

SECRETARY GINRICH RECEIVES INTERESTING LETTERS FROM BOYS IN ARMY AND NAVY AND Y. M. C. A. WORK; THEY ALL LIKE THE LIFE

Secretary Oscar B. Ginrich of the Salem Y. M. C. A. has received a number of interesting letters from members of the Salem association who are now in war service.

Edith London Association. DEANE CURTIS writes as follows from London, his letter dated January 7:

Hello, Dad: Surprised? I thought so. I will just write a little note to tell you something the Y. M. C. A. is doing for us boys over here.

I am away from my ship on a five day leave, and am stopping at the American Y. M. C. A. On-the-Strand here in London. And it sure is a fine place.

Any place you go and find our boys, you will find a Y. M. C. A. I was in the little town of Queens-town, Ireland, and they have one there.

I have not met any other boys from Oregon over here yet, but I suppose there are some here.

I have been done London. I have seen everything in this town there is to see, I believe. I have seen a lot of other places too that I would like to tell you about but can't.

Well, dad, I will stop now and go take a stroll so goodbye. I hope everything is all right in Salem and that you do not feel the war there.

JAMES YOUNG sends these three sentences: Dear Oscar: "Threw it," says I, and the fight was on.

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minute since we left Salem. We had a nice trip across the continent as far as Milwaukee when we ran into the blizzard. It took four locomotives to get our train through some of the drifts.

We took our biff ball exercise every morning in the observation car throwing footstools at each other. Coming into Chicago we found it would be necessary to stay there nearly all day Monday, Jan. 14, and the only train we could leave on was one to Pittsburg.

The following morning we left in a day coach for New York where we arrived at half past nine Tuesday evening. The next day we saw so many Jews we thought we must surely be in the New Jerusalem. We had a complete suite of rooms in the Chelsea across from the Twenty-Third Street Y. M. C. A.

A young man takes you at 124 East Twenty-Eighth street and at the other end of the line you are somewhere in France. I have taken my second shot of dope for typhoid and my left arm feels as if it were in a hotter place than France ever dared to be warm, as that nation is reputed to be.

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The uniforms are simply great. I took Halvorsen over to Paterson, my old home, to spend Sunday and we surely cut a figure. The whole town was ours and the ticket agent exempted us from the war tax.

We have secured all our equipment and except for a few little necessities are nearly ready to go. Some of the boys are renting suits which hold one up in the water. It has some kind of a heating arrangement to keep one warm in the water.

It seems to me if it set you on fire it would set me on fire and burn up in the ocean. Clear clean swimming for mine if anything happens going over. A bunch of the boys sail tonight (Monday) and we saw the transport loaded to the gunrails and it was so camouflaged it looked as if it had been out on a tear all night.

We are waiting for passports. The agent got nothing on the man who tries to get away from America. The red tape is awful. We must have French and British passports in addition to American.

Well Bet This Ain't So. It's something awful back here. You have heard about the shortage of sugar. The half has not been told.

Why, Ging, tell Mr. McGilchrist that in some cafeterias they have a lump of sugar on a string and when a customer passes down the line the sugar is dropped into the drink and quickly drawn up for the next cup.

And meat is awful. A little girl went into a butcher shop and asked for a pound of round steak and the butcher said, "a pound of round steak" Go on and smell the hook." They say they used to put the sugar in the coffee and now they put the coffee in the sugar. They say if the war continues women's skirts will be shorter and the men say it is going to be an awful long war.

In some places they are actually serving horse meat and in one fashionable place they had a leg of an old fire horse on the table for dinner and when the fire bell rang it got right up and ran all the way to the fire. In some museums they have small pieces of coal on exhibition for you to take a look.

Alarmists are declaring that underwear is running out and that newspapers are to be used in their stead—they can tell when they changed by the date on the paper and all the men swear they will wear Police Gazettes for that is the warmest paper they know of. Well, such is life in New York.

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Halvorsen and I went to church in Paterson Sunday morning and the minister asked me to say a few words at the close of his sermon. I said I would speak briefly as my friend Halvorsen, an eloquent speaker, would follow me.

Halvorsen got up after me and said in his introductory remarks that when he caught Jimmy outside he would shoot his bean off.

By this time my arm feels as if it never knew me. I have forwarded Mrs. Elvin the list of instructions that the new men must have. And, Ging, men are needed, that is absolutely true, although many here are getting turned down.

We are doing our best, Ging, to overcome the real feelings. Salem looks awful good from here. I never knew it was such a nice town until I got away from it. Gosh, I hate that Kaiser pulling us out of such a nice place.

An old fellow, an old fellow, old C. A. There is some organization here. A young man takes you at 124 East Twenty-Eighth street and at the other end of the line you are somewhere in France.

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ENGINEER NUNN DEFENDS POLICY

Criticism of Grange at Eagle Creek, Clackamas County, Is Answered

In reply to a criticism of the policies of the state highway commission which was made at a meeting of the Grange at Eagle Creek, Clackamas county, State Highway Engineer Nunn has addressed the following letter to the Grange:

"On account of the seeming unjustified attacks on the state highway department, a statement at this time of the exact conditions under which this department works and of the actual expenditures of money will help to place the matter before the people in this state, who are honestly interested, in the proper light.

"One of the particular statements which has been made is that the state highway department has spent up to date \$36,000 for automobiles and other equipment. The fact is, however, that the state has spent \$12,605.30 for automobiles for the purpose of transporting engineering and construction crews to their work. Projects in 36 Counties.

"The state highway department is a legitimate business, handling \$5,000,000 this year, covering a territory of 25,500 square miles and 26 county seats, and all of the work is located in outlying districts none of it being within the city limits of any municipality. No business man could question such an expenditure and no business man would consider the handling of such a large organization and such a particularly technical business forced and out of transportation to save the time of a crew whose salaries and wages often total the sum of \$50 to \$60 per day, and when it is stated that there are more than 60 of these crews working within the different counties, some idea can be had as to the enormous distances to be covered.

"The state has purchased trucks for the transportation of materials and equipment to the value of \$25,867, because of the fact that we have been paying at the rate of \$2.75 to \$3.00 per hour for the same type of trucks, and we have saved the state a large sum of money upon such purchases, and they are not to be classified in any way as automobiles but as working equipment, and their cost and operation is charged against the construction on which they are placed.

"It might be well at this time to state to the public that the state highway department has also purchased considerable other equipment, among which is one of the highest type paving plants in the State of Oregon, with all of the necessary rollers, trucks, hoists, small tools, etc., necessary for its operation. This plant has a capacity of 2,000 square yards per day of 2-inch pavement and is operated between Salem and Aurora over a stretch of twenty-one miles and involving a square yardage of 197,147 square yards. The stone for this work has been purchased and the equipment will be placed under operation as soon as weather conditions permit.

"This is by far the biggest paving propaganda ever undertaken by the state or any county of the state of Oregon and will be operated under the best of conditions with experienced men and will undoubtedly set aside for all time the exact cost of this department of good roads has been asked to cooperate with us in the building up of a specification for this work and the advantage of their long experience will leave no question as to its stability.

"The state highway department has also purchased a concrete paving plant which has a capacity of 800 square yards per day and this machine will commence to lay paving between Sheridan and McMinnville as soon as weather conditions permit. The state also owns two other concrete paving plants which can be used in an emergency although they are of small capacity and will probably not exceed 300 square yards per day each.

"There has been some criticism of the large number of surveying crews placed in the different counties of the state, and for those who are uninformed, I will call their attention to the road laws which make it obligatory upon the state highway commission to locate state roads in the different counties upon which they intend to expend money, and we have no option whatever in the matter. The law is a good one and insures a uniformity of work throughout the state and is a large saving to the counties involved, and a question to any county judge or commissioner in this state who has asked for such help will set aside such criticism.

"The state highway commission has awarded contracts to miles for approximately for fifty miles of pavement, a part of which has been completed, and the cost per mile on the completed sections is approximately \$14,000. This includes both the surfacing, subgrading, base and shoulders, and in most cases, drainage.

"A comparison of state prices for pavement, as compared with that of Clackamas county, is very unsatisfactory, as the state highway department makes a complete charge for all materials and equipment used for a completed piece of construction, and the price paid per square yard has little to do with the completed work. The statement, however, that the state has paid three times as much for its pavement as Clackamas county should not be taken seriously, as the specifications of the state are much more rigidly enforced and the work much more carefully done than that in Clackamas county, and the statement as a whole is absolutely untrue.

"It is impossible at this time to give the amount of mileage which the state highway department can complete under the \$6,000,000 bond issue, as that will depend entirely upon the cost per square yard of the pavement which the state will lay with its own forces and own plants, and we feel quite sure that with the better organization and better equipment and with men who are better trained along paving lines that the state will lay its pavement much better and as cheaply in proportion to the quality as any county has with its own plant and equipment.

"It is impossible to tell where the mileage will be laid with the \$6,000,000 bond issue, as that is a question of policy on which the commission is yet undecided. It is safe to say, however, that none of this paving money will be used for grading, excepting where the law specifically provides for same.

"Regarding the bonds available, on which the people voted, Chapter 423 of the Laws of 1917 authorized \$6,000,000 in highway bonds for paving purposes, \$1,000,000 of these to be sold during the year 1917, \$2,000,000 during the year 1918, and \$3,000,000 during the year 1919. The law requires that these bonds carry a 4 per cent interest.

"During the year 1917, \$1,000,000 of these bonds were sold, The Lumbermen's Trust company of Portland bid in the first block of \$500,000 at \$471,300; E. H. Rollins and Sons of New York City and the National City company of New York secured the second block of \$500,000 for \$472,130.

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"The records of the office of the highway commission are by law made free and open to the public at all times. We will add to this the fact that any member of your grange who may desire it will be given every opportunity by the employees of this department to go into the records as fully as they desire, as we believe that a thorough, honest, investigation of the records of this department by either a biased or unbiased person, if the truth is what is desired, will only result in the highest commendation of the administration of this department.

"We have applied business principles at every opportunity and have watched the state's money as closely as we believe it is possible for any business house to do it. Where the purchase of equipment would actually result in a saving in cost, this has been recommended and done, and our records will clearly indicate that the department is absolutely free from politics and endeavoring to give a genuine business administration."

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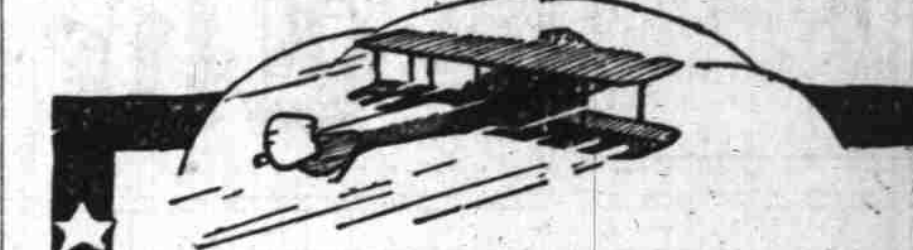
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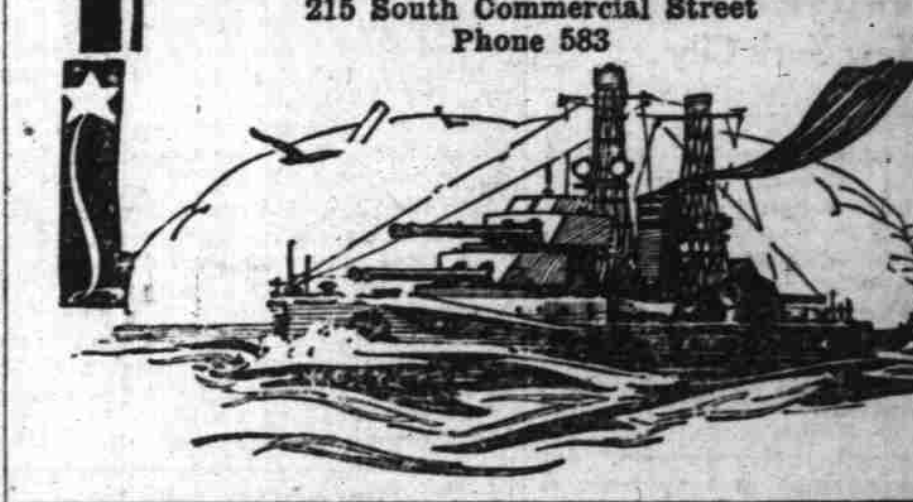
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schools in Austria still is scant. The latest information received from Vienna is that there has been a great conflagration in the grain warehouses there and that revolutionaries are suspected of having started it.

In Finland the trouble between the government forces and revolutionists continues to extend. The revolutionists are declared to have formed a government of their own. All southern Finland is said to be in the hands of the red guard.

Although Finland has appealed to Sweden for military aid, such aid is not likely to be rendered. Hindenburg Warns Strikers. AMSTERDAM, Jan. 30. — The Rhenish Westphalia Zeitung of Essen, a copy of which has been received here, reports that Field Marshal von Hindenburg has warned the strikers in Berlin to cease their movement immediately.

He told them, according to this newspaper, that they were being misled, adding: "Every hour you lose means the weakening of Germany's defense. You are committing a crime against our army and an act of cowardice against your brethren in the front trenches."

Plans are already under way in several of the western states to secure women farm laborers next year to take the places of men who have joined the colors. Mrs. R. M. Campbell, wife of a Denver physician, boasts of thirty cousins, nephews and other male relatives now fighting in the ranks of the Entente Allies.

More speakers of national prominence addressed the recent convention of the W. C. T. U. in Washington, than were ever heard at any previous gathering of that organization.

Of Interest to Women. Mme Menocal, wife of the President of Cuba, has been instrumental in raising one million dollars for the Cuban Red Cross, of which she is the head.

Sunday School Society Organized Last Night. The Salem Sunday School association, which has for its purpose the support of the two Sunday school teachers' training classes that have been organized at Willamette university and the creation of a spirit of unanimity among the Sunday

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Advertisement for Big Strike Hourly Growing in Germany. BIG STRIKE HOURLY GROWING IN GERMANY. (Continued from page 1) wise, in Kiel, the great shipyard center, at the Hamburg iron works and in the Rhenish Westphalian mine region workers have thrown down their tools.

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