

RUSSIAN WOMAN PLEADS TO SENATE

Woman Leader of Famous Battalion of Death Asks Senate to Send Americans to Siberia.

Washington, July 15.—Straight to the United States senate Mrs. Betckarova, leader of the Russian Battalion of Death, carried her plea for Russia today. She spoke to a number of senators in the marble room and said to them:

"Russia can be saved. Sending 100,000 allied troops into Siberia would rouse the peasants to fight for freedom. More than 500,000 Russian troops would spring to arms."

The fearless leader appeared in her khaki uniform, her sword dangling at her side, her decorations upon her breast. "All the real heart of Russia, hates Germany," she said. "The peasants want Germany beaten and thrown out of Russia. Russia cannot do it alone. Won't you help? Will you let me go back to Russia without a word to the people that America is coming?"

Russia Bleeding to Death

"Russia is bleeding to death. In 20 years Germany will have Germanized Russia. Germany will make war on you and she would dominate the world if she is allowed to dominate Russia."

"This is the psychological moment. You must lend your aid to Russia at once. Don't leave the Czechoslovakia in Siberia to their fate. If Russia perishes, so will you. If you do not assist us now, you are not a friend. I beg of you to send men and guns, for economic assistance will be useless without military aid. I have been here two months now and I have made this same appeal to every department of your government. I have received no response. Your people seem to treat this matter coldly. We want your help. If I cannot get it, I will go back and see what we can do alone. But we need your help desperately."

Russia Will Not Be Opposed

"Send the 100,000 men. I will throw my fortunes with them. Because Russia knew that, back of me, there is no political controversy, the peasants will not fear, for they know me."

Senator Thomas of Colorado asked if Mrs. Betckarova would oppose or welcome Japanese assistance in an expedition.

"I would welcome it," she said. "If there were not too many of them. I should think one third would be a fair Japanese proportion in an expedition."

The woman commander said she was quite sure she could raise 500,000 Russian troops in and around Vladivostok if an American force of 100,000 were landed there as a nucleus. She assailed Kerensky for weakness. "He was a man without a will," she declared. "Why did not he arrest the traitors Lenin and Trotsky? Why did he not stop their propaganda?"

Newsboys' Carnival Does Big Business

The mid-summer festival of the Night Huglers' club opened Monday night at its new location on Williams avenue, between Morris and Stanton streets, in the Albina district, where the Greater Warham shows are the attraction. No general admission is being charged to enter the grounds, and as a result there was a huge crowd. There are 18 shows, all of which did a big business and the various rides were loaded for every trip. The shows will continue at this location throughout the week, the profits realized by the newsboys to go for the equipment of their club rooms.

VANCOUVER BOY IS REPORTED MISSING



Fred McEnany

Vancouver, Wash., July 15.—Fred McEnany, 20, reported missing in action in France June 16, has a host of friends in Vancouver and Clarke county. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McEnany, 3550 V street. Both Fred and his brother Robert were members of headquarters company, 182 United States Infantry, and when last heard from directly, on May 22, were on their way to the front.

The message sent the parents from the war department did not state whether Fred had been killed or taken prisoner.

Make-Over System For Men Is Planned

A make-over system for men will probably be installed by the service department of the Portland Y. M. C. A., the object being to bring to the normal standard men who have mental and physical defects that render them inefficient. This is to be done through the employment office, where deficiencies are found.

At a meeting of the central committee of the service department Monday afternoon, Barclay Asheson, secretary in charge, reported the activities of the present year and, among other things, urged that this aid be extended to such men as are found to be in need of it. H. E. Witham, E. C. Bropnaugh, D. A. Conner and Mr. Asheson form a committee of investigation into the feasibility of the proposed human betterment feature. They will endeavor to report to the central committee at a meeting next Monday afternoon.

J. R. Ellison, Judge Bronaugh and Fred Nelson were named as a committee to work out details regarding the religious program submitted by Mr. Asheson.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY SECRETARY VISITS HIS "OL' SWIMMIN' HOLE"

George H. Himes Attends Joint Meeting of Pioneers and Descendants at Olympia.

A visit to the "old swimmin' hole" of his boyhood days was one of the delightful features of the trip just completed by George H. Himes, secretary of the Oregon Historical society, to Olympia, Wash., where he attended a joint meeting of the pioneers and their descendants at Priest Point park Friday of last week.

The old farm which his father occupied in 1853 was visited by Mr. Himes, who scarcely recognized in the well-cultivated and cared-for modern farm the homestead of thicket, jungle and marshes through which he was wont to pick his way as a youngster. But the old swimming hole was there, elliptical in shape, 400 by 150 yards in size and seven feet in depth, situated in the center of thick timber, with grassy slopes leading down to the water—just the same as 55-odd years ago.

And the row of maple trees which Mr. Himes was reluctantly forced to plant at his father's bidding now form an inviting shade for the passing tourists who stop beneath the trees to rest. A car a minute was the general average of automobiles that passed the place, asserts Mr. Himes.

At the meeting, Judge Stephen Chadwick of Marion county, Oregon, gave the principal address. Among the pioneers present were Mrs. D. R. Bigelow and Mrs. Clara Dunbar, daughters of William White, pioneer of 1853, who lived on Seiple island. A big picnic dinner and a social time in general filled out the day.

Old friends he had not seen for 50 years. Mr. Himes met again—persons who had been residents of that section at the same time he lived there, when it was still a part of Oregon. Mr. Himes grows reminiscent in thinking of the associations at the park. He recollects an old garden patch on his father's farm which was first planted in 1854, and which has been cultivated ever since and never produced a better crop than that of the current year.

An old boot tree made by his father, and an instrument for cutting pegs out of shoes, made by an early blacksmith for his father's use, were brought back by Mr. Himes as a contribution to the relics of the Oregon Historical society.

OREGON BOYS IN ACTION AGAINST HUN

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sage from this state exploded in the blue gray ranks of the Hun at a quarter after 10 o'clock on the night of June 10 and there has been no let up in the fire, according to a censored letter to R. A. Cronin that arrived in Portland Monday from Billy Stepp of Battery A, One Hundred Forty-seventh field artillery, the first Oregon battery whose "75" guns had the honor of engaging civilization's enemy.

Private Allan Myers, former student at Washington high school and a young veteran of the Mexican border, was the boy who pulled the trigger that sent the historic shell on its way after it had been affectionately kissed by the entire gun crew. There was a touch of the dramatic in that first shot. Gathered around the French "75," the men of Sergeant Edward Hardy's section, bestowed their kisses on the gleaming missile, and bade it be on its way with this

farewell: "Good luck, old boy, and blow hell out of them."

Is Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Myers Young Myers is well known to followers of athletics in Portland. He was a baseball player of note at Washington high and played amateur ball in the city. He is now in the service of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Myers, 724 East Burnside street, and left high school to enlist in Battery A when it was sent to the Mexican border under Captain Robert V. Clayton. He became a national guardsman May 5, 1916, at the age of 18 years and 3 months. He was mustered into federal service June 24, 1916, and took the oath to serve Uncle Sam for six years. He was just 20 years old on June 8, two days before he fired the shell.

Captain Clayton has been succeeded by Captain Porter, who came from another battery. It was the eve of the command "Fire," at 10:15 p. m., on the night of June 10. Sergeant Edward Hardy, a Portland boy, was in command of section, with Corporal John O'Malley of Portland as gunner. Sergeant Reginald Murphy, in command of section 2, fired the second shot, his gunner being the former well known baseball player, Corporal Jimmy Hefferon.

Stepp Has Adventures Stepp, himself, has been having an exciting time of it on the firing line, judging from his letter, which, written in his characteristic style, follows:

"You can tell the folks at home that we, Battery A and Battery B, are together again after helping split for five months. We have met on the frontier of freedom. It sure did feel good to see the same faces that we left dear old Portland with on that rainy Monday morning, September 10, 1917."

"We are both real firing batteries. Battery A was the first one to fire a '75' into the Hun lines. It was on the night of June 10, at 10:15 o'clock that our '75' fired the command 'Fire.' And the first piece was fired. Allan Myers had the honor of pulling the trigger, while Sergeant Hardy was the master of the gun. We are now firing as gunner. Sergeant Murphy of section 2 took second honors with Corporal Jimmy Hefferon as gunner."

Portland Boys Not Afraid

"We kept up the firing all night. The best part of it was that the boys were not a bit afraid of Fritz's shells. On every shell they sent over the Hun lines they lay flat on their backs and they on with the words, 'Good luck, old boy, and blow hell out of them!' And of course, Fritz gave us his compliments to let us know that he had received our shells. We were not a bit afraid, but the gas once have got us down, as it is awfully hard to work with a gas mask on. But for five or more hours we were under these conditions, as we all the gas the infantry doesn't handle."

"During the daytime you hear little firing, only once in a while we fire to register our data. The other day we sent 'over' a real one. The cap got his range of a German observing station, and believe me, we sure did move said station, and also a bunch of kultur heroes. It was a perfect hit."

Has a "Nuts" of a Job

"I have a job that is the 'nuts.' I'm a regular 'Chief Belly Robber,' or in military terms, an acting mess sergeant. If you think a mess sergeant has a cinch, try it. All I have to do is to feed three separate gun crews three times a day, two different gangs of camouflage artists and one gang of headquarters men, and see that they get real cats. Sometimes I think the gunners, if they could get the range on me, would put me on the casualty list. But anything is good so you do your bit for the good old U. S. A. So when you eat a nice hot lunch at some nice, clean soup house, just think of me eating in a nice hole in the ground, marked 'Shell proof, 10 hommes.'"

Are Strayed on Sunday

"Sunday isn't a holiday over here, as it was our busiest day. It started at about 2 a. m. with the darndest noise of about 300, more or less, guns. I really thought the war was going to end. And, believe me, I was thinking of 'Home, Sweet Home,' and of that well known slogan, 'Duck!' as they all do it here, and to cap it all, they sent over the gas. Wow, that is awful, though of the good times we had at home, and everything else I ever knew. It is a cinch to wear that mask at drill because you can take it off any time you want. But when you get what we did you have to wear it, or some mother would be short a 'soldier boy.' We pulled through it."

Shell Tears Out Kitchen

"So we thought of it all day and were watching our big guns banging away, when Fritz got a notion to shell our little 'rest billet.' Believe me, he sure did make some grand hits. I had a nice mess of bread and rice pudding for supper, and 'was just asking the cook what time he would have mess ready' when 'bang!' a shell tore the side out of our kitchen. The air was filled with dust and powder. I just figured it was no disgrace to run when you are scared, so off I tore and got as far as the bridge, when the 'town mayor' told me to get against the church. So I did as told and the next shell hit the church. I was covered with everything, but was off again. I started to get to a dugout, when 'bang,' another, and it hit so close to me that it picked me right off my feet and I made a head-first slide and was safe, only I lost my shirt, pants and some of nature, but was into a dugout by the next shot."

"And when it was all over, the place looked like the Portland ball club after a big shakeup. We were all kind of scared, but laughed it off and it sure was a real Sunday Fourth of July. The airplanes were on the job and flew over the lines and put that gun into the cellar along with the rest of Hindy's big ones. We found out later that Fritz was mad as some of our boys had put one of his munition dumps on the bum."

"Tell all the folks at home that this war game sure is great dope, and if they want to get some real live excitement and to pull for the home team, let them beat it to the nearest enlistment joint and come over here."

"With regards to all, 'Billy Stepp, with a real fighting battery of Oregon's best. Over Here.'"

CONTRACTS ON 24 NEW SHIPS LET BY SCHWAB

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ships of 8000 tons, similar to four of the six craft already produced by the company of which William Cernofot is president. These contracts alone are valued at approximately \$100,000 each, or about \$2,400,000 for the four.

Wood ship contracts granted, and which prove the faith the official party developed in the wood ship program as it is executed by Portland builders, call for federal expenditures of approximately \$18,000,000 in the Portland district. Supple-Ballin will build four additional vessels of its own design, the Peninsula Shipbuilding company will build an additional four vessels, Grant Smith-Porter were granted contracts for eight vessels, and the C. M. authorized to build four hulls without mechanical installations by the Emergency Fleet corporation officials.

In addition to this vast direct allo-

ment of business to Portland builders.

Charles Fies, vice president of the Fleet corporation, publicly announced Monday that the Foundation company, operating 10 ship ways on French government contracts, will be given Emergency Fleet corporation business enough to keep the ways going at top speed during the remainder of the present year and all of next year, at least. Promises were made to all steel and wood shipyards which have heretofore executed government contracts that their ways will be kept busy under direct contracts. Most of the yards which did not receive direct contracts Monday have business ahead that they must take care of before additional construction will be authorized.

Making their inspection trip a thorough-going affair, Mr. Schwab, Mr. Fies and other corporation officials spent three days in Portland, dividing their time between their survey of building conditions and plans, conferred with builders and entered into the announcement of new contracts was made quietly to officers of building companies.

Ballin Ships Studied

It is probable that the Foundation company will be given contracts in time to lay emergency fleet ship keels on the next ways that are vacated by the steam auxiliary schooners that are under construction for the French government. This company has built 10 of the 20 vessels ordered by the French and with its next launching will have its first way idle unless the French repeat contracts or the Emergency Fleet corporation delivers its contracts almost at once. The company will probably expect no less than 10 contracts as a starter from the United States government.

Mr. Schwab and Mr. Fies showed a great interest in the Fred A. Ballin type of ship which is being turned out by the Supple-Ballin company. They inspected one of the vessels from stern to stern and asked a multitude of questions that must have been very satisfactorily answered in view of the new business that was authorized for the company. The Supple-Ballin plant last week came into practically complete control of New York capital when George C. W. Low took over the major portion of the stock of Fred A. Ballin. He already owned the half interest formerly held by Joseph Supple.

5000-Ton Type Sought

Regarding their findings in the wood ship industry of Portland the officials declared on Monday, through Mr. Schwab and Mr. Fies that its future, as far as light craft are concerned, was bounded by the duration of the war. They will let contracts for light wood ships sparingly, in sufficient numbers only to keep ways busy, until they have perfected designs for a distinct type of

wood ship of 5000 tons for the Pacific coast.

In discussing the new contracts Monday, Mr. Schwab said: "We are doing everything possible to hasten the production of steel, and we assure Portland builders that we are going to be more than fair in shipping to the Pacific Coast. But we are giving contracts only sufficient for present needs, or at least for needs in ordering steel in advance, because of the difficulties in upbuilding a supply. "I believe this might apply to wood ship construction. We want only contracts enough out to insure proper execution, and at the same time give builders time to order their materials. There is no shortage of wood in Portland, certainly, but many matters enter in to make it advisable to carry out our expressed policy of 'keeping every way in the district busy' without overloading them."

VISITING OFFICIALS PLEASED WITH CITY

After three busy days in Portland, Charles Fies, director general of the Emergency Fleet corporation, left at 11 o'clock Monday night for Seattle. They visited practically all Portland shipyards during their brief stay here and inspected several of the important industrial plants as well.

Only the fullest measure of satisfaction for the officials resulted from the visit, according to the declaration of Director General Schwab upon his departure. They found the shipbuilding activity here outlandish that of eastern centers and expressed many times the delight they felt with their findings.

Wood shipbuilders of the district entertained the visitors at a luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce at noon Monday. The afternoon was given over to important conferences of an official nature and in the evening the Association of Northwestern Shipbuilders, men who are building steel vessels, were hosts at a splendid dinner at the Arlington club, where members of the party talked.

C. H. Hamilton, president of the association, presided at the dinner. Representatives of the Albina Engine & Machine works, Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation, Northwest Steel company, Smith & Watson Iron works, G. M. Standifer company and the William Iron & Steel works, were hosts.

Guests included not only the visiting party of officials, of which Mr. Schwab and Mr. Fies were leaders, but local officials of the steel production, division of the Emergency Fleet corporation and newspaper men.

The official party included: Charles

M. Schwab, director general of the Emergency Fleet corporation; Charles Fies, vice president; C. W. Cuthrell, general counsel; Dr. Charles Eaton, head of the national service section; Captain J. P. Blain, district officer; Fred E. Fies, assistant district officer; Howard Cosgrove, district counsel; S. P. Fleming, district auditor; J. Y. Richardson, traveling auditor; Dr. A. S. Brown, R. D. Heith, C. H. McCarthy, John K. Bulger, J. A. Schmidlapp, C. Maughan and John Miller.

HUNS SEND BIG FORCE INTO FIGHT FIRST DAY

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Treley, in the direction of Rheims. This would indicate that the Germans succeeded in progressing on a 16 mile front between Chateau Thierry and Rheims, separated into two sectors by a five mile strip along the Marne between Jaulgonne and Dormans. The greatest penetration, obviously, was about midway between Dormans and Rheims. It is believed the Germans penetrated the village of Frassy seven miles southeast of Rheims, and also advanced a mile and a half in the direction of Prosses and Souain, but were driven back by counter attacks. (Prosses is 15 miles east and south of Rheims. Souain is 11 miles directly east of Prosses. The latter village is believed to be on the left flank of the American unit fighting east of Rheims.)

"Compared with their initial successes in previous efforts, the Germans' present achievements are relatively inconsiderable," the Daily News declared.

Yankee Counter Blow Big Feature

"If this is the main attack, it is reasonable to believe it is parried." The Times believes the drive is preparatory to an advance on Paris and is confident Rheims will be able to hold out.

"The most encouraging feature of today's fighting was the American counter attack," the Sketch declared.

Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, speaking in the house of commons last night, said:

"South of the Marne the Americans, in a brilliant counter attack, took 1000 prisoners."

"East of Rheims the enemy has been completely checked with severe losses."

"West of Rheims the Germans, on a front of 35 kilometers (nearly 22 miles) penetrated an average depth of four to five kilometers (from two and a half to three miles)."

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UMATILLA HAS NO LABOR SHORTAGE

Federal Employment Agent at Pendleton Places 25 Farm Workers a Day.

Pendleton, Or., July 14.—Nobonne Berkeley, federal employment agent at this place, states that last week he placed something over 100 farm workers. Fully 25 men a day are now being placed in the harvest fields by the agency. This is considered a very good record, as the office has been open here only a few days and farmers and men are only beginning to call at the agency.

Regarding the labor situation in Umatilla county's harvest fields, Mr. Berkeley says he does not anticipate the work will be retarded in the least by any shortage of labor. He thinks there will be a job for every man applying for work, and there will be very few jobs not filled for the want of men.

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