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Officers' Material School Wants Men

Bremerton, Wash., April 1.—An added incentive was given the recruiting drive of the naval reserves when announcement was made that the thirteenth naval district has been called upon to furnish a quota of 40 men a month for the Officers' Material School. Opportunity to attend this school is to be given recruits who have the necessary requisites. This school is a branch of the Naval Auxiliary Reserve.

At the present time the school is graduating deck officers on an average of from 100 to 150 a month. The monthly draft of men from this district will be transferred to the U. S. S. Gopher at Chicago. The men will be kept aboard the Gopher for preliminary training to last a month, after which they will be moved to Cleveland for assignment to ships on the Great Lakes. The training aboard ship will run into two months when the men will be returned to the Gopher for final selection. Subsequently, short cruises will be taken by the prospective officers and they will be picked according to individual merit. Those who do not measure up to the required standard will be given whatever other rating they prove qualified to fill.

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Red Cross Activities

The local Red Cross room was closed Wednesday from 2 to 3 o'clock that the workers might attend the funeral of Arthur M. Decker, our first Ashland boy to give his life for his country.

The handsome bulletin board in our window at Red Cross headquarters, also several smaller cards for use on the workroom walls, were made and donated by F. B. Sankey. The gift of these artistic placards was a highly appreciated contribution.

Mrs. A. H. Davenport and Mrs. Ben Lennox were welcome visitors at our workroom last Friday. They brought in 27 refugee garments recently completed by the flourishing Red Cross unit at Valley View.

Another kind of anonymous benefactress of our local Red Cross work recently gave \$6 to be used to purchase wool enough to make \$6 worth of soldiers' socks.

Mrs. Graham Now Officially Accredited Instructor

Mrs. A. D. Graham, head of our surgical dressings department, has recently received from the National Red Cross headquarters at Washington her instructor's card, certifying that she has passed the required examination and is a fully qualified instructor in surgical dressings, either here in this country or abroad. This instructor's certificate also entitles Mrs. Graham to wear the instructor's badge, the blue veil with a white band about the face and a red cross just above the forehead, this symbol being restricted to Red Cross nurses themselves or to officially accredited instructors in surgical dressings. Mrs. Graham's work has received such unstinted praise from our local chapter that it came as no surprise that she should have earned the tribute of official recognition from Washington, D. C.

Hurry Call for Surgical Dressings

Our gauze workers have just received a hurry call from division headquarters at Seattle for 550 surgical dressings of a more difficult and complicated kind than they have before undertaken. This order, comprising split irrigation pads and other varieties of dressings requiring a filling of, as the case may be, either absorbent or non-absorbent cotton, must be ready by April 20. Some of these dressings are quite large, the split irrigation pad measuring 21 by 26 inches, and requiring quilting as well as stitching to hold the filling in place. Needless to say, such dressings are used for wounds of the most serious character.

Belgian Box Being Packed Today

Today, Mr. and Mrs. O. Winter, who have been in charge of the special campaign for collecting old clothing to send to the Belgian relief committee, are busy with their corps of helpers at the old Reed building, packing the gathered garments, ready for shipment. These garments have been repaired and mended as far as possible in the limited time by an army of volunteer workers, who gave their services last Saturday afternoon.

INFORMATION GIVEN ON SHIPS LAUNCHED

Exact figures on the progress of shipbuilding in the United States have been made public by the shipping board as a result of debate in the senate, during which officials said statements had been made based on inaccurate information.

Since the shipping board began its work, 188 vessels have been launched, of which 103 have been completed and put into service. The launchings were divided between 165 requisitioned vessels and 23 which were built on contract in yards constructed for the purpose or which had only just been put into operation. Eleven of the launchings were wood, all the remainder being steel.

Twelve contract steel vessels have been launched and three of them have been completed. Three of 8,800 tons were launched at Los Angeles, two of 9,400 tons at Oakland, four of 880 tons at Seattle, one of 11,700 tons at San Francisco, and two of 3,500 tons at a Great Lakes port.

\$4,000 IN BOUNTIES PAID OUT MONTHLY

About \$4,000 a month is being paid by the states of Oregon and Washington to hunters of predatory animals, according to Edgar F. Averill of Pendleton, predatory animal inspector for the two states, recently. The number of hunters is expected to be increased to 60 or 70 for the two



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A year ago the total amount of life insurance in force in the United States was about \$22,000,000,000. In a few months the United States government has written more than 50 per cent of that amount. It furnishes this insurance to the beneficiaries at the same rate that private companies would furnish it in times of peace. This insurance is bought and paid for at regular rates by the beneficiaries, except that the nation assumes the additional risk that being in the military and naval service of the country entails upon the beneficiaries.

When Americans give up their private occupations and in obedience to the call of their country and the law of the land, often at great financial sacrifice, face the dangers of war and offer their lives in the service of their country, it is but right and just that upon the nation and not upon them should be put the added cost of insurance their dangerous occupation incurs.

Secretary McAdoo says that the soldier and sailor insurance is the justest, wisest and most humane provision ever made by any nation for its fighting forces. This opinion is shared in by the soldiers and sailors and by the people of the United States. The injustice, the partiality, the inequalities and other evils of the old pension system are replaced by a just, fair and generous insurance system which over 90 per cent of the fighting forces of the nation have hastened to take advantage of.

GERMAN SUBMARINES AIMED AT NEUTRALS

Germany's war leaders are using the submarine to prevent fulfillment of America's agreements to feed and relieve European neutrals, according to a statement by the War Trade Board. It says:

"A mass of cumulative evidence and indications in the possession of the War Trade Board show that Germany is employing the submarine menace to prevent neighbor neutrals receiving any food or favors at the hands of the United States and its associates in the war, and to coerce these neutrals through starvation and political and economic dependence upon Germany, quite as much as to strike at the communications of its opponents—Germany's ostensible aim in proclaiming the ruthless submarine campaign."

"Further indications tend to show that the submarines are being used along similar dog-in-the-manger lines to destroy neutral shipping without regard to its employment."

Get a little real taste of war by conserving food "till it hurts." Going without dessert for a week at a time, or eating a slice or two less of bread a day, may hurt a little, but remember it's a life or a limb the boys at the front are risking. Painless patriotism won't help much. Cut down on wheat and sweets until it hurts.

America must feed her associates in this war. They are no longer able to feed themselves, and unless we come to the rescue, they are face to face with starvation. Starvation for them means defeat for us. Don't waste food. Conserve.

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Switzerland can remain neutral and imported limburger cling to Holland, but Tillamook will see to it that the fighters for democracy go not cheeseless.

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Mr. Hoover has asked for teamwork. If you are riding a hobby horse, climb down off it until the war is over. All your energies are needed in the big fight against Prussianism. All other crusades can wait. Don't give aid and comfort to the enemy by stirring up strife, even in a good cause, when you should be back of your government heart and soul, instead of embarrassing it with internal turmoil. Let's all give Mr. Hoover the teamwork he wants. Remember we are fighting a country whose teamwork is perfect—and compulsory.

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