

FUNCTION OF ARMY OFFICER IS TOLD BY CONGRESSMAN

Representative Miller of Seattle Relates Observations Among the Soldiers of France.

SNOBBERY IS DECRIED

Commander Who Is Too Stupid or Indifferent to Teach and Inspire Men Is Failure.

Washington, Dec. 22.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Representative Miller of Seattle, Wash., one of the congressional party which visited the battleline from Verdun to the North sea, made an impressive speech in the house when he told his fellow members of his experiences.

One of the things which brought most immediate response was his narrative concerning the private soldier of France. He seemed to think from his observation of the American army that there is need of a little greater democracy and less of caste in the relations of the officer and private.

"It is the private soldier that is the ideal France," he said. "The Frenchman cares nothing for class or rank. Both are but incidental to armies. When the soldier knocks at the door of the peasant in the night time and is asked 'Who is there?' he simply answers 'A soldier of France.' The door is opened, the helmet taken, the fires kindled and the chair placed for him; the housewife opens the larder and he knows he is welcome to the best.

"Over there the major and the corporal, the captain, the lieutenant and the private, sit at the same table and sip their wine together. I saw them. The plan of campaign is discussed; the sergeant, the corporal and the private know the objective for tomorrow just as well as the colonel.

"The officer knows his men from close personal contact, not at the arm's length. He knows the weak man and can strengthen him; he knows the strong and can keep him strong. This is practicing the very basic idea of true democracy. This is why the private and the corporal stand beside their colonel and each measures every inch the soldier's worth. This is why the soldier of France is the glory of his soil.

A little later Representative Miller gave his appraisal of an officer who is a snob, and the house applauded him: "An officer should be an associate, a teacher, a leader of his men. If he feels himself too good to be a companion, too indifferent or too stupid to teach, and has not the born native quality of leadership, he is unfit to be an officer of any rank, and the quicker he is out of the army the better for the service."

Secretary Baker's announcement in his annual report that he does not now deem it advisable to recommend legislation for universal military training will make no difference in the plans of Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the senate, who is preparing to urge his universal service bill.

The committee will take up the Chamberlain measure soon after the holiday recess and is expected to report it without much delay. Senator Chamberlain believes the senate will pass it.

Secretary Baker suggests that adjustments to be made after the war may be postponed until the war is over.

"Such a clear case of counting the

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wrong man into office was disclosed by committee investigation that the house by practically unanimous vote, has seated Samuel W. Beakes, Democrat, from the second district of Michigan, in place of Mark E. Keenan, Republican.

That election laws and courts do not always promote the ends of justice is clear in this case, for the canvassing boards and courts of Michigan refused, one after another, to correct a clear mistake which changed the result of the election, and ever since last March the man who would be elected to seat has been occupying it. Possibly it is only a coincidence that Beakes, the majority of the canvassing boards and the supreme court of the state all are members of the same party.

Beacon received the certificate of election on the face of the official returns, but it was soon discovered that in one precinct the election officers had neglected to "tally" the full vote cast for his opponent. This was disclosed when a recount of ballots was made for that county office. The election officials then joined in a statement to certify that they had committed a mistake. The canvassing board and the courts refused to correct the returns. At just about that time the national election was much in doubt and no one could tell which party would control in the new congress.

Republican members of the committee which heard the contest decided they would not make a report to the house to show temper. Dyer of Missouri said he considered it an "outrage" for a Republican to be compelled to vote without any report from their party associates on the committee, "and thus put us in the position of having to say by our votes that we have nearly approved a man for sitting in this house and drawing the pay and bearing the responsibilities of membership without right, and we sit by and do nothing to show why he came here."

Dyer said he would vote for Beakes because there was nothing else to do. Everybody in the house has voted for Meyer London's Modesty.

If Meyer London, the Socialist member of congress from New York, was ever a candidate for a crown of modesty, it fell behind in the running when he nominated himself for membership on the new woman suffrage committee.

After Representatives Kitchin and Gillett, the party leaders, have nominated members for the committee according to plans already agreed on, London moved to substitute his own name for that of Sullivan, a Democrat from New York. When the speaker announced the motion had failed, London made a point of no quorum, whereupon Speaker Clark counted 21 members present, "and the house is in session."

Janitor Is Held Up And Robbed of \$701

F. W. Firmer, Customs House Employee, Loses Savings When He Encounters Two Men With Gun in North End.

While on the way to his home, 175 North Fifteenth street, from work at 8:30 Saturday night, F. W. Firmer, 45, janitor of the U. S. customs house, was held up by two armed men and robbed of \$701.50. The highwaymen met Firmer on a dark corner at Fifteenth and Hoyt streets. One of the men drew a revolver against his back the other relieved him of his money. The victim is unable to describe the men other than that one had a mustache and the other a slouch hat.

The money was Firmer's accumulated savings, which he had been keeping hidden at home. Three days ago he put the money in a bank, but neglected to do so.

Detectives Mallet and Tichenor and Patrolmen Gouldston, Crane, Freiberg and Norene scoured the territory in the vicinity of the holdup.

Food Administrator To Join War on Fires

Will Cooperate With State Authorities—Survey of Elevators and Mills Aids—Boxes for Soldiers Approved.

The state food administration will cooperate in every way with the state insurance commission in the matter of fire prevention. This was the result of a meeting held between W. B. Ayer, the food administrator, and Harvey Wells, state insurance commissioner.

The survey of the various grain elevators and mills may be made in the last two months is very complete and has been of great value to owners and employers, according to Mr. Ayer.

A sample of the 200 Christmas boxes sent to the O. A. C. boys in the army and navy by the O. A. G. girls was received today by Mr. Ayer, each box containing two big Oregon apples, individual conservation fruit cakes, conservation candies, popcorn and peanuts. Mr. Ayer said inspection of the box approved its contents.

Alienation Charged To Society Leader

Newark, N. J., Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Four men are reported missing following an explosion which wrecked the factory of the Newark Rubber company here today. Raincoats were being manufactured for the government at the plant.

4 Reported Missing In Factory Explosion

Affairs in Congress

NORTHWEST without representation on rivers and harbors committee—Hawley would advertise Crater Lake and Oregon caves—Allotments for Oregon Indians—Harbor project at Crescent City, Cal., urged.

Washington, Dec. 22.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Oregon, in its future applications for government aid for river and harbor improvements, will have to depend on the good will of members from other states. Recent committee shifts, when a vacancy on that committee was open, disclosed no candidates from Oregon.

Representative McArthur, who could have gone on the committee at the beginning of the present congress, again elected to leave it alone. He is now studying up the "cub" member of the naval affairs committee, which is higher in rank, and is regarded as a major committee.

Representative Hawley switched over to ways and means from appropriations, reaching the committee of highest rank. This came as quite a compliment for him, and with this prize in sight, no one had the temerity to suggest that the state may find itself in great need of a representative on rivers and harbors.

Senator's Assignments Important Representative Sinnott, representing Eastern Oregon, has the unusual distinction of being a member of two committees of the highest importance to his district and the state, public lands and irrigation. Public lands is the committee which handled the Oregon irrigation bill, and the other committee has jurisdiction over all bills relating to homesteads as well as water-power and other leasing legislation. The irrigation committee deals with the reclamation projects. He has a position of vantage from which he cannot be spared.

Other Oregon members having put the "inferior" rivers and harbors committee behind them, and the Washington members who wanted it, being unable to get there, the Northwestern states will remain indefinitely without representation upon the committee which originates river and harbor appropriations and is the largest factor in deciding where and in what amount money shall be spent for improving the navigable waters.

Would Advertise Crater Lake Washington, Dec. 22.—During consideration of the house of the postoffice appropriation bill, Representative Hawley offered an amendment to provide for the issuance of postage stamps for the postoffice at Medford and Grants Pass, Or., for the purpose of advertising Crater Lake and the Oregon caves.

The amendment was refused on a point of order. The chairman of the postoffice committee said, however, that if Mr. Hawley would bring this matter before the committee as a separate proposition, he will be glad to do what we can for him.

It is proposed to use a cancellation stamp at Medford which will call attention to the project.

Crescent City Harbor Project Washington, Dec. 22.—Representatives Lea of California and Hawley of Oregon have introduced in the house a bill for the harbor committee of the house in behalf of the proposed harbor project at Crescent City, Cal. They urged that the project should be adopted by the government at the earliest possible date.

The project would be financed by the government, but the work with funds raised by local interests. Originally it was proposed that local interests contribute \$100,000 and the government \$200,000. Now local interests want to put in \$200,000 to start the work if they can secure formal adoption of the project.

CAT ARISTOCRACY TO LIVE IN EXHIBITION FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS

First Annual Show of Oregon Branch of National Breeders & Fanciers in February.

The aristocracy of catdom will come into its own again in Portland next February after a lapse of several years, when the first annual show of the Oregon branch of the National Breeders & Fanciers' association will be held at the Meier & Frank store. The dates are February 14, 15 and 16.

Rabbits and guinea pigs will vie for honors at the show, but the stars will be the cats. It is expected that there will be at least 150 cats on display and the assortment of rabbits will, it is said, be of unusual character.

Silver cups, ribbons and merchandise prizes will be given to the winners in the various classes. The local business men are joining in the effort to make the show a success. It is predicted that the entries from many parts of Oregon and from the neighboring states of Washington and California will add to the interest in the show.

The judge is not selected, but it is reported that Mrs. Janey of Medford has favorably mentioned to pass upon the merits of the felines. Mrs. Janey has officiated in former cat shows in this city, and her ability to judge the fine points of the animals is admitted. The show will be held under the general charge of W. C. Kenworthy, president, and Edgar Kline, secretary. The cages will be furnished by Sprague.

Immunity as Deputy Taken From Gaillaux

Paris, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—The French chamber of deputies today voted suspension of the constitutional immunity from prosecution attaching to Joseph Gaillaux as a member of that body—the first step in prosecution of the former premier for treason.

The climax came at the close of a day filled with lurid oratory and impassioned defense by Gaillaux himself. The final speech was by M. Renaudel, Socialist leader, who created a sensation by demanding that Premier Clemenceau speak concerning hints that he had approved certain measures taken by Gaillaux. Clemenceau refused. Renaudel thereupon declared he would depart from the position of the radicals, opposing the raising of the immunity provision, and support such a move, on the ground that the prosecution following would certainly hold Clemenceau and M. Loustalot, another government leader, as being responsible.

Fulton Will Fight Only for World Title

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Fred Fulton won't fight Jess Willard at all unless a championship battle is at stake. Fulton was quoted at the statement of Joe that, if he fought, it would be for charity alone, and not for the championship.

The Journal Staff 100 P. C. Red Cross

Canada to Increase 'America Dry' Area

PLANT TO BLOW UP GOVERNOR'S HOME IS TO I. W. W.

Thirty-three Members of Organization Are Arrested in Clean-up at Sacramento.

TWO IMPLICATED, IS BELIEF

Pair Caught With Dynamite Suspected of Planning to Destroy California Lighting Plant.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Thirty-three members of the I. W. W. were arrested tonight in a general clean-up of members of the organization, following discovery of evidence which, the police declare, indicates I. W. W. were behind the attempt last Monday to blow up the governor's mansion and kill Governor William D. Stephens.

The first two men taken, C. F. Voelter and William Hood, are suspected by the detectives of being implicated in the dynamiting. They were arrested this morning as they were about to remove from a cache a box containing 26 sticks of 40 per cent dynamite.

Beap Coals Dynamite It is alleged he is one of the dynamite, to conceal the real contents. Detectives assert that apprehension of the two men frustrated a plot to dynamite the Pacific Gas & Electric company's plant. Suspicion was directed to the pair when it was reported to the police that Hood had been heard to remark "tonight we're going to blow up a plant that will put the city in darkness."

Hood is also known as Riley and Dougherty. It is alleged he is one of the I. W. W. members sought by federal authorities in connection with the recent Chicago round-up of members of the organization. The day after the explosion at the governor's mansion, he is alleged to have remarked:

"This is only the beginning. Hurrah for the dynamite! The day after the explosion at the governor's mansion, he is alleged to have remarked:

Plot to Produce Darkness Chief Conran asserted his belief that the dynamite was brought to this city for the purpose of blowing up the steam plant and distributing station tonight. If such a plan had been carried out, the city of Sacramento would have been thrown into complete darkness.

Following issuance of his statement Conran ordered a special detail of police to stand guard over the I. W. W. headquarters and to see that nothing was removed from the premises in the raid which was ordered after the arrest of Hood and Voelter, 31 I. W. W. members were secured here.

All of them were plentifully supplied with money. Maps were found in the I. W. W. headquarters of government buildings and bridges in California.

Neutral Crews Used To Aid German Spies

Communications in Invisible Ink Are Found on Swede Crews When Search Is Made by Secret Service Officials.

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—The hidden hand of the German spy system has been using neutral seamen as messengers between America and Germany, it was revealed today.

A method of sending pyagrams in invisible ink on the backs of the seamen of the United States entered the war has been uncovered by the customs officials at New York through search of incoming and outgoing passenger lists.

The seamen were under arrest and scores of others are being watched as a result. Through authority granted by the trading with the enemy act, the crew was investigated and many letters in invisible ink or codes were revealed. Many of the seamen were Swedes and their names were conveyed to Sweden for relay to Germany.

The Germans used this method previously and it has often been reported that they used it particularly in Spanish and Scandinavian ports, to act as messengers.

Newell to Attend Hoover Conference

Federal Food Administrator W. B. Ayer has been summoned to attend a conference of food administrators from all the states with Herbert Hoover at Washington, January 8, 9 and 10. Mr. Ayer will not attend but will send his assistant, W. K. Newell, as representative of the Oregon administration.

"The meeting of administrators which I attended at Washington in October, it was decided to hold similar conferences at frequent periods," said W. B. Ayer. "This is made necessary by the new problems constantly confronting administrations in the different states. The conference, it is found, results in better teamwork among the administrators and a better handling of the situation."

Mr. Newell will leave for the east shortly after the holidays and will probably be absent for several weeks.

U. S. U-Boat-Chaser Destroyed by Fire

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.)—A U. S. submarine chaser was destroyed by fire today. It was burned to the water's edge and later beached. Two of the crew were injured. The fire is said to have originated in the engine room. The chaser carried 3000 gallons of gasoline, which was emptied on the water when another chaser fired a shot through the tank of the burning boat.

Canada to Increase 'America Dry' Area

Mrs. Bessie Dollar Dies in Shanghai

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Melville Dollar, formerly Miss Bessie Hamilton of Portland, whose husband is a son of Captain Robert Dollar, is dead in Shanghai, according to cable advices received in Vancouver and telegraphed here today.

Her husband is president of the Canadian Robert Dollar company, making his headquarters in Vancouver. Captain Dollar was shocked to learn of the death of his daughter-in-law and said he had heard nothing of her demise.

OVER 1000 SOLDIERS ARRIVE IN PORTLAND TO SPEND HOLIDAYS

Christmas Party for Men in Olive Drab Is to Be Held Christmas Day at Auditorium.

Santa Claus has donned khaki and will preside at a soldiers' Christmas party in the Auditorium Christmas day.

More than 1000 men arrived on two special trains from Camp Lewis last night, and the majority of them have leave of absence for the holiday season.

Other trains are bringing in their quota from Bremerton, Fort Stevens, Vancouver and other military and naval stations in the Northwest. Every preparation has been made by city officials and commercial and fraternal orders to entertain the boys in olive-drab. The result is that militarism will be the dominant tone in holiday events this year.

At the Auditorium a big entertainment for soldiers will be staged on Christmas day. A big Christmas dinner, with dancing and theatrical entertainments, will divert the minds of the soldiers, their families and friends from the stern purposes of war.

Only officers and enlisted men of the various naval and military branches of government service will be admitted to the Auditorium Christmas shopping. Girls of the Honor Guard and other patriotic societies will assist in the entertainment. Four bands will supply music, and vaudeville acts will be contributed by local theatres.

Not only at the Auditorium, but on the streets of the city, will the Christmas spirit rule.

All business places, hotels and theatres have made special preparations for the biggest Christmas celebration in the history of the city.

One Killed, Three Hurt on New Haven

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.)—One trainman was killed and three others were badly injured near here this afternoon when two passenger trains of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad collided at the Cedar Hill yards. The passengers escaped injury. The dead man was fireman on the eastbound train. Both engineers and firemen on the westbound train were badly injured.

GAUDO IS ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH LUCY CARTER'S DEATH

Man Declares Woman Fell Out of Window; Police Disinclined to Believe Story.

After a 12 hour search over the city, Frank Gaudo, sought in connection with the death of Lucy Carter was arrested Saturday afternoon in South Portland by City Detectives Morak, Pat and John Moloney and Tom Coleman. The woman was found dead on Third street Saturday morning about 5 o'clock. She had fallen from a second story window of the Cadillac hotel. The couple had been living at the hotel since last October.

Immediately after the arrest Gaudo was taken to Captain Baty's office where he made a statement to Deputy District Attorney Collier.

Had The Italian said he and the woman went to their apartment about 10 o'clock Friday evening after several hours' Christmas shopping. Shortly after he said, she left, returning about midnight in company with a man by the name of Anderson.

The latter stayed until 2:30 and during the time he and the woman had a number of drinks. Gaudo said he spent most of the time in the kitchen because of the noise; that he let Anderson out, turned back to the room and found the woman gone. Looking out the window, he said he saw the body lying on the sidewalk, rushed down, turned it over and left.

Story Is Doubled In a statement to Captain Baty and Deputy Collier, the janitor of the hotel said he had warned the three several times after midnight to cease their noise and finally called the police. During the few intervening minutes before the officers arrived, the tragedy occurred.

The authorities are not inclined to believe Gaudo's story, as they contend it would have been impossible for a person to have walked smoothly and without only small window which fronts Third street.

Until the investigation is completed, Gaudo is held at the city jail.

Christmas Mail for Tommies Is Heavy

Business About 40,000 Bags Greater Than in 1916 Handled Without Delay; Homebound Buses Gifts Clean Shelves.

With the British Armies in France, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Santa Claus and the British army postoffice practically finished the handling today of 40,000 sacks of mail and parcels for Christmas.

Santa and the postoffice did about 40,000 more mail bags full of business this year than in 1916. Every bit of mail was handled smoothly and without delay. Despite heavy snowfall, the deliveries have been made on time.

The army postoffice also had a heavy outgoing mail to handle. The Tommie's favorite gifts to those back home were handkerchiefs, lace and war souvenirs. Hundreds into the room of French villages were literally "cleaned out" of their stocks. In addition, the normal letter post of about 4,000,000 has been doubled.

Californians Buy Up War Stamp Supply

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—So eager have been the people of northern California to invest in war-savings stamps and U. S. thrift certificates the original allotment of \$2,000,000 worth to the federal reserve bank of San Francisco has been exhausted and an additional \$10,000,000 worth has been ordered from Washington. Authorization has been received from Washington to appoint more than 500 agents among the mercantile houses, railroad offices and other public places.

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Bridge Sets	
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