

STR. WASHINGTON TO CARRY FOOD FOR THE STARVING BELGIANS

Pacific Northwest Expected
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POOR MEN'S LIBERAL GIFT

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The Belgian food ship from the northwest is to be the steamer Washington, 251 net register and 7500 tons cargo capacity, according to a telegram received from the Belgian Relief commission of New York and transmitted to the Belgian Relief committee appointed by the governor. Contributions of imperishable food—beans, peas, flour, condensed milk—are to be assembled from Oregon, Washington and Idaho communities at Portland, Tacoma and Seattle. It has been expected that three states would furnish 6000 tons or more, and that the cargo would be loaded and gotten on the way to the millions who are in destitute circumstances in Belgium during the present month.

Gave All He Could.

Samuel Hill, chairman of the Belgian Relief committee for Oregon, added \$1000 to his personal contribution for Belgian relief this morning. He had previously given \$4000, and this is the first announcement of his gift of \$5000. Another prominent Portland business man has pledged \$5000 and a letter from A. G. Ervin of Amboy, Clarke county, Washington, this morning. The letter shows just how much a contribution of \$5 may mean.

"Included you will find check for \$5 which I wish you to use at your discretion in helping the suffering Belgians. My sympathies go out to them in their distress and I send all I'm able. I am old, poor and a cripple, but I have a home and food and clothing and live in a country not at war."

"If I had the spirit of this man," exclaimed Mr. Hill, "how easy it would be to care for all the distress everywhere."

Contributions of flour when made in 49 pound sacks save a double mission. After the Belgians have used the food, the sacks are made up into garments.

All contributions from Oregon communities are to be marked for the Portland Relief committee. The Portland Relief committee has received contributions for this purpose without charge.

Ministers have before them the request that they set apart a Sunday in the immediate future, devoting all the contributions of that day to Belgian relief.

APPEAL IS MADE FOR AUTOS

Muts Want Means for Supplies to the Needy.

The Muts (Men United to Serve) with headquarters in the Pittock building, appealed today for the service of automobiles with which to gather contributions of food and clothing for the needy who are unable to call.

Last Saturday double the amount of contributions could have been assembled for the needy who want automobiles.

The Portland lodge of Elks is using the Muts as a clearing house for its relief work. Yesterday the lodge conferred with Monroe Goldstein of the Elks committee, saying that a full carload of supplies could be sent from the Pomtilla metropolitan "We have no poverty in our district and will be glad to help those in Portland who are up against it," said Mr. Matlock, who expects to organize a rabbit drive for the week before Christmas. A rabbit drive will also be organized at Baker, a carload of clothing will be sent to the Muts from Klamath Falls.

N. F. Johnson, publicity man of the Al G. Barnes circus, who is giving all his time to aid the work of the Muts, said that a farmer had donated this morning a full truckload of potatoes. Two men have gone to Beaver-ton and Hillsboro and expect from the two towns large contributions of potatoes and vegetables.

Little Gladys Keady, whose father runs a cigar store in the Pittock building, brought to the Muts this morning a box of new toys, books, puzzles and other articles for the Christmas tree in the Armory. She had tied each gift up in tissue paper and ornamented all with Red Cross seals.

The Royal bakery donated 50 dozen cookies for the Christmas tree.

The Muts expect to fill a large number of Christmas baskets for families. They have a fund of over \$1200 in addition to contributions of supplies. They are getting wholesale prices on foods and find they can fill 30 percent more baskets at wholesale rates than buying at retail.

GRANGE TO ASSIST NEEDY

Christmas Box to Be Sent to Portland.

Rockwood, Or., Dec. 7.—Rockwood grange will send a Christmas box to the needy of Portland and has appointed a committee, consisting of E. L. Thorpe, Mrs. Ida Burgess, Mrs. May Richmond and M. Norby to receive contributions. Committees have been appointed for the "parcel post" sale to be held December 13, and the annual New Year's ball to be held January 2.

Officers for the ensuing term have been elected as follows: Master, John Richmond; overseer, Mrs. Mary Richmond; lecturer, Mrs. Ida Burgess; steward, Thomas Rowan; assistant steward, Anton Schantz; chaplain, F. H. Crane; treasurer, Mrs. May Richmond; secretary, Mrs. Hester B. Thorpe; gatekeeper, David Wood; Ceres, Mrs. Belle Stockton; Pomona, Mrs. Mary Crane; Flora, Mrs. Laura Pullen, and Indy assistant steward, Helen Wallard.

District State Deputy T. J. Kreuder made a partial inspection of this grange Wednesday and delivered an address on grange work. W. A. Young, overseer of Lents grange, also spoke.

Lents School Center.

Lents, Or., Dec. 7.—Principal A. F. Hershner of Lents school and the Lents Parent-Teacher association, of which Mrs. Otto Katsky is president,

will cooperate to make Lents school the center for regular distribution of clothing to the needy people of this district during the entire winter. School children and residents are urged to bring all kinds of clothing for boys, girls, men and women to the school. The needs of worthy indigent people will be investigated and notices will be sent them by the association to come to the school for the clothing.

Relief Fund Grows Steadily.

The fund of Associated Charities for winter relief work was \$1210.23 at noon today. One of the largest contributions during the morning was a 50 pound sack of sugar from employees of the tub room in the Meier & Frank store. Appeals for assistance are coming in great number to Associated Charities and every member of the staff was kept busy this morning trying to answer them.

PROSECUTOR'S PLEA

WINS LENIENCY FOR
WOMAN EMBEZZLER

Austin Postmistress Is De-
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ed; Three Months Given.

On her plea of guilty to the charge of embezzling government money while she was postmistress at the little logging town of Austin, in Baker county, Mrs. Mollie Irwin was sentenced this morning to three months' imprisonment in the county jail.

Judge R. S. Bean imposed the penalty in federal court, supplementing it with a fine of \$1410.41, which was the amount of her alleged defalcation.

Assistant United States District Attorney Everett A. Johnson asked the court to be lenient with Mrs. Irwin, pointing out that she evidently had profited in no way by the theft of the funds. He hinted at a man in the case who may have been the one to benefit and referred to the woman's former husband, who had left her to eke out such a livelihood as she could by running a boarding house, candy store and postoffice at Austin.

In pleading for his client, Attorney White said she undoubtedly was negligent in looking after her accounts and should be reprimanded by postoffice inspectors for her lax methods. He explained, however, that there was no safe in the office and that others besides herself had access to the building. Even if she had taken the money and he said there still is room to doubt in spite of her plea of guilty—she did not reap a penny's benefit.

While the attorneys were discussing her case and while Judge Bean imposed sentence, she walked from the court room without being visibly affected and was taken at once to the Multnomah county jail.

Postponement Is
Asked by Speeder

Because of the injury to his wife, as well as other witnesses, Joseph Paquet, of 112 East Twelfth street, whose machine was in collision with the automobile of Dr. R. H. Wellington at Union avenue and Knott street Thursday afternoon, appeared in the municipal court this morning and asked that hearing on the charge of reckless driving against him be postponed until next Friday. Mr. Paquet was served with a warrant yesterday.

Forest Fahey of 4824 Powell Valley road, appeared before Deputy City Attorney Stadler today and swore to a complaint against the driver of an automobile that he says ran him down while he was riding a bicycle at Broadway and Oak streets this morning. He was thrown from his bicycle, but was not injured.

J. P. Gault was fined \$5 for violating the city traffic ordinances; Harry Turner, whose machine struck Mounted Patrolman Short Saturday night on East Twelfth street, was fined \$10; F. C. Myers was fined \$2 for riding a motorcycle without a license, and the owner of the machine was fined \$2 for speeding his automobile.

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