

France Rings With Red Cross Praises

France is ringing with the work of the American Red Cross, writes Mrs. Belmont Tiffany, of New York, to the Red Cross officials in America. "I only wish America could realize the extent of work as well as France does," she added. Mrs. Tiffany has been engaged in organizing rest stations for American troops at railway stations in France.

"Never have I been happier, never have I liked work more nor felt that I was so useful," she wrote in a recent letter. "Ever since I came abroad I have had before my eyes a vision of fathers and mothers and sisters of the soldiers in audience in many states from Maine to Texas. They will hear and know about our great, beautiful hospitals, with the best surgeons, doctors and nurses, working under the best possible conditions with the best possible material.

"All these things are expected of their Red Cross and taken for granted, but I wish them to know, too, that when their boys are well they have a refuge and a home as they pass along. I want them to think of them as writing and singing in the gay, bright room while waiting for their train and eating their good, warm meals, or being sent off with sandwiches by American girls.

"When an American mule train came in at one station, the men said they wanted nothing, which seemed very unusual. From one of the officers we learned that there had been no pay day lately. When the men were told that it was on the Red Cross' every pitcher and basket was emptied over and over again. So on application to Paris it was decided that unlimited coffee, American coffee with fresh milk, cocoa, milk and bread and butter, or jam sandwiches should be served free to the traveling men. After that the mule trains and the troops went out cheering lustily and in a very much gay mood.

"The first night we opened at D—, we had 680 men at 1 a. m. They ate us out of house and home, though it seemed a strange hour to eat. They carried off every magazine and paper we had; they drank coffee and cocoa and milk; they ate bread, butter and jam and cakes and chocolate; their officers were fed, too, and finally the major came and shook my hand over and over and over again and said they were all happier and less homesick than any time since they'd left America and when the train pulled out the whole unit went out to see them off. They nearly fell out of their carriages to shake hands once more and they went off cheering the Red Cross, the president and the U. S. A. Bless them! Such babies and such dears.

"At No. 8 we had a lot of marines for our house warming; they were there, 300 of them, for two hours. After supper they insisted on helping us wash up and clean generally, and of course we felt as if they were old friends and nearly all went when they left. Besides all this traveling, shifting clientele there are also the regular customers, all the military police, the signal corps men, engineers and traffic regulators.

"How one loves them all and how good and kind they are to us! The moment they find out I have a boy of my own here they talk their old heads off to me and it is my best bet that in half an hour or less they will be sure to show me their best girl's picture 'back home' and their mother's, too. Mothers, may I say, become very, very valuable people out here.

"Major Patton asked me to go home for a few weeks to tell the people of what is being done here. I could not go, but if I had gone there was just one thing that I would have said.

"The work is bigger, and better and finer than ever I with all my dreams ever dreamed of. I never knew there were so many altruistic, unselfish men and women in the world. Not a cent is being wasted from the fact that even major themselves have no motors and use no gas for them if they have them, down to the message placarded everywhere: "Do not waste a single scrap of paper: it is too valuable in France," the whole policy is the strictest economy with ourselves and the greatest generosity to our armies and dependents."

Old papers for sale at the Tidings office.

W.A. Shell
The Barber
137 E. Main

COOS BAY SHIPYARDS LEAD IN UNITED STATES

Highest of all the praise and commendation which the two shipyards here have received is that which a half page of statistics display in the June 24th Emergency Fleet News, the publication issued by the United States Shipping Board, which this morning reached the desk of A. E. Adelsperger, president of the Coos Bay Shipbuilding Company, says the Marshfield Times.

Of all the yards in the United States in which wood ships are under construction, of wood and concrete ships or wood and steel ships --and the total number of such yards is 79--the highest place in rank is figured on promises of delivery and accomplishment shows the name of Kruse & Banks Shipbuilding Company, while the second highest place shows Coos Bay Shipbuilding Company. Over 100 per cent is the record of achievement of each.

This is the standing since construction began as figured on the basis of actual erection inequivalent dead weight tons as compared with contract requirements.

Seattle's yards, Portland's yards, San Francisco's yards, string along down the list ahead of most of the eastern yards. New York's yards, those of North Carolina and Florida, and the Gulf of Mexico states, take numbers along in the forties and fifties.

And not another yard in the list of 79 has a production up to 100 per cent, in fact not another yard in the list comes up to 99 per cent. About 102 per cent is the record of Kruse & Banks' yards, while the Coos Bay Shipbuilding Company yard has something over 100 per cent approximately 101 per cent. The Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging Company of the Seattle district comes in for third place with almost 90 per cent. This is the firm that had the dredge Seattle working on the bay about two years ago.

Considering that the Kruse & Banks yards have had their plant strictly modern and have put in two of the ways since keels were laid under the federal contracts, and considering that the Coos Bay yards have been built since last August, when Federal contracts were taken,

Gambling With Destiny

Spending your income as you make it is simply gambling with destiny—and with all the odds against you. You stand all to lose and none to gain.

SYSTEMATIC SAVING

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STATE BANK OF ASHLAND

The rank is a high compliment not only to the ability and energy of the men who have been at the head of the two companies or have managed its business, but to the men who have worked in the yard to make possible the admirable record.

The fact that the area where the Coos Bay yards have spread their extensive sheds and offices was a mud flat before August 11, 1917, brings it practically on a par with the Kruse & Banks yards. The first keel was laid last October, two ships have been launched already and two more are ready to leave the ways this month. These last two will be nearer completion when launched than the two which have gone off the ways so that the detention at the yard for finishing will require only about five days of a week. Since delivery of the two is not due till September, the yard in Marshfield will have an even higher rating by this achievement.

The Kruse & Banks yards have turned out five since Federal ship construction began. In fact they have been launched in such rapid succession they tend to become a matter of passing news and not the big event they once were.

RAILROADS PROVIDING FOR WHEAT HANDLING

The box car situation is better at present than it has been at any time during the last three years, according to advice received by the department of agriculture from the railroad administration.

On May 1 box cars began to move into wheat territory, and wheat carrying roads are expected to have on their lines more than the normal amount of cars owned by them. Cars are being parked in wheat loading territory, which was impossible last year. The railroad administration will continue to move cars into wheat districts as long as there is any indication that additional cars will be needed.

Col. Pattee Brings Old Soldier Fiddlers

Civil War Veterans Open Chautauqua This Year



The opening night of Chautauqua will be a patriotic and heart-stirring event. Col. Pattee and his Old Soldier Fiddlers, four veterans of the Civil War, all over 73 years of age, give a complete program of patriotic instrumental music, camp-fire and war time songs. Wearing the old blue and gray uniforms and appearing before a scenic background showing the battlefield of Gettysburg, these veterans will stir every true American heart.

All veterans, their wives and widows, will be admitted free of charge to this program.

Objectors Are To Be Probed Again

Conscientious objectors at Camp Lewis, most of whom are on duty in the base hospital, will be examined in the next few days by a board composed of Judge Julian W. Mack, Dr. H. F. Stone and Major Ralph C. Stoddard. The board appointed by the president under the provisions of the selective service act, began its sessions last week in the various barracks buildings in camp.

All the men are examined regarding their religious convictions, but one declared he had no religion but was opposed to killing on general principles. He had previously served four years in the navy, he said and asserted it as his belief that a man had a right to change his mind in that time.

"Suppose that Germany would take a part of this country? What would you do?" was asked.

"I don't know that Germany would do it," he replied.

"What about blowing up our ships and U-boats on our coast?"

"I don't know anything about that."

"Do you read the papers?"

"Yes, but you can't believe everything you read."

"Well, stay in the army," said the examiner, "and you will find out these things are true."

Late conversions to creeds where the taking of human life is opposed was quite common, some of the men having changed their religion as late as January 1917. Others became possessed of the first religious convictions when they found they were to be drafted.

Some of the men said that they would serve in non-combatant units, but that they would refuse to do duty in organizations where killing was one of the duties.

Under the late instructions governing the disposition of the men the board has the authority to have them furloughed to farms without governmental pay, the men agreeing to work for the same wages which they would receive were they to remain on active duty in the army.

Those who are found not to be worthy of consideration as conscientious objectors will be assigned to combatant units and a further refusal to fight will result in their court-martial for insubordination.

TWO MILLION VOLUNTEER IN U. S. GARDEN ARMY

Nearly 2,000,000 girls and boys have volunteered for the United States garden army in the department of the interior. Their service flag bears a crossed rake and hoe with the letters U. S. G. in blue on a field of white with a red border.

The enlistment entails a pledge on the part of the child to use efforts to increase food production by cultivating one or more crops under a garden supervisor or a teacher chosen for this work, and to make such reports as may be required.

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MORE SMALL ARMS FOR EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

German timidity before American pistol fighters armed with American .45 calibre automatic pistols has brought about a change in the equipment of the American Expeditionary Forces by the war department and the Ordnance department is rushing production of these weapons.

About 3000 are turned out daily and production is increasing. The impression exists that a shot from an American .45 takes a man out of action completely. Men hit from the smaller German pistols frequently continue in action effectively. The .45 calibre was adopted by the U. S. army in 1911.

Despite the heavy increased demand for these pistols the ammunition branch of the Ordnance department has effected a saving during the two calendar months of nearly \$2,000,000 mostly on small arms, such as the .45 calibre ball cartridges, .30 shells, and on clips and bandoleers.

The total saving of the Ordnance department for these two months through salvage, waste prevention, and the utilization or sale of discarded materials have aggregated \$8,757,025. Cost of Vickers machine guns has been reduced \$322.35 each; Colt machine guns, \$284.16 each; Lewis machine guns, \$22 each. Government rifles now cost \$22 each a reduction of \$13 each.

ARMY WILL REQUIRE NEED OF MUCH WOOL

Coming requirements of the army for wool look large. Besides clothing for the soldiers in France and at home a reserve must be accumulated sufficient to take care of any emergency.

There are large stocks of manufactured clothing and cloth on hand adequate for essential civilian needs, but woolen suits will not be cheap or plentiful during the coming winter season.

Wool stocks from abroad to supplement the domestic supply is restricted by shipping conditions. The shipping board states the movement of Argentine wool will be heavier the coming year than in any preceding year. But a large portion of the raw wool in this country and stock to be produced or imported to January, 1920, will be needed for military uses.

The war service committee of the national association of woolen manufacturers and the American association of woolen and worsted manufacturers conferred with the war industries board and representatives from the shipping board, war trade board, and army and navy over difficulties in the wool supply situation. The policy of the war industries board is to regulate prices and distribution when a scarcity arises due to government demands.

Ashland's Young Draftees Listed

Following is the list of Ashland and Talent registrants of the class of 1918, whose registration cards are in the possession of the Jackson county board, in the order of their liability for military service, as determined by the local board:

- 102—Mason A. Doran, Ashland. Order No. 5.
 - 22—Rollie Freeman, 261 Oberlin, Ashland. Order No. 13.
 - 25—Chester Knighten, Talent. Order No. 16.
 - 47—Connie Dee Clark, Talent. Order No. 25.
 - 23—John Francis Finneran, corner Eighth and A streets, Ashland. Order No. 32.
 - 28—George Andrew Dosler, R. F. D. 1, Ashland. Order No. 33.
 - 21—Wm. Mayfield, Ashland. Order No. 34.
 - 15—Dale Rodney Baughman, 566 Fairview, Ashland. Order No. 45.
 - 31—William Bryan Davis, R. F. D., Ashland. Order No. 48.
 - 19—Bernard Pederson, 329 Beach, Ashland. Order No. 51.
 - 27—John Redmond Bilderback, R. F. D. No. 1, Ashland. Order No. 55.
 - 29—John Kemble, 227 Granite, Ashland. Order No. 56.
 - 48—Bertrand O'Brien, Ashland. Order No. 58.
 - 17—Roy Murphy, R. F. D. No. 1, Ashland. Order No. 61.
 - 20—Fred Fritzing, R. F. D. No. 1, Ashland. Order No. 63.
 - 34—Everett Vincent Bailey, R. F. D. No. 1, Talent. Order No. 64.
 - 14—William Bryan Johnson, 1224 Iowa, Ashland. Order No. 65.
 - 24—Lea A. Porter, 95 Coolidge, Ashland. Order No. 66.
 - 16—Sumner Austin Parker, R. F. D. No. 1, Ashland. Order No. 72.
 - 26—Walter Herman Scholer, R. F. D. No. 1, Ashland. Order No. 82.
 - 22—Hermon Crease, 508 Liberty, Ashland. Order No. 84.
 - 12—Troy Aubrey Phipps, 113 Pine, Ashland. Order No. 89.
 - 105—Harry Edgar Hunt, 541 Fairview, Ashland. Order No. 97.
 - 30—Delbert Orran Mosler, 309 Harrison, Ashland. Order No. 102.
- A number of these registrants have already enlisted in the navy.

TWO KINDS OF ALIENS IN AMERICA TO WATCH

There are enemy aliens and there are native aliens. The American who does not do his part toward winning the war, who neither fights nor works nor lends for victory is as much an alien to America's purposes and America's cause as the rankest Prussian interned in this country. This is a war of peoples as well as of nations, and each individual has a place and a duty.

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Report Of City Patriotic Fund

Treasurer F. J. Shinn submits the following report of the finances of the Ashland Patriotic Relief fund for the period ending June 30, 1918:

Total amount subscribed.	\$29,125.24
Total number of subscribers.	1011.
To amount received to	
July 1	4,950.88
By amounts paid out—	
On our quota to second	
Red Cross war fund	3,750.00
For postcards, printing	
and stationery used in	
drive	30.90
For record book	2.50
By cash on hand July 1	1,165.23
Total	\$4,950.88
Amount of delinquents on June	
payments, \$197.05.	
The July payments are now due	
and should be taken up between July	
15 and July 20, at the recorder's	
office in the city hall.	

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22 1-2c

Apron Gingham
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36-in Percale
Hundreds of yards of good quality percale, light and dark patterns, worth 35c today.
29c

Devonshire Cloth
must soon be 50c a yard. We are selling it today at wholesale price
40c a yard

A good muslin 24c a yard
50c Figured Voiles 39c
35c Figured Voiles 28c
Good quality 36-in Bleached Gauze 12c.

Bathing Suits and Caps
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Silk Ginghams
Splendid patterns in new plaid gingham in gingham designs
\$1.69
\$2.25 Foulard silks \$1.85
1.75 Foulard silks 1.65

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and aprons. We have several shipments of new dresses in snappy styles

Ladies' Bathing Suits
Cotton Bathing Suits \$1.00-\$1.50

Ladies' Union Suits
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Kahki Outing Garments
When planning your outing see our line of kahki goods