

ORGANIZATION OF WAR VETERANS IS CALLED PREMATURE

Major James Resigns Post on Ground That Attempt Is "Improper Diversion of Funds."

ISSUES REPLY TO CRITICS

Connection With Veteran Committee Explained and Position Defended in Former Statement

On the ground that it would constitute "an improper diversion" of funds to attempt in Pacific Coast states promotion of a national veterans' organization, Major C. W. James made public today his resignation as an officer of the United American War Veterans. The resignation is addressed to W. L. Rousseau, local head of the organization. It is dated, however, February 27.

"Your proposal to expend portions of the fund recently raised by public subscription in promoting in this and other Pacific Coast states a contemplated national veterans' organization, the ultimate national success of which is purely speculative at this time, is believed to be an improper diversion of these funds," reads Major James' resignation, "and is in direct conflict with the resolutions of this committee, which I prepared for the board of directors and the endorsement of the committee appointed by the mayor of Portland, of which Franklin T. Geffrin is chairman."

Organization Deemed Premature

The statement adds that organization in advance of the return of overseas men is premature and concludes: "Any deviation from this policy is premature at this time and any expenditure of funds for other than local state purposes is unwise and improper."

Major James also issued a statement defending himself against criticism uttered by the better business bureau of the Portland Ad club and heads of established veterans' organizations made public in The Journal on Friday. This statement reads as follows:

"I wish also to set forth that I have attempted in any way to avoid military service in this war, or to evade it, made wholly with a malicious intent. I responded with my regiment, the Third Oregon, for federal service on March 25, 1917, serving as sergeant major for four months during the war, when I was discharged on account of dependent family. My baby girl was born within a month after my discharge, and I immediately applied by General White to assist in the adjutant general's office and was shortly thereafter commissioned captain and later promoted to major and assistant adjutant general. In December, 1917, my appointment as property and disbursing officer for the United States in Oregon was confirmed by the secretary of war, which appointment I still hold as a federalized national guard officer. My classification under the draft was division A of

MEMBERS OF FAMOUS 65TH C. A. C. ARE GIVEN DISCHARGE

Oregon and Other Northwestern Artillerymen Get Final Pay and Return to Pre-War Status.

VANGUARD IN PORTLAND

Colonel Kerfoot, Its Commander, Says Goodbye to Each Soldier and All Want No More Strife.

Goodby to squads right and wrong, farewell to olive drab, and adieu to the pals of the fighting line was said by the boys of the Sixty-fifth regiment of coast artillery, who were discharged at Camp Lewis Friday morning and left immediately for their homes. The vanguard arrived in Portland in the afternoon at 3:30, including about 200 men. About 200 more arrived on trains pulling into the Union station at 5:10 and 7 o'clock in the evening.

They were happy to get here. They hadn't lost a minute in heading for that train when they had twined their fingers about a roll of bills which in almost every case totaled \$100, and held discharge papers. They had spent the last 12 days making ready for the event that they had been dreaming about it every time they had a chance to dream in their busy career in camp. The discharge was completed without a hitch and the men are civilians once more.

Schools Disclaim Responsibility for Down Town Dances

High school principals denied Friday in a statement to parents that certain dances held in downtown halls were under the supervision of or were sanctioned by the high schools. The statement was made to correct an impression gained from the term "high school dances," used in connection with the events. This term was not authorized, according to the principals, who stated that the dances were conducted on a commercial basis for the benefit of individuals and the schools do not control or supervise them.

The statement was signed by T. T. Davis, Lincoln; H. H. Herdman, Washington; Hopkin Jenkins, Jefferson; S. P. Hall, Franklin; C. E. Cleveland, Benson Polytechnic; Anna E. Arnold, girls' polytechnic; A. H. Sproul, High School of Commerce.

Robbed by Auto Bandits

Chicago, March 1.—(I. N. S.)—Four automobile bandits held up John Woods, owner of a saloon here, today and robbed him of \$5000 he had just drawn from a bank. Shots were exchanged and one of the robbers is believed to have been wounded.

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AEROPLANES MAY BE FEATURE OF ANNUAL PORTLAND FESTIVAL

Plans for "Bombing" City Considered; Fleet of Battleships Sought as Attraction.

Permission to use South Parkway blocks during Rose Festival week, beginning June 11, and promise of a blanket license to stage a carnival and show were given directors of the Rose Festival association by the city council Friday. The South Parkway blocks extend from Salmon to College streets, between Park and West Park.

Steps to bring aeroplanes from a California flying field to Portland for the Rose Festival have been taken, Ira L. Riggs, president of the association, told the council in outlining plans for the week. The planes will drop circulars advertising the festival on the trip north and will "bomb" the city as part of spectacular flights, according to present plans. Eight to 10 planes have been requested from the government.

A fleet of American battleships and submarines and vessels representing the British and French navies will drop anchor in Portland harbor during the week if plans of the association mature. The United States government has already been asked to detail the American men-of-war to the port.

The South Parkway blocks will be used as a floral center and as bases for a gigantic street show and carnival. Patriotic parades, including military maneuvers along with the usual Rose Festival exhibitions, will start from the blocks and continue through the principal streets of the city.

2 Saw Bales With Bottle From Which Coins Were Stolen

Sergeant Ervin and Officer Bert of the traffic department of the police bureau testified this morning that they saw Henry Bales, a policeman charged with stealing \$5.25 from the French and Belgian babies' fund, handle the milk bottle, in which was the money, set down the bottle and place something in his pocket.

They said they saw this from a window in Arion hall, across Second street from the police station.

Bales, when taken before Inspector Clark, produced coins which Sergeant Ervin said he identified, having marked them, the two officers testified.

The case, which was begun Friday afternoon, was adjourned at noon until 2 o'clock.

Ex-Stenographer Home Economics Editor at O. A. C.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, March 1.—That stenographers may be domestically qualified is illustrated by the fact that Miss Hazel Kelsey of Portland, formerly expert stenographer for a Portland law firm and now a junior in the school of home economics here, has been elected to the position of home economics editor of the Oregon Countryman. This publication is issued monthly by the students of the home economics and agricultural departments of the college. Miss Kelsey is one of the honor "A" students of the college, having maintained an average of more than 85 throughout her college course. She is also active in state affairs and is first vice president of Waldo Hall club.

Frohmans Estate Totals Only \$461

New York, March 1.—(U. P.)—The estate left by Charles Frohman, theatrical man, who was lost on the Lusitania, amounted to \$461.78, according to the appraisal of the state controller here. Frohman's gross estate was \$919,383, but debts and other deductions cut it down. The heirs are to receive \$75.30 each. The estate of Al Hayman, theatrical manager, also left with Frohman's appraisal, amounted to \$1,852,479.

Hawley Is Made Committee Member

Washington, March 1.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—All Oregon house members lined up for Gillett on speakership roll call Thursday night. Representative Hawley was named Oregon member on the committee on committees, which will select all committee chairmen in the next house.

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Funeral Long Held Up to Occur Sunday

Dallas, March 1.—Funeral services for Mrs. Ethel Perry, who died of pneumonia in December, will be held in this city Sunday. At the time of Mrs. Perry's death her husband, Captain John Perry, was in France, and the funeral services were postponed until his return. Captain Perry reached here this week, having been granted a 30 day furlough upon his return to the States.

To Launch Concrete Boat

Launching of the W-2, second of the concrete ships built by the Great Northern Concrete Shipbuilding company at Vancouver, is scheduled to take place Monday afternoon. It is planned to have the W-3, which is also complete, to take to the water the following day. Hulls No. 4 and 5 for the completion of the contract with the government are to be laid as soon as the ways are clear and it is planned to have them in the water by June.

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