

### OREGON AMBULANCE UNIT IS SHATTERED

But One Car Remains With Original Section.

30,000 MEN ARE CARRIED

Wells Gilbert Gives Interesting Information in Letter to Portland Donors.

More than 30,000 wounded soldiers were carried from the fighting line by ambulances furnished by Portland residents despite the fact that but one of the cars still is with the original section. Interesting facts regarding the fate of the cars sent in the Portland ambulance unit were explained in some detail in a letter received here from Wells Gilbert, with the American Red Cross in Paris, who has charge of raising the funds for the ambulances.

"The section surely had severe and very real use, although the German drive at the end of May practically demolished the section as a whole," he reports. "Probably none of our sections had a greater degree of physical endurance than 621, which had practically no rest.

**Men Removed to Safety.**  
"Because of the changes in placement and military action, it is almost impossible to tell with absolute accuracy the number of men carried by the cars, but we can state positively that, despite the brevity of the unit's period of life, at least 30,000 wounded troops were hauled to safety."

Besides car 926, representing the Arlington Club, the only car still in use with the original unit, seven other cars were turned in to Parc G. and in some cases overhauled and returned to service. It is believed the seven were: 906, in memory of C. H. Lewis; 901, in memory of Henry Failing; 903, 905, 907, 926 and 923, Columbia River steel ship-builders.

**Fate of some of the other cars is given as follows:**

Captured with drivers—902, in memory of W. S. Ladd; 910, Kamm; 907, Shevlin.

Destroyed by shell fire—899, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burns; 906, Ainsworth; 908, Warren.

Abandoned after being badly wrecked—909, Genevieve Thompson; 911, Captain Kenneth Hauser; Gray Robert Porter; 936, in memory of Giles Gilbert; 913 and 922.

Turned in almost a wreck—912, Helen W. and James B. Farrell.

"Car 904 was one of four cars going through a town to a post when they ran into a Hoche patrol with machine guns," he continues.

**Driver Makes Escape.**

"This car was last in line and by running it over a curb the driver allowed room for three leading cars to turn and get away. He then jumped and escaped. Two of the men in other cars were wounded and a Frenchman on the leading car was killed. Driver for 904 was wounded last night in line.

"Car 694, representing the University Club, went out of commission on a one-way road. To make room for a big artillery convoy to pass, it was dumped in the ditch. Next morning it was found that someone in need of parts had taken the whole works, making rescue impossible. Fork parts were scarce at this time and everything loose instantly was put in use.

"With every part new except body, front end and steering gear, car 926, representing the Arlington Club, still is with the section and is doing good work."

### SPRUCE PROBE WELCOMED

BRIGADIER-GENERAL DISQUE CONFIDENT OF FINDINGS.

Investigations Requested by Persons With Grievance or Ignorant of Programme.

News reports from Washington that a "thorough and comprehensive" investigation of the work of the spruce production division is under way as result of a resolution put through the Senate by Senator Poindexter, of Washington state, elicited no surprise or perturbation in Portland. Bruce P. Disque, who has commanded the spruce production division since its inception and has been head of the United States Spruce Production Corporation, said he had no knowledge of the Poindexter resolution. At least four other investigations by War Department agents have been made, he said, and all are welcomed.

"I know nothing of a new investigation," stated General Disque. "I know of four different investigations," he continued, "that have been made. These have generally been the sequel to letters or complaints written by parties of the Northwest who had a grievance or did not comprehend details of our programme."

General Disque emphasized the fact that he courts investigation of the departments he has supervised. "There is nothing secret about what we have done, and I have even urged the War Department to probe us at any time," was the way he expressed it.

### TWO INJURED BY AUTOS

Cars Collide at East Thirty-ninth and Burnside Streets.

Two persons were injured in automobile accidents reported to the police yesterday. Mrs. R. W. Smith, 44, of 8728 Seventy-third street Southeast, was bruised in a collision between an automobile driven by her husband and a car driven by F. W. Cutter, 1225 East Davis street, at East Thirty-ninth and East Burnside streets. She was taken to Emanuel Hospital.

H. P. Boydston, 74, of 202 Union avenue, was knocked down and bruised by an automobile driven by R. A. Camp, 710 Weidner street. Mr. Boydston had just stepped off the sidewalk at Third and Stark streets. He was not injured seriously.

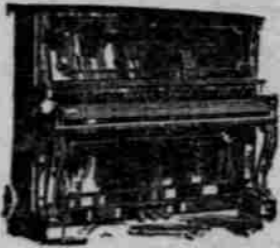
### Theft of Shoes Alleged.

Emil Larson, a gardener, was arrested at Third and Oak streets yesterday by Patrolman Schad and charged with the larceny of two pairs of shoes from the Red Cross store there. Police say he had about \$200 in his pocket when he was arrested. His bail was fixed at \$100 cash, which he put up himself.

### Federal Charge May Be Filed.

Robert H. Lee, said to be a son of A. R. Lee, who formerly was a patrolman in the Police Bureau, was surrendered to the Federal authorities yesterday pending investigation of his

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arrest with Hazel Vinson. The girl also was turned over to the Federal authorities. They were arrested in a downtown hotel. Police say they came here together from the Middle West, and that a charge of white slavery may be filed against young Lee.

### INSURANCE CODE SATISFIES

Removal of State Commission to Portland Is Desired.

Resolutions requesting the removal of the headquarters of the State Insurance Commission from Salem to Portland, following the example of Eastern cities in placing the commission in the metropolis of the state rather than at the capital, were passed yesterday at a meeting of the Life Underwriters' Association of Oregon in the Chamber of Commerce building. Speakers at the meeting were: Alma D. Katz, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company; H. R. Albee, formerly Mayor of the city; S. B. Huston and State Insurance Commissioner Wells.

The meeting was held with the object of influencing members of the State Legislature to make no change in the present insurance code. Several of the legislators were present.

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