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Surrenders to Charm of Melting Voice and Wanders Helplessly Astray.

"DATE" IS MADE BY PHONE

Resumption of Interrupted Service Relieves Him From What Might Have Proved Serious Entanglement.

Ting-a-ling-aling!

The News editor wearily removed the receiver from the hook and said "Howdy-do."

A soft, dulcet voice from some modern daughter of Eve was heard murmuring something like "I—w—want you to come"—when that twentieth century invention of convenience and cussedness, the telephone, missed for the fifth time that day, and the editor on the qui vive of expectancy, waited patiently until service was once again resumed.

"I want you—" started over the wire again, and into every cadence there crept a caress. The editor by this time was thoroughly aroused from his lethargy and sat up and took a little interest in life. He did not even notice the second interruption. The voice of the unseen siren was luring him from prosaic things into idyllic p thrays. The tangled skeins of Fate were about to entwine his humdrum existence and enmesh it into thrall-dom. Dreams of limpid streams and purring brooks were intruding their seductive voices and leading him on, he knew not whither. Ye, gods, what a voice! Could it belong to anyone but a piquant face set in a fresco of golden hair? Was she as good as her voice was sweet, or was she a brazen hussy who had Theda Bara skinned a mile when it came to vampiring exemplary men from off their perch? Was it Cleopatra or Undine or some other old timer of history or mythology essaying a "comeback" and trying to weave their spell around an easy mark? The poor old fish tried to brace himself for the next shock. He had been out of this game for a long time—he had forgotten how to handle the situation. He tried to refresh his memory with the subtlety of an art which had long since lost its charm for him. He rolled back the years and delved into the long ago, groping for the magic potency of his gay Lothario days. He even went back to callow youth when he acted like a boob in his first "postoffice" game, but eventually became a star performer. He thought of the songs of Solomon, but they didn't seem to fit. He tried to recall what he had gleaned from an account of the experiences of Nat Goodwin, but it seems that Nat never actually revealed anything of what to do in a sudden emergency. He was up again it and knew it. Some Jane was trying to hook him and lure him from the paths of rectitude to the "primrose ways of dalliance."

There was a buzz and a crash in the receiver and then the voice came once more—not so dulcet—there was a peevishness evidently born of the vexations of the "servus." It was laden with impatience; the owner was almost mad. She was human after all. She was a regular girl, and there was no hint this time of anything calculated to engender heart throbs or ruin mankind. She was alright—it was just her way. The editor came out of his trance as he took her message this time without having his soul harrowed and his tender heart ploughed and tilled.

"I want you to come to the irrigation meeting tonight at the Eugene Chamber of Commerce rooms at 8:30. I am extending this invitation on behalf of the committee in charge of the meeting," was the context of her most businesslike announcement.

The editor said he would go even though they held the meeting in Hall-fax. He was interested in irrigation, and the announcement smelled like a news item.

He went. The project in itself was of no special interest to the News, as it related to territory in the county not adjacent to Springfield. It was the general idea of irrigation as applied to Lane county soils that excited the News' interest. It was a generally untried thing, and largely theoretical.

The meeting was opened by Chairman Dugald Campbell, who introduced Ralph Schneelock, representing the Clark-Kendall Company, operating bond issues, underwriting both irrigation and drainage systems. Mr. Schneelock in explaining the legal phase of the question stated that all irrigation districts in the State were policed by the State Engineer's office. That if the plan was not practicable the State Engineer would not permit the installing of any system prescribed by the Oregon Irrigation laws. Further, when any system was authorized by popular vote of the people owning property in such district to be irrigated, that it must then have the approval of the State Engineer and work on the project was subject to the acceptance of his office.

He stated in relation to the water supply that while storage at the headwaters of the Willamette was feasible, that for the most part the supply of the river proper was appropriated at Oregon City. He recommended strongly the use of Lake Waldo that has a minimum capacity of 90,000-acre feet. His first estimate of the storage cost is placed at \$2 an acre. His estimate for the annual water service charge is 50 cents an acre. Operation of both irrigation and drainage ditches, \$1 an acre, and interest on bonds at \$3 an acre.

Nearly all of those present at the meeting were farmers living within the limits of the proposed project and over half of them were opposed to the idea. They disagreed strongly with speaker's estimate of the cost of operation and maintenance, claiming that it would far exceed the sums named. It is presumed, however, that few were opposed to the idea of irrigation as a practical aid in Willamette valley farming, especially in the drier localities, but their opposition was based mainly upon the theory that the cost would far exceed the benefits to be derived.

The speaker in outlining some of the details of the system stated that every farm of 40 acres or less would be given an opening on the high side of the land, and farms larger than 40 acres would have an opening upon each 40-acre unit. All would have a drainage lateral upon the low side of the land.

Mr. Schneelock's claim that leveling of the land, or "floating," as he termed it, could be done at the cost of plowing provoked a storm of protest from one of the farmers, who claimed that it would cost ten times that. The speaker pointed out, however, that anyone could be exempted from liability of cost of the system upon his showing that his land would not be benefitted to the extent of his share of the cost of the project. This protective feature of the law, however, did not serve to break down the opposition to the proposed system.

The farmers from along the River road, Junction City and the Long Tom, came into the meeting loaded for bear and discussion. Apparently they went away satisfied. So did the News editor. He had learned something that he didn't know before.

"WORK OR FIGHT" SLOGAN Farmers of Coburg Will Not Tolerate Idlers and Beggars.

The farmers around Coburg are determined that there shall be no beggars or idlers in that community. During the past three or four days they have arrested three men who have been begging in that vicinity and have turned them over to the sheriff.

The first one was John Wagner, a German alien enemy, who is still in prison awaiting action to be taken by the federal authorities. Thursday a one-legged man who was begging was turned over and another man was reported that was soliciting alms.

All other vagrants who are able to work are turned over to the county court and put to work on the roads, as there is need of help in that department.

GOSHEN WOMEN ORGANIZE Local National Service League for Women is Formed.

A delegation of the ladies of Goshen and vicinity met at the M. E. Church, with Miss Lucille Dunn and Mrs. S. D. Allen of Eugene, last Wednesday, to organize the National League for Women's Service.

It was organized under the auspices of the Woman's Work committee of the Goshen grange. George Warner was appointed chairman, Mrs. Lane Matlock secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. C. A. Merriman, Mrs. M. Peck and Mrs. Boyd executive committee, with Mrs. H. L. Edmunson chairman.

"ZERO HOUR" TO BE NATION'S BATTLE CRY

Drive of Fourth Liberty Loan Which Begins September 28th, Will Have for Stimulus the Fateful Hour of the Battle Action in France.

The all-important "zero hour" of the battles in France is to have its counterpart in the campaign of the Fourth Liberty Loan in Oregon.

Battles in France are timed from an hour, or minutes of an hour. This time is known as the "zero hour" and is a secret closely guarded by the division heads. All movements of troops and all action is based on time calculations made from the "zero hour." A certain infantry receives instructions to take a certain objective at so many minutes past the zero hour. In that way a whole campaign can be worked out in detail, with all commanders fully aware of their relation to other movements, waiting only the secret which is the key to the whole movement.

Oregon's "zero hour" for the next Liberty Loan is nine o'clock, September 28. This is to be the watchword of the whole drive and through voluntary subscriptions this State is expected to have attained all objectives and again be "over the top" first by nine o'clock of the day when other states will just be getting into action.

County managers and committee men in their recent meeting in Portland decided that it could be done; that all Oregon needed was to be told how much Uncle Sam needed, and how badly he needed it, and its patriotic citizens would each do their part so willingly that the effort of soliciting committees would not be needed.

Symbolizing this whole scheme, State headquarters has sent to the News a graphic interpretation of the spirit of the campaign. It is a small clock with the "zero hour" 9 o'clock pointed out by the hands.

At the top a soldier in an expression of grim determination brings home the spirit of accomplishment, while at the bottom is Uncle Sam, confidently looking at the time indicated. It is up to Oregon to see that he is not disappointed.

Buttons for subscribers to the next loan have also arrived in Oregon and are now being distributed to the county organizations. The button is slightly smaller than the last. It is patterned after the honor flag of the last loan, being a rectangle of white bordered with red and crossed by the four blue stripes, symbolizing the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Posters and other advertising matter are arriving in great quantities and problems of previous drives with regard to slow deliveries of supplies have been overcome with early movement from Washington in the way of large posters and lithographs and local production of the smaller matters.

Local committees will get what they want when they need it so that they will be able to offer their subscribers every inducement to make his voluntary declaration in plenty of time to make good the plan of the State committees.

"WORK OR FIGHT" IS ELIMINATED

Amendment in Draft Bill Proves Obstacle to Passage and is Stricken Out.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Enactment by Congress and transmission to President Wilson tomorrow of the manpower bill broadening the Army draft age limits to include men of 18 to 45 years of age appeared assured late today, when the Senate and House conferees unexpectedly reached a complete agreement on all important disputes, striking out the Senate's "work-or-fight" amendment.

Adoption of the conferees' agreement in both Senate and House immediately after they reconvene at noon tomorrow was regarded by the conferees as a certainty.

Only disposal of minor amendments for drafting of the formal agreement remain to be done tomorrow before the assembling of the two houses.

Elimination of the "work-or-fight" amendment, on which the Senate conferees yielded, paved the way for the virtual agreement of the measure. The "work-or-fight" proposal was regarded as the only dispute likely to cause delay and the Senate managers consented to its deletion from the bill largely to expedite its enactment.

THIRTY-SIX REGISTERED Twenty-one-Year-Old Men Have Registered for New Lane Draft.

Thirty-six young men of Lane county, who have reached the age of 21 years since June 5th, up to and including yesterday, registered for the army draft and will be given order numbers as soon as the list of names is sent to the adjutant-general's office in Portland.

The boys were given questionnaires to fill, which are to be returned within a week from the time registered. The questions are simple, but any lawyer in the county will assist the registrants in filling them if necessary.

Those who registered from Springfield and community were: Frank Gibbs, Oscar Eugene Levlett, William McKinley Barnett, Springfield; Gerald Floyd Counts, Pearl Plaster, Cottage Grove; Elmo Hiram Dow, Marcola; Arley Riley Marsh, Elmira; William Charles, Dexter Peters, LeRoy Fox, Coburg; William Everett Wilkinson, Donna; James Corbett Smith, Dorena; Rufus Cromwell Cavett, Wendling; Percy Willis Southwick, Leaburg; Edmund H. Padden, Creswell.

Service; Rhymes of a Red Cross Man.

Smith; Novels, Caleb West; Master Diver.

Smith; Only a Dog. Stevenson; At the Front in a Filver, Tarkington; Seventeen.

True Stories of the Great War, vols. 4 and 5.

White; Arizona Nights.

White; Gold.

White; The Gray Dawn.

White; Court of Boyville.

Red Cross Holds Meeting.

A business session of the Red Cross was held in the City Hall on Tuesday evening. The reports of the committees were as follows:

Surgical Dressing Committee, Mrs. Wheaton, Chairman—Completion of 546 spagnum moss pads.

Knitting Committee, Mrs. Long, Chairman—Enrollment of twenty knitters.

Report of Treasurer, Miss Edna Swartz—Membership fees, \$6; donations from Iuka Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., \$63; private donation, \$2.50.

APPOINTS MRS. VAN VALZAH

Will Be Chairwoman for Fourth Liberty Loan Drive in This District.

Mrs. Ada B. Van Valzah has received the confirmation of her appointment as chairwoman of the Fourth Liberty Loan drive in the Springfield district and will enter upon her duties at once.

The confirmation follows:

Mrs. Ada B. Van Valzah,
Chairwoman Fourth Liberty Loan Drive, Springfield, Oregon.

My Dear Mrs. Van Valzah:

I am pleased to confirm your appointment as chairwoman of the Fourth Liberty Loan drive and I express the hope and the belief that you will organize the women of your district so that you may render timely and efficient service to your chairman and his organization.

Attached to this letter you will find a list of precincts in your district with the name of the precinct chairwoman used in each of the three prior loan drives, whenever we have been supplied with them.

Please notify these people of their reappointment if you are satisfied with them, and if you desire to appoint others please do so at once and advise me as soon as you can of all precinct chairwomen so that our office records may be completed.

A success of our campaign rests largely with those in charge of the local organization and it is very essential that they be people who will work and make prompt reports to you. Please appoint at once or as soon as you can the necessary teams to assist the men's committee with the work of soliciting.

Mr. W. W. Stilz will be in Eugene Thursday evening, August 29, and will hold a meeting for all Liberty Loan workers. Please be present if you can and have as many of your organization there as possible. Thanking you in advance for your co-operation, I am

Very truly,
MARTHA E. WATSON,
County Chairwoman Fourth Liberty Loan Committee.

F. M. ROTH NEW PRINCIPAL

Clackamas County Man to Head Springfield High School.

At a special meeting of the school board held last Friday evening, F. M. Roth of Clackamas county was elected to fill the principalship of the Springfield high school, which was made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Torbett, who has gone into government work. Mr. Roth comes here well recommended. He is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College and has taught in the Canby school for the past four years, where he has been principal.

Mr. Roth will move his family here in time for the opening of school, which will be Monday, September 23.

The fifth grade position made vacant by the resignation of Miss Grace Walker, was filled by the election of Miss Elizabeth James of Eugene.

J. S. McKay was elected janitor of the Lincoln school, and Fred Hinson janitor of the high school.

Announcement.

Hereafter the work of the canning force of the Woman's National Service League will be divided into four divisions, with a captain for each division. The captains selected are: Mrs. O. B. Kessey, Mrs. Mabel Gay, Mrs. Bertie Walker, Mrs. George Catching. The personnel of the working force will be announced later.

MRS. VAN VALZAH, Chairman.

BRITISH SMASH GERMAN LINES

Make Advance of Six Miles in One Day's Fighting on Wide Front.

BOOTY TAKEN ENORMOUS

British Operations Net Many Prisoners and Ground is Thickly Carpeted With German Dead.

Paris, Aug. 28.—In a swift advance today, covering more than six miles at certain points, the French troops south of the Somme recaptured 46 villages, the War Office announced tonight.

The Germans facing the allied forces from Arras to Soissons everywhere are in dire peril.

On almost every sector of the battle front the enemy line continues to crumble before the allied attack, notwithstanding the violence, born of desperation, of the counter offensive tactics.

Near Arras the old Hindenburg line now is well outflanked; from the Scarpe to the Somme the hostile line gradually is falling back, while on the south of the Somme to Soissons the enemy front has literally been smashed and the German hosts apparently are caught in two distinct traps, escape from which, without heavy losses in men made prisoner and guns and material captured seems almost impossible of achievement.

Scores of additional towns have been captured by the British, French and American troops, the Americans having entered the fray with the French northwest of Soissons, while all of the old German salients in the allied lines now have been flattened out and the allies themselves have dug deeply into the enemy's terrain.

The first trap in which the enemy finds himself is the triangle formed by the sharp curve of the Somme river with Peronne its apex and with Curleu on the Somme and Fresnes, respectively, its northern and southern bases. This triangle is a little more than three miles deep and six miles wide, and in it the Germans are fighting with their backs toward the Somme on both the north and the east.

Desperate resistance is being offered by the enemy in order that his men may have time to reach a haven of safety across the stream, but the British are hard after their quarry, and with the French a little to the south almost up to the river to aid them by an outflanking movement it would seem that the odds are heavily against the Germans.

It was the French troops who sprang the other trap. With the fall of Chaulnes the French forces routed the enemy over a front of about 19 miles and penetrated the region to a depth at some points of nearly seven miles.

Heavy fighting is in progress from a point south of Lens southward across the Scarpe river to the Arras-Cambrai road. The British are beating down the German resistance with steady blows.

At least two new German divisions have just been identified in this fighting. But while they are opposing the allies and in most cases are battling hard, there have been some instances in which the enemy troops have shown themselves to be excessively nervous, which is as it should be, considering the pounding they have had and are still getting from the British cannon and the defeats they have suffered at the hands of the advancing infantry.

Teuton Troops Mutiny. A large Boche force was brought up to counter attack the British positions east of Monchy. Some of the companies at the last moment, according to prisoners' statements, refused to participate and the rest went on without them, the British withdrawing 400 yards.

Later the British re-attacked, paying particular attention to the flanks, and drove the Germans out. Then a second time the enemy troops were called upon to counter attack. This time, it is reported, the whole body refused and only a few patrols were seen by the British.

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