues, made when the missiles between the lines were flying almost like hail. And he wears two more medals, when he wants to, both for gallantry in the military medal and the distinguished conduct medal.

It's Private Mike O'Rourke, of the three medals and a heavy reserve of Celtic humor, who will talk to Portland people about the war in Flanders, when they meet him tonight at the Auditorium, where he is to appear under the auspices of the Association of Fathers of Soldiers and Sailors.

O'Rourke, of the three medals, which is more than any other living man ever wore for Britain, will tell a few tales of himself and the stunts that made him call him the first hero of the allied armies, but he will speak at length of his comrades in the camps and trenches. When O'Rourke talks of the war he draws it near to you—for he has the Irish gift of story telling and the memory of all he has seen is vivid to him.

Stunts Bit Spectacular. About the military medal? They pinned that on the O'Rourke breast for repelling, single-handed, a party of presumptuous Prussian bombers who sought to toss a few tokens of their hate into the allied trenches. The distinguished conduct medal was made his own through a series of minor, humdrum heroisms—such as waiting enthusiastically up to a splitting machine gun pill box and persuading it to quit, or tolling for three full days without rest to bring in wounded from the field to a place of safety.

At tonight's lecture Private O'Rourke will be introduced by Edgar B. Piper. There will be vocal selections by Dr. Stuart McGuire, accompanied by Lucien Becker, and a piano solo by Professor Louis Des Volges, who escaped from Germany 34 days after war was declared.

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boys, dwelling upon conditions in France and the present disposition of the Oregon units.

Tomorrow night's meeting at the Auditorium, which is free of any charge, is devised for the purpose of bringing to Portland the complete story of the old Third Oregon's voyage to the war zone, of all that befell on that voyage and in the campaign, of the designation of the regiment as a replacement regiment and the consequent breaking up of the organization, of rest and work and in the certain triumph of their cause, of willingness to accept whatever conditions may be offered, if by so doing the cause is furthered. It will not be an address—Mr. Mac Rae is positive about that. It will be a talk to the home folks direct from

one who saw and talked with the Oregon boys but a short time since. He will be there to anticipate and answer as many questions as are pertinent—and he will stand ready to give all the information in his possession that will help to visualize the work and prospects of the boys.

Recalling that Oregon people would be hungry for word of the troops, more comprehensive and direct than is contained in the letters that pass overseas, Mr. Mac Rae, when he determined to return to America, collected much information of a personal nature and filled his notebook with missives and messages, briefly worded, to relatives and friends in this state.

Similar Meetings in Other Cities. Similar meetings have been held by Mr. Mac Rae in Seattle and Spokane, where long lines of auditors crowded and contested for entrance to the halls, that they might hear the personal messages brought back by the war correspondent. At the Seattle meeting, which was held in the Masonic Temple, the edifice was jammed and the doors closed. That particular gathering held Mr. Mac Rae until midnight, playing him with innumerable questions.

The public meeting at the Auditorium tomorrow night will begin at 8 o'clock, and will be preceded by a brief patriotic program, including songs by Mrs. Arthur Cook (Edna Ann Hall), and pipe organ selections by Frederick W. Goodrich. Mr. Mac Rae will be introduced to the audience by Edgar B. Piper.

Celtic Humor in Reserve. It's Private Mike O'Rourke, of the three medals and a heavy reserve of Celtic humor, who will talk to Portland people about the war in Flanders, when they meet him tonight at the Auditorium, where he is to appear under the auspices of the Association of Fathers of Soldiers and Sailors.

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DRILL IS STRENUOUS

Company A, of Oregon Guard, Puts in Day at Park.

PRACTICAL WORK IS DONE

New Command for Bayonet Practice Puts Life and Meaning Into Exercise; Hundreds of Townspeople Watch Boys.

A miniature encampment, only one day long but filled with strenuous drill, maneuver and instruction, was held by Company A, Oregon National Guard, at Sellwood Park yesterday.

Early in the morning the company marched into Sellwood park under command of Capt. W. B. Wolcott, senior captain of the Oregon Guard, and not until late in the afternoon was the day's program of vigorous military work completed. Maneuvering in the trees and along the palisaded banks above the Willamette occupied the morning, with some additional instruction in bayonet work by First Lieutenant Monte J. Wax and Lieutenant G. W. Mason of the Reserve Officers Training Corps at Eugene.

At noon a basket lunch was served at the long tables in the grove by wives and friends of the men who came out to the maneuver ground later in the day. In the afternoon the instruction in bayonet work and grenade-throwing was continued by Captain Wolcott, First Lieutenant E. R. Lundberg of Company A, and the two instructors from Eugene.

The men of Company A got the latest and most practical work in bayonet and grenade-throwing, for it was that which the men at Eugene were under direction of Lieutenant-Colonel Leader, commander of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, who has seen years of service in the thick of the battle with the Sixteenth Royal Irish Rifles in France. If there is anything that Colonel Leader doesn't know about the practical side of war it has developed since he left the western front.

The new command for bayonet practice puts more life into the work yesterday. Instead of the old-time colorless "guard" and "thrust" orders, a command has been substituted that stirs the blood of every man who grasps his rifle stock with the bayonet fixed and gleaming on the end. It's merely "Enemy," and when the men of Company A heard that cry yesterday they put every ounce of muscle into the grip on their gun stocks and every bit of determination into their faces as they realized that what they were doing was not simply a skillful fencing exercise but a life and death struggle with the Hun. "Enemy." That's the command that quickens the pulse and stirs the blood and makes soldiers out of civilians.

An audience of several hundred people gathered at the park in the afternoon to watch the guardsmen at their work. Some snappy close-order drill was put on and some excellent bomb-throwing exercises.

As a result of the drill, several of the men who witnessed the afternoon's work have signified their intention of joining Company A. The officers of the company are anxious to raise the number of men in it to 110, when it may be mustered into the National Guard. At present it is a state organization. Men between the ages of 18 and 21 and 21 and 45 are urged to communicate with Captain Wolcott at the Armory today or later. Splendid military instruction and the satisfaction of doing his best to get proper training for service will be the reward of the man who joins the Oregon Guard.

U. S. IN WAR TO END, SAYS IRISH LEADER

T. P. O'Connor Finds Americans Grimly Bent on Complete Defeat of Hun.

COMPROMISE SPIRIT GONE

Of All Belligerents, United States Is Said to Be Least Inclined to Leniency Toward Fox; Defeat of Hun Held Sure.

NEW YORK, July 28.—Impressions of T. P. O'Connor, M. P., were written for The Associated Press just before his departure for England and for publication at the time of his arrival. Mr. O'Connor was in this country for more than a year as a commissioner of the Irish parliamentary party and he soon joined to such laborers campaigns to create allied sentiment among the Irish.

"If anyone or all of the European nations should in war weariness show any sign of accepting an inconclusive peace," he said, "America would keep on even if she had to stand alone."

Transformation Is Noted. The Irish leader sees President Wilson as dominantly Celt and sees a contradiction between the president and the photograph and the president of the living flesh and blood. After telling of his arrival in New York in June, 1917, Mr. O'Connor writes as follows:

"I must own my first impressions were not encouraging from any point of view. Within a few hours I had every evidence on the one hand that the anti-English sentiment had not yet spent itself and still confused the issues in the minds of some of my race; on the other hand, the sight of this great, rich city, rushing as I thought, to every seaside resort in the vacation spirit of the Summer, was in marked contrast to the sombre attitude and atmosphere of the city I had left after three years of war. Further, I found in private conversation a startling evidence of a division of mind and opinion as to America's intervention in the war, which was expressed with an openness which surprised and even pained me."

U. S. Attitude Determined. "I speak of this first impression frankly now, because I am able to add that I saw the transformation of feeling. Now I feel convinced that of all nations in this war, the one that feels most passionately, most untidily and most ruthlessly, is America. I will even go the length of saying that if anyone or all of the European nations should in war weariness show any sign of accepting an inconclusive peace, America would keep on, even if she had to stand alone, and that where ever else the Germans may look for a spirit of compromise, they cannot look for it, or even for an approach to it, from the people of the United States."

Idea of President Changed. "I paid several visits to Washington," Mr. O'Connor writes, "especially at moments when matters became critical at home and when it was necessary to explain the attitude of my party."

Among the experiences I recollect with the greatest pleasure were two interviews with the President, and especially an interview I had with him immediately before my departure. It had been a student of his writings and speeches for many years, and though I had never met him before, I though I was acquainted with his thought and temperament. I must add that my personal interviews with him had the effect of changing some of the impressions which he suggested by his public appearance and especially by his photographs. The President of the photograph and the President of the living flesh and blood seemed as hand are almost a contradiction.

The severity of feature in the photograph entirely disappears when you are seated opposite him. Let me sum up my impressions from a private interview by saying that he is a man of perfect simplicity, transparent sincerity, rigid adhesion to well-thought-out principles and almost Celtic impulsiveness of warm feeling, tempered rather than controlled by the cautious side of his partially Scotch-Irish ancestors. Indeed, to me he is much more dominantly Celt than Scotch-Irish. Of course, I am not at liberty to reveal his expression, except to say that I regard him as a genuine and sincere friend of Ireland."

YOUTHS HELD BY POLICE

Boys Found Sleeping in Auto Are Charged With Drunkenness.

A. G. Cushing and Walter Berry, youthful motorists, who were found sleeping in their automobile on the Slavin Road yesterday afternoon, were arrested by Motorcycle Patrolmen Norm and Tully and booked at the police station charged with drunkenness.

The officers said that Cushing was asleep in the auto dead drunk, while Berry was lying in the shade beside the car. A pint bottle of whisky found in the car was confiscated.



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OAKS CROWDS JOLLY

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RIVER PLUNGE IS POPULAR

Women and Children, Entire Families and Large Neighborhood Group, Pass Enjoyable Day at Recreation Center.

Every car going to Oaks amusement park, from early morning until after sunset yesterday, carried tons of human freight. Women and children, entire families and large neighborhood groups, sought the shade of the big trees and the river breezes that sweep the park as a counter-irritant to the city's warmth. Hundreds brought lunches and basket dinners and spent the whole day on the grassy lawns. At 5 o'clock the turnstiles had clicked through 15,758 visitors. Cars bound for the Oaks later in the evening took other thousands.

While "The Baggage Man," a musical comedy produced by the Armstrong Folly Company in the auditorium, was the main attraction, throngs who could not find sitting or standing room plunged into the waters at the bathing pavilion or whited away their time at the various amusements along the Trail.

"The Baggage Man" fulfilled advance notices of it. The audience that packed the auditorium upstairs and downstairs found it laughable from beginning to end. It not only contains numerous ridiculous situations, but is replete with songs and melodies that stick in one's memory. Miss Flora Sims held the immense crowd rapt with three vocal selections. Maude Smith was charming in a song and dance number.

Will Armstrong, cast as the baggage man, kept them tickled all the time. Henry Sherr, as "the cook," was funny on sight. Edward Armstrong as Count Pense, made a splendid appearance. A song, the words and music composed by him, and entitled, "Take a Trip Out to the Oaks," made a distinct hit. Many of the spectators left the auditorium whistling the catchy air.

The Oaks' orchestra pleased with its splendid range of music. Two selections, "King Cotton," a Sousa march,

and excerpts from "Woodland," were played by special request. The Baggage man will be produced afternoon and evening for the rest of the week.

APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE

Governor Lister Names New Members of State Board.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 28.—Appointments announced yesterday by Governor Ernest Lister were:

Charles G. Holcomb Seattle member of the state board of examiners in optometry for a three years' term; Mrs. Mary A. Monroe Spokane re-appointed to State Normal School board of trustees at Cheney for a four years' term and Dr. Elmer Hill, Walla Walla, to the state board of medical examiners.

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