

LIBRARIES HAVE BECOME CENTERS FOR WAR ACTIVITY

No Institution Has Under Scope of Work or Accomplishes More Far-Reaching Results.

ORGANIZATION IS PERFECT

Splendid Work Done Among Soldiers in Work Shops and in the Homes of Portland.

Of all the institutions engaging in wartime activities, probably none is more far-reaching in its scope and more general in its character than that carried on through the public libraries of Portland.

Of all the wartime activities of Central library, Miss Isom's French League is most proud of "my soldier plant," as she calls it. From the "plant," 45,000 books are now in distribution, throughout the various army cantonments, training stations, Y. M. C. A. buildings, Emergency Fleet corporation, navy, Benson Polytechnic school, spruce and logging camps, army hospitals and wherever else a book-hungry soldier or sailor may happen to be.

A part of the books are the result of the recent book campaign that was conducted by the library, and a part, the more technical ones, were purchased from the funds of the American Library association.

Some of the librarians are kept busy watching the various ship libraries and seeing that they are kept supplied. Miss Madie M. Noyes each week visits the Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus branches at Vancouver, where the books are kept supplied, and each Saturday Miss Isom and Miss Noyes visit the base hospital with a machine load of books which they distribute among the patients.

These are "requested" books, a list of which is made out each week by the patients and supplied to them each Saturday by the visiting librarians, who then gather up the books the men have finished reading.

The emergency fleet is furnished with books, both the merchant ships and the navy. Books are also being supplied to the Benson Polytechnic school until the books, provided by Mr. Benson, arrive. Ten thousand books are circulating through the spruce and logging camps of the state. These are not only for the use of soldiers, but civilians as well.

"We have long wanted to supply the logging camps with books," said Miss Isom, "but not until the war have we succeeded in interesting them. I believe that the books which are not yet sent out. On one side of the room are stacks upon stacks of good boxes of books still unpacked, the tangible result of the book campaign. Two thousand books arrived in two days according to Miss Isom. On the other side of the room are volunteer workers unpacking the books, sorting them out, fitting them with pockets and labels and giving them numbers.

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Miss Isom attends to the sorting. Some are not suitable to the needs of the soldiers and these are sold for scrap paper. Some are good books but have paper backs or no bindings whatever. These are stacked by themselves and taken to the location where they are to be destroyed, where they can be read and then destroyed.

Clubs and organizations are donating a part of their services in the preparation of these books for the soldiers. Each day sees from six to a dozen women at work pasting, packing or doing whatever may be needed. The books are packed in specially fitted soldiers' bookcases with hinged doors, in well balanced assortments.

An innovation, being started by the library in the establishing of deposit stations at the shipyards, where the men may obtain books suitable to their needs. The first deposit station to be opened was at the Albina. Engine works with a combination of recreational and technical subjects.

The Peninsula shipyards was the second manufacturing plant to be given a deposit station. Here the books supplied are purely technical, and especially useful for men engaged in wooden shipbuilding.

Whether distributing stations will be established at other shipyards or not, depends upon the success of these two experiments.

One of the new departments opened at Central library as a wartime measure is the women's technical department, which occupies the old school department just west of the circulation room. The department was created to meet the demands of the women who are meeting new problems, who are taking up new lines of work and entering occupations hitherto foreign to them. One of the most popular is the collection of dirt and nursing, which aims to teach women how to care for their own sick without calling in a trained nurse, thus increasing the number of trained nurses available for war service. Books on sanitation, war gardens, raising poultry with two hens or a large number—cooking, household management, kitchen cooking, household mending and basketry, war cookery, dressmaking, millinery, basket making and care of children are some of the other subjects included in the collection.

The greater conservation of children is one of the timely pieces of constructive work being done by this department, which does not wait for the mothers to call for the books, but look up the mothers and sends them a list of 10 books which they consider of great value in the care of the child. For every fifth notice in the city of Portland, a postcard is mailed to the mother, telling of these books, and often the father comes the next day after the books.

The telephone plays a great part in the running of this department by Miss Tennette Kennedy, in charge. One woman has some strawberries on hand and telephones Miss Kennedy to learn how she can make sun preserves. Miss Kennedy reads the recipe over the tele-

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Paris, June 7.—If you want to get rid of any spark of tolerance for German rulers and German ways that may be left in you, if you want to see what German-made war does to helpless, plodding, patient rustic folk; above all, if you want to see patience and fortitude in the face of homelessness and discomfort and despair, the place for you to be is at the Gare de l'Est, in Paris, watching the French refugees pour in from the invaded districts between Chateau-Thierry and Rheims.

There is the place where you will get "an eyeful of war"—and also a double eyeful of admiration for the way the French, even the children of France, stand up under all that war has done to them in the way of separation, and loss, and anguish of body and soul.

You see hatless women, with children clutching at their skirts, hugging in their arms the little remains of their household goods that they were able to snatch up in a hurry—kettles, pans, even pictures, objects that would seem grotesque were it not for the tragedy that lies in the eyes of their possessors.

You see little boys tugging manfully at bulky and unwieldy parcels containing

of refugee traffic they fed and clothed when there was need an average of more than 3000 people. It was no uncommon thing for the clothing department to be cleaned out of its store twice in the course of a day, so hastily had the refugees been hustled out of their homes, so pitiable was, in particular, the plight of the children.

All Are So Brave "But those children!" exclaimed one of the American women workers. "I never saw such brave little youngsters in my life! Never a cry, never a whimper out of them. Not until late today, after eight hours of continuous handling of people, did I hear a crying child.

It was one of a pair of little blond boy twins, just down from the front. They had been sitting one on either side of their mother and eating their first meal of the day. Suddenly, the mother got up to greet one of her neighbors from their town and to inquire about the fate of the others; and the right-hand twin, noticing she was gone, set up a pitiful howl.

The other twin looked at him in surprise and scorn, as if to shame him in his exhibition; and then, seeing the woe-facial face of his little brother, decided that it would be disloyal to the family if he

didn't cry, too. So he helped out. But before they had been at it long, one of the French nurses of the Croix Rouge came to the rescue with two pieces of chocolate, and later with their mamas. Then everything was serene again."

Gratitude Is Touching The gratitude of the people, children as well as grownups, for the aid and sustenance given them at the end of their terrifying journey has well nigh overpowered the workers at the railroad canteen, and touched their hearts as has nothing before. Not a person, they say, young or old, but thanks them, deeply and sincerely, for the help and comfort given. Not an ungrateful or churlish visitor have they had during all the long days and nights when the refugees kept pouring in. There was no shoving, no jostling, no discourtesy—and all in face of the nerve racking preliminaries to the departure, the strain of the parting, the long, dismal journey down, the bleak prospect of still another journey ahead to temporary homes.

"It is a privilege to be able to do anything at all for such people," is the way everyone connected with the work expresses it. "The labor seems as nothing compared to their trial."

constituted the number of automobile accidents in Randolph county have increased far above normal. Winchester is on a direct route between Union City, which is on the Indiana-Ohio state line, and several Central Indiana manufacturing cities, among which is Muncie. The Ohio side of the Union county is quite "damp."

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Labor Unions Will Hold Picnic Today

No person attending the Liberty picnic at Crystal Lake park today, held by the Central Labor Council to raise money for a labor temple in Portland, will be permitted to win more than one of the long list of prizes set up for the program of athletic events. The program will begin at 1 p. m. and will conclude with dancing in the evening. The first prize in all events will be \$2 in Thrift Stamps and the second prize \$1 in stamps. Frank Hannan is chairman of the finance committee in charge of the picnic, and O. R. Hartwig is chairman of the publicity committee. It is expected that many thousands will attend the picnic.

GERMANS MAKE NO APPARENT EFFORT TO DEFEND VESSE

Retreat From Marne Pocket So Rapid That All Semblance of Battle Line Is Lost.

By Ed J. Keen United Press Correspondent London, Aug. 3.—The German retreat from the Marne pocket has become so rapid and the allied advance so irregular that all semblance of a "battle line" has been temporarily lost.

Battlefront dispatches indicate that the Vesle river line has been reached at all points. Apparently no attempt at a concerted defense is now being made by the Germans. They have withdrawn their heavy artillery and such resistance as is being made is with machine guns and small groups of infantry.

All fighting reported in the last dispatches was purely rear guard actions. The fact that the enemy has destroyed bridges across the Vesle and is burning villages north of that river makes plain that no effort will be made to hold that line, and that the next stand will be made at the lanes of even farther north, along the Chemin-Des Dames high ground.

Complete occupation of Fismes and of the scarcely less important base of Braine seven miles to the eastward, is expected hourly. Between the Vesle and the Aisne is a high plateau that offers excellent defensive ground, but there are no outstanding geographical features that would aid a German stand.

Beyond the Aisne, which in itself is a strong defensive line, is the Chemin-des-Dames plateau, then the great forest of St. Gobain, and the important center of Laon.

Considerable significance is attached to the retirement of the Germans across the Aisne on a small front north of Albert. This is accepted as a necessary shortening of the enemy line because of the withdrawal of reserves from the Picardy region to aid the German advance between Soissons and Rheims.

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SEVERAL INJURED WHEN O-W. TRAIN STRIKES ENGINE

Accident Occurs Saturday Afternoon at Foot of Mason Street in the Yards at Albina.

When passenger train No. 569 of the Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation Company collided with a light freight engine at the foot of Mason street just north of the Albina repair yards about 6 o'clock Saturday night, the engine and fireman on the freight engine and at least five passengers on the train were injured, considerable damage was done to the engine and train equipment and the passenger train, due at Union station at 5 o'clock, was delayed an hour more.

The injured are: Eugene McEntee, engineer of the freight engine, 617 Gantenbein avenue, hip injured, gashes in face and back of head. George M. Duncan, Portland, president of Duncan Lumber Company, right arm injured.

James A. Crow, Portland, fireman of freight engine, badly bruised. Two soldiers whose identity was not

learned were hurt, one said to have been knocked unconscious and the other to have had the fingers of one hand crushed.

Cars Hit Approaching Train. The freight engine had been ordered to St. Johns to bring in a freight train and had waited for some time on the siding. According to one story, Engineer McEntee disregarded the block signals set against him and proceeded. McEntee's story, as reported by his wife, however, was that he was let in on the track by the switch tender; and this is substantiated by the dispatcher's record. McEntee says he had brought his engine to a standstill, as the sight of the curve was impaired by another train on a second track, when the passenger, a double-header, came around the curve and crashed into his engine. McEntee was buried up to his head in coal that pitched down from the tender and was badly hurt.

On the passenger train, eight cars back, were 60 soldiers from Vancouver barracks, proceeding East. A soldier riding in a car of equipment and supplies just back of the engine, was seriously injured, rendered unconscious when the equipment was thrown from place by the impact of the freight engine. All the soldiers were thrown from their seats, as were many of the passengers.

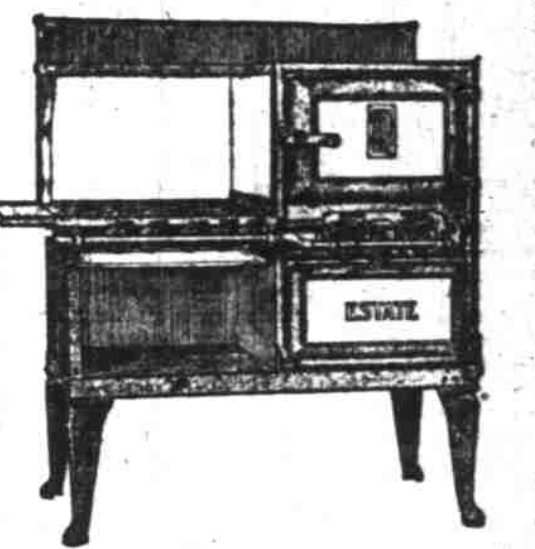
Engines Partly Telescoped The passenger train was being drawn by two engines, the tender of the first being tossed onto the front of the second. The freight and first passenger engines were partially telescoped into each other.

The cars of the passenger train were pulled into the Union station later by another engine.

Chinese cotton planters in the vicinity of St. Johns are experimenting with seed obtained from Georgia.

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