

Voluntary Subscriptions To Fourth Liberty Loan Popular

Starting with Monday, the executive committee and workers of the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign have been putting in their best legs to incite the citizens of Ashland district to make their subscriptions promptly and voluntarily in order to make their quota and have everything cleared up by Friday night. If this is done Ashland will again establish its reputation as a one hundred per cent patriotic city.

This morning the chairman of the executive committee received the authorized quotas for the Fourth Liberty Loan, which are as follows: State, \$33,500,000; Jackson county, \$571,000, and Ashland district, \$181,600. This is a trifle below the amount expected by the executive committee, and if the subscriptions continue to come in promptly the city's quota will be raised practically by voluntary registration.

The executive committee and the workers met at a fine noonday luncheon served at the Austin hotel dining room yesterday and reviewed the work accomplished and that immediately in front of the big effort to go over the top on the voluntary registration plan.

In order to afford every possible assistance, the registration subscription booths located in the three banks will remain open Thursday and Friday. On Thursday the bank doors will remain open until 5 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of registration. On Friday the booths in

the banks will remain open continuously until 9 o'clock. Every effort will be made to get to the top Friday night.

On Friday evening at 8 o'clock, upstairs at City Hall, there will be a meeting of the executive committee and all other citizens interested in making good Ashland's quota. All those invited to last Saturday evening's committee meeting are requested to attend as well as any one offering to volunteer their services. The purpose of this meeting is to mop up the remains of this voluntary subscription registration campaign. The details of the last clean up will be ready for this meeting and everything will be ready for action and the method to be pursued will be finally passed upon. There will be no soliciting for funds at this meeting, the work being confined to the business in hand.

Up to last night 361 subscribers had voluntarily purchased bonds amounting to \$75,600. While this is very commendable and shows the proper spirit of those who have given their allotment in this campaign, there are many whose subscriptions are necessary to fill out the quota. In view of the fact that only two more days remain in which the volunteer subscriptions will be taken, every one is most earnestly urged to buy their bonds within the two days, in order to leave a little as possible to the clean-up committee to gather in at the last minute.

Daring Stunts By Aviator Instructor

The Daily Empire, of Juneau, Alaska, of recent date contains a letter from J. C. Tolman, a man well known in Ashland, who has been for several years connected with interests in Seward, Alaska. Mr. Tolman is at present in San Diego, Cal., with his two boys, Crit and Chet, who are in the aviation branch of the service. In the letter Mr. Tolman says:

"Crit has been assigned as instructor in stunt flying, and machine gun shooting from the plane—all of which does not please him, as he is anxious to get to France, or across the water.

"It certainly makes me hold my breath to see Crit fall end over end, side over side, for a thousand feet, or go down tall first spiralling like a corkscrew until you think he will never stop until he hits the earth, then when he rights up the machine and flies away, somehow or other, I want to sit down on the ground and rest. It is certainly great work and a wonderful experience for those who live through it.

"Three of Crit's closest companions in aviation have been killed. Ex-Mayor Mitchell was the last one. Crit has only had one accident and had a horseshoe around his neck or something equally as lucky. The machine in which he was flying fell bottom side up and there was not a piece left of the machine worth 25 cents. When Crit crawled from underneath the wrecked machine all the injury he received was a small scratch on the leg which did not amount to anything. He got right into another machine and went on flying.

"It seemed to be an unlucky day Friday, July 12. There were 11 machines smashed up that day, one man killed, and some severely wounded. Each one of those machines cost the government \$10,000.

"Chet has not started flying yet, but expects to shortly. He will be flying in the navy, which is not considered as dangerous as flying in the army."

Noted Case To Be Heard In Salem

Attorney A. E. Reams has gone to Salem, where he will make final arguments in the case of Sweeney vs. Jackson County over the construction of the Siskiyou section of the Pacific highway. The case has been before the courts for three years, Sweeney suing for \$140,000 against \$35,000 allowed by the state engineer, and securing an award of \$70,000 by Circuit Judge Davis in Portland, from which decision the county appealed. Seven hundred and sixty pages of brief have been filed with the court.

Jackson County Boy Fallen In Battle

The casualty list of Monday contained the name of Russell Simon Hawk, of Derby, Ore., who made the supreme sacrifice in the battle of Chateau Thierry July 19, where he was at the battle front with the United States Marines.

This young hero enlisted in the marine corps November 26, 1918, at Medford. He was trained at Mare Island, California, and Quantico, Virginia. Later he was assigned to the Savage Arms company machine gun factory as a machine gun assembler. He was supposed to have been a machine gunner in the aerial service.

Five days previous to the receipt of the news of his death a letter was received from him by Mrs. E. C. James, an old friend of the family. In it he had written: "If you fail to hear from me within a month after the receipt of this letter, you may know that a German shell has come over the line with my number on it." Almost to a day the shell came over. He was 26 years of age.

Registrants Called To Meet In Medford

An order has been issued from Provost General Crowder for the draft men of Jackson county of all classes from 18 to 45 years to report to the Natatorium in Medford promptly at 8 o'clock Saturday, September 28, to receive preliminary instructions. Captain Richard Russell, of the medical department of Camp Lewis, Captain J. Frederick Thorne of the American Red Cross, and Captain C. A. Steele, of the state department of the army Y. M. C. A., are the men detailed by the war department to give this instruction.

This call is issued to all men liable to service, and reaches those who were in the previous registration and who have not been called, as well as those in the last registration. Captain E. M. Burke, representing the Oregon Social Hygiene society, has been in the county this week making arrangements for this meeting, and was an Ashland visitor yesterday. This society was formed to uplift the morale of the Oregon troops and sustain the moral and social welfare of the state, and the results have been so pronounced that the war department has taken notice of this society, as the Oregon boys stand highest in hygienic lines of any in the Union.

"To Hell With The Kaiser" At Vining

"To Hell with the Kaiser," which comes to the Vining theatre tonight, is a wonderful picture.

At the death of Frederick III of Prussia his son, Wilhelm II, succeeds him. The decay of the Hohenzollern family is exemplified in the monarch's withered arm, as well as in the weak degeneracy of the Crown Prince, Bismarck, an adviser of Frederick, shows the kaiser some secret plans for subjugating the different countries of the world.

In the spring of 1914 the kaiser and his war council decide to put these plans into execution. Zeppelin submits his plan for air supremacy, von Tirpitz makes known his scheme for submarine warfare, and von Hindenburg discloses his military projects.

A thrilling romance is woven around these scenes, which ends in the justifiable killing of the Crown Prince and the capture of the kaiser, who is banished to a barren island.

Arriving in hell Wilhelm is greeted by satan, who advocates in his favor, saying that the kaiser's tortures are more fiendish than any he has ever been able to devise.

Doing Business At Former Stand

Merle Robison, who recently returned from San Francisco, where he had been employed as head electrician for the Hudson corporation, has settled again in Ashland, as the climate of San Francisco did not agree with his wife's health. Since coming to Ashland Mr. Robison has repurchased the Ashland garage on Second street which he formerly owned and had sold to Roy Crouch and Roy Hensinger previous to going away.

Grants Pass Gets Repeating Station

According to the Grants Pass Courier, a building is being prepared for the repeating station which will be moved to that city from Ashland, at which time a repeating station will also be established at Redding.

Considerable money has been spent recently in improving the Western Union system, \$52,000 having been spent on improvements between Grants Pass and Glendale alone, according to reports.

Delay in securing equipment for the new building is being encountered but when complete the new quarters for the Western Union will be up to date in every respect. They have secured a five-year lease on the building and will install their own electric generating plant to be used in cases of emergency, and will furnish that city with a day and night telegraphic service.

It has been reported that the United States government will eventually consolidate the Postal Telegraph with the Western Union.

Addresses Tonight In Vining Theatre

The speaking billed for tonight in the interests of the Fourth Liberty Loan will take place in the Vining theatre immediately after the first show, and will be given by Major Jack Hamilton, a returned soldier, and Louis J. Simpson, of Shore Acres. This will be the wind-up of today's program in which the "Yellow Demon" automobile, arriving here at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, was the opening feature.

Major Hamilton has recently returned from France, where he served three years with the allied armies, and he will present to Ashland the true needs of supporting our boys in their great sacrifice. Mr. Simpson is a well known orator, and has always met a warm reception in Ashland, where he has many friends who will not fail to give him a rousing welcome.

The doors of the Vining theatre for the show tonight will be open at 6:45, and the pictures will be finished at 8:45, after which the Vining doors will be thrown open to the public to attend the addresses. No admission will be charged to the speaking. Mrs. Julia Hockett will sing a solo.

Clothing Solicited For Needy Belgians

A call has been issued by H. P. Davidson, national chairman of the Red Cross war council, requesting the local chapters of the Red Cross to start a drive for clothing for Belgians. According to Dr. Davidson, the need is greater than ever for these stricken people. Every kind of clothing is needed for men, women and children of both sexes and scrap leather is needed to repair footwear.

Stocks of clothing and raw material are not to be had, and these ten million human beings must be clothed. Harken to the following letter from a well-to-do lady of Brussels:

"Perhaps you will laugh when you hear that I wear a cloak made from my husband's overcoat, a waist made from his football shirt, and a skirt made from a dyed bed sheet. Mother has a suit made from a tablecloth, and S. has a dress made from bur-lap."

This doesn't sound very warm, to us who are well clothed and shod, coming as it does from people living in a cold, damp climate with winter coming on.

Irrigation Debts Paid By Klamath

Reports from Washington are to the effect that contracts under which the newly-organized Klamath irrigation district assumes liability to the government for payment of operation and maintenance of the project for years subsequent to 1918 have been approved by Secretary Lane. An announcement of the contract says the maximum amount for which the district becomes liable is approximately \$1,300,000.

Allies Gain On St. Quentin; British Take Over 40,000 Turks

London, Sept. 25.—The process of closing in on St. Quentin was continued by the British, who made progress in the Gricourt neighborhood and also in the Seleny region west of St. Quentin. One thousand prisoners were captured in yesterday's operation, particularly around St. Quentin.

Heavy losses were inflicted on the Germans in their attacks above Gricourt.

British posts in the regions east of Arras, near Sacny Cauchy, also were attacked, and here, likewise, the enemy was driven off.

In the encircling of St. Quentin and in driving the Germans and Bulgarians northward in Macedonia, the allied armies are making further progress against increased enemy resistance.

Northwest of St. Quentin the British have followed up the allied successes of yesterday, in which the British and French made further gains toward the town from the west and are pushing forward in the direction of the northwestern suburbs. Heavy fighting is taking place in the region of Gricourt, less than three miles northwest, and Seleny, two and one-half miles northwest, the British are advancing despite counter attacks by the Germans, who were repulsed with severe losses.

On the French sector to the south, only the artillery has been active. Between the Allette and the Aisne the French have repulsed German attacks in the important territory about the Moisy farm at the western end of the Cehmin Des Dames.

Apparently the allies in Macedonia have completed the splitting apart of the German-Bulgarian forces east and west of the Vardar. The Serbians are pressing northwestward along the river toward Veles, which the enemy apparently will not be able to hold, as other allied forces are marching northwest in that direction from Prilep.

Standing on the heights along the Bulgarian frontier east of the Vardar south of Demirkapu pass, the Bulgarians are offering stiff resistance to allied attempts to advance. North of the pass, the enemy is retiring on

Veles, and it would appear that this column has been cut off from its comrades further south, thus cutting the enemy forces in two.

The Bulgarians fighting on the frontier west of the Vardar probably are those who fled before the French, Greek and British around Lake Dolran.

It is believed in Paris the allies will press up the Vardar to Uskub and swing eastward and outflank the Bulgarians west of Strumitza rather than attempt to get over the hills on the southern frontier. In the region of Prilep, the enemy is being forced toward the Albanian frontier.

Aerial and artillery activity has increased markedly on the American sector southwest of Metz, but no infantry engagement has resulted. Both the German and American airmen and gunners are busy, artillery paying special attention to cross roads and troop formations within range.

Few details of the situation in Palestine, as it has developed in the last couple of days, have been reported. Only brief, formal statements tell of the capture of Acre and Haifa and the further advance of General Allenby's victorious troops. It appears, however, that the Turkish forces which succeeded in reaching the eastern bank of the Jordan are virtually isolated and in imminent danger of capture.

Allied forces advancing south of Archangel again have been attacked by Lettish forces fighting with the Bolsheviks and Austro-German prisoners.

London, Sept. 25.—More than 40,000 prisoners and 265 guns have been taken by the British in their successful offensive in Palestine. It is officially announced this afternoon.

The British forces operating east of the Jordan apparently are in a favorable position to cut off the Turks retreating north along the Hedjaz railway. The British are now approaching Amman on that railway.

Arab forces are pressing the retreating enemy northward from Ma'en. Ma'en is on the Hedjaz railway, southeast of the Dead Sea. Amman is 120 miles to the north.

King George Sends Letter To Soldiers

A number of letters arrived in Ashland this week from members of the 69th Battalion, presumably from England, which contained the following letter from King George:

"Windsor Castle.
"Soldiers of the United States, the people of the British Isles welcome you on your way to take your stand beside the armies of many nations now fighting in the old world the great battle for human freedom.

"The Allies will gain new heart and spirit in your company. I wish that I could shake the hand of each one of you and wish you Godspeed on your mission.

"GEORGE R. I."
The above letter is presented to every American soldier on his leaving England for France. It is a facsimile of an autograph letter written by the king and is a highly prized souvenir from that monarch.

Doing His Bit To Down The Kaiser

Professor H. G. Gilmore has composed for campaign purposes a brilliant march under the title of "Uncle Sam's Fourth Liberty Loan March." The march consists of four movements representative of the music of France, Great Britain, the Stars and Stripes and the "Three Nations in Fraternal Acclaim," and will soon be given to the public. Professor Gilmore's daughter, Mrs. M. B. Stevens, of Detroit, Mich., has, in the interest of her country, as an artist, charge of the music at Camp Custer and Sel-fridge field, and there is little doubt but that at those and other military headquarters, the Ashland creation may receive many a welcome and appreciative hearing.

Having repurchased the Ashland Garage, I will not be responsible for bills contracted by Roy Crouch or Roy Hensinger on or before September 23.

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Prize Winners At Jackson Co. Fair

At the Jackson county school fair held in Medford last Friday and Saturday, the following were the winners of the different projects:

Winners of Grand Prizes—Vernon Owens, Medford; Roscoe Roberts, Eagle Point; Leola Hesselgrave, Central Point, and Beth Ager, Jacksonville.

Winning Canning Team—Jacksonville school team, consisting of Bernice Reter, captain; Beth Ager, and Ruth Fleming.

In school contests, Jacksonville won first place among the town schools, Oak Grove first in two room schools, and Willow Springs first among the rural schools.

The four winning the grand prizes are given a free trip to the state fair, and left Tuesday morning for the entire week. They will probably return Sunday evening. The Jacksonville canning team will go to the fair today (Thursday) and demonstrate at the state fair Friday. Supervisor R. E. Morris went with the Jackson county exhibit and had charge of the county booth.

Ashland prize winners were: Aletha Gray, potato growing, \$1; Eleanor Moore, baking, \$1; Mildred Geyer, sewing, \$1; Robert Miller, Belgian hare raising, 50 cents.

Wagner Boys Gain Commissions In Army

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wagner received news this week from their sons, Carroll and Robert, who have been attending the officers' training school at Fortress Monroe, Va., that they both had completed their courses and received their commissions in the branches of the service for which they have been aspiring. The former gained the rank of second lieutenant in the heavy artillery, and the latter electrical sergeant. Carroll expects to remain for eight weeks more in the school of orientation, after which he will be classed as an orienteur, an office connected with the big guns of the heavy artillery.