

ROCK OF THE MARNE IS PORTLAND VISITOR

U. G. McAlexander Tells of Great Victory.

GENERAL LIKES COAST

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Brigadier-General U. G. McAlexander, known as the "rock of the Marne," was in Portland yesterday before leaving to join the 5th division at Atlanta, Ga., but he has not said "good-bye" to the west, which, he says, he loves more than any other place on earth.

"If I were not a soldier, I would say that I didn't want to go earned he said last night before his departure. "I have been on this coast since 1897, and I am very fond of it. I am coming back here to live some day, and I hope to die here."

General McAlexander does not like to talk of those days, but when he was not only his title of the "rock of the Marne," but distinguished service medals from all the allies as well. He is so proud of his men, however, and so enthusiastic about his regiment that through them he came to speak of that time in July when the German offensive was at its height.

German Play Smeared. Outnumbered from the four to one, the 15th regiment, under the command of General McAlexander, who was then a colonel, stood their ground on the three days, beginning with July 14, until the allied counter-offensive was started at Soissons on July 18. Those three days marked the beginning of the downfall of the German empire, explained the general yesterday. His men were smeared with the play of the Germans, "as he would say in speaking of a play in football. "The Germans had been driven out," he said. "We were in there to stay, and as long as we were not entirely cut off, we intended to maintain our position. Every officer and every man in the regiment believed that we could whip any number of Germans that could be brought against us."

The Germans came at the regiment with absolute assurance of victory, he stated, but when the American fire smashed into them they were filled with amazement, which turned into dismay when their losses became so great. The dismay soon changed into absolute fright and panic. The Germans had been told that all they had to do was to follow behind their barrage, but the fight proved to be an infantry combat. The loss of the Germans from dead, wounded and captured in the three days was more than 600,000, estimated by the one regiment of the 15th.

In contrast, the 15th itself suffered only one-eighth of this number in losses. Pershing Cites Regiment. General Pershing in his report to the secretary of war about the Marne defensive said: "A single regiment of the 15th wrote one of the most brilliant pages in our military annals on this occasion. It prevented the crossing on its front, but the Germans who had crossed on either side pressed forward. Our men were firm in three directions, but by means of counter-attacks, delivered at critical periods, were successful in throwing two German divisions into complete confusion and capturing 600 prisoners."

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From November until the following May General McAlexander was with his division in Germany. When he returned to the United States, he was sent to the general staff and then to Washington for a year, where officers are trained for general staff duty or for high command.

He was awarded the distinguished service cross, the distinguished service medal, the French legion of honor, the French war cross with two palms on two occasions, and the Italian war cross.

The general was born in Minnesota, was graduated from West Point served in the campaigns against the Sioux Indians in the winters of 1890 and 1891 and in the American-Spanish war, including the campaign in Cuba. He was stationed at the Oregon Agricultural college as commandant from 1907 to 1911 and in 1915 and 1916. He came to Portland yesterday, after a visit of two days in Corvallis with former friends.

Mrs. McAlexander will stay in Corvallis for a short visit and will remain on the coast for some time before joining her husband in Georgia.

SHARES BOUGHT IN PAPER T. D. Potwin and H. H. Hill Each Get Fourth Interest.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 13.—(Special)—Thomas D. Potwin and Harry H. Hill, who have been associated the past few months in editorial and news work in the Herald, have each purchased a one-fourth interest in the paper. E. M. Reagan, who has been sole owner of the paper for the last eight years and who has developed it in various ways, retains the other one-half interest.

The new owners will have charge of the editorial and news work of the paper. Mr. Potwin will be editor and Mr. Hill news editor. Mr. Reagan will be general manager of the business.

Mr. Potwin came to Albany a few months ago from South Dakota, where he owned and published a newspaper for 12 years. He was prominent in public affairs. Mr. Hill also has been a newspaper man for a good many years. Before coming to Albany he was on the copy desk of The Oregonian and has held positions on several newspapers, most of them in the northwest.

SUGAR TO TAKE TUMBLE Wholesale Price Will Drop to \$16.30 a 100 Pounds. Sugar prices in Portland will decline again the latter part of this week. A drop of \$2 a hundred pounds was announced by California refiners yesterday, and the lower price will be effective in this city when the next shipment of sugar arrives.

The new wholesale quotations will be \$16.30 a hundred, with discounts of 25 to 50 cents on large lots.

The coast market is gradually following the eastern price downward. Large imports of Hawaiian raw sugar have helped along the decline, and so, also have the offerings of new crop western beet sugar, which is now coming on the market.

How much lower sugar will go is something the dealers do not care to predict. In some quarters of the trade the opinion is expressed that the downward trend of the market has about reached its end, for the present, at least.

It is pointed out that sugar is again being shipped out of the United States to European countries, that not long ago were shipping their supplies to America to take advantage of the high prices then ruling here.

EMPLOYE GAINS POINT CHOICE OF PHYSICIAN IS FAVORED FOR WORKER.

Amendments Being Considered Will Come Up Again Before Full Body on October 18.

The committee of fifteen, appointed to draft proposals for amendments to the industrial compensation act at Oregon, met yesterday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce. Whether or not an injured employee should have voice in accepting physicians and surgeons prescribed by hospital associations or the services of contract physicians, constituted the main subject to come before the committee.

A sub-committee of three, which has been working on the hospital association and contract-doctor phase of accidents in industrial life, sought the consensus of opinion of the main committee. It was instructed that the committee favored the right of the employee to say what physician he would have and will now proceed to devise a method in which such right can be given the worker. It will also recommend what method of payment for such services shall be pursued; whether from a specific fund, from the employer or from the employee himself.

Representing the Oregon Industrial Accident commission, W. A. Marshall offered suggestions that employers accept no fault in industry who does not offer a certificate from the child labor commission entitling him to work. He also suggested that the committee recommend that a penalty be provided for employers who fail to make monthly statements of the number of men employed by them coming under the industrial accident commission regulations.

The committee adjourned until October 18 at 10 A. M.

LOGGING UNDER HANDICAP Fish Racks Said to Obstruct Operations in Naselle River.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 13.—(Special)—The presence of the state fisheries department racks in Naselle river, Washington, is handicapping operations of the Niagara Logging company, which conducts a camp on the upper reaches of that stream, according to George E. Switzer, who has returned from a week's visit to that camp.

The company's ponds are filled with logs, but it cannot open the splash dams to release the logs until after the fish racks are removed, which will be about October 20. Accordingly, active logging operations probably will not start before November 1. In the meantime the company has a force of men at work building racks and making other improvements at the camp.

CABLE TO CANADA URGED Direct News Communication With Britain Desired.

QUEBEC, Sept. 13.—A plea for a direct cable news service between Canada and Great Britain was made at the closing session of the second imperial press conference last night by Viscount Buryham, its chairman.

A fairer representation of British policy was declared its aim.

Jailbreak Is Frustrated. SHERIFF NEEDS A DETOUR.

An opening large enough to admit a man's body had been made when the sheriff arrived on the scene. Coulson has been in jail for some time on a charge of dynamiting fish in the upper Santiam river.

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