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LIEUT. DORRIS SPEAKS ON WAR

Hero of Belgium and Argonne Gives Vivid Picture of Fighting.

YANKS SURPRISED HUNS American Valor and Smashing Tactics Disconcerted the Foe.

Lieutenant Benjamin F. Dorris, veteran of the Argonne and other famous battles and a graduate of Oregon University in 1915, gave a most interesting narrative of his experiences in the great war at the M. E. church Tuesday evening.

Lieut. Dorris wears a wound stripe and has a mutilated jaw and tongue by which he can remember the war. He lost 23 teeth as a result of being hit by a bullet on the chin. Lieutenant Dorris has been awarded the Belgium "croix de guerre."

"Ben" is very modest about the way he received the wound and explained how it happened. They were starting around a hill that was under shell fire. Lieutenant Dorris was with a headquarters company. One company advanced and all officers were shot. The men were left with no one in command and were unable to go further. Dorris was sent by headquarters to go out and reorganize the men and continue the advance. He went and was just ready to give the final command something happened, he didn't know what, but when he started to speak he found it impossible. He gave the orders by signs, then turned and walked back to the first aid hospital. Most of his chin was shot off and his teeth knocked out. His tongue was badly mutilated.

"The glory of war is the part that is always played up, but when you are in France it doesn't strike you so much. You don't hear so much about the inconveniences, the misery and the horrors of war over here as the soldier does in the trenches. I had a pretty good opportunity to see war and to see what it means," said Lieutenant Dorris. "There was no glory at any time until I got back home. There is none in the actual theatre of war. The men who didn't get across have just as much glory coming to them. You did your full duty in every way, all that could have been demanded of you, all that the government expected of you. You should have a feeling of relief and good fortune that you didn't get there," said Lieutenant Dorris to those of his audience who had been in the service.

"Is the glory worth the pain and suffering caused to the parents of the soldiers at home?" the speaker questioned. "All the glory of Lieutenant Larry Lynch who died on the battlefield in the gallantry of action will never compensate for the grief and death of his father, Joseph R. Lynch, governor of the 12th Federal Reserve Banking district. Lieutenant Dorris added. The elder Mr. Lynch died this week from heart trouble and grief over the loss of his son.

"Every outfit is wild to get in and wild to get out. It isn't human nature to stand up and have the ever present threat of a piece of steel the size of a half a water bucket going through you. It isn't an anything prospect. I never hated to go to anything so bad in my life as crawl out of that dug-out," said Mr. Dorris. He told about how he feared it all out and how he would feel and what damage a shell would do if one struck him. He stated that the effect was going to be had no matter where it hit. Even if the man feared to 'run' to go, no one said a word about it to anyone else. He related how he thought as he went over the top of the immense feeling of relief he would have if he were ordered to the rear. He was surprised when he got started toward Germany and found that his legs would actually work.

He said the men soon recovered from their scared feelings and was 'early' to go by the time they reached the German trenches. A barrage was set up behind them and they pressed forward. The smoke blinded them so they could only see a few feet ahead. When they reached the place where the front line trenches should have been they found only pulverized ground. It looked just as if the ocean had turned to dust. There was no trace of a trench. If there were any dead Germans there they would never be buried any deeper, was the opinion of the speaker.

The Germans had figured that the Yanks would never attempt to go through the woods, continued Mr. Dorris, but that they would go around, and so defended it but lightly. This was not their plan, however, as they plowed through the forest for 11 kilometers the first day and for 200 yards the second day. He told of the capture of 49 prisoners and 16 machine guns by Lieutenant John Bergard, a University graduate in 1917. The Germans were all ready to kiss Bergard's hands for the treatment he gave them.

Later in Bronoville, a little town with cobblestone streets, Lieutenant Dorris was with a group of men when

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U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE MAKES APPEAL TO PUBLIC

Since all the churches and church organizations in the country have united to observe May 4th as Employment Sunday, thereby enlisting in an intensive national campaign to assist the U. S. Employment Service and cooperating agencies in finding jobs for soldiers, sailors and war workers, I, the undersigned, take pleasure in giving most hearty endorsement to this patriotic movement.

It is to be hoped that in the observance of Employment Sunday every church in the country will be filled. On that day clergymen, Bible class teachers and special speakers will appeal for support of the U. S. Employment Service and urge employers to keep all employment openings listed with the local offices and bureaus for returning soldiers and sailors.

No subject is of more importance today than that of employment and industrial reconstruction. It was for the purpose of setting before the public the significance of these questions that May 4th is designated as Employment Sunday. Employers, working men and women, everybody, should make it a point to attend church on this day that mutual benefit may be derived from its full, patriotic and sincere observance.

In giving his endorsement to Employment Sunday, President Wilson has cabled the following message:

"The church organizations of the country having generously united in an effort to assist the U. S. Employment Service in securing work for returning soldiers, sailors and war workers, and having designated Sunday, May 4th as Employment Sunday, I am happy to add my voice to others in an appeal to our fellow countrymen to give their earnest and united support to this and every similar movement."

"I take it that the people of the country will universally observe Employment Sunday as a day of fresh dedication to the mutual helpfulness which will serve to work out in the months to come the difficult problems of employment and industrial reconstruction. In these days of victory we can make no better offering than that of service to the men and women who have won the victory.—Woodrow Wilson."

WILFRID F. SMITH, Federal Director for Oregon.

AUTOS COLLIDE ON DANGEROUS CURVE

What came near being a fatal tragedy was narrowly averted Sunday when a large automobile driven at a high rate of speed swerved around the turn after crossing under the electric car tracks and "side swiped" the car of F. Michael, who was proceeding slowly toward Eugene. Mr. Michael's machine, a small Saxon car, was badly damaged by the impact of the heavy car, which threw the smaller auto to the side of the road.

The big car, which was occupied by four men, did not halt to find out the damage done, but speeded away. Mr. Michael notified Sheriff Fred G. Stickle of the accident, and together they made a trip of several miles down the valley, but found no trace of the car which resembled the one driven by the lawbreakers.

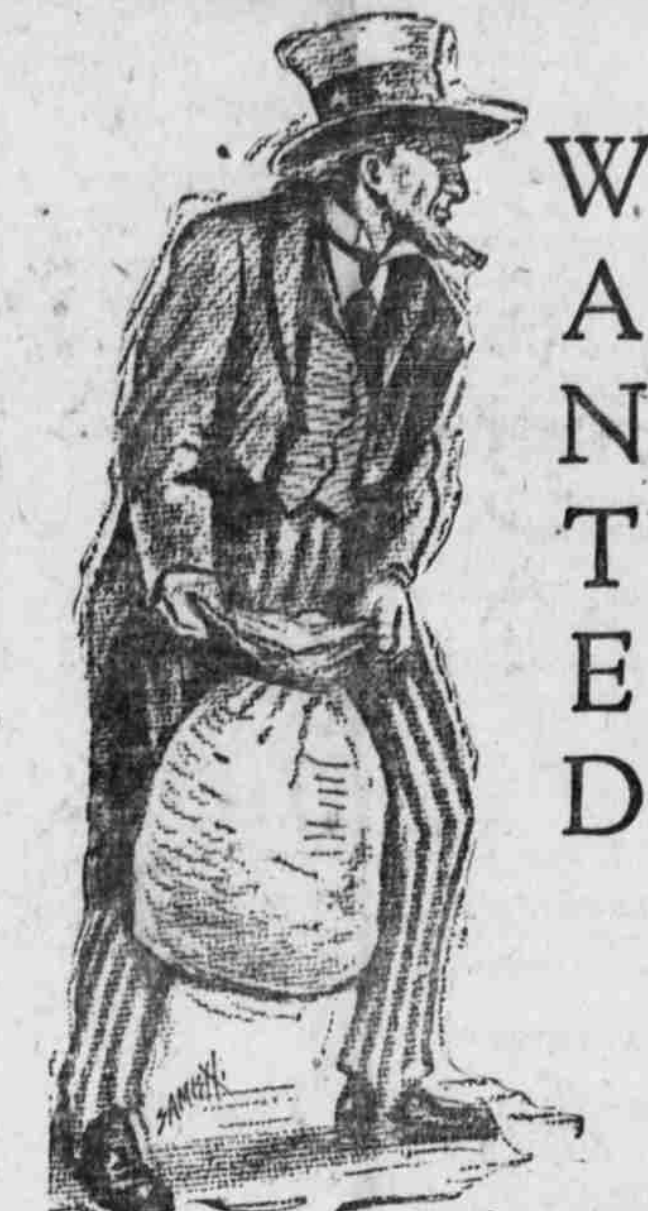
L. L. L. WILL GIVE A VICTORY MANCE MAY 10.

Loggers and Lumbermen Plan on Having Large Crowd.

The Loyal Legion Loggers and Lumbermen will hold a Victory Dance at Stevens Hall May 10th, and a large crowd and a delightful time is anticipated. The committee is making arrangements that will assure those who attend a delightful evening.

Hendershot's orchestra has been engaged for the evening and good music is thus assured. The public is invited.

"Fritz" fired on them from an orchard across a narrow ravine. One of the officers found a door on one side of the street and Lieutenant Dorris turned to the opposite side, but there was no door so he dropped to the ground. Never did he get so close to anything as he did to those stones, he assured his audience. Finally, when there was a 10 seconds lull in the firing he made a run for the door opposite, and he figured "that Bill Hayward had missed a good man when he overlooked me." Fritz was killed, however, when five volunteers walked out in the open to carry in Lieutenant Lynch, who had been shot in the side. The Germans didn't fire while the men were going or coming, he said.



WANTED

Americans with backbone, brains and honor to SUBSCRIBE TO The Victory Liberty Loan

MR. ALLEN STEWART ARRIVES FROM OVERSEAS

Mr. Allen Stewart arrived in the city Friday from the Presidio at San Francisco, where he recently received his honorable discharge from the army shortly after arriving in the United States from overseas.

A peculiar incident connected with Mr. Stewart is the fact that he was gone an even year to the day. He left Springfield March 26, 1918 and returned March 26, 1919.

WILL HOLD BICYCLE RACES NEXT WEEK

National Bicycle Week to Be Observed in Springfield.

Perhaps you have never heard of National Bicycle Week. "We haven't. But Mr. J. W. Stevens, the expert bicycle man of our city, says there is, and he ought to know. He informed the News today that he has practically made arrangements for a series of races and other sporting events beginning tomorrow and continuing throughout the week.

All arrangements have not yet been made, but it can be stated there will be a bicycle race on Fourth street as a main attraction. Besides the races, there will be other interesting events in which the kids will participate. Anyone interested can obtain particulars by calling on Mr. Stevens. Continuing throughout the week Mr. Stevens announces he will give a discount of 10 per cent on all cash sales made in his store.

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John Wizenreid says that if there is anything worse than having the measles after you are old enough to know better, he don't know what it is, in which reflection we fully agree with John.

METHODIST BROTHERHOOD WILL MEET MONDAY NIGHT

A meeting will be held Monday evening by the Methodist Brotherhood at the Methodist church at which a general discussion pertaining to civic affairs will take place.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

In view of the great loss sustained by our esteemed neighbor, Nancy Gibbs, in the death of her husband, therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the members of Mistletoe Camp Royal Neighbors of America, extend our sincere sympathy to our bereaved neighbor and commend her for consolation to Him who orders all things for the best. Be it also

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this Camp and a copy be sent Neighbor Gibbs.

LESTER ALEXANDER, JENNIE RATHBUN, EMMA OLSON, Committee.

SGT. ROY CAIRNS RETURNS HOME FROM OVERSEAS

First Sergeant Roy Cairns, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Cairns, of West Springfield, arrived home from overseas last Tuesday, after two years of service in the United States army.

Mr. Cairns is well known in Springfield, having resided here a number of years, and graduated from the local high school. Mr. Cairns enlisted three days after the United States entered the war, and for over a year was stationed at Fort Stevens with the Third Co. O. C. A., with a number of other Springfield boys. He sailed for France last October as a member of an Amplement Detachment for heavy artillery, arriving but a short time before the armistice was signed. The next five months were spent in different casualty camps located in various parts of France.

On March 8 Sergeant Cairns sailed for home from Marseilles. The ship made a stop of three days at Gibraltar, and he enjoyed a trip to the top of the rock. He says the view from the top of the rock is beautiful.

Wesley Ware, of Wendling, was a weekend visitor in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. McGruder and family, of Wendling, were over-Sunday visitors in the city.

Buy a Victory Bond.

LADIES, ATTENTION!

All ladies who are interested in the improvement and beauty of Springfield are invited to attend a meeting to be held at the Public Library next Tuesday evening, May 6th, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a society for the betterment of our city. Make it a point to be there.

SCHOOL BOARD FILLS NUMBER OF VACANCIES

At a meeting of the Springfield School Board last week a number of vacancies in the teaching corps were filled for next year. Elections have been held from time to time so that the corps now stands as follows:

N. A. Baker, city superintendent; F. M. Roth, principal of the High school; Miss Jane Lindsay, Helen Strauser, Madeline Logan, Zelda Hamilton, Bertha Harpole, Elizabeth James, Dakmar Jeppesen, Emel's Lindahl, Lorraine Mahony, Opal Holverson, Frances Bartlett, and Mrs. Elizabeth Page.

Mrs. Nora J. Plank and Miss Vera Williams, both teachers in the High school for several years, were not applicants for another year. Mrs. Plank does not expect to teach for at least another year, as she wants to see (as she puts it) "how it would really seem to keep house for her husband". Miss Williams will probably locate in a larger high school.

Miss Laura Duorner, sixth grade teacher, expects to continue her studies at the University of Oregon.

Miss Olive Smith, teacher in the Department of Geography and Agriculture, also was not an applicant. Her many friends will regret to see her leave.

Miss Bertha Harpole, who is at present teaching in an eastern Oregon town, was elected to a grade position. She is a graduate of the Oregon Normal School, has taught for a number of years in this state, and comes to us highly recommended.

Superintendent N. A. Baker left today to visit the Oregon Normal School, with the view of meeting teaching candidates for next year. He will also stop at the Oregon Agricultural College for the same purpose. The Misses Frances Bartlett and Olive Smith made a business trip to Portland over last weekend.

EIGHTH GRADE EXAMINATION.

The regular Eighth Grade examination will be held in districts where there are pupils who have complied with the conditions, and teachers have ordered questions, on Thursday and Friday, May 15-16, 1919. The chairman or his appointee will have to conduct the examination according to the rules and schedule sent.

E. J. MOORE, County School Superintendent.

ROAD INFORMATION FOR MOTORISTS AND CAMPERS

The following information on the condition of roads in Western Oregon is furnished by the United States Forest Service and is strictly reliable:

Three Rivers—The approach to Three Rivers road is impassable through the Grande Ronde Indian Agency, owing to heavy rains, adobe character of the road bed, and lack of any surfacing material. It will probably be passable July 1. This road is closed for construction work between Dolph and Hebo. No detour is possible at present. Later in the season the Little Nestucca road will be open to travel and the Tillamook country can be reached in this way.

Eugene-Florence—Open between Eugene and Goldson and in fair condition. Closed between Goldson and Florence by mud. No detours possible. Should be open June 1. This road should not be attempted at any season of the year except by experienced drivers. There are many narrow, long steep grades, sharp turns, and few turnouts, on some of the sections.

Scottsburg-Allegany—Open and in fair condition between Allegany and Loon Lake. Closed between Loon Lake and Scottsburg, due to heavy washing by winter rains and the rough steep nature of the road bed. It is now in dangerous condition for wagon travel and should not be attempted by motorists.

Alsea River—Open and in fair condition between Corvallis and Alsea. Closed around Missouri Bend and over Tidewater Hill. No detours possible. Should be open June 1 for light cars. Road is very narrow and in many places there are few detours. Should be attempted only by experienced drivers.

Willamette Road—Open and in fair condition between Eugene and Oakridge. Closed from a few miles above Oakridge to the summit.

Mackenzie Highway—Open and in fair condition between Eugene and Millikan grade. Closed between Millikan grade and summit.

Row River—Open and in good condition between Dorena and Cottage Grove. Closed on account of unfinished construction work between Dorena and Diaston. Should be open by June 1. This is a good gummer road, with plenty of fishing and hunting in season. There are suitable camping places with good water.

Crater Lake—Open and in fair condition between Medford and Union Creek. Closed on account of snow between Union Creek and Crater Lake. Will probably be open July 1.

NOT A REAL KICK.

A Swede walked up to a bar and asked for a dose of "scoutral whiskey." "Sorry, I'm out of Scoutral whiskey, but have some good Old Crow," said the bartender.

"No," replied the Swede. "I don't want any old crow; I don't want to fly; I just want to yump around a little."

If every milk bottle were returned in condition for reuse, the cost of milk could be reduced. The loss of milk bottles is enormous every month, dealers say.

ONLY \$14,300 SUBSCRIBED

Springfield Banking District Slow in Subscribing to Loan.

MAY 10TH IS LAST DAY

District Must Furnish \$3,000 Every Day to Reach Quota.

The Springfield Banking District up to today had subscribed but \$14,300 to the Victory Loan, according to the report of Mr. J. E. Edwards, chairman of the local loan committee. This is less than half the quota for the district.

Both Springfield and Eugene are far behind the other districts, and as the time is becoming short, it is now planned by the local committee to make an individual canvass, although this is not desired.

It is reported a great many farmers have the impression the banks will make up any deficiency, but this is not so.

The citizen who has felt that the attraction of the investment feature of the Victory Loan was such that it should be left to the banks to buy the bonds, loses sight of the point of close contact that directly affects the individual. Every bond bought by the banks because of the failure of the citizens to support the loan means that the purchasing power of the money which is withheld will decrease accordingly. The bank buying means additional inflation of currency—more credit liability and higher prices. That is an unavoidable effect of inflation.

It will mean that industry, business and commerce must suffer because it will reduce the ability of the banks to loan for the regular requirements of the business men of the country. If business suffers, every citizen feels the effect of that condition. The citizen who is willing to allow his money to lie idle and wait for the banks to buy Victory Loan Bonds is pursuing a shortsighted policy. Money of the individual should be invested in order that the individual may collect the interest income from the treasury department. If every person buys a proper share of the bonds, each will receive his share of the investment both directly and indirectly.

There also appears to have been an erroneous interpretation placed upon the announcement that over-subscriptions will not be accepted. Do not worry about over-subscriptions until the quota of every county, town and hamlet has been over-subscribed.

The Treasury Department will look after the matter of over-subscriptions. Instances have been reported where people declined to subscribe in the belief that their district was already over-subscribed when it was still short of its quota.

Oregon boys at Chateau Thierry did their duty promptly and turned back the picked troops of the Hun who were advancing towards Paris. They didn't hesitate to see whether some one else was doing the work. It is up to the people of Oregon to finish the job.

TWO AUTOMOBILES DAMAGED IN COLLISION

Two automobiles were badly damaged when a machine driven by John Hieksion collided with a Ford driven by Henry Hart near the Mount Vernon store on the Thurston road last Sunday at 3 o'clock. The large car had its radiator broken and one of the wheels jammed, but no one was seriously injured.

FISHING INFORMATION FOR SPORTSMEN

Beginning with this issue the News will print weekly reports on fishing conditions for streams in and near the national forests of Oregon. These reports will be based on data furnished by the field men of the Forest Service.

Western Oregon. Eagle Creek—Fair catches of cutthroat trout are being made at points above the Punchbowl. Eagle Creek is reached by rail or auto along the Columbia River Highway and Eagle Creek Trail. Water is getting clear again and fishing should improve.

Lake Teitcoos—Good catches of trout are being made at Lane and Westlake. The lake is reached by railroad to Lane, Ore.

Siuslaw River—Reached by railroad to Swiss Home, where good catches of trout are being made.

Upper Smith River—Reached by boat from Gardiner to Reedport to Sulphur Springs. Good catches of trout are reported from Sulphur Springs.

Ten Mile Lake—Reached by railroad to Lakeside, Ore. Good catches of trout are reported.

North Fork Santiam River—Small catches of trout are being made at Cascadia and adjacent country reached by Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain wagon road, by way of Le-nahon. Much snow water is running at this time and fishing will not be very good until the streams subside.