

# OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS

News Letters, and Stories of Our Soldiers and Sailors in France, In the Training Camps, On the High Seas, and Everywhere Gallant American Fighters Are Found.

## REAL PEACE

Lieut. Tom W. Saul of the Tank Corps, formerly of Clackamas county writes to Oregon friends his impressions of German soldiers. He says, in part: "As to whipping the Germans I possess some very decided opinions. I have had nine months observation of German prisoners-of-war—both as soldiers and as prisoners—to satisfy me fully that Germans, both as an individual and as a nation, has reached the lowest ebb of decency and standard in all history. He is, first of all, a confirmed liar, unable to keep his word with others or even to be honest with himself. He has all the mean and petty sin-abilities which are the unhappy possessions of a true-blue liar. No crime is too low for him, for he believes in his ability to lie out of the consequences.

There is no use aiming at the defeat of the German by economic retaliation. He has the utmost confidence in his own shrewdness and is willing to get the upper hand and gain his own ends by any means possible. These traits are not those of the ruling classes alone. They are the traits of the German. He cannot be awakened or educated to a new standard in an instant. It will take generations to get him back to the plane of the Germans whom we knew by their contributions of our people in the preceding two or three generations.

There is only one way to overcome this inherent evil of the present-day German, and that is by eliminating him. Peace will come only in defeat and defeat requires that enough Germans be buried so that the remainder will be unable to carry on their dirty work. I'm talking of real peace, not of a patched-up temporary affair which will force your children and mine to live under the sword of Damocles.

There seems to be many people in the states who can think of nothing but peace. It would be much better to talk of waking these people up than to talk of waking the Germans. It would bring peace sooner, too, for it would increase the activity of the United States in licking the Germans.

You and others should lead public opinion to stand for a complete defeat of the Germans before there is any talk of peace. It is the only thing that will make this war worth while."

It is now reported that men drafted and rejected upon examination at Training camps, and those rejected as under weight, will be placed in the 1918 class. It is possible that they may be called later for special limited service.

Letters from Verne Sandberg at the Bremerton, Washington Navy Yard says that he is out of quarantine and has been assigned to work driving a government truck. He likes the service, which he says is going to make men of lots of boys.

Mike Blaschke received a letter from his son Paul this week at Camp Kearney, near San Diego. He described the trip south through Oregon and California in a very interesting manner. The people at many towns treated the boys nicely and the boys will not soon forget the smiles of the girls of Sunny California.

The government has called for 175 men skilled in logging and saw mill work. These men are desired from Classes II III and IV by July 28. If they are not secured from voluntary enlisted men, men will be drafted from Class I to fill the call. These men will be sent to Vancouver, Wash., to engage in the production of spruce for aero planes.

Fred Armstrong writes his parents Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Armstrong, from Camp Kearney. He says he may be there a month or more. He likes his experience so far. Camp Kearney is about 12 miles from the ocean. He gives his address as Co. A. 157 Inf. Camp Kearney, Calif. His serial identification number is 3,133,351 indicating that many men have been enrolled in combined army and navy forces.

Leslie Grazer has been transferred to Company L, 3rd Regiment, at Camp A. A. Humphreys, Va. He writes that he is just back from Belvoir, the state militia grounds on the Potomac. He still talks baseball, saying that the Camp has two pitchers on the Humphreys' team—one from the Chicago White Sox and one from the Boston Red Sox—and also one big league player from St. Louis. Like all the boys in the service he mentions the "good eats". The Sunday dinner—July 14—consisted of mashed potatoes, gravy, tomatoes, pudding, sauce, bread, cake, ice cream, and coffee or lemonade.

Leslie Grazer in a late letter says he is on special duty going to school at Camp Humphreys, Virginia, from 11:45 a. m. to 4:45 at a carpenter shop, where he has a helper to boss.

Recent news from Wm. Marsh and Fred Ehlen indicate that they have been transferred from the 162 U. S. Infantry (Third Oregon) to Co. C. of the 127 U. S. Infantry (a Wisconsin regiment).

The picture of E. D. Carver of Donald appeared in the last Sunday Oregonian as one of 9 Oregon men in training at the naval aviation station at San Diego. Pictures of Edgar White and Ulysses Giesy of Aurora also appeared in the same paper.

Mrs. Ed. Ogle went to Portland Tuesday to see her grandson Guy Ogle off for Camp Lewis where he has been called to the colors. He entrained at Portland Wednesday. Mrs. Ogle will remain a few days in Portland at the home of her son James Ogle.

Letters have been received here this week from Albert Ehlen on the battleship Oregon, where he has been made quartermaster for two gun crews. It is not made public just where naval vessels are, but mail will reach the ship through the postmaster at San Francisco.

Not long since John Kraus received a letter from his brother-in-law Lieutenant and Cooper, now in France, in which the latter mentions an interesting incident that befell him while in a French town through which German prisoners were passing. One of them called out to Lieutenant Cooper, "Are you an American?" Upon answering him in the affirmative, the prisoner said he had lived in New York and was going back there after the war. This was almost too much for the American officer and he burst out with, "Like hell you are!"

Henry Hondrick wrote a month ago from Contres, France, to his father, S. P. Hondrick at Hubbard. He describes Contres as a nice little town much behind the times, like the country roundabout it where they cut all the hay and grain by hand. Grapes are the main crop there. Fences are noticeable mostly by their absence—along the road they are scarcely ever seen. He concludes his letter by saying, "We are getting along fine here, but of course, it is not like home. But we can't complain at all. We have plenty of clothes, plenty to eat, a good place to sleep, and what more can a soldier ask for?"

John Kister, Co. K, 159th Infantry, at Camp Kearney, California, has written his sister Mrs. Henry Tautfest, that he was three days on the way from Camp Lewis and arrived at Camp Kearney July 16, passing through Aurora at 11 o'clock Saturday night. It is very hot at Camp Kearney. He says, "It must be about 105 degrees in the shade and they say it is cool today. There are two airplanes flying overhead while I am writing this. Camp Kearney is about 14 miles from San Diego." His company will be out of quarantine again on the 26th.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Thompson from Seattle, Washington, called on Mr. G. Dentel and family on his way home from Call.

Supervisor W. C. Hoppes, school supervisor of this county who was included in a recent draft call, left Salem Monday with a contingent of forty-two men who were mustered in by the office at Dallas and entrained for Camp Lewis.

A very pleasant motor party took place at Oswego Lake Sunday in honor of Ulysses S. Giesy who is home on a furlough from Mare Island, Cal. Those in the party were Ulysses S. Giesy, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Giesy, Teddy and Viola Giesy, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Colvin and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Colvin and baby, Miss Elsie Colvin, Miss Agnes Colvin, Mr. and Mrs. Will Dentel and children, Mrs. Chas. Radcliff and Charles and Lewis Radcliff.

## MARKET REPORT

Egg per dozen, 40c  
Butter, 2-lb. roll, 70c  
Butter Fat, 41c  
Spring Broilers 26c  
Ducks, 18c to 20c  
Turkeys, old, 20c  
Jeese 12c  
Old Roosters, 12c  
Hens, 18c to 21c  
Beans 6c to 10c  
Cascara, 8c  
Lard, 30c  
Wool, 60  
Mohair 45c  
Potatoes, \$1.00

## Town Topics

Mrs. Henry Boege was among the ladies shopping here this week.

Jack Barkman was a business visitor here Tuesday from Feller Station.

City recorder George Penrod was here yesterday on business from Butteville.

Fred Crann was a business visitor here this week from the Leabo neighborhood.

Sidney Graham was among the Butteville people transacting business here Monday.

Mrs. Jos. Marsh has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Marsh this week.

M. H. Hostetler was a business visitor here Wednesday from his home east of Hubbard.

F. L. Miller has just received a complete carload of Overlands which he unloaded this week.

George Ziegler was up from Barlow this week transacting business at the Aurora stores.

H. L. Mills shipped a car load of wood to W. S. Hurst of Portland recently from this station.

Mrs. Goetz and children are visitors at the home of her brother J. P. Lippner, at Union Hill.

Mrs. Diana McDonell is here this week from Portland visiting her sister Mrs. J. S. Vandeleur.

H. H. Deetz and daughter Rachel were here yesterday from South Paradise, shopping at the Aurora stores.

Mrs. Naylor and daughter Miss Mary Naylor who have been at their farm near Donald during the canning season, returned this week to their home near Roseburg.

Mrs. Will Damm and Miss Rosie Damm accompanied Will Damm to Oregon City Tuesday, where he went to entrain for Camp Lewis with the Clackamas county boys.

George Kraus began to reshingle his house Monday—and the same day it rained. The responsibility rests with him or with Al Kraus and Wm. Bruns who are doing the work.

J. T. Moore is home for a few days from Washington where he has been working in a logging camp, where he had the misfortune to sprain his ankle. He will be laid up for some time.

W. H. Ehlen, W. H. Nibler and A. W. Elliott made a trip to Pine Creek above Molalla this week on a fishing trip. They caught about 50, were caught in a soaking rain, slept in a stable with belled-cows and belled-sheep and with numerous other more minute and intimate bed-fellows—and had a good time all around!

The Portland Union Stock Yards Market letter of July 23 quotes prime steers at \$11.75 to \$12.25, choice cows and heifers \$8.00 to \$8.50, bulls \$5.50 to \$7.50, and calves at \$3.50 to \$11.50. Hogs, prime mixed, are quoted at \$17.85 to \$18.00, with the bulk at \$17.75 to \$17.85. Valley lambs are quoted at \$13.50 to \$14.00.

Mrs. Chas. Radcliff entertained a few friends Wednesday evening at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Dentel at East Butteville in honor of her nephew Ulysses S. Giesy who is here from Mare Island, Cal. The affair was a "Sense" party and music. Light refreshments were served at midnight and all spent a very pleasant evening. Those present were Ulysses Giesy, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dentel, Mr. and Mrs. Will Gooding, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yergen, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dentel, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dentel, Mr. and Mrs. Will Dentel, Mrs. Chas. Radcliff, Oscar and Wilber Wilson, Lyle and Norman Yergen, Paul Gooding, Ivan Emery, June and Dorothy Dentel, Charles and Lewis Radcliff.

County Commissioner W. H. Goulet was here on county business connected with the repair of the bridge at the north end of main street. With road Patrolman Al Zimmerman he made arrangements for its repair. He believes that the paving of 17 miles of the Pacific Highway from here to the hill beyond Lake Labish is a certainty in the spring.

## "Political Yarns"

Rumors still persist that Alex La Follett will run as an independent candidate this fall for the state senate. This can hardly be credited, as he has always been a party man. As he was beaten fair and square in the Republican primaries, there is no valid excuse for his coming out as an independent. It is currently reported, however, that the plan is contemplated as a move to defeat W. Al. Jones and that it has the approval of the Governor. It is not conceivable, however, that the people of Marion county will stand for such a dirty political move, if La Follett should unwisely decide to be a candidate.

## MERIDIAN

Mrs. Molly France was a week-end visitor in Tacoma.

Hazel Mills spent several days at the home of Mrs. Victor Berg last week.

Mrs. John Shepherd was a guest at the home of Mrs. F. E. Mills Tuesday.

Two of J. C. Brewer's nephews were here from Donald Sunday to visit him.

Mrs. Forest E. Mills has received news of the safe arrival of her son, Lieut. Phelps, in France.

Earl France, who is selling large quantities of aluminum ware had Albert Pratt and his truck last week to make deliveries.

C. E. Watts has a touch of rheumatism and Mr. Gardner is suffering from a swollen face as the result of a cold settling in his teeth.

Mrs. C. C. Oldfield who has been entertaining a former school mate of Pendleton, accompanied her guest as far as Portland upon her return.

Fred Yohan has been cutting wheat for Christ Frost and Eldoras Pratt for Messrs. Bann, Plantz and Oldfield. Most grain with a few exceptions, will be a light crop here.

Albert Pratt and sister Alnora visited friends in Hubbard Sunday, and Mr. and Mrs. Mills were guests at the homes of John Blosser and S. Carines at West Woodburn.

Among the Meridian people transacting business in Aurora recently were Mrs. Jory, Frank Albee, James Brewer, C. E. Watts, grant Plants and Fred Yohan and family.

Mrs. Nora Blosser went to Portland Friday to visit friends.

C. W. Carothers and son Willard were among the Needy residents here Wednesday. Mr. Carothers states that threshing has begun in that neighborhood, where not many farms will have a crop of grain.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fish were in the city Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of Portland are here visiting Mrs. Johnson's parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krans.

Ed. Muecke is expected to arrive soon at the home of his brothers Hugo and Carl Muecke. His trunks have arrived by express from San Francisco. Mr. Muecke is probably coming overland by automobile.

Miss Verna Lamb of Donald, Miss Edith Karr of Canby and F. D. Braly of Needy have been granted new certificates to teach as the result of the teachers examination last month.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Colvin were here from the Colvin farm Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Colvin have gone to Hood River where their son John Colvin is ill. He is reported as better now.

We have often quoted that old verse, "Gather your roses while ye may," and we can well now change it to "gather your vegetables," for by so doing we can accomplish great good.

"We stand behind our boys in France and we will not call it a sacrifice but a privilege to do our bit toward feeding them Over There."—Emma V. MILLIKEN.

**Real Strategy.**  
"Cook got the children interested in a war game this morning. She suggested they should play they were in a battle, and shell the enemies."  
"Who were the enemies?"  
"The peas."

**Shoot!**  
Cholly—Would it be against the law for me to shoot a couple of bears?  
Guide—No; there's no law agin' ly-tug that I ever heerd tell on.

## Additional Editorials

### FOURTEEN MILLION SHORT

The banks of the seven Western States of the Twelfth Federal Reserve were asked by the Treasury Department to purchase \$53,000,000 of Treasury certificates during the two weeks ending July 16. The banks purchased only \$39,000,000, and the Twelfth District was \$14,000,000 short. Practically the same amount will be asked every two weeks for 20 weeks. The failure of the Western Banks to purchase their allotment, has led the Federal director of sales for the Twelfth District to address a letter to all Western banks in which he says in part:

"Let us be both frank and honest with ourselves. Have we learned to say "NO" to the borrowing public on notes given to pay for pleasure automobiles, or for stocks and bonds purchased with profiteering intent, or for other needless expenditures? Have we abandoned the plan of "Business as Usual" and gotten down to an honest-to-God policy of helping WIN THE WAR? Is it conceivable that the government will long permit unnecessary sacrifice on the Western front through the FAILURE on the part of the banks to advance promptly 2 1-2 per cent of their resources every other week? Should the banker under the existing conditions hesitate to advance the 2 1-2 per cent as called, because he needs the money to loan private parties offering a HIGHER rate of interest? Is not the moral obligation to SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT at the present time stronger than any written contract possibly can be?"

The Aurora State Bank has met every call for money or service with its full share, and will continue to do so, because its officers and directors realize that the way out of the war is STRAIGHT AHEAD, and that banks are under obligations and orders as IMPERATIVE as those given the soldiers by the military authorities.

### INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

This war is to be won not by one man or by one thousand men or one million men, or one million people. It is to be won by the united efforts of the individuals of many nations.

Every American citizen has an individual duty to perform, an individual share of the responsibility. The more powerful and effective the American forces are the shorter will be the war, and the shorter the war the fewer lives lost, the greater the number of American soldiers who will return home victorious.

Every American who economizes in consumption of material, who increases production, who saves and lends savings to the Government does something to help win the war.

There is only one royal road to food conservation. It passes through your kitchen door.

A Salem woman whose husband is in France with the Third Oregon is so intensely patriotic that when the news came of the victorious exploits of the American troop, she woke up the baby and spanked him to make him join the shouts of victory. "Holler, baby, holler."

Contrary to general expectation, it appears that even farmer telephone lines will be under the absolute control of the government under the authority granted by Congress to take over telephone lines. It is not probable, however, that it will require local lines to do more than to maintain good long distance connections. Local management will not be interfered with.

America may well be proud of her soldiers in France. Between the Marne and the Airne they have proved their mettle. At Cantigny, Belleau Wood, Bourseches, Buisieres, and Vaux their successes were no less brilliant than during the great offensive this week. It must not be supposed that this advance is a major offensive, but it has proved to the allies as well as to the Germans the fighting qualities of the American soldiers. Between the Marne and the Aisne we have seen the beginning of the end of the Hun pretensions to military superiority.

The report of an investigating committee which has probed into the living conditions of the industrial population of Portland has revealed thousands upon thousands of shipyard and other workers domiciled in dark, filthy, nauseating tenements—the home of latent tuberculosis and contagion. People were found living in dirty shacks, filthy basements, and even in damp foul cellars. It must have been an astonishing revelation to such men as A. L. Mills, who visited some of these "lower levels" himself. Health, decency and morality demands that Portland remedy these evils and adequately house the industrial workers that are flocking to the city at the call of the nation.