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## SPRINGFIELD BOYS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN ON TUSCANIA

Three Are Believed to Have  
Been on Transport Torpe-  
doed by Germans

2 WERE S. H. S. STUDENTS

Lieutenant S. L. Van Valzah, Floyd  
Fry, and Edward Burgess Were  
Among Units to Sail

Several Springfield boys are thought to have been on the transport Tuscania, carrying U. S. troops to France, which was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland last evening. Among these boys are First Lieutenant S. L. Van Valzah son, of Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah, Floyd Fry, son of J. P. Fry, and Edward Burgess.

First Lieutenant S. L. Van Valzah is a member of the laboratory department of the 32nd division of the Base Hospital corps and is 29 years of age. He is the commanding officer of a mobile laboratory unit to be sent to France.

Dr. Van Valzah was brought up in Springfield having come here from Pennsylvania with his parents, when he was only three years old. He is a graduate of Springfield High school with the class of 1907 and of the University of Oregon in 1911. In 1915 he finished at John Hopkins University. That summer he came to Oregon and then went to San Francisco where he remained for a year. For a year he was in Panama as a physician during the construction of the Panama canal and fifteen months ago he enlisted in the medical division of the regular army.

A year ago last October he married Miss Viola Summers. She is now living with her parents in Baltimore.

When ordered to move Dr. Van Valzah's name was then on the bulletin board for promotion to captain.

Floyd Fry, son of J. P. Fry, is a member of Co. F, 20th Engineers and was stationed at Washington, D. C. just before sailing. He enlisted December 7, and went from here to Vancouver, later being sent to Washington D. C.

He was born in Nebraska and is 25 years of age. The day before he enlisted he had returned from Nebraska where he had been employed. He is a former Springfield High school student.

Edward Burgess, formerly of Springfield, is also thought to have been aboard the ship. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, who moved from here to Noti.

## ALIENS HAVE TWO DAYS Unnaturalized Germans Must Register by Saturday Night

Only two more days remain in which German aliens will be given a chance to register. If they have not presented themselves for registration before Saturday night they will be subject to arrest and internment for the duration of the war.

Those designated as German aliens are Germans who have not yet received their naturalization papers and who were 14 years old or over last Monday. This registration ruling does not apply to Austrians.

In Springfield they are being registered by Postmaster Harry M. Stewart at the post office.

**State Organizer Leaves**  
Miss Margaret Copland, state organizer for the P. E. O. Sisterhood left Sunday night for Albany, after a few days visit at the home of Mrs. R. L. Kirk, state president of the Sisterhood, of this city. Mrs. Kirk is also president of Chapter H, of Eugene.

## BROTHER NOW IN FRANCE

D. S. Beals Receives Letter from  
Brother, Oliver K. Beals

D. S. Beals received word this week from his brother, Oliver K. Beals, of his safe arrival in France and saying that he had been made range finder for one of the big guns.

He enlisted late in September going from Portland to Fort Robinson, Wisconsin. He writes for his brother to send him candy as he craves that more than anything else. His parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Beals, live at Shedd, Oregon.

## Holbrook Sells Merchandise Stock

D. L. Webster Buys Goods and  
Will Close up Business  
Here

A business deal in which the Holbrook Trading company sold their stock to D. L. Webster, of Alpine, was made public yesterday.

J. C. Holbrook and family came to Springfield two and a half years ago from Albany where Mr. Holbrook was engaged in business and bought the hardware business from H. E. Rice and O. W. Johnson. The business was formerly carried on under the name of the Holbrook Hardware store but a short time ago Mrs. J. C. Holbrook and C. E. Sox, of Albany, were taken into the firm and the name was changed to the Holbrook Trading company. Mr. Holbrook has no plans to announce at present regarding the future.

Mr. Webster operates a large general merchandise store at Alpine and in addition to this buys out the stocks of retiring firms and business houses and sells them at sale prices.

He is now at work getting this stock ready for sale at invoice prices. He is also closing out a store at Creswell.

## National Bank Service Flag

Three Former Employees Are  
Now in Some Department  
of Federal Service

A service flag bearing three stars has been hung in the window at the First National bank. The stars represent boys who have been employed in the bank but are now in some department of the federal service.

Herbert B. Hansen, who left here during the summer of 1916, is now in the Quartermaster's corps, N. G. O. at Ellis Island, New York. He is a '15 graduate from the Springfield High school.

Corporal Winifred L. May enlisted in the Sixth company Field Artillery in April 9, 1917 and is now in France. He is also a graduate from the local High school, with the class of 1916 and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. May of this city.

Creed V. Brattain, a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brattain, enlisted last month in the Quartermaster's corps and is now in Texas. He too graduated from Springfield High school in 1916.

The position of book-keeper filled at different times by each of these three young men is now filled by Elsie Weddle, also a former Springfield High school student.

## Enlists in Marines

W. L. McCulloch, of the Oregon Power company, received a telephone message yesterday evening from Harry Wallace who left yesterday for Portland to take his final examination for enlistment in the Marines saying that he had successfully passed the examination and that he will be sent to the Mare Island training station at once. Mr. Wallace came to Springfield last June from Louisville, Kentucky and has since been employed at the Oregon Power company's plant in this city.

## NO FOOD WASTE ALLOWED HERE



Rumors of waste of food at cantonment camps have been hotly resented by officers who have charge of garbage disposal at the various camps. This picture shows the unloading of garbage at the central depot at Camp Meade. The cans are brought from benches underneath the windows of each mess hall. Each can is labeled for various sorts of refuse so that bones, cans, paper, etc., go into separate receptacles. The camp's conservation officer notes the contents of each can as they are dumped into motortrucks for sale to contractors. At Camp Meade a cook who fails to scrape a bone properly is in for a stiff can.

## EAT RICE AND YOU GROW FAT

Popular Grain Not Only a Splendid  
Diet, but is Among Cheaper  
Foods on the Market.

Rice is one of the few food products that have not advanced in price, asserts the Memphis Commercial-Appeal. You can get about four pounds of rice for a quarter. A quarter's worth of rice will carry you further than 50 cents' worth of beef. A quarter's worth of rice will carry you as far as 50 cents' worth of flour.

Rice is a wholesome food. Fashion caused a reduction of the greatest food value in rice requiring it to be polished. There ought to be a law forbidding the whitening of flour and polishing the rice. The law should be so that the whole grain should be

ground into flour. People would have better teeth and better digestion. But this article is about cheap food and not about the business of keeping healthy.

Rice is the chief diet of about a third of the population of the world. The rice-eating Jap whipped the filling out of the tallow and flour-eating Russian. A man can go farther on a rice diet than on any other single article of food that is grown.

So, if you do not want to spend all your money for food, buy rice.

If you want to have a variety in your diet, and that cheaply, buy sweet potatoes. And if you want a dessert buy some molasses. Rice, sweet potatoes and molasses are the only food products we know of that are not high. Eat rice, it is healthful; and eat rice, it is cheap.

## NIGHT WATCHMAN'S CLOCK IS STOLEN

Thief Climber Over Partition in  
City Hall and Stole Time  
Piece

Sometime between the hours of 5:30 A. M. and 1 P. M. Tuesday afternoon, the night watchman's clock was taken from the office of the city recorder at the City Hall.

The clock was left in the recorder's office at 5:30 o'clock Tuesday morning by A. C. Travis, night watchman, and the door to the office locked. At one o'clock recorder John Edwards opened the office for the day but did not notice that the clock was missing until later when he decided to put a new dial on it and found it gone from its accustomed place. Anyone to reach the inside of the recorder's office must climb over a wall about eight feet in height, which separates the office from the council room. As yet no trace has been found of the missing clock.

**Son is in France**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hills, of Jasper have received word that their son, Alva Hills, has arrived safely in France. Mr. Hills is with the Engineering corps and only left here a short time before the holidays.

**Return from Funeral**  
Mrs. H. J. Reynolds and Mrs. Florence Luther, of Eugene returned from attending the funeral of Mrs. Tillie Luther Michaels of Portland, Monday evening and on Tuesday visited friends in this city.

**Stanfield Will Be Here**  
R. N. Stanfield, candidate for United States Senator, who is making a tour of Western Oregon for the week beginning February 4, announces that he will be in Springfield February 10.

## HARRIET VILAS RESIGNS POSITION

School Board Institutes Course  
in Military Training at  
Monthly Meeting

The Springfield school board met Monday evening in regular session and the regular monthly bills were allowed, the resignation of Harriet Vilas was accepted and a teacher was hired to fill her place, and a military tactics and training course was instituted at the High school.

Monthly bills including salaries, light, and water, and other equipment were read and passed upon by the board.

The resignation of Miss Harriet Vilas, for the past year and one half Third grade teacher in the Springfield public schools, was read and accepted, to take effect at the end of the first semester, February 8.

Barbara Steinberg, a graduate of the Monmouth Normal school with the class of February '18 was elected to fill Miss Vilas' place.

The board decided to institute a course in military tactics and training at the High school and in accordance with the state law the decision was taken up before the governor for his approval. A petition signed by over 20 of the male students of the High school and presented to the school board was sent to the governor along with the decision of the board.

The male students of the school have been having military drill for the past two weeks under the direction of Superintendent R. L. Kirk. Practice is held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings after school. A class for officers is also being drilled.

Mrs. M. N. Thompson left today for Portland to attend the spring opening of the wholesale millinery houses.

## B. K. OFFICIALS MEET

All Officers Are Re-elected for Another  
Year

The annual meeting of the directors of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company was held at the company's office in Eugene Tuesday at which time the following officers were re-elected for another year: President, J. E. Danahar; vice-president, R. A. Booth; secretary-treasurer, H. A. Dunbar; manager, A. C. Dixon.

The directors are James E. Danahar of Detroit, Michigan; R. A. Booth and A. C. Dixon, of Eugene; P. S. Brundy and John A. Keating, of Eugene; M. H. Kelley, of Duluth, Minn., and F. H. Buck, of San Francisco.

## Service Reserve Is To Be Organized

R. L. Kirk Is Appointed Chair-  
man of Springfield  
Territory

R. L. Kirk has been appointed chairman of Springfield for the United States Public Service reserve.

The purpose of this reserve is to register all persons who have special training, such as shipbuilders, engineers of all classes, draftsmen, boiler-makers, pipe workers, and skilled laborers in all the industries. A number of applications for registration have already been received from various parts of the county by R. A. Booth who is the county chairman.

A questionnaire showing his qualifications and experiences is prepared by each applicant. This is forwarded to the department of labor, which in turn notifies the registrant of opportunities in his special branch, including information regarding wages paid place of operation, etc.

## Whitlock Reveals Pan-German Policy

U. S. Minister to Belgium Will  
Tell His Story of that Coun-  
try in Sunday Journal

The tragedy of Belgium has awakened the world to the full significance of Pan-Germanism—that over-ambitious policy of territorial and economic aggrandizement that reckons not with treaty obligations and human considerations in its accomplishment.

Belgium was the quickest highway to France. Therefore, Belgium must be sacrificed regardless of Germany's previous guarantee of Belgian neutrality for declared the Prussian machine, a treaty is only "a scrap of paper" and "necessity knows no law."

For more than four years the United States has been represented at the seat of the Belgian government by Brand Whitlock as minister. Mr. Whitlock became famous in this country during the four terms that he served as mayor of Toledo, Ohio, when his broad understanding of civic problems was evidenced in his writings.

No more suitable man could have occupied the Belgian legation during this critical period than Brand Whitlock and his account of Belgium's tragic experience which will be published serially in The Oregon Sunday Journal beginning February 17, is the biggest story that the war has produced.

## DIES AT VANCOUVER, WASH

Funeral Will Be Held Tomorrow Af-  
ternoon at 2 O'clock

Ernest A. Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Mason, who live east of Springfield, died yesterday at Vancouver, Washington of pleural pneumonia. He was a member of the 403rd squadron A. S. S. C. stationed at Vancouver.

The funeral will be held from the Walker undertaking chapel tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment will be made at Laurel Hill cemetery. Reverend J. S. McCallum, pastor of the Christian church will conduct the service.

Dr. J. E. Richmond has returned from a few days' visit with his parents at Newport.

## NEXT POLITICAL BATTLE SOON TO BE FOUGHT IN OREGON

Men Are to Be Selected for  
Senators and Repre-  
sentatives

STATE TO MAKE PROGRESS

Voters Should Discriminate in Favor  
of Strong Characters for  
Law Makers

The next great political battle will soon be fought in Oregon. It will be a battle of deepest concern to every man, woman and child in the State. It will be a battle that will effect the development of our resources and industries; it will be a determining battle and the result will decide whether the State of Oregon shall take that proper position in the great family of states to which its tremendous physical and natural resources, as well as latent initiative and capacity entitled it, or whether it shall continue to be outdistanced in the procession of progress that is constantly growing on the Pacific coast.

Vital issues will be involved, and if the future welfare of our State is to be assured it will be necessary for us to take a deeper and more active interest, not only in the issues that are to be placed before us, but in the men whom we are to elect to solve them and it is therefore imperative that we consider the election of our state senators and representatives with more than the passive indifference that has characterized our elections in the past.

Oregon, through its misrepresentation has established for itself a reputation as an experimental station for all sorts of freak legislation from coast to coast. Laws essential to our economic expansion have been carefully and adroitly avoided, while so many needless, useless and throttling laws have been enacted that it would take a miracle to save our State from utter stagnation if they were all enforced. Inefficiency, timidity and undesirable influences have strangled the efforts of the progressive elements of our Legislature and have retarded our growth and hampered our progress.

Our Legislative halls have been filled with young lawyers, concerned more with their personal ambitions and the establishment of reputations, than the welfare and requirements of the State. Men incapable of managing an enterprise requiring even mediocre executive ability have been delegated by our voters to manage the affairs of the State, and they have been moulding our destiny, not with a due regard for our commercial and industrial expansion, but in that narrow, limited manner that always accompanies personal and selfish motives. Of course, here and there we have elected a few good business men and broad visioned representatives, who have done exceptional work in the way of initiating good constructive legislation—but their efforts have been nullified by the tide of "mossbackism" that has kept the State of Oregon behind her sister states in the past, and it is time corrective measures were adopted.

We suggest therefore that public spirited citizens of every county in Oregon, and every commercial club and civic organization interest themselves in the vital issues that are now more than ever confronting us, and see if we cannot by discriminating elect representatives who will not hesitate to legislate, not upon immaterial problems, but upon questions pertaining clearly to the welfare and development of the State and its resources.

Let us select men who are not afraid to come out in favor of definite constructive policies and let us compel them to commit themselves to advance. Let us, this year, concern ourselves with issues rather than persons.

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