

600 PICKED FROM CAMP LEWIS TO RECEIVE TRAINING

Enlisted Men From American Lake Selected to Try for Commissions.

BOARD MAKES ITS REPORT

Candidates Will Be Carried as on Detached Service While Undergoing Instruction.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 5.—(U. P.)—In a special order issued from headquarters of the 91st division at Camp Lewis today, the names of approximately 600 enlisted men of the command were designated by the examining board to attend the third officers' training camp here.

These men are drawn from infantry and artillery regiments, depot brigade, quartermaster corps and other detachments. They will be carried as on detached service while undergoing instruction.

Among those designated are the following college men from Pacific coast and intermountain states:

From University of California—W. Harold Gorton, Melville M. Levy, Preston E. Snook, Henry A. Husey, Dean Q. Waddell, Ray Rohwer, Vern W. De Tar, Albion W. Spear.

From Leland Stanford University—Hudson M. Moore, Jr., F. M. Scott, Junior, Lewis E. White, Sergeant Vernon J. Malcolm.

From Utah Agricultural College—John William Wright, Howard A. Christiansen, Clyde Strassford, Brice McBride, A. J. Taylor.

From University of Idaho—Fred E. Graf.

From Throop College of Technology—Clark E. Baker, M. R. Coles, M. H. Dodd.

From State College of Washington—Thomas C. Puckett.

From Mount Tamalpais Military Academy—Everett A. Corey.

From University of Washington—Thomas E. Dobbs, Howard A. Hanson, Ben B. Palmer.

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NEWSPAPER MAN IS FIRST LIEUTENANT



Edgar E. Piper

Edgar E. Piper, son of Edgar B. Piper, editor of the Oregonian, and former newspaperman, has been commissioned first lieutenant in the signal officers' reserve corps on the recommendation of Senator Chamberlain. His first duties as a lieutenant will begin in the equipment division in the United States, but it is expected that he soon will be sent overseas.

Streams in France Are Frozen Over

Paris, Jan. 5.—(U. N. S.)—The cold wave in France has now spread as far south as the Garonne valley. Streams are frozen over for the first time in years and many factories have been compelled to shut down on account of the coal famine. Railway traffic in the Rhone valley is suspended.

Billy Sunday Is Sued
Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 5.—(U. N. S.)—The Rev. William A. (Billy) Sunday is made defendant in a suit filed in federal court here this afternoon by Sidney Tapp, a Kansas City lawyer, who asks \$100,000 for alleged plagiarism and infringement on copyrights.

UNIFIED CONTROL OF RAILROADS TO CURE CONGESTION

Priority Orders of War Department and Shortage of Equipment Share Blame.

ONE SYSTEM PREFERABLE

Long Hauls to Originating Lines and Other Time Serving Devices Disregarded.

Washington, Jan. 5.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—The railroad view of the railroad situation is that the government brought upon itself the congestion which has resulted in taking over control. In this view the rail heads will apparently have the support of most of the interstate commerce commission.

Priority orders have been running wild. Rather, the "blue tag" system used by the war department bureau has been a nuisance. The blue tag took precedence over everything else, and was used for all sorts of supplies, different bureaus competing with each other to keep their supplies moving. In addition, the food and fuel administrations and the shipping board have been directing preferences.

Unified Control Advantageous

Unified control is to cure all of this. With one government director in charge, his orders become supreme, and there is no longer any debate over what shall first be moved. This is but one part of the problem, however. The big element in being able to disregard separate systems, traffic arrangements, the preservation of territorial divisions and long hauls to originating lines, and all the other time serving devices which have grown up in the transportation system.

Equipment Supplied Allies
Blaming the trouble on priority orders is likely to be considered as a pretext rather than an answer, because it is such a small part. Chairman Hall of the interstate commerce commission, in his opening testimony, however, seemed disposed to place much emphasis upon it.

That help extended to the allies has shortened the efficiency of the American roads is one point on which there will be little difference of opinion. It is understood that approximately 1200 locomotives and 40,000 or 50,000 cars have been sent to Russia and to France. This has drained away equipment which would have added largely to traffic ability, and consumed what might have been a normal increase in the production of rolling stock.

Hearing for Price Cutting
While the federal trade commission has set for hearing several cases against manufacturers who are alleged to have refused to allow dealers to cut prices, the members of the commission are not thus committed to the policy embraced in the law. Neither are they taking a stand as partisans and defenders of the law they administer.

For many years there has been legislative agitation over the Stevens bill, which would specifically permit the makers of goods to fix the resale prices of their products. The present law is based on the opposite theory that this would be bad policy. The trade commission is giving consideration to the question, and later on will make recommendations to congress.

These recommendations may not be made until after trade conditions have become more settled, but it is apparent that except for the war the price maintenance would by this time have become a live subject in congress, and as soon as the war ends, if not before, congress will be sitting up nights with it.

Food Survey On
Everybody in the country who has food products on hand in greater quantity than a family supply is called upon during the month of January to tell the bureau of markets of the department of agriculture about it. The important exception, it appears, is the farmer, as he is not a dealer, manufacturer, warehouseman or concern.

This information is for the purpose of compiling a nation-wide food survey, for which congress passed a bill at the extra session. All food stocks on hand are to be reported as of December 31. Supplies are supplied from the office of the bureau of markets here or from any of its numerous branches, and several hundred thousand have been mailed, although it is manifest that nothing like a complete job has been made of it. The report is required from every dealer or firm holding more than \$250 worth of food products.

Postal Rates on Newspapers
The new postal rate on newspapers, which will go into effect on July 1, unless some change is made in the meantime, does not affect papers for delivery by carrier from the office where they are mailed, and does not change the long standing free-in-county privilege.

The new rates, based upon the proportions devoted to reading matter and advertising, will apply upon the weight of the papers mailed from the office of publication, and not upon the total circulation of the paper. These are among the points which need elucidation, judging from queries which have been made here, based upon wrong ideas as to how the law shall operate. On the portion of publications used for reading matter the new rates will be 1 1/2 cents per pound for one year, and after that 1 1/4 cents per pound.

More to Amend Is Strong
On the advertising portion the rates run by zones corresponding to the parcel post zones, starting at 1 1/4 cents for the first and second zones, increasing one-fourth of a cent to the third zone, and to two cents for the fourth zone. These rates are to run for one year from July 1, increasing for the next year to 1 1/2 cents for the first and second zones, two cents for the third, and three cents for the fourth, graduating to a still higher rate the following year, and reaching the seventh in 1921, when the rates for the first and second zones will reach two cents, with three cents for the third zone and five cents for the fourth.

It is freely predicted that these rates will not survive as they have been fixed, even for the period of the year. They were adopted as a compromise, and are admittedly a makeshift. A strong movement to amend the law will be made during the present session of congress.

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NAMED ASSISTANT TO RAILROAD CHIEF



Walker D. Hines, railroad attorney, who has been appointed by Director General McAdoo as his assistant pro tempore in the operation of the country's railroads. He has lived in New York for more than ten years as chief counsel for the Santa Fe.

HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS OF PORTLAND REFUSE TO STUDY GERMAN

Course Is Provided but Those Taking It Have Dropped From 700 to About 75.

Has German literature and the study of the German language left the schools of Portland? No; but the students have left the German.

New York will abolish the study of German in its public schools February 1. It is reported, and many other cities

throughout the United States already have thrown it to the discard. Los Angeles is one of the larger western cities to first oust Teutonic textbooks. Many boards of education in other California municipalities followed suit.

St. Louis did away with German in its schools and denied the use of its school buildings to German school societies which taught German privately.

Why Portland high schools did not abolish German classes is a question that has been directed to the board of education.

In view of the fact that practically nobody in Portland wishes to study German, an answer to the question is unnecessary, board of education members say.

German in the schools of this city is dying a natural death. Almost every other language is preferred by students. Many students requiring a language to complete their course, and already having had a half year of German, dropped it for the study of some other tongue.

At the beginning of the autumn semester less than 75 students in all Port-

land high schools entered German classes. The unpopularity of the language is shown by figures of last year's enrollment in German classes, when 700 took the subject. Lincoln high school had 125 students of German. This year it had only 13.

When the second semester begins it is believed that even a less number of students will be enrolled in German classes.

There is a noticeable decrease in the number of German books taken from the public library. A year ago some classes of German literature were thumb worn and battered from frequent use. The same volumes, then overworked, are now resting on their shelves in dusty lethargy while readers seek other literature.

A Glove That Writes
London, Jan. 5.—A surgical glove has been invented which will enable a man who has lost the use of the tendons in the back of the hand to be able to write just as well as if he had those tendons there. This statement was made by Surgeon General Sir Francis Treherne.

Bishop Foley Dies In Detroit, Aged 84

Catholic Prelate Succumbs After Long Illness; Ordained 61 Years Ago; Appointed Bishop by Leo XIII.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 5.—(U. P.)—The Rt. Rev. Samuel Foley, D. D., bishop of the Catholic diocese of Detroit, died at his residence late today, aged 84 years.

The venerable prelate had been ill a long time, and had taken no active part in church functions during the past year. Bishop Foley was born in Baltimore, November 5, 1833. His father was a leading merchant and his brother, Thomas, one of the most distinguished of American bishops.

Bishop Foley was ordained 61 years ago, and was appointed bishop August 4, 1885, by Pope Leo XIII.

During the Civil War he was closely associated with soldiers' hospitals.

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TROOPS BEING USED IN LUMBER CAMPS TO CUT AIRPLANE SPRUCE

Units Composed of Men Who Have Had Experience in Work. Fill Deficiency in Labor.

Twenty officers and 371 enlisted men are now engaged in seven lumber camps in the Northwest cutting spruce for government's airplane construction.

"The spruce working units are composed of men who have had experience in the lumber industry. They are working side by side with other timber workers to fill the deficiency of labor in the camps."

This announcement was made Saturday by the bureau of information of the United States Signal corps, commanded by Colonel Brice P. Disque.

These officers and men have been sent out to the camps between December 27 and January 3. They are distributed among the seven camps as follows:

Puget Sound Mills & Timber company at Joyce, Wash., 43 men, two officers; commanded by Captain P. S. Powers.

Two camps of the same company at Twin Rivers, Wash., aggregating 45 men and three officers; commanders Lieutenant W. J. Rusch and Faucher.

Smith-Powers Logging company at Powers, Or., 65 men, three officers; commanded by Captain G. R. Gaenslen.

Cherry Valley Lumber company at Everett, Wash., 124 men, four officers; commanded by Captain C. A. Turner.

Courts-Fourney Lumber company at Aberdeen, Wash., 27 men, two officers; commanded by Captain C. E. Burke.

Merrill & Ring Logging company, Pysht, Wash., 30 men, two officers; commanded by Captain Sorenson.

Florence Logging company at Everett, Wash., 27 men, two officers; commanded by Captain D. W. Hartman.



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I. W. W. Members Accused of Plot

Atchison, Kan., Jan. 5.—(U. N. S.)—That members of the I. W. W. have plans to kill cattle and hogs in railroad yards and shipping yards by poisoning with concentrated lye and roach powder is the information received today by Missouri Pacific officials here. All agents on the roads have been warned.

The order formally states that dye rock salt produces an effect similar to the foot and mouth disease and muriatic acid and nitric acid in bran acts in a similar manner to hog cholera.

Junk Boatman Suspected

New York, Jan. 5.—(U. N. S.)—The junk boatman has been banned from the harbor of New York.

The authorities revoked all such licenses today following an investigation which indicated that much information regarding ship movements could be obtained from junk boatmen by enemy agents.