

VETERANS OF FLYING SERVICE WELCOMED

Aerial Detachments Arrive on Way Back to Camp Lewis.

BOYS GLAD TO BE BACK

Members of 27th Squadron Return With Record of Having Brought Down 55 Boche Planes.

Ninety-seven soldiers, all of them with more than a year's service in France and several with three gold chevrons on the left sleeve, passed through Portland yesterday on their way to Camp Lewis, Wash., where they will receive their honorable discharges.

It was an aerial detachment listed as the casual company of Garden City, N. Y., and all the boys with a few exceptions came from Oregon. Washington and Idaho had representatives aboard, but Oregon predominated.

First Lieutenant T. J. Taylor of Kentucky was in charge of the detachment and was assisted by Lieutenant R. E. Ballinger of South Carolina. Both were fliers and Ballinger was overseas for more than 18 months.

Quite a number of squadrons had men in the casual company and chief among them were boys from the 27th aero squadron. A total of 55 Boche planes had been destroyed by members of the 27th, and while not the record for the United States forces, still it is one that many other squadrons would like to have.

Short Stop Is Made. Squadron 13 had its quota of men arriving yesterday, but they didn't have much chance to tell of their experiences. The train pulled in from the east at 3:30 o'clock P. M. and half an hour later the boys were bundled onto a train headed toward Camp Lewis.

One of the returned heroes was an excited meeting his parents and family that he paid no attention to time and when he "came to" the train had pulled out and he was last seeing his automobile to Vancouver, Wash. to try to head off his comrades.

Meeting the train at the Union station were Acting Adjutant General Frank H. Hilton, acting secretary general reception committee; George Arthur Brown and Colonel L. P. Campbell, who assisted the Salvation army in disposing of cream puffs, doughnuts and coffee.

"We were with western men all the time we were in France," said Lieutenant Ballinger, "and we found them to be a great bunch. There is only one difficulty with those from the states other than California. You don't have to ask a Californian where he's from, for he volunteers the information the first time you meet him. You have to inquire about the homes of the others. It's a good thing for the state to have it so well advertised, but too much is a plenty."

Cordial Reception Pleases. When Lieutenant Ballinger wasn't talking, Lieutenant Taylor was praising the treatment received by his boys after they had struck the Oregon line. "If you give us such a fine reception in 30 minutes I'm afraid we wouldn't be able to stand several hours' stay in Portland, but I can't say just as soon as we get straightened out at Camp Lewis I'm coming back to Portland before going east," said Lieutenant Taylor.

Among the Portland boys of the 27th squadron who were here for the short stay yesterday were G. C. Moir, Allen Porter, Ray Walker, Charles I. Hebbard, Harry A. Wert, Stuart McKie, Bob Harrison, while Archie Abdill of Dayton, Or., and Ray Sanford of Portland were members of the 155th aero squadron.

Members of the 27th squadron pulled out of the Union station on May 13, 1917, for the war zone, and they went to San Antonio, Tex., for their early training. Finally they went to Canada and worked under Canadian royal fliers, after which they departed for France, remaining there 18 months and three days. They have the time of their stay in Europe down to the minute. They came back to the United States on board the America and landed March 12.

Obituary.

SALINAS, Cal., April 1.—Samuel Matthes, owner of a large stock range and formerly a partner of the late Henry Miller, cattle baron, in a stock feeding enterprise, died here today. He was 66 years old. In the early days he was credited with being the larist champion of California.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 1.—(Special.)—The funeral of A. A. Clay, who died last week of injuries sustained when he was crushed between two logs while working at the Martin camp, was held this morning. The local Aerie of Eagles had charge of the graves services. Mr. Clay was a member of the Tacoma Eagles.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 1.—(Special.)—Warren Shay, 17-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shay, of Onataska, died in Centralia last night. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 1.—Mrs. Olive B. Jones, a teacher of Latin in local high schools for the last 25 years, died here this afternoon.

A. E. Clayton, an Oregon pioneer and one of the best known men of Douglas county, died in Roseburg Monday, and will be buried today. Mrs. L. A. Kent, of 146 East Seventeenth street, a sister, received a telegram yesterday telling of the death. Mr. Clayton was born in Douglas.

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Bright Eyes, Clear Complexion, Take Famous Springtime Tonic and Blood Purifier "Celery King." Three times a week for three weeks brew yourself a cup of Celery King and drink it just before retiring. Give it to the children, too, you'll be surprised how gently yet effectively CELERY KING creates a normal action of the bowels, cleanses and strengthening of the system, banishing pimples, scrofula and other blood disorders. Celery King keeps the blood pure and rich by freeing the system of all waste matter.

county 60 years ago and was the eldest son of the late Ashford Clayton, who crossed the plains and came to Oregon in 1852. His wife died about two years ago while visiting their children in San Francisco. The body was brought to Roseburg for interment and Mr. Clayton will be buried in the family plot in the Masonic cemetery today.

He is survived by one son, Elmer Clayton, three daughters, Effie Clayton, Brax Clayton and Mrs. Margaret Silver, all of San Francisco; six sisters, and one brother, Grant Clayton, of Roseburg.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Colonel William Henry Comery, U. S. A., paymaster corps, retired, and veteran of the Arizona Indian campaigns, died in a hospital here yesterday. He was 66 years old.

EUGENE, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—John A. Ham, one of the early residents of Eugene, died at his home at 439 High street, Sunday, at the age of 79 years after a long illness. Mr. Ham is survived by his widow, three sons and four daughters.

four daughters, W. A. Ham, H. A. Ham and W. G. Ham, all of Portland; Mrs. W. S. Benner, Mrs. G. A. Barger and Mrs. J. A. McDonald, all of Eugene, and Mrs. H. P. Plouton of Stockton, Cal. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, of the Masonic lodge, and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He had lived in Eugene for many years and owned considerable property here.

THE DALLES, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—The funeral of Moses Niswonger was held here today. He was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, 75 years ago. He had subsequently lived in Fremont, Mich., and Dixie, Wash. For several years he was postmaster at Powell Butte, Or. He then lived at Bend and came to Wasco county a year ago. He is survived by his wife and four children: Mrs. Jeanette Lampe and Elmer Niswonger of the Dalles, Charles P. Niswonger of Bend and Daniel H. Niswonger of Walla Walla.

Mop and floor cloths knitted of soft string are excellent.

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MOVING PICTURE NEWS

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TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Liberty—Navimova, "Out of the Fog." Republics—Dustin Farnum, "A Man in the Open." Columbia—"The Heart of Humanity." Majestic—Alice Brady, "Her Great Chance." Star—May Allison, "In for Thirty Days." Sun—Hegbert Rawlinson and Priscilla Dean, "Kiss or Kill." Globe—Mary Pickford, "Rags." Circle—Clara Kimball Young, "The Savage Woman."

Majestic.

"HER GREAT CHANCE," a picture-ization of Fannie Hurst's novel, "Golden Fleece," with Alice Brady in the stellar role, comes to the Majestic theater today for a three-day engagement. Pathe Weekly and comedy also will be screened today.

David Powell, Orni Hawley and Jefferson de Angelis are among the players in support of Miss Brady in this picture, which vividly portrays the role a fortune plays in the lives of a young couple. The girl is poor and the man rich, and she, thinking of his fortune, refuses him. A series of unusual and notoriety-earning incidents cause the girl to change her mind.

"Kiss or Kill," a spectacular melodrama of many laughable moments with a cast headed by Herbert Rawlinson and beautiful and sparkling Priscilla Dean, opens at the Sunset today. Charlie Chaplin is another headliner on the new three-day bill, appearing in that very funny comedy-hit, "Easy Street," while Tom Mix will appear in the two-reeler, "A Soft Tenderfoot."

"Kiss or Kill" is said to have the speed and action of a serial, the kind of picture that holds the interest unflagging from first to last reel. Rawlinson has been starred in some successful pictures, while Miss Dean's latest hit was "The Wildcat of Paris."

Screen Gospel. Here's a new kind of villain. He's Lamar Johnstone. Lamar wrecks the happiness of the girl and her friends, etc., in "A Man in the Open," but doesn't produce a cigarette case once. Neither does he flick the dust

MME. ALDA HERE TONIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO PROGRAMME TO BE REPEATED.

Musical Event to Be Given at Hellig Includes Variety of Well-Known Selections.

Mme. Alda, star of the Metropolitan Opera, who sings at the Hellig tonight, directed Sistrup, Conman, will give the same programme she gave in San Francisco on Sunday, March 24, of which Walter Anthony in the San Francisco Chronicle says:

"Since we have no other place large enough to be adequate to the numbers her audiences should tally, why not put Mme. Alda in the civic auditorium? Here is a singer who ought to be heard by the city en masse.

"Of course there were a great many of us whose souls need the refreshment of such art as Alda yields. Perhaps it is the fault of eastern managers—I like to blame things on them, they are so comfortably distant—for not giving us this art often.

"It was five years ago that this star sang for us. We need her once a year, and the Metropolitan opera house from whence she comes would do its western reputation good to send her annually. "The audience at the Columbia yesterday kept her at encores long after the programme proper was supposed to be over, and I am grateful in particular for one. It was "The Years at the Springs," the upswing splendor of that voice, firm, free, vibrant, winged and pure was spring in its impid essence.

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Do Your Shopping at Portland's Big Downtown Store—Newest Merchandise at Bargain Prices! Telephone Main 1786. Kitchen Utensils Lower Regular \$1 Enameled Pails; 12-quart size 85c Regular \$1 Tree Pruners...50c 20-Foot Tie-Out Chains...50c SIMON'S THE STORE OF BARGAINS FIRST, SECOND AND ALDER STREETS

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Direct to us from New York! The smartest of styles, cleverly tailored, modestly priced! Scores of garments from which to make choice.

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Lovely garments, right to us from the makers. Velours, broadcloths, serges, poplins, and other fabrics; styles that will meet your approval.

Separate Dress Skirts \$4.98, \$5.98, \$7.98, \$9.98

Silk poplins, wool poplins, black taffetas, colored messalines, and other materials; the very newest skirts in Portland!



Women's "Comfy-Cut" Union Suits Only 75c These have low neck and no sleeves; lace knees; some with umbrellas knees. In sizes 34, 36, 38, 40. An exceptional bargain. Women's Gauze Vests Only 20c V-neck styles in an excellent quality. A timely bargain!

Women's Low Shoes for Spring Wear

Here are some typical Simon bargains in footwear of style and quality that you will admire. We do not intend to be undersold in shoes. Let us show you these: White Sea Island Duck Oxfords Only \$2.49 All sizes in this smart oxford; white military heels and soles; medium long vamps, without toe caps. White Reinskin Oxfords Only \$3.98 A very smart spring model; wood French heels; shown in all sizes. Black Patent Calf Oxfords \$4.98 The season's smartest model; long vamps; leather French heels. Dark Brown Kid Pumps Only \$4.98 A dressy model for all occasions; closely trimmed soles; Cuban heels.

Thomas, Alma Rubens and Frank Keenan. Universal is to make some O. Henry pictures. "You're going to see 'Skinny' of 'The Days of Real Sport' and his friends of the home-town and the other human characters of 'When a Fellow Needs a Friend,' live on the screen. Claire Briggs, the cartoonist, has formed a film company and work is already under way on the first of a series of one-reel comedies, the Thanhouser studios at New Rochelle having been leased for the period of production. These pictures will not be animated drawings, but life sketches enacted by child performers.

"DANDERINE" FOR FALLING HAIR



A small bottle of Danderine costs but a few cents at any store. It stops falling hair, itching scalp and ends dandruff, besides it doubles the beauty of your hair, making it appear twice as heavy, thick and abundant. Try it!

WOMEN! DRY CLEAN THINGS AT HOME

Try it! For a few cents you can dry clean everything. Save five to ten dollars quickly by dry cleaning everything in the home with gasoline that would be ruined by soap and water—suits, coats, waists, silks, laces, gloves, shoes, fur, draperies, rugs—everything! Place a gallon or more of gasoline in a dishpan or washbowl, then put in the things to be dry cleaned, then wash them with Solvite soap. Shortly everything comes out looking like new. Nothing fades, shrinks or wrinkles. Do not attempt to dry clean without Solvite soap. This gasoline soap is the secret of all dry cleaning. A package of Solvite soap containing directions for home dry cleaning, costs little at any drug store. Dry clean outdoors or away from flame. Those whose hair is turning gray or becoming faded have a surprise awaiting them, because after one or two applications the gray hair vanishes and your locks become luxuriantly dark and beautiful. This is the age of youth. Gray-haired, unattractive folks aren't wanted around, so get busy with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound tonight and you'll be delighted with your dark, handsome hair and your youthful appearance within a few days.—Adv.

MUNYON'S Paw-Paw Pills Strengthen digestion, stimulate the liver, regulate the bowels and improve one's health by assisting nature. All druggists, 30c. SAGE TEA DANDY TO DARKEN HAIR It's Grandmother's Recipe to Bring Back Color and Lustre to Hair. You can turn gray, faded hair beautifully dark and lustrous almost overnight if you'll get a bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound" at any drug store. Millions of bottles of this old famous Sage Tea Recipe, improved by the addition of other ingredients, are sold annually, says a well-known druggist here, because it darkens the hair so naturally and evenly that no one can tell it has been applied. Those whose hair is turning gray or becoming faded have a surprise awaiting them, because after one or two applications the gray hair vanishes and your locks become luxuriantly dark and beautiful. This is the age of youth. Gray-haired, unattractive folks aren't wanted around, so get busy with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound tonight and you'll be delighted with your dark, handsome hair and your youthful appearance within a few days.—Adv. CROUP Spasmodic croup is usually relieved with one application of—VICK'S VAPORUB "YOUR BODYGUARD" - 304, 607, 4, 20