

COLONEL MERCER PAYS TRIBUTE TO LOVE OF AMERICAN MOTHER

BY COLONEL MERCER
EUGENE, Or., Sunday, June 23.—
Almighty God, I pray that as the dew-drops which the sun imparts on every leaf, and every flower, do attest the grandeur of the magnificent world Thou hast built for us, so may my message of this holy Sabbath day electrify a thousand wounds in the homes of my readers and bring the lessons of recorded wisdom to their minds with a new charm as they blend with the rhythm of the lines I am about to write. May my words here written have a mighty sway over their spirits to the end that the perpetual appeals of paternal and maternal disinterestedness may ever call forth the prompt and full echo of filial devotion. Amen.

To the Editor:
The amiable mother (*) of a gallant young officer (**) now at the head of his company with the American army of occupation on the Rhine, has requested me to write the true story of the recent world war. The request is undoubtedly prompted by a mother's love for her absent son—a mother's love, the grand, divine, eternal drama.

This request, coming to me from a mother—my next door neighbor—whom I have known so well and esteemed so highly for so many years, appeals to me so strongly that I would fain write a true story glorifying motherhood and bearing a message as broad as humanity itself—a message so replete with pathos and power, with love of God, of home and country, that it might fittingly be written on the lintels of every mother's heart in our American world—might fittingly be written in letters of gold across the burnished ceiling of our American sky which, like the protecting hand of Almighty God, is forever inverted above us in gentle benediction.

For ages the philosophers and poets of the human race have taught that in all this cruel and work-a-day earth, there is no fount of deep-strong, deathless love, save that which in a mother's heart. For centuries the poets and orators of the world have been trying in glowing language and rounded period to paint the picture of a mother's love—vainly trying, with gifted pen and magic brush, to depict the awe and the mystery of the mother's miraculous allotment, the inexpressible love, the unutterable tenderness of maternity—nature's sweetest and holiest instinct—the poetry of earth and paradise—heaven's crowning miracle. It is said that an angel once came from heaven to earth in quest of things we mortals love. While here he sought for three of the sweetest and most beautiful things of earth to take to heaven. He looked in a garden and saw a beautiful rose, and said, "Surely, this is one of the sweetest and most beautiful of earthly plants. I will take the rose." He then looked a little farther and saw a beautiful babe in a cradle and said, "This is the most beautiful of animal life, I will take the innocent babe." He then said, "What shall I take for the third most beautiful thing of earth?" And he looked and saw the mother close by the cradle, and saw a mother's love beaming from a mother's face down upon a mother's baby, and then he said, "Lo, there is nothing so beautiful and sweet as a mother's love. I will take the mother's love to heaven." So the angel flew away with the rose, the baby, and a mother's love. When he reached the gates of heaven he paused, before entering, to look again at the rose, the babe, and a mother's love. The rose had withered, died and fallen to pieces. The babe had died in passing through space, but the mother's love was as pure, as beautiful, and as sweet as ever. So the angel found that a mother's love is the only thing on earth pure enough, beautiful enough, and sweet enough, to last from earth to heaven.

The True Story
A brave American boy had told his companions on the deck of the ship and around the campfire in France of his last day with his mother in America—how they went together to church and sat together at the sacrament of the Lord's supper and there partook of the tokens of a Saviour's love. Together they heard the minister say, again and again, "This is my body broken for you." And then that brave American mother said as her first born was starting away: "It is breaking my heart for you to go away, my son, but I would be heartbroken, indeed, if you did not want to go. If you must die for freedom's cause, remember that your sacrifice is well pleasing to your Master, whose sacrificing death you and I have this day so solemnly commemorated."

Over the top the brave boy went, and was shot to pieces in no man's land, and was carried bleeding and dying to the emergency hospital, where Red Cross nurses and doctors bent over him with tender ministrations to the very gates of death. In the silence of the receding world this noble young soldier—casting his eyes on his broken and bleeding form—smiled like the dawn of the heaven into which he was going and faintly said: "Lord Jesus—this is my body—broken for you."

Wherein consists that strangely beautiful charm of this boy's wondrous personality as his dying glance was thrownward bent—a personality that falls upon our spirits this sacred Sabbath afternoon like a holy enchantment? Whence the magic spell of this death scene that exalts life and attunes our souls to minstrelsy? Whence the secret power of that one life upon the one hundred and ten millions of people of our American world?

Glorified mother! Immortal son! "The good begun by thee shall onward flow
In many a branching stream, and wider grow;
The seed that in these few and fleeting hours,
Thy hands, unsparring and unwearied, sow,
Shall deck thy grave with amaranthine flowers,
And yonder fruit divine in heaven's immortal bowers."

(*) Mrs. Martha Bennett.
(**) Captain Walter R. McClure.

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STECHEER TAKES LEWIS FOR TWO

Nebraska Wrestler Uses Body Scissors and Wrist Lock for Falls

OMAHA, Neb., July 4.—Joe Stecheer of Dodge, Neb., defeated Ed "Strangler" Lewis of San Jose, Calif., in two straight falls in a wrestling match staged here today. Stecheer won the first fall in one hour and 47 minutes and the second fall in 34 minutes. He took each fall with a body scissors and wrist lock.
Lewis was on the defensive throughout and was given little opportunity to employ his specialty, the headlock. The match was fairly fast and interesting throughout. Earl Caddock, world's champion, refereed.

Negotiation for Purchase of Shipyards is Furthered

PORTLAND, July 4.—Negotiations which have been pending for the purchase of the steel shipbuilding plant of the Albina Engine and Machine Works by the Foundation Company were furthered today by the arrival in Portland of Bayly Hipkins, Pacific coast manager of the Foundation

company, and Captain Tristaid, who represents French interests.
Together with William Cornfoot, president and general manager of the Albina Engine and Machine Works, the two visitors inspected the steel shipbuilding plant.

According to Mr. Hipkins, if the deal is consummated, ten steel ships will be built here for the French interests.

Captain Richardson Quits Service After 45 Years

ASTORIA, Or., July 4.—Captain Charles Richardson, veteran shipmaster of the United States lighthouse service in the northwestern waters, retired today after over 45 years of continuous service for the government. During the past few years he has been master of the Manzanita. He will retire to his farm near here.

Captain Richardson was the senior commodore in the entire United States lighthouse service, with which he has been connected longer than any other officer.

20,000 See Athletic Meet of Industrial Association

GARY, Ind., July 4.—About twenty thousand persons saw the second national track and field meet of the American Industrial Athletic Association won by the Goodyear team of Akron, Ohio, with Joe Ray, Chicago crack middle distance runner, representing the Gary Tin Mills, win individual honors today. Ray earned 15 points.

Leading teams finished as follows: Goodyear Tire, Akron, 40 points; Pullman Works, 20; Gary Tin Mills, 15.

MORE DAIRY CATTLE TO FRANCE

Following the recent arrival from France of a commission to negotiate for several thousand head of dairy cattle, the United States Department of Agriculture points out how breeders in this country may help the farmers of France, and likewise benefit the animal industry of the United States. The number of cattle to be supplied will depend upon the ability of American dairymen to furnish sufficiently good animals at the prices the commission is prepared to offer.

The department has received notification that probably 3000 cows and heifers will be purchased the first of the month and the number will be increased if the animals are satisfactory.

This is the second purchase of dairy cattle for the devastated regions of France; the first, last April, consisted principally of 104 purebred and grade cows and four purebred bulls purchased by the French High Commission. That importation by which will be obtained are to be used France was in the nature of a trial order. Those cattle and the others as foundation herds for the devastated sections of France. Two per cent of the total shipments as specified by the French officials, are to be bulls.

Department regulations governing transportation of livestock to foreign countries have been revised effective June 5, and apply to dairy cattle as well as to beef animals which in past years constituted the bulk of the shipments. The regulations require that adequate feed, water, and attendants as well as comfortable stalls and pens be furnished, so the animals will arrive in the best possible condition.

The Bureau of Markets, through its foreign trade division, has arranged to have the animals transported under the classification of "relief," which makes immediate shipment possible. Inspectors of the Bureau of Animal Industry will make the necessary certification to the health of the export cattle and an official health certificate will accompany every shipment.

The success of livestock exportations from the United States, the department states clearly, depends principally on the co-operation of breeders. It appears that orders are being placed with other countries, including Canada, and repeat orders will depend on the measure of satisfaction given. The French officials have indicated their desire for large animals of good milking quality. The United States Department of Agriculture lays stress on the need for sending the French people only the kind of stock that will be a credit to the American cattle industry. The bulls especially will determine largely the future reputation of our cattle and should be of conformation and breeding that will insure better herds in the next generation.

According to the officials the export trade in dairy cattle can be established for years to come by filling the orders with animals of excellent quality, on the other hand, the trade may be quickly lost by shipments of inferior stock. Officers of dairy cattle associations are being asked to acquaint their membership with these policies, and also to impress upon them the importance of building up abroad an esteem not only for American cattle but for the fairness, courtesy, and ability of American breeders.

MRS. PRESTON EDUCATOR HEAD

Annual Convention Closes—
All Officers Elected Are from West

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 4.—The fifty-seventh annual convention of the national education society closed today with the election of Mrs. Josephine Corliss Preston, superintendent of public instruction in the state of Washington as president.
Among other officers elected were W. R. Siders, Idaho; R. L. Kirk, Oregon; Jennie M. French, Washington, directors.

PARIS THRILLED BY WILD WEST

Cowboys and Indians, Peanuts and Lemonade Seen on Place Concorde

PARIS, July 4.—A gala performance of "Faust" at the opera, with Marshal Foch and General Pershing as the specially honored guests concluded the notable joint French and American celebration of the Fourth of July. The day opened with an early morning review commemorating France's participation in the American revolution and the celebration afforded varied entertainment for the thousands of American soldiers marking time in Paris while awaiting transportation homeward.

There was even a real wild west parade down the Champs Elyses and through the Place de La Concorde, given by an American army circus showing in Paris. The Cowboys, cow girls and Indians, riding gaily to the music of a wild west band, proved far greater attraction to the French than any ordinary military spectacle.

Popcorn, peanuts, lemonade and ice cream were offered in abundance by the various service canteens, and flag sellers were displaying badges of the American colors everywhere. The weather man, however, did not offer sufficient heat to make it a typical American celebration and speed up the ball games and races. The sky was overcast the entire day.

The tremendous ovation given Marshal Foch at the American chamber of commerce luncheon and his response to persistent demands for a speech was one of the most pleasant features of the celebration.

WHO OWNS FEDERAL FARM LOAN BONDS?

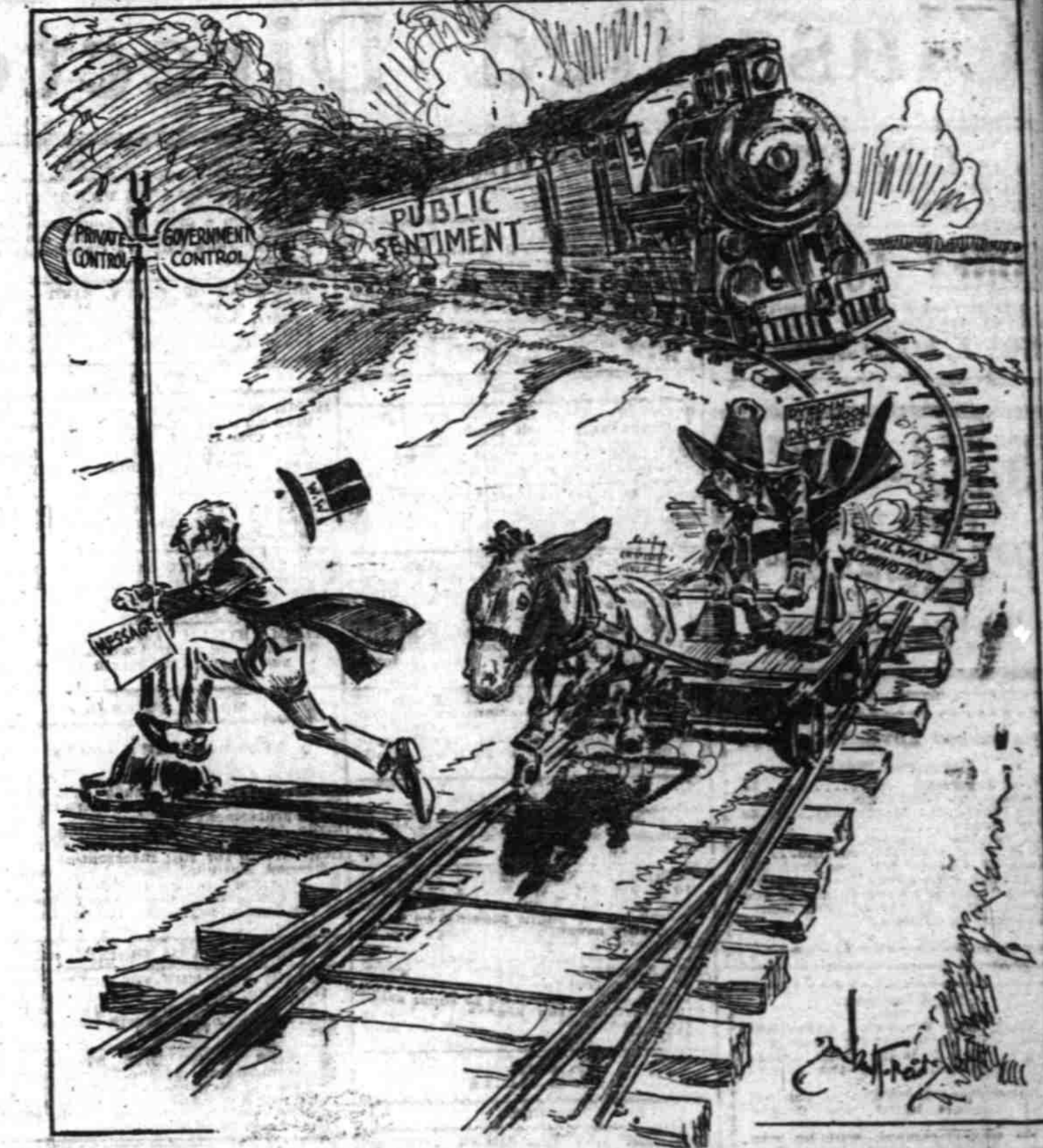
Herbert Quick, member of the Federal Farm Loan Board, has issued the following statement in reply to former Congressman W. E. Humphrey:

"Ex-Congressman W. E. Humphrey, of Washington, who was elected to stay at home last fall and is now practicing law, seems to have received a retainer from the Farm Mortgage Bankers' Association. Anyhow, this association is sending out broadcast a statement prepared by ex-Congressman Humphrey, calling attention to the loss to the government because of the fact that Federal Farm Loan bonds are exempt from all taxation. The ex-congressman says that a Federal Farm Loan bond in the hands of a multi-millionaire, whose annual income is more than a million dollars, would enable him to save \$38 out of every \$50 interest he receives.

"Mr. Humphrey's pain will be somewhat relieved when he reads the statement prepared by the Federal Farm Loan Board as to the holdings of Federal Farm Loan bonds. Figures are given only as to registered bonds, but of course it is the largest holders who register their bonds and the smaller holders who clip the coupons.

"There are 1102 individuals and institutions who hold Federal Farm Loan bonds registered. Of these 1102 individuals 1050 have less than \$25,000 worth. Only three holders have more than \$500,000 in these

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bonds. Of the holdings between \$25,000 and \$100,000 there are 36, and there are 13 between \$100,000 and \$500,000. The average holdings of registered bonds are \$9800 and it is believed that the average holdings of coupon bonds are even less.

"The ex-congressman speaks of a multi-millionaire saving \$38 out of every \$50 on an annual income of over a million dollars. The three holdings of \$500,000 above mentioned give to their owners an annual income of \$2,500 each instead of 'more than a million.' The multi-millionaires probably have so many tax-exempt bonds issued for the benefit of city people in the form of municipal bonds and the like that they have not bought Federal Farm Loan bonds for the benefit of farmers so as to hurt the government much, even from the ex-congressman's standpoint."

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