

AIRCRAFT OF ARMY DECLARED UNSAFE

Senator Says Men Compelled to Fly Against Own Judgment Were Killed.

LETTERS ARE GIVEN OUT

Charge of "Contemptible Inefficiency" Pressed Before Congress.

Chairman Hay Said to Have Bluffed Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—More evidence in support of his charge that the Army aviation service is "contemptibly inefficient" was made public tonight by Senator Robinson, who declared he would continue his efforts for a Congressional investigation despite the announcement of the War Department that it would make an inquiry into the subject. Chairman Chamberlain of the Senate military committee, before which Mr. Robinson testified yesterday, said he would ask the committee to vote on Monday on the Senator's resolution for investigation.

"I introduced my resolution in December," said Senator Robinson. "I waited until yesterday for the War Department to act. For months the Department had all this information. As a result of inefficiency, several men who believed the machines were unsafe were compelled to fly and were killed. Now I think the inquiry should be made outside the Army."

Letters Are Given Out. The Senator said further data regarding the service had been laid before him today by persons who said they had authoritative information. This, together with documents presented to the military committee yesterday, including the photographic copies of the letter purporting to have passed between Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Reber, in charge of the aviation service, and Captain Arthur S. Cowan, in charge of the San Diego station, will be placed at the disposal of any investigating committee Congress may appoint. The information made public tonight was given out in the form of a statement by Senator Robinson, quoted from additional letters he said had been written by aviation officers.

"In one letter," said the statement, "Colonel Reber wrote: 'The House military committee, which is Mr. Hay, for reasons best known to himself, made up his mind to stick to \$300,000 and he succeeded in bluffing the Senate committee. This is the whole story and had we gone to some other committee we would probably have gotten as much money as the Navy did.'

ROAD DESIGN THESE WIN

La Grande High School Student Gets First Prize in Contest.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Ralph Poston, a junior in the La Grande High School, is the best road designer among Union County high school students. His essay, contributed along with 75 others at the call of the La Grande Commercial Club for theories on that subject, has won first prize money.

The award of prizes was to have been made in conjunction with Good Roads day at the recent Farmers' and Home-seekers' week. The second prize also went to La Grande High. Alfred Johnson, likewise a junior, taking second honors.

Laura Adams, of the Elgin grade school, took first among grade students and Irine Swauger, of Kamela, took the second prize.

BAKER SHIPS BEER AWAY

Shipping Brings No Profits and Vast Quantities Are Destroyed.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—With the shipment of 3800 gallons of bulk beer by the American Brewing & Central Ice Company to Salt Lake City probably the last of the liquor held in storage in Baker has been disposed of. In all, 7000 gallons of beer were stored at the Baker brewery following the bottling plant fire early in January, but of this amount 3200 gallons were poured out by order of the United States Revenue Department. Charles Bodvat, manager of the brewery, declared that little or no profit was made in shipping the malt liquor to Salt Lake. In John Day 896 gallons held by James Shields, distributing agent for the brewery, were emptied into the sewer.

Depot Robber Is Convicted.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—James Parker was convicted by a jury in Superior court yesterday of complicity in the holdup of the Northern Pacific station agent at Wapato on January 20, 1915, when the agent, John Trimble, was shot through the arm when he resisted the robbers. Parker and Moore, his pal, escaped with \$15 in cash. They were arrested a few days later, and Moore now is serving a term in the Penitentiary. Parker escaped from jail and recently was captured in Montana.

Farm Expert to Talk at Kelso.

KELSO, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Professor Thomas Shaw, the Great Northern Railway Company farm expert, will be in Kelso Wednesday afternoon under the auspices of the Kelso

Commercial Club, and will hold a farmers' meeting in the Commercial Club rooms. A large attendance of farmers is anticipated. Later, in the early Spring, a farmers institute will be conducted in Kelso by the Washington State College instructors.

MILLIONS GIVEN BELGIANS

American Gifts Total \$7,500,000, Says Minister, With Thanks.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—America has contributed \$7,500,000 to the relief of Belgium, according to E. van de Vyvere, Belgian Minister of Finance, who called today for London on the steamship St. Paul, after spending several weeks in this country. Up to February 1, foodstuffs and clothing valued at more than \$80,000,000 had been shipped into Belgium, he said. Belgian interests supplied more than \$50,000,000 of the sum expended. The remainder was given by the people of the United States and other countries. Mr. van de Vyvere said that \$56,000,000 worth of supplies had been bought in this country.

LONG WAIT IS REWARDED

Elma Man to Sell Alaska Mine for \$50,000 After 15 Years.

EILMA, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—J. W. Donaldson, a resident of this place, is about to become a rich man, after years of waiting and hardships in Alaska. Mr. Donaldson was one of the early Alaska pioneers, but not one of the lucky ones. Today he is waiting on a deal which soon will be brought to a close for the sale of four of his mines at a sum which reaches around the \$50,000 mark. The mines are being purchased by a Seattle concern. The rapid rise in copper is the cause of the purchase. Every year for the past 15 years Mr. Donaldson has made a trip to Alaska to comply with the Federal laws regarding the assessment.

MARRIAGE IS SET ASIDE

Evan Owens Gets Annulment Decree When Predecessor Appears.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Evan Owens, a resident of this county, has obtained a decree in Superior Court here annulling his marriage to Mrs. Margaret Shoddy in Jefferson, Ky., in August of last year. Owens' complaint asserts he relied on Mrs. Shoddy's statement that her husband was dead, and she declared in her answer that she believed this to be the case. She was married about 10 years ago in Colfax, Wash., to Louis Shoddy. They separated and she supposed him dead when she married Owens. Recently she found that he still was living.

MOST CLARKE MILLS RUN

Plant at Vennessburg Has Many Orders and Prepares to Operate.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The sawmill operated at Vennessburg, a Swedish colony, has obtained orders which will keep it busy for six months. A contract for hauling the plant and getting it in shape to operate, the mill is seven miles from a railroad and the lumber will be hauled that distance. Most of the mills in the county are operating and orders are more numerous than for several years past. All this business means a real improvement of the lumber trade.

CHEHALIS FORMS CHORUS

Organization of Men Will Practice on Tuesday Nights.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Chehalis will have a male choral organization, the Chehalis W. E. Taylor and C. Ellington being the committee named to report plans for a permanent organization. Regular meetings will be held for practice Tuesday nights. There was an attendance of 20 at the meeting to organize, and it is expected that between 30 and 40 will join the organization. An organization of women along the same lines also will be perfected.

Kelso Grange Favors Rural Credit.

KELSO, Wash., Feb. 19.—Following the address of C. R. Cottrell, Commissioner of Rural Credits and National Market for the Washington State Grange, before the Cowitz Pomona Grange, which met today as the guests of the Catin Grange, of this place, the County organization went on record as favoring the Morgan Rural Credits Bill and the National Marketing measure. The afternoon meeting of the Grange was thrown open to the public, and a big turnout was on hand to hear Mr. Cottrell. Dinner was served by the women of the Catin Grange, and a programme was given in the evening.

Simon Caro, Roseburg, Candidate.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Simon Caro, for nearly 50 years a leader of the Oregonian and a prominent Roseburg business man, today announced his candidacy for Joint Representative from Douglas and Jackson counties. Mr. Caro is a Republican and, if elected, will succeed William I. Vawter, who died at Medford recently.

Tono Mine Runs Full Blast.

TENINO, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The big coal mine at Tono, operated in conjunction with the O.-W. & N. Company, is running full blast. More than 40 new families have moved into Tono since last Fall. The new plank road to Tono is open.

Palm fiber material is being substituted for cedar in the making of cigar boxes.

Assets, \$9,500,000.00.

Fort Scott, Kansas, May 7, 1915.

Mr. W. C. Wilson, President Bankers Life Insurance Co., Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir: Your Mr. H. T. Ferguson delivered to me today a draft for \$795.43, cash surrender value of full return premiums Twenty-Year Bond, taken twenty years ago.

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EXTENSIVE CIVILIAN CAMPS ADVOCATED

Enrollment for Training to Be Proposed as Substitute for Continental Army Plan.

100,000 RESERVES INTENT

Another Plan to Instruct Citizens to Be Officers Is Fostered by Senator Chamberlain; Winter Courses Provided.

Chamberlain Preparing Plan.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—A scheme for expanding the civilian training-camp movement into a definite organization of Federal volunteers will be proposed to the House military committee by Representative Kahn, of California, ranking Republican member. Under the plan, the organization would be in a measure a substitute for the Administration's continental army scheme, failure of which before the Congressional committee was one of the factors leading to the resignation of Secretary Garrison.

Details have not been worked out. Representative Kahn said tonight he had been in correspondence with those urging direct aid by Congress for the summer camp movement who told him 100,000 men could be enrolled if such aid were wanted. Mr. Kahn believes several regiments could be formed who would obligate themselves for service in war in return for the intensive instruction they receive at the camps.

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Big South Bend Store Purchased.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Announcement is made of the purchase by State Senator W. W. Klee, Robert A. Rohrbeck and E. K. Short of the Shinnery Hotel Company dry goods store here. The concrete building and property also has been bought. The name of the new store will be changed to the Emporium, and

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GIRL INVESTS FIFTY CENTS; ACQUIRES BIG FORTUNE

Here's a story of a 50-cent investment that resulted in the acquisition of a fortune. A poor girl had a rich suitor, so goes the tale, who sought to have her marry him. Her beauty was exquisite. Then one day her skin became so itchy that she had to have her beauty vanished. The girl was not discouraged. She made a trip away and bought with her a bottle of which she paid 50 cents. She used the contents of the bottle and when she went back to her sweetheart she was a beauty again. It was the old standard tried and true all-year-round blood purifier and enricher, tonic and appetizer. Nothing else sets like it, for nothing else has the same formula or ingredients. Be sure to ask for Hood's; insist on having it.

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it is planned to establish a big department store on the first and second floors. Mr. Short will be the active manager of the store.

Montesano Has Cheese Factory.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The Montesano Creamery Company has announced the addition to its plant of a cheese factory. This week the first batch of cream cheese was placed in one of its new curing rooms. The Satsop cheese factory, which was established about a year ago, has been a marked success and probably had something to do with the establishment of a cheese plant at Montesano.

Tenino to Build Firehouse.

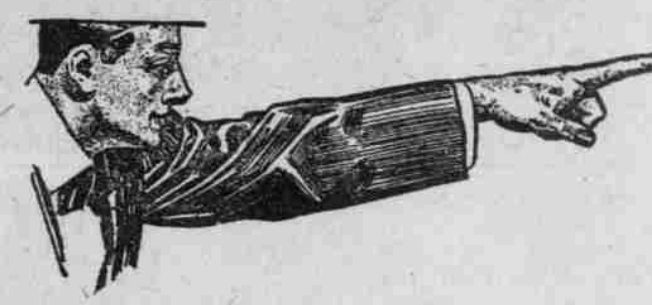
TENINO, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The City Council has granted a request of the fire department members for coats and helmets. It is expected to erect a building at once for the chemical engine.

Agony of Leg Sore Stopped by D.D.D.

Woman Tells Pitiful Story

"I am the mother of 12 children. I took a varicose ulcer on my leg at the birth of last child five years ago. I used every ointment that is made. I was laid up for nearly five weeks with a doctor attending me who did nothing but treat those kind of things. Then I heard about D.D.D. and as I used to tear my leg at night until it was a bleeding mass, I determined to try a bottle. I can't tell you the case it gave me. I never used to sleep for the pain. Many a time I nearly fell with the distress in my head from want of sleep. Now my leg is healed up, thanks to the blessed D.D.D. I never expected it to cure. I only got it to take away the terrible itch. By degrees I saw the big sore getting smaller."

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\$100 worth Furniture... \$10.00—\$2.00	
\$125 worth Furniture... \$12.50—\$2.25	
\$150 worth Furniture... \$15.00—\$2.50	
\$200 worth Furniture... \$20.00—\$3.00	

Curtain Stretchers 89c
Tuesday morning we place on sale 75 only, Full-Size Folding Curtain Stretchers, with stationery 89c. May be used also for quilting frames. No phones. None C. O. D.

China Matting 17c
Wednesday only a limited number of yards of regular 25-cent china matting at 17c. Heavy quality, choice color. No phones. None C. O. D.

3-Room Outfit \$165.60
Including Rugs \$16.50 Cash—\$12 Mo.



\$56.65 The living-room, just as pictured here, furnished completely with solid oak furniture in straight lines and your choice of finish, waxed golden or nut brown fumed oak, including 9x12 axminster rug.
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