

CAMP MILLS STORY IS PRONOUNCED O. K.

Oregon Congressional Delegation Denies Having "Voiced Indignation."

EARLY PROTEST, LODGED

Senator Chamberlain Tells of Receiving Complaint From Dan Malarkey and of Filing it With War Department.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative Sinnott stands by the interview he gave The Oregonian last Monday, in which he discussed conditions as he found them at Camp Mills.

Delegation Express No Anger. Representative Sinnott borrowed The Oregonian's report and submitted them to the Journal correspondent, who, after reading them, commented: "Yes, that is practically what you told me."

As for indignation among members of the Oregon delegation over "wild-eyed stories" printed in The Oregonian, with reference to Camp Mills, a member of the delegation expressed indignation to the Journal or any other correspondent, nor made other comment on any of The Oregonian's reports, for the good and sufficient reason that no member of the delegation had seen any of the stories, until the one dispatch was submitted today.

Senator Chamberlain was asked if he had voiced indignation over The Oregonian reports on Camp Mills. "I did not," he replied. "I don't know what The Oregonian has printed and naturally I don't comment on dispatches I have not seen. I never have heard of this indignation before until just this minute."

Mr. Malarkey Sends Protest. Senator Chamberlain then was asked to read the Sinnott interview. He did so and said that was substantially what Mr. Sinnott had told him, but added that in some details it was slightly stronger than Mr. Sinnott's statement to him. It then developed that Senator Chamberlain himself had filed the first protest with the War Department against the treatment of the Oregon troops.

"I received a telegram from Dan Malarkey reporting conditions at Camp Mills and making complaint. I immediately laid a telegram with the War Department, said that Mr. Malarkey was a prominent citizen of Oregon upon whose word reliance could be placed and one whose complaints should be investigated. I said furthermore that he had been a member of the draft board."

The Department promised to make an investigation of the Malarkey charges, but I have never had a report from the Department on those charges. I filed the Malarkey telegram with the War Department and made no public mention of the matter at the time, as I supposed Mr. Malarkey did not intend making it public."

Indignation Not Voiced. Senator McNary was asked if he had voiced "indignation" to the Journal over The Oregonian's stories. He replied: "I have not seen the Journal correspondent for two or three days. I don't even know what The Oregonian has printed and certainly would not wax indignant over something I know nothing about."

"I did say to the Journal reporter, early in the week, that I would not make particular reference to any dispatches, that false reports of the treatment of soldiers were calculated to incite some propagandist to criticize the Government, but that had no reference to anything appearing in The Oregonian. It was a general observation."

Representative Sinnott, of course, was not indignant over the publication of his own interview; Representative Hawley said he made no comment on the Camp Mills story in The Oregonian to the Journal correspondent or to anyone else; he has never seen the stories.

No Comment Made on Story. Representative McArthur said: "The Journal correspondent never asked me anything about The Oregonian reports and I know nothing of them and have never commented on them. He asked me one day if I had received telegrams complaining of Camp Mills conditions. I said I had not up to that time and

that was the only remark on the subject and passed between us." Representative Sinnott this evening said he met Oswald West at Camp Mills and they walked a short distance together; that was before he had made a tour of the camp. He has not seen Mr. West since.

The New York World of Thursday last published a two-column report written by its representative sent to Camp Mills investigating complaints on camp conditions made by Governor Withycombe and others. This report goes much more in detail than did Representative Sinnott. It shows conditions much worse than he pictured them; it sustains everything Mr. Sinnott said and deals a severe blow at the War Department for maintaining troops at Camp Mills after the Rainbow Division left.

In a dispatch from its Washington bureau, published last Thursday, the Oregon Journal said: "Members of the Oregon delegation are indignant over wild-eyed stories about conditions at Camp Mills reported to have been printed by the Portland Oregonian, which is on the level of German propaganda intended to cause dissatisfaction and heartache among the folks at home."

Representative Sinnott and Oswald West, among the latest visitors to the camp, directly refute the stories reported to have been circulated in Oregon.

Statements in the headline over the dispatch were: "Oregon Delegation Incensed at Reports Printed in Portland. Tales Likened to Vicious Propaganda Used by Germans. Congressman Sinnott and Ex-Governor West Met and Talked With Soldiers; Heard No Complaint."

Near the end of the dispatch this paragraph occurs: "Congressman Sinnott, who visited Camp Mills Monday, declares there is no cause for alarm."

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'N' SECRETARY ENLISTS

J. MACPHERSON, HEAD OF U. OF O. ASSOCIATION, TO FLY.

Charles Tisdale, Harold Malson and Lloyd Still Also Join Aviation Service.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—James Macpherson, general secretary of the campus Young Men's Christian Association, has resigned his position and will leave Eugene within the coming few days to enlist in the Aviation Corps. He is the third secretary of the university. Y. M. C. A. to take up war work, his predecessor, J. D. Foster, having secured a commission at the first officers' training camp at the Presidio, while Charles Koyle, the first secretary of the local association, is now engaged in Army Y. M. C. A. work in France.

Owing to the fact that men trained for positions such as Mr. Macpherson is leaving are in great demand for the war being carried on by the association, considerable difficulty is looked for in filling the vacancy. For the present the work of the secretary will be done by the students.

Three more names were added to the list of students who have left college to enlist during the past three weeks today. Charles Tisdale, Harold Malson and Lloyd Still, the latter two members of this year's football team, will leave Sunday for Seattle, where they will take the examinations for entrance into the Aviation Corps. All are members of the Kappa Sigma fraternity and prominent in campus activities.

906 LOGGERS JOIN LEGION

Many Enlist in Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumber Workers.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Captain W. A. Arnold and Jack Guxter, who have canvassed Powers and the Coos Bay logging camps for volunteers in the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumber Workers, report that the legion has 906 members in Coos County to date. There are five camps yet to visit and it is expected 400 more will be secured.

Tonight railroad men of the Southern Pacific, who haul spruce logs and aeroplane stock, were on application admitted to the legion and signed up at the local depot. The men at the sawmills and shipyards will be given an opportunity to join the legion after the camps have all been visited.

Vancouver Has 23 Prisoners.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Twenty-three prisoners are held in the Clarke County jail, the largest number ever held there. Nearly half of the prisoners are women, who were taken into custody in the attempt of the local officers to suppress vice conditions and juvenile delinquency.

Three Couples to Marry. TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Marriage licenses were issued here today to B. M. Howell, Hillsboro, and Beatie Bates, Roseburg, Or.; John E. Burdon, Red Lake Falls, Minn., and Labelle Marie Newenhoff, North Yakima, and Earl E. Jenks and Ora O. Benfield, both of North Yakima.

YOUTHS WAR CRAZED

Willamina Brothers Go Insane After Trying to Enlist.

NEIGHBORHOOD IN TERROR

John and Charles Parker, After Rejection From Service, Return and Parade Hills Section With Rifle and Knives.

SHERIDAN, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—John and Charles Parker, brothers, rejected by a Portland recruiting station because of an unbalanced mental condition, armed themselves with a .23-caliber rifle and knives yesterday and ran amuck in the Highland district, northwest of here. They terrorized residents of the vicinity, but were captured before they had done any harm. They are 24 and 26 years old, respectively.

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Monday they went to Portland for examination, intending to enlist. Both were rejected and they returned to Sheridan Thursday, where they passed the night at a local hotel. Yesterday morning they were seen on the streets, one acting queerly by haranguing a telephone post on war conditions. The other approached City Marshal Dack, telling him his brother did not know the way to Willamina, five miles west of here. Marshal Dack showed them the way out of town and assumed they were all right. They were carrying a rifle.

Actions Cause Alarm. In proceeding toward Willamina the brothers wandered into the highlands and here by their shouting, singing, prancing and brandishing of the rifle caused a hurry call for the Sheriff to come after them.

Late last night they were brought to Sheridan, where a number of men aided in relieving them of a large stock of cartridges. Their condition this morning when taken to McMinnville to be lodged in the county jail, was more serious than when at large yesterday. Their mother, living on Coast Creek, has been notified. The father dropped dead in the harvest field last year.

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The proclamation follows: "Executive Department, Salem, Dec. 15, 1917.

"At this holiday season of the year, when, following time-honored custom, the spirit of giving prevails in every home of the land, it is entirely fitting and proper that each true American should feel disposed to give such support as he can afford to that great humanitarian arm of the Federal Government known as the American Red Cross.

"This is our first Christmas in the world war. It is our first opportunity to mingle with the usual holiday atmosphere a responsiveness to the most merciful and eloquent appeal for definite service that has ever been made to humane hearts. The larger part of the so-called civilized world is in distress. There are painful wounds to heal, torn bodies and souls that need ministry. There is no better, surer, quicker avenue of relief than through the undenominational agency of the American Red Cross, whose noble officers have undertaken to mobilize the heart and soul and wealth of America toward binding up the wounds of a bleeding world."

"No matter how much we may give for the tender care of our soldiers and sailors, we who are obliged to play our parts in the war must to the best of our ability and in the light of the supreme labors performed by the stalwart sons of the land, the more we give the sooner this terrible war will end and the sooner an enduring peace will blazon its course across the now dull horizon.

"Now, therefore, I, James Withycombe, Governor of the state of Oregon, do most earnestly commend the Christmas membership drive of the Red Cross

PEOPLE ASKED TO HELP

GOVERNOR GIVES HIS SUPPORT TO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

Proclamation is Telegraphed to National Headquarters of Red Cross Association.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Governor Withycombe today issued a proclamation to the people of Oregon, calling upon every household in the state to be represented in the union of the American Red Cross.

The Governor is the first executive in the country to issue a proclamation for the Red Cross Christmas drive, and because of this fact the proclamation was telegraphed to National headquarters.



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