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Ashland Audience Thrilled By Description Of Americans In War

Ashland people were in France in mind last night, following with breathless interest the lives of our soldiers in the great drama being enacted with the allied nations abroad, as Dr. Carl Gregg Doney gave his realistic description of his experience with the armies on the French battle fields.

Any who went to the lecture last night expecting to have their minds filled with descriptions of the horrors confronting spectators on the battle fields were agreeably surprised. Dr. Doney's mission to those at home is not to harrow the feelings of the parents and friends of the boys at the front. Tragedy is no doubt there, and also without doubt Dr. Doney witnessed plenty of it, but it is not in his scheme to relate those things, and no one who heard his lecture last night but came away better Americans with a broader view of the fact that Uncle Sam knows his business, perhaps, better than we who stay at home are able to tell him how to run the ship of state.

Dr. Doney, who is president of the Willamette university, spent six months on the battle fields of France, and has only been home about three weeks, therefore, his impressions are fresh, and his story is new and practically up to the minute. His object was to visit the various departments of the American army service and see just what position the United States occupies in the world. That he has returned with a better opinion of American soldiers and the manner in which the government is looking after her boys than he had before can only be demonstrated by hearing his address.

Crossing in a camouflaged transport was a novel experience which was graphically described, and the landing of the ships loaded with the khaki-clad Yankees was thrilling and inspiring. Dr. Doney told of witnessing this impressive spectacle, and the gratitude and emotion with which the Americans' entrance into France is hailed by the French people.

The disposition of the troops and immense stores landing on the quays at Brest was also a source of astonishment to the visitor, who was impressed by the manner in which such enormous undertakings are accomplished so expeditiously.

Starting on his tour of inspection,

Dr. Doney visited first the engineers' camps down near Spain. Here he discovered a number of Oregon boys, who know what trees are, saw-lag lumber with a French mill. Comparing the output of the latter with an American mill that has been installed near, is causing the French to hold up their hands and say that if they bring any more mills of that sort over, there will not be a stick of timber left in France.

Tours was described by Dr. Doney as a wonderful old town begun many years before the Lord finished creating the earth. Near this city is the training camp occupied by the 166th Oregon, which was described, as also were the camouflage school, the sharpshooter school, tank school, bomb school, motor school, pipe-iron school, heat, light and sound school all of which were related in a manner to make plain the methods of these institutions. He also witnessed a gas attack which he described as a devilish thing, invented, of course, by Germans.

One of the most impressive features of the war machinery is the Y. M. C. A. organization in Europe. Every little town has a Y hut where the soldiers may go to read, to play games, to write letters, to keep their minds burnished and their souls white. A hospital is also a feature of every town, and Dr. Doney states that he never saw such wonderful physicians and such means of taking care of the sick and wounded, so friends at home need have no worry over that score.

His visits on the battle fields and through the trenches were absorbingly interesting. When the Americans first took their places on the battle line they were alternated with the French, as the latter did not know the fighting capacity of the Yankees, and wished to keep an eye on them. Now, Dr. Doney says, the French would be glad to turn the whole show over to the Yankees.

"The Americans are homesick," Dr. Doney said in conclusion. "But not one will leave until the war is ended and the Kaiser is knocked off his pedestal. Then they are coming home, and such a welcome as will be accorded them has never been conceived. The cheers will ring to the planet Mars, and the inhabitants will look down and wonder what is going on." (Continued on page 8)

Douglas Fairbanks Coming This Week

Along the Mexican border—the desert lands of our country—with its forests of giant cactus, there appears one day a mysterious, lone rider, who acquires the appellation of "Headin' South."

He claims to be an outlaw, and proves to be such, not the desperate cruel and inconsiderate type, but the "good, bad man" sort of a fellow who wins his spoils through mental calculation rather than brutality and physical destruction.

"Spanish" Joe is at the head of a notorious gang of Mexican bandits who have been very active despite the attempts of the rangers to curb their depredations and repeated endeavors to catch them.

"Headin' South," who is a horn diplomat, succeeds in persuading "Spanish" Joe to enroll as a member of the band. That worthy soon begins to suspect the new recruit, but the latter's ability as an outlaw overbalances Joe's suspicions.

"Headin' South" was written for Douglas Fairbanks by Chief Director Allan Dwan, and presents a plot so unique that after due consideration it has been decided not to disclose too much of the story in order not to detract from the pleasant surprise which the picture will give.

The plot unfolds rapidly, and Doug Fairbanks as "Headin' South" displays his athletic prowess in a series of daring deeds. There is a girl in the story upon whom "Spanish" Joe forces his attentions, and "Headin' South" rescues her in a novel manner and wins a wife.

This play will appear at the Victoria theatre Friday and Saturday.

When, Where How Men Must Register

All male persons, citizens or aliens, born between June 6, 1897, and August 24, 1897, both dates inclusive, except officers and enlisted men of the regular army, navy and marine corps, and the national guard while in federal service, and officers in officers' reserve corps, and enlisted men in enlisted reserve corps while in active service, must register.

When—On Saturday, August 24, 1918, between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m.

Where—At office of local board having jurisdiction where person to be registered permanently resides, or other place designated by that local board.

How—Go in person on August 24 to your registration place. If you expect to be absent from home on August 24, go at once to the office of the local board where you happen to be. Have your registration card filled out and certified. Mail it to the local board having jurisdiction where you permanently reside.

In close a self-addressed, stamped envelope, with your registration card, for the return of your registration certificate. Failure to get this certificate may cause you serious inconvenience. You must mail your registration card in time to reach your home local board on August 24. If you are sick on August 24 and unable to present yourself in person, send some competent friend. The clerk may deputize him or her to prepare your card.

If you are in doubt as to what to do or where to register, consult your local board.

Failure to register is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for one year. It may result in loss of valuable rights and privileges and immediate induction into military service.

Do not confuse this call with registration, which is only for men who have reached their 21st birthday since June 5, with the coming registration of men from 18 to 20, and from 32 to 45, inclusive, which will be held early in September.

Rock Crusher In Operation On Hill

The crusher outfit belonging to the county which has been in operation on the roads at and near Talent has been brought this week to the Billings hill just north of the city and will be employed in furnishing the rock to pave the new grade there. A road roller has also been brought from the Siskiyou to that point for use on the road. Superintendent J. M. Baker has a force of men working on the highway, and the paving will be rushed along as rapidly as possible.

Demonstration Of Blight Control

The most remarkable demonstration of pear blight control ever held in Oregon will be given at the Southern Oregon Experiment Station near Talent on Monday, August 26, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Professor Reimer has conducted an experiment during the present summer and has obtained results which will mean more to blight control work than anything that has been done since the discovery of the cause of pear blight. The results obtained will completely revolutionize certain treatments in combating pear blight. Our growers have often obtained unsatisfactory results from their work in fighting pear blight, even where very thorough work has been done. The result of this experiment will show why such unsatisfactory results have been obtained, and also how entirely satisfactory results can be obtained. Experts who have seen these results state that this experiment should mean a saving of a million dollars annually to the fruit industry of America.

Every orchardist, and every blight cutter in the valley should be present at this meeting. These results will apply to every orchard whether old or young. The work is entirely different from any that has ever been demonstrated at the Experiment Station on previous occasions.

If you want to see the results of the most important and the most convincing experiment ever conducted on the proper method of treating pear blight you should attend this meeting. The demonstration begins at 2 o'clock sharp and will require less than an hour.

No Excuses Accepted For Not Registering

So important is haste in registering all men who will be affected by the new draft law soon to be passed by congress, which probably will extend the draft provisions to include men from 18 to 20, and from 32 to 45, inclusive, that local boards are completing all preparations now to conduct the registration.

The date of the new registration day for these men cannot be foretold definitely until congress actually enacts the law. But it will in all probability be before September 15.

Consequently, for their own protection, all men within the ages mentioned should keep very carefully posted through the newspapers in regard to the date of the registration day.

This is necessary because there will be no time to give long notices beforehand. Registration day probably will follow very closely the passage of the bill, because of the urgent need for more men to keep filled the ranks of class 1.

No excuses will be accepted for failure to register. Even ignorance of the date of registration day will not be accepted. As the penalty for failure to register will be very severe, it is doubly imperative on every man affected to protect himself by learning the date as soon as it is announced.

Registration will be conducted by local draft boards. These boards are now imperatively in need of volunteer registrars to assist them in the work of registration.

This registration will be the most difficult feat of it kind ever attempted by any nation, for it is estimated that the number of men who will register in one day will be close to 13,000,000.

In the meantime, this registration day for men of 18 to 20, and 32 to 45 years, inclusive, should not be confused with the registration day to be held Saturday, August 24, for the registration of men who have become 21 years old since last June 5.

Canteen Managers Guests Of Soldiers

While one of the troop trains stopped at the local station last Saturday the officers in charge invited the members of the canteen station to take mess with them in the dining car on the train. As the women at the station were busy when the officers dined, they waited until the men were served, then boarded the train and ate with the kitchen police.

An excellent luncheon was served and the men were delighted to have the honor of the canteen managers as their guests.

French Within Mile of Noyon; Three Mile Gain Near Ancre River

London, August 21.—4:45 p. m.—French troops advanced three miles today along the Oise and reached Zempigny, a mile from the outskirts of Noyon, according to reports from the battle front.

The line occupied by General Mangin's army at 2 o'clock this afternoon ran from Semigny to Pontoise and thence to La Pommeraye, Montchoisy, Cuts, Camelin, Blierancourt, St. Aubin, La Tour farm, Mont Du Crocq farm, Vesaponian, Bieuxy Laval and reaches the Aisne at Courtil.

French progress on the vital sector between the Oise and Soissons bids fair to bring about a cracking of the German defensive system from Ypres to Rheims, Marshal Foch has connected his Marne and Picardy successes with a new triumph which appears to be a greater threat than either of the others.

In the new operation between the Aisne and the Oise the French have gained the heights and are advancing rapidly toward Laon and the supply line connecting Laon and other places with the Noyon pocket. In two days General Mangin has advanced more than two and one-half miles on a front of more than 15 miles. The Oise and the railway line, paralleling it are but three miles away and the French apparently hold all the important high ground which had barred the way to Noyon and the line of the Oise.

If Marshal Foch can push the advance to the north of the Oise it would appear inevitable that the Germans must retire in Picardy, probably to the old Hindenburg line, and withdraw from the Vesle, at least to the Chemin des Dames. With the French north of the Oise both these enemy positions would be outflanked. Apparently the Germans realize the possibilities of the new allied operation, as they are resisting most stubbornly.

Berlin reports that it anticipated a French blow north of the Aisne and the Germans are reported to have prepared for a counter attack. The French, however, surprised them and gained on Tuesday a half score of villages and captured 8000 prisoners, bringing their total of the three days to 10,000. The German war office says that the French attack broke down.

The French and Americans con-

tinued their pressure along the Vesle but the heavy fighting has not yet spread to the east of Soissons.

Except in the Woevre, where the American troops repulsed a German raid, there has been no fighting activity elsewhere.

American naval aviators have carried out the first American aerial offensive against German submarine bases in Belgium. Ostend was bombed successfully on August 15, but details of the operations are lacking.

British forces struck the Germans over a front of approximately ten miles on the line southwest of Arras at dawn.

According to meagre details the British have advanced from two to three miles and have captured the towns of Moyenneville, Courcelles, Achiet-le-Petit and Boucourt-Sur-Ancre, and have reached the town of Achiet-le-Grand. A large number of tanks participated in the attack.

Unofficial dispatches indicate that the British advance has carried the battle line up to a point three miles from Bapaume, reputed to be an important German base in the Picardy sector.

If the British drive continues along the northern side of the Pleardy salient, the enemy forces farther south would be in a serious position. They are at present holding back the French and British along a line west of and parallel to the Somme, and north of that river they have been desperately resisting allied attacks as far north as Albert. The advance seems to have placed the northern section of the enemy's front in great danger.

In the Flanders battle area the Germans also are under heavy pressure. Last night an attack was made from Festubert to the Lawe river, a distance of more than four miles. The village of La Touret, at about the middle of this line, has been captured. This marks an advance of nearly a mile at this point.

On the northern side of the Lys salient, the British made a local attack over a mile front near Loers this morning. The important Druentre ridge has been wrested from the enemy and the Leere Hoopie, a group of buildings which has been the scene of frequent and terrific fighting since April, has been attacked.

Many Ashlanders Attend Encampment

Over 50 persons from Ashland and nearby points took advantage of the excursion rates to Portland this week to attend the G. A. R. national encampment and Women's Relief Corps convention in session there. The delegates and visitors began leaving by the middle of last week and have kept it up until the first of the week. Among those who have gone out from this city are the following:

- Mrs. Marcia Mitchell, Miss Delpha Allen, Miss Eleanor Allen, Mrs. Laura Allen, Mrs. Pernie Johnson, Dr. Minerva Kenaga, Mrs. Bertha Heer, Mrs. Katie Spindler, M. J. Kenaga, Mrs. Josephine D. Crocker, Mrs. Eida F. Anderson, Mrs. Lulu Howard, O. Howard, E. K. Hall, Mrs. Mary Hall, Mrs. Laura Salisbury, Reuben Borton, Clinton Gano, Mrs. Louisa Swingle, Eli Coder, Rebecca Reader, Mrs. Emma McKibbin, Mrs. Elva Rouse, Mrs. Isabelle P. Spencer, A. C. Spencer, E. E. White, Mrs. Dora Young, John H. Scott, Mrs. P. C. Coder, Mrs. Julia Hockett, Mrs. Louise Wardner, A. R. Gregory, Mrs. Belle Cordell, Mrs. Belle Butcher, Verna East, Mary Abbott, Mrs. Myrtle Sayle, J. P. Sayle, Mrs. J. P. Sayle, G. W. Benedict, Marion Van Natta, Albert Johnson, Mary A. Crawford, Mrs. C. E. Keith, Mrs. G. O. Van Natta, G. O. Van Natta, Mary E. Johnson, Volney Colvig, Mrs. Ida Snow, Mrs. Emma Warren, Charles Gainiere, Mr. Hurd.

Liquor Ordinance Drafted For City

City Attorney Roberts was ordered to draft a new liquor ordinance at the meeting of the City Council last Tuesday to conform to the present state regulations of the traffic so the city can retain fines assessed against violators of this ordinance. An adjourned meeting of the council will be held next Tuesday evening, when action will be taken on this matter.

Enlisted Men For Government Work

T. J. Conroy, a representative of the United States government employment service, department of labor, was in Ashland Monday from Portland to enlist recruits among mechanics and laborers for shipyard work at Portland and Astoria. One thousand mechanics are needed at Astoria for placing machinery in the vessels being built there, and two thousand laborers are wanted in the various war industries at Portland.

A federal employment agency has been established in the Nash hotel building in Medford for this same purpose, and applicants are being enrolled there. Among those who have applied there was T. W. Hill of Ashland. A special coach was attached to one of the regular passenger trains last evening to take the recruits to their destination at the government's expense.

May Have Better Water Facilities

The City Council at its meeting Tuesday evening took preliminary steps towards improving Ashland's water storage facilities. City Engineer Walker has been asked to prepare estimates on the probable cost of a reservoir on the east fork of Ashland creek. A natural site is available at that point, and the council will make a thorough investigation of the situation in a body, and decide on the location and capacity of such a reservoir. Much water flows through Ashland creek during the season, which if conserved, would be ample to supply the needs of the city. This matter will receive an early investigation and will probably result in a storage reservoir being erected at the site in question.

Farming and dairying are rapidly growing industries along the lower Umpqua.

Proposed War Tax On Autos Is Heavy

In the new war revenue bill which will soon be introduced in the house, automobiles will be taxed by the amount of horse power of each car. According to the final recommendation of the committee having charge of the bill all cars under 23 horse power will be taxed \$10. This will take in the majority of cars sold and owned in the valley including the Ford, Buick Four, Chevrolet, Overland model 90, Saxon Six and Overland Six.

The tax on all cars of between 23 and 30 horse power will be \$20, and on cars from 30 to 40 horse power the tax will be \$30. All cars over 40 horse power will be taxed \$40. Dodge car comes in the \$24 class, and in the \$20 class are the Paige, Buick Six, Hudson, all other models of Overland, and the Reo and Chalmers.

M. C. Reed Finished Chautauqua Work

M. C. Reed, who left here the first of April to superintend on the Ellison-White Chautauqua system, returned yesterday morning from Bozeman, Mont., where he closed his last Chautauqua on the seven-day circuit. Mr. Reed made a distinctive reputation for himself as a Chautauqua man and holds the record of being the only superintendent on the circuit who never lost a contract for the coming year. He not only made a reputation of being the best superintendent on the entire circuit but has developed into a magazine writer of note, having an article which holds the most prominent place in the Lyceum magazine of Chicago in the August issue.

Since leaving Ashland last April Mr. Reed has traveled nearly 16,000 miles having visited many towns and cities, but says Ashland is the most beautiful of them all.

Chrome Properties Are Reported Sold

An extensive deposit of chrome was discovered in Pleasant valley, an arm of Evans creek valley, by Phil Robinson, of Rogue River, who after thoroughly prospecting the claim, found the percentage of chrome to be high. Portland capitalists were soon interested and it is currently reported this week that Robinson sold the property to them for \$15,000.

Extensive prospecting was immediately begun by the purchasers who report that the find is extensive. They have since been offered \$100,000 for the mine, it is currently reported.

Another extensive deposit of chrome, yielding from 15 to 25 per cent, was recently discovered by C. C. Clark, of Medford, in the Kane's creek district, about four miles from Cold Hill. Clark has bonded his claims to Merrick & McClellan, the former of Medford and the latter of the Greenback mine, the one being a capitalist and the other a well known mining engineer. The sum for which this property is bonded is \$5000. Work on the claims was begun by the new owners on Thursday. Clark has other extensive chrome prospects in that district, but the claims bonded by Merrick & McClellan appear to be a veritable mountain of chrome ore.—Gold Hill News.

Married Men Who May Be Drafted

In answer to a letter from Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military committee, asking whether it was true that the war department proposed to exempt married men as a class under the new man power bill, Secretary Baker informed the senator that the existing regulations (Continued on page four)