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## PRODUCERS WORK FOR SET CHROME PRICE

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO PERSUADE GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH 1919 PRICE

## THOUSANDS SPENT IN MINES

Chamber of Commerce Takes Matter Up With Senators and Governor Withycombe

While the present price of chrome is very satisfactory to producers and many extra auto trucks and teams have lately been secured to get the ore to market at once, there is some uneasiness among producers in regard to the future market for the ore. This uneasiness was recently augmented by the arrival of 25,000 tons of chrome ore at San Francisco from a foreign port.

Although the price of chrome has been fixed for the balance of the present year by the government, many who have spent thousands of dollars in developing their properties and building roads to the same, fear that next year's price will be forced down to a point where operators will be forced to shut down. With this situation confronting them, W. L. Gazzam and others interested in chrome ore production, will leave tonight for Salem, where they will confer with Governor Withycombe in regard to the future price for the ore, after which they will proceed on to Portland and Seattle.

Producers have met with the local Chamber of Commerce and as a result, the following telegram has been sent to Senators Chamberlain and McNary:

"To Senators Chamberlain and McNary, Washington, D. C.

"Press dispatches emanating from war industry board published in Oregon papers indicate producers may expect lower prices for chrome during coming season. We understand importations are responsible

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## INFLUENZA APPEARS IN AMERICAN CAMPS

Washington, Sept. 20.—The rapid spread of Spanish influenza among the soldiers in training is reported, with epidemics at camps in Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Virginia. This was officially reported by the surgeon-general. The disease is expected to make its appearance in other camps.

Ayer, Mass. Sept. 20.—Fifteen deaths from pneumonia, developing from influenza, are reported among the soldiers at Camp Devens today.

## PROMINENT CHROME OPERATOR MARRIES

Harold Edwin Barton and Ethel Estelle Duff were married on Saturday, September 7, at Houlton, Me., and will be at home at 740 North Eighth street after September 20, according to announcement received here. Mr. Barton, who is prominent in the chrome mining industry here, left for the east a few weeks ago, announcing his intention of visiting his parents and attending to business matters. His friends here extended a welcome and best wishes to the bride and groom.

## GERMANS SHELL YANK HOSPITAL

Bomb Wounded Americans on Two Successive Nights and Kill Eight Privates and Attendants

With the American Army in Lorraine, Sept. 20.—Eight Americans were killed when a clearing hospital was hit by a German shell Wednesday night. The enemy threw projectiles into the region on two successive nights. They finally hit a large tent where gassed patients were confined. A large Red Cross on a white field had been placed so the Germans could not mistake the place. The Americans killed were mostly privates and medical attendants.

## U. S. CASUALTY LIST

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces for today:

Killed in action ..... 69  
Died of wounds ..... 35  
Died of disease ..... 13  
Wounded severely ..... 168  
Wounded, degree undetermined. 3  
Died of accident ..... 11  
Missing in action ..... 106

Total ..... 393

Killed in action—Gerald Alfred Malarky, Warrenton, Ore.

Marine Corps  
Killed in action ..... 8  
Killed accidentally ..... 1  
Wounded in action, severely ..... 6  
Missing in action ..... 2  
Died of wounds ..... 2

Total ..... 19

## CZECHO-SLOVAKS TO START RELIEF ATTACK

Tokio, Sept. 20.—The Czechoslovaks from the west and those from Vladivostok, after effecting a junction at Techita, are concentrating at Irkutsk and preparing for an advance for the relief of Czechoslovaks in European Russia. The relief force is to be commanded by General Gaida, the Czechoslovak leader.

## SERBS BEATING BACK ENEMY ON WIDE FRONT

London, Sept. 20.—In Macedonia the Serbians have extended their front westward to the Cerna river and the front is now 25 miles wide. The total depth of the advance is from 15 to 17 miles. Five thousand prisoners and 80 guns have been taken.

## TO SOLVE PROBLEM OF TUBERCULAR MEN

New York, Sept. 20.—How to solve the problem presented by thousands of men rejected by draft boards or at camp, or discharged from the army on account of tuberculosis, will be the chief question taken up at the Northwestern Tuberculosis Conference to be held in Spokane, Wash., on September 27 and 28. That announcement was made today by the National Tuberculosis association, under whose auspices the conference will be held. The seven states of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah and Nevada will be represented at this gathering, at which army officers, federal, state and local officials, and tuberculosis and Red Cross workers will lay out the concrete measures needed to restore these rejected and discharged men to health, self-support and usefulness.

## TURKS IN PALESTINE DEFEATED BY BRITISH

Take 3000 Prisoners and Pursue Main Turkish Army—King George's Troops Help Greeks, and Continue to Hammer at Cambrai—French Inflict Heavy Losses

London, Sept. 20.—The British in Palestine attacked the Turks yesterday on a 16-mile front. The British broke through the lines between Rasap and the sea, and advanced 13 miles. They took 3,000 Turks prisoner and are now closely pursuing the main Turkish forces.

London, Sept. 20.—The British progressed further northwest of St. Quentin, capturing the strong point of Malassie Farm, opposite LaCotelet. Important gains were also made by the British in Lempire-Ephey sector. Troops were also pushing in to a depth of over a mile toward the town of Moesvres, an important point on the Canal Du Nord opposite Cambrai, which was taken by the Germans in a local counter-thrust recently, but which is again in the hands of the British.

With the British Army in France, Sept. 20.—The Australians continued

## WHAT WAR COST FOR SEVENTEEN MONTHS

Washington, Sept. 20.—Seventeen months of war have cost the United States government \$17,339,681,342—a billion dollars a month. This rate has increased so rapidly, however, that August expenses ran up to \$1,895,513,222, or nearly \$200,000,000 more than the highest previous record set in July.

These figures from the treasury show that less than 1 1/2 years of modern warfare have cost the United States more than four times the combined Union and Confederate outlays for three years of the Civil war, calculated at \$3,660,000,000 for the Union and \$1,500,000,000 for the Confederates.

The report also shows double the rate of increase in expenditures estimated by the government in June, then set at \$100,000,000 more each month. If this rate continues, expenses for the year ending next June 30 will be much more than \$24,000,000,000 estimated, and the country may be called on to absorb more than the \$16,000,000,000 of Liberty bonds now tentatively planned.

The treasury report also shows further that of the \$17,339,000,000 cost of the war to date, \$10,989,077,000 has been spent for ordinary war purposes, and \$6,345,764,000 has gone as financial aid to the allies. This will be repaid eventually, and consequently may be deducted in calculating the net war expenses to the United States government.

Spokane, Wash., Sept. 20.—So heavy has been the production of spruce on the Pacific coast that it has been decided to discontinue cutting pine stock for airplanes, according to Kenneth Ross, representing the Aircraft Board. He says the airplane factories are well supplied with lumber.

## WITH 400,000 TONS SHIPPING LYING IDLE, HOLLAND APPEALS FOR FOOD

Washington, Sept. 20.—Holland's appeal for American food while 400,000 tons of Dutch shipping lie idle in European ports has caused the state department to express hope that the Netherlands would follow the example of other neutrals and open the way for the general resumption of trade by lifting the embargo

upon the movement of her ships. The department gives notice that as long as Holland permits herself to be intimidated by the German threats to destroy ships there can be no arrangements with the United States similar to those entered into with Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark and other neutrals.

Salonki, Sept. 20.—The British and Greeks attacking the Bulgarians in the Lake Doiran region are meeting stiff resistance, but have gained 2,000 yards south of Doiran and took 700 prisoners.

Paris, Sept. 20.—In the enveloping of St. Quentin from the south the French have carried Esigny-LeGrand. The Germans during the night strongly counter attacked against the new French positions north of Allemont, between the Alliette and Aisne rivers, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

The French gained further northwest of Vally toward Chemin-Des-Dames. The German attempt to cross the Vesle, where the Americans were in line, was repulsed.

## SAYS 15,000 SEAMEN HAVE PAID THE PRICE

London, Sept. 20.—"Good luck to you all and may you all evade the tin fishes," is the characteristic way in which Secretary G. W. McKee of the Hull Seamen's Union concludes his annual report. "Since my last report," he says, "over fifteen thousand seamen have paid the price, besides many hundreds of passengers and service men.

"The enemy is not content with sinking ships and crews, but they cruise about afterwards ramming the wreckage in the hope of killing the survivors and leaving no trace of their fiendish work. No punishment could be too bad or too hard for a nation who know nothing of sympathy, pity, kindness or affection, but who excel in ruthlessness, rapine, murder, robbery and every kind of brutality which baseness and savagery can suggest. The creatures who ask for them not to be punished are worse than the Huns themselves and should be packed off to their friends in their spiritual home.

In urging special benefits from the unions for sailors that have to risk submarine perils, the report says:

"Does anyone really believe that ten pounds from the government will compensate a man for being torpedoed? If he does, let him pack up his comfortable job ashore and go to sea and face the torpedoes. I warrant he will soon change the tune of his story."

"Don't be a U-boat. Use only one level teaspoonful of sugar in your coffee and stir like hell. We don't mind the noise." Thus reads a restaurant sign in the mining district near Tonopah, Nev., showing the eating places of that section are determined in their aid of sugar conservation.

## SPEAKERS ARRIVE IN CITY TODAY

Big Time Tomorrow Night—Major Hamilton and L. J. Simpson Will Speak at Courthouse

Major Jack Hamilton, of the U. S. national army, and L. J. Simpson, of "Shore Acres" arrived in the city today by automobile, having come from the north instead of the coast route on account of the recent heavy rains along the coast. They drove to Medford today, but will speak at Kerby tonight.

These are two of the most interesting speakers that have ever visited this city and a large crowd is expected to be present Saturday night to hear them, immediately after the Mother's day parade. The place of speaking has been changed from the railroad park to the courthouse, for the reason that there will be more room at the latter place and it will be more quiet. Mr. Simpson never fails to draw a large crowd wherever he speaks, while Major Hamilton, who has spent a life time in the army, will give the people some first hand information in regard to the present war situation.

The Mothers Day parade will be a special feature of the evening. All those who will participate in the parade are expected to be at the courthouse in time to start the line of march at 7 o'clock sharp. Following this, the speaking will take place from the courthouse steps and will be interspersed with singing.

Every member of General Logan W. R. C. who has a son, brother or grandson in the military service, is urged to be at the courthouse at 7 o'clock. Every woman in the city and county who is eligible is requested to bring their service flag so mounted that when carried in the parade may be plainly seen. There will be a few flags to loan in an emergency. Each woman is expected to be dressed in white.

The Mothers parade is by government authority and it is believed that it will be an impressive feature and inject interest in the Fourth Liberty loan.

Every eligible woman in Josephine county is expected to respond Saturday night.

## CONGRESSMAN MANN'S SON COMMITS SUICIDE

Chicago, Sept. 20.—James R. Mann Jr., son of the Illinois congressman, shot and killed himself after killing his pet dog. He was 28 years of age and had suffered from tuberculosis.

## GERMAN-LED FORCES DEFEATED IN RUSSIA

London, Sept. 20.—In northern Russia, Karelian troops severely defeated forces led by German officers at Ukhtinskaya, according to the official statement from the battle front. This fight took place on Wednesday.

## ITALY SENDS 2,000 MORE TROOPS TO SIBERIA

Rome, Sept. 20.—The Italian lag will be strongly represented in the two expeditionary armies which go to support the Czechoslovaks in establishing a popular government and strong enough to restore order in the distressed country. Besides the force of Alpini, ski walkers and mountain artillery already announced for the Murman expedition, Italy will contribute 2,000 Italian soldiers who were among the oppressed nationalities compelled to serve in the Austrian armies earlier in the war. They were captured by Russians and free after the revolution.

## ALL READY FOR 4TH LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE

120 PEOPLE WILL SELECT SUBSCRIPTIONS IN CITY AND COUNTY

## JOSEPHINE TO RAISE \$159,109

Bonds to Be Issued October 26 and Draw Interest From That Date—Last Payment January 29

All preparations have been made for the Fourth Liberty loan campaign. Teams have been selected for canvassing every district in the county, including the city. There will be about 120 people engaged in the solicitation of subscriptions during Monday and Tuesday.

No definite information has been received as to the amount of the Fourth Liberty loan or the quota which this county will be expected to raise. It is taken for granted, however, that the issue will be for \$6,000,000,000. Based on the quota made for the Third Liberty loan, this county's quota would be \$115,000; but after persistent efforts on the part of Chairman Bramwell, this county has been given special consideration and the quota has been fixed at \$159,109. Our quota for the Third loan was \$197,500, and the amount subscribed was in excess of \$135,000. Under the campaign, as now outlined, there should be little trouble in raising our quota under the Fourth loan. The banks will receive subscriptions or they may be filed at Liberty loan headquarters.

Up to the present time, however, the subscriptions have come in very slowly. It is hoped that people will respond freely and present their voluntary applications. In fact, all applications received before September 28th, will be considered voluntary, and the applicant will receive a Fourth Liberty loan button.

The bonds of the Fourth Liberty loan will be dated October 24th, and

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## HOW CORPORAL AXFORD WON COVETED "V. C."

London, Sept. 19.—King George has just issued the 1,000th Victoria Cross to Lance Corporal Thomas Leslie Axford, an Australian. In 56 years after the famous V. C. was instituted only 522 awards had been made. In the four years of this war, King George has issued 478.

The V. C. is the most coveted of all the British military decorations. You might get some decorations for a comparatively ordinary deed, or an O. B. E. because of your political standing.

But you "do something" for a V. C. Take the case of Axford, who got the 1,000th one. Here's part of the official report as to why he got it.

"When the barrage lifted and the infantry advance commenced, his platoon was able to reach the first enemy defenses through gaps which had been cut in the wire.

"The adjoining platoon being delayed by uncut wire, enemy machine guns got into action and inflicted many casualties, including the company commander.

"Lance Corporal Axford, with great initiative and magnificent courage, at once dashed to the flank, threw his bombs amongst the machine gun crew, jumped into the trench and charged with his bayonet. Unaided he killed 10 of the enemy and took six prisoners; he threw the machine gun over the parapet and called out to the delayed platoon to come on. He then returned and fought through the battle."