

PORTLAND MAN HERO IN OVERSEA BATTLES

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BRAVERY IS RECOGNIZED

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BY WILL G. MACRAE.

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DEBATE ADDS ZEST TO CIVIC LEAGUE SESSION

Proposed League of Nations Cause of Hot Argument.

ALL PRESENT ENJOY CLASH

R. W. Montague Contends Covenant of Peace Is O. K. and Robert Treat Platt Is Opponent.

Just as quiet and peaceful and just as free from any disturbing influences as the peace conference was the session of the Civic League yesterday at the Benson hotel when the league of nations came up for consideration.

Five minutes after the session opened the dove of peace took a prolonged vacation, and when the meeting adjourned it had failed to find its way back.

R. W. Montague was the official proponent of the league. Robert Treat Platt it was, who proceeded to use his best efforts to consider the league as a bird of ill omen.

The Civic League thoroughly enjoyed the whole affair, which was one of the warmest sessions they had ever experienced. But, in fact, the Civic League should not be so wildly to the rescue of the league of nations or endeavor to destroy it by its destruction, no vote of approval or condemnation was registered.

Argument Is Preempted.

The covenant has been carefully drawn. It is impossible for anyone to play a lone hand in the game of the world," said Mr. Montague.

And it was but a few moments later that Mr. Platt declared that the league of nations was a "stupidly drawn, incoherent and unconstitutional."

"The league of nations would forever prevent war," asserted Mr. Montague. "The league of nations would forever prevent war," asserted Mr. Platt.

"The covenant is practical and concrete," quoth Mr. Montague.

"It is impractical, abstract and unrealistic," said Mr. Platt's view.

"Taft and Wilson are both for it," announced the league's supporter.

Taft and Wilson have both been repudiated by popular vote. Mr. Platt defeated for re-election and Wilson by the election of a republican senate," replied Mr. Platt, the league's opponent.

Mr. Platt took a fine afternoon newspaper, for its appeal regarding the league.

Mr. Montague leaped to the defense of the newspaper.

Mr. Platt scored the Forum, the organ of the league, for asserting that "it was a 'stupidly drawn, incoherent and unconstitutional' speaker who would rise and openly oppose the league."

Senator Opponents Decided.

Mr. Montague analyzed the league of nations covenant and decided the senators who opposed it.

Mr. Platt quoted Theodore Roosevelt as "a stupidly drawn, incoherent and unconstitutional" speaker.

"The gods smile and the angels weep" to have a Robert Treat Platt supporting Roosevelt," Mr. Montague quoted.

Mr. Platt is known as a sterling republican.

J. P. Newell, president of the Civic League, presided and announced support to keep the peace of the gathering. All in all, a pleasant time was had by all.

Charles Upson Clark, director of classical studies at American academy at Rome, denounced as German propaganda any statement that there was a "stupidly drawn, incoherent and unconstitutional" speaker.

He pointed out that Italy had won a decisive battle of the war and the most decisive battle of the war was the German defeat at Tannenberg, which was succeeded by the Hun surrender.

Dr. A. M. Willard of the First Congregational church, spoke in support of the league, asserting: "Beware of the dogma that history must repeat itself. In all cases, history must repeat itself, and for that reason the league fails, and has itself failed."

This year there have been 16,801 payments already made. For the same period of 1918 there were only 11,511 made, or 4,290 less.

The chief deputy in the tax office, E. S. Hucksaby, can find no explanation for the great increase except one of prosperity and more money in circulation. More than ever before, he asserts, are payments being made in full, though it is not necessary to pay more than the first installment, or one-half of a tax up to April 5, without interest.

An increase of about 4 per cent in the tax levy explains away only a small part of the rush to pay up. The increase in the levy amounts to about \$120 on every thousand dollar valuation.

The final date for the payment of the last installment on taxes this year will be October 4, as the legal date, October 5, falls on a Sunday.

ROAD CONTRACT AWARDED.

CHILEAN ENVOY COMING TO U. S.

following teams to represent them in Tuesday's final Sperry Flour contest. Oregon club, affirmative, Marie Ridings and Grace Knopp, both of Eugene; negative, Helen Flint of Junction City and Jessie Todd of Eugene. Pi Beta Phi affirmative, Laura Rand of Portland and Pearl Crane of Bandon; negative, Alice Thurston of Roseburg and Clara Callins of Klamath Falls. Hendricks hall, affirmative, Wanda Daggett and Elaine Souper, both of Portland; negative, Ethel Wakenfield of Long Beach, Calif. and Alys Sutton of Portland.

The four houses in the men's league still in the contest announce the following representatives, the sides yet undetermined:

Beta Theta Pi, Eugene Kelly, Forest Watson, Richard Martin all of Portland, Curtis Peterson of Eugene; Oregon club, Len Fishbach of Monmouth, Dewey Probst and Day Bayly both of Eugene and Arthur Hicks of Canyon City; Phi Delta Theta, Edwin Durno of Silverton; Gamma Black and Ben Ives both of Portland and Roscoe Roberts of The Dalles; Sigma Nu, Stephen Mathies and Sprague Carter both of Portland, Willard Hollenbeck of Battle Ground, Mich., and Barton Sherck of Kennewick, Wash.

DISABLED TRANSPORT SAFE

Buford, Carrying 1000 Soldiers, Passes Virginia Capes.

NORFOLK, Va., March 8.—The transport Buford, carrying more than 1000 officers and men, reported harmless off the Virginia coast, passed in the Virginia capes late tonight. Reports to the naval base wireless stations, said the transport was proceeding under convoy to Newport News.

The Buford was being steered by

EXALTED RULER OF ELKS FACES BIG TASK.

Julius L. Berg.

Taking over the administration of the affairs of Portland lodge No. 142, R. P. O. E. Elks, Julius Berg, exalted ruler-elect, has a big task before him. Portland lodge of Elks is entering a new era in its career—an era of reconstruction brought about through a tremendous growth of membership and renewed interest in the welfare of the order. Sentiment in favor of a new building has reached the point where it is probable that the plans for a new structure, modern in every detail, will be worked out during the coming year.

The officers who were elected Thursday night will be installed on April 3, Charles Ringier, exalted ruler, will preside at the time, after a successful administration.

hand when the distress calls were sent out, wireless messages stated.

The troops aboard the transport are from the east and middle-west.

POLES WELCOME AMERICANS.

PARIS, March 8.—(Havas.)—The American Red Cross mission to Poland arrived in Warsaw on Thursday and was warmly received by the national government.

The city was decorated with American flags. Preliminary to the mission to the members of the mission and expressed the gratitude of Poland to America.

MILL READY FOR OPERATION.

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AUTO SERVICE IS PLANNED.

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Czechs Discover Plot.

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