

PORTLAND SOLDIER DECORATED BY KING

Sergeant George H. Mullin Wins Victoria Cross for Gallant Conduct.

HEROIC DEED REWARDED

Graphic Account Gazetted in London of How American, Enlisted in Forces of Canada, Captured Enemy Post Singlehanded.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 12.—A Canadian Press cable from London says the heroic deeds of Canadian soldiers fighting on the western front were described during the King's award of Victoria crosses to Canadians included in the 18 most decorated today.

How Captain J. O'Kelly advanced his command 1000 yards after the original attack failed, took two enemy positions on the crest of a hill under a heavy fire, and then personally organized and led an attack against "pill boxes," capturing six with 100 prisoners and 15 machine guns, was graphically gazzeted.

Another hero was Corporal Colin Barron, who, single handed, rushed enemy guns, killed four of the crew and captured the others, and then returned the captured guns on the retreating enemy, saving severe casualties.

German Garrison Destroyed. Sergeant George H. Mullin, of Portland, Or., captured a "pill box" singlehanded, rushed a sniper's post in front of him, destroyed the garrison with bombs, and, crawling in "pill box," shot two snipers with his revolver.

Mullin's clothes were riddled with bullets from the rapid-fire guns directed at him, but he did not flinch.

Other heroes, equally daring, captured "pill boxes," killed, captured or silenced the enemy and cleared the way for the rest of the troops and saved the lives of many of their comrades. They are Captain George H. Parkes and Private Thomas Holmes, Cecil J. Kinross and James V. Robertson.

The accounts of the deeds for which the Victoria Cross was awarded embrace events which must have been as thrilling as any recorded during the war.

Captain Robert Gee, of the Royal Fusiliers, when the enemy pierced the British lines and captured brigade headquarters and an ammunition dump, finding himself a prisoner, killed one of the enemy with a spiked stick and succeeded in escaping. He then organized a party of the brigade staff with which he attacked the enemy, clearing the locality. After establishing a defensive flank, Gee, with a revolver in each hand, rushed and captured an enemy machine gun, killing eight members of its crew.

Highlanders Win Trophy. Sergeant C. E. S. Packman, of the Border Regiment, and Corporal R. McBeath, of the Seaforth Highlanders, also were awarded the Victoria cross for capturing enemy machine guns, together with their crew, singlehanded. McBeath put five machine guns out of action, capturing an officer and 10 men who had taken refuge in a dugout.

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 12.—Sergeant George H. Mullin, of Portland, Or., who enlisted with the Canadian Infantry here, and was gazzeted today as having won the Victoria cross, is it is said, the first American to have that honor.

So far as can be learned George H. Mullin has no relatives in Portland. He is believed to have left this city several years ago for military service, and he is now holding the rank of sergeant and has held the military medal for some time, it is presumed that he enlisted shortly after the outbreak of the war.

The military medal is the companion order of the Victoria cross. The military cross is conferred on officers and the military medal on enlisted men. Both decorations were authorized two years ago by King George V. The Victoria cross may be won by both officers and men.

BAKER IS STILL ON GRID

(Continued From First Page.) falling to effect centralization of munitions affairs.

Secretary Baker's statements regarding sufficiency of supplies were criticized by Chairman Chamberlain and Senators Hitchcock, McKellar, Weeks and others. Mr. Chamberlain said the country would believe that everything had been done which should have been accomplished.

"I don't think it has," he added. "I think the country is entitled to feel secure," Mr. Baker replied, adding that when all the facts are known a feeling of security will be justified.

Faults Are Named. Senator Hitchcock cited specific shortages of clothing and ordnance and said Mr. Baker's statements would "leave the impression that everything is lovely" when the facts showed that it is not.

Delay in mail service to the American expeditionary forces also was complained of during the day and Mr. Baker said the War and Postoffice Departments are endeavoring to provide the best possible service.

In executive session the secretary was questioned for nearly two hours regarding Army supplies for Pershing's forces and other confidential matters. During the session Chairman Chamberlain took occasion to ask why in his annual report Mr. Baker had disapproved the Senator's bill for universal military training. The secretary replied that his objection was that officers could not be spared from the service.

ACTRESS TELLS SECRET

A Well-Known Actress Tells How She Darkened Her Gray Hair With a Simple Home-Made Mixture.

Miss Blanche Ross, a well-known actress, who darkened her gray hair with a simple preparation which she mixed at home, in a recent interview at Chicago, Ill., made the following statement: "Any lady or gentleman can darken their gray hair and make it soft and glossy with this simple recipe, which they can mix at home."

To a half pint of water add 1 ounce of bay rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 1/2 ounce of glycerine. These ingredients can be bought at any drug store at very little cost. Apply to the hair twice a week until it becomes the required shade. This will make a gray-haired person look 20 years younger. It makes the hair soft and glossy, is not sticky or greasy and does not rub off.—Adv.

ice to take charge of the training. He also expressed the belief that decision on a difficult military policy for the end of the war, when the world will face very changed conditions.

The committee demanded to know what had been done about 1500 Lewis machine guns held in storage while cantonnments and camps need them for practice.

Secretary Baker promised that they immediately would be distributed, and Senator Weeks observed that the distribution had been delayed a month.

"That is the essence of this whole thing," said Senator Weeks. "There is delay, too much delay. Things that should be done at once are delayed, when every day counts."

"Mr. Secretary," Chairman Chamberlain broke the "typical" general statements of conditions are all calculated to leave the impression that all these matters are really in good shape. The Senator cited reports of clothing shortages at Camp Sherman.

Senator Hitchcock, another Democratic member of the committee, said: "But, Mr. Secretary, we have specific testimony of exact clothing shortages, while your testimony seems to contradict them completely."

Baker said that shortages cited might be of final and not initial equipment.

Sanitary Conditions Cited. Senator Chamberlain declared sanitary conditions and overcrowding of men, with lack of clothing, at Camp Bowie, were reported to the department in September, and should have been called to the secretary's attention, as epidemics, predicted by the camp commander, had followed in December.

Secretary Baker replied that his advisors said no trouble in canvas housing of men was probable.

"That is the trouble with the department," Senator Hitchcock interrupted. "Nobody knows where to submit anything, being shunted from pillar to post."

Camp Architecture in Question. Turning to cantonment death conditions, Secretary Baker conceded there were complaints and differences of opinion regarding architecture of hospitals.

Senator Wadsworth said the Spangenberg, E. C. camp hospital was built with open roofs, like the Panama Zone hospitals, and had to be roofed over when near-severe weather came.

Secretary Baker replied that all hospitals had been built on plans recommended by Surgeon-General Gorgas.

BURNS HEADS MISSION

MEXICAN ONCE INDICTED LEADS MEXICANS TO JAPAN. Expedition Said to Be Concerned With Negotiation of Treaty and Pursuit of War Supplies.

A PACIFIC PORT, Jan. 12.—A Japanese ship carrying a mission sent by President Carranza, of Mexico, to Japan for the alleged purpose of negotiating a treaty between the two countries and also for arranging for the purchase by Mexico from Japan of arms and ammunition for the Mexican army, has arrived in port here, according to a local paper.

The mission, according to the newspaper, is headed by Juan T. Burns, said to have been former Mexican Consul-General of New York, where he was indicted, it is said, for his alleged connection with passport frauds and liberated on \$40,000 bonds.

Among the members of the party accompanying the ship, it is reported, are General Bouchez, chief of staff of the Mexican army under President Diaz, later head of the Chapultepec military academy, and new military advisor to Carranza; M. Frago, secretary of the Mexican embassy to Japan, and Mexican Consul-General Blanco at Tokyo, Japan, in addition to four minor officials.

Immediately after the ship carrying the mission arrived in port, according to the newspaper, the party was visited by Consul-General Ramon de Negri, of Mexico, with members of his staff. Dispatches from Mexico City, it is reported, were given to the mission by Consul-General de Negri.

Later, it was said, all the members of the mission, with the exception of Burns, accompanied Mr. de Negri ashore. The vessel arrived from a Mexican port, it was stated.

3 HELD FOR LIQUOR THEFT

Case on Way to Washington Drug-List Said to Be Stolen. Information was filed yesterday with the clerk of the Federal court alleging that A. W. Lockwood and A. M. McIntosh, employees of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and Charles Cullinan, a chauffeur, stole a case of liquor being sent through California to a druggist in the state of Washington.

The railroad men are said to have confessed to United States Attorney Beckman, who filed the allegations, that they took the 129 pieces of liquor the case contained and sold all to Cullinan. Formal hearings in the case will be held this week.

BRADY RALLIES SLIGHTLY

Condition of Stricken Idaho Senator Continues Critical. WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Senator James H. Brady, of Idaho, who was stricken with heart trouble Thursday night, was still in a critical condition tonight, although he rallied slightly late today.

Mrs. Brady is at his bedside, and his sons, S. E. and J. Ross Brady, are en route to Washington from the West.

GERMAN ALLEN IS ARRESTED

Andrew Galsterer, an alien enemy of German extraction, is being held by the Federal authorities for trespass within the restricted areas of Portland, his arrest having been effected yesterday. When he is permitted to call and show his papers the next day he was permitted to go his way.

On being taken yesterday he admitted that he is not a naturalized citizen. Orders from Washington commanding his internment are awaited.

200 Join Loyal Loggers' Legion

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Captain John Markham, a former Centralia High School boy, now an officer in the aviation corps, is assisting the organization of a Loyal Legion among the mill and logging camp employees of Southwest Washington. Yesterday at Melrose Captain Markham obtained the pledge of every one of the 200 employees of the Vance Lumber Company to support the Government in its airplane and ship construction program.

OPERA IS CLOSED

"Tales of Hoffmann" and "Il Trovatore" Please.

COMPANY'S WORK GOOD

High-Class Vocalism and Excellent Character Work Enjoyed by Those Who Attend—Crowds Not as Big as Had Been Hoped.

CAST OF "TALES OF HOFFMANN." Olympia.....Edvige Vaccari Antonia.....Edvige Vaccari The Post, Hoffmann.....Giuseppe Agostini Giulietta.....Stella Domestica Nicolas.....Marta Nelli A Voice.....Frances Miroslavi Spalanzani.....Natalie Cervi Crespel.....Natalie Cervi Nathaniel.....Theo Hammer Lather.....L. Dellemolle Schlemil.....L. Dellemolle Coppelius.....Joseph Boyer Dapperrutto.....Joseph Boyer Muscic.....L. Dellemolle Cochenille.....Luciano Roscini Franz.....Luciano Roscini

BY JOSEPH MACQUEEN

With two enjoyable performances of Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffmann" and Verdi's "Il Trovatore" yesterday afternoon and evening, the engagement of the San Carlo Grand Opera Company, in the Public Auditorium, has come to a close for the present.

At this writing it is not possible to give a financial statement showing how the opera engagement ended from a dollar-and-cents point of view, but in view of the fact that on no single occasion has the audience crowded the Auditorium, it is not thought that the project has been one of financial gain. It was assumed that the public was hungry for grand opera, in Italian, at popular prices, but it was observed that the said public did not buy seats en masse, although the attractions were worth the price of admission.

The artistic worth of the operatic attractions was eminently worth while.

Music Is Liked. Jacques Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffmann" is a favorite opera and a well-known one with people in this city. It is whistled and sung along our streets. It has been borrowed and stolen by different and later composers, and its melody is whistled to their scores. Offenbach is a French musical composer, of Jewish parentage, and he was born in Cologne.

Offenbach's opera is a comedy, for brilliancy of scores and ear-pleasing tunes, while the libretto is witty and laughable. In French the opera of "Tales of Hoffmann" is known as "Les Contes d'Hoffmann," and had its premiere in 1881.

In "Hoffmann" we meet with much gay fun and fantasy. By some critics the opera is called "a tipsy man's dream"; but this is too harsh. The first act is a prologue. Hoffmann, a poet, enters a saloon to seek his companions and to try to drown his sorrows, from unhappy love affairs, in liquor.

His chums believe him to be in love, but he says that is one lie story—and he relates three tales of his love affairs. In act one, the girl is Olympia, a child of the street, who is sold to a third, she is Antonia. Hoffmann's love experiences are that he always "gets left." His girls prefer others.

Scenery Is Good. Hoffmann was excellently portrayed by Giuseppe Agostini, who sang with cultivated intelligence of high class vocalism. His voice is best in soft or piano passages. Stella Domestica, prima donna soprano, was the laughable and highly artistic automatic doll that sings and plays, and nods its head solemnly, one, two, three, and so on. A dainty prima donna was moved about, one heard the cleverly-managed "click-click" of the supposed machinery.

Joseph Boyer, excellent in the double roles of Coppelius and Dapperrutto. Natalie Cervi was sufficiently comical and successful in Crespel and Spalanzani.

The scenery in "Hoffmann" is splendid and otherwise spectacular. Carlo Ferroni, the conductor, did fine, tasteful work with the orchestra. Applause was hearty.

HOUSING PROBLEM SERIOUS

RAYMOND, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—There are at present approximately 150 men employed at the Sanderson & Porter shipyard here, and the housing of the men and their families

is a serious problem. It is possible that this force will be increased to 800 by the end of March. A housing committee of the Commercial Club has been named to provide accommodations for the workers.

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Lodge Officers Installed. ST. HELENS, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Avon Lodge, No. 62, Knights of Pythias, installed the following officers to serve during the ensuing year:

Since the war the number of Jews in Palestine has been reduced two-thirds by hunger, sickness and distress.

REINSTATEMENT IS URGED

Friends Ask for Return to School of Discharged Teacher. In connection with the appeal of Samuel C. May, the Jefferson High School teacher who was recently discharged for his part in a fistie encounter with a student, William Hinkle, to the arbitration board for his reinstatement, Principal Hopkins Jenkins and teachers of Jefferson High School have submitted a petition to the Board of Education asking that Mr. May be reinstated without the case going farther.

The petition, which is signed by Principal Jenkins and the teachers, expressed the belief that the punishment inflicted by the Board of Education was unduly severe. It is further held Mr. May's long and valuable service justifies his reinstatement.

TAX ROLLS ARE EXTENDED

Texas for Year 1917 Become Due on Monday, February 4. VANDERBILT, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The 1917 tax rolls, on which the County Assessor J. L. Barrett, and deputies have been working for several months, are about completed. The 1917 taxes become due and will be payable Monday, February 4. A discount of 3 per cent is allowed if paid on or before March 15. After March 15 personal property taxes become delinquent and draw 12 per cent interest until paid in class 1.

Real property taxes do not become delinquent until June 1.

SHEEP OWNER DRAFTED

Irish Boy, Become Wealthy, Wants to Do His Full Duty. EUGENE, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—John O'Kieff, of Lakeview, came to the United States and Oregon from Ireland, 10 years ago. He was without funds and took a job herding sheep in Idaho. Today he is one of the prosperous sheep owners of Lake County, with 3700 ewes on the range.

O'Kieff came to Eugene today to discharge his status under the draft. "I am not opposed to going to war," he told the board. "I want to do my full duty and if you think it best to put me in class 1, all I ask is time to sell my sheep."

NEW OWNERS FILE PAPERS

Oregon Pacific Mill & Lumber Company Ready for Business. ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—A certified copy of the articles of incorporation of the Oregon Pacific Mill & Lumber Company, recently incorporated in Nevada, was filed in the County Clerk's office today. This is the company that purchased the plant and timber holdings of the Clatsop Mill Company of this city. Its capital stock is \$1,000,000.

The company's officers, all residents of San Francisco, are: F. Dohrmann, president; Clem H. Rodgers, treasurer; J. W. McDonald, secretary, and Charles W. Corbaley, manager.

18 RATED FIRST-CLASS

Only Six Out of 27 Drafted Men Rejected at McMinnville. McMinnville, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Out of a total of 27 men in Class 1 of the selective draft examined by County Clerk Wilson today, 18 were rated for first-class military service, three were eligible for service in military service and six were found physically unfit for service.

These were the first men to be called from this county on account of the draft.

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W. T. DRUCK FUNERAL HERE Body of Oregon Resident, Who Died at Coronado Beach, Sent Here. The funeral of William Theodore Druck, resident of Oregon for 47 years, who died January 8 at Coronado Beach, Cal., will be held Monday at 1 P. M. at the chapel of J. P. Finley & Son, Montgomery and Fifth streets. Rev. J. Kratt will preach the funeral service and burial will be at Riverview.

Mr. Druck was 84 years old, having been born in Germany in February, 1833. Three daughters are living: Mrs. C. H. Jennings, of Coronado; Mrs. Nellie Glutsch, of Portland, and Mrs. Lulu D. Shret, of Sacramento, Cal.

R. R. Thompson Critically Ill. Word was received in Portland yesterday that R. R. Thompson, of 1097 Cleveland avenue, was critically ill.

SALE Monday Starts Monday Goodyear Shoe Co. 149 Fourth, Bet. Alder and Morrison Sts.

PLAYING NOW MADGE KENNEDY in "NEARLY MARRIED" This is from Selwyn's famous stage success. It would be funny without ANY star. With Madge Kennedy it is about the best screen comedy ever shown. AND GERMAN RETREAT From ARRAS This episode is the climax—the heart-wrenching finale of the long duel of armies numbering millions of men. Don't miss these closing scenes of the world's greatest pictures. As you see the British drive home their assaults you feel all the excitement of the battle and feel like shouting with the Tommies, "On to Berlin!"

ROSEBURG MAN NAMED ROBERT E. SMITH WILL MANAGE LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN. Edward Cookingham, A. G. Mills, Edgar B. Piper and Mr. Smith to Attend San Francisco Meeting. Robert E. Smith, of Roseburg, editor of the Tax Liberator, will be state campaign manager for the next liberty loan drive, which is expected to come next month. Mr. Smith will work under the direction of the state executive committee, of which Edward Cookingham, president of the Ladd & Tilton Bank, is chairman. Mr. Smith is well known throughout the state, and his plan of organization is complete and seems to assure success.

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