

Mystery Veils Local Air Fleet Movement

(Medford American.)

Somewhere About Roxy Ann, Feb. 10.—The chief trouble on this front is that we have neither binoculars nor anti-aircraft guns. Hence, the enemy moves about with perfect freedom from harm, except that which may come from the eye-shot; and out here, where there are so few people to look, that doesn't hurt much. The air fleet that has been seen to operate in this sector has recently concealed itself in a crater-hole or gone to Eugene—our outposts don't know which. The fact that it was seen near Albany a few days ago suggests that it may have escaped by wing. This is the report which the Portland papers received by wire from Albany:

"Albany, Or., Feb. 7.—Declaring that there can be no mistake about their observations, the crew of the Oregon Electric owl train, reaching here at 3 o'clock Thursday morning, reported having seen an airplane traveling south. When first seen the airship was west of East Independence, just as the train was leaving that station, and was flying high. It was flashing varicolored lights which Mortman Stevens declares he recognized as the international code.

"After traveling at the higher altitude the machine descended to a level with the top of the Coast range mountains and continued south, still flashing the signals. It finally passed out of sight. No noise was heard and the outline of the airplane could not be seen, but Conductor Ryan, Mortman Stevens and the brakeman, as well as several passengers on the train, are certain that the object was a flying machine. An effort was made to report the matter to Portland from Sidney, but connections could not be made at that point."

Low Tenant filed the following report at the Roxy Ann headquarters yesterday:

"A booze bomb was dropped about the center of the Big Sticky terrain recently, the airship descending to a low altitude for that purpose. Rapidly ascending, it flew toward what is believed to be the station at the second airdrome, which is located in the Umpqua region. From there, after depositing a portion of its booze ballast, it flops over to the Williamette and delivers the remainder of its precious cargo in the vicinity of Eugene.

"The above message from Albany probably describes this lone air bandit on its return to Hornbrook for another cargo of liquid fire.

"You see, there is less danger, either from below or above, in handling that well-known revolution producer by airplane. It doesn't have to stop to permit the bone-dry inspector to meddle with it; it can carry more than an ordinary suitcase package; there's not so much risk of being overtaken in transit; the supply base may be located in the foothills anywhere in dry territory, and the signals may be given in code from on high as the machine passes to and from station to station. That is what the Albany plane was probably doing.

"In addition to that, this monoplane outlay may find it profitable to carry messages from the various wireless stations in the Cascade foothills to German spies in the various communities along the way. The communities of which Roxy Ann is the knob and center contain several hotbeds of seditious talk and enemy preparation. This is known locally and has been reported frequently to the proper headquarters; but the charzay d'affaires at the proper headquarters evidently believes that we can take care of ourselves. And I wire this to say that it is about time we began to do so. It wouldn't do to disappoint the government in this matter of confidence in our ability to take proper care of our end of the fight.

"Let's cut out the camouflage and buy a little hemp, a tank of hot tar, paint brushes and a supply of black-snake whips. If we handle properly the mundane enemy, the heavenly host may fly its darned wings off without result. Do you get me?"

"LEW TENANT, Com."

Do you know that the humble potato has proved so valuable to the Kaiser in "holding on" in Germany that he recently found time, even with General Byng after him, to issue an elaborate medal commemorating the bringing of the potato from America to Europe?

Why not appreciate the "spud" a little more ourselves? Mr. Hoover says as a nation we do not eat enough potatoes, and the food administration urges that every American family have tubers on the table every day, if not every meal; also that American housewives mix 10 per cent of mashed potato in all bread and pastry baked.

Many Celebrate Lincoln's Birthday

Abraham Lincoln's birthday was most fittingly celebrated with a patriotic assemblage three hundred strong at Medford Tuesday night when the members of the famous Lincoln Club, men and women, gathered at their annual banquet at the Medford Hotel. While a host of candidates were present and were conspicuous speakers, the event was anything but a political meeting in the proper sense of the word. Patriotism was the keynote of the addresses, and the long list of aspirants for the positions of governor, senator, etc., were extremely neutral as to political affiliations when their turns came to address the banqueters.

President C. M. Thomas served as toastmaster and introduced the speakers who were invited guests and who responded in fitting addresses as their names were called. Rev. J. M. Boozer of Grants Pass was the first speaker of the evening and gave a stirring and eloquent address on Lincoln, with particular reference to the present crisis. The other speakers in turn were S. B. Huston, R. N. Stanfield, Louis J. Simpson, Gus Moser and Dr. J. E. Anderson. R. C. Campbell (Dick Posey) delivered one of his best original poems written expressly for the occasion, and most excellent music enlivened the evening, while E. V. Carter of Ashland gave the never-old Gettysburg address.

Those in attendance from Ashland were: Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hurt, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Enders Jr., Mr. and Mrs. D. Perozzi, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Nininger, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lamkin, Mr. and Mrs. George N. Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Simpson, Dr. and Mrs. George Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Bert R. Greer, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Murphy, Mrs. A. W. Boslough, Mrs. F. G. Swendenburg, Mrs. Ella B. Mills, Miss Nellie Briggs, Miss Nellie Dickey, Dr. Bertha Sawyer, V. O. N. Smith, George Owens, M. C. Reed, C. W. Fraley, G. F. Billings, R. P. Campbell, E. J. Kaiser, George Dunn and W. N. Wright.

Local and Personal

Lincoln's birthday was not particularly observed in Ashland other than by the closing of the banks and the city hall. Patriotic exercises and addresses were delivered in many of the schools also during the day.

Mrs. Lina Matthews of Olympia, Wash., is a visitor at the home of Mrs. J. V. Miller in Ashland this week.

Evangelist Morse will preach on the events immediately preceding the second coming of Christ in the Nazarene church next Sunday evening.

Cliff Payne makes ironing boards. O. E. Delbert, who is located at Dunsmuir, spent several days with his family in Ashland during the week.

Mrs. Ella Mills has returned from a visit with her son, Lieut. Verni Mills, who has been stationed at Forts Columbia and Stevens.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doran this week.

The first snow of the season fell here Tuesday night and covered the ground to about one inch. From indications considerable snow has fallen on the mountains, which promises well for the water supply.

A phonograph is being sold at auction at Poley's Drug Store.

Lee Hall received a telegram yesterday announcing that his son, Orville E. Hall, had passed his examination in the engineering department of the navy and had risen to the rank of chief engineer. He enlisted about four months ago and has been attending government engineering classes at Philadelphia.

Dr. Keeney Ferris, who occupied the Baptist pulpit on last Lord's day most acceptably, will on next Sunday preach at Eagle Point and remain over Monday, where Rev. Mr. Ferris will join her in addressing a popular service on Monday night at the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Ferris will return and be "at home" Tuesday afternoon and evening. Members of the congregation and friends are invited to call.

The price of our phonograph is decreasing \$2 a day. Poley's Drug Store.

Dr. J. E. Anderson of The Dalles, better known as the father of the Oregon "bone-dry" bill, now candidate for governor of the state, was guest on Wednesday of Rev. and Dr. Ferris at the Baptist parsonage.

Simon S. Drake, formerly of Ashland, passed through here Wednesday evening in company with nine others of the quartermaster's department on their way to El Paso from

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PICTORIAL SPRING QUARTERLY STYLE BOOKS NOW ON SALE

Just Between Seasons

The month of February—too early to give up the winter wearables, but not too early to begin to plan your spring sewing. You will just at this time find our stocks displays, show a jumble of winter and spring fabrics and garments, and whichever you wish, we can satisfy your wants.

New Goods Arriving---Winter Goods Going

'Goods You Will Need Soon

BRIDAL Nainsook, Cambric, Longcloth and Fancy White Goods.

Laces and Embroideries for Underwear.

Scarlet and Olive Drab Wool Flannel for Middies.

Taffetas and Satins for your New Spring Dress.

Ginghams, Percales and other Wash Goods.

NEW

Gingham Dresses

and Aprons For Spring



By far the best line we have ever shown in practical House Dresses and Aprons, and you will see that foresightedness has enabled us to offer you values that will tempt you to buy them ready-made rather than to spend time sewing.



FEBRUARY SHIPMENT of FITRITE PETTICOATS ARE NOW ON DISPLAY

New Curtain Nets

It is good time to be making up your New Curtains for spring. Have them ready for housecleaning time. Nets are growing in favor for better curtains.

A new shipment just in brings us about a dozen new patterns to sell at 50c to 85c yard.

SCRIMS of all kinds for the less expensive curtains, ranging in price from 20c to 50c.



American Lake. Mr. Drake is the son-in-law of C. H. Willison of this city and is well known around here. His wife is in Portland, where she is employed as cashier in the Olds, Wortman & King department store.

Watch the price of that phonograph—decreasing \$2 a day. Poley's Drug Store.

John A. Wolf, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wolf of the Depot Hotel, has been spending the past week with his parents in Ashland. He will leave today for San Diego, where he is stationed in the navy.

Mrs. J. H. Swaggart and daughter, Miss Merle, left Wednesday evening, the former for Portland and the latter for Fort Stevens, where they will spend the next ten days or two weeks.

A daughter was born to Mrs. John Davis of Lansford, N. D., at a local hospital Tuesday night. Mrs. Davis is a daughter of Mrs. R. J. Luke of Frederick.

Supt. V. N. Hillis Tenders Resignation

Prof. V. Melde Hillis, superintendent of the Medford public schools, tendered his resignation at the school board meeting last Monday night, to take effect June 30. The reasons given by Mr. Hillis for resigning at this time are to the effect that the board is not in sympathy with his methods and that he is not in sympathy with the board's plans. Mr. Hillis will have served two years on a four-year contract at the end of the present term. His resignation anticipated petitions being circulated for his removal.

The more fats we send the allies the more slippery will be the skids under German autocracy.

Captured Whiskey Poured In Sewer

Klamath Falls, Feb. 13.—What is believed to be the largest amount of liquor ever destroyed at one time in this section of the state was dumped into the city sewers here, when 200 quarts of whiskey and five large barrels of "dago red" wine, taken in a recent raid at the home of A. Cannini of this city, was disposed of. The raid was made a short time before Christmas. Cannini lived in the Italian settlement near the lumber mills at Pelican City, a suburb on the north.

Enough of the liquor to be used by the officers, as evidence in the trials when they come up was saved. Mrs. Cannini was taken into custody following the raid, but her husband is still at large.

Coos Coal Mine Will Open Soon

The Riverton coal mine, idle for the past two or three years, is to be reopened soon by M. W. McCormick and C. A. Peterson for a company of California capitalists, and will be known as the Eureka mine. There is a small amount of development work to finish before the mine will commence production. The mine is situated on the Coquille river seven miles below the county seat, and the coal is to be delivered to the Southern Pacific trains at Cedar Point, from barges.

The operators expect to handle 100 tons a day when the new machinery is installed. The output will be sold in the California market until the war ends and makes it possible to renew Australian coal shipments.

Total Loss on Tuscania is 267

Washington, Feb. 13.—With 164 soldiers of the Tuscania known to be dead and buried on the Scottish coast, an unofficial estimate today places the total loss of American troops at 267. After eliminating from the passenger list the names of survivors and the identified dead and accounting for 33 unidentified dead, 136 soldiers still are not accounted for, and it is believed they were lost.

The partial list of the Tuscania's dead, sent by the Associated Press correspondent from a Scottish coast, is the first definite information to reach relatives of the soldiers who have not been reported in the lists of survivors. War department officials have been helpless to answer appeals for information regarding soldiers unreported.

33 Unidentified Dead. Of the 164 American dead who have been buried in Scotland it was not possible to identify 33 of the sol-

ed Press of men whose names have appeared on the passenger list but who have not been reported as survivors. Six of the 131 names show similarity with others on the missing list, but three of them show no similarity. Only 122 of the 131 names therefore have been checked off, leaving 178 names to be definitely accounted for. Deducting the 33 unidentified American soldiers and the nine uncertain names from this list leaves 136 missing, which, added to the 131 known dead, shows a total of 267 men.

"The Price Mark" at Vining Theatre

Friday and Saturday nights Dorothy Dalton, the beautiful emotional screen star, makes her initial bow in Paramount Pictures in "The Price Mark," a sensational love story that runs from far-off Cairo to New York's Latin Quarter. Her experiences in undergoing the transition from an innocent country girl to a sophisticated artist's model give Miss Dalton the proper setting in which to portray her wonderful ability in depicting a heart's story under temptations and circumstances. "The Price Mark" has been characterized as the greatest success of Miss Dalton's career.

Tonight the ever popular Douglas Fairbanks will again appear in "The Man From Painted Post."

Arrangements have been made for some relaxation of the restrictions on the export of foodstuffs to Cuba, whose people are greatly dependent upon the United States for their food supply. Among the exports which may be licensed in limited quantities are condensed milk, butter and cheese, pork and pork products, beef and beef products, and dried fruits.

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diers who undoubtedly were disfigured beyond recognition and had nothing on them by which to determine who they were. Of the names of the 131 soldiers sent from Scotland 122 have been definitely located on the list compiled by the Associat-