

"POWDER RIVER" IS SLOGAN AT REUNION

Veterans of 91st Division Gather at Seattle.

BATTLE DAYS RECALLED

King of Belgium Sends Greetings as Do Harding and Others. Parents Ask How Sons Died.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—It is "Powder River, Let 'em Buck," in Seattle tonight for 1500 veterans of the 91st division have assembled in the reunion of the Washington association and the town belongs to them.

Jules E. Markow, president of the Washington association, who is responsible for the success of the reunion, tonight received telegrams of greeting from President Harding, Secretary of War Weeks, Postmaster-General Hays, Secretary of State Hughes, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and others.

Belgian King Has Substitute. In answer to an invitation extended to King Albert of Belgium, the ruler who once inspected the 91st division troops at Andernarde, wired Samuel Hill, well known in Portland as a road builder, to represent him at the reunion.

Tonight Mr. Hill read a letter written by the Belgian ruler in which the appreciation for the work the Powder River organization did in Flanders field during the last days of the war was expressed.

The reunion is not all joy, for into the Butler hotel lobby all day had been flocking fathers or mothers who wear the gold star.

"Did you know my son and were you near him when he was killed?" and "Did he suffer long before death?" were common questions.

The reunion has brought a large number of men from various sections of the country and as a result many questions that were unexplained heretofore were answered for parents who lost their sons.

One old father who had lost his son in H company, 261st Infantry, met Judge Kansler of Portland, who commanded the unit, and learned for the first time just how his boy had met his death.

Buddies Join Hands. Buddies who have not been united since the days when the civilian garb took the place of khaki joined hands and recounted their experiences over and over again today.

As it was in the days of France the common salutation is "What outfit, Buddy?" This afternoon delegates to the reunion attended the Los Angeles-Seattle baseball game in a body.

At 6 o'clock the banquet opened with Lieutenant-Governor Coyle, who was a captain in the 316th military police, as toastmaster.

It was impossible for all of the delegates to find seats at the banquet and hundreds were unable to participate. Among the speakers were Judge Kansler of Portland, who represented the 91st division association of Oregon, and Colonel Whitworth, organizer of the 91st division.

Colonel Whitworth commanded the 262d infantry of the 91st division until he was made a brigadier-general of the national army and was sent to the 26th division in France. It was as a home coming for him to return once more to meet the veterans of the organization which he had commanded and trained.

Reunion Also in Los Angeles. While the Washington association of the division is holding its reunion there is a reunion in progress in Los Angeles. Opinions of both Washington men and the delegates from Oregon who are here is that each year there should be an official reunion of the division in some city of the eight states from whence the organization sprang.

Telegrams were sent by President Markow of the local association of the first and Judge Kansler, representing Oregon, to the Los Angeles reunion, in which it was declared that next year all states should unite in a grand reunion.

Julius L. Meier, president of the 1925 exposition, wired Lieutenant-Governor Coyle, inviting the 91st division to Portland in 1925 for a reunion. This telegram was read before members of the organization when they assembled at the banquet.

In his address last night Judge Kansler also invited the 91st division to Portland in 1925 and promised the support of every citizen of the Rose City in making the affair a success.

1917 Rodeo Recalled. He called attention to the rodeo held at Camp Lewis in 1917 and promised that an effort would be made to bring the riders and ropers who made that affair a success to Portland as a feature of the celebration.

The response of the members of the division gathered here was that they would not only work to hold the reunion in Portland in 1925, but would boost to make the exposition a success.

Portland men who are attending the reunion are Judge Kansler, Arthur A. Murphy, Colonel Whitworth, James Vranzian, Alameda Coopley, William Burgard, G. W. Yates, Kenneth Cooper, C. F. Berning, Francis McCreery and Harry B. Critchlow.

WILD WEST VETERANS PROLIFIC Los Angeles Entertains 91st Men at Annual Reunion.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 24.—Entanglements and barracks of banquets, bathing girl troupes, movie vampires, comedians, etcetera, were charged and won today, and won by the veterans of the Argonne and Meuse, in the opening of the two days' pleasure encampment and reunion by the boys of the 91st division, American army of the world war.

It was a fitting commemoration for the day three years ago when these bands with hosts of companions who gave their all for victory, started in the memorable drive of the Wild West division which hurled back the enemy, for the veterans mobilized in this sector opened a drive that cut a mighty swath into a solid programme of 48 hours of pleasure.

The second day, tomorrow, will be featured by a victory parade to Exposition park, where they will be greeted with a salute of two minutes' machine gun fire. In addition to formal exercises officers of the divisional association will be elected.

\$12,000 Church Nearly Done. MULTNOMAH, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The new \$12,000 United Presbyterian church is nearly completed.

Last Sunday the first services were held in what will be the Sunday school rooms. Multnomah owes this attractive building to the zeal of its minister, David Stei, Sharpe.

(Special.)—Fritz Mehl was elected to the Toledo council at this week's meeting of the council. He succeeds H. E. Bran, resigned. H. J. Manry and F. E. Venosa were elected to the Winlock council this week to fill vacancies caused by recent resignations.

Several new members are on the teaching staff this year. The entire corps includes H. B. Ferrin, superintendent; Glenn Osborn, science and manual training; Elsie M. Van Vleet, French and English; Elizabeth Hervey, English, Latin and music; Dessie Yergler, history and economics. J. H. Moore, principal of grade school; Mabel M. Moore, seventh grade; Elsie today in order that full class work may be conducted Monday.

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