

**CONDITIONS IN BREST
TERMED UNBEARABLE**

Mud and Poor Food Kill Many,
Say Overseas Men.

MUCH SUFFERING ENDURED

Men Forced to Wade Through and
to Sleep in Terrible, Filthy Mud,
Is Veterans' Testimony.

Further descriptions of the unbearable conditions at Brest, were uttered yesterday by overseas veterans, who for years have retained vivid mental pictures of the sufferings they endured at the French debarkation port.

Mud in the streets of Brest is a foot deep and it is everywhere, according to Paul E. Lancaster of the 68th coast artillery corps, who has just returned from France. Mr. Lancaster, formerly of Hood River, now lives at Camas, Wash.

"There were a few solid spots in the streets, but they were not visible to the naked eye," said Mr. Lancaster. "It was more than ankle deep—extending at least half way to our knees. Our feet were never dry during the 14 days we were detained there.

"Our tents were commodious enough, but I can't remember the details of the accommodations. Six of us were given one tick of hay. It was mouldy and insufficient for our needs. If we stepped off the beds it was into the mud and a foot deep at that.

Mud Causes Sickness.

"We had rather poor stuff to eat, but it was the mud and general conditions that made so much sickness among the men. The quarters were not fit for human beings. It rained while I was in Brest and the mud in the streets was a foot deep on which we march in to mess."

Everything that the newspapers generally have said about Brest is absolutely true, but they haven't told it all, by any means, according to O. B. Scharrer of Portland, who was a member of the 44th field artillery and who was stationed at Brest for 17 days.

"We arrived there on December 16 and remained until January 2," he said. "The conditions were simply awful. The mud and the food and the rain and the poor accommodations made the final overseas days of our army life a living nightmare. Many of the fellows were taken sick and we had to follow die on the transport coming home because of his ill treatment at Brest."

Charles E. May of Astoria, who went to France with the tenth engineers, was even more bitter in his denunciation of army conditions at Brest.

"When our command arrived at Brest from the southern part of France we were all in splendid health and perfect physical condition," he said. "But the ten days we remained there, sleeping in mud, with damp clothes and poor food, caused many of our men to become sick and we left some of them sleeping forever under Brest mud."

Men Made Invalids.
"So far as food is concerned some of the messes were all right, but there was one in particular that was worse than a plague. The sanitary conditions were simply awful.

"During the ten days we were at Brest I have seen members of our regiment work for hours endeavoring to shape the mud into the general order that they might find place to lay their blankets. Many of the tents had no floors, and healthy men were soon made invalids because of the extreme exposure they were compelled to suffer."

"Other overseas veterans substantiated the statements made by these men, while some of them volunteered the information that the true story of Brest never remains because it would be impossible to picture conditions as they really were.

STREET OF MUD IN UNITED STATES ARMY CAMP AT BREST.



This photograph, brought to Portland by Private Paul E. Lancaster, shows what the American soldiers were compelled to endure.

ROAD WORKERS NEED FARE

SOLDIERS UNABLE TO GO TO CAMP AT CASTLE.

State Highway Body Wants Relief
Commission to Advance the
Transportation Charges.

For two weeks the state highway commission has maintained a camp at Castle for returned soldiers, and not one soldier has applied for work. The camp was hastily prepared by the state highway commission at the instigation of the soldiers' and sailors' relief commission when the relief commission was demanding that work be provided for soldiers. Some of the food on hand has spoiled.

Soldiers want to go to this road job, but haven't the money to pay the transportation. The state highway commission cannot advance money for fares, and wonders why the relief commission, with its \$100,000 for the immediate relief of soldiers and sailors, does not advance transportation to the soldiers.

Dan Kellaher explained that a number of soldiers who want to go to work on the road are without funds to pay their fare. The highway commissioners, Mrs. W. L. Thompson and R. A. Booth, explained that the commission rushed to build a camp for soldiers because the relief commission wanted it, and for a fortnight the camp at Castle had a welcome sign on it for the soldiers who haven't arrived.

MAN MISSING EIGHT DAYS
Swiss Inventor Thought to Have
Overworked His Brain.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 8.—(Special)—Emil C. Hollenstein, a Swiss, is being sought by friends who declare he has been missing from his boarding-house at Dunker Hill for eight days. The Marshfield police and Deputy Sheriff Goodman were called in to assist in locating the man today.

Hollenstein was interested in the invention of a steam engine, and being employed at the Smith mill in daytime, spent long hours in the night in working on his invention. Overwork is believed to have affected his mind and friends think he has wandered away in a confused state of mind.

TOIL PREFERRED TO JAIL

Gus Hutchinson Will Not Annoy
Mrs. Miller Any More.

Love may laugh at ordinary locksmiths, but the lock on the city jail is too much for him, according to Gus Hutchinson, 36, who agreed yesterday that he would abandon his suit for the hand of Mrs. Belle Miller, and go to work at North Powder, Or., in preference to spending four months in prison.

MURDER BLAME IS PLACED

Sam Rolli and Walter B. Scott Indicted by Grand Jury.

Sabin Radich, better known as Sam Rolli, was indicted by the Multnomah county grand jury yesterday on a charge of murdering Mrs. Betty Taug on February 14.

GLUBS WELL REPRESENTED

PORTLAND WOMEN'S FEDERATION HAS MEETING.

Appointment of Women to Serve on
Board of Management of De-
tention Home Is Urged.

The Portland Federation of Women's Clubs held a session of unusual interest and scope yesterday at the Hotel Portland with nearly 50 organizations represented. Mrs. G. J. Frankel presided. Dr. Harry Beals Torrey presented the outline of his series of six lectures on "Growth and Development" to be given at the University club.

Miss L. K. Trumbull reported the fate of bills presented at the recent legislature having to do with women and children. The question of having women on the board of management of the Cedars, the detention home for women, was discussed and the president was asked to appoint a committee to urge action in this matter. The committee named included Mrs. S. M. Blaumauer, Mrs. J. E. Chapman and Mrs. A. F. Fiegel.

The need of plain and modest dressing among high school girls was considered and the president was authorized to appoint a committee to work out this problem.

Lectures on psychology to be given by faculty men of the University of Oregon for the benefit of the woman's building fund was announced by Mrs. George Genger. Miss Vella Winner called attention to the lecture to be given by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, on Monday, March 18, at the municipal auditorium.

The business session was followed by an address by James F. Ewing on the proposed league of nations.

COMMISSIONS TO BE GIVEN

Instructors in Military Science in
Schools to Be Officers.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 8.—(Special)—Commissions in the Oregon militia will be granted to instructors in military science in the high schools of the state which give the course in military training. Colonel John Leader, in charge of the work, announced today, on receipt of authority from the office of the adjutant-general of the state.

Instructors in the 20 high schools in the state now following out the military-physical training programme will be advised by Colonel Leader to apply to their local school boards for approval for applying for the commissions, and submit the applications to Superintendent Churchill, when favorably recommended. The applications will then be sent to the adjutant-general, from whose offices the commissions will be issued after being countersigned by the governor.

Marshfield Man Is Cited.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 8.—(Special)—Halbert Carlisle of Marshfield was cited by the commander of the 363d Infantry for bravery in action.

**In the Name of Humanity
Heed This Cry for Help**

Portland faces sure failure in the present Armenian-Syrian Relief Drive unless hundreds of new volunteers respond immediately to this urgent call for help.

Thousands of patriotic citizens who will gladly give to the cause cannot be reached because there are too few workers in the field.

Portland Must Not Fail!

She has never yielded place to any community in deeds of mercy and benevolence—She cannot do it now. Yet she has barely reached one-half her required quota of \$73,200 after one full week of arduous effort. The drive must therefore be carried on through the coming week.

Will you, fathers and mothers and patriots all, give three days, two days, even one day of your time to aid the little band of heroic volunteers who are striving valiantly for Portland's honor and glory?

Let every man and woman whose heart is moved by the world tragedy of the millions of starving women and children in the Near East come to the front at once.

Report at the Unitarian Church, Broadway and Yamhill, at 9 o'clock, tomorrow (Monday) morning and give of YOUR TIME AND SERVICE as well as of your money.

PORTLAND MUST NOT FALL DOWN—SHE WILL NOT FALL DOWN IF WE ALL DO OUR DUTY

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN THE NEAR EAST

J. J. Handsaker, State Director for Oregon;
Ben Selling, Treasurer;
John T. Dougall, City Campaign Manager.

Headquarters, Unitarian Church, Broadway and Yamhill
Phone Main 2304



"I am Varian, one of the 400,000 orphans."
"You won't let me starve, will you?"
"\$8.00 a month will save my life."

Carlie was wounded while engaged as a runner, but continued on duty without reporting his wound. Private Carlie, Captain Evernden said, "was wounded in the leg while on duty as a platoon runner, and would not leave his work until ordered to do so, after his condition was noticed." Carlie spent several years in Marshfield as a chauffeur and attended school one year. He enlisted while in California.

Cannery Official to Speak.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., March 8.—(Special)—"The Advantages of Increasing the Berry Acreage" is the subject of an address to be given at the commercial club Monday night by J. O. Holt of Eugene, manager of the Eugene cannery. Farmers and berry raisers are especially invited to be present.

Dairy Husbandry Course Assured.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., March 8.—(Special)—A two days' course in dairy

husbandry will be held here March 21 and 22 under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural college. Arrangements for the meet are being made by N. S. Robb, county agent, with the co-operation of a local committee composed of C. E. Umphrey, C. A. Bartel, R. S. Frank, Alfred Jury and K. K. Mills. The programme has not yet been announced, but the lectures will be given by experts from the college.

VOTERS FAIL TO RESPOND

School Election Called at Toledo Recently Not Held.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 8.—(Special)—The school election called recently in Toledo was not held, owing to the fact that not enough voters went to the polls even to form an election board. The former directors will hold over.

Portland Man Arraigned.

ASTORIA, Or., March 8.—(Special)—

Mrs. E. P. Layton and Mrs. E. S. Layton were elected to the board for three and two years respectively, while Henry Lahti of Onesto was elected to the board of district No. 203.

Eight Orphans to Be Supported.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 8.—(Special)—Eight French war orphans will be supported by students of the university high school on the campus during the coming year. Most of the students will themselves earn their share of the \$35.50 required for the support of each orphan for the year. The money will be forwarded to the relief committee for devastated France, whose representative, Miss Brenda Franklin, recently spent several days on the campus.

C. S. Yates of Portland was arraigned in the circuit court this afternoon on a charge of uttering a false check. He pleaded not guilty and his trial was set for March 29.

Thought She Would Die from Eczema

"I went to Johns Hopkins Hospital. I went to several doctors. I tried other remedies. I thought I would die. D.D.D. cured me after I had given up all hope to ever get well again on earth.—Mrs. Emma Wier, 348 Franklin St., Baltimore.

We sometimes have seen D. D. D. heal so many cases of severe skin trouble that we know it will help you too. In fact we guarantee the first bottle. \$4.00 second \$1.00.

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LOAN PLANS TAKING SHAPE

OREGON'S QUOTA ESTIMATED AT ABOVE \$30,000,000.

Advance Information Indicates Campaign Will Start April 21.
Leaders Are Announced.

Going upon the basis that the Victory Liberty loan will begin April 21, extending for three weeks, and that the total of the loan will be \$7,000,000,000, Portland Liberty loan leaders conjectured yesterday that Oregon's quota would be between \$30,000,000 and \$35,000,000.

In view of the fact that no definite announcement had been received by the Portland committee of the organization of the loan, local leaders did not care to announce their plans.

Because of the illness of Guy W. Talbot, no announcement has yet been made regarding the choice of Portland city manager, although it is hoped that Robert E. Smith will be state manager. Mr. Talbot will be well enough to conduct the campaign, as he did the fourth.

Edward Cookingham will be chairman of the state executive committee, and Emory Omstead city chairman. Marshall N. Dana, director of publicity, announced that W. P. Strandborg would take charge of city publicity. Sydney B. Vincent of state publicity and W. S. Kirkpatrick would be advertising manager for Oregon.

The advisory committee for advertising will consist of D. C. Freeman, Thomas Emory, George Hall, Frederick T. Hyskell and Earl Wellington. J. C. Ainsworth will be chairman of the general publicity committee.

Mr. Dana will leave Tuesday for San Francisco to take up problems of publicity organization as he will look after promotion work generally.

COOS TO GET ROAD FUNDS

\$500,000 Reverts to County From Forfeited Land Grant.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 8.—(Special)—Coos county soon will come into possession of the apportioned fund from the forfeited Coos Bay wagon road land grant, which has been taken over by the Southern Oregon company to the government because of failure of the Coos Bay wagon road company to sell lands at \$2.50 an acre, according to the provisions of the contract. The payment of \$500,000 will put the county on a cash basis.

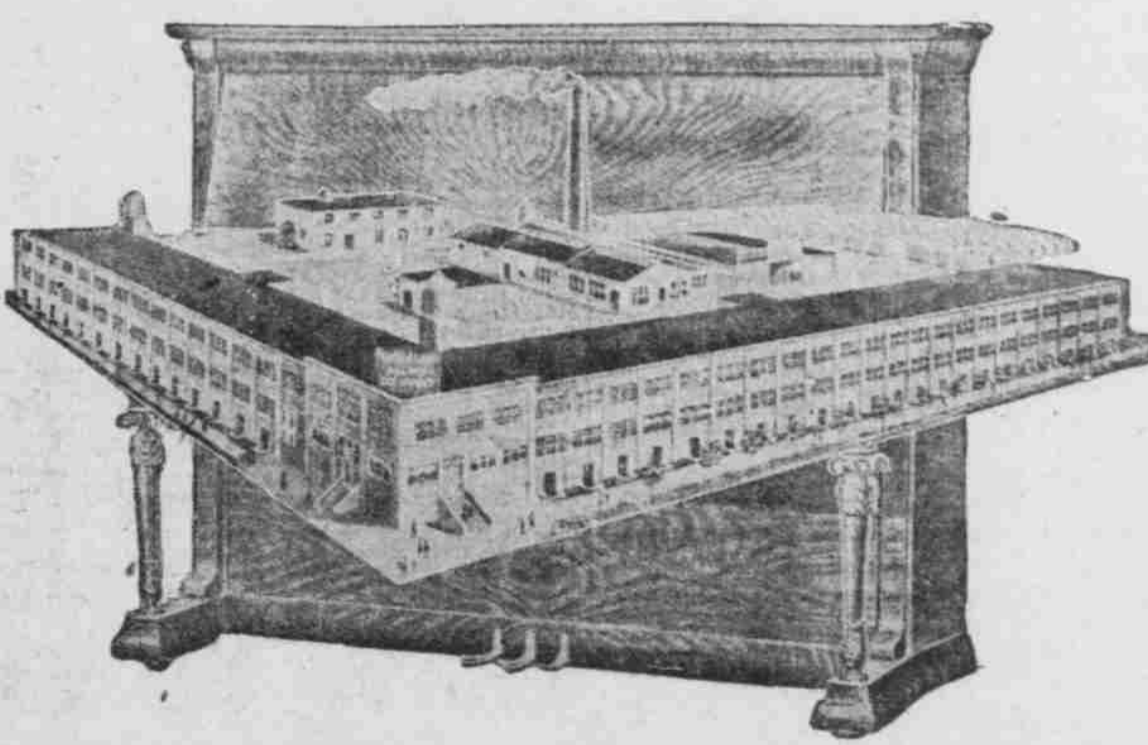
Oswald West, who protected the county's interests, will receive \$500 as an initial payment for his services and probably a further sum later on. Locally, the money is to be apportioned among the various port districts, road and school districts. The largest single payment is for road district No. 12, amounting to \$24,147.37; second largest, \$10,210.28; school district No. 55, and third largest, to the Port of Bandon, \$10,060.22.

Lemons for Complexion

Juice of two lemons made into creamy lotion can be used to bleach, whiten and soften the skin.
Make a quarter pint cheaply!

The beauty lotion which is becoming so popular throughout the country is easily prepared by anyone, and a whole quarter pint of it doesn't cost any more than a small jar of the common, ordinary cold cream.

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