



SOMEWHERE NEAR THE WAR

BEING AN AUTHENTIC AND MORE OR LESS DIVERTING CHRONICLE OF THE PILGRIMAGE OF TWELVE AMERICAN JOURNALISTS TO THE WAR ZONE WITH SOME ACCOUNT OF THEIR ADVENTURES THERE AND THEREABOUTS.

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METSCHAN REUNION HELD

Twenty-seven members of one family dine together.

Proprietor of Imperial Hotel, Formerly State Treasurer, Celebrates 79th Birthday Anniversary.

Twenty-seven Metschans sat down last night to the best dinner that the chef could get up, because it was the 79th birthday anniversary of Phil Metschan, Sr., and the 41st anniversary of Phil, Jr. The elder Metschan for 29 years has been proprietor of the Imperial hotel, and before that was state treasurer, and before that he was in Canyon City, arriving there in 1864. Those attending the annual family dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Phil Metschan, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Metschan Jr., Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Metschan, Max Metschan, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Metschan, Phil Metschan III, Susan Metschan, Rose Metschan, H. A. Metschan, Dorothy Metschan, Phyllis Jane Metschan, Anna Beeson and Valeska Metschan, all of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Metschan of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Anna Cattanch of Canyon City, Mrs. Emmella Meredith of Yakima, Wash., Mrs. L. M. Griffith, Margaret Griffith and Ruth Griffith of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Flanders, U. S. A.; Miss Anna Metschan of Tacoma, the sister of Phil, Sr.

Smuggled Opium Discovered.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—Forty five, or \$4000 worth, of opium, the second big seizure here in a week's time,

For wonderful flavor, says Bobby, bread isn't in it with Post Toasties (MADE OF CORN)

MICHIGAN ALUMNI MEET

College Men and Women Renew Acquaintances at Banquet.

The annual banquet of the Michigan Agricultural College Alumni association of Portland was held last evening at the home of J. L. Shaw, president, 321 Glenn avenue. J. V. Gouger was elected president for the ensuing year. John Decker vice-president and C. W. Hale secretary-treasurer. There were 23 present who spent an unusually pleasant evening renewing acquaintances and singing old-time songs. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. U. W. Daly, Mr. R. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Kintie R. Payville, Mrs. Fay Eastman, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Schofield, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wilcox, Miss Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. English, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Staley and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Everts Weed. Mr. English was the eldest one present, his class being 1884.

MORE MEAT WORLD'S NEED

Heavier Production in South America Held Necessary.

PANAMA, March 24.—Charles E. Swift of the firm of Swift & Co., packers of Chicago, arrived here today on the way to Buenos Aires by way of Panama and Valparaiso. Mr. Swift said that cheap meat for the world depended largely on the possibility of developing production in South America. He added that his company planned an extension of its plants in Argentina.

Burleson Order Enjoined.

PIERRE, S. D., March 24.—The state supreme court today granted an injunction on the application filed by the state railway commission against the carrying out of Postmaster-General Burleson's order putting into effect new telephone rates, insofar as they affect interstate business.

METHODIST DRIVE DELAYED

Centenary Campaign to Follow Victory Loan Activity.

Pastors and Five-Minute Speakers Will Give Publicity Necessary for Bond Purchasing.

The publicity forces of Christianity in the form of 17,000 Methodist pastors and 75,000 Methodist five-minute men are to advertise liberty bonds. Church services or Methodist centenary gatherings are to be used, where required, for the sale of liberty bonds. This was the news brought to Portland yesterday by Dr. Charles A. Bowen and Dr. A. L. Howarth, secretary and associate secretary, respectively, of the \$105,000,000 Methodist centenary drive in the northwest. And so as to show in a practical way that Methodism and Christianity were behind the government loan the centenary drive has been postponed until the close of the liberty loan, whereas it was to precede it. The new dates, said Dr. Bowen, are May 19-24. Dr. Bowen and Dr. Howarth for the past 19 days have been attending a conference of area secretaries from the 29 areas officiating the Methodist centenary with the national executives and representatives of the national campaign committee of the centenary at Columbus, O. Methodism and the Methodist centenary organization especially placed itself on record in a series of sweeping resolutions as getting behind the loan not only morally but actually, said Dr. Bowen. "Every department of Methodism is to get behind the liberty loan. We intend to show the government what the forces of Christianity, properly mobilized, can do," said Dr. Bowen.

AUTO DRIVER IS FINED \$50

Charge of Reckless Driving Preferred After Accident.

O. S. Hargraves, driver of the automobile which struck E. Peterson's machine at the east end of the Hawthorne bridge Sunday and caused the serious injury of John Augustine, 173 Kilpatrick street, paid a fine of \$50 in the

municipal court yesterday for reckless driving. He had been arrested by Patrolman Cooper.

The case of Gerhard Thompson, whose automobile struck Mrs. George Steel, 250 East Sixty-third street, and injured her seriously Saturday night, will come up for trial March 28. Mrs. Steel's injury is so serious that Judge Rossman postponed the hearing until her physicians determine whether she will recover or not. Meantime Thompson is held

in lieu of \$2500 bail on a charge of reckless driving.

Worthy Matron Visits Fossil. FOSSIL, Or., March 24.—(Special)—Mrs. Mabel Seltimer of Woodburn, Or., worthy grand matron of the Order of the Eastern Star for Oregon, made her official visit to Arcadia Chapter No. 84 Saturday evening. A pleasant and profitable evening was spent.



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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY. DANCE AND 500. The younger element of Liberty Assembly, No. 524, United Artists, will give its special party in the East Side W. O. W. hall next Wednesday night, March 26. The proceeds of this dance will be used to purchase equipment for a baseball team being organized to represent this assembly.

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