

RASMUSSEN THIRD HERO OF FAMILY

Father and Grandfather Fought
Prussians in Defense of
Denmark.

A dispatch by Fred S. Ferguson, United Press correspondent with the American armies in France, Monday, brought the first information to Portland relatives and friends of Major Axel Rasmussen that that gallant officer had been killed in France. Even today R. W. Rasmussen of Sherwood, brother of Major Rasmussen, had not been notified by the government of the death of his brother. It is presumed Ferguson was allowed to file his message to The Journal, owing to the importance of the tragedy and the fame Major Rasmussen had gained while serving with the American and Canadian armies.

When Major Rasmussen gave up his life fighting for world democracy on that battlefield west of Toul, he was the third generation of his family to offer all that they had to oppose Prussian barbarity. Both Major Rasmussen's father and his grandfather fought for their native land, Denmark, against the Prussian oppressors.

Prussian Barbarity Well Known
His father and six of his uncles fought in the War of 1864, when Prussia grabbed the provinces of Schleswig-Holstein away from Denmark, in order to lay the foundation for her scheme of world domination. The Rasmussens were natives of Schleswig and opposed the Prussian murderers with all they had. The major's father moved to America when the Hun finally triumphed over little Denmark.

"I used to try to explain to Americans what Prussian domination meant, but they would laugh and not believe me," said R. W. Rasmussen. "No one who is not familiar with Prussian militarism knows its horrors. Russia was kind to the Poles and Finns that came under her domination compared to the inhuman treatment meted out to the natives of Schleswig by the Prussians. They deliberately began the colonization of Holstein and then stole Schleswig, too, so as to give them more access to further their scheme of naval expansion. We of Schleswig-Holstein could see the writing on the wall before the great war broke out in Europe."

Grew Up in Willaburg
Axel Rasmussen grew up in Willaburg, which is now part of the city of Portland, and went to school there. Both Axel and his brother volunteered in the Spanish-American war and served with bravery in the Philippines. The outbreak of the European war found R. W. Rasmussen with a family, while Axel's wife had recently died. Both wanted to fight the Prussian tyrant, but R. W. found it necessary to remain at home while Axel went to Canada and enlisted with the famous Princess Patricia regiment.

His rise was rapid. He became a corporal the second day and was soon a sergeant. For his valor and ability he was commissioned a lieutenant. The regard his men bore him is shown by a handsomely engraved ebony cane given him at this time by his subordinates, expressing their admiration for his qualities of courage and leadership. He served through most of the great battles in France and in which the Princess Patricia distinguished themselves.

Perishing Asked Transfer
He never hesitated to take a chance and was five times wounded. Last summer, while ranking as a lieutenant colonel in the British army, he was loaned to the United States by Great Britain to help train American troops in France. At the end of this period of training he and Lieutenant Colonel Griffiths, who was killed in France last week, were among the few American officers in the British army whose transfer to the American forces was personally asked by General Pershing. He was transferred and given the rank of major in the American army. Since

SCOTCH LASSIE CARRIES BURDEN



Girl firemen are necessary in some Scotch cities because the men have all gone to the trenches. This beauty seems to make light of her task of carrying a coil of heavy fire hose. She is a volunteer to release an able bodied man for the work of fighting German fire in the war zone.

serving under the Stars and Stripes he had distinguished himself for his intrepidity and had been again wounded and gassed.

Under date of April 1 Major Rasmussen wrote his brother, telling him of being gassed. He said:

"Letter Tells of Being Gassed
"You will pardon this letter, as it is going to be short, as I am not feeling a bit good. I was gassed about two weeks ago and my throat is still terribly sore, as well as my eyes. I have not slept over four hours every night since."

"My eyes were so bad that I had to have poultices over them for four nights and days. They have improved greatly, although I have to wear smoked glasses yet. But though this was the fifth gas attack I have passed through since I came to France. It was the first time I got mine. The doctors wanted me to go to the hospital, but as I hate one of those institutions, managed to stay out and was treated in my billet back of the line."

"I never realized how terrible this mustard gas was until then. My eyes felt as though they were coming out of my head. Particularly was the pain severe under the eyebrows—only another score I have to settle with the 'Boch'."

**House Committee
For Overman Bill**
Washington, May 8.—(U. P.)—The house judiciary committee Tuesday ordered the Overman bill, giving the president power to reorganize the executive departments, reported favorably with amendments. The bill has already passed the senate.

JOURNAL IS ONLY PAPER WITH REAL WAR NEWS

DON'T forget that the war, which is the most important thing in the lives of us all, is an afternoon paper story. When it is 3 o'clock in Portland, which is the hour The Journal's city edition goes to press, it is 11 o'clock at night in London. All of the day's happenings have been reported to the Paris and London war offices and by them given out to the world. Nothing of importance ever is given out in London or Paris between that hour and the next day—when the news is again too late for the morning papers and is first published in the afternoon.

Furthermore, with its unrivaled staff of foreign correspondents, The Journal is not only able to get the news first, but to present it in best form for the reader. Such world-renowned men as William Philip Simms, with the British army; Henry Wood, with the French (Wood was officially made a chevalier of the Legion of Honor by the French government last week for his unrivaled reporting of the great war); Fred S. Ferguson and Henry G. Wales, with the American forces, are writing for The Journal in Portland.

An example of this exclusive service was the announcement in Monday afternoon's Journal of the killing of Major Axel Rasmussen by a shell on the American front. No other Portland paper had this, nor has it yet. The official government reports have not yet carried the news to Major Rasmussen's family. The quick work of Ferguson and the other correspondents in France for The Journal make it absolutely necessary for you to read this paper if you want the news and want it first.

There was not a war story of importance in Tuesday morning's Oregonian that was not in Monday's Journal. The same thing is true practically every day in the week.

You can't afford to be from 15 to 18 hours late in learning what is happening to your boy and your friends on the other side of the Atlantic.

BOY SCOUTS PUT TO WORK BY PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, May 8.—(U. P.)—President Wilson, in a letter made public here today, has assigned the 350,000 Boy Scouts of America to the task of finding walnut timber for war work.

Black walnut, the letter says, is used by the ordnance department of the army for the manufacture of gun stocks and by the signal corps for propellers for battle and bombing airplanes.

"In secret," data, the president wrote, "the owners of black walnut timber, should be advised of our pressing needs and they should be requested to show their patriotism by doing all in their power to assist the government in the great war."

The scouts will search out the trees, ask the price, and then communicate with officers of the organization.

Boy Scouts Will Decorate Graves

Portland Boy Scouts Asked to Weed
Graves of Veterans in Lone Fir Cemetery for Decoration Day.

Portland Boy Scouts will weed and decorate the graves of 300 G. A. R. veterans at Lone Fir cemetery this year. Scout Executive James E. Brockway has issued a call for the members of the organization to assist in the patriotic cause and it is expected that nearly 500 boys will respond.

The boys will weed the graves on May 18. The weeds will be removed and the graves will be put in proper condition for inspection on Decoration day, May 30.

For years past it has been the custom of the Boy Scouts to assist in the decoration of the graves of the soldiers and aid the surviving veterans in the distribution of flowers. This year the boys will, besides weeding the graves, place flowers on the soldiers' graves just before Decoration day. Other cemeteries will also be visited in honor of the G. A. R.

Carlos L. Byron Is Given Sentence

Carlos L. Byron, Seattle land locator, was sentenced to 16 months in the United States prison at McNeil Island and fined \$1000 by Federal Judge W. W. Worton Monday. Motion for a new trial, argued by P. A. Davis of Seattle, was overruled.

Byron was convicted of misusing the mails to defraud persons by land location schemes. The indictment against him was drawn by Assistant United States Attorney Beckman and he was tried in the Oregon federal court because the alleged frauds were perpetrated in its jurisdiction.

Roumania Signs Up With Central Powers

Amsterdam, May 8.—(U. P.)—The peace treaty between Roumania and the central powers has been signed, according to an official dispatch from Bucharest received here Tuesday.

The pact said to have been dictated to King Ferdinand by Austrian Foreign Minister Cernin, has been reported on the verge of consummation for several weeks, and on one or two occasions was prematurely reported from German sources to have been signed.

Austin Claims Loan Honor
Baker, Or., May 8.—By oversubscribing its quota to the third Liberty loan by over 2000 per cent, the little lumber town of Austin, near here, is claiming to have the record for going over the top for the loan in the state of Oregon. Austin's quota was \$500 and it subscribed \$10,250 to the loan. The amount was largely subscribed by laborers in the sawmills and logging camps.

Telegrapher Shoots Wife and Self
Los Angeles, Cal., May 8.—(U. P. S.)—Frank H. Champion, a telegraph operator, Tuesday shot his wife, Grace Champion, according to the police, and then fired a bullet into his head. Both will die.

Seek Summer Camp For Scout Outing

Mountain Camp Location Will Probably
Be chosen for 1100 by Scouts of City.
Foresters Find Favorable Sites.

C. J. Buck, assistant district forester, James E. Brockway, master of the Portland Council of Boy Scouts, and A. G. Jackson, forestry examiner, returned Monday evening from a trip to Rhododendron and vicinity, where Mr. Brockway is looking for a suitable site for a mountain summer camp for the 11 Boy Scouts of Portland. Last year the Scouts held a camp near the ocean.

Several desirable locations in the Oregon National forest were looked over. The roads were found to be in pretty good shape, according to Mr. Jackson, new planning having been put on in the worst places. In fact, Mr. Jackson, the road is easier to get over than it has ever been before. The bridge is still out at Rhododendron, but it is possible to detour by a special road constructed by the forest service. The party went as far as Toiglate.

Girl Is Accidentally Killed While Hunting

Twin Falls, Idaho, May 8.—(U. P.)—With a bullet hole through her throat, Miss Judith Morrisette, aged 20, a nurse in training at a local hospital, was found Monday lying unconscious in an irrigation ditch on the farm of her brother-in-law. Delirium resulted two hours later. The coroner's jury held the shooting was accidental. Miss Morrisette had taken a rifle to shoot pheasants and it is supposed that the trigger caught in the high weeds.

Lieutenant Blamed For Loss of Tug

Washington, May 8.—(U. P.)—Lieutenant Edward Newell of Philadelphia was blamed for the loss of the tug Cherokee in the court of inquiry findings made public by the navy department Tuesday. The responsibility, however, is mitigated somewhat, finds the court, by Newell's youth and his inexperience in naval methods in failing to demand repairs for his ship and his anxiety to obey orders. The report adds the ship was not suitable for service at sea.

\$30,000,000 for Concrete Ships
Washington, May 8.—(U. P. S.)—Included in the budget for the emergency fleet corporation for 1918 and 1919 is a \$30,000,000 item for a concrete ship program, it was learned Tuesday afternoon.

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CONFERENCE REPORT ON SEDITION MEASURE IS PASSED BY HOUSE

New York Socialist Cast the Only
Vote Against Measure, Which
Goes to President.

Washington, May 8.—(U. P.)—By a vote of 293 to 1, the house Tuesday afternoon gave final congressional approval to the sedition bill by adopting the conference report, already approved by the senate.

Meyer London, New York Socialist, cast the only dissenting vote, after a speech attacking the bill.

London (Minnesota), and Church (California) voted present. President Wilson's signature is expected at once.

A spirited fight preceded the ballot. Republican and Democratic members joined in terming the powers to the postmaster general by the bill the most drastic ever allowed in American history.

The section most hotly assailed permits the official, if "upon evidence satisfactory to him," he believes the mails are being used in violation of the "sedition act," to decline to deliver any mail to the supposed offender. This applies to correspondence as well as to oil lands.

Oil Land Leasing Bill Approved
Washington, May 8.—(U. P. S.)—Wide powers to commander and operate oil properties are given the president under the oil land lease bill fa-

vorably reported to the house this afternoon by the public lands committee. The commanding feature was unexpectedly inserted in the bill this afternoon as the only solution of the problem of meeting the threatened shortage of \$5,000,000 gallons of oil.

'Chuck Hole' Day Set By Baker County

Baker, May 8.—Tuesday, May 14, has been officially designated as "chuck hole" day for Baker county, when everybody that can will be expected to fill holes in the county roads. Chuck hole day was originated by County Agriculturist Henry E. Tweed, who has secured the signatures of 600 Baker county people who have pledged themselves to form clubs to fill chuck holes. Walter Mescham, secretary of the Baker Commercial club, and Mr. Tweed have prepared plans for the observance of the day.

Sale of Cigarettes Is Illegal in Iowa

Des Moines, Iowa, May 8.—(U. P. S.)—The sale of cigarettes is illegal in Iowa, even though handled in original packages, according to a supreme court decision handed down Tuesday. It upholds the district court ordering restriction of thousands of boxes of cigarettes seized in a raid on the C. C. Taft Cigar stores in Des Moines some months ago.

British Blow Up Germans on Bridge

St. Louis, May 8.—(U. P. S.)—One thousand Germans were blown up on one bridge as they pursued the British

in the retreat which followed the opening of the recent German offensive, according to a letter received by Mrs. W. I. Smith of this city from her son, Lieutenant William Irving Smith, serving with the Fifth-sixth field ambulance corps of the British expeditionary forces in France.

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