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Cecil Lutkins of Eight Mile has been spending a few days in Heppner.

Weekly War News Digest.

American Forces Now Six Times as Large as in Spanish-American War.

There were 1,428,650 enlisted men and 110,865 officers in the United States Army at the opening of 1918, more than one and one-half times as large as any force ever before mobilized by this Nation, according to a statement by Secretary of War Baker.

During the war with Spain the Army of the United States at its maximum strength aggregated 272,000 men and officers. The Army in the field and in training now is practically six times as great as the maximum under arms in the Spanish-American War.

About 45,000 officers were commissioned from civil life in the two series of training camps, nearly eight times as many as the number of officers in the Regular Army April 1, 1917.

Library Association Provides Books for Fighting Forces.

More than half a million books already have been furnished soldiers and sailors in training camps and in France by the American Library Association War Service and the flow is steadily increasing, according to the director of this work.

A campaign for funds inaugurated by the association last autumn netted more than $1,500,000 and real results in the tangible shape of books and comfortable libraries are being felt by the soldiers and sailors. The Carnegie Corporation gave $320,000 for the erection of camp libraries. Nearly all camps now have libraries and in the others the buildings are in course of construction. The reading rooms each accomodate 250 men.

For the men in France the association has organized distributing stations at all points of embarkation, where books are assorted for shipment abroad. Soon every soldier who steps on a transport will carry a book with him, which he and his companions will read on the way across, after which it will be forwarded to the men back of the trenches. No attempt will be made to establish libraries in France, but the association will have representatives there to supervise the work of distribution.

Matches and Other Articles Barred From Fireign Mails.

Postmasters are directed not to accept for shipment to members of Expeditionary Forces packages containing matches, cigar lighters, or solidified alcohol, including the preparation called "Sterno" or canned heat.

It is not deemed safe to admit these articles to mails for foreign countries or for United States naval vessels, including marines on shore in other countries.

Defective Eyes Cause Many Men First Passed to be Rejected at Camps.

Examination of the records of 10,000 men passed for military service by local boards and then rejected by camp surgeons show that nearly 22 per cent of the final rejections were caued by defective eyes.

Teeth were responsible for 8.50 per cent; hernia, 7.47 per cent; ear, 5.94 per cent; heart disease, 5.87 per cent; tuberculosis, 5.37 per cent.

Attempts to evade military duty by deception regarding physical condition were very few.

Cost of Living in One Year Increases 23 Per Cent.

According to the bureau of labor statistics of the Department of Labor in the year from November 15, 1916, to November 15, 1917, prices of food as a whole advanced 23 per cent. Potatoes is the only article that shows a decline in price. Corn meal advanced 87 per cent; bacon, 62 per cent; pork chops, 48 per cent; beans, 39 per cent; salmon, 38 per cent; milk, 33 per cent; and lard, 27 per cent.

Food as a whole was 48 per cent higher on November 15, 1917, than on November 15, 1913, and 46 per cent higher than on November 15, 1914. During this four year period corn meal advanced 127 per cent; flour, 109 per cent; lard, 104 per cent; bacon, 77 per cent; sugar, 75 per cent; and potatoes, 72 per cent. No article declined in price.

Men With Trades Have Chance for Admission Into Signal Corps.

Men qualified along certain lines, although registered under the selective-service law, may be inducted into the land division of the Signal Corps, which is in need of men for the following duties:

Chauffeurs, motorcycle drivers, and gas engine repairmen for duty in field and telegraph battalions; telegraphers, both wire and radio; telephone men, including switchboard operators, telephone repairmen, and men skilled in testing and repairing telephone lines; telephone and telegraph linemen; photographers, still and moving; homing-pigeon men; radio men who are familiar with installing radio apparatus, men qualified as cooks, clerks, stenographers, meteorologists, cobblers, cable men, etc.

Men inducted for this division, unless otherwise requested by the Chief Signal Officer of the Army, are sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kans.

Manufacture of Shoes in Italy Standardized by Government.

The largest shoe factories in Italy have started manufacturing the national standard shoes, using leather supplied by the ministry of industry, commerce, and labor. The standard types were established by the central shoe committee in Rome, but every factory is making little modifications acoording to its means and system of manufacturing.

The government is organizing systems of sales of shoes to the public. They provide for the opening of stores in the principal Italian cities, to be engaged exclusively in the sale of national shoes and to be controlled by the Government authorities. It is likely that buyers will have to obtain cards.

The private shoe stores will be supplied with an adequate number of shoes and will be granted a reasonable commission.

75,000 Colored Men Called Into Army by Selective-Service Law.

Eight per cent of the 9,586,508 men registered under the selective-service law are colored. Of these nearly 209,000 have been called and more than 75,000 have been certified for service.

Out of every 100 colored men called, 36 were certified for service and 64 were rejected, exempted, or discharged, while out of every 100 white citizens called, 25 were certified for service.

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RESERVE TRAINING CAMP MAY BE ESTABLISHED AT U

President Campbell Now in East Arranging Details.—Outlook Good, Says Commanding Officer.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 21.—The University of Oregon may have a reserve officers training camp established on the campus in the next two or three months, if present plans and expectations hold true. President P. L. Campbell is in the East at present, and has been conferring with Senator George Chamberlain.

A telegram received by L. H. Johnsin, comptroller of the University, from the president states that opinions are very favorable for the formation of a camp at the University. Lieutenant-Colonel John Leader of the British army who is in command of the cadet forces, also seems to be favorably impressed with the prospects of a camp. The students are already being prepared for commissioned officers under his leadership, and classes held daily take up the different practices of modern warfare.

President Campbell is attending a joint meeting of the National Association of State Universities in Chicago, and the Association of American Universities and the American Association, of Colleges, the purpose of which is the offering of services of the institutions of the United States to the government for military training purposes to aid in the war.

Regulations respecting the drafting of college students of draft age are also being drawn up and will be submitted to the government in Washington as soon as completed.

Rifles have already been issued to all students in the cadet battalion, and drill is progressing rapidly. It is the intention of the commander to have the first inspection of troops on Tuesday, Governcr Withycombe being the inspecting officer.

Plans are being laid for the inspection of the battalion by the officer commanding at Camp Lewis, some time next week. It is the desire of the colonel to get the United States army men interested in the work at the University as quickly as possible, so that the R. O. T. C. may be had at once.

The second week in February the colonel hopes to have the battalion inspected by the commanding officer of the western division, now located at San Francisco. If the military committee is able to arrange all these inspections, it is the opinion of Col. Leader that there will be a reserve officers training camp situated at the University before the beginning of the next term in April.

W. C. Calder, Baker business man, has been spending several days in Heppner. Mr. Calder is interested in a large acreage of mountain land which is leased yearly to sheepmen of this section.

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