HORROR OF U-BOAT WAR VIVIDLY TOLD

Ex-Consul Frost, of Queenstown, Reveals How Lusitania Met Fate.

SLAUGHTER IS MERCILESS

Former United States Official Declares "Coyotes of Ocean" Delight to Kill Victims Who Are Unable to Escape.

All spindrift and great sullen waves, with a chill wind driving over the vast immensity of ocean. The open boat, with its freight of perishing passengers and sailors, is drenched with spray and tossed like a toy at the caprice of the sea. It is an hour since the unseen submarine launched its torpedo and the ship went down. Land is a hundred miles away in the murk, and death will take its toll again and again before the boat is beached.

Such a picture is the mildest, the kindest in treatment and tone, that Wesley Frost, ex-Consul of the United States at Queenstown, Ireland, has to offer in his ghastly gallery of German "kultur" at sea. There are others, vivid word sketches from which the hearer shrinks as at unendurable horrors. Yet none are overdrawn, for Wesley Frost was Consul when the boats brought the dead of the Lusitania to Queenstown, and when the highway of ocean traffic off the Irish coast was rife with daily enormities.

Actual Conditions Recited.

As a special representative of the committee on general information, of which George Creel is chief at Washington, D. C., Mr. Frost is touring the Northwest. He arrived in Portland yesterday and delivered an address at the noon luncheon of the Oregon Civic League. His mission is to present the submarine situation as it is, that Americans may realize, by the word of one who interrogated hundreds of survivors, the appalling horror of German frightfulness at sea.

Reft of all gallantry and romance of war at sea, to ex-Consul Frost the German U-boats are "coyotes of the ocean," and the crude cruelty of their commanders is remindful of "the loathsome tomfoolery of a troop of playful gorillas."

Of the Lusitania's sinking and the scenes which subsequently transformed Queenstown to such a stage of dark drama as the world never had witnessed, Mr. Frost told his auditors at the Civic League. Lantern slides of the survivors and the dead of the Lusitania, of great ships going down at sea, the water dotted with struggling men, women and children, were flashed as he talked.

"The scenes in the improvised morgue at Queenstown were unendurable," said Mr. Frost, "when friends and relatives sought their dead. I saw one woman recognize her sister. And the sister, cold in death, clasped in her arms the bodies of her twin babies. I saw the face of Charles Frohman, with that smile yet upon it that he wore when he undertook the 'last great adventure.' Upon the faces of many was a curiously puzzled and aggrieved look, as though some friend had played a rude joke they did not understand.

Corpses Piled High.

"I saw the ghastly procession of rescue vessels as they landed the living and dead that night under the flaring gas torches along the Queenstown waterfront. Boat after boat came out of the darkness, discharging bruised and shuddering women, maimed and half naked men, and a few wide-eyed little children whose innocent minds were wrestling blankly with this strange new manifestation of life. Piles of corpses, like cordwood, grew higher and higher among the coils of ropes and ships' stores on the dark old quays."

Three masterpieces of German submarine frightfulness, said Mr. Frost, were the sinking of vessels without warning, the sinking after nightfall, and the refusal to give towage to boats of survivors, abandoned without resource hundreds of miles from land. The attitude of commanders, in their callous disregard for the lives of women and children was termed "a consummate manifestation of savagery."

He told of boatloads of survivors, seeking only to comply with the demands of the submarine officers, and leave the vicinity of their sinking ship, who were shelled in lunatic sport by the gunners of "kultur"; of women and children who died in the dark and cold, and of the mutilated flotsam that the sea cast upon the coast as tribute to the efficacy of the submarine.

Columbia Highway Viewed.

"I have been telling you these revolting things, not idly, but because it is my earnest conviction that you have a right to have them brought vividly and unforgettably to your attention," said Mr. Frost, in conclusion. "The American flag today is streaming from our warships on those horror-sick waters, and it is you who must maintain it there and see that it shall eventually brighten into triumph."

During his stay in Portland Mr. Frost, who is a graduate of Oberlin College, met several former classmates as well as friends from his boyhood home at Berea, Ky., where his father is president of Berea University. At the conclusion of his address he was taken over the Columbia Highway as the guest of Mrs. Elliott Corbett on behalf of the Oregon Civic League.

Mr. Frost left last night for San Francisco, where Monday night he will speak before a mass meeting.

PORTLAND VISITOR WHO WAS UNITED STATES CONSUL AT QUEENSTOWN WHEN THE LUSITANIA SANK.

Wesley Frost

DEATH IS FELT DUTY

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert's Note Explains Suicide.

MIND SHATTERED BY WORK

Tender Message Left for Family Declaring That Inability to Go to Front With Troops Demands Sacrifice of Life.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. H. Robert, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, who was found dead in bed on August 31, at Vancouver Barracks, Wash., as a result of a gunshot wound, self-inflicted, was an officer of wide experience and of high professional attainments. Immediately after graduation from West Point in 1904 he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, and assigned to duty in the Philippine Islands in responsible charge of engineer work. His close application to the difficult work in that unhealthy tropical climate undermined his health to such an extent that he never entirely recovered from the effects of it.

Upon the completion of his tour of tion as I have, but I must think of my country, my corps and my regiment even at the expense of my own life and my family's welfare. As I stand before my Creator, I believe I am doing the best thing for my country at the greatest sacrifice in the world to me and my dear wife and boy. The surgeons have ordered a change for me, I am sure in my own interest, and I have tried to collect and muster together my nervous energy with a view to reach the goal of my ambition—active service at the front—and, O God, how I regret to lose it! But I cannot bear to give up and remain behind when others go to the front.

"I want all my effects and my estate to go to my darling wife for herself and the boy.

"My God, how I hate to leave this! God knows I am doing what I feel my duty to my country. I am a nervous wreck, and have exhausted my energy in the service of our country before the time now making such demands that I'd dearly love to face.

"God help my precious family.

(Signed) "HENRY H. ROBERT."

foreign service he was placed in charge of the construction of The Dalles-Celilo Canal, a work which it was his dream to carry to completion.

While at Fort Riley his health compelled him to be taken to the hospital. He would not remain under the doctor's care, but accepted a commission as Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fourth Engineers, stationed at Vancouver Barracks, Wash. He proceeded at once from the hospital and took command of the Fourth Regiment of Engineers on August 24. His death occurred one week later.

He was a man with the highest sense of honor and duty, and no greater tribute to those sterling qualifications could be paid than his own interpretation of them, written in a letter left by him on the day before his death.

"VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Aug. 31.—Realizing, after consultation with the surgeon without my request, that I am in a state of mental and nervous exhaustion, I believe that I am more of a menace than a help to the regiment. The doctor says that I am a nervous and mental wreck from intensive work and worry for the past four years or more.

"Being unable to bring myself to assume responsibility for the lives and welfare of so many others and the success of military operations, I feel that I can best give my life for my country, my corps and my regiment by removing myself from a position where my condition, brought about by years of nerve-exhausting work for my country, may prove disastrous to our cause. God knows I hate to leave such a posi-

PEAR CROP BELOW NORMAL

Hood River Yield of Bartletts and Dairying Is Reduced.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—With the harvest of Bartletts winding up, local growers are just beginning to pick and haul to sales agency warehouses D'Anjou pears. The yield of both varieties has been far less than last year. While the Apple Growers' Association shipped 20 carloads of Bartletts last season, this year's crop will be less than 15. Forty cars of D'Anjous, sent chiefly to the South American market, where fancy prices were received, were shipped last year. Not over 20 cars are expected by the association this season.

TROOP A MAN AND HIS BRIDE, WHOSE WEDDING WAS SOLEMNIZED ON EVE OF DEPARTURE FOR CAMP GREEN.

Mrs Clay Elwood Walborn: (Helen Axelson)

Clay Elwood Walborn.

—NORTHWEST

Miss Helen Axelson and Clay Elwood Walborn surprised their many relatives and friends by their marriage on Monday, September 3, which was solemnized in St. Helens. Private Walborn, of Troop A, was on duty in St. Helens, owing to the I. W. W. troubles, and his fiancee joined him there. They were married in the Courthouse by the presiding judge. Mr. Walborn is a son of Mrs. Edna R. Dobbins, matron of the County Jail, in Portland, and he is now in training at Camp Green, Charlotte, N. C. As soon as he learns where he is to be stationed his bride will join h.m.

COLLEGE WORK ATTRACTS

Inquiries at Agricultural Institution More Numerous Than Ever.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Interest in college attendance throughout Oregon is more general this year than ever before, as indicated by the correspondence reaching the registrar's office to date. Many letters contain credentials of new entrants, more than 40 having arrived last Saturday.

Many other letters make inquiries of some phase of Oregon Agricultural College work, the average mail being about 50 to 60 letters daily. This phase of the work has grown so much that it has become necessary to detail two clerks instead of one, as heretofore, to attend to this part of the correspondence.

Sweet Home Physician Is Officer.

LEBANON, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Dr. Ivan Bellinger, who was a star football player at Willamette University some half dozen years ago, and who has been practicing medicine at Sweet Home, Or., for the last four years, has received a commission in the medical department of the National Army and expects to be called into the service at any time.

CITY URGED TO HELP

Support Held Necessary if Livestock Show Continues.

PRIME NEED IS MONEY

Emery Olmstead Points Out That Portland Allows Exhibition of Great Value Practically to Shift for Itself.

"If Portland cares to have the Pacific International Livestock Show continued here the community will have to support the institution better than last year," said Emery Olmstead, chairman of the Oregon development Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday.

"A great livestock industry has been brought to the city," continued Mr. Olmstead. "With a packing industry, as established elsewhere, there has always gone a large, successful livestock show. These shows are pronounced by experts the most useful single effort made to develop production of more and better stock. They prove a powerful incentive to the breeders, standards of the highest type are developed and information about the same given wide distribution, and the public as a whole is led through the workings of the shows to come into close contact with the industry and lend the hand needed in making a great industry.

"Portland received her large packing industry without bonus or aid from local sources. The industry has resulted in clearing through the banks of this community tens of millions of dollars a year. Since this initial step by heavy capital, this has become the chief center of the entire Northwest for the livestock industry.

"Since the industry came unaided we are prone to let it fight out all development problems alone. This is a mistake, especially when we consider the future.

"Last year we left the Pacific International to fight its battles practically alone. The livestock interests have decided that they will suspend the show until Portland shows its active interest in its maintenance. This year we must begin manifesting such interest. The first step in such procedure is to go out and secure the needed funds for the show."

A meeting of the finance committee named by Mr. Olmstead is to be held Monday noon in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, Oregon building, Fifth and Oak streets, to start the campaign for funds. At 2 o'clock following this meeting, there is to be a meeting of the stockmen, breeders and local business men to perfect a reorganization of the Pacific International, and to lay all plans for the great work of the future.

TEACHER HAS HIGH RECORD

D. K. Tressler, Chemistry Instructor O. A. C., Comes From U. S. Bureau.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Sept. 13.—(Special.)—D. K. Tressler, newly appointed instructor in agricultural chemistry at Oregon Agricultural College, holds the record as the youngest graduate of the Michigan Agricultural College, where he took his bachelor degree at the age of 18. He then was made chemist of the Pennsylvania Salt Company, of Wyandotte, Mich., and later teacher of chemistry in the Flint High Schools. He was next assistant chemist at the Ohio experiment station, which position he gave up to take three years of graduate work in agricultural chemistry in the Graduate School of Cornell. During this time he taught chemistry at Cornell. He went from Cornell to the United States Bureau of Soils, as chemist, which position he resigned to come to Oregon. He has considerable reputation as a writer for popular and scientific periodicals, such as Country Gentleman, Kimball's Dairy Farmer and the Ohio Farmer. He will succeed Professor R. A. Dutcher, resigned.

Johnny Wilhelm Objects to "German Thrusts."

"Kaiser" Hopes Some Yankee Soon Will Take a Shot at Other Kaiser So Portland Soldier Boy Will Have Some Chance at Happiness.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—There are hosts of Bill Joneses and George Smiths at Camp Lewis, but merely one "Kaiser" Wilhelm, and he is from Portland as a member of provisional Field Hospital, Company B. "Kaiser" Wilhelm objects to the name given to him. He, too, is a big man and believes that he should be entitled to fame, but he does not care to have it confused with that of his enemy, the ruler of all the Teutons.

"Kaiser" Wilhelm is in training at Camp Lewis, just so that he can get back at the old German who mars his happiness, although as yet their laundry and grocery bills have not become confused. He, with his company, expects to leave this week for Allentown, Pa., where he will get further training before going overseas to get a crack at the man who has stolen his trademark.

"I'm not a German, anyhow, and, doggone it, everyone kind of sniffs and says: 'Are your sympathies really with the allies, Mr. Wilhelm?' complains "Kaiser." "My father was Swiss and I'm proud of my Swiss blood, but I don't want to be called a German. Now, I really don't object to being called 'Kaiser' Wilhelm, because I have had the nickname ever since I was a little chap. The fellows out here know how I stand on the war proposition, and I get along all right, but, hang it all, I would be happier if some Yankee would get a shot at the other Kaiser."

"Kaiser" Wilhelm's real name is John Wilhelm and his home is in Portland. He is known throughout the West as the champion golf player of the University of Oregon and a brother of Rudolph Wilhelm, holder of Northwest champion gold records.

TWO CHINESE AT O. A. C.

Both Students Are Registered in Forestry Department.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Among the foreign students arriving here are two Chinese indemnity selections. These students are educated in American institutions on scholarships provided out of the remitted Boxer indemnity, and last year was the first time that any of them stopped at a Western institution, having preferred Harvard, Yale and other leading Eastern universities.

One man registered in forestry here last year and this year returns, bringing with him another forestry student. Many of the foreign and territorial representatives had not learned of the postponement of the opening to October 8 and made hurried journey to be on time for registration next Monday.

CHROME ORE BEING MINED

War Prices Makes Concentrating of Iron More Profitable.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—The Dorothea mine, owned by Mrs. J. F. Reddy, of Medford, and operated under lease by S. S. Wolfson, is successfully concentrating chrome ore, believed to be the first such process in this state.

The strong demand for this metal for war purposes has stimulated its production during the last year. The Dorothea has been worked as a gold property and was fully equipped with concentration plant for that purpose, but the chrome market has made it more profitable to turn attention to the iron capping, which is now being mined exclusively. The market is Niagara Falls and Pittsburg, Pa. Sales are made on the basis of $105 per ton for a 50 per cent ore.

STUDENTS ATTEND COURT

Law Class of High School Witness Municipal Judge's Methods.

A much larger audience than usual attended the proceedings in Judge George Rossman's court yesterday morning. Among others, a class of elementary law students from a local high school was present, together with the instructors.

Harry Kelley, a youth charged with the larceny of an automobile, waived preliminary examination and was held to the grand jury.

Joe Ettinger and George Franklin were fined $2.50 each for driving a junk wagon without a license. Patrolman A. C. Anundson made the complaint.

W. Louie pleaded guilty to conducting a lottery game, and was fined $35. A. G. Spaniel, charged with visiting the game, was dismissed. Officers Schum and Spaugh made the arrests.

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