

RED CROSS IGNORED IN HOUR OF NEED

Portland Forgets Now That War Is Over.

VETERANS ARE SUFFERING

Campaign Plans Are Changed and Gifts of Any Denomination Are to Be Accepted Hereafter.

At Red Cross membership campaign headquarters, where the scanty returns of the big annual drive are causing leaders and field workers to puzzle over Portland's apathy, they are wondering just how brief the memory of America is, when the peril is past and security has been won through sacrifice and death.

Returns compiled last night show that Portland has supplied only \$20,000 to date, though approximately \$5000 is due from assured sources. The city's quota is \$120,000.

"A year ago," commented H. E. Withman, chapter campaign chairman, "America stood at the threshold of peace. She had given her sons unstintingly. She had poured her savings into the coffers of war. There was no sacrifice too great but that we were willing to make it. And the cause of the Red Cross was near to our hearts, because the scarlet emblem meant that some Portland boy, wounded and spent in France, would be comforted and healed and sent back to his home. Today the plea of the same organization falls on deaf ears. It is unthinkable."

Veterans' Families Suffer.
Into Red Cross headquarters every day come ex-soldiers who are without jobs, who are destitute and whose families are destitute. The funds raised by the membership drive, with a \$120,000 quota in Portland, were counted upon to lend these men aid until their conditions bettered. With the drive slackening, with public response largely in the negative, officials of the Red Cross are worried about the future.

"Not a cent—the war is over!" Campaigners who have trudged miles through the rain, visiting hundreds of doors, report that this is the response they meet with in a majority of instances. They say that doors are closed in their faces when the nature of their mission is made known.

Large Gifts Now Needed.
It was because of this extremity, and for no other reason, that the campaign plans were changed. It has been believed that the membership quota could be raised by voluntary \$1 contributions. With defeat drawing near the committee determined to open the gates to generosity and to solicit, not only \$1 memberships, but the larger sums that can be afforded by business enterprises and men of means.

The "flying squadron," a campaign organization which is entrusted with the solicitation of larger sums for the membership drive, will take its course through the downtown district today—the anniversary of the armistice. Leading the squadron is Robert H. Strong, chairman, with Mrs. Alice Benson Beach and John F. Daly as members of the executive committee.

The entire student body of Reed college, volunteers who realize the urgency of the call, will arrive at the Liberty temple at 11 o'clock this morning, offering their services for active solicitation during the remainder of the day.

One hundred Canadian veterans will solicit for Red Cross memberships today when the military and civic parade gathers its crowds in the downtown district.

Overseas nurses, donning again the official Red Cross uniform, the same that meant so much to wounded lads from home, have mustered to the number of 127 and will join the canvassing forces of the drive today. And a squadron of returned soldiers, 250 strong, under the leadership of Captain Tom Sweeney, promoted to a colonelcy in the campaign, will aid in the work of soliciting.

Ferdinand E. Ring, who holds the rank of general in the membership forces, will lead the Red Cross canteen girls and their canteen band, at the conclusion of the parade, through the city in quest of unattached membership dollars.

In the local campaign field the following firms have turned in 100 per cent reports and are displaying 100 cent membership banners: Blumauer-Frank Drug company, Managhas Grocery company, Harris Ice Machine company, Commercial Iron works, Ben Seeling, Oregon Life Insurance Company, Pioneer Paint company, Montgomery Ward & Co., Multnomah county courthouse.

Capital Notes.
SALEM, Or., Nov. 10.—(Special)—Payments of second half taxes by the various counties of Oregon to the state treasurer do not become delinquent and subject to interest penalty until December 1. This was made plain here by a letter prepared recently by Joseph Richardson, deputy state treasurer, in which he advised W. D. Drager, county treasurer of Marion county, that the second half taxes were payable at the state department on November 1, and that interest at the rate of 6 per cent would be charged after that date. In counties where taxes are not remitted by December 1, however, interest will be compiled and collected from November 1.

Letters similar to the one addressed to Mr. Drager also are said to have been mailed to other county treasurers in the state.

Members of the state parole board held their regular monthly session at the penitentiary here Saturday and considered a number of pleas for executive clemency. The board is composed of Ira Martin and John P. Logan of Portland and Don M. Upjohn, private secretary to Governor Ben Olcott.

George W. Allen, deputy fire marshal, has gone to Dallas to make some investigations.

Horace Sykes, special investigator for the fire marshal's office, is compiling the quarterly bulletin issued by his department.

Newton Van Dalsen, in charge of vocational training in the schools of Oregon, returned here Saturday from Portland, where he conferred with educators. Mr. Van Dalsen says that the vocational training courses are meeting with favor.

Will H. Bennett, state superintendent of banks, has returned to the capitol from his trip to Portland on official business.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McAllister, who were married in Portland a week ago, will return to the capital Mon-

day or Tuesday, according to letters received by Percy A. Cupper, state engineer. Mr. McAllister is assistant secretary of the desert land board.

Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, has returned to the capitol after a few days spent in Portland attending a meeting of the state highway commission and inspecting considerable road work now in progress and contemplated in that part of the state.

Robert A. Booth, member of the state highway commission, passed a few hours in Salem conferring with state officials.

T. A. Raffety, deputy sheriff from Douglas county, arrived in Salem Saturday with three prisoners who will serve various terms in the state penitentiary. The prisoners included Daniel E. Perkins, William F. Gordon and Julius Fronczak. Mr. Raffety has been connected with the sheriff's office at Roseburg for more than four years and was active in the home guard organization there during the late war. He was accompanied here by his little son, who viewed the interior of the penitentiary with a great deal of interest.

W. A. Wiatt, deputy clerk of the Oregon supreme court, returned here Saturday after a couple of days spent in Portland, where he was called to look after business matters.

C. V. Galloway, former state tax commissioner but now employed in the bond department of the Hibernia bank in Portland, passed Sunday in Salem, visiting with Frank Lovell and other state officials.

Dr. Hayden, a Portland eye specialist, spent Sunday in Salem, visiting his mother. Incidentally he called upon Governor Olcott and a number of other officials. Dr. Hayden formerly lived in Salem and has many friends here.

Frank R. Putnam of Portland came to Salem Saturday and passed the day visiting with state officials. He also took occasion to make an inspection of several state institutions.

The demand for houses in Salem continues and last week several families are said to have left the city because of inability to obtain accommodations. Two apartment houses are to be erected this winter and a number of dwellings in various sections of the city as well.

Governor Olcott probably will pass Armistice day in Portland, participating in the celebration there. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Olcott.

AUTO THEFT BOLD ONE

CAR SEIZED AND DRIVER TOLD TO "BEAT IT."

Portland Man Tells of Forced All-Night Drive to Centralia With Outlaw Quintet.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 10.—(Special)—After driving all night, Lee Potter, who drives a four-hire car for J. E. Pomeroy of Portland, was given his breakfast in a restaurant here and told to "beat it" and not tell the police, by five men who hired his car in Portland Sunday night for a drive to Columbia Beach, they said.

The men took the machine, a seven-passenger one, and disappeared. The sheriff of Lewis county and sheriffs of other counties in this part of the state are looking for the car and its occupants.

One of the men took charge of the car at Columbia beach and drove it until it was stuck in the mud. There they turned it over to Potter, after using his robes to put under the wheels to get it started again. They were stuck in the mud several times on the way up here, arriving about 5:30 Monday morning.

Speaking of his experiences, Potter said the men told him they were going to kill him but apparently changed their minds. They told him they had "pulled about 20 jobs" in Portland Saturday night; that they had beaten up two policemen and had taken their guns away from them. That they are hardened criminals there is no doubt in Potter's mind. They also said that as "tomorrow is a holiday, it will be a good time to pull a job up here."

"Potter was forced to promise that he would not 'squeal' before he was permitted to leave the car.

Woman's Body Found.
MARTINEZ, Cal., Nov. 10.—The body of a woman having on only shoes and a wedding ring was found under the Franklin school here today. The woman had been dead apparently for three months. The body was found by Fred Olson, a 16-year-old school boy.

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One year ago

MILLIONS of men today will live again in memory that day last year when the guns went cold. The raw realities of then have become their memories now

They are back with us, facing new objectives, attacking the new problems of peace, once more an intimate part of our lives, but set apart by the all-important role they played