



## The Spending of Your Hundred Million Dollars

### Busiest Budget in All the World Is a Red Cross War Fund—Every Dollar Spent Alleviates Misery.

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Last summer the public subscribed a hundred million dollars to the Red Cross. At the latest statement over eighty-five millions of it had been appropriated.

Where has it gone? you ask. For many months the world has been spending over a hundred million dollars a day for the destruction of life, limb and means of subsistence. Call up what you have read about the war's devastation. The American Red Cross enormous job is to do whatever it can to alleviate that—not after the war, not after governments have deliberated and resolved; but right now, at the minute, on the spot. It's amazing that it has done so much with so little money.

Last autumn the Italian army fell back precipitately. On your war map that meant rubbing out one line and drawing another half an inch further south. Over there in Italy it meant thousands of poor families fleeing from their homes. Major Murphy, Red Cross Commissioner in Europe, rushed to the scene and wired: "Indescribably pathetic conditions exist, involving separation of mothers and children, cold, hunger, disease, death." In November and December the American Red Cross appropriated three million dollars for relief there—a large sum, yet small in comparison with the need.

#### Condensed Milk for Children.

Soldiers are only a part of the Red Cross' work—probably the smallest part. Every instant, somewhere in the vast flood of destruction, a hand reaches up in appeal. It is pretty apt to be a child's hand or a woman's. When the Red Cross commission reached Petrograd it asked the government, "What is the most urgent thing?" The government replied: "We must get condensed milk for the little children here." The commission got the milk. At one spot in France farm work was stopped by lack of horses. That meant more hunger. The Red Cross got in a big tractor and set it to plowing for the community.

There are a million needs. Cold, wet and the deadly physical strain of the trenches undermine men's constitutions. A frightful scourge of tuberculosis has developed in France. The Red Cross has built sanatoria, provided over a thousand beds and nurses.

#### Thirty Millions for France.

I have here a big sheaf of sheets filled with figures. One item is thirteen million and odd dollars—the amount which, up to that time, had gone to the local chapters of the Red Cross in the United States for local relief. Twenty-five per cent of the money subscribed through the chapters eventually goes that way.

Over thirty millions have been appropriated for work in France. Here is a million and a quarter—in round numbers—for military hospitals and dispensaries; over a million and a half for canteen service, where French and American soldiers, relieved from the trenches, can get good food, a cot, a bath, and have their clothes disinfected—and so on for their brief holiday clean, rested, nourished. There are over three millions for hospital supply service; half a million for rest stations for American troops.

Aid of refugees—eleven thousand families—accounts for nearly three million dollars; care and prevention of tuberculosis takes over two millions; care of helpless children over a million; relief work in six devastated dis-

tricts, including care of five thousand families and sufficient reconstruction to make houses habitable, required over two millions.

#### Misery on an Unparalleled Scale.

These are all large items; but the Red Cross is grappling with human misery on an unparalleled scale—a world of it. The item for relief of the blind amounts to four hundred thousand dollars. The dispensary service sends supplies to more than thirty-four hundred hospitals. The Red Cross receives and distributes more than two hundred tons of supplies daily at Paris. For this distribution and its other work it requires a big transportation service of motors and trucks. This transportation service has cost a million and a half, and its operating expenses run to a million dollars.

Every dollar it spends means misery alleviated. Its work is building abroad for the United States the best good will in this world. It is building the best good will among ourselves. Whatever else the war may produce, we shall be proud of our Red Cross.

I want to say to you that no other organization since the world began has ever done such great constructive work with the efficiency, dispatch and understanding, often under adverse circumstances, that has been done by the American Red Cross in France. —General Pershing.

### BANDON DISTRICT MEETS ITS QUOTA

STATE OVER-SUBSCRIBES BY A MARGIN OF ABOUT THIRTY-FIVE PER CENT.

Nation Backs Up Its Government and the Boys at the Front in Perfect Deluge of Liberty Bond Subscriptions—Curry Given Credit for \$10,000 Handled Locally.

Totals of the Third Liberty Loan drive for Oregon compiled to date show subscriptions in the aggregate of approximately \$26,500,000.00, a handsome over-subscription of the state's quota of \$18,495,000, although not so large as the over-plus rolled up in several other states.

The national total, although as yet only approximate, indicate a subscription of about \$4,000,000,000; at least one-third greater than the three billion dollar minimum. The list of bond buyers is placed at approximately 15,000,000.

Bandon Over-Subscribes Total Liberty Bonds sold thru local banks aggregated \$44,000. Of this amount, however, approximately \$10,000 is credited to Curry county, many subscriptions being handled thru Bandon for the convenience of down-the-coast patrons, and the credit for the sales given to the Curry committee. This leaves approximately \$34,000.00 local sales, thus meeting the quota for the district by a small margin.

Resolutions of Appreciation The Liberty Loan committee in its efforts to have the people of Bandon district subscribe the quota of bonds apportioned to us, has been impressed with the genuine patriotism and enthusiasm of our people and with their ardent desire to help the cause over the top. In fairness to our whole countryside it would be difficult to single out any as most worthy of mention. The co-operation of an organized women's committee was of material assistance. The general committee desires to express its appreciation to all who were of assistance in this great cause.

R. H. ROSA, Chairman of Committee. Thanks Private O'Rourke. Whereas, Pvt. M. J. O'Rourke, V. C., in the cause of Liberty and without compensation, came to the city of Bandon, Oregon, to address our citizens on the questions of the war, from the standpoint of his own personal experiences, and to lend his best efforts in our behalf, and Whereas we have found his efforts in this behalf of material assistance in stimulating the patriotic ardor and zeal of our community, to the extent that it is worthy of mention,

Be it resolved, that the Bandon Liberty Loan committee express to Pvt. O'Rourke its very great appreciation for the special consideration he has shown us, and for the good work in general which he has done in Oregon in behalf of the great cause.

R. H. ROSA, Chairman, Bandon Liberty Loan Committee.

### SENIOR PLAY EXCELLENT

"The Fascinating Fanny Brown" Viewed by Big Audience.

Perhaps it should have been called "The tribulations of the creators of the Fascinating Fanny Brown", for it were such, as splendidly enacted by members of the local high school graduating class which held the attention of one of the largest audiences that has witnessed a production in Bandon for many a day. Friday evening, The Seniors had chosen a somewhat difficult sketch for their class play—one that abounded in thrilling minor climaxes and calling on numerous occasions for a display of considerable versatility.

Members of the class taking part were: John Donaldson, Edward Fish, Arnold Haberly, Gail Boak, Alon Thompson, Gladys Gallier, Goldie Hufford, Jessie Bell, Irene Breuer, Miss Redmond aided and instructed the players in preparing for the event.

### MRS. ELLIOTT CRITICALLY ILL

Mrs. A. S. Elliott is in a critical condition at her home in this city, suffering from acute gastritis, the result of having swallowed a quantity of poisonous ant part. She had been in poor health for several months and of late has suffered from extreme nervousness. It is believed that her condition caused temporary mental aberration early Tuesday morning during which time she took the substance that has caused her illness. She was resting more easily this evening although her physician states that she is very weak.

### WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THIS SECTION

REACTIONARY TAXPAYERS AND DISGRUNTLED TREASURY-RAIDERS COMBINE.

Efficiency of County Commissioner Has Caused Some Opposition—Interests of Southern Coos at Stake—Thinking Citizens of County, However, Appreciate Record Made.

Unless the people of this section of Coos county are willing to wholly disregard their own interests they will give their united support at the primary election, May 17th, to Geo. J. Armstrong, Republican candidate for county commissioner. Failure to do this will mean to elect a man from the other end of the county, whose entire interests are there and who probably knows little of the needs of this section. It will mean that the entire County Court will be made up of resident from the Coos Bay side.

Before Mr. Armstrong's advent into office the lower Coquille district received practically no attention nor assistance from the county in the matter of roads. The road to the south was a crooked trail thru the brush, while the other roads were barely passable by auto at any time. During his tenure of office this community became recognized and for the first time received its share of road money. While he was at first criticized for not being more aggressive in demanding local dues, he has always fought for an equitable distribution of road money, and has especially during later years, gotten for this section all that it has been entitled to.

Although at present being severely criticized by a small representation of large taxpaying interests, who, with the cry of "extravagance, inefficiency, etc.," are attempting to slip their man into office, Mr. Armstrong has, nevertheless, been a most capable official. It is only natural that during his eight years in office he should have made enemies. Any official who refuses to concede to the greed of private interests sooner or later becomes unpopular with those interests. Knowing that those who are knocking him the hardest have axes to grind, their opposition should be a timely eye-opener for the citizens and taxpayers who have the interests of the entire county at heart. It should make him solid with the majority.

Much is being said about the "vast sums" that have been spent on the roads of the county. When it is considered that this money has been applied wholly and in part, respectively, to 600 miles of main roads and 300 miles of tributary roads the "vast sums" depreciate materially in effect.

It is conceded thruout the county, except by the few who are trying to defeat him, that Mr. Armstrong knows as much, if not more, about road and bridge building than any other man in the county. This concession is being more readily made since the county's experience with so-called experts working under the state plan. In every instance he has gotten more direct results working for the county. He is not popular with road contractors because he has stood in the way of combinations and high bids. As a result few contractors made money on county jobs during the past few years. That doesn't look like extravagance on his part. As to salary, if a man isn't worth what Commissioner Armstrong is drawing from month to month then he isn't big enough for the job. It is nonsense to contend that a supervisor of so large a project should work for less than the smallest wage-earner in a shipyard.

It is hoped that the voters of the county will not be influenced by the concerted attempt of a few to put out of office a man whose knowledge, experience and fair play would be of invaluable aid to the county during the next few years.

### Is Seeking the Clerkship

J. D. Connell of North Bend, who is seeking the nomination for county clerk on the Republican ticket, was in this community last week meeting the voters. Mr. Connell has been engaged in bookkeeping and allied accounting for years, being formerly office manager for a North Bend mill company. He has been a resident of Coos county since 1913 and is 35 years old.

### New Teacher at Four Mile

Miss Agnes Meyer of Salem has begun to teach the summer session at the Four Mile school. She has 17 pupils so far and expects two or three more. She recently completed a term at Youcalla.

### SCHOOL EXHIBITS FRIDAY, MAY 10

PATRONS AND TEACHERS WILL VIEW AND DISCUSS PROGRESS ATTAINED.

Exhibits of Class Work: Sewing, Cooking, Artistry, Mental Attainment, etc., to Draw Parents and Others to Both School Buildings Tomorrow Afternoon—Food Sales.

Tomorrow, Friday, May 10, is the Annual Exhibit day in the Bandon City schools. There will be no program, but samples of the work accomplished in the various rooms during the year will be on display. In the past these days have been very popular with the parents. Last year several hundred citizens took advantage of the opportunity thus afforded to see something of the students' work, and to get acquainted with the teachers.

In addition to the grade work, the pupils in the high school sewing and cooking classes will have exhibits. The cooking class will have a supply of food displayed which will be sold at cost to those desiring to purchase. With each article a typewritten recipe showing the exact cost, etc., will be given. Because of the United States Food Administration's patriotic restrictions on the use of wheat and sugar there will be fewer fine cakes than in previous years, and more attention given to war breads and substitutes.

Time: One o'clock in the afternoon to four-thirty o'clock in the afternoon of Friday, May 10th.

Place: Central and Eastside school buildings.

### LIBRARY IS POPULAR

Librarian F. Amelia Henry's Report for Month of April.

Desk report for April: Books purchased — 3 Books donated — 19 Books repaired — 12 New readers registered — 90 Books and magazines circulated, 968 Visitors to reading room — 637 New books on the rent shelf are: Oh, Money Money!, by Eleanor Porter, and Tarzan and the Jewels of Ophar, by Burroughs.

Here is the really important news for this month. We have 26 official recipes to help you use that surplus potato. For the honor of Oregon, we must all eat more potatoes. Come prepared to copy the recipes that appeal to you. Later we expect to have copies for circulation.

Have you seen the Red Cross magazine? The full page cuts, colored plates, stories and anecdotes make it one of the most interesting of our periodicals. If you are giving to the Red Cross, as you surely are, reading this magazine will give you definite ideas of how your money is spent.

### Leader Lived in Bandon

Col. Leader, who was here recently, in speaking of his trip to Coos county upon return to Eugene, said: "I think this country is one of the most beautiful I have ever visited, and I enjoyed the trip very much. I was especially attracted to Bandon because that is the name of my home town in Ireland." It is to be regretted that the Colonel was not informed while here of the bits of history of how our Bandon got its name and of those Irish pioneers from Bandon, Ireland, who settled here years ago.

### WORLD HONOR ROLL

Subscription Price to Raise

Commencing July 1, 1918, subscription price of Western World will be \$2 per year, \$1 for 6 months. All subscriptions paid in advance will continue at the \$1.50 rate until expiration date. Permission is granted to any subscriber who so desires to pay his subscription one year in advance at the old rate providing his remittance is received previous to date of change, otherwise he will be given credit for fraction of year at the new rate. Western World cannot accept subscriptions at old rate for greater length of time than one year. It has no control over era of high prices brought on by the war. Its cost of operation might be greatly multiplied by end of that time, or conditions may have so changed as to permit a return to its earlier rate.

Capt. R. Johnson, Bandon. B. J. Thompson, Arizona. Albert H. Dean, Fort Orford. O. A. Chamberlain, Bandon. Ira Langlois, Naps, Cal. Mrs. E. A. Hartman, Bandon.

### S. C. SHERRILL ACCUSED OF BEATING HIS WIFE

Former Teacher at Riverton and for Short Time Resident of Bandon Is the Principal.

A search was instituted a few days ago for S. C. Sherrill of Langlois, wanted on charges of assault and battery said to have been committed against his wife. He was located at Marshfield and it is understood the case was dropped. The Sherrills had resided at Riverton a year or more ago where Mr. Sherrill was principal of the school. Following the closing of the term, they came to Bandon, residing here about two months previous to taking over the hotel at Langlois.

Mrs. Mary C. Bunn of Langlois, a neighbor of the family and the complainant in the court of Justice of the Peace Stanley in Coquille, accompanied Probation Officer H. Dunham in the search for Sherrill in this county. Mrs. Bunn's story of the case: "Last Saturday night she went to the home of Mrs. Sherrill. The neighbor had just been struck by Mr. Sherrill and in tears begged Mrs. Bunn to swear out a complaint and start action. Arrest was made Sunday and early this week the case appeared before Justice of the Peace with District Attorney Collier H. Buffington appearing. For reasons she did not know the case was dropped."

Sherrill stated at the Bay that he was enroute to Washington where he intended to join his brother. He is considered a peculiar acting person by many who have had dealings with him, and a fanatic on religious and moral questions.

### Catholics for Red Cross

The ladies of the Catholic church will conduct a sale on Friday and Saturday, May 17th and 18th, for the sole benefit of the Red Cross. The total proceeds will be turned over to the local branch. Many beautiful and useful articles which remained unsold at the Catholic bazaar and many since received will be on sale. Most of these articles were made by the Catholic Sisters of Mercy and Charity. Purchasers, besides performing a patriotic duty, likewise become possessors of the handwork of the women who are lovingly called "The Angels of the Battlefield."

### HOME GUARD ENTERTAINMENT

Benefit Grand Concert and Dance to be Given in June by Troubadours

The Venetian Troubadours, making a specialty of high class music with specialty solos, and accompanied by Catherine Roberts, entertainer, have been engaged by Company A, Home Guard, to give a grand concert and dance at Dreamland pavilion on Thursday evening, June 13th. The organization comes especially well recommended, having been engaged on eastern Chautauqua circuits and at other high class attractions for a number of years.

### Boost Red Cross and Thrift Stamps

Plans are under way by the Socialist Local of Four Mile to hold a big community gathering and dance at the hall the evening of May 18th for the benefit of the Red Cross and to also boost the Thrift Stamps and War Savings Certificates. They have a novel plan of admission to the dance and exercises. One dollar will be charged each gentleman, 50c of which will be immediately turned over to the Red Cross, and then for the other 50c the dancer will be given two 25c Thrift Stamps—one for himself and one for his lady if he so desires. The Four Mile people are planning for the affair with enthusiasm and a big turnout will no doubt be had. A Red Cross unit or auxiliary is now actively in force in that community and the women will put the extra money received to good use in making necessities for the boys at the front.

### Marshfield Students Expelled

A class fight originating after the loss of the class pennant of the Marshfield high school, brought about the expulsion of fourteen students. Members of the Sophomore class were suspected of having made away with the pennant, which was surreptitiously returned. However, the fight did not end there and last week a member of the 2nd year class was taken to South Slough during the late evening, stripped of his clothing and left to return home as best he could. He got home about 2 a. m. A head-shaving bee was then started, in which several boys lost their entire crop of hair.

### PUPILS OF SCHOOLS SHOW GROWING INTEREST

Edyth Dippel, Dorothy Lorenz and Dorothy Bean Win Prizes—Other Bits of News.

War Savings societies have been organized in nearly all the rooms of the local schools. The society of the Eastside school invited Lois Smith and Lawrence Starr, the winners in the Four Minute contest in the eighth and sixth grades, to appear on their program Friday afternoon.

Miss Rea's room won the spelling cup in the past month's contest.

Miss Walker's room at Eastside, and Miss Godshall's room became 100 per cent holders of thrift stamps and war savings certificates last week.

Miss Dano, fourth grade teacher, has been called home by the death of her sister. Mrs. Roy Corson is taking her place until the end of the school term.

An inter-class track meet was held on the high school grounds Monday. The Senior, assisted by the sub-Fresman, won the meet by the narrow margin of one point.

For the month ending April 30, Edith Dippel sold the largest number of thrift stamps, winning the first war savings certificate prize. Second and third prizes were won by Dorothy Lorenz and Dorothy Bean, respectively.

Dr. Joseph Schafer, head of the Department of History at the University of Oregon, will deliver the commencement address, June 6th.

### Mrs. Turnbull's Father Dies

Supt. L. W. Turnbull received word Saturday from Grants Pass of the death of Mr. Murray, father of Mrs. Turnbull. The latter had been summoned to her father's bedside the week before. Mrs. Murray will accompany her daughter to Bandon for an extended visit.

### Red Cross Shipment Made

The local Red Cross Auxiliary yesterday shipped to headquarters the following articles: 80 hospital bed shirts, 69 pairs of socks, 10 Sweaters. Also the following, donated by outside workers: 6 patched quilts, 900 gun rags.