SONG OF LARK IS GUNS OPEN BATTLE

Thrill to Canadians; Allen Reid Describes Scene at Front.

DEWEY GRAY NOW IN FRANCE

Portland Youth Born Year America Took Over Manila Bay, Says Home Candies Enjoyed.



of Admiral Dewey in an infantry regiment in Franco. He was born May 22, named for the hero of that hour. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Gray of 5417 East Thirtyeighth street, have received a number

Dewey Gray is

carrying the name

ters since his ar-in December. In England in December. answer to queries about not hearing from him, he writes home:

"No, the Boches have not gotten me vet, so 'pack up your troubles in your ild kit bag and smile, smile, smile, for I don't think they will get me. I have received everything you have sent to candies taste pretty fine to us boys

Hood River, Or., April 24.-How a skylark, trilling its morning song in No Man's Land, brought a spark of joy to Canadian soldiers fighting in the front line trenches, is narrated in a letter received by Mrs. P. L. Tompkins of this city from her brother, Allan Reid, who is serving with the Canadian expeditionary forces. He tells the story, in substance, as follows:

"This morning the sun rose warm and beautiful. Spring was in the air and back of the fighting lines we knew that the fruit trees were blooming. The Boches had not yet begun their morning strafing and quiet prevailed along the lines. It was so peaceful that it was hard to realize that only a few rods away were enemies who sought to kill us, and that we would kill them. too, if we had the chance. Then, suddenly, a skylark broke forth in its morning song, in the midst of all that strife and terrible devastation.

Its sweet clear song reminded me of Shelley's Ode to a Skylark and of the peaceful homeland. But hardly had the bird begun its song before the enemy's U-BOAT BASE PLUGGED big guns began their day's cannonading; a group of allied airplanes sailed over the German lines, which brought their anti-aircraft guns into play upon the observers. The Boches started hurling 'sausages' into our trenches and we threw back some 'pigs,' as we call them. Battle, murder, and sudden death were again let loose."

FRED H. M'NEIL AT THE FRONT Admiral Keyes "acted in the spirit of

staff who is now with an engineer regi- not known. ment in France. A few interesting passages from his letter follow. The letter

was written "sometime in March":
"Yours of January 22 reached me to day after chasing all the way from Maryland. I suppose I am permitted to say that I am at the front and happy at being with the first Americans in actual active service in Euroje, I pack a gas mask around all day and at night sleep with English and French gas masks banging just above my head.

New York, April 24.—(U. P.)—If the rate of 4 per cent, providing that the day after chasing all the way from They are fearful looking things over your face. My bedfellow is my Spring-field rifle, laying right in the bunk with me. I step out of my shelter at night and see a sky lighted with star shells over the trenches. I go to sleep with the music of the artillery in my ears and it is going when I get up, and in fact sounds all day long. We feel of the seligium harbors before they masks hanging just above my head. The only other ports German subin fact sounds all day long. We feel of the Belgium harbors before they lonely if the big guns are not shaking reached friendly waters.

wonder that the French have fought so within this area that most of the subdesperately to save it. I occasionally marine attacks are made. By adding see some of the home papers, two months 300 miles to the U-boat journeys, the old, and all this socalled scandal about reserve power of the piratical craft supplies for us is positively a shame.

I tell you, the American boys are positively irresistible in their courage and pep. I know. I see them coming and the decreasing efficiency of the subpep. I know. I see them coming and the decreasing efficiency of the subgoing to the trenches and I get what is marine crews would be much increased. happening when it happens. I am tre- The increased 300 miles of travel would mendously optimistic. If the Americans at home were doing the equivalent of Sea, necessitating continuous operations what we are doing here, our victory Sea, necessitating continuous operations would be assured, or I am greatly mistaken. We fellows need all the support, destructive of morale. moral and material, that the home folks can give us, so flag them up all to the journeyings of the U-boats would

much, though I hope they are on the bombs which are giving such satisfac-

(Grace Rankin) are guests of Mr. rise in the curve showing the destruc-Stearns' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse tion of the undersea craft. Stearns, on a 10-day leave. Mr. Stearns is with the 166th depot brigade and has tims announced next week and the



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been at Camp Lewis since October 3.

Mrs. Stearns is living at the army colony near Lake Steilacoom. They expect to return to Camp Lewis this week.

Captain Floyd Cook of Camp Lewis and Lleutenant Guilbert, a French army officer who recently was assigned to duty at Camp Lewis while he is recuperating from wounds, were Portland visitors over the weekend. They were guests at the Multnomah.

Latest news from First Lieutenant Henry Cabell, son of Colonel and Mrs. Bird's Morning Notes Bring Henry C. Cabell, is that he is still at Camp Lee, Va. Colonel and Mrs. Cabell are at Washington city.

Jerome Stone, son of Mrs. B. L. Stone, has enlisted with Dr. Yenny's Hospital unit. No. 46, and left Monday to report at Camp Lewis.

THIRD COMPANY OF STATE POLICE HAS BEEN MUSTERED IN

Few More Volunteers Needed to election ballot. Ballot titles for the nine Fill Quotas of the Various Companies.

Under the command of Captain O. J. Hull and Lieutenant George L. Snyder. new Oregon Military Police battalion was mustered in as a protective unit late Tuesday and was assigned for duty in and about the shipbuilding plants at St. Johns, with a few men on special detail elsewhere.

The companies commanded by Captains L. E. Beach and Roy M. Doble date, I think, and don't be afraid to have been assigned to guard the Wilsend those packages because home made | lamette Iron & Steel company plant and the Northwest Steel company plant, respectively. The fourth company, commanded by Captain Harry E. Williams,

some time tomorrow. All companies are still open to enlistment of a few men. Captain Hull is especially anxious to recruit men from Southern Oregon and Captain Williams is receiving additional applications each day from Eastern Oregon. They point out that men should apply early and get into the police ranks while there is a good chance for early promotion.

Uniforms ordered for the battalion by Major Richard Deich, commanding officer, will not be received for a month and in the meantime the unit will make out with old national guard clothes. The new uniforms are to be of the United States army pattern, but of a special shade of drab green similar to that used by the United States ferestry service. The question of arms has not been definitely settled and a special automatic rifle may be ordered. For the present the police will use the Springfield gun formerly used by the regular

the German naval bases of Ostend and Zeebrugge on Tuesday, it was learned today. The Chronicle, in commenting

"I am at the front and happy at being ! It was announced in London yesterwith the first Americans in actual ac- day that the officer who planned and tive service in Europe," writes Fred H. carried out the raid was killed. Whether McNeil, former member of The Journal this referred to Vice Admiral Keyes is

Fewer Sinkings May Result

By J. W. T. Mason New York, April 24 .- (U. P.)-If the

The distance from Ostend to the "This country is beautiful and I don't Irish coast is only 600 miles and it is

An enforced addition of one third make them by that much the more "I am not worrying about the 'fags' so liable to attack by the new depth way, but I do worry about letters-" tory results, If, therefore, the Belgian Sergeant and Mrs. Noble D. Stearns there is certain to be an important

Should the number of submarine vicweek following show a striking decline, it may be taken for granted that the British navy has been successful in its purpose. If, however, it is demonstrated that the initial attack | was not wholly successful, the possibilities to be gained may well cause the allies to try once more.

Familiar With Zeebrugge "If the harbors of Ostend and Zeebrugge can be blocked it will mean that a triangular German submarine nest, with two outlets will be useless to the Huns," said E. W. Lazell, cement engineer of Portland, who attended a school near Bruges, Belgium, present

"Canals from Ostend and Zeebrugge on the coast to Bruges are protected runways for the submarines. If the British can bottle up Bruges' outlet to the North sea one of the largest German bases will be put out of com-

Mr. Lazell says that the closing up of the harbors would be extremely diffi-cult. The ports are heavily protected by the Germans.

"The ports of Ostend and Zeebrugge never could be used as primary German bases. They are too easy to shell fire,"

City Owes B. C. Ochies Dollar A city warrant for \$1 awaits B. C. Ochies who formerly lived at 730 Wilson street and may be had by calling at City Treasurer Adam's office in the city hail. Mr. Ochies in paying for a street as-sessment, overpaid \$1.

Nine Amendments to Charter Also to Be Voted on at Special City Election.

TITLES AND NUMBERS GIVEN

Council's Jitney Bus and "Unjust Burdens" Measure Are at Bottom of List.

The jitney regulation ordinance prepared by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company employes has been given first position on the special city measures submitted to the people by the city council and the jitney regulation ordinance have been prepared by City Attorney LaRoche.

The ballot titles and numbers are as

Carmen's Jit Regulation Measure An ordinance requiring any person operating any motor bus engaged in carrying passengers for hire over a definite route within the city of Portland to take out a license therefor, pro-viding the procedure for securing such license, requiring operation on sched-license, requiring operation on sched-ules over fixed routes and during cer-tain hours, providing for transfers, for examination of chauffeurs and motor buses, for giving bonds as required by ordinance and fixing a penalty. Shall such ordinance be adopted? 100 Yes.

City Employes' Salary Increase Measure

An act to amend the charter by adding new section authorizing an additional a new section authorizing an additional annual stax levy-of one mill during the period of the war and one year thereafter to cover increased expenses of the city caused by the war, to be credited to the general fund, and authorizing the council to borrow each year funds sufficient to meet the current expenses of the city between December 1 and such time as the annual taxes may be collected.

Shall the charter be so amended?

Home Industry Preferential Bill An act to amend the charter, as re-vised by the council by adding a new authorizing the council, in its discretion, when deemed for the pub-lic good, to award contracts for public improvements and for material and supplies to persons engaged in business in the state of Oregon at a price which does not exceed by more than 5 per cent the lowest bid, providing no goods or material shall be entitled to such preference if the major portion of the manufacturing is done outside of the state.

Shall the charter be so amended? 104 Yes. 105 No.

Firemen's Two Platoon

An act to amend the charter of Portland by adding a new section to be designated as Section 122A, authorizing the reorganization of the bureau of fire into two equal platoons, providing for not more than 14 hours' night service nor more than 10 hours' day service, subject to call at all hours in case of great or unusual danger or conflagration, requiring liberal housing conditions for or unusual danger or conflagration, quiring liberal housing conditions firemen and authorizing an additional annual tax levy not exceeding four tenths of one mill for such purpose.

Shall the charter be so amended?

Refunding Water Bonds
An act to amend section 229 of the charter, as revised by the council, authorizing the sale of bonds for funding any bonded indebtedness of the city, including water bonds, authorizing competitive bidding on interest of a fixed rate of 4 per cent providing that the

purpose.
Shall the charter be so amended?

New Method for Collection of Delinquent Assessments

An act to amend the charter by adding a new section providing an additional method for collecting delinquent the assessment collection fund to the general fund and from the improvement bond interest fund to the general fund and to provide for waiving certain penalties in case of redemption. Shall the charter be so amended?

Investment of City Funds An act to amend section 192 of the casualties, accordanter providing that when the necesing here today.

Pamphlets Free; No Need to Pay Oregonian Toll

The United States government publishes a great number of pamphlets of practical, everyday value to the farmer, and the housewife, the fruit grower and the gardener, the producer and the consumer.

These pamphlets are sent free to any applicant. It is not necessary to send postage. The Oregonian is practicing a petty mposition upon the public by offering to send these government publi-

cations upon receipt of a 2 cent

This morning the Oregonian announced that on receipt of "a 2 cent stamp for return postage" it would send to any applicant a booklet on "House Rats and Mice." The announcement carefully refrained from giving the official number of the booklet, for if the applicant were to write directly to the proper government bureau at Washington, there

Oregonian. If you wish to receive "Bulletin No. 896. Rats and Mice," send a postal card request to Division of Publications, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. No "return postage" is necessary.

would be no 2 cent rake-off for the

HUN PEACE DRIVE

French Leaders Say Entire Situation Is Summed Up in One Word-Hold.

Paris, April 24.-(U. P.)-Expecting Germany soon to launch another peace offensive, French leaders are warning against it.

"At this serious hour, the safety of France can only come through victory, eclared Maginot, former minister of colonies, speaking before the department of the Meuse.

"Each citizen and each soldier, who wishes to live, must determine to conquer. All illusions of a peace not pre ceded by victory should be blasted. Such a peace would be worse than disastrous. Antonin Dubost, president of the sen

ate, said before the department of the "We have reached the culminating was hostile artillery point in the war, where the fate of afternoon and evening.

France hangs in the balance. is at her maximum strength. It is plain she pretends to determine the terrible fate of those she believes she is able to conquer. President Wilson has torn away the last mythical veils of Germany's sordid aims and at the same time has pledged the strength of his powerful and immense country."

soil of France. "With our brave allies, we will fight

to the end," he declared. The entire situation is summed un in the one word-

sity for maintaining any special funds ceases to exist the balance thereof, if any, shall be transferred to the general fund, unless otherwise provided by the council: providing for the investment of sinking funds, for loans to sinking funds from the general fund without interest and for the repayment thereof, and providing for the deposit of sinking funds in the bank

funds in the bank.
Shall the charter be so amended?
114 Yes.
115 No.

Council's Jitney Bus Measure
An ordinance requiring operators of
motor vehicles for hire to file bonds with the city treasurer, in the sum of \$1000; and, if operating 10 or more such vehicles then the amount shall be \$10,-090 and providing a penalty.
Shall the ordinance be adopted?
116 Yes.
117 No.

Relieving Public Utilities of "Unjust Burdens" An act to amend the charter vesting the council with discretionary power, under certain limitations, to relieve any person, firm or corporation carrying passengers for hire in Portland from passengers for hire in Portland from the following obligations: Bridge tolls, assessments for street and other public improvements except repair of track area, free transportation of city employes, and franchise or license fees, and providing for an annual tax levy not exceeding four tenths of one mill to take care of the deficit caused by such relief.

Shall the charter be so amended? 118 Yes. 119 No.

Powder Factories Blow Up Zurich, April 24.-(U. P.)-Two large Austrian powder factories at Glazenbach were blown up with numerous casualties, according to reports reach-

CAUSES LOSS OF

Dr. Earl Smith, Coroner, Discharges Deputy E. F. Smith. Opposing Candidate for Office.

VOTERS MAY ADJUST MATTER

Republicans in Primary Called Upon to Differentiate Between Aspirants for Coronership.

Edward F. Smith has been fired. The reason is that he is seeking the Republican nomination for the office of coroner of Multnomah county contrary to the wishes of Dr. Earl Smith, present cor-

Fdward F. Smith has, for a long time, served as chief deputy coroner, and has ione more than a goodly share of the inquest and other work of the coroner's office, both under Coroner Dammasch, pefore the latter's resignation to enter since that time while Dr. Smith has been holding the office by appointment.

Deputy Smith made up his mind, eems, that he had just as well have the title as the major portion of the work and accordingly filed for the nomina-tion on the last day, April 17. When the the coroner, he called his deputy onto the carpet and "canned" him, according to the story that is floating about in political circles.

Thomas Opens Headquarters

George B. Thomas has opened headquarters, for his candidacy for county ommissioner, at the corner of Fourth and Taylor streets, in the Moose Temple on the ground floor.

Would Abolish Commission Signatures for the initiative measure roposing to abolish the public service commission of Oregon are being solicited throughout the city.

STRONG ATTACKS START EAST OF CITY OF AMIENS

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was hostile artillery firing yesterday Local fighting and artillery duels again constituted the extent of action on the west front Tuesday, it was shown by the night official reports. Field Marshal Haig reported the improvement of British positions east of n a minor operation which Robecq won 120 enemy prisoners and a num-M. Klotz, minister of finance, declared ber of machine guns. Several prisoners in the department of the Somme that and four machine guns also were taken France would never consider peace as in the neighborhood of Meteren. Ger-"Teuton foot profanes the fair man artillery was active in the Villers-Bretonneux sector, east of Amiens. The Fren is communique described "great mutual artillery activity" near Hangard-En-Sant re and west of Noy-

on, but said there were no infantry "Fighting activity was limited," the German wa office said. British infantry was especially active between Lens and Albert, the report said, but claimed no success was attained these local operations.

Holland Making Concessions, Belief Washington, April 24 .- (U. P.)-Holland was believed here today to be making some concessions to Germany to stave off war. Germany has demanded the right to get badly needed gravel and other war material from the neutral nation. Holland has steadfastly declined to make certain alterations in policy, but it is considered likely here that she is striving to do the difficult task of keeping on nominally friendly terms, at least, with

both the entente and Germany. The state department and Dutch legation had unusually small information of developments there, aside from the fact that the United States is undertaking to keep as much peace as possible in the Dutch situation by supplying more tonnage than at first decided on.

Heavy Bombardment in Picardy Paris, April 24 .- (I. N. S.)-Violent combardment of the Franco-British positions on the Picardy battle front was reported by the French war office today. The heaviest shelling was between the Somme and Avre rivers, east of Amiens and in the district around Hangard-en-Santerre and Villers-Bretennaux at the tip of the German saffent.

Norway's 144 tree planting societies

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