

LACK OF JINGLE IN TROOPERS' JIBSOME

Mighty Hard to Place Blame for Missing Pay Days in Far Distant France.

MONEY IS NOT REGULAR

Soldiers Encountered by Will S. MacRae While With Americans Who Had Received No Money in Five or Six Months.

BY WILL G. MACRAE

Since my return I have met the mothers and fathers of soldiers "over there" of Washington and Oregon, and the question upon me, "Why is it the soldiers in France (meaning, of course, the American soldiers) are not paid regularly? My son has been over there since December, and he has only been paid once. If it wasn't for the little change I send him occasionally he wouldn't have a cent in his pocket."

Pershing Orders Change.

It will hardly be necessary longer to tell why or to give the many ways such a thing as a missing pay day comes about. Nobody here is more concerned about missing pay day than General Pershing and his staff. These officers know what missing a pay day means to the morale of the army.

Before I sailed from France I knew the staff at G. H. Q. was working out a scheme whereby every American soldier, whether he was with his organization or not, would be able to draw on pay \$7 a month, regardless of his allotments, insurance and liberty bonds.

The plans submitted embrace these features: It involves the carrying by every soldier his own little pay book on the strength of which he can collect his money every month, no matter what day of the month he presents it.

It involves, also, the partial payment system by which each soldier, no matter what his grade or no matter what he has set aside for liberty bonds, allotment or insurance, would get the flat sum of \$7.50 every month. Then once in every so often—say, every four months—he would have a settlement with the government and draw all the balance due him.

Reasons for Delay Given.

One of the main reasons for the delayed and long overdue pay day was due to soldiers who were taken sick or were on detached duty far away from their commands. Under the old system it has always been necessary for a company to be assembled for muster roll. There was also a muster for signing the payroll. On several occasions I went with officers on their rounds to have men on detached service sign the payroll. It was when the soldier took sick and was sent to a base hospital that the greatest trouble for the soldier began. Usually when a soldier is sent to a base hospital he is lost to his command for good. He at once becomes a casual and liable to be sent to any organization in need of a soldier.

In the ambulance which takes him to the hospital goes with the sick soldier his rifle, his blanket, his blanket roll and his barracks bag, containing all of his personal belongings. What he should always take along with him is frequently left behind by some careless member of the "pill battery," or because his company commander was not on the job to see that a scrap of paper goes along with the sick soldier. This scrap of paper is the soldier's service record, without which, in the eyes of the Army paymaster, even though he is in uniform and has just come out of the trenches reeking with mud, he is not a soldier entitled to draw pay from the government.

Don't Send Money.

The Government has repeatedly asked parents not to send money to their soldier sons. On the fact of this bald request it strikes many a mother or father as "rather putting on" the soldier. Truth of the matter is that the Government is right on "don't send money to your sons." I am glad to say that I have had mother after mother tell me they have received letters from their sons saying "daddy, don't send me money. I have even been told of a loving mother having sent money to the soldier son only to have it returned.

Of course, it's always best for soldiers to have a piece of money in their pockets. He's a mighty happy hombre when he can feel a jingle. In the first place, a soldier in France needs a mighty little spending money, and because he is much better paid than the soldiers of our allies it is the government's aim not to have him flash too much money around. It has a tendency to make the other soldier feel that he is underpaid, but the main reason for the government making the request is that of the mothers and fathers is the government wishes to encourage thrift and economy among the troops and to prevent them from becoming spendthrifts.

One of the best reasons for not sending money to the soldiers is there are mighty few places in France for the folks at home, there being no candy for sale in the French shops and mighty

few places of amusements, if he sends an S. O. S. back home for money, unless he is expecting his seven-day leave soon, it is a sure sign that he has either been shooting craps or playing blackjack with what is left of his pay. As a rule, if he needs 5 or 10 francs, he can borrow from a bunkie or the chaplain, who usually has a fund just for such purposes.

FIRE OFFICIALS TO MEET

Portland Bureau Will Send Four Men to Oakland Convention.

Portland fire bureau officials will leave tonight for Oakland to attend the annual convention of the Fire Chief Association of the Pacific Coast, which will convene for four days, beginning Tuesday.

The delegation from Portland includes City Commissioner Bigelow, Fire Chief Dowell, Fire Marshal Grenfell and E. R. Campbell, fire marshal for the Emergency Fleet Corporation in Portland. Tom Graham, chief of the Corvallis fire department, will accompany the delegation to Oakland.

Fire prevention methods in connection with shipyards and other war industries will be the most important issue for discussion at the meeting. New methods, successfully operated, will be explained by experts.

GUY BOSCHKE NOW MAJOR

Former Portland Man Promoted in Army Engineering Unit.

Friends of Captain Guy Boschke, formerly of Portland, have received word that he has been promoted to a Major in engineering unit of the National Army. He has been serving in France for more than a year, and recently was returned to Washington on special detail and expects to soon be returned to France.

Overseas he was in charge of important construction work, which the American expeditionary force is operating. Major Boschke is a civil engineer and with his brother, George Boschke, former chief engineer of the G. W. R. & N. Company, has done extensive work in various parts of the country.

STUDENTS TO USE STREETS

Council Grants Concession to Soldiers Under Training Here.

Permission for the use of five streets near the Benson Polytechnic School for training of soldiers attending the United States Army Training School was granted yesterday by the City Council.

The streets which will be used for a portion of the day in the maneuvering of 600 troops are as follows: East G. H. San, East Hoyt and East Irving streets, from East Fifteenth to East Eighteenth streets; East Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, from East Flanders to Oregon streets.

These streets will not be closed to traffic except during the drill period, when guards will be stationed at each end of all streets covered in the permit.

KELLER ASKS FOR INQUIRY

Parole Officer Asks District Attorney for Grand Jury Probe.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—Parole Officer J. F. Keller, upon his return from Portland today, called upon District Attorney Gehlhar of this county for a grand jury investigation of the recent affair at the State Penitentiary involving the intimation that money had been used in procuring paroles for convicts.

District Attorney Gehlhar stated that the grand jury has just adjourned, but he will take the matter up with Attorney General Brown and District Attorney Evans and if any facts develop that warrant it he probably will ask for a special session of the jury.

HEALTH CONDITIONS GOOD

Portland Reaches Lowest Record in Contagious Diseases for Year.

Portland has reached the lowest record in contagious diseases prevalent at the present time, during the past year. At the present time, throughout the entire city there are only two cases of scarlet fever, five cases of diphtheria and four cases of smallpox. Of these 11 cases five are virtually ready for release.

The contagion work is being handled by Assistant City Health Officer Leon Wolf. Various precautionary measures placed into effect by City Health Officer Parrish and carried out by Dr. Wolf are believed to be responsible for the low record of prevalent cases.

Linn Anxious for Loan Drive.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—People have begun already to go to liberty loan headquarters here and apply to make advance subscriptions for liberty bonds of the fourth issue. The subscription books here will open next Monday morning and advance subscriptions may be made until September 28, when the drive begins. There is much interest here already in the forthcoming drive.

Argentina Names New Ministers.

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 13.—Honorio Pueyrredon, Minister of Agriculture, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, has been appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs. Julio Moreno, chief of police of Buenos Aires, was named as Minister of War.

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The Government Wants 5,000,000 Pounds of Wool At Once for the Army and Navy

One year ago I told you there would be a clothing famine soon. It has arrived on time. The woolen mills are selling no materials to manufacturers for the making of civilian clothing.

All the materials that will be made into civilian clothing next season are those now left in the hands of the manufacturers, and they are making allotments of this limited stock to their patrons throughout the country, and at an advance in prices that will astound you.

Suit and overcoat qualities we now sell for \$30.00 will sell next season for \$65 to \$70.

Suit and overcoat qualities we now sell for \$40.00 will sell next season for \$85 to \$90.

We have a big stock of Chesterfield Suits and Overcoats on hand, but the great demand will soon exhaust stocks we now have, so we say buy your clothes now if you need them. And because of our profit-sharing, cash-selling policy you can't afford to buy them elsewhere, because you save half the regulation profit charged by other stores through buying your clothes here.

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GRAY'S VALUES WILL TELL

R. M. GRAY 366 WASHINGTON AT WEST PARK Opposite Telegram

GERMANS IN TERROR

American Offensive Startles Border Towns.

GENERAL MOVING DAY NEAR

Preparations Complete for Actual Evacuation of Territory—Waldow Tells Trades Unions Food Outlook Bad.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—An official dispatch from France today says there are evidences of excitement everywhere across the German border, and quotes the following from the Mulhausen Tagblatt:

"The American offensive in Upper Alsace and the long-range guns supposed to be intended to reduce to ashes the towns of this country, is badly alarming the inhabitants.

"Even people of a high rank tremble at the news like little children listening to ghost stories.

"Of course the evacuation of Mulhouse and the whole of Alsace is again in question, and it is said that all measures for the actual evacuation of the grand duchy from Hadenlo Frisberg have been already taken."

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 14.—Herr von Waldow, president of the German food regulation board, speaking at a reception to the leaders of German trades unions, said he regretted the lateness of the harvest and that there were no sharper means than were at present used to get more foodstuffs.

Meatless Weeks to Continue. The corn crop, Von Waldow said, was only 15 per cent better than that

of last year and the potato crop was probably worse.

Meatless weeks must be continued, the speaker said, in order not to endanger the milk and fat supply. Unfortunately, he was unable to hold out any prospect of an improvement in the food supply, but he was positive that it would not get worse.

Herr Lenten, a member of the Reichstag, who was one of the deputations, replying to Von Waldow, said that, in view of the hopeless information he gave regarding the food supply, the workers could not continue to work the present number of hours.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Warning against a peace that will leave Germany's military machine intact was voiced in the House late today by Representative Fees, of Ohio, Republican, who declared "we must not stop until

Germany takes her heel off the liberties of the world wherever it is."

Peril Seen in Kindness. The kindness of the American heart is to be feared, he said, adding that his words were "without criticism of anyone."

"Four peace proposals have been made by the central powers in the last four weeks," said Mr. Fees. "Germany, I fear, seeing her borders about to be invaded and to save herself from internal revolution, will throw herself upon the mercy of the allies."

"My fear is that we, in our desire for fairness and out of kindness of heart, might be willing to accept a condition that will not reduce this autocracy."

Of the 400,000 men employed in American shipyards nearly 80 per cent knew nothing about shipbuilding a year ago.

COLUMBIA

STARTED YESTERDAY —CAPACITY CROWDS



Dorothy Dalton in Green Eyes

If hubby's eyes are often green (Although their hue Be brown or blue), Come see "Green Eyes" upon the screen.

The husband in this thrilling tale At first is jealous—Ouser thannell If wife sees another male.

He's jealous of his younger brother; And, oh, he's peeved And sorely grieved To find she even loves her mother!

He wants to put a cage about her; To wall her in From Crime and Sin, So he'll be sure he cannot doubt her!

He's sore; he's mad—and, too, he's hurt To Think his wife Won't stick for life; To think that she's a fearful flirt.

But he finds out that she's True Blue; And Jealousy Gets the G. B.— I think that's fair enough. Don't you?

"Smiling" Bill Parsons Bubbling Over With Gurgles, Giggles and Glee

"The Heart of Mexico"

Don't Fail to Read the Opening Chapters of Ralph D. Paine's Sea Serial "THE FIGHTING FLEETS" Appearing in Today's Oregonian



Heating Stoves In Wood, Coal and Combination Patterns

- Wedgewood and Toledo Ranges Wedgewood Combination Ranges Clark-Jewell, Reliable and Wedgewood Gas Ranges Basket Grates for the Fireplace Spark Guards, Fire Sets Andirons and Coal Hods Perfection Oil Heaters

Honeyman Hardware Co. Portland's Largest Hardware Store Fourth at Alder

Advertisement for Friedlander's Fine Diamonds, Modestly Priced. Includes text about diamonds and jewelry repair.