

STORY IS TOLD OF HEROIC DEATH

(Continued from page 3.) He wanted to know whether or not his leg was not too badly injured. To see Ernest go through it all so bravely was enough to make us all forget the danger. I asked permission to go to the post commander at the foot of the hill for a stretcher. Going down I helped carry our only one on which Davidson had been placed. When we reached the P. C. after going through a terrific barrage, we found that all the stretchers were being used. I decided then it would be best to carry Davidson to the First Aid station about a mile down and leave him there, so I could bring back the same stretcher. I did so and returned about an hour later. As I was making for the hill, I saw the few who were left in our platoon coming down. Corporal Siegel told me that just as I left Ernest was killed by another shell. I went up to the spot anyway, to get my blankets and equipment. I could find no trace of Ernest, the trees were felled by the shells and the land was so disfigured it was impossible to traverse it.

The sad news was spread rapidly from company to company of our battalion, till every one of Ernest's friends knew of his death. How sad everyone felt. He was continually on my mind for a long time after that eventful day. Only a few days later while I was in the hospital I dreamed of him. Even now that some time has elapsed every time I think of that experience, remorse brings back to me the thoughts of those old days in France, when I had the honor of soldiering with a man like Ernest, who was so staunch and brave.

Many a soldier whose deeds could not be compared to Ernest's was given a D. S. C. or Croix de Guerre, which only goes to show how some individuals with real courage and bravery were recognized in the A. E. F. Above all I want you to feel assured that your son's name was borne to the battlefield unscathed, and that his soul was delivered as clean and as spotless as you would wish it. The name "Eckerlen" in our company was significant of one who was ever ready to defend a good cause, live a clean life and die a hero. I heartily hope that this account of your son's heroism will tend to ease the pain you have suffered by his loss, and it makes me feel highly honored to say that I have never forgotten Ernest in my prayers since that terrible day. Let us trust that after the utmost sacrifice he who did so much for the great cause will be rewarded by eternal happiness.

I hope that from this letter you will also learn how proud and excited all the boys of the Seventh company have felt, for having known and soldiered with a man like Ernest Eckerlen. So in closing, my dear Mrs. Eckerlen, let me again extend to you my heartiest feelings of sympathy, in behalf of the members of the Seventh company, who as myself will never forget the valiant death of your gallant son, a real marine and a true patriot.

Respectfully yours, P. S.—If it is possible for you to send me one, I would ask for a picture of Ernest. I am sure there is nothing I would appreciate as a gift more than a picture of that old buddy of mine, whose loss I have felt as if we had been brothers.

The girls have a kingly example to back their bobbed-hair campaign. Richard III bobbed hair and if anybody had interfered he would have got his head "bobbed."

PACKERS WILL SLASH WAGES

Employees Volunteer to Accept Reduction and Fix Amount of Decrease

OTHERS WILL FOLLOW

No Change in Working Conditions — Forty-Hour Week to Continue

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Employees of Armour & Co., 26,000 in all, today through their plant governing committee, agreed with officials of the packing house that a wage reduction is necessary and fixed its amount. The cut is effective November 28.

This is the first time in the history of the industry that a wage reduction has been arrived at in such a manner. Employees of Swift & Co., Wilson & Co., and the Cudahy Packing company, who are holding plant conferences, are expected to accept similar reductions, and Morris & Co. has announced that it will follow the example of the others.

Two-Day Meeting Held The agreement between Armour & Co. and its employees followed a two day conference. Twenty-four employees, representatives of the plant councils in nine cities, met with an equal number of officials representing the company. The books were opened and the financial situation of the company explained. The question was put to a vote and the following reductions, effective in all plants except that at Fort Worth, Texas, adopted:

For piece workers, 8 per cent. Unskilled labor, getting 45c an hour or less, 7 1/2 cents. Semi-skilled labor, getting 45 and 50 cents an hour, 5 cents. Skilled labor, getting over 50 cents an hour, 3 cents.

A minimum wage of 25 cents an hour for adult female labor is provided.

Several Plants Affected These reductions apply to plants in Chicago, St. Paul, Sioux City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Louis and Denver.

The reductions at Fort Worth where wages are gauged by local labor conditions are:

Unskilled labor, receiving less than 42 1/2 cents an hour, 7 1/2 cents. Semi-skilled labor, receiving from 42 1/2 to 47 1/2 cents an hour, 5 cents. Skilled labor, receiving more than 47 1/2 cents an hour, 3 cents.

Many Thousands Affected When the reductions are applied to the plants of the other members of the big five, 125,000 men and women will be affected. In the final result, a far larger number will be directly concerned, as wages in several hundred smaller packing houses are based on the big five scales.

No change is made in working conditions or the 40-hour week guarantee.

Tonight officials of Swift & Co. announced that after an all-day conference, representatives of the Chicago assembly of employees had voted that a readjustment of wages was necessary, had extended a vote of confidence in the management and had voted to leave the wage readjustment to the discretion of the management. Swift & Co. said reductions for various classes of employees of the Chicago assembly practically corresponding to those fixed by the employees of Armour & Co. and effective on the same date, November 28, and that they expected the other 16 assemblies of employees to take similar action.

Cut Is Opposed

OMAHA, Nov. 18.—The 5,000 members of the Omaha chapter of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America will not accept the wage reduction agreement made today in Chicago between representatives of Armour & Co. and the "plant committee," according to a statement made tonight by J. W. Burns, secretary of district council No. 5 of the meat cutters and butcher workmen.

If the reduction is carried out as planned it is stated that the other packing companies who are members of the "big five" will institute the same reduction. These plants in Omaha are Morris & Co., Swift & Co., Cudahy Packing company and Wilson & Co.

Those Who Leave Always Return to Silvertown

SILVERTON, Ore., Nov. 17.—(Special to The Statesman)—According to Mrs. Axel Anderson, who together with her husband and baby daughter motored to Silvertown Wednesday from Portland, everyone who has ever lived at Silvertown will sooner or later return.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson recently arrived at Portland by motor car from Iowa where they have been living during the last six years. Mrs. Anderson first came to Silvertown as Miss Lena Christensen in 1902 with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Meyers. She made her home here until 1909 at which time she went to Portland to live with her father. A few years later she returned to Silvertown as Mrs. An-

derson and remained here until they went to Iowa. For the time being Mr. and Mrs. Anderson will make their home with Mrs. Anderson's father who lives at Portland.

While at Silvertown Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Meyers.

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Independence Corn Show Will Be Large Affair

DALLAS, Ore., Nov. 18.—(Special to The Statesman)—Polk county's annual corn show which will be held in Independence December 1 and 2 promises to be the biggest and best exhibition of the kind ever held in the county. The committee in charge of the fair which is composed mainly of Independence people has solicited the merchants of the county for prizes which will be awarded for the best exhibits and they have stated that the exhibitors this season will be more numerous than in previous years.

SHERIDAN NOTES

SHERIDAN, Or., Nov. 18.—The Dorcas society met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Leon Lewis. The auxiliary to the American Legion met Monday evening with Mrs. Alfred Irie and plans were

made to give a rummage sale December 3. Miss Ella Magruder of Hillsboro, spent the week-end, with Hazel Lackey.

Mrs. Milton Potter is confined to her home by illness. George Epley and H. A. Banister were Dallas visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Thompson of Hubbard, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Banister.

A. J. Bewley is in Portland on the federal jury. Circle No. 1 of the Methodist Episcopal church met with Mrs. Ernest Dilley Wednesday afternoon. Jimmie Payne is on the sick list this week.

The funeral of "Uncle Tom" Faulconer was held at the Christian church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Uncle Tom was 92 years old and an old time resident of Sheridan, but at the time of his death resided in Portland. Roy Graves was a Portland visitor Wednesday.

\$3.00 Round Trip to Portland Every Day—Oregon Electric Railway

On and after October 21st the Oregon Electric Railway will sell round trip tickets to Portland for \$3, including war tax, good for return to and including the second day from date of sale.

—J. W. RITCHIE, Agent, O. E. Ry.

Mrs. Otilie Clarke Asking for Divorce

DALLAS, Ore., Nov. 18.—(Special to The Statesman)—Otilie Clarke has filed suit for divorce from her husband Edwin Clarke on the grounds of desertion. The complaint states that the couple were married in Canada in May, 1911, and lived together until in

the month of June, 1918, at which time the defendant deserted her and since that time has

failed to provide anything towards her support and that of two children. The plaintiff asks

for the custody of the children and that the court return her maiden name of Otilie Hoffman.

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Your Home and Your Personal Needs Considered With the "Easter of the Fall" looming on the horizon, this store presents an interesting scene of activity. The holiday spirit pervades our entire store. Every sort of merchandise for personal adornment as well as for the home is represented in a wide range of styles and qualities. All at prices for which the women of this city will be duly thankful. Polly Prim Aprons The very chic Polly Prim Aprons. They will astonish you at this price... 49c Messalines, Taffetas Regular \$2 value, goes during this sale at... \$1.49 Men's Dress Shirts Wonderful \$2 Dress Shirts, in all sizes. Special at... \$1.00 Partly Silk Neckties And other good values to 75c. Special at... 29c Blankets A good woolen, 64x76, double blanket, regularly sold for \$2.75, for... \$1.98 Child's Cashmere Hose Of wool, in good weight and quality, 4 1/2 values... 25c Flannels Regularly sold at this store for 25c a yard, but for this sale they go at... 15c Jersey Jackets The big selling will continue over Thanksgiving holidays at... \$3.50 Guimp Dresses In a wide range of colors of all wool Jersey. Special at... \$4.75 Silk Dresses For Thanksgiving sales we offer one lot of Silk Dresses, valued at \$19.50, for... \$9.50

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