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HERO OF THE MERRIMAC IN GRANTS PASS

CAPTAIN RICHARD P. HOBSON SPEAKS TO GREAT AUDIENCE SUNDAY MORNING

TENSE MOMENTS DURING TALK

Speaker Declares Use of Liquor by Allied Armies Responsible for Man Power Loss

The great throng of people who packed the auditorium and parlors of Bethany Presbyterian church Sunday morning gave unmistakable evidence of the deep interest that had been aroused by the visit of Capt. Richard P. Hobson of Merrimac fame. Captain Hobson was attended on the platform by a group of men representing the war activities of the city. O. S. Blanchard, president of Josephine chapter of the American Red Cross; Fred A. Williams, chairman of the council of defense; Mayor Demaray, F. C. Bramwell, president of the Chamber of Commerce; A. Bartlett, of the G. A. R., and Rev. Melville T. Wire. Saturday evening he was the guest of the war savings committee represented by R. W. Clarke and Frank Mashburn. There were tense moments, moments of laughter and moments of emotions too deep and determined for adequate expression as Captain Hobson led his audience along the line chosen for the address, "America in War."

"Not alone the fate of America but the fate of all nations, the fate of civilization itself hangs, trembling in the balance today and to America, America young and stalwart, the nations of the earth reach imploring hands asking help in this world catastrophe. "God never meant that nations should perish. All nature was fitted to cooperate with humanity to develop the highest type of manhood. Nature means that each generation should be one point better than the one before. Not brute creation is the aim, for nature ceases to cooperate along that line at 21, but spiritual growth and strength. Call the roll of nations, Egypt, Greece, Rome. The silence of the tomb is the answer, all are dead. No nation can live whose citizens degenerate."

Then Captain Hobson gave the most thorough expose of the liquor traffic from the scientific standpoint that has ever been heard in this city. Cold pitiless facts, established and acknowledged that portrayed a picture too terrible to be faced, except that face it we must for the safety of America and the whole world.

The relentless toll exacted by nature where men revolt and fall to

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ENGLAND'S INCREASE IN MUNITION PRODUCTION

Bedford, England, May 13.—F. G. Kellaway, parliament secretary to the minister of munitions, in the course of a speech dealing with the output of munitions for the British army said the increases for the first two months of the year compared with the first two months of 1917 were:

Light guns, 30 per cent; medium guns, 57 per cent; heavy guns, 38 per cent; machine guns, 96 per cent; shells, 83 per cent; tanks, 39 per cent; airplanes, 223 per cent; aero engines, 245 per cent.

The average weekly production of airplanes, he said equalled the average production for two months in 1915, while one week's production of machine guns equalled that of five months in 1915.

O.A.C. INSTRUCTOR SPEAKER AT C. OF C.

Gives Good Account of work at Corvallis and Appeals for More Students

At the Chamber of Commerce luncheon this noon the club members missed a good talk in "Business Cooperation" by Clyde E. Niles, manager for the Leonard Estate Co., but they heard a rousing appeal for more and still more educated young men, the appeal coming from U. G. Dubach, professor of government and business law at the Oregon Agricultural college.

Mr. Dubach came to Grants Pass to speak at the high school and Superintendent Imel brought him to the club for lunch. He was asked to speak for five minutes but when the five minute period was up and Prof. Dubach declined to take the time allotted to Mr. Niles, that courteous gentleman said, "I want to hear the rest, my talk will keep, and it can be had at any time as a filler." Mr. Dubach continued and in his remarks said:

"I am here to speak for college education, not for one college as against another. Go where the instruction suits your needs. If others do not have what you want, come to the O. A. C., we have it."

"The Oregon Agricultural college has 1,209 men under arms, 40 per cent are officers. There are 120 men from the school of commerce and 60 per cent of them are officers. The reason for the large proportion of officers is that they are leaders. The government demands trained men.

"The O. A. C. has not changed her program one bit—just doubled its effort in training men and women for service, doing this in all departments—training suitable to service in times of peace or war.

"Our nation can succeed just as soon as we are all put where we belong. Cut out waste, spend wisely, work to the limit, forget the clock, keep connection with our splendid men in Europe and we'll soon give the finish to the Kaiser. All must help—all together."

SUBMARINE FLEET IS BEING REDUCED

Paris, May 13.—George Loygues, minister, today announced that the effectiveness of the German submarine campaign is declining. German war lords are aware of the fact but are making the greatest efforts to conceal the truth. The situation is most favorable for the allies.

The submarine sinkings the first three months of this year were greater than the number built.

SCENE OF MACBETH TRAGEDY PRESENTED CITY OF DUNDEE

Dundee, Scotland, May 13.—Belmont Castle, the scene of the final struggle between Macbeth and Macduff when, according to tales, Macduff was slain; has been given to the city of Dundee by its owner, Mrs. Marryat, who inherited a large fortune from her brother, Sir James Caird. The castle, which is located 17 miles from Dundee, was once the home of the British premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. The property includes 900 acres of park land, and is valued at \$2,000,000.

INVESTIGATE PRICES OF FARM MACHINERY

Washington, May 13.—The senate this morning adopted a resolution by Senator Thompson of Kansas authorizing the investigation by federal trade commissioners of the production and supply of agricultural implements and the prices which farmers are compelled to pay for machinery.

REPORTS OF HINDENBURG DEATH GIVEN

GENERAL VON MACKENSEN IS LOOKED TO BY GERMAN TO BRING GREAT VICTORY

STORY IS TO EXPLAIN FAILURE

Serious Shortage of Dwellings in Germany—Rents Increase 50 Per Cent

London, May 13.—The London Daily Express states that letters received from British officers on the western front say that von Hindenburg is dead. The name of General von Mackensen is given prominence as the one to bring the Germans victory. The Express assumed that the von Hindenburg story was circulated to explain the failure of the great offensive.

Amsterdam, May 13.—There is a shortage of 750,000 small dwellings in Germany, according to Lieutenant Paul Koehre, socialist, speaking in the reichstag on Friday. He said that in most large towns there were no more empty houses and that young married couples had to live in furnished rooms, rents having increased 50 per cent.

BORGUM REITERATES MISCONDUCT CHARGES

Washington, May 13.—In an open letter to President Wilson, Sculptor Gutzon Borgum reiterated the charges of misconduct in the aircraft production and denied that he had betrayed the president's friendship and he demanded a full investigation by the senate.

Borgum stated that the war department under Secretary Baker had hindered his investigation.

He declared further that the war department had "systematically directed the opposition" to investigation of aircraft production, in which "a billion dollars in 11 months has provided us with no planes," and charged that "every subterfuge had been restored to gain time."

FORTIFY WITH SILAGE AGAINST COSTLY FEEDS

Washington, May 13.—"Don't forget your silo," is advice to the beef cattle farmer by specialists of the United States department of agriculture.

In every case, the specialists say, a sufficient acreage to provide crops to fill the silo should be provided by beef-cattle farmers. This will assure that the silo investment will yield its proper annual return and prevent losses coming from giving the cattle more expensive feeds. The cheapness with which cattle can be fitted for market or carried through the winter with silage insures that well-filled silos will be a paying investment.

It is a good farm practice, the specialists say, to put more acreage to silage crops than it is estimated under ordinary conditions will be necessary to fill the silo. Dry weather or a hailstorm at the crucial stage of growth may cause a marked decrease in the tonnage yield. For the south a few extra acres should be planted to sorghum to meet this probable shortage.

GERMANS MUST ATTACK SOON ADMIT DEFEAT

ALLIED LEADERS CONFIDENT OF STRENGTH TO STOP GERMAN ADVANCE WESTWARD

ITALIANS ON THE OFFENSIVE

Austria-Hungary Internal Troubles Still Active—Starvation Reported in Galicia

London, May 13.—Assurance of their ability to stem the tide of German forces grows among the Allied leaders as the enemy delays the renewal of their offensive.

German leaders have used up most of their reserves since March 2, and the allies with the French reserves are deemed able to successfully deal with further onrushes. Allied strategy is aided by the fact that the Germans must attack or admit defeat. They have gained hardly a foot in two weeks and it is believed they must attack soon.

The Italians are on the offensive on the Italian front with fighting becoming sharper.

Internal troubles in Austria-Hungary have not improved. Many are reported starving in Galicia.

OREGON MAN DIES OF DISEASE IN FRANCE

Washington, May 13.—The casualty list contains 94 names; 10 killed in action; nine died of wounds; two from accident; five from disease; missing in action, 28. Most of the list were New Englanders.

Victor O'Rourke, of Mountaindale, Ore., a cook, died of disease.

GERMANS CAPTURE RUSSIAN ROYALTY

Amsterdam, May 13.—Ukrainian press reports received from Odessa declare that the former dowager of Russia and two grand dukes, who have been living in Crimea, are in the hands of the Germans.

SLACKER RAID NETS 1,500

Duluth, Minn., May 13.—A drive on "slackers" in Duluth was started last night by 300 members of the house guard, reinforced by the police. A light guard was thrown around several downtown blocks in which pool halls and refreshment parlors are located. Approximately 1,500 men without registration cards were placed under arrest.

SHORTAGE HARVEST LABOR PREDICTED

Salem, May 13.—Labor Commissioner Hoff predicts a shortage of from 15 to 35 per cent in farm labor during the harvesting season, but thinks that enough help can be found if all available boys, women and girls are employed. Mr. Hoff suggests that soldiers in training camps be made available for harvesting work.

EMERGENCY RATION IS RICH

Washington, May 13.—A new emergency ration has been adopted by the navy department. The ration is in the form of compressed tablets, each consisting of eight ounces of powdered cooked wheat, five ounces of powdered lean beef and one ounce of salt.

"BAD MAN" WALKS OUT OF PRISON

Jesse Baldwin Stages Another Daring Escape from the Penitentiary At Salem Sunday

Salem, May 13.—Jesse Baldwin, one of the state's most desperate convicts and notorious as a "bad man," added another chapter to his record at the state penitentiary when he made a daring single-handed escape from the penitentiary at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

In broad daylight Baldwin pried open the bars of a window in the commissary department of the main prison building and walked unconcernedly out of the big gates unobserved under the very eyes of the guards.

About seven months ago he staged a spectacular escape on the same day with some other convicts.

Baldwin was recaptured not far from Albany by a Linn county deputy sheriff. On the way to Albany after the capture Baldwin fled the officer's revolver from his pocket, fired at him, and nearly made his escape in a desperate fight on a lonely road. Baldwin was finally overpowered and stood trial at Albany for the assault of an officer. He has 14 years more servitude at the prison hanging over his head.

Salem, May 11.—Three squads of state police are coming to help hunt for Convict Jeff Baldwin. It is believed that Baldwin robbed a house in Salem last night and secured an overcoat and hat and \$2 in money.

TRAIN SERVICE WEST ORDERED CURTAILED

Washington, May 13.—Director General McArdoo has ordered a curtailment of transcontinental passenger schedules from Chicago west, becoming effective June 2, which will save over 11,000,000 train miles per year by eliminating competition and cutting down schedules.

Rome, May 13.—Austro-Hungarian troops yesterday attacked Montorno, which the Italians recently captured. The enemy was repulsed with heavy losses.

CAUSE OF FREIGHT WRECK INVESTIGATED

J. E. Enger, trainmaster; F. E. Cavender, master car repairer, and G. Hazelton, assistant engineer, Southern Pacific company, and E. T. Ludden and A. E. Voorhies of this city formed a board of inquiry which met this morning to inquire into the cause of the freight wreck about four miles east of this city May 10.

The board after hearing the testimony of the train crew and from observations gained from a visit to the wreck, reported that the derailment was caused by wheel-breaking on right forward wheel on rear truck of a Pacific Fruit Express car, due to fracture resulting from expansion, due to brake shoe friction while descending grade previous to arrival at Grants Pass, and that such fracture would be invisible to regular trainmen's inspection made at Grants Pass. That there is no individual responsibility.

ARTILLERY ACTIVE ON FLANDERS FRONT

London, May 13.—Hostile artillery was active during the night in the Somme valley and the Albert sectors, also between Locon and the forest of Nieppe on the Flanders front.

GRADUATION WEEK OPENED WITH SERMON

REV. CHARLES R. DRAKE DELIVERS ADDRESS AT M. E. CHURCH

33 MEMBERS IN CLASS OF '18

Minister Sees Great Force for Good in Personality of Class Entering World Work

The activities of commencement week for the Grants Pass high school opened at Newman M. E. church Sunday night with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Charles R. Drake, pastor of the Christian church.

The members of the graduating class marched into the church followed by the corps of instructors, taking seats in a body. After an anthem by the choir, invocation by Rev. B. A. Finch of the Baptist church, a solo by J. M. Isham and introduction by Rev. Melville T. Wire, Mr. Drake delivered an impressive address, in part as follows:

"President and graduating class of 1918—I may stand before a powerful locomotive or a great reservoir of water and I am thrilled with excitement as I realize the potentiality in each, which, according to its willful direction may be utilized for benefit or destruction. But tonight I am more than thrilled with excitement and emotion, for I stand before the greatest potentiality in the world, the potentiality of personality. Each of you has a God-given potentiality that according to your willful direction will consent for benefit or destruction in the progress of humanity.

"The success ideal of yesterday was selfishness. As you scan the horizon of history you see old Babylon with the selfish ideal of glory and splendor. She sacrificed the honor of her men and the virtue of her maidens for it. But she perished when earthly pride foreclosed the mortgage on her pleasant palaces of sin and shame. Greece had the selfish ideal of pleasure, sacrificing honor and virtue for its attainment. But one day she discovered poison in the bitter cup that she was draining to the very dregs of death. Old Rome had the selfish ideal of world power and for it she bargained away her birthright at the market place of souls. Eternal Rome became eternal ruin.

"The more modern nations possessed the same ideal in some form or other, though some are now washing themselves in the blood of their own manhood. Still we cannot forget France and her frivolity, Belgium and the Congo, and England

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AMERICANS CONTINUE TO FIGHT WITH ALLIES

Washington, May 1.—Lord Reading, British ambassador, declared that the announcement coming by way of Ottawa that the American army would not be fully utilized on the western front until it was developed to its full strength was directly opposite to information he received from the British war cabinet. He is in the dark as to its meaning.

Washington, May 13.—Washington has no official confirmation of the Ottawa report that the American army will not be incorporated in the Anglo-French armies now, or used until complete and self sustaining.

All available Americans were offered General Foch when the drive became serious, and the sector west of Montdidier is now being held by Americans.