

OREGON BOYS LAUDED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

Captain Roy Ritner Returns From Overseas Duties.

HOSPITAL RAIDS ARE TOLD

Signing of Armistice Brings Sigh of Relief Rather Than Noisy Demonstration on Front.

"Instead of greeting the announcement of the signing of the armistice with a hilarious demonstration, officers and men of the Fifth Army Division in the Verdun sector literally heaved a sigh of relief and immediately began to speculate as to the probable length of time that would be required to complete peace terms. The men were exhausted by weeks of hard fighting, the weather was cold and disagreeable with a drizzling rain falling, and they had been encountered in bringing up supplies promptly and the brave fighters were satisfied with the assurance that hostilities had been 'ended.'"

Captain Roy W. Ritner, State Senator-elect, of Pendleton, who has just returned from spending eight months in France, where he went at his own expense as field representative of the Red Cross, attached to the Fifth Army Division, gave this report to a group of friends at the Imperial Hotel yesterday. He supplemented his account of personal experience in the war zone with a high tribute to America's fighting men, whose challenging fearlessness and unsurpassed bravery, he said, marked their conduct either in open battle or in the air.

War Impressions Are Told.

Some vivid impressions of the war were brought home by Captain Ritner, who, on one occasion last July, was caught in a barrage with a detachment from his Army division and for more than an hour was exposed to the shell fire of the enemy before finding refuge in trenches. The Fifth Army Division had an important part in the concluding engagements of the war, the St. Mihiel drive as well as in the Verdun sector later. Its most notable achievement was the capture of Dun on the Meuse River, which had been held by the Germans for four years. The division received seven citations for meritorious work.

But it was in Berlin that the signing of the armistice was appropriately celebrated," said Captain Ritner. "I did not reach the French capital until a week following the signing of the armistice, and the demonstration was still in progress. The French people could not do enough in expression of their gratitude for American, Canadian and Australian soldiers who had reached that city from the trenches.

Allied Hospitals Raided.

"There has been no exaggeration or misrepresentation in published reports of German airplane raids at midnight on Red Cross field hospitals. On several occasions I was at a field hospital when the Germans conducted a bombardment in the middle of the night. In one such raid, at 2 A. M., three American soldiers were killed and seven badly injured.

It was not until shortly before he sailed for home that Captain Ritner met up with any of the organizations which Oregon boys are attached to. The Fifth Army Division was composed entirely of regular Army troops—late in the Fall in the Verdun sector. Captain Ritner met enlisted men from his home state. They were attached to the 31st Division and the 14th Artillery.

La Grande Unit Laundered.

The La Grande hospital unit, reports Captain Ritner, was included in the 42nd Rainbow Division which was designated as one of the divisions of the American Army of Occupation on the Rhine. To be assigned to this service, he says, was regarded a high and distinct honor.

In his absence from the state Captain Ritner was nominated and elected State Senator without opposition from Yamhill County. He had represented that county in the House at the 1915 and 1917 sessions. It is believed Captain Ritner has the distinction of being the first member of an Oregon Legislature to be nominated by his political party and elected without opposition either in the primary or the general election.

Before returning to his home at Pendleton Tuesday night, Captain Ritner expects to visit Salem, when he will select his desk in the Senate Chamber for the legislative session which will be convened Monday, January 13.

Famous Ace Returns Home.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Major C. J. Biddle, of this city, one of the famous American aces in service in France, arrived here tonight. He was accompanied from France by Lieutenant Colonel William Thaw, Pittsburg; Captain Edgar E. Tobin, San Antonio, Tex., and Captain Ray C. Brigman, Lake Forest, Ill.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Two marriage licenses issued by the County Clerk Saturday, one to Ella Chinn, 47, of Oregon City, and William Gilbert, 40, of Tacoma, Wash. John Watkins, 28, and Hattie Hollingsworth, 41, both of this county, were also granted a marriage license Saturday.

More than 75 per cent of the trade of Egypt is with the British possessions.

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DEALERS FACE HEAVY LOSS

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Merchants and Jobbers Appeal to Government in Effort to Escape Freight Charge.

Substitutes, on which housewives have learned much within the period of food control, are now the subject of financial concern to Pacific Northwest dealers, due to the sudden restoration of unrestricted use of white flour. Millers, jobbers and wholesale dealers in flour, having stocked up for the estimated trade of the winter season, find themselves with great quantities of rye, barley, corn and rice flour for which the demand has slumped.

D. A. Pattulo, of Balfour, Guthrie & Co., estimated yesterday that there are probably from 80,000 to 100,000 barrels of the substitutes in the Pacific Northwest, on which the holders stand to pocket a loss averaging more than \$1.20 a barrel. When permission for the use of wheat flour without employment of substitutes was restored by order of the Food Administration, it was recognized that there would be large stocks of substitutes on hand. Accordingly the government agreed to take back the surplus at the same price the dealers had paid.

Appeals have been made to the Food Administration for a revision of the order to include freight, that the holders may not be penalized for having patriotically complied with the request to carry the stock.

There is still a Government embargo on exporting the substitutes, which precludes finding an outside market, say the dealers, and local demand has practically ceased for everything except the corn substitutes.

CZECHO-SLOVAKS UNITED

NO CONTROVERSY ON TERRITORY TO BE RECOGNIZED.

German Bohemians Assured No Restrictions to Be Placed on Their National Development.

PRAGUE, Bohemia, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Czechoslovak Republic recognizes no part of the territory within Bohemia as open to any controversy to be settled by the peace conference, as suggested by the German Bohemians, it was declared today by Premier Kramariz to a delegation from German Bohemia.

The entente, Premier Kramariz set forth, had signed an agreement by which the entire country was declared to belong to the Czechoslovak state. He assured the Germans that their cultural and national development would be assured and added that he desired the return of the troops of occupation as soon as possible.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—President T. G. Masaryk, of the Czechoslovak government, has informed the Zionist Organization of America, in response to a cable message, that the deportation of Jewish refugees from Bohemia has been stopped. The president said that not only had the deportation orders been canceled, but the refugees had been assigned to domiciles in such a manner as to avoid the overcrowding of Prague and other towns.

BIG HORSE SHOW PLANNED

COMING EVENT WILL ECLIPSE ALL PREVIOUS EFFORTS.

Natt McDougall, Director of New Organization, to Visit Eastern Livestock Centers.

Hunt clubs of cities east of the Rocky Mountains will be fully advised of the plans for the display of thoroughbred horses at the next annual meet of the Pacific International Livestock Show.

Early in the New Year Natt McDougall, one of the directors of the new organization, will visit Denver, probably at the time of the annual horse show there. He will also have an oppor-

HOLLY TREES PROFITABLE

GREAT DEMAND AT CHRISTMAS FOR CLIPPINGS.

Shrubs Planted to Beautify Country Home Now Yield Large Annual Revenue.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The holly trees at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Brownell at Risley station at the present time are a sight to behold. These bushes, many of which stand over 20 feet in height, are covered with the bright-colored berries and the foliage is of a handsome shade of green, much different to much of the holly bushes in this city.

When Mr. Brownell planted these bushes several years ago he did not plant them for the market, for he believed that by planting the trees they would fill a large vacant spot and otherwise beautify the home, which is one of the handsomest in the county. Since the trees have taken a growth they have been covered with scarlet berries each year. Not only do they add to the beauty of the place, but have become profitable. This year Mr. Brownell has found a big demand for the holly in the San Francisco markets, and sold considerable last year.

Early in the week he shipped to San Francisco buyers 126 pounds, and Friday and Saturday of this week shipped 300 more pounds, and still the bushes do not show where the twigs have been removed. Mr. Brownell says he believes there are still 5000 more

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To the Knights and Ladies of Security, to the Foresters, Court Mount Hood, No. 1; to local union of engineers, No. 701, neighbors and friends I wish to express my thanks for your kindness during the late illness and death of my beloved wife, Anna Brocker; also for the beautiful floral tributes.

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Cool Logging Camps to Close. MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—All logging camps in Coos

County, numbering about 20, will close Saturday night and not resume until after New Year's, save the six at Powers, which will shut down the 24th and reopen on the 26th. The loggers are all members of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen and have re-

mained faithfully at their work since the United States entered the war.

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