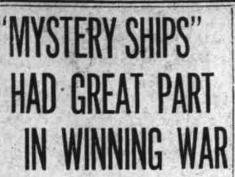
THE OREGON SUNDAY JOURNAL, PORTLAND, SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 28, 1920.



This town, the principal port of Northern Ireland, was a food shipping cener for the allies. Lieut. G. Nicholls, Formerly of ships were coming and constantly going from the port to France and back. But there were several mer-British Service, Relates Daring or three days regularly that aroused the curiosity of Nicholls. Curiosity dur-

Deeds of Strange Vessels, ing the war was sometimes fatal, so

from the British army as totally unfit

But Nicholls had not had enough of the war in two years. He was willing

to give all he could to aid his country.

so he tried and finally succeeded in enlisting in the British navy. Soon after his enlistment he was

made a lieutenant and placed in trans-

port service at the port of Belfast.

for further service.

WANTED MORE FIGHT

Nicholls restrained, himself. Slowly, bit by bit, he picked up the

"Mystery ships" which vague news dispatches from time to time have supply the vessels with one thing, and intimated were largely responsible for the winning of the world war, little he pleced together the purpose of the vessels have passed into history. But still

their character is not commonly known.

They were the pride of England, the terror of Germany and the one thing actuality they were floating fortresses. that added the allies to keep the ocean They were the "mystery ships" of the lanes open during hostilities in Europe. | war.

Only the mere handful of men who survived the unique warfare which these port failed to return. Gradually it bevessels carried on can tell of their mar- came known that they never would revelous deeds . There is o one man in turn. Some of them were lost in the Portland who is familiar with the treacherous mine fields. Others fell functioning of "mystery ships," for he prey to the torpedoes of the undersea served as a British transport officer at vessels of Germany. the port where many of these vessels outfitted for their perilous dufies.

SERVED IN TWO BRANCHES This man is Lleutenant G. Nicholls,

Royal Navy Volunteer Reserves, who bears the unique distinction of being one of the very few men who served in both the army and navy of England during the war.

Armistice day all Portland turned out to see the parade which passed through the downtown streets. Citizens will remember the contingent of Canadian veterans which marched in this parade, and perhaps many will remember the man who led the Canadian legion.

This man was Lleutenant Nicholls. He was chosen to lead the detachment because he bore a record of which his British comrades were proud.

Early in the war-to be exact, in the month of August, 1914-Nicholas volunteered for service in the army of Great Britain. He served with honor and distinction, early taking part in to disembark. , some of the major operations on the west front.

PERILOUS DAYS OF 1915

And the west front in Europe in 1915 was a heart-breaking and discouraging battleship. The vessels were equipped front for the allies. The hastily gath- with 8 and 12 inch guns. ered troops of England and France the tide of the Germans as they swayed back and forth over Northern and the sea would be scattered with debris.

Nicholls was there. He lived through the horrors of two winters, and then early in the spring of 1916 he was hit

officers ordered his rehabilitation England. For several months he of these mystery ships. Every shot was curred 1916, he was given his final discharge blank range. The submarine never re-

FLOATING FORTRESSES The ships were in appearance slow going merchantment common to the seven

seas before and during the war. But in Sometimes these strapge visitors to the

After the war Nicholls saw the vessels, and combined with his knowledge

of their war activities, appreciates above the average man the work which these ships accomplished.

These ships would steam out of the port of Belfast at the average speed of merchantmen and cruise into the North ea. Soon perhaps the enemy submarine would see the ostensible merchantman. A shot would go across the stern

of the supposed merchantman. WAS IT SURRENDER! Then the ship, with all the wiles in

its power, would fire the little three pound gun mounted on its stern. Another shot would whistle over its bow. Then the flag of the supposed merchantman would flutter down from the topmast in token of surrender.

Slowly, in ever diminishing circles, the submarine would draw upon its supposed prize. At a distance of 300 yards the order would be given for the crew

Then things would happen. Either the holds of the "merchantman" would suddenly bristle with immense guns or the side of the ship would drop away show-

Several reverberating crashes would

TRANSFORMED IN INSTANT

Provision was made for dropping a by a German bullet as the British lines were striving to hold back the enemy hordes in the Somme sector. depth charge to make sure of the de-the "mystery ship" would again become were saved by a miracle, as the bomb He was wounded seriously. The bul- a merchantman to all appearances dropped into the hold of the German let shattered his left arm and the medi- awaiting the advent of another enemy. vessel and both gained the shelter of Germany never knew of the existence their vessel's deck as the explosion oc-





Horticulturists

day, Friday and Saturday.

and marketing will be given by the members. C. I. Lewfs will talk, on Some of the Things I Have Seen in Cooperative Marketing," "Results of Orchard Fertilizing" is to be the sub-ject of Professor W. S. Brown of O. A. Other speakers are on the program with topics of equal interest. The officers of the society are: J. O. Holt, president; Robert Paulus, vice low this line. president; C. D. Minton, secretarytreasurer. The trustees are Senator Charles McNary, Henry E. Dosch and J. B. Pilkington.

Seven boys' and girls' pig clubs, or-anized and in operation in Yakima ganized and in operation in Yakima county this year, have turned off stock valued at \$11,274.62.

COLLEGE CHIEFS ADOPT NEW PLAN FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Combination Scheme Adopted Al- SMALLER COLLEGES lows Winner to Pick Place He work, Professor James T. Matthews of Is to Pursue His Studies, Willamette university maintained

Independent College Presidents' Association of Oregon, in session at Reed college for two days, voted Saturday to continue its plan of joint scholarship which it has had Reed, vice president; Professor F. G. for five years.

treasurer. By this plan, each of the five colleges Delegates attending the conference in the association that gie scholarships were: Melvin D. Williams, Wallace H. to a member of the graduation class of Lee and Elizabeth Irvine of Albany col- ment concentrating its efforts to proevery accredited high school in the state lege; E. C. Sanderson A. F. Bennett year, Philomath college, Pacific and W. F. Myers of Eugene Bible uniuniversity, Albany college, McMinnville versity; G. R. Schlauch, G. W. Payne assassination in London. college and Pacific university, and any L. S. Schmaker of McMinnville Whatever definite information the college and Pacific university, and any other college that may give a scholarship, combine and give but one scholarship to each school, allowing the winner the privilege of choosing the institution n which he shall enroll. VOCATIONS DISCUSSED

Saturday morning the conference fin, J. P. Baughman, Bertha K. Young, Concident with the erection too closed. Delegates from seen colleges of T. W. Baldwin, R. K. Strong and C. the state were represented in the session. The final meeting was devoted to the discussion of vocational guidance. Pro-fessor A. A. Knowlton of Reed college

importance of the college finding the adaptation of the student. Professor G. In Annual Session adaptation of the student. Professor G. C. Basset, also of Reed, gave a talk, in which he reviewed the situation from the primitive occupations of yesterday to the modern and complex of the present.

He divided occupations into 30 fundamental parts, and further subdiided them into 34,000 gainful occupations.

"Today, because of the lack of guid-ance, we find individuals who have a wasteful start, and are in a blind alley occupation, have a permanent waste of ability, and, therefore, obtain un-necessary disappointment."

ANALYSIS IS URGED Basset adocates an analysis of individual ability and making education fol-The scholarship committee of which Professor Wallace H. Lee of Albany college is chairman, was given permission have it." The man appeared nervous and finally returned the wallet, with to modify its program in any manner.

all but some silver change from a \$5 The present system whereby scholarship blanks are sent to principals of the high schools for distribution to the students Before leaving the representatives ex- told him to get out of town. will be continued.

pressed their praise for the treatment accorded them and of the success of the conference. LONDON IN MOVE Friday L. L. Epley, president of Philomath college, presented a paper on student activities, which he thought FOR SAFETY OF occupied too much of the scholar's time from his regular work. Discussion led to the limitation and distribution of all activities, but no definite program was HIGH OFFICIALS "Maintaining the Moral and Spirit-ual Standards of the Student Body"

was the title of a paper given by Pro-fessor Walter L. Myers of the Eugene Bible university.

adopted by the conference.

Plotters Planned Bombing Raids From Various Parts of City, to be unwise, unless the colleges had large and complete laboratories and staff with enough time to devote to the work.

Wallet and Money

· By Detective Work

By Robert J. Prew The officers for the ensuing term Universal Service Staff Correspondent were elected, as follows: E. C. San-London, Nov. 27 .- The most turbderson, Eugene Bible university, presi-dent; Professor A. A. Knowlton of ilent week in the history of Irelan" came to a close tonight with reports Franklin of Willamette, secretary- of murders and explosions coupled with additional arrests coming in

hourly and with the British governtect one or more high officials from

Seized Evidence Said to Show.

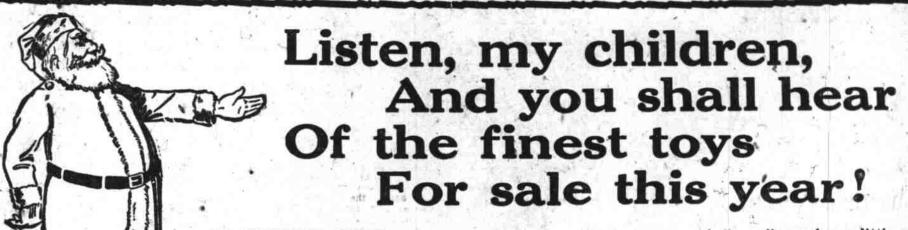
college; R. F. Clark, H. S. Tuttle, F. government may have of the alleged C. Taylor, D. M. Dailey, H. F. Price, Irish plot of further spectacular re-H. L. Bates and L. H. Strong of Pa-prisals is not known publicly, although cific university; L. L. Epley of Philo-broad intimations have been given in math college; Carl G. Doney, J. T. and out of parliament during the week Matthews and F. G. Franklin of Wil-

Coincident with the erection today of heavy barricades across the approaches to the government offices, the Central News announced that sensational discoveries have been made concerning the Irish plotters in London. Documentary proof, it declares, has been selzed show ing the plotters planned bombing raids rom various parts of this city. The bombers, it is further alleged, were to have been transported about the city in motor cars, making it possible for quick descents and equally rapid retreats.

Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secre-Oregon City, Nov. 27 .- To recover a tary for Ireland and the stormy petrel wallet containing more than \$100 soon of the week's parliamentary debates, after its loss was noticed was the ex- according to the Star, uses a bulletperience of Dr. William Krassig, local proof motor car whenever he is driv-ing about London. The Star adds that dentist. Krassig dropped the wallet in all the Irish radicals in England are the hallway on his way to the office, known to the authorities and are now

Saturday morning. Upon entering the under surveillance, building he had noticed a suspicious circles here tonight that tomorrow may Grave fears were expressed in many looking man following him. When he witness a new sanguinary outburst missed the wallet Krassig went on a within Ireland itself. Sunday has been still hunt after the man and, finding a day of terrorism for many months, him in a poolroom, said, "You're the and the Sunday evening reports from, fellow that found my wallet. Let me Dublin, Cork and Belfast have been breathlessly awaited week after week.

bill, which he had broken and partly spent. Krassig then gave the man \$2 and told him to get out of town.



turned and she was listed among the missing The men aboard the vessel were picked They were closely guarded to prevent the possible escape of any news

of the activity of the strange vessels. Sometimes admirals were picked to head. the crew and each was pledged to die before revealing the secret of the vessels.

men.

Sometimes the trawlers of the North sea were fitted out in this fashion and a tale of the heroism of one of these trawler's crews is told by Nicholls.

The trawler in question was crulsing the North sea when one of the supersubmarines of Germany came to the surface. However, the guns of the undersea boat were not a match for the supposed trawler.

It was wits that won the day for the British crew. When orders' came to disembark, all the men but one left the ship in a small boat. The skipper was ordered aboard the German craft. Then the remaining member of the crew, dressed as a woman, appeared at the rail of the deserted craft with a bundle

which looked like a baby in arms. The skipper pleaded with the Germans not to blow up the vessel with his wife and baby aboard. The German craft drew alongside the prize. Then the

would-be baby was dropped upon the submarine. It was T. N. T., and ef-German super-submarine Deutsch-

in a hospital. Then in September, fired at the underseas boats at point- HELPS AMERICAN SERVICE With the entry of America into the

in Portland. var early in 1917 Nicholls was loaned to the American transport service, but still maintained his headquarters at Belfast. For 11 months he managed this work the northern port of Ireland.

In October, 1918, the world heard of the terrible collision between the soldier laden transport Otranto and the steamer Kashimer in the irish sea. More

land, captured by English, as she

appeared in Thames river, pho-

tographed by Lieutenant G. Nich-

olls, late of Royal Navy Volun-

teer Beserves (below), who is now

To Meet at Eugene

The Oregon State Horticultural soelety will meet for its thirty-third annual convention at Eugene next Thurs-Addresses on growing, care of crops





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than 400 lives were lost in the crash. On the Sunday when this collision occurred Nicholls received a message to dispatch all possible aid to the scene of the wreck in the Irish sea a few miles

from Belfast. Nicholls' description of this scene is awe inspiring. Ne arrived as the Otranto was settling slowly in the water. Hundreds of soldiers were jumping from the ship's rail, some vainly trying to hit the tossing life saving boats. There were still some aboard the vessel when she went down.

The final survivors were picked up from the sea and then borne in haste to Belfast. The weather was bitterly cold and many died from exposure on their way to the haven of Belfast.

After the Otranto incident Nicholls saw and heard of many heroic acts of the seas. Then after two years' service came the Armistice.

WISHED TO EXTEND

Still wishing to extend the service he had performed he immediately volun-teered for duty in the Achangel district. There are other stories of adventure which Nicholls has to tell about. Of some he is reticent. He arrived in Portland several months ago and intends to settle down here until England again demands his services.

The arm which he had shattered at the battle of the Somme is not capable of all it was before the war, but he is con-fident that if the army will not take him the navy will, for he is one of the few men who saw active service in both branches and is still alive to tell of his adventures.

J. L. Foster, Facing Hearing on Charge Of 'White Slavery'

Because it is alleged he brought a 16year-old girl from Walla Walla 🕏 Portland by railroad and lived with her three months, Jasper Leroy Foster, 21, will be given a hearing in federal court on a charge of white slavery made against him by Hall S. Lusk, chief assistant United States attorney.

Foster was arrested Saturday by Operative Hudson of the department of justice at the home of his brother at Forty-eighth avenue and Sixty-third street. Lusk filed the charge against Foster because of complaint of neigh-bors as to the conduct of Foster and the girl. Foster claims to have brought the girl here to marry here on written consent of her parents, but Lusk says evi-dence does not bear out this statement. Ball for Foster was set at \$1000.

Pioneer Resident of

50 years. She is survived by her hus-

and are: Misses Nina and Hazel Emery, Mrs. G. W. Watson and H. S. Emery.

Attempt on Life Succeeds.



STRETCHING far across a prominent part of our second floor lies a busy little, world—a world apart, with cities buildings trained boy and girl in Portland must see before December 25. It is guarded by great armies of soldiers dressed in gay clothes, watched by gracefully flying aeroplanes hovering over it like huge birds, surrounded by big gray warships that frown like bulldogs upon its walls, and it is crossed and recrossed by trains running hither and thither with their passengers and freight. These trains pass tunnels, bridges, stations, signals, switches and all, hurrying on from one place to the next. From the

nearby mountains, great big teddy bears watch the world beneath with superior looks and big clown dolls parade about as if they owned it all. Other dolls are there, too-thousands of them-big, beautiful dolls that look wistfully at the passerby, as if to say, "Give me a good home on Christmas day." Yes, many wonders await the children in this great-this marvelous Toyland!

