

AMERICAN FLIERS ARE MAKING GOOD IN ACTIVE WORK

Ellis Morse, Hood River Boy With Aero Squadron, Watches Destruction Wrought by Yanks.

SEES ACTION AT THE FRONT

Bombardment of Hill 204 Near Chateau-Thierry Witnessed; Wind Saves Death From Gas.

Hood River, Aug. 27.—American aviators serving at the front in France are giving a good account of themselves according to a letter just received from Ellis Morse, a Hood River boy who is with one of the aviation squadrons now seeing active service.

"The other evening," Morse writes, "I saw an American observation balloon shot down. An order was sent to the squadron for the chase planes to go out and shoot down a German balloon and not to come back until they did. The planes left and returned in about 15 minutes, having fulfilled their mission. Quick work, wasn't it?"

"Almost every day I see two or three formations of planes go over the German lines. There are all the way from 15 to 20 planes in each and they surely do good work."

"I was up at the front for three days and thought it was great; wanted to stay longer. My plane came down near Chateau-Thierry and I was sent up to fix it, so that the lieutenant could fly back. The Boches shelled a wood near our plane for three days. I walked up on a hill nearby. From there I saw Hill No. 204, where the Americans and French were shelling a town across the Marne. I also saw a munition dump on fire. It did me good to see a little action. The Boches dropped a few gas shells near us at night, but we slept through it all. There was a strong wind blowing or I wouldn't be writing this now. All night long they kept up a heavy barrage and we could hear the stink of the shells going both ways. There was some heavy Oregon artillery back of us and I knew our boys wouldn't retreat."

"For two nights in succession the Germans bombed a town two kilometers away. It was exciting for a while. Everybody turned out with a shrapnel dodger, or steel helmet, and gas mask

and scattered, because the anti-aircraft guns sent up a barrage and shrapnel fell everywhere."

"Well the big show is over (meaning the celebration in honor of the fall of the Bastille), but there is a lot doing yet," writes Lieutenant William A. Royle, from France to his wife. He is serving in the aviation corps. "We had an air raid again last night, and things on both sides are very warm. I am living in a billet with Captain Taylor and Lieutenant Reese of the marines. I have a nice bed and am eating in the marine mess. Today we had cucumbers and tomatoes, which of course I did not touch 'much.' It's really the best meal I have had since getting over here in my new place."

"I thought a week ago I was going home. I was walking through the woods to a position when a nice, fat shell came over and hit about 50 yards from me. I got a lot of earth it threw and a few rocks, but nothing else except a little shock. However I thought a whole lot for some time after the experience."

"Ever night there is an air raid, and no sleep until about 3 a. m. Can you imagine three of us Lieutenants in one room, just getting back to bed and nearly asleep when the bells ring and 'alert' is given by bugles. By the way, they sure gave us hell there last night. Some were wounded and many prisoners came. It's terrible hot here now and I have been riding around these last few days, but the roads are well shelled every day, even though they are camouflaged."

"Today I have been placed up in the advance, right near the big Marne show. Air raids every night now, and the sound of old Fritz all the time. Everything is on the bum. Nobody has much time to sleep up front, but we get some back here, I am with the marines and they are all busy all the time. It is impossible to walk around after 2 p. m. It is so hot. There are lots of prisoners, and they are all glad to be captured. There are also lots of wounded and some terrible sights too, believe me. Will close with lots of love."

From Milton Gevurtz, now a sergeant of ordnance, first class, stationed at Camp Hancock, Ga., the following note has been received. He was recently promoted from sergeant of ordnance to the present position. Gevurtz is the son of the late A. Gevurtz, a pioneer furniture man of Portland.

"It seems as though I am to hit all the little steps in going up. At first I thought I might be able to skip some of them but I guess I shall have to take them all on now. It keeps a fellow pretty busy sewing on new chevrons every time he gets a little advancement. At present I am acting as senior enlisted instructor in our part of the supply school which is the field depot work. Captain Riggs is the senior instructor of the entire school and Lieutenant Palmer has charge of the field depot work and I am helping him. It is great work."

"Quite a few Portland boys have been left and I think that most of them have gone overseas. Claude Bristol, Leo Krause, Lester Sichel, Anson Cornell and quite a few others."

JURIST HOLDS UP LAND FRAUD CASE

Final Decision in Hyde-Benson Suit Tried in December, 1916, Never Handed Down by Court.

Salem, Or., Aug. 27.—Judge D. V. Kuykendall of Klamath county has never filed his final decision in the Hyde-Benson land fraud case, which was heard by him in December, 1916.

All the other of the seven Hyde-Benson land fraud cases, which were prosecuted by the attorney general, have not only been decided by the circuit courts, but have been carried to the supreme court and decided by that tribunal in favor of the state, except in connection with the portion of land involved in which the United States has an interest.

Many Delays Encountered But nothing but delay has been encountered at the hands of Judge Kuykendall. Although the case was heard by him in December, 1916, it was not until in September, 1917, that he gave the attorneys for the opposing sides a memorandum of his decision.

The case dragged along until after the supreme court, in January of this year, handed down its decisions in the other Hyde-Benson cases. Based on those decisions the attorney general submitted another set of findings to Judge Kuykendall, but still they did not suit him.

Judge Kuykendall sent the attorneys another memorandum of his decision in July and asked them to prepare still more findings. The attorney general, evidently being of the opinion that it was useless for him to attempt further to write a set of findings that would suit the court, did not comply with the request. A. C. Shaw, attorney for the defendants, however, submitted more findings. But the court has never prepared his opinion.

The memorandum of the Judge's decision is so hazy that a layman does not know what he really has decided in the case, and from the failure of the attorneys to prepare suitable findings it is evident that they also are unable to interpret the decision.

Until the court's decision is written and filed, neither side can take an appeal, if either should so desire, and the case is simply dragging along.

Italian Red Cross Pleads for Money To Aid Countrymen

D. Rinaldo, president of the Italian Red Cross for Oregon, today issued an appeal to members of the Italian colony for response to the campaign of September 20 for raising funds to relieve war sufferers in Italy.

The commemoration of September 20 has this year risen to more importance, for the fact of the entrance of the United States on the side of humanity, liberty and democracy," said Mr. Rinaldo.

"Let us prove our devotion to this cause by doing something on this date that marks for us the attainment of the dignity of a free nation."

"The Italian lodges are invited to subscribe some funds, all individuals should contribute a few dollars to this aim and on September 20 all the funds collected will be wired directly to Italy for the relief of suffering."

"We have not much time ahead, but remember that little is better than nothing and that every help will be welcomed over there."

Y. M. C. A. to Conduct Night School for Benefit of Workers

Because large numbers of high school boys are working in the shipyards, and will doubtless continue their employment but will want to attend night school, the Y. M. C. A. college preparatory schedule of classes has been altered to meet the war-time conditions, according to announcement by L. G. Nichols, director of education.

"Our evening classes this year will begin at 6:30 p. m.," said Mr. Nichols, "and under our revised program, it will be possible for those who are anxious to finish their college preparatory training to cover as many units of high school work as if they were attending the regular high school."

The entire "Y" educational program, Mr. Nichols said, is arranged to assist the government in the war by training young men and adults in lines found to be necessary for winning the war.

Columbia County Sends 33 Men To Coast Army Camps

St. Helens, Aug. 27.—Thirty-three Columbia county men left Monday for army camps. Twenty-seven go to Camp Lewis, four to Fort McDowell and two to Vancouver.

Those who left for Camp Lewis are: Claus Swanson, Rainier; Chester Pullen, Linton; William Johnson, Clatskanie; Lester G. Brinson, Rainier; Vitas Flue, Rainier; Bert Logan, Seattle; Walter Von Blaricon, Venona; Leinno Bako, Quincy; Alfred Gabrielson, St. Helens; Albert L. Dodson, Deer Island; Truesman Grewell, Warren; Neil Jones, Goble; John Patching, Rainier; George Carlson, Warren; Victor Janvi, Quincy; Gus G. Thomas, M. Colvin, Marston.

Those to leave for Fort McDowell are: Ernest H. Peterson, Columbia City; Harvey R. Franklin, Clatskanie; Jerome Farmer, Goble; Charles Seydel, Mayer; and Fred Kinnunen and Giovanni Farina Johnson, Prescott; Erton Alaton, Rainier; Allen M. Bachelser, Warren; Thomas M. Colvin, Marston.

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Missing Salt Lake Man Wanted Badly

The police have been asked to help find Charles Regua, who recently came to Portland from Salt Lake City, Utah, as his home has been destroyed by fire and his 3-year-old son burned to death. His oldest son also died a short time ago and the remaining two children need his care.

Regua is of medium height and has black hair mixed with grey, is heavy set and has the initials "C. L. R." tattooed on his arm. One tooth is missing from the front of his mouth. Any information which might lead to the finding of the man may be given to the inspectors' office at police headquarters. Regua is urged to write or go to 165 South Second street, Room 10, Salt Lake City, Utah, or send for the children.

52 Lewis County Men Leave For Army

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LARGE ICE PLANT DAMAGED BY FIRE

Flames Sweep Vancouver Industry and Cause Loss of \$15,000 Before They Are Controlled.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Vancouver Ice & Coal company and caused damage to six residences Monday afternoon. The fire started at 2:30 o'clock and lasted until 6 o'clock. The facilities of the Vancouver city fire department were insufficient to quench the fire, so two fire companies from the cantonments at the barracks were rushed to the scene, and an urgent demand for 20 military police was issued to aid in fighting the flames and to keep back the crowd of spectators.

The origin of the fire is believed to have been in a pile of shavings that had been piled up in the firebox which furnished the steam power for operating the ammonia tanks. The large quantity of ice which was stored in the building offered no resistance to the flames. Sparks blew to the roofs of at least six houses nearby and the many volunteers who offered to help the fire department were kept busy with their efforts to save the homes.

The damage to the ice plant has been estimated at \$15,000.

Dying Woman Makes Murder Confession

Oakland, Cal., Aug. 27.—(U. P.)—After three years of silence, Miss Agnes Hycock told the police it was she who shot and killed August Hotchkiss at the home of Damascus Gallur, July 27, 1915. Gallur was convicted of murder in the second degree. Miss Hycock was a witness at the trial and her story convicted him. Miss Hycock is said to be slowly dying of tuberculosis.

Two Want Divorces

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Large Number Visit Eagle Creek Sunday Forest Officer Says

Nearly 3700 persons visited Eagle Creek Sunday, according to estimates of forest service officials. A. G. Jackson, forest examiner, coming down the trail from Wahtum lake, met 20 persons between the lake and the high bridge, 107 persons between the bridge and the camping grounds, and 3500 persons on the camping grounds. Six hundred automobiles were on the grounds at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Jackson was assisting W. A. Van Scoy in taking motion pictures of the upper trail near the lake. The trail is not open all the way, according to Mr. Jackson, but a person can get through if he follows directions and has plenty of stamina. An old, steep Indian trail is used.

Mr. Van Scoy took some pictures of Indian mountain lookout station, now in charge of Miss Nita Vogel of Wyeth, Or., the first lookout woman in the Oregon forest.

Soldier Takes Bride To Guard for Life

Brownsville, Or., Aug. 27.—Walter Brisbane, who was sent here as a guard to patrol the cannery and warehouse district for the government, and Miss Pearl Schure of this city, were quietly married in Albany recently. The marriage is the culmination of a short romance. Mr. Brisbane having but recently come to Brownsville where he met his bride, who was at that time a waitress in a local hotel.

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Groceries

Peanut Butter, Monopole, 12-oz. jars, dozen \$3.40, jar 29c; the 7-oz. jars, dozen \$2.20, jar 19c; the 3 1/2-oz. jars, dozen \$1.15, jar 10c

Queen Olives, Spanish olives, finest quality, stuffed with pimientos, 10-oz. jars, dozen \$3.25, jar 29c

Soups, I. X. L. brand, beef, chicken, oxtail or vegetable, doz. \$1.10, can 10c

Loganberries, Otter brand, best quality, No. 2 1/2 cans, dozen \$2.90, can 25c

Green Gage or Egg Plums, Otter brand, No. 2 1/2 cans, dozen \$2.65, can 23c

De Luxe Plums, Del Monte, No. 2 cans, dozen \$1.90, 17c three cans 50c, can 17c

Spinach, Monopole, large cans, dozen \$2.50, 22c can

—Meier & Frank's, Ninth Floor, Fifth Street.

Ali Charge Wednesday and Rest Rendered Purchases September Bills October 1

Welcome Elks Convention Visitors Elks Lounge Room, Sixth Floor

One Delivery a Day By Governmental request this store makes one delivery a day over each route; charges for special delivery; limits to 3 days the time a customer may retain merchandise in order to enjoy the return privilege.

Autumn Butterick Quarterly Now In Home dressmakers and others interested in the new Fall fashions will find a wealth of valuable information in this new Quarterly. September Butterick patterns and Fall fashion sheets are in.—Second Floor.

Photo Enlarging a Specialty All work of this nature expertly done in the shortest possible time required for highest quality work. Have us do your developing and printing. Fresh stocks genuine Eastman films always on hand.—Kodak Shop, Main Floor.

Furs Remodeled in Latest Modes Now that the authoritative styles are fixed for Fall and Winter 1918-1919, it will pay you to have us remodel your furs in exact conformity with the coming fashions. Expert repairing. Lowest prices.—Fourth Floor.

More Rich Savings in Our Cleanup Sales

Our great store-wide clearaway of Summer merchandise is an event of first magnitude, bringing as it does great new stocks of this season's fine merchandise at most exceptional savings. Buy now for self and home. These additional sales for Wednesday—many unadvertised bargains.

Last Call for Summer Dresses At the Very Low Price of \$5 To \$12.50 Values A splendid assortment of voile, gingham and other wash materials. White, figured designs and plaids, many pretty color combinations. Many effectively lace trimmed. Some with Georgette, others organdy collars. All sizes included. Buy these fine dresses Wednesday at this fractional price—\$5.

LESS THAN HALF PRICE! Silk and Wool Poplins, Yard 98c The Regular Price Is \$2.00 Yard A wonderful cleanup special—while any of 378 yards remain Wednesday. Brocaded silk and wool poplins in dark colors only. 40 inches wide. Material suitable for dresses, skirts, linings, etc. Wednesday, yard 98c instead of \$2.00.—Meier & Frank's: Dress Goods Shop, Second Floor.

Men's Silk Sox 49c Two remarkably underpriced lots of finely serviceable silk sox at this price: Plain white silk sox. Every pair perfect. White silk sox with black clocking. These last are "mill runs" of the regular \$1 grade. Nearly all sizes included at this very special cleanup price. Pair 49c.

Many Are Just HALF PRICE Here Are 14 Other Good Domestic Specials Good Quality Percale 10c Standard quality American percale in blue, grey and red. 24 inches wide. Short lengths. 10c is below present cost.

In Our Notion Shop Special Featuring of Children's Hose Supporters Columbia Waist and Hose Supporters, white only, sizes 2 to 8 years, an exceptional value at each 20c Misses' and Children's Velvet Grip Hose Supporters, 20c black and white, pair. "Kajoo" Athletic Suspender Waists, for boys and girls, 75c 4 to 14 years, each. New "Hickory" Combination Waist and Hose Supporters, two styles, sizes 2 to 12 years, each 75c and 65c "Magnet" Hose Supporters, black and white, all sizes, 25c, pair.

Women's 25c-50c Neckwear, Only 19c 95c Chiffon Motor Veils 69c White organdy collars with colored frills. Rose and Copen organdy models. Blue and pink embroidered organdy neck pieces. Dimity collars and vests. Gabardine vests.

3 Fine Silk Ties for 50c Broken sets of some of our most popular lines including qualities that would sell regularly at 50c each. Patterns and colors to please advanced and conservative dressers. Wide flowing end styles. Very special values.—Meier & Frank's: Men's Furnishings Shop, Main Floor.

Good Plisse Crepe 19c Genuine plisse crepe in a broken line of colors. Standard quality of the fair regatta is being used for demonstration purposes. Six makes of tractors are participating in the demonstrations. A big crowd attended the fair yesterday morning from Vancouver, B. C.

Three Wonderful Specials in This Great Sale Women's Gloves In many instances the sale price is LESS THAN HALF regular. Quantities are limited—better come early. 75c-\$1.00 Short Silk Gloves 39c Fine quality, all silk, two-clasp gloves in all black and white with black embroidered backs. Quantities in each size: 120 pairs size 5 1/2, 48 pairs size 6, 60 pairs size 6 1/2, 228 pairs size 7. Silk and Chamoisette Gloves 22c Women's long silk and chamoisette gloves in black only. You know the famous washing qualities of chamoisette. 240 pairs in sizes 5 1/2 to 6 only. 85c Chamoisette Gloves, Pair 49c Two clasp style chamoisette gloves in white and yellow. Sizes 5 1/2, 6, 6 1/2 and 7 1/2. Regularly 85c. None on Approval—None Sent C. O. D.—None Exchanged.—Meier & Frank's: Glove Shop, Main Floor.

Sale of Women's Umbrellas Two Very Special Offerings for Our Cleanup Sales Here is an excellent opportunity to secure an umbrella for the rainy season at a substantial reduction from our regularly lower than elsewhere prices. ALL-SILK Umbrellas \$2.89 This is a wonderful special at this low price. Women's all-silk umbrellas with paragon frames and wood shanks. Assorted handles, silk carrying cords. In purple, green and blue. 24-inch size. The regular price of these umbrellas is \$3.50. India Lawn Umbrellas \$1.49 Another equally good special in women's umbrellas. Black India lawn umbrellas with paragon frames. Assorted handles with silk carrying cords. 26 and 28-inch sizes. Regularly \$1.75—worth more today.

Good White Huck Toweling 15c Pure white huck toweling in a good heavy weight, 18 inches wide. Just about our today's wholesale cost at 15c. Sale of Good Cretonne 19c Standard quality cretonnes in good desirable patterns. 36 inches wide. The regular price of these cretonnes is 35c yard. Sale of Scrim Curtains \$1.19 Good quality scrim curtains trimmed with cluny lace edges and insertions. White and ecru. 2 1/2 yards long. Regular width. Good Huck Towels 29c Fine union linen huck towels in a heavy quality. Size 18x36 inches. Slightly imperfect towels of the regular 50c kind. Damask Table Cloths 69c Mercerized damask table cloths that are all cut and ready for hemming. Size 54x58 inches. Very special at 69c. Rag Rugs Special \$1 Rag rugs in the ever popular "hit-and-miss" patterns. Size 27 x54 inches. These rag rugs are easily worth \$1.25. Good Cotton Batts 79c Full 2-pound size batts made of good long, clean cotton. Com-forter size—72x90 inches. Specially priced at only 79c.

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