

WAR TO END THIS YEAR, SAYS LIEBERT

German General Declares Every Teuton Soldier Expects Peace.

KAISER EXPRESSES PRIDE

Extravagant Comments Made in Birthday Address to Chancellor Dwell on "Historical Successes and Self-Sacrifice."

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 9.—General von Liebert, writing in the Tagliche Rundschau of Berlin, praises the achievements of German arms and accomplishments of German Generals, and then points out that the German battle line in the west is now occupied by the first class troops.

Every German soldier now is certain that an end must be made in 1918.

Emperor William's decree, in which he thanks those who addressed congratulatory messages to him on his recent birthday, is published in the Berlin Reichs Anzeiger. In it the Emperor, according to a summary telegraphed from Berlin, dwells upon the relations of confidence between the crown and the people, his "28 years of peace efforts" and the progress of the German people.

The Emperor recalls, with gratitude, "the proudest days of German history at the outbreak of the war," and Germany's subsequent "world historical successes" and he lauds the "self-sacrificing perseverance, the enormous labor and the achievements of the people at home, by which, with God's help, the nation may look forward to a good peace."

The decree was addressed to the Imperial Chancellor. It concluded as follows:

"We have defied distress and privations, so that our people can look forward, with God's aid and with the utmost confidence, to the accomplishment of a good peace."

Internal Unity Needed.

"For this, however, we must have serious discipline, internal unity, willing submission to the requirements of our common aim, readiness to bear the heavy sacrifices, confidence in our invincibility and the uniting of all forces for the one great aim—the securing for our arms of a strong, safe future for our fatherland. May God help us to attain this end."

Camp Lewis Notes.

CAMP LEWIS, Wash., Feb. 9.—Men at Camp Lewis learned today the proper way to deliver the military salute. Recently Brigadier-General Foltz issued an order that every soldier in the cantonment should be taught to make the salute in the correct military manner. Every company is being drilled in the exercise, and the men are being made to practice until they know how to raise their arms to the proper angle. They form a circle, the officer walks around an officer who stands in the center. When each man comes to a certain place in the circle, he faces the officer, and the officer makes any criticism of his salute that he can see.

General Foltz is trying to turn the men at Camp Lewis into real soldiers, and more and more attention will be given to drilling a military bearing into the men.

According to a letter received today by Colonel M. E. Kelleys, at Camp Lewis, none of the detachment of 39 soldiers who left camp January 21 to join the 28th Engineers at the Tuscania. One of the soldiers writing says the men had all been assigned to Company C, of the 28th Engineers, Forestry, and did not go with the rest of the detachment to the 29th at the Tuscania. The men sent from Camp Lewis were selected as experts in forestry work.

Sergeant John S. Wilson, Quartermaster's Corps, was found guilty by court-martial today at Camp Lewis of being absent without leave. He was sentenced to six months at hard labor and forfeiture of six months' pay. He was a horseboy in the remount station and, getting offended at his Captain, went away.

Andrew J. Lawton, formerly sergeant, reduced to private at Company C, 13th Infantry, pleaded guilty to appropriating \$50 of company funds, which he lost at gambling. He was sentenced to six months at hard labor and forfeiture of six months' pay.

Promptly at 12 o'clock today the new military police regulations went into effect, providing that civilians and soldiers alike should pay a fare of 50 cents to and from Tacoma. This rate includes the war tax. Formerly the soldiers paid 25 cents each way and the civilians paid 50 cents, 30 cents being for fare and 20 cents charges for the war tax.

The Judge Advocate's office today ordered the military police to return the \$80 and the playing cards taken in a raid on the employes of the Independent Asphalt Company and the Cuswell Construction Company. The military police made the raid Wednesday evening on a honkhouse on the military reservation, which was occupied by the employes of the two companies. They placed 19 civilians under arrest and seized \$80 and some playing cards, the "makings" of a poker game that was in progress. Charges of gambling against the men were dismissed yesterday and today the Judge Advocate's office announced that the men would not be prosecuted.

You get 37 cents' worth of grub a day at Camp Lewis if you are a soldier—you also do not get 37 cents' worth of grub at Camp Lewis if you are a soldier.

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Litigation in 6-Cent Fare Case Acts as Bar—Courts Must Settle Jurisdiction.

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This question is raised in the suit brought by the city of Portland to quash the 6-cent fare order and the commission, at the suggestion of Commissioner Buchtel, asked the Attorney-General to pass on the point.

The Attorney-General cites numerous authorities upholding his contention that he, as Attorney-General, should not give an opinion on a question which is involved in litigation now before the courts.

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He calls attention to the fact that cities and towns throughout the state have enacted charters with similar provisions to the one mentioned in the Portland charter, and if these provisions override the commission's authority, then the work of the commission for the past five years practically has been done for naught.

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"Owing to the magnitude of the investigation and the intricate character of the questions involved, it has been deemed advisable to handle the investigation by primary subjects."

"I am also informed that the Commission has for some time past been engaged in making a valuation of the properties in Portland owned by the Pacific Gas & Coke company, and has, as I have herebefore stated, fixed the rates to be charged by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company for electric service in Portland."

"To what extent the Commission has appraised the property of other public utilities and fixed the rates elsewhere than in Portland, I am not informed, but presume the Commission has in many instances assumed jurisdiction over these matters."

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"I do not wish to be understood as advising that the suit instituted by the City of Portland against the commission prevents the commission from exercising its authority in relieving against its said order heretofore entered, increasing the fare from five to six cents.

"The suit against the commission involves the question of jurisdiction only. It leaves the merits of the case on the facts entirely untouched, and in no way interferes with, or challenges, the commission's right to review the facts grounds which based its order in increasing the rates from five to six cents. If it is the opinion of the commission, after any such review, that the facts justify such action, the commission has ample authority to abrogate its said order, notwithstanding the suit now pending in court."

MANY DIVORCES SOUGHT

DESERPTION AND CRUELTY GROUNDS FOR SUITS.

Domestic Life Loses Its Charms for Eight More Families and Releaves Are Asked.

An unmanageable temper, a jealous disposition and a pouring nature are the chief attributes possessed by Nellie Riggs which tends to keep her home life in a constant turmoil, asserts Elwood Riggs, an optician, who brought suit yesterday for a divorce. They were married at Worcester, Mass., in 1903. All property rights have been settled out of court.

Extreme cruelty is charged by Mary Pierce in a suit for divorce from Henderson Pierce, to whom she was married October 20, 1917. Lulu Turner seeks a divorce from Robert Turner on grounds of desertion. They were married in 1905 and lived together for eight years.

Despite the fact that her husband earned \$45 a week, Mrs. A. C. Smith, in which was filed yesterday, charges he refused to pay his bills and the bill collectors made life a burden for her, she says. They were married in New York in 1913.

G. L. Anderson declares that his wife, Georgia, accused him of flirting with "other women." Because of her alleged nagging disposition he wants to be freed from the marital yoke.

Alice Huston alleges Ira Huston refused to buy her any clothing. She seeks a decree on grounds of cruelty. They were married in Seattle in 1911. Extreme cruelty is charged by Oda Lombard in her suit against Frank M. Lombard, to whom she was married at Vancouver in 1912. They have one child whose custody the plaintiff seeks. Louise Mosher charges simple desertion against C. G. Mosher. He was married at Oakland, Or., in 1904, and separated in 1915.

OXFORD IN FRATERNITY

CORVALLIS CLUB INSTALLED IN SIGMA PHI EPSILON.

Ceremonies Close With Banquet at Julian Hotel—Grand Secretary Phillips Officiates.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The Oxford Club was installed this week as the Oregon Alpha Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon, a National Fraternity. The ceremonies closed with a banquet at the Julian Hotel this evening.

Grand Secretary W. L. Phillips, from Virginia Alpha, at Richmond, Va., conducted the installation. He was assisted by Brothers Phillips, Hathaway, Rinehart and McKenna, from Washington Alpha, at Pullman, Wash., and District Deputy Bryant, of W. S. C.

The Oxford Club was the oldest on the college campus, being organized in 1912. Its membership roll includes 33 graduates and 21 resident members.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is one of the new line fraternities. It was founded in 1901, and has 44 active chapters. The membership is approximately 4000 men.

Other chapters in the West are the Washington Alpha, at Washington State College; California Alpha, at the University of California; Alpha, Beta and Gamma chapters in Colorado, and the Alpha chapter at the University of Montana.

Rural Teachers Meet.

An interesting meeting was held by the Rural Teachers' League at the Library yesterday. Being the first meeting of the year, committees were appointed. A report was given by Mrs. Janet Grant, delegate to the State Teachers' Association. Several interesting reports were given on books of the reading circle course. A discussion of the book, "How to Teach the Fundamental Subjects" was planned for the next meeting, which is to be held at the Library Saturday, March 2.

Recd Professor to Speak.

Professor Paul Howard Douglas, of Reed College, will deliver the second of a series of lectures on "Some Basis of Permanent World Democracy" at room A, Public Library, at 8 o'clock Thursday night. His subject will be "Economic Basis." These lectures are being given under the auspices of the Portland Chapter, Intercollegiate Socialist Society.

S. B. Huston to Speak to Veterans.

NEWBERG, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The local Grand Army of the Republic will celebrate Lincoln's birthday with appropriate exercises Tuesday evening. They have obtained S. B. Huston, member of the State Senate from Multnomah County and candidate for United States Senator, as orator of the day.

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Measure Provides That Foreign Army Officers May Hold Commission in United States Army.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Senator Chamberlain has introduced a bill in Congress which, if passed, will remove the one obstacle in the way of granting a reserve officers' training corps rating to the university battalion. The bill provides that foreign army officers may hold commissions in the United States Army and be utilized as commanders and instructors in reserve officers' training camps.

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DARENTAGE A MESSAGE

Official bulletins telling of the progress of the work of the "Benning" board in weeding out the officers considered unfit for military duty are now under the ban. Before the "not for publication" stamp went on these bulletins it was officially announced that one