

ONE SURVIVOR OF LOST BATTALION VISITS HIS HOME

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THRILLING STORY IS TOLD

Horrible Experience Endured by Men Who Stayed With 'Go-to-Hell' Whittlesey Is Recounted.

By Jesse B. Hinman

Astoria, July 12.—Still suffering from the effects of gas received while in the Argonne Forest with the "Lost Battalion" (38th Infantry), William H. Williamson, formerly employed by the Big Creek Logging company as a scaler, is home for a short furlough. He will return in 30 days to the hospital at Fort Whipple, Ariz., where he is recovering. As a result of the gassing he lost his speech for a period of four months. He returned to the United States as a hospital patient on March 14.

Williamson tells a thrilling story of his experiences with the "Lost Battalion" in the Argonne Forest. On October 2 the first battalion of the 38th Infantry, with detachments from the 37th, 39th, 40th and 36th machine gun battalions, participated in the general attack. The first battalion, commanded by "Go-to-Hell" Whittlesey, featured in one of the most heroic incidents of the war, penetrating the enemy lines and reaching its objective late in the afternoon. On the following day the battalion found that it had been completely surrounded by the Germans.

GERMANS ABOVE YANKS
The position held by the Americans was on a bleak unsheltered ravine with the Germans on a cliff above. The enemy was so close that commands of the officers could be heard. For five days these heroic troops lay in their perilous position, repelling savage attacks from the enemy, with no food after the third day. For water the men depended upon a muddy spring in the bottom of the ravine. To go to this drinking place meant almost certain death from the German snipers. It was on the fifth day that the German commander sent a message by an American who had been captured to Major Whittlesey, stating that the enemy was aware of the deplorable condition of the Americans and asking him for humanity's sake to surrender. It was then Major Whittlesey sent back the answer that gave him the famous title. On the night of the fifth day, the 39th Infantry fought its way to the "Lost Battalion" and liberated the troops from their terrible position.

ESCAPE SEEMED MIRACLE
"I was a runner for Company L of the third battalion of the 38th," said Williamson. "On the first day that the first battalion took its position at the advanced point on the line, I was sent in with a verbal message to Major Whittlesey. I don't see how I escaped the Germans while going in, for when I reached headquarters the officers there refused to

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permit me to return, as they had already sent out a number of runners and all had been either captured or killed. The message I took to Major Whittlesey was to hold fast, as reinforcements were coming. We found ourselves entirely surrounded by the foe, the troops on the flanks having failed to break through and furnish the required support. We dug ourselves in. The position taken was thickly covered with trees and underbrush that for a time furnished a safe shelter for us. Digging in proved a hard task, however, as the ground was mostly gravel, and often that above would slide down covering the occupants of the shallow pits below.

SPRING IS DESTROYED
"For five days the Germans rained a leaden hail upon us. Hand grenades, Stokes mortars, machine guns, explosives hurled from airplanes and shrapnel played such deadly havoc that the ground was literally carpeted with the dead and wounded."

"The enemy found our exact range and exacted a frightful toll from the first day to the last. It was impossible to give aid to the wounded. The supply of bandages was soon exhausted. Many of the men emptied their packs and covered the wounded fighters as best they could. The wounded were craving for water, and at the point of the bayonet only were they prevented from crawling to the spring, where certain death awaited them from the German snipers. The water at this spring was filthy and muddy. Dead men lay thick around it. The enemy shells eventually destroyed the spring and water could be obtained only by scooping out a basin in the muddy ground."

HELPLESS BOYS KILLED
"I can never forget some of the sights I saw during those five days. As the boys lay helpless in the open they were blown to pieces by the ever burning shells. Under the terrific rain of fire the trees and bushes were completely stripped of their foliage, and after the third and fourth days there was absolutely no protection whatever. During

CAMPAIGN TO TRY TO MAKE CITY CENTER OF FURNITURE INDUSTRY

Industries Department of Chamber of Commerce Takes Advertising Steps.

Intensive campaigning to make Portland the furniture manufacturing center of the United States is being started by the department of industries of the Chamber of Commerce as the first big step of the department under its new board of directors to encourage various Eastern interests to locate in Oregon.

At the last meeting of the board of directors it was suggested that something should be done to follow up the voluntary advertising Oregon received during the war. Oregon was the first in several Liberty loans, first in voluntary enlistments and many other activities and it was suggested that industries be encouraged to come here while the recent activities are yet fresh in the minds of capitalists.

An intensive campaign on specific lines was approved by the directors and they have since decided to start with their best possibilities. Furniture factories have grown up so fast here that it was decided to start on this line first and follow up with others later. W. H. Crawford, manager of the department, has had several conferences with manufacturers of furniture already located here and they have agreed to give their fullest cooperation in the drive. Managers of the plants here expressed themselves as believing that the location of more mills here would mean more business for them.

Mr. Crawford is now working on all reasons why furniture men should locate factories here and these will be sent broadcast to all the large firms in the east and will then be followed up on more detail work. All data will also be on hand to answer inquiries immediately on this subject.

The survey is being made under five main heads with various subdivisions as follows: Labor, general conditions, wages, state laws and living costs, capital, general state laws, raw material, hard and soft wood, power, fuel, transportation, Columbia river, port industries and market and distributing, local, Pacific coast, foreign and trans-continental.

Services at Woodstock
The regular Sunday services at the Woodstock Methodist church will be in charge of the Rev. Harry Blake. The pastor of the church, the Rev. L. C. Poor, is attending the centenary celebration of the denomination at Columbus, Ohio.

all this time we were without food. A few had carried their 'iron rations' into the woods, but the supply soon became exhausted. Food was thrown from airplanes, but our location was not definitely known, and it reached the Huns instead. An attempt to supply us with ammunition from airplanes also failed. "With the correct location of our headquarters, the 39th regiment connected up with us, forcing the Germans to evacuate their position."

TRADE NAME ADOPTED
Three grades of table syrup, with promises of something new and revolutionary through the employment of new formulae, two grades of molasses, and honey are to be exploited and sold by Conner & Co. under the trade name of "Crimson Amber." The Conner Advertising Service, Inc., has prepared a comprehensive advertising and merchandising campaign to be launched immediately.

Stock food molasses is to be manufactured in large quantities as a by-product.

First Call Out for Elks' Special to the State Convention

"Board for Klamath Falls" Trainmaster William McGinn of the Elks' state convention special has sent out the first call, so that the antlered herd and their families may be on hand on the morning of August 13.

The second annual convention of the state association will be held at Klamath Falls, August 14, 15 and 16. Mr. McGinn has arranged for a train "de luxe," word being received Saturday from the United States railroad administration that a special rate and a special train would be granted. Portland Elks will pay \$35 for a round-trip ticket, which will include all accommodations except meals. The train will be sidetracked at Klamath Falls and the Elks and their families may use their berths in lieu of hotels and rooming-houses during the convention. Correspondingly low rates from all parts of the state will be in effect, a most assuredly money-saving measure. Assisting Mr. McGinn in the details of transportation are William McMurray and Charles W. Stinger.

E. B. Hall, past exalted ruler of Klamath Falls lodge, chairman of the entertainment committee, and he has promised a program filled with every sort of diversion. Mayor George L. Baker will open the convention and the sessions will be under the direction of Dr. William S. Kennedy, president of the state association. The election of officers for 1920 and the convention city for next year promise thrilling battles on the floor. While the Elks are in business some of their families will be entertained by the women of Klamath Falls.

NEW FACTORY OFFICERS



From left—George M. Wilson, superintendent of manufacture; A. A. Conner, president, and Lloyd F. Le Garie, sales manager.

PORTLAND WILL HAVE SYRUP MAKING PLANT OF LARGE CAPACITY

Object to West Pacific Coast Business From Eastern Manufacturers; Ready July 20.

Portland is to have the largest plant in the Northwest devoted exclusively to the manufacturing of syrup and the packing of molasses and honey. This new enterprise, a product of the reconstruction period with its "home industry" slogan and the minimizing of transportation problems by the localizing of distributing centers, is Conner & Co., who will have a 500,000-gallon plant in operation at Macadam and Curry streets on July 20.

Plans for the first year's activity of the new corporation call for an output worth \$500,000, which is the entering wedge of a struggle to wrest syrup supremacy on the Pacific coast from eastern manufacturers, who take from five to 10 millions annually from the district west of the Rocky mountains.

PERSONNEL OF MANAGEMENT
Conner & Co., capitalized at \$50,000, is headed by practical syrup men, with H. A. Conner, for 18 years with the Pacific Coast Syrup company in Portland, as president. L. F. LeGarie, sales manager, was with that concern for seven years, while George M. Wilson, who will supervise manufacture, has a varied experience extending over nearly two decades. W. J. Roope is vice president, E. C. Ewing is secretary-treasurer, and E. B. McNaughton and H. B. Hastings are on the directorate.

The new concern has leased the old Acme Flaming mill property, at Macadam and Curry streets. That 100 by 100 foot structure is being converted into a modern, sanitary factory.

While molasses will be imported from New Orleans, sorghum from the middle west, maple sugar from New York and Canada, and cane sugar from Hawaii via the California refineries, the utilization of home products will be a fixed rule whenever possible. Wooden boxes, cans, labels and other things that go into the preparing of products have been ordered from Northwest concerns, while beet sugar will be purchased from Washington interests and the honey supply from local sources, including the Echo, Hermiston and Ontario sections of Oregon and the Yakima district of Washington.

White Sport and Dress Skirts \$1.49 to \$6.50

We show a wonderfully attractive variety of styles in these skirts. We have them in wash satin, tricotine, gabardine, pique and fine galatea cloth. Smocked and embroidered models, with fancy pockets, button and loop belts.

\$1.50 Bleached Sheets \$1
An excellent quality in 72x90 size, with welded seams. Not more than four sold to one customer.

\$2 Mohawk Sheets \$1.59
These are bleached and hemmed, 72x90-inch size. A very durable sheet. Not more than four sold to one customer.

39c Unbleached Sheet 25c
Heavy and of excellent quality, 36 inches wide. Free from starch or dressing. 20 yards to a customer.

50c Fine Sateen 29c
A high quality sateen in all of the wanted colors. Excellent in quality, soft in finish. No limit in quantity.

85c English Longcloth 25c
A fine, soft, bleached fabric, 36 inches wide, suitable for underwear. Only 12 yards to a customer.

85c Silk-Mixed Crepe de Chine 59c
All of the popular colors are shown in this desirable fabric; suitable for dresses, party frocks, etc. All 36 inches wide.

Great Labor Day Celebration to Be Held in La Grande

La Grande, July 12.—Arrangements are being made by the Central Labor Council of La Grande to stage in this city on September 1 one of the greatest labor day celebrations ever held in the West. The day will open with a program of racing and carnival attractions that will probably last a week. Many Montana horses are expected to enter.

Labor day itself will be marked by airplane and balloon exhibitions, rock-drilling and log rolling contests, with a great parade preceding. Nearly 2000 union labor men are represented by the La Grande Central Labor Council, which recently affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

LA GRANDE LINEMAN HAS TWO NARROW ESCAPES IN ONE DAY
La Grande, July 12.—Earl Rosenbaum, a telephone lineman here, had two narrow escapes from death Friday afternoon while at work at the top of a 30 foot pole. He very narrowly avoided contact with a wire carrying a high volt-

age and, throwing himself back from the wire, he lost his balance and fell to the pavement below. He landed on his feet and escaped with severely sprained arches and a bad shaking up. Only one bone in one foot was broken.

Signs Indian Bill
Washington, July 12.—(U. P.)—President Wilson today affixed his signature to the Indian appropriation measure and to an act which stipulates that congressmen may appoint two secretaries whose names shall be placed on the roll as employees of the house.

For \$18.75 This Week Only The "Roadman"

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One of the famous "LIKLY" favorites.

Five-piece construction. Heavy steel, leather-covered frame. Lift catches. English concealed lock. Large corners sewed on, double stitched. Leather lined throughout. Three pockets. This bag will wear and look well for years.



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Royal Purple and Church's Grape Juice, pints 30c, quarts60c
Happy Vale Ripe Olives, No. 2 1/2 can 30c
Diamond W and Del Monte Pimientos 15c
Lobster a la Newburg and Chicken a la King, 3/4, for20c

Silk Waists for Stout Women \$5.98

Just in by express! Finest Crepe de Chine Waists in flesh, white and black, handsomely embroidered with self-colored silk in dainty designs. These waists were bought at a great concession in price, and they will be offered here in like manner. On sale Monday at \$5.98.



Silk Waists \$2.49

A remarkable showing of Washable Silk Waists. They have sailor collars and they are trimmed with the daintiest of laces. Some are embroidered. As long as any remain, only \$2.49.

MONDAY 89c SALE

For Men and Boys

Look what 89c will buy here tomorrow in our men's and boys' department! Every item an extraordinary value.
Boys' Wash Suit 89c
Norfolk and Oliver Twists in a large assortment of colors and sizes.
Boys' Waists 89c
Boys' Hats 89c
Boys' Underwear
All sizes in fine balbriggan. Six garments for 89c.
Men's Pajamas 89c
All sizes in fine balbriggan. Garments slightly soiled.
Men's Socks
Regular 40c values in good socks. Five pairs 89c.

Cigar Specials

Tangiers, 50 in box \$2.95
Sam Sloan, box 50 \$2.95
Sam'l L. Davis, 1886-50 in a box\$5.00

White Footwear for Women

Two Special Offerings, Attractively Priced. We Save You Money on Footwear for Every Member of the Family.
White Sea Island Duck Oxford \$3.29
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A vacation shoe for beach or sports wear; first-quality rubber soles and heels, medium narrow toes. All sizes.



"And out of the execution of these great enterprises of liberty sprang opportunities to attempt what statesmen never had found the way before to do—an opportunity to throw safeguards about the rights of racial, national and religious minorities."—(President Woodrow Wilson, in his address last Thursday, July 10, to the United States Senate.)

PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF THE FORMATION THROUGH PEACE COVENANT ARTICLE 93 OF THE MAGNA CHARTA of MINORITIES

SPEAKERS:
DR. E. T. DEVINE, of New York
Associate Editor of "The Survey"—Professor of Political Economy, Columbia University

Ex-Senator S. H. PILES, of Seattle
Champion of Oppressed Minorities

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