

# OREGON TROOPS SEE SECRETARY BAKER

### Oregonian's Staff Correspondent Tries to Write All News but Suffers Censorship.

## BIG THINGS BEING DONE

#### Bare Mention of Colossal Scale Upon Which War Preparations Are Going On at American Naval Base All That Is Allowed.

BY WILL G. MAC RAE.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 12.—Today this base received a visit from Secretary Baker and General Pershing. The distinguished party arrived on the early morning train from Paris on which there were (deletions by censor). Secretary Baker, in addition to General Pershing and his staff, consisted of a couple of moving picture-takers, several newspaper correspondents, and a few others of more or less importance. The old Third Oregon band was out, played the necessary four ruffles and a flourish, and two companies belonging to the Montana regiment were drawn up to receive the visiting guests. This makes the second time the band from Oregon has played at the reception to Secretary Baker, the other occasion being when the Secretary of War visited Charlotte, N. C.

### Important Base Inspected.

The party lost no time at the depot. When the party came through the door Secretary Baker was in the lead, and a few paces behind him came General Pershing, and then came his staff trickling through the open doors. A broad smile adorned the secretary's face, and as the crowd caught sight of him and began to applaud the secretary gracefully raised his hat. General Pershing, looking unnecessarily and forbiddingly stern, had no eyes for the crowd, but his eyes darted back and forth, taking in a quick appraisal of the soldiers drawn up before him. Then, as the crowd of automobiles which were to take the party on its quick tour of inspection of this very important base drew up, was as quickly loaded and off to the next place. Among the many places visited was the base hospital here, artillery camp, the Y. M. C. A., and then, accompanied by several prominent French officers, a thorough tour of the various camps where our troops are quartered and where other important things are being done by our engineers. (Several lines here stricken out by censor.)

### Air Raiders Annoy Paris.

Gotha air raiders were much in evidence and on hand to give Secretary Baker an annoying reception upon his arrival in Paris. Also, just to show Mr. Baker how far he was off the job of Secretary of War, there was some one on hand to bring a gentle reminder of the fact that he was from Ohio. Of course, there were no political significance to this, but just the same a detail from an Ohio Guard regiment, together with French troops, made an important raid on the secretary's quarters. Naturally, Secretary Baker, while eating his petit dejeuner (little breakfast), read in the Paris newspaper the account of what some Ohio troops did in a trench raid. There is but one thing that counts over here—ability to deliver the goods. And these soldiers, whether they are from Ohio or elsewhere, like all American soldiers, are doing their collective best to knock the dingbat daylight out of the square heads at every given opportunity.

### Big Things Are Being Done.

Secretary Baker's visit was a sort of stop and go affair. He saw what he saw while going over the colossal and stupendous big things which the engineers and the small army of civilian employees are doing here. He must have given him a very comfortable feeling. He will be able when he returns home to tell the people the Army over here, the production of results and getting a return for the millions of dollars which America is spending over in France. Just because censor rules say one mustn't breathe the word about what the American Army is doing over here, one dare not tell in any detail that would be at all comprehensive of the big things done here, but if those in the States could be made to understand on what colossal scale the preparations behind the lines are carried on and for a moment get a glimpse of what has been done and what is doing, it would not take near the money spent for advertising when it comes to floating the next liberty loan. They would know for sure then that their money wasn't being emptied into the Bay of Biscay. Yet what is going on at this base is just a fair sample of what is going on at other places selected as American bases and in perfecting the lines of communication.

### Important Changes Pending.

At this writing none of the tall towered pencil pushers (war correspondents) seem to have learned the significance of Secretary Baker's visit at this time to the American front. There is some speculation, but in this land over which is written large, "Don't talk to strangers and don't speculate" it is not conducive to the best of health to speculate. Another week will see the officers and non-commissioned officers back from the training school and others sent forward to replace them. Without doubt and maybe long before this letter (even if it escapes the U-boats) gets back to the States, there may be important changes in the regiments from Oregon and Washington.

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### Official War Reports.

British.

LONDON, April 20.—Field Marshal Haig's report today of operations in France follows: "Successful minor enterprises were carried out by us this morning south of Hebuterne and south of the Scarpe River. We advanced our lines slightly and captured 37 prisoners and three machine guns. "The most active fighting has been active in the neighborhood of Aytette and south of La Bassée Canal. "During the night a successful counter attack by the first division threw out the enemy from points in our advanced defenses around Givency and Festubert, gained by him on April 18, at the cost of heavy losses. All objectives were gained and the position here was re-established. "Local attacks against our positions southeast of Rebecq led to sharp

fighting, at the end of which the enemy was driven back. There is nothing further to report."

French.

PARIS, April 20.—The French War Office tonight reported concerning the day's operations as follows: "West of the Avre and on both banks of the Meuse there was strong artillery activity. In a minor attack east of St. Mihiel, the Germans gained a footing in the French trenches, but were ejected. "On the Belgian front German attacks resulted in the gaining of some ground, but the enemy was almost immediately driven back. "The Germans attempted a raid last night in the region of Hangard-en-Santerre. Prisoners, including an officer, remain in our hands. "The fighting continued to be very active between Lassigny and Layon. "During the night French detachments carried out a number of raids at various points along the front, especially northwest and east of Rheims, in the Champagne, in the sector of Yvoncourt and near the heights of the Meuse. The French took a number of prisoners. The Germans made several of these attempts west of Butte de Mailly and in the Woivre. All were repulsed."

German.

BERLIN, via London, April 20.—Infantry activity on the battle fronts in the western theater of the war was limited today to reconnoitering, says the official statement issued by the War Office today. The statement reads: "Western theater: Infantry activity was limited to reconnoitering. There was stronger artillery fighting near Wyszchaete and Bailleul. Between the Scarpe and the Somme artillery activity continued toward evening. On the Avre northwest of Moreuil it remained very active all day. "In the Voorges region, as a result of a successful thrust into the enemy trenches southeast of Markkirch, some prisoners were brought in."

Italian.

ROME, April 20.—"On the mountain front," says an official statement given out today at the War Office, "our own and our allies' troops have been active at various places and inflicted casualties on the enemy. "Our artillery effectively engaged enemy positions on the Asiago plateau and kept for a long while under fire hostile detachments which were attempting to evacuate Grave Di Papadopoli in order to escape the Piave flood."

## ACTUAL FIGHTING BEST

### PORTLAND MAN SPURNS DESK JOB FOR ARTILLERY SERVICE.

Raleigh Hughes Enlists as Private at Camp Lewis After Refusing Commission in U. S. Navy.

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, April 20.—(Special).—Giving up a high-salaried position in Portland, Or., and refusing a commission in the Navy, Raleigh Hughes, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, came to Camp Lewis yesterday to enlist as a private in the 34th Field Artillery, because he was surer of seeing action in the artillery than he would be in the Navy, he said.

Hughes was graduated in the class of 1907 from Annapolis and served in the Navy for nine years, resigning with the rank of Senior Lieutenant to accept a position with a shipping company in Portland.

Hughes saw service in the Boxer uprising in China, service at Hongkong, participated in the occupation of Vera Cruz in the Mexican troubles and served in the Navy on a tour of duty in Cuban waters during the Cuban pacification. When war was declared Hughes was offered a commission with the Navy and promised assignment to the Navy Department at Washington. But he did not want a desk job, he said. Then he was offered assignment with the fleet, but because of his previous experience in the Pacific Ocean he said he believed such an assignment might take him to China or some place far away from the zone of real war activities. So he has come to Camp Lewis to enlist as a private in a branch which, he feels certain, is to see some active service.

### Grange Repudiates League.

SALEM, Or., April 20.—(Special).—The Salem Grange practically repudiated the Non-Partisan League today by passing resolutions declaring that it is not a part of the league and that it has no political league or organization.

### Official Casualty List.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The casualty list today contained 26 names, divided as follows:

Killed in action, two; died of wounds, two; Edgar R. Murrell, Max Zafren, wounded slightly, 16; missing in action, one. The list was the smallest issued by the department in many weeks. It contained the names of four officers, as follows: Lieutenant Bernard J. Gallagher, missing in action; Lieutenant Herbert S. Richey, died of wounds; Lieutenant Leslie E. Green and William Eugene Helander, wounded. The list follows: Killed in action—Cook Fabian Kulesza, Private Henry W. Leach, Private Ernest J. Linn, Lieutenant Herbert S. Richey, Private Peter P. McArthur. Died of disease—Private Martin Kruger, Edgar R. Murrell, Max Zafren. Wounded severely—Privates Theodore M. Pawiak, Charlie B. Knutson. Wounded slightly—Lieutenants Leslie E. Green, William Eugene Helander, Corporal Veit H. Barnhart, Edward Corlies, Frank A. Edwards, Charles J. Kuhn, John J. Murphy, Harvey L. Ray, Ferdinand Stankovitch. Missing in action—Lieutenant Bernard J. Gallagher. Seaman W. A. Conway, United States Naval Reserve Force, was washed overboard from Scout Patrol 82 on April 12, and lost, the Navy Department announced today. Conway's home was in Halifax, England, but he enlisted at Chester, Pa.

LONDON, April 20.—British casualties reported during the week ending today totaled 12,368, divided as follows:

Killed or died of wounds—Officers, 57; men, 1,632. Wounded or missing—Officers, 217; men, 7,981. The casualties reported for this week are approximately half as large again as those reported in preceding week. Although heavy fighting has now been in progress a month, however, the lists have not begun to approach in size those of last year in the months of active operations when the British had the offensive. There is no means of determining how far the casualties now being reported represent active operations when the British had the offensive. The German offensive was started. In the several weeks preceding last week when 129 names were listed, the totals had been running no higher than between 3000 and 4000.

## BOLSHEVIKI TRY TO SEIZE WAR STORES

### Orders to Ship Sent to Vladivostok—Japanese Plan to Reinforce Troops.

## RUSSIANS OCCUPY DAURIA

### Slav Army of 1500 Said to Include 400 Armed War Prisoners in Outbreak Against Jews in Galicia Reported.

(By the Associated Press.)

HARBIN, Manchuria, April 14.—An order has been received at Vladivostok from the Bolsheviki government to ship the shells, explosives, metals, machinery and machine tools concentrated there to European Russia. Freight and passenger traffic are to be suspended for the purpose, if necessary, the order stipulates. The Bolsheviki recently withdrew from Dauria, near Lake Balkal, toward Irkutsk, west of the lake.

### War Prisoners Join Bolsheviki.

When a representative of the allied powers started for Dauria he was met on the way by Bolsheviki, whose purpose apparently was to conceal the fact that an armed force of 1500 men, including 400 armed war prisoners, had been brought in by the Bolsheviki and had occupied Dauria.

### American Engineers Depart.

Thirty American engineers departed last Friday for stations along the Chinese Eastern Railway. A second detachment will leave soon.

### LONDON, April 20.—Owing to increased anti-Japanese demonstrations at Vladivostok, where Japanese and British mines recently were landed, it has been necessary to increase reinforcements, telegraphs the correspondent at Tien-Tsin of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

### WASHINGTON, April 20.—While recognizing that an attempt to execute the orders of the Bolsheviki government to ship the military supplies at Vladivostok to European Russia might precipitate a conflict between the Japanese forces in that Siberian port and the local government, the correspondent today expressed little concern over this latest development in the situation at Vladivostok.

### Railroad Facilities Inadequate.

The Siberian railroad is in very poor condition, and, because of this fact, it was believed that the unskilled Russian railroad employes would be unable to move any portion of the vast store of supplies over the several thousand miles of railroad that lie between the Pacific port and European Russia.

An immediate connection was seen by the officials between the announcement from Harbin of the order to move the war material and press dispatches from Tientsin that the Japanese and British marines at Vladivostok are to be reinforced because of increased anti-Japanese demonstrations.

A large part of the war material at Vladivostok has been supplied from Japan, and it is doubted that the Japanese government would permit this to be removed, particularly in view of the fact that the Bolsheviki government has repudiated the Russian and American claims for the material tendered in payment of these and other supplies.

Officials were interested today in a dispatch from London, which said that arrangements had been made to increase the Japanese forces because of anti-Japanese demonstrations.

### AMSTERDAM, April 20.—A serious outbreak against the Jews... Craoov, Galicia, is reported in a Vienna dispatch to the London press, which says that a mob headed by members of the Polish Legion and students raided the Jewish quarters, plundered the shops and committed other excesses. One man was killed and 21 persons were injured badly.

The Jewish correspondence bureau here says that since the Germans arrived in the Ukraine the government has altered its attitude toward the Jews, withdrawing all its previous promises to the race.

This change is in part attributed to the fact that in the National Rada not a Jewish vote was cast in favor of the ratification of the peace treaty with the central powers and the separation of the Ukraine from Russia.

The Jews in the Ukraine, it is announced, have formed a national council of their own with 128 members.

A dispatch from Kiev, via Berlin, says the Russian national council has proposed to the ministerial council of Ukraine for peace negotiations and that it was accepted.

### Ukrainians Agree to Peace.

The Ukrainians have sent a courier to Moscow with the formal acceptance of the Ukrainian authorities. The peace negotiations will take place in Kyiv.

German newspapers say that the German government is about to resume permanent diplomatic relations with Russia.

General Count von Mirbach, former Minister to Greece, who recently was named ambassador to Russia, departed for Berlin on Thursday for Moscow.

### WASHINGTON, April 20.—The State Department was informed today through Swedish press dispatches that the Finnish government would return to Helsinki.

The damage done in the city by the recent fighting was slight, it was said.

Vigorous protests have been made to Berlin by the Russian government against the removal of Russian territory to other parts of the country and against the demand that Russian war materiel at Helsinki be turned over to Germany.

This news reached the State Department today in intercepted radio dispatches and was taken by officials to indicate that the Russian opposition to German aggressions is growing.

The provisional government of Esthonia has published a protest against the recent German intrigue in that country, according to an official dispatch from France today and has denounced the Diet of Livonia, Esthonia and Riga, which asked for a union with Prussia.

### Opinions Held Falsehood.

The protest is quoted by the dispatch in part as follows: "As delegates of the provisional government of the Esthonian republic, we declare that the resolution is a falsification of the facts taken by Esthonian and can only be the expression of an insignificant minority composed of the German nobility and their partisans."

Germany's offer to assist in the work of reconstructing Lithuania on condition that that country would take "a share of Germany's war burdens" is denounced by the Lithuanian national

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council in a statement issued here today.

### MOSCOW, April 20.—(British Admiralty, per wireless Press.)—Replying to the German government, M. Tschitcherine, the Bolsheviki Foreign Minister, said that measures were being taken for the speedy removal of German war prisoners from Eastern Siberia.

## DELL BLANCKETT KILLED

### FAMOUS RIDER OF PENDELTON ROUND-UP FALLS IN FRANCE.

Man Who Formed Cowboy Cavalry Troop Gives Life for Liberty Fighting With Canadian Forces.

PENDELTON, Or., April 20.—(Special).—Albert (Dell) Blanckett, since 1911 one of the prominent figures among Pendleton Round-up contestants, was killed in action March 13, according to word received by his bankers here from the directors of the Canadian Cavalry Troop, which left here last Summer as Troop D. He was unable to pass the physical examinations, and was sent to Canada, where he succeeded in enlisting in the cavalry. After reaching England his troop was made over into infantry, but Blanckett, because of his superior horsemanship, was transferred to fill a vacancy in the famous Canadian cavalry—the Lord Strathmore Horse.

A frontier show performer Blanckett was known everywhere these shows were staged. He was an all-around cowboy, and often an event winner. His relay stunts were winners, and with his own troupe Blanckett himself staged a number of shows. Blanckett's widow, Bertha Blanckett, a famous cowgirl, is now living in Union, Cal.

### I. M. Standifer Leaves Hospital.

Colonel I. M. Standifer, after having spent 10 weeks in a Portland hospital, a part of the time in very critical condition, has returned to his home, 407

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## TRAMP GETS SHOWER BATH

Junction City People to Deal Harshly With Idlers.

EUGENE, Or., April 20.—(Special).—Junction City citizens, who have been besieged during the past week by undesirable visitors, today rounded up a tramp who came to the city in a filthy condition, gave him a shower bath in the city hall and took him to the city limits, where he was told to move on.

A committee of citizens several days ago administered similar treatment to members of the Pastor Russell International Bible Students' Association, with the exception of the bath. During the week half a dozen different evaders, riding through the town on freight trains, have been taken into custody there. Three of these were arrested by Mayor C. N. Johnson.

The tramp reported today spoke with a foreign accent. It was decided to give him a bath after suggestions that a ducking or a coat of tar and feathers be administered had been rejected.

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