

Dr. Foster Delivers Address On 'With Allies On Western Front'

Possibly never before has the war been brought home to the people of Ashland so closely as last Friday evening, when a large audience listened to the address of Dr. William T. Foster, president of Reed College, who spoke on the subject, "With Our Allies on the Western Front," in the Elks' Temple. All that had been read and described in magazines and newspapers had not the convincing power that the words of a man who had lately come from the battle scenes, and could tell in an inspiring manner the details of the world's war that is being waged in Europe.

The seating capacity of the Elks' Temple was taxed to its utmost when F. G. A. Briscoe, superintendent of the public schools, introduced the speaker, Dr. Foster, who was commissioned by the American Red Cross to visit all the allied fronts. He has just returned from a three months' sojourn in Europe, and the horrors of the conflict have made an impression upon his mind that time can never erase.

While in France Dr. Foster was with the American troops, and told of the enthusiasm with which the Americans were received by the inhabitants of that war-ridden country. "The United States troops are the best equipped men in France," Dr. Foster stated. "They are also the best fed. The only time I tasted white bread while in Europe was at mess with the American troops. They are not the best disciplined soldiers in France yet, however, but they are putting in mighty good licks in that direction, and are going to be."

While in France Dr. Foster attended a conference with General Per-

shing and the heads of the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A., where it was emphasized the importance of establishing a recreation field for the boys at the front. This was considered necessary from the fact that the worst affliction befalling the boys at present is homesickness. He incidentally repudiated the newspaper reports that the boys at the front are abundantly clothed for the onslaughts of the winter weather. He graphically described the condition of men in the trenches, standing all day in icy water, and when finally they were released were so benumbed with cold that they could not walk. "Then for people 6,000 miles away to give out reports that the men do not require heavy wool socks!" was Dr. Foster's comment.

It was not Dr. Foster's intention to harrow the feelings of his audience with tales of the horrors of the war and atrocities committed by the Germans upon the devastated country, but in a few sentences he brought vividly to the mental vision of his audience the scenes of devastation left in France by the trail of the invading Hun. He also cited some examples of the atrocities committed by the German armies on the defenseless women and children of France and Belgium, which convinced his hearers that the stories otherwise published were not simply "newspaper talk."

Dr. Foster's address made a profound impression upon his audience and fired them with renewed patriotism and interest in the cause for democracy. The meeting closed with a pleasing vocal solo rendered by Karl Nims, and the national hymn by the audience.

O. E. Diebert Accepts Position In Dunsmuir

O. E. Diebert, who has held a position as operator at the electric light plant for nearly five years and has worked in the electrical department of this city for over seven years, has resigned this position and left Saturday for Dunsmuir, where he goes to take a position as electrical inspector for the Southern Pacific.

Mr. Diebert is captain of the home guards of this city and has received high praise by all members of the company who are sorry to see him leave. However, there is some hope yet of retaining him as captain and letting First Lieutenant Roy Anderson drill the company. Mrs. Diebert will probably not leave for Dunsmuir for a month.

Some people won't sign the food pledge card because they think they have displayed their patriotism sufficiently by showing the American flag.

Comfortable barns keep dairy cows warm far more cheaply than high-priced feed.

CHRISTMAS EDITION.

On Monday, December 17, one week before Christmas, the Tidings will issue a special Christmas edition comprising twenty-four pages (the largest edition in point of pages and circulation ever issued by an Ashland newspaper), with a cover of three colors of marvelous beauty. Three thousand copies will go into the homes of Ashland, Jackson and Siskiyou counties. All of the display advertising space available has been sold, but a limited number of reader advertisements will be accepted at 10 cents the line. All copy for advertisements must be in the office by December 2 and copy for all reading notices by December 10. This is necessary because the capacity of the Tidings plant will be strained in producing such a large edition, and unless the copy for advertisements comes in early such an edition would be impossible. All merchants who have contracted for display space will help us greatly by having their copy in the Tidings office by Tuesday, December 2.

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National Guard Arrive In France

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Thursday, Nov. 29.—National guardsmen from every state in the Union have arrived in France, it is today permitted to be announced. They are among the troops training or lately arrived.

While it is not permitted to disclose the identity of units, it may be said that all those which sailed from the United States have arrived safely and that some already are in training within sound of the guns on the battle fronts.

They are showing a spirit in keeping with the purpose of all concerned to make the American expeditionary force a homogeneous American army in which each division, whether regular, national guard or national army, cannot be distinguished in efficiency from the others. The former state troops are billeted over a wide area and are pronounced excellent soldiers.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Announcement of the arrival in France of the first national guard units gives the first official notice that an extensive troop movement has been accomplished despite hostile submarines, shortage of troops and supply ships and other obstacles, but without the loss of a man. Thousands of men have been moved to the seaboard from all parts of the country, loaded on transports and safely landed in France without any general knowledge of the facts having been disclosed to the country at large.

Mary Pickford at Vining This Week

Mary Pickford goes back to short dresses and juvenile ways in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," an adaptation of the book of Kate Douglas Wiggin and Charlotte Thompson. It offers her as many chances as a specially prepared vehicle might, and she proceeds to display her talents in them to such winning effect that one is tempted to describe the results as her best picture. Miss Pickford gloriously succeeds in gaining a faithful representation of an honest-to-goodness, true-to-life girl, not yet a lady but "the makings of one," as Rebecca remarks in a subtitle. It is safe to say that "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" meets with all expectations.

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Deer Killed In Canyon Saturday

Another deer was found slain in the Ashland canyon near the first intake by some one who defied the game laws and braved detection by the game wardens of this district. The animal was a doe fawn, not a year old, and had been shot by a .22 rifle. The carcass was left lying where the animal had fallen.

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Whittle were walking through the canyon and discovered the deer lying in a pathway just off the main road. Mr. Whittle immediately notified Special Deputy State Warden J. J. Walker, who investigated the shooting and found that the deer had been shot within sight of the old Scott place, close to the first intake. The animal had a bullet through its heart and had evidently been shot late Saturday night. This is the fourth deer that has been shot in the canyon this year, and people who reside in that vicinity claim the sound of rifle shots is heard every day.

Rumor Rife for O. C. A. Removal

There is again a rumor in circulation that the Oregon Coast Artillery located at Fort Stevens will be transferred to some other point some time in the near future. The Oregon Coast Artillery is recognized by authorities as being among the best trained troops in this branch of the service, and it is very probable that when national guard units of the Coast Artillery division are moved the Oregon boys will be among the first to go. It is thought that news indicative of such a move will be received within the next two months.

It is possible that a large number of companies may be transferred to heavy field artillery, owing to their previous training on the large coast defense guns. There is great need in France for companies of heavy field artillery, and other troops that have not received as much training as the Oregon boys will undoubtedly be placed in charge of the Columbia forts if the move is made. Not only have the Coast Artillery boys been trained on the big guns, but they have also been given infantry work and bayonet drill. Nearly every boy in training at Fort Stevens is anxious to be moved nearer the fighting front.

Heavy Rains Bring Relief to Farmers

The finest rain of the season started late Thursday night and continued with more or less violence during the entire day Friday. Statistics claim that in two hours Friday more rain fell than during the entire summer. Saturday morning with clearing weather the mountains surrounding Ashland were discovered thickly covered with snow, which will help add to the precipitation. The streams in the valley have already swollen to considerable proportions and country roads are assuming their winter quagmire condition.

With the exception of 1912, when the total rainfall for November was 3.38 inches, the present storm beats the month's total precipitation during the past six years. The rainfalls during November for the past seven years is as follows: 1910, 9.33; 1911, 1.67; 1912, 3.38; 1913, 2.82; 1914, 1.02; 1915, 2.96; 1916, 1.99. Local weather prophets declare the present rains are a good sign for record-breaking crops next year.

Unsanitary Street To Get New Sewer

At the city council meeting Saturday night a report was read from the board of health that the conditions on Garfield street were unsanitary. The report was accepted and placed on file and the recorder instructed to give the required notice of intention to construct a sewer from Iowa street to east main on Garfield, setting December 19, 1917, at 7:30 p. m. for the time of hearing the same.

These musicians that won't play the "Star-Spangled Banner" persist in remaining in a country where they get star-spangled banner wages and star-spangled banner schools, and freedom.

Wounded Soldier Is Lane County Boy

Harry C. Watkins, whose name appears in a recent list of wounded American soldiers on the French front, is a former Lane county boy, and is a former member of the 5th company of the Oregon Coast Artillery at Cottage Grove. He was born at Harrisburg and is 22 years of age. His mother, Mrs. Fannie B. Watkins, resides at North Bend. The young man only last April enlisted in the regular army and joined the Field Artillery, with which he was serving when a Boche shell burst among the gun crew.

"I hope he will be all right," was the comment made by Mrs. Watkins when told that her son had been wounded. She is an elderly woman and the news was a severe shock for her to bear.

The mother had just received a letter from young Watkins dated November 3, when she received news of his being wounded. Watkins is an only son.

Congress to Raise 5 Billions More

Washington, Nov. 30.—Congress will have to authorize early in the session convening next Monday means of collecting from the American people between now and July 1 about \$5,000,000,000, in addition to the \$2,566,000,000 from Liberty bonds already authorized but yet to be issued, the billion dollars or less expected from war savings and about three billion dollars from war taxes.

Most congressional leaders believe the \$5,000,000,000 balance must be provided mainly by issuance of bonds, and Secretary McAdoo has told members of congress that he favors this method. If this plan is adopted, the country probably will be called on to absorb two more big Liberty bond issues between February 1 and July 1, aggregating more than \$8,500,000,000.

The government will need a large sum of money between now and December 15, when another liberty loan payment is due, to redeem \$700,000,000 worth of certificates, \$300,000,000 due December 6 and \$400,000,000 December 11, in addition to paying huge daily war expenses and making loans to the allies at the rate of \$17,000,000 a day. The treasury net balance today was \$1,854,228,000.

On Educational Tour Over Road

A party of Southern Pacific officials on an educational tour stopped over between trains at Ashland Wednesday and were shown around the city by Station Agent G. N. Kramer. The officials are seeking information regarding the west which will enable them to explain the conditions first-hand to the people in the east. Those in the party were: S. C. Rabin of Boston, Mass., D. S. Walter of Philadelphia, Pa., T. E. Street of Baltimore, Md., all assistant ticket agents, and W. A. White of St. Louis, Mo., and J. J. Angel of Birmingham, Ala., traveling freight and passenger agents. C. W. Wensell, traveling passenger and freight agent of Sacramento, Cal., accompanied them to Ashland.

Telephone Poles Are to Be Removed

At a regular adjourned meeting of the city council Saturday night a petition signed by 56 business men was read asking that honorable body to have or cause to have all the telephone and telegraph poles removed from the north side of Main street from Helman street to the Plaza, and from the north side of East Main street from the Plaza to Fourth street, and from the north side of the Boulevard from its intersection with East Main street to the city limits, and have or cause to have said poles set in the alleys and further refuse to grant to any franchise or to any person or corporation giving them the right to erect or maintain any pole lines on any of the above streets. The petition was accepted and placed on file.

A Carnegie Library is planned for Roseburg.

British Hit Back at Germans; Italians Hold Austro-Germans

General Byng's troops in the Cambrai salient in northern France were on the aggressive again Saturday, attacking the Germans who, in a determined rush the day previous along virtually the entire 18-mile front, had thrown back the British from a few advanced positions they had captured in their recent drive.

Prompt counter-attacks by Byng's troops, while the Germans were still trying to push forward on Friday, checked the Teuton advance before it had gained too great an impetus. For a time the situation looked serious for the British, as the German encircling movement toward the south end of the salient, pivoting on the west bank of the Scheldt, north of Banteux, swung its left flank through Gonnelleu and to Gouzeaucourt, nearly two miles back to the original British line, where its center reached La Vaquerie.

There was a hurried exodus of the British from the sector where envelopment was threatened, and apparently all but a few of the more advanced posts got away.

Berlin reported the taking of 4,000 British prisoners with several field guns, and dispatches from British headquarters report the British blew up a number of their guns which were in danger of being lost to the Huns. The counter-attack retrieved much of the lost ground, including the towns of Gouzeaucourt and La Vaquerie, where the penetration had been deepest, and on Saturday Byng's forces pushed the fighting in an effort for the further recovery of the lost ground.

No admission of any retrograde movement by the British elsewhere on the front has come from the London war office, although Berlin claims to have thrown the British back upon Graincourt and Cantaing, along the north end of the salient.

The Germans gained initial successes in this sector, but apparently were driven back by the British counter-thrusts before they could establish themselves. The German losses in the counter-attacks are reported heavy, and Byng also suffered severely.

On the Italian front there have been no further efforts by the Austro-Germans to break into the Italian line. The attempt, if one is to be made, is apparently awaiting the arrival of heavy guns, which are reported on their way. General Diaz' armies appear also to have been largely reinforced, both as regards men and artillery. In one sector they seem to have taken the aggressive, probably in an attempt to rectify their front slightly, according to Berlin, which reports an advance, declared to have been futile, on Monte Petrica, in the hills between the Brenta and the Piave rivers.

Important developments in the Russian-German situation as regards the armistice which are expected soon between the Bolsheviks and the German authorities were lacking on Saturday.

The armistice parley is set for Sunday, the indications being that it will take place at German headquarters at Brest-Litovsk.

Ashland Winner of Thanksgiving Game

The Thanksgiving game with Medford ended with a score of 26 to 6 in favor of Ashland. Both teams played a sportsmanlike, clean game throughout. Dick Shinn, Ray Clay and Lyle Sams made the spectacular plays of the game, but every man on the team did full credit to Coach King's rigid training.

A little stunt worked out by the coach was "pulled off" between halves. A red and white cannon demolished Medford's fort of red and black and captured its goat as it was trying to make its escape from the besieged fort. Ashland rooters then gathered around Yell Leader Gill and the goat and sang "Where Do We Go From Here, Boys?" and gave a few yells. Medford serpentine around the field and, led by Naomi Wilson, answered with several snappy yells.

The football boys will be required to take a rest of two weeks before beginning basketball practice.

City Council Held Adjourned Meeting

The city council met at an adjourned meeting Saturday night and transacted business needing the council's attention. The matter of installing mineral water in Hotel Austin was brought up, and after some discussion was referred to the ordinance committee to confer with the city attorney, the mayor to appoint a committee to act in conjunction with the council, and the same to report at the next meeting. The mayor appointed V. O. N. Smith and Frank Jordan to act with the ordinance committee, council and city attorney in the matter.

A remonstrance from the residents of Fifth street in regard to taking up the sidewalk at this time, and asking to be allowed to repair the same, was read and accepted and placed on file.

Public Discussion Of City Budget

The annual city budget for 1918 will be discussed at the public meeting of the council at 7:30 next Tuesday evening. All those who are interested in city affairs should attend and participate in the discussion. The estimated budget has been cut to the minimum, being a reduction over last year's levy of a fraction over 3 mills.

Every time the German crown prince loses a battle the kaiser takes a fresh grip on his "divine right."

Oregon Gas Co. Asks for Increase

At the meeting of the city council Saturday night a communication from the public service commission was read from the Oregon Gas Company asking for an increase in rates in Ashland. The matter was referred to the ordinance committee and the city attorney.

Also a communication from the Southern Pacific Company asking permission to erect a platform for loading and unloading automobiles on the corner of Pioneer avenue and A street at the end of the spur track to Swift & Co.'s plant, was read. The matter was referred to the street committee to report at the next meeting.

Irrigation Project Is Most Promising

F. C. Dillard, engineer of the Talent irrigation district, and Attorney C. M. Thomas of Medford have returned from Salem, where they had gone to report on the progress on the Talent system to members of the state irrigation board. The directors of the district will act upon the inclusion of Fern valley in the project on Tuesday, December 4. According to the state authorities, the Talent district is one of the most promising in the state.

Ashland Mills Price List

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| 49 lb. sack Ashland Butte Flour | \$ 2.50 |
| 49 lb. sack Crown Patent Flour | 3.00 |
| Crown Patent Flour per bbl. | 11.50 |
| 49 lb. sack Cupid Best (hard wheat) | 3.00 |
| 29 lb. sack Whole Wheat Flour | 1.75 |
| 9 lb. sack Graham Flour | .50 |
| 9 lb. sack New Cornmeal | .50 |
| 8 lb. sack Germes | .50 |
| 9 lb. sack Cream of Oats | .50 |
| Gluten Flour, per lb. | .05 |
| Table Bran (equal to Ralston whole wheat), per pound | .04 |
| 70 lb. sack Egg Mash | 2.00 |
| 60 lb. sack Mill Feed | 1.50 |
| Roller Barley, per sack | 1.75 |
| Roller Barley, per ton | 53.00 |
| Shelled Wheat, per 100 | 3.50 |
| Shelled Corn, per 100 | 4.00 |
| Scratch Feed, per 100 | 4.40 |
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