

SOLDIER WIPES OUT WAR DEBT IN PRISON

Rare Story of Comrade's Loyalty Disclosed.

SOMME BATTLE RECALLED

American Near Death Saved by Canadian Later Even Score by Going to Fort Leavenworth.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—A story illustrative of the close bonds forged when men are in battle has come to light here with the announcement that Captain Harry W. Haley, Fort Garry Horse (Key-stone Lancers), Canadian expeditionary force, has just been discharged from the United States military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., after serving a six-months' sentence at hard labor for desertion. Captain Haley did not serve for any offense he committed but to wipe out a blood debt to the man who saved his life in the Somme in 1916. Thomas G. Jones, both were members of the first Canadian contingent.

The story, which presents many intense situations wherein men dared death and prison for each other, rivals the tale of Damon and Pythias. It had its start with the enlistment of the two men in the Canadian overseas force and their friendship, which developed in training camp and later on the battlefield. The outstanding incident came when the Canadians were on the Somme, when they rolled the Germans back from their first lines with the initial assistance of the tanks. The Germans counter-attacked and Haley and Jones, in the defensive forces, were ordered to hold on at all costs. Their machine gun platoon was directly in the path of the offensive movement and Haley, the American, and Jones, the Canadian, were in the thick of it.

Death Risked for Friend.

Jones, working his gun, was hit in the arm and, no longer of any use, started to worm his way to the rear. He had gone but a few yards when he came upon Haley, grievously wounded and bleeding to death. To leave him there would be but a case of sounding "last post," and Jones did not hesitate. It would have been easy to have made his own way out, and he risked almost certain death to stand erect in that hall of shrapnel and bullets in his weakened condition, but he defied all, lifted Haley to his shoulder and, staggering under the weight, managed to reach the Canadian lines.

"I owe my life to you," was Haley's first greeting as the two men lay on adjoining cots at the field hospital, and now Haley has proved that he never forgot for he has tried his best to even the debt.

Both Haley and Jones recovered and when again ready for duty Jones returned to his machine gun unit, but Haley went into "Fort Garry Horse" and they parted. Later they both men were again wounded, but both again returned for more. Haley after the battle was charged as a captain, which commission he won in the field, but Jones remained a private. After their discharge they were dined and feasted and forgotten.

Drill Becomes Monotonous.

Jones, with a wife and two children to support, did his best, but a man weakened by the field hospital, lungs, has not much chance when able-bodied men are begging for jobs. He made his way over the border and one day paraded with the regiment on parade. The martial music got into his blood and he enlisted, but he refused the interference between a wartime and a peacetime army. Now there was no real duty, just drill, drill, drill, but he stuck it out for while and regularly sent his pay home.

Finally he could stand it no longer and, sending his wife and children to Canada to visit, deserted and crossed the line. He tried again and again for a job so that he could send some money to his family, but his physical condition again proved to be heavy a handicap and he developed neurasthenia, became worried and was desperate when he came back to face with Captain Haley on the streets of Winnipeg one day just after Jones had come out of the hospital where he had received treatment for his torn lungs.

"Haley, you're my best friend and no man needed a friend more," was Jones' greeting as he, in terror of being returned as a deserter to the United States, made a clean breast of his troubles to the man he had saved from almost certain death four years before. Haley had not forgotten and he reassured Jones, told him to go to his family, care for them, and that he, Haley, would go to the United States and clear the matter up. In the light of their battle experiences Haley felt that it was all that he could do, so he crossed the border, went to St. Paul, approached a policeman and gave himself up as Jones, a deserter from the United States army.

Haley Tried as Jones.

Haley, masquerading as Jones, stood trial, was sentenced to six months' hard labor, and had nearly completed his term when the identity experts discovered, through the finger-print records, that there was some mistake. Haley refused to confess, insisted on serving his full time, and protected Jones to the last, finally walking from the prison a free man, after he had taken Jones' punishment and partially paid off his old score.

Then Haley faced the problem of taking up the broken threads of his own life, his health undermined by confinement and recurrence of his wound and gas troubles. "Busted," he went forth, but patriotic societies had been informed of the strange case by that time and the Ohio society of the Philadelphia Y. M. C. A. sent him an overcoat. This warm garment did less for his comfort than the knowledge that he had wiped the slate clean for his comrade, but Haley was face to face with actualities now and had to fend for himself.

Then Colonel R. P. Dickerson, of Springfield, Mo., organizer and commander-in-chief of the Loyalty league, went after Haley. The doughty ex-captain of one of Canada's proudest regiments of lancers was located and now he is in Missouri. "We want him," said Dickerson, "the above-mentioned state wants to show him that we have a place for men of his character."

FARM BUREAU ELECTS

Montesano Meeting Indorses Resolutions of Grange.

MONTESANO, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Officers for the farm bureau for 1922, elected at the annual meeting here yesterday, are: President, Clarence Glenn, re-elected; vice-president, W. J. Wharton; secretary, Mrs. W. L. Crass; treasurer, C. B. Sherwood. The new project leaders chosen are: Vetch, Willard Turner; Carstairs and Jack White; fruits and berries, W. C. Moomaw and George Weygant; dairy, John Martin; sheep, John Mounsey; beef, W. L. Dwyer; management, Mrs. D. J. Brink; clothing, Mrs. W. L. Crass.

The bureau adopted many resolutions. The general recommendations of the national grange were approved. These include declarations of the bureau's opposition to the prohibition law, opposition to filled milk, refunding of foreign debts on payment of interest due, opposition to guaranteed profits for railroads and other private corporations and reduction of armaments. Resolutions were adopted asking the county commissioners to buy a pure-bred sire for the county farm and employ a horticulturist, and indorsing the proposed appointment of a committee of five to protect the interests of rural schools at the legislature's next session.

The Montesano Commercial club's annual banquet for the farmers of the county was served in the Eagles' hall, with more than 200 seated at the tables. Mrs. Trenchmann was toastmistress. W. L. Carter welcomed the visitors for Montesano and R. Trenchmann responded to the welcome, declared that the problems of farm and town are identical in this era when agriculture is replacing the timber that is being logged so rapidly.

Following the dinner women of the farm bureau from the county, Elise and Montesano paraded between the tables exhibiting the dresses they have made this year under the supervision of the home demonstration agent's sewing classes.

COUNTY LOSES ON BOND

Surety Company Cannot Be Held for Money Collected by Sheriff.

THE OREGONIAN BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Dec. 10.—King county cannot hold the National Surety company, which bonded John Stringer as sheriff, for moneys collected by Stringer after he left office January 10, 1921, in calling this morning by Superior Court Judge Hall. This relieves the surety company of liability for \$24,750, a part of \$50,000 alleged by the county to have been collected by the ex-sheriff from the federal government and wrongfully withheld from the county treasury.

In its civil action against Stringer and a surety for \$59,824, the county sued for the money paid Stringer by the government for the care of federal prisoners and belonged to the county. Of this sum the surety company alleged \$12,750 was paid Stringer on February 10, one month after he left the sheriff's office; \$14,023 was paid on February 25, and \$17,051 was paid on March 25.

Attorney Brinker for the surety company asked that these items be stricken from the complaint. His motion was resisted by Deputy Prosecutor Schramm Jr. on the ground that the county's claim arose during the time Stringer was sheriff, and Stringer also of liability for the amounts mentioned by the surety company.

ROW LEADS TO ARREST

Solicitor for Newspaper Is Held for Alleged Intimidation.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—W. C. Charles of Spokane, solicitor for the Washington Farmer, spent last night in the Lewis county jail here following his arrest on a charge of intimidation preferred by Mrs. Clara McRague of Montesano. Charles went to Gray Harbor county today for a preliminary hearing, accompanying Deputy Sheriff Hamm.

GRAND JURY HITS PORT

Intoxicating Liquor Said to Have Been Bought With Public Cash.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 10.—Charges that intoxicating liquors were bought with funds of the port of Seattle commission and that the port commissioners "either had knowledge such was the fact or by proper attention to duties could readily have



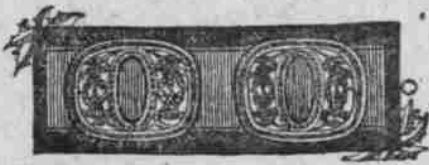
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discovered it" were contained in the report of the King county grand jury today. No indictments were returned by the grand jury, which investigated the conditions of the county government.

Certain conditions in and about the management of the port commission's affairs were "deplorable, and there are many indications of inefficient responsibility," the report said. Purchase of liquor with port funds, it charged, "was concealed in expense vouchers paid long after."

DISTRICT HAS NO FUNDS

Mandamus Suit Filed to Compel Tax Levy for School Purposes.

MONTESANO, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—School district No. 44 (Stumptice) has filed mandamus proceedings against the county commissioners and the county assessor to compel them to place a levy on this year's tax rolls to raise money for the school's maintenance.

The district, which has 25 pupils, submitted a budget calling for \$12,750 for running expenses next year. It was not allowed and no levy was levied on the grounds that there still remained to the district's credit more than \$12,000 from last year.

It is claimed now that this money was raised by a special levy which was to provide about \$20,000 for a school gymnasium and auditorium, and the money cannot be used pending the supreme court's decision on a case in which the legality of the special election has been attacked.

CITY WINS WATER FIGHT

Seattle May Condemn Property for Proposed Reservoir.

THE OREGONIAN BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The city of Seattle, under its charter, has the right of condemnation of any piece of property within the corporate limits and is not going beyond its rights in seeking to condemn a portion of Volunteer park and build there another large reservoir for the city water system. E. C. Ewing, assistant corporation counsel, argued before the state supreme court in Olympia yesterday on the rehearing

of the case of Pierre P. Ferry and \$2 others against the city.

A departmental decision of the court favored the city and the property owners living below Volunteer park were granted a rehearing on Jan. 10.

Campfire Girls to Appear.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—A feature of the evening service of St. Andrew's Episcopal church tomorrow evening will be the participation of five groups of campfire girls. About 60 girls belong to the five circles. The offering at this service will go to the Medina baby home at Seattle.

Logger's Head Badly Cut.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—John A. Templeton suffered a severely lacerated head when he was struck by a falling choker at Coatz Fordney camp yesterday. He is now in an Aberdeen hospital. He is expected to recover.

His Hearing Restored.

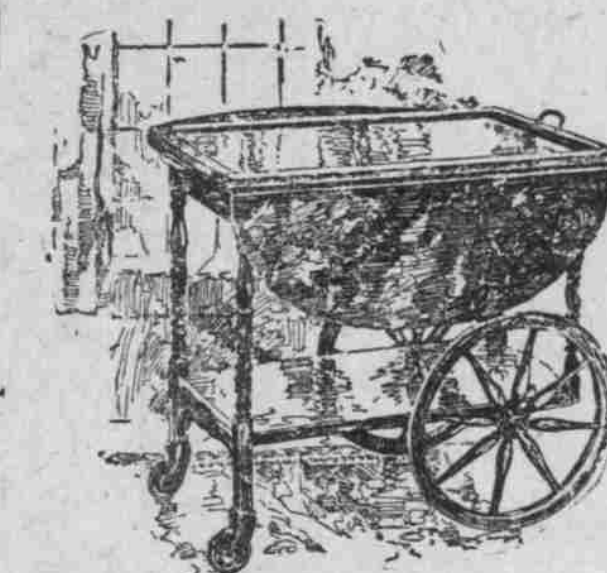
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