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RED CROSS WAS READY FOR WAR

Forty-four Base Hospital Units Already Organized.

SOME ARE ALREADY ABROAD

Great Size of These Hospitals Can Be Appreciated When It is Stated That Regulation Buildings in the Most Compact Form Cover an Area of Eleven Acres.

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The general indictment that the American nation was and still is unprepared for war there is one notable exception—the base hospital service of the American Red Cross. When war first broke out in Europe and farsighted men and women saw that this country might ultimately become involved the directors of the Red Cross began to prepare a large scale for such an emergency. Up and down the land went the Red Cross units, which will be equipped with their own ambulances, and which units and raise funds for hospital equipment. As this meant in some instances the raising of from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for something whose usefulness was in the minds of the general public very problematical, the task was no light one.

But the workers persisted. As a result when this country declared war the Red Cross was prepared and has already organized forty-four base hospital units—thirty-nine for the army and five for the navy, which will be ready to be turned over to the government with their equipment as fast as they are asked for. Already seven of these have been sent abroad for the use of the allies, and the balance are ready to go at a day's notice.

The base hospital is housed in a substantial, permanent structure anywhere from twenty-five to a hundred miles away from the firing line. The wounded are taken from the trenches by stretcher bearers and carried to the dressing stations immediately back of the line. Here they receive emergency dressing and attention and are then carried back to the field hospitals in ambulances. From the field hospitals, as soon as possible, they are carried by ambulance and hospital train back to the base hospitals, where they are surrounded by the best hospital equipment known to modern medical and surgical science. Portable hospital buildings have been devised, so constructed that they can be easily packed and shipped and set up quickly.

The great size of a base hospital can be appreciated when it is stated that the regulation buildings, in as compact a form as can be arranged, cover an area of 11 acres in all. The equipment alone when stored occupies 10,000 cubic feet. The cost of mobilizing a unit with its equipment at Philadelphia recently, aside from transportation, was over \$5,000. One base hospital will care for 20,000 men.

The portable kitchen, which feeds 750 persons three times a day, is a new type especially designed for the Red Cross. The portable X ray outfit is even fitted with a generator to provide its own current, as there is never any certainty as to whether direct or alternating current or any adequate current at all will be found already supplied at the point of destination. Then there is the laundry equipment, complete even to a drying room; fumigating, sterilizing and incinerating plants, a completely equipped operating room, laboratory, etc. There is the eight ton refrigerating truck, which is a complete unit in itself, not only providing a battery of cooling plants. Connected with each base hospital are three ambulances and a two ton truck for carrying supplies.

The base hospitals are under the direction of the department of the military relief of the Red Cross until mustered into service, when they become a part of the army organization. Forming another very important branch of this department are the ambulance companies. Each company consists of ninety-one men, including five medical officers.

Still another branch of the department of military relief is made up of the hospital units. Each unit is composed of twelve doctors, usually specialists, who may be shifted from point to point wherever the need is greatest.

Aside from this active service in the field, the department maintains a bureau for providing the soldiers with the comforts of life not regularly a part of the government's military supplies, such as extra medical supplies, literature, tobacco and other comforts.

Another important unit is the sanitary training detachment for the medical teaching of first aid. Groups of men are trained for service with the army, resembling the voluntary aid detachments organized with such success in England.

In short, by its activities in caring for the well being of the soldiers the Red Cross probably doubles the efficiency of the fighting forces.



Major-General Sibert, who is in active command of the first American troops to land in France.

Socialist Parade Precipitates Riot. Boston.—Riotous scenes attended a socialist parade here, which was announced as a peace demonstration. The ranks of the marchers were broken by self-organized squads of uniformed soldiers and sailors, red flags and banners bearing socialist mottoes were trampled on, and literature and furnishings in the socialist headquarters in Park square were thrown into the streets and burned.

Wheat Pit Will Be Closed. Chicago.—Government plans for food control, according to a statement given out by President Griffin, of the board of trade, includes absolute control of the wheat trade in all its commercial aspects. There can be no speculation in it. Buying and selling of other grains for present or future delivery will be unrestricted.

A record-breaking sale of registered Jersey cattle was held at the farm of McArthur & Stauff, one mile east of Rickreall, when 32 head of cows, heifers, and young bulls sold for an average price of \$240.47, or a total of \$7,955.

RED CROSS DOG FILAX SAVED MANY SOLDIERS.

This Red Cross dog, Filax of Lewanow, owned by Mrs. R. F. Wanner, was employed for several months in an ambulance corps in France and is credited with having assisted at the rescue of fifty-four wounded soldiers. As he picked his way across the Somme battlefield, carrying relief to the wounded in No Man's land, shot and shell seemed to have no terrors for this animal.



MRS. R. F. WANNER AND FILAX.

MAKING UMBRELLAS.

The Work of Assembling the Frames and Putting on Covers.

In most umbrella factories the task of turning out ribs and stems is left to other factories making a specialty of those parts. These are sent to the manufacturer, and the man whose work it is to assemble the parts inserts a bit of wire into the small holes at the end of the ribs, draws them together about the main rod and adjusts the ferrule.

In cutting the cloth or silk seventy-five thicknesses or thereabouts are arranged upon a table at which skilled operators work. In one department there are girls who operate hemming machines. A thousand yards of hemmed goods is a day's work for one of these girls. The machines doing this job attain a speed of some 3,000 revolutions a minute. After the hemming has been done the cloth or silk is cut into triangular pieces with a knife, as before, but with a pattern laid upon the cloth. The next operation is the sewing of the triangular pieces together by machinery.

The covers and frames are now ready to be brought together. In all there are twenty-one pieces where the cover is to be attached to the frame. The handle is next glued on, and the umbrella is ready for pressing and inspection.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

The Speaker district of Douglas county has sent every man of military age into the army.

The Oregon State Editorial association will convene in Pendleton on July 13, 14, and 15.

The Oregon State Chiropractic association will hold its tenth annual convention at Portland on July 5, 6, 7.

The annual meeting of the patrolmen of the Douglas County Fire Patrol association was held at Roseburg.

Dave Cottrell was shot and almost instantly killed by Lane Wyland, both of the Meadows district, Jackson county. Roy McCrary, 9-year-old son of James McCrary, of Albany, was accidentally shot and killed by Curtis Odenbols.

Baker County's total output of wool, about 800,000 pounds, for this year has practically all been sold, according to the growers.

At the Cherry day celebration at Freewater a large crowd was in attendance from all parts of Umatilla county and Walla Walla.

Several crews of men employed on Marion county roads have indicated their intention of going on strike unless the county raises their wages.

The annual convention of the Rexall druggists of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho was held in Portland. More than 125 professional men attended.

W. T. Cobb, 64, pioneer rancher of the Baker district, drowned near his home at New Bridge while attempting to cross Eagle creek on horseback.

Robert Banks, of the firm of Kruse & Banks, shipbuilders of Coos Bay, announces the firm has been awarded six vessels by the government shipping board.

Eight wooden steamers, representing a combined contract price of about \$4,500,000, will be built at Portland by Supple & Ballin for the United States shipping board.

More than 1000 Grand Army men, members of the Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were attendance at the annual reunion at Forest Grove.

Two hundred and fifty Oregon physicians are needed at once for the medical reserve corps, as the state's quota of the 20,000 doctors who will be assigned to the new army.

The formal opening of the Tillamook highway and dedicating the new roadway just completed at the pass in the mountains, known as the Sour-Grass cut-off, was held Saturday.

Wong Wen Tueng, Hop Sing tong gunman and slayer of Joseph Gue, Chinese fish merchant, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary by Circuit Judge Gatens at Portland.

Canneries operated by the Eugene Fruitgrowers' association in Eugene, Junction City and Creswell began the season's run this week, with prospects for continuous operation until late fall.

Announcement has been made by the division of naval militia affairs, Washington D. C., that the Oregon naval militia will be mobilized at Seattle for intensive training about August 1.

State Labor Commissioner Hoff has started to assemble data on a statewide census of crop possibilities, with the end in view of assisting in harvesting the crops when the harvest season comes.

The biggest wool deal ever made in Silverton was consummated when Earl Wood and Frank Decker disposed of their lot comprising 65,000 pounds at 7 1/2 cents a pound to William Brown & Co., Inc.

Pendleton will put on the market immediately the \$20,000 issue of sewer bonds voted four years ago and upon their sale will commence the construction of a septic tank to take care of all the city sewage.

Traveling auditors of the industrial accident commission cannot come under the provisions of the workmen's compensation act, the commission was advised, because the commission cannot contract with itself.

State Forester Elliott reports that so far this year conditions have been good as far as forest fire danger has been concerned, although a few fires have been reported from logging camps, and did but little damage.

Secretary Olcott has sent out notices to all of the banks in the state calling their attention to the new law relative to bank deposits that escheat to the state. Under the new law, savings deposits do not escheat to the state until after the expiration of 12 years.

The coming session of the Willamette valley chautauqua, which opens July 10 at Gladstone park, will mark the passing of one of Oregon's famous landmarks. The old auditorium, erected 24 years ago, is to be abandoned, and the big programmes are to be held in a new \$60,000 edifice.

Miss Helen Metzger, age 18, died at Portland from injuries received when an electric train hit an auto she was learning to drive near Gresham. Miss Metzger was the third of the occupants of the machine to die. S. E. Lindsey, her grandfather, having been killed instantly and his wife having died two hours later.

In view of the fact that nearly 6400 Oregon men have voluntarily entered the national guard and the regular army, Oregon will feel the effect of



Admiral Gleaves, in command of the warships which conveyed the American transports across the Atlantic.

the selective draft but lightly. It is probable on the basis of present estimates that not more than 2000 Oregon men of military age out of the 32,000 who registered will be drafted.

Damage running into the hundreds of thousands of dollars was caused when the reservoir of the Kilmaque Irrigation company, near Haines, went out and the released waters rushed in a wild torrent through the village of Rock Creek, destroying it and devastating thousands of acres of farming territory in the adjacent valley.

Purchase of the first installment of a consignment of fir lumber to build 30 wooden ships, obtained by the Emergency fleet corporation, obtained at \$30 a thousand, was announced by Chairman Denman, of the shipping board. The lumber was bought from the Coos Bay Lumber company of Oregon and the contract calls for delivery at seaboard.

The old military highway, between Eugene and Klamath Falls, now officially designed as the Willamette road because it follows the river of that name for a great part of the distance, will be opened for the first time to automobile travel the latter part of August according to an announcement made by Clyde R. Setz, supervisor of the Cascade national forest.

A contract for 10 miles of hard surface pavement, the first to be let under the road bonding measure, approved at the June election, was awarded by the state highway commission and the Umatilla county court to the Warren Construction company for \$119,120.42. The section of the road to be surfaced is the first 10 miles between Pendleton and the state line.

As a result of the decision of the interstate commerce commission in the 16 per cent freight rate increase cases Chairman Frank J. Miller of the Oregon public service commission expects the railroads in Oregon which have asked for 15 per cent increase on all intrastate freight rates to abandon their general applications and endeavor to get increases in the rates on certain classes and commodities, which might be able to stand higher rates.

Nine fatal accidents, out of a total of 429, were reported to the state industrial accident commission this week. The fatal accidents were as follows: John Lanto, Astoria, sawmill; Fay B. Barnes, Gaston, sawmill; Eryts Miller, Powers, logging; Charles Raposa, Sheridan, sawmill; Marion L. Sinnamon, Bend, logging; Carl Carlson, Firwood, logging; Indian George, Hood River, railroad trespasser; E. Correll, Pendleton, railroad trespasser; Charles Walker, Coquille, railroad trespasser.

On their return from an inspection of the Payette-Oregon slope irrigation project on the Snake river, Attorney General Brown and Superintendent of Banks Sargent were enthusiastic about the project. They went as members of the state bonding board to investigate the land relative to the certification of \$225,000 worth of bonds the district proposes to issue. Findings will not be drawn up for a few days, but the board, it is understood, will endorse the proposed issue. The project includes 54,000 acres, all watered by pumping, the pumping power being electricity generated from the water of the Snake river.

The culmination of Oregon's largest timber land deal of recent years, growing out of the option on the \$4,000,000 holdings of the Dubois Lumber company, granted to David C. Eccles, head of the Oregon American Lumber company, on January 24, awaits only the return of John Dubois, head of the selling company, from the east. Official notice that the option, which expired July 1, was to be concluded by purchase was given by Charles T. Early, of Portland, manager of the Eccles timber interests in Oregon, to J. K. Gamble, secretary of the Dubois Lumber company.

Attorney General George M. Brown, State Engineer John H. Lewis and Superintendent of Banks S. G. Sargent, the commission created by the irrigation securities law of the 1917 legislature, have just returned from a trip of inspection preparatory to putting the securities statute into effect for the first time. The irrigation securities act provides for the formation of irrigation districts by agreement and vote of the property owners within any designated and agreed boundaries. It also provides that districts may issue bonds, the same as school or port districts, to bring water to the land.

A Way Around a Difficulty

By ELINOR MARSH

Mrs. Haskins had but one person in the world to tie to; that was Alice Nell. The old lady had the usual selfishness of one of her age and condition and would not on any account consent that Alice should marry.

"But, grandma," argued the girl, "suppose I marry and you continued to live with me?"

"That wouldn't do at all. No house is large enough for two families. No, Alice, you can't marry as long as I live. I took you when you were a little girl, and but for me you would have had no home. Now that I have no home but with you, it is your duty to remain single and take care of me."

That ended the dialogue. Alice, sighed, for she had a lover who was arguing on the other side of the question. He admitted that Alice should continue to make a home for her grandmother, but he offered to take upon himself a case of mother-in-law, or, rather, of grandmother-in-law, which was worse, and argued that the old woman should be satisfied with this. But so long as she would consent to nothing but Alice's spinsterhood there was nothing for it except that Alice should remain a spinster.

Fred Martin, Alice's lover, finally persuaded her to a marriage, which should be concealed from her grandmother. The old lady was so feeble that the couple did not expect her to live very long, and while she did live this plan would enable Alice to take care of her on her grandmother's own conditions. Of course it would be hard on Fred and Alice, but after all wouldn't it be better than for both to grow old separated or better even than a case of grandmother-in-law, for so far as the old woman was concerned, Fred would be nonexistent.

So the couple were married, and Fred fitted up a house near where his wife lived, he taking up his abode in single blessedness, except when Alice could visit him. The old lady went to bed at 9 o'clock, and when she was asleep Alice would slip out and go to the home where she really belonged. They kept a maid, so that if Mrs. Haskins woke up and Alice wasn't on hand the maid could say she had stepped around the corner to buy something.

This was not exactly home life, but as Fred was at work all day, not returning usually till after 7 o'clock, it was not so bad, and it was not obligatory on his wife to hurry home. By and by Alice told her grandmother that she must go to a hospital for a few weeks, and the old lady was obliged to remain in care of the maid.

After Alice was discharged from the hospital there was a period when she was continually running out for something. But she could not go often enough for her purpose, so one morning when she was away and the maid was engaged the old lady answered a ring at the doorbell, and there on the step was a three-weeks-old baby.

Mrs. Haskins took the little thing up in her arms, and when Alice came home she found her grandmother dandling it on her knee in a very motherly sort of way. The old lady wouldn't consent that the child should be sent away, so Alice was obliged to divide its motherhood with her. It wasn't long before the one woman was as fond of the child as the other.

Then one day the postman brought a note signed by a man who claimed to be the baby's father, saying that he regretted parting with it and asking that it be sent to him. This put the old lady in great distress. Alice wrote a letter to the father—at her grandmother's dictation—begging the father to leave the child where it was, he being permitted to come and see it whenever he liked.

This brought a man who gave his name as Frederick Martin, and after a conference in which he insisted that unless they would take him to board he would take the child away. Mrs. Haskins consented, and the family was increased by one man.

After awhile Fred began to pour a tale of woe into Mrs. Haskins' ear. His wife had deserted him and her child for her grandmother. The old lady was so indignant at the "old crowd," as she called the grandmother, that she could scarcely contain herself.

Meanwhile the old lady noticed that Fred and Alice were together a good deal, and she wished Fred's wife would die so that he could marry Alice and the baby could have a mother as well as a father. When the pair was ripe Fred came home one evening and announced that his wife was "no more."

He tried hard to appear respectful to his wife's memory, but found it difficult. This was not remarkable since the departed had treated both her husband and her child so badly. Mrs. Haskins averred that no respect whatever was due her; that she had been a soulless, shameless creature, and the sooner Martin forgot her the better. As for Alice, she maintained a discreet silence, which her grandmother attributed to an expectation that she would take the lost wife's place.

The old lady after this was very impatient to learn that the widower had proposed to Alice. She was not long kept waiting for the announcement of the wedding. After the ceremony she fell on her grandson-in-law's shoulder and hoped heaven would punish that "old cat" who had caused him so much trouble.

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