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EARL ELSE IS CHOSEN

Portland Man Is Elected to Lead State Sunday School Association During Year 1918-1919

INDIAN GIRLS ARE PLACED ON PROGRAM

Address by Secretary Stone of Portland Y. M. C. A. Featured

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

The nominating committee of the State Sunday School convention made the following report as to the selection of association officers for the coming year, which report was adopted. President, J. Earl Else, Portland.

Vice President, Frank E. Brown, Salem. Secretary, Rev. Ward Mac-

Henry, Portland. Treasurer, Rupert N. Parks, Portland. Elementary Superintendent,

Mrs. J. W. Wilkins, Portland. Teen Age Superintendents, Mrs. Harold Humbert, Portland and Mrs. F. N. Rogers, Port-

Adult Superintendent, Elton Shaw, Portland. Educational Superintendent, Miss Gertrude Eakin, Salem:

day School association was carried evening. through yesterday practically as outlined, with some unexpected addi-

tions that were most acceptable. do with the co-ordination of schools, the systematizing of Christian and educational work, the unrecognized forces that are inherent in young life, the scope of the work that lies before the leaders, especially in the

In connection with the address of Mrs. Harward Hall of the Salem Indian Training school at Chemawa. there was a little surprise for the audience, for she introduced a donble quartette of Indian girls who favored the audience with vocal selections of a most pleasing character. One of these girls was indicated as the vice president of the Girls' Conference of Western Oregon. County Roll-Called.

Of unusual interest in the afternoon session was the roll call of counties and the reports returned and also the school of methods, which brought out many original deas as to the best means of dealing with Sunday school problems.

The song services were made at tractive under the leadership of Carroll Roberts and Dr. H. C. Epley with several solo numbers.

A memorable feature of the convention was the banquet served in elegant style by the Standard Bearers of the First Methodist church. which was a gastronomic and intellectual delight. With A. A. Moores of Portland acting as toastmaster. to in brief, brilliant addresses:

'Allegiance to the Flag.' the Top," Rev. Mr. Rozelle of Dufur: | terday's sanguinary struggle. "Carry On," Rev. E. W. Halpenny "Keep the Home Fires Burning," Rev. G. F. Holt, Salera.

H. W. Stone Speaks. The greater portion of the evening was given over to the addresses by Rev. Mr. Halpenny and Secretary H. W. Stone of the Portland Y. M. C. A. The former spoke forcefully and pointedly on some of the anomalies that confront the nation in the Sun-

day school propaganda. compel children to attend day opment," he said, "we permit them go or stay from Sunday school nebulous. designed for their moral developmen. More people attend one picture show in a city than attend all the churches and Sunday schools. The forces of evil are always well organized and alert: the church is lacking in system and slack in its efforts to claim its own. The same efficient methods should be applied to the work of the church as are applied to business, Is it a wonder that work of the Sunday school and so lit-

tle co-operation on the parents?" In the matter of methods the speaker quoted the suggestive little

The lightning-bag is very brilliant, But he hasn't any mind; He struggles through existence With his headlight on behind.

Personal Effort Urged.

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WAR CHEST IS NOT FAVORED

Adverse Report to Be Made at Next Meeting of Salem Commercial Club

A committee appointed by the Saem Commercial club to investigate concerning the practicability of establishing the "war chest" plan of contribution to patriotic causes in Salem decided at a meeting yesterday afternoon to report adversely at the next meeting of the club. An address given yesterday before the board, of directors of the Salem Y. M& C. A., by H.W. Stone, general secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A. had much influence in swaying sentiment against the plan, several members of the Y. M. C. A. board also being members of the war chest committee.

The reported success of the plan as worked out at Kenosha, Wis., and of Syracuse, N. Y., and the impossibility otherwise of placing contributions to war causes on an equitable basis were mainly responsibile for agitation in favor the plan here.

Several of the influential men of the city were placed on the committee, and in their investigations found strong opposition to the plan. Mr. Stone, in his address yesterday, declared that Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross leaders are opposed to the war chest method.

Northcliffe Resigns

LONDON, April 26.-The Standpropaganda in enemy countries, ten- holds the last reserves. dered his resignation on account of successor can be found.

yesterday. Announcement of The program of the Oregon Sun- William's appointment was made this

ons that were most acceptable. The addresses of the day had to BRITISH TANKS PLAY BIG PART IN SLAUGHTER

Small War Machines Found Effective in Concentration Near Cachy

ALLIES ON OFFENSIVE

Counter-Operations Began at Mount Kemmel-Huns **Battle Against Odds**

(By The Associated Press) WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN RANCE, April 26.-The allied arms today were taking the initiative on both the northern and southern ends of the battle front. This morning the British and French troops, acting the following toasts were responded in conjunction, began counter-ope rations in the region of Mont Kemmel and the neighboring territory Ward MacHenry. Portland: "Over which the Germans captured in yes-

The aggressors at the time of the filing of this dispatch had made some progress, but they were battling in the face of great odds, and heavy fighting was continuing with the enemy holding the advantageous high ground in strength.

South of the Somme the allied forces launched a combined drive against the German positions between Hangard and the southern outskirts of Villers-Bretonneux, The latest reports recorded some progschedis for their intellectual devel- ress, but an intense conflict was in progress and the situation was

> Town Completely Cleared. Yesterday Villers-Bretonneux had been cleared of the enemy who over-

virtually all their original positions. The main interest from the military point of view today centered in the narthern contest, where the Germans have been making such determined efforts to gain control of the events of the last few days there is there is so little appreciation of the chain of hills, of which Kemmel is one, and thereby threaten the allied eral Maurice put before you-that positions to the north.

Tanks Do Much Slaughter. The slaughter caused by the small | unable to break it or divide the Brit-British tanks among a concentration ish and the French, of the enemy near Cachy in Wednesday's fighting appears to have been even greater than was originally reported. A few of these little engines. which are much faster than the orerrort, and noted the fact that mans were unable to scatter before

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SITUATION IS **EXPLAINED BY** HIGH OFFICER

Kemmel Important as Tactical Point-General Radcliffe Says There Is Nothing Decisive in Loss of Hill

GENERAL FOCH STILL HOLDING RESERVES

Battle Situation Remains Favorable to Allies for Most Part

LONDON, April 26 .- The importance of every entente allied country engaged in the war to get every possilfle man into position to support the battle front was emphasized by General Delma Radcliffe, chief director of military operations at the war office today in his first interview with newspaperment since he took over the position formerly held by Major General F. B. Maurice.

"The Germans are going on with Because of Ill Health the hammering process,' 'he said. "and we have got to make up our minds that it is not this week or next ard says it understands that Lord week, or next month, that this fight Northcliffe, chairman of the London is coming to a decision. We are goheadquarters of the British mission ing to fight the whole summer and to the United States, and director of in the end it is a question of who

"Reserves on the west front now ill health, but that at the request of are, I am happy to say, in the hands the premier and the cabinet he con- of one command, namely, in the sented to continue his duties until a hands of the commander-in-chief of the allied armies in France, General Sir William Weir has been ap- Foch, in whom everybody in both pointed minister of the air force in armies has complete confidence. He succession to Lord Rothemere, broth- has so far employed only a small er of Lord Northeliffe, who resigned proportion of his reserves and that is a good augury for the future. Test Long Drawn Out.

"I want to emphasize the fact that this is a long-drawn-out test of endurance of nations. That is why it is so imperative for this country and all countries which are engaged to get hold of every man they possibly can to support the battle front. What is going to tell in the end is men." In summing up the battle situa-

tion. General Radcliffe said: "As regards a few days preceding April 23, the German activities were chiefly to the Lys sector between Givenchy and Merville. All the details have been published, and the net result was highly satisfactory for us. | The Germans put in a lot of troops, suffering heavy losses and gained absolutely nothing.

"On the morning of April 24 the enemy began a more serious effort opposite Amiens and yesterday he started a heavy attack on the Kem-

Gain Not Large. "The gain is not large but involves very important ground and there is no question but that it is a very ser-

"There, is nothing decisive about the loss of Kemmel hill, but it is a most important tactical feature. It is an observation point for all the ground to the north, but it remains to be seen whether it will remain in the enemy's hands. Our line to the north is all right. Kemmel hill is an isolated height covered with woods which stands rather out in front and apart from the range of hills which General Maurice has referred to as the backbone of the position.

"On the south the sifuation at Villers-Bretonneux is very satisfac-We have taken back all we lost and with the village, we have taken many prisoners and inflicted heavy losses. Villers-Bretonneux is a most important tactical point atop a plateau from which one may look down the western slopes toward

"Looking at these two attacks, we can see one thing. In each case the enemy has struck at the junction of the French and British armies. As you know, that must always be a weak spot. With the best possible arrangements and with the best understanding it must always be difficult to arrange for immediate support, both by artillery and reserves when two different commands are involved. These difficulties, naturally, are increased when you have two nationalities and, although we ran it Wednesday and the British by and the French have been fighting brilliant counter-attacks had retaken alongside each other, yet we must always expect the Germans to try to find a joint in the harness."

Germany Policy Unaltered. Speaking generally as regards the German policy as evidenced in the nothing to alter the view that Gen-

There is no reason to doubt that

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CITY'S VOTERS **NUMBER 6,611** Registration at City Hall

Checked-Fifth Ward Is Biggest In checking up the registration at the city hall yesterday the following otals were made up for the respec-

tive wards: First ward, 687; second

ward, 1311; fifth ward, 1170; sixth ward, 1069; seventh ward, \$31. This makes a total registration for the city of 6611, and as the law provides that there must be one and one-half balfots printed for each registered voter, it will mean the pronting of something like 10,000 ballots. The cost of this election will be slightly in advance of last year on account of the printing and circulation of the pamphlet bearing upon the proposed amendment to the city

Two Million Men Lost by Germany in Present War

AMSTERDAM, April 26.-Germany's losses thus far in the war have been 2.000,000 men, according to a statement credited by the Frankfurter Zeitung as having been made by General Schulze before the main committee of the German reichstag.

Sick and wounded men to the umber of 750,000 have been able to return to the front, according to General Schulze, while 629,000 had been discharged as unfit for service, including 70,000 cripples. Up to date, the general added, Germany had to reckon with about 98,000 cripples.

Interned Germans Given Regular Garrison Ration

WASHINGTON, April 26 .- Germans in this country are not being fed on the fat of the land while the Americans are practicing self-denial. says a statement issued tonight by the food administration, but are being required to observe all the regu lations of the administration. Their consumption of wheat is limited to one and a half pounds a week for each person. They receive other commodities in sufficient quantities to nourish them properly, but with-

German military prisoners receive the regular garrison ration of the United States army as required by international law and American prisoners of war held in Germany are supposed to receive the garrison ration of the German army.

Stories, which had been circulated to the effect that the German prisoners were being prodigally fed, were dismissed as German propoganda.

D. V. Poling Is Sent to Vancouver for War Service

DALLAS, April 26.—(Special to The Statesman.)—D. V. Poling, a of Dallas' well known and popular musicians, has entered the Y. M. C. A. war service and has been assigned as secretary at Vancouver barracks where he is now on duty. Mr. Poling, is a member of an engineer regiment and has been under fire on the fighting front in France according to word received from him recently, Mr. Poling's family will continue to make the home in Dallas.

H. P. Davison on Way Back From French Battle-Front

PARIS, April 26 .- Henry P. Davion, chairman of the American Red Cross war council, who has been on a tour of inspection along the battle front in France and Haly, left here today to return to the United States. "Every Red Cross man should do his work with a complete sense of humanity and obligation to the peo-ple who for three years and a half

have been fighting and suffering for America," he told the Red Cross "Any man who feels that anything he does here in the name of the Red Cross incurs obligation on the part of the French people should be sent home immediately. It is, on the contrary, a privilege on our part to not afford it. We must not permit

have had any share in the great ef-

fort to convey to France our sense of

immense obligation and admiration Seattle Trainmen to Go on Eight-Hour Day Basis

SEATTLE, Wash., April 26,-Effective tomorrow, trainmen in Seattle, Tacoma, Bellingham and Everett of traction companies owned and operated by the Puget Sound Traction, it is the German intention to wear Light and Power company of Seattle, out the British army. He has been will go on an eight-hour day basis, it was announced here tonight by A W. Leonard, president of the parent company. The eight-hour day has a big offensive on a far greater scale prevailed for some time in crafts than ever is still to be expected be other than train service. Only one tween Arras and Amiens with the other traction company in the Unitobject of driving in and separating ed States has an eight-hour day for dinary big tanks, made the assault the British and French. So far the trainmen, it is asserted by officials so quickly on two to three battalions whole German success is merely of the local company. The wage Mr. Halpenny emphasized some of of the enemy's infantry which were tactical. He has won ground and scale in the four cities vacies from the wonders performed through per- forming for an attack that the Ger- taken positions and guns and is ham- 33 to 40 cents an hour for regular mering the British army wherever runs, and 49 1/4 to 60 cents for over-

LIBERTY DAY **GIVES BOOST** TO CAMPAIGN

Subscriptions Without Those of Today Amount to \$2,ward, 1187; third ward, 416; fourth 035,990,200 or Sixty-Seven Per Cent of Ouota

> **BIG PARADE HELD IN** CITY OF WASHINGTON

More Districts Over Top-Champ Clark Speaks at Big Rally

WASHINGTON, April 26.-Strong reinforcements came to the nation's third popular war credit today as a result of the celebration of liberty day with parades and demonstrations in practically every part of the country, and the campaign now three weeks old, was given new impetus for the final week which starts next Monday.

Total subscriptions of \$2,035,990, 200 were reported tonight by the treasury, but this represented pledges received by banks and trust companies up to the opening of business today, and today's business will not be tabulated entirely before tomor-

The loan period is 75 per cent over and only 67 per cent of the tiree billions sought has been subscribed. Banks Kept Busy.

In many communities today only banks were open for business, and these were kept busy all day taking applications for bonds from persons who came out to watch or participate in bond buyers parades.

President Wilson, who proclaimed this liberty day, spent the afternoon reviewing the long procession of 40,-000 government clerks and other Washington citizens, with a few soldiers, which filed up Pennsylvania avenue for more than three hours and a half. The president stood in his automobile before the white house for the whole time, with hat over his heart a large part of the time as the hundreds of flags went by. Ruth Law in a light airplane, and military aviators in their heavy machines, hummed overhead. Secretary Daniels trudged at the head of the big contingent of naval

officers and navy department em Western States Ahead.

Reports of yesterday's business showed an addition of \$134,000,000 to the total of a little more than the \$120,000,000 daily average necessary to send the final figure above three

In the west the 100 per cent mark has been passed by Missouri, Washformer minister of this city and one ington, Utah, Oregon, Nevada, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Montana, North Dakota and Minnesota. In addition, the parts of Indiana, Arkansas, Kentucky and Mississipi located in the St. Louis federal reserve district, and the part of Arizona located in the San Francisco district, had exceeded their quotas. State totals of the San Francisco

district were: Arizona \$ 1,152,500 Washington 22,000,000 Oregon 20,317,700 6,739,750 5,921,150 Idaho 5,921,150 1,961,450 Nevada Northern Cal. 62,116,05036,100,000 Southern Cal. In Hawail \$2,630,000 worth of

bonds had been sold. Six hundred and eighty nine honor flags had been awarded in the district.

LOSS WOULD BE GREAT. BALTIMORE, April 26. Speak ing at the "Over There" liberty loan cantonment, in Fifth regiment armory tonight. Speaker Champ Clark declared that a failure to subscribe to this liberty bond issue promptly would damage us as much in our own estimation and in the world's estimation as would the loss of a great battle. "It would wound our honor past all surgery," he said. "We can-

Mr. Clark outlined the part taken by congress in the prosecution of the "The amount of work we accomplished." he said, "is amazing. unprecedented, studendous. . The sums of money appropriated and bonds authorized, stagger the imagination-aggregating more than six times the cost of the Civil war.

"It cannot be stated too often or too empatically that the congress is willing and ready to vote every man and every dollar necessary for the successful conduct of the war. The senseless and malicious abuse of the congress should cease. It does a vast amount of devilment and has a tendency to undermine the faith of the people in our institutions. Therefore, there should be an end of it sary for the schools to teach the for the public good." HAWAII GETS QUOTA

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26 .- Five Southern California are 'more than

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T. T. GEER TO **GIVE ADDRESS**

Former Governor Chosen to **Dedicate Pioneer Memor**ial Building

Former Governor T. T. Geer will give the dedicatory address when the new pioneer memorial building at Champoeg is dedicated Thursday, May 2. The service will be part of the observance of the seventy-fifth anniversary of Founders' day and the eighteenth annual celebration of the

Among other speakers will be Prof. E. S. Meaney of the University of Washington, Rufus Holman and J. N. Teal of Portland, and State Senator Wood of Washington county. Judge P. H. D'Arcy of Salem, a member of the building committee appointed by the state board of control, will preside. All addresses will be limited to a few minutes. The usual basket dinner will be spread at the noon hour.

Yakima Officials Seize Copies of "Finished Mystery"

YAKIMA, Wash., April 26.-Three hundred copies of "The Finished Mystery" were seixed here today and turned over to federal officials. The case will be investigated by the federal grand jury next month. It is claimed the books were brought here by Roger A. Spicer, a conscientious objector, who is awaiting courtmartial trial at Camp Lewis for refusal to obey orders. Spicer ignored the orders of the local draft board to apepar recently and was arrested and taken to Camp Lewis under guard, He is a member of the International Bible Students' association, it is understood.

Jury Out Thirty Hours Fails to Reach Agreement

NEW YORK, April 26 .- The jury in the case of Max Eastman and three associates, who are charged with attempting to thwart the operation of the draft act by publishing seditious articles and cartoons in The Masses, a Socialist magazine, had not reached an agreement at 10:30 o'clock lost night, after being out more than 30 hours,

GEOGRAPHIES TO BE CHANGED IN OREGON SCHOOLS

Evidences of German Propaganda Discovered by Supt. Churchill

DEFENSE COUNCIL ACTS

Dr. Schafer of University of Oregon Writes Critical Note

The teaching of the geography of Germany is to be modified by a critcal note to be inserted in the texts now in use in the public schools of Oregon. State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill issued this order yesterday, having ment from that war-tortured town. been authorized to do so by the state council of defense.

The geography in use speaks of the many near neighbors of Germany that have caused her much trouble. At a recent conference as to how best to correct the wrong impression which might be gained by a study of this text, it was decided by the chairman of the state council of defense, H. L. Corbett, the executive secretary, John K. Kollock, and State Superintendent Churchill to secure the still in German hands and the Tenservices of Dr. Joseph Schafer, professor of history of the University of north of this village and are report Oregon, to write a brief article correcting the statements made in the of Cachy without, however, having adopted text on geography. Albany Man Drastic,

Superintendent Churchill and the

state council of detense decided to make the modification after former Mayor Gilbert of Albany, who is Linn county chairman of the council of defense, insisted that all maps of Germany and all references to that country be cut out of the geography text in Linn county and that the state superintendent direct the Linn county superintendent to take that Superintendent Churchill explained that under the law requiring a uniform course of study for the entire state he could not make the order for Linn county without extending it to all other counties. He took the stand that it is necesfacts about all countries, but having discovered evidences of actual Ger- mans have captured Kemmel mout man propaganda in the book made tain and village and also are in po states, the territory of Hawaii and the fact known to the state council. session of Dranoutre, according to State Superintendent J. A. Church- the official communication sent over the top" in their subscriptions ill has published the manuscript and Field Marshal Haig from headquart to the third liberty loan. It was an- is sending it to all of the teachers of ers in France tonight. The enemy nounced today by Pacific division the state, together iwth a letter di-headquarters of the liberty loan com-recting them to insert the printed strength by nine German division

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Regarded as Key to Ypres Salient and One of Most Important Points on Northern **Battle Front in France**

ENTIRE POSITION OF ALLIES IS IN PERIL

Deep Notch Cut in Lines-Counter-Attack Must Be Launched

(OFFICIAL SUMMARY) Kemmel hill, a height which has been looked upon as the keyeto the southern side of the Ypres salient, and one of the most important strategic positions on the northern bat-tle front in France, has been taken by the Germans. After a de which will become one of the her chapters of the war, the hill surrounded and the French for entrenched on its slopes were over-

The loss, of the hill brings to the allies a realization that the wh Ypres position is in peril.

Attacks Are Terrific.
The Teutons launched terrific attacks along the whole Wyischaet Bailleuel-Meteren line Wednesd apparently for the purpose of finding a point which might yield. The evidently decided upon that portly of the sector held jointly by British and French troops; against it they hurled fresh divis which fought their way forward a isolated the French troops he

All night long the fight went on and it was not until Friday that the Germans succeeded in storming up

the slopes of the height. The loss of the height.

The loss of Kemmel hill is serious, for it overlooks much of the low-lands lyit back of the allied lines in the Ypres salient. The hill is 464 feet in height, rising from lowlands on the south and east. It is six miles southwest of Ypres.

British Are Outflanked. This German success cuts a notch in the allied line to the so west of Ypres and completely on flanks the British on the norther slopes of Messines ridge, to which they were forced by the German assaults of two weeks ago.

The line to the southwest, toward Bailleul, apparently is in no particular danger at present, although to village of Dranoutre has been in to the enemy. So important is the possession of Kemmel hill that the allies must

launch a counter-attack to recup-ture it and the French have begun

a savage attack on the height. The latest reports, from the see of the battle are that the Gern are attacking on a line from La Clytte to the Ypres-Comines canal. La Clytte is about a mile and a haif north of Kemmel hill and is six and a half miles west of the Ypres-Co ines canal, which runs almost due

south from Ypres. Would Force Retirement. The evident purpose of this attack is to roll up the allied positions south of Ypres and force a retire The position of the Germans is such that only the sternest defense will avail to check them.

At other points along the battle line the Germans have made no important gains.

At Villers-Bretonneux the British have held their lines and comple the work of clearing out the la German positions on the ground beld before the German attack on Wednesday, but Hangard is appared tons have forged ahead just to the to have launched attacks of the town occupied the place.

Dailles Penetrated. Further south, immediately north of Castel, the Germans have pene trated the village of Dailles and are in possession of Hill 82, south of the village. The French have cour attacked on this front aind regained

ground. At no other points has the enem advanced, although bitter fighting has been going on in many sectors in both the Somme and Armentieres

battle areas. There has been artillery duels at various points along the French front to the south of the Somme, as well as positions further south, O the usual patrol engagements reported from the Italian fro

NINE DIVISIONS USED. LONDON April 26.-The Ger

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