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DRAFTEES' MEETING WAS INTERESTING

Large Audience Greeted Speakers at Court House and Good Interest Was Shown.

Speaking before the largest audience which has greeted them since leaving Portland nearly three weeks ago, Hon. John Kollock, secretary of the State Council of Defense, Major John Hibbard, head of the Home Guard organizations of the State, and Capt. Richard Russell, of the medical department of Camp Lewis, gave the local draft men and other citizens many things to think about.

Mr. Kollock spoke concerning the organization and purpose of the National, State, County and Community Councils of Defense, and showed by description and illustration how these organizations are assisting in keeping the army behind the lines at the highest point of efficiency. He warned his audience not to be too optimistic over the recent successes of the Allies on the western front and said that the characteristic trait of the American people, that of becoming overoptimistic, must be guarded against; that there is yet a long job ahead of the allies before the German beast has at last been forced to Berlin. Mr. Kollock said: "There is a great drive coming, and it will not be a military drive on the western front. It is a drive against which the American people must steel themselves and resist firmly, for it will be a 'peace' drive, launched by Germany. Germany has more than accomplished what she set out to accomplish when she started the war. Her dream of a Mittel Europa has been realized, and more for Germany never expected to have an open field for development and extension in Russia. She can now afford to make peace maneuvers, and should they be accepted and peace now made it would be but 20 or 25 years before she would be able to build up such a military machine that the whole civilized world would be unable to resist her. No German-made peace, no matter how attractive in appearance, can be accepted by the allies, and the American people must be on the lookout for the peace drive."

The legal rights of the soldier, the War Risk Insurance Act and other things of interest to the prospective soldier, were thoroughly discussed by Mr. Kollock and many questions cleared up. He gave expert advice as to how to proceed before entering the army so as to leave the least chance of complications developing, and what to do in case complications did develop.

Mr. Kollock is a forceful and interesting speaker and held excellent attention.

Major Hibbard explained the purpose of the Oregon Military Police and the Home Guard organizations of the state. It is intended that the Military Police shall become a permanent organization after the war and the next legislature will be asked to provide for its maintenance. This organization is based upon that of the Pennsylvania Constabulary and its duties are the same. At the present time the Military Police are more of a military nature than will be the case after the war.

In speaking of the Home Guard, Major Hibbard said that this organization was important and has real work to perform. He was emphatic concerning the necessity of a strong Home Guard company in every town and urged all men subject to draft, especially, to get into the Home Guard.

Major Hibbard is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, enlisting when only 18 years of age. He told of the deplorable sanitary conditions in the army at that time, drawing a contrast with present-day conditions as described by Captain Russell, who followed him. The Major paid a beautiful tribute to Old Glory, and explained the proper courtesies to be shown the flag.

Captain Russell, as a member of the medical department at Camp Lewis, is well informed on all subjects of a medical and sanitary nature as applies to the National army. His address was filled with pertinent information and advice to the registrants. He explained the regulations concerning personal hygiene and showed why such regulations were necessary. Through the enforcement of these regulations and the following out of quarantine and segregation of infectious cases, the disease epidemics which were so prevalent in the army in years past, have been entirely done away with. In 1898 during one epidemic of small pox 20 per cent of the army was affected, and five per cent of these cases were fatal; but today

there is not a single case of small pox in the army which did not have its origin outside of the camp. This is true of typhoid fever and other diseases which before have reaped such a harvest in our army. Capt. Russell explained the nature and treatment of measles and pneumonia, how they are transmitted, and how they may be avoided. Trench fever was dwelt upon and precautionary measures against this terror of the trenches were explained.

The better part of Captain Russell's address was taken up with a discussion of venereal diseases, and he told of the wonderful work being done in the National Army in overcoming these. When Camp Lewis was established and the first draft contingent arrived, the proportion of venereal cases was 50 in a thousand. At the present time the proportion is but 3 in a thousand, and it is steadily growing less. Now the United States army has a smaller proportion than any other army keeping statistics. The Captain explained the nature and effects of each disease and the methods used in segregating and treating the cases at the camps.

Also Captain Russell's address was intended mainly for the registrants, it contained many things of interest and instruction for all of his audience, and it would be hard to estimate the amount of good it did.

The meeting, held under the auspices of the Council of Defense, S. E. VanVactor, chairman of the local County Council, being chairman of the meeting, was a part of a campaign of education now being waged by the military authorities in regard to military life and health conditions in and out of the army.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible School at 10:00 a. m.
Morning worship at 11:00 a. m.
Sermon subject: "The Work of the Church."
Evening service at 8:00. Subject: "Authority in Religion."
F. A. ANDREWS, Minister.

The fire companies are keeping up interest in the drills and the city is getting new apparatus that is up-to-date. Our next fire will be nipped in the bud.

MAKE INSPECTION TRIP TO COAL MINES

H. V. Gates, A. L. Ayers, O. V. Gates and S. A. Pattison made a trip to the coal mines last Sunday for the purpose of inspecting the work which has been done in developing the coal prospects there. H. V. Gates, who is president of the Heppner Light & Water Co., has a three-year lease on this property and has done considerable development work there; enough to convince him that there is coal in abundance. But it would take more money to put the mines on a producing basis than his short lease would justify him in expending, and unless he is able to secure an extension of his lease it is not probable that the work will be continued. The development of these mines would be the solution of Heppner's fuel problem, for with a little repair work and grading on the Willow creek road, one truck with trailer would be able to keep the town supplied with coal. And a good road to the mines would also open up for market a great amount of timber suitable for fuel.

Mr. Gates is also interested in the flow of water in upper Willow creek and for several years past has been making readings of the volume of water at a point well in the timber. He has not announced anything definitely concerning his interest in this regard, but it is a pleasant supposition that he is considering the proposition of furnishing the city with water from the mountains.

Off For Fishing Trip.

Mayor W. W. Smead, Maurice E. Smead and wife, Dr. A. D. McMurdo and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bayless made up a party of tourists leaving Heppner Tuesday morning for Odell lake in south Central Oregon for an outing of two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Smead arrived from Portland on Saturday evening to join this party, and they all go prepared to spend the days in camping and fishing. This little lake is said to be a wonderful producer of fine fish, and its waters fairly swarm with trout and besides it is said to be a beautiful spot for camping.

The families of T. J. Humphreys and E. R. Huston motored over to Pendleton Sunday and spent the day. The trip was made without grief with the exception of a blow-out which the Huston car suffered on the return trip when within but two miles of Heppner.

'This Intolerable Thing'

By CAPTAIN ANDREW R. MARKER
in the Soldiers' News Letter.

MY Scepter is the club of Cain, my crown was forged from the spear that pierced the heart of Christ.

Upon my forbidding frontier shine the symbols of Tyranny, and a great, obsequious people bow down to me in fear and serve me as a god. The glorious genius of an intelligence derived from God I prostitute to the service of passions shared with brutes.

Devoid of pity, despising mercy, I know no joy but the wild delirium of battle, that revels in destruction and is blind to the odds.

I force my devoted subjects from peaceful homes, fling them to the flaming cannon, and leave them writhing in grotesque agonies on fields of ghastliness and grief.

The dead who have died in my defense I leave to rot upon the stricken field, pausing in my vulture flight only long enough to whet my sword for a more sanguinary desolation.

I lay siege to splendid cities, adorned with the choicest gems of Art and the cherished trophies of civilization. And lo! when I depart only gutted ruins are left to tell the story of their vanquished splendor.

My ruthless rapacity I justify with the philosophy of "blood and iron"—that the mission of a mighty nation is to exploit the small and weak; that God working through the pitiless laws of evolution, wills the subjugation of the weak and the survival of the strong.

I make a mockery of Christianity. I beguile my subjects into the belief that the ideal of universal peace and brotherhood is but a blast of sentimental sheep, the sophistry of fools.

Treaties, peace-pacts, the solemn pledges of a nation's honor, I convert into mere "scraps of paper"—points of strategy to deceive the amiable and the unwary.

Materialism, physical force, I make the only foundation of a nation's glory, cannon the sole custodian of a nation's honor. Intrinsic I substitute for diplomacy: I fill the world with hateful spies, and corrupt the polity of peaceful nations with my insidious machinations.

I seduce the genius of a great people: Scientists, philosophers, statesmen, and captain generalis, devote their inspiration to my glory, and dedicate their works to the perpetuation of my pomp and power.

And thus I clothe my wanton brutality in a seductive splendor and create the illusion that my mission is God-like and benign.

For the support of my colossal establishment I lay a crushing burden on the shoulders of the poor. I squander the lives and savings of my subjects and return nothing but the glamor of a splendid tyranny.

The glory which I confer upon the pliant few is as cold and cheerless as the nodding plumes on a hearse, as shadowy as the shimmer of the silver plates on a coffin.

I am without conscience, or honor, or comity, or the capacity of covenanted peace.

I revere no God.

I acknowledge no superior.

I am amenable to no law.

I respect no arbiter but the sword.

I, myself, am God, arbiter, law, and the Court of Last Resort.

I AM PRUSSIAN AUTOCRACY!

Corporal Cummings Chief Cook.

At 6:30 o'clock Tuesday evening Sergeant Little and Corporal Cummings of the Heppner Detail, Oregon Military Police, royally entertained in honor of Major John Hibbard and Hon. John Kollock. S. E. VanVactor, chairman of the County Council of Defense, and C. L. Sweek, county chairman of the Home Guard, were guests. The event was in the form of a dinner, prepared by Corporal Cummings, and served in true military style. The guests partook with relish and were loud in their praise of the repast. Major Hibbard and Mr. Kollock took great interest in looking over the quarters of the local detachment of Military Police and pronounced them the best of any detachment they had visited. The local detail are now quartered in the school house, but when the fall term of school opens they will be forced to move, and as yet have not found a suitable place.

New Fire Alarm Is Installed.

The new fire alarm, an electric siren, is now installed to the southeast corner of the roof of the Roberts building. The switch board having arrived on Monday. The thing certainly makes a horrible noise, and enough noise to wake the dead. There will be no excuse for anyone not knowing there is a fire when this alarm is turned loose.

Sam Stephens Wounded.

Word has been received here that Sam Stephens, Heppner boy who enlisted in the Marines just after the United States entered the war, was wounded some time ago in one of the engagements in France. Sam received a Boche bullet through the hip and has been laid up in the hospital ever since. He is now getting along fine but expects to be confined in the hospital for about eleven weeks yet. He was one of the first boys from Heppner to go across the water, and no doubt saw a great deal of fighting before being wounded.

Family Well Represented at Front.

The Sharp family is at present quite well represented at the front in France. Mrs. Compton, and Mrs. Keller, sisters of J. C. Sharp visiting here during the week are represented there, the former by her husband and the latter by her oldest son, and another sister living in Washington has her husband at the front also.

Sheep To Chicago Market.

E. H. Meyers, sheepbuyer, shipped out 14 cars of sheep from the Heppner yards Monday morning, billed to Chicago. The sheep consisted of ewes and lambs which Mr. Meyer purchased from W. T. Matlock, L. V. Gentry, of Heppner and Blakely & Clough of Monument.

Make Sanitary Inspection of City.

Dr. N. E. Winnard, city health officer, and the health committee of the city council have been busy this week making a sanitary inspection of the city. Cesspools, sewers and open privies have received their special attention, and Dr. Winnard reports that the conditions are deplorable. The breeding places of flies and vermin are almost innumerable and a great many of them are exceedingly dangerous to the people living nearby. It is the intention of the City Council to order a general clean-up of all unsanitary places in the city and to institute measures looking to the betterment of sanitary conditions in the town. Just what these measures will be has not been announced, but our citizens may look for something definite within the next few days.

SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE

It has perhaps been an oversight on the part of Heppner people, but nevertheless there is a serious need that should be attended to at once. Tourists are passing through the town by the dozens every day and these people can find no accommodations here at all. There are no public toilets or ladies' rest rooms since the fire destroyed the hotel, and it can readily be seen what an inconvenience this is to those who travel and visit the city.

We know that this has been an oversight and call attention to the matter at this time that steps may be taken at once to provide what is necessary. It will be greatly appreciated by the traveler and will save our town a lot of unnecessary jussing.

Conducting Canning Demonstrations.

Miss Helen Cowgill, of the Oregon Agricultural College, Mrs. Lena Snell Shurtle, county school superintendent, and F. R. Brown, county agent are spending the latter part of the week conducting canning demonstrations and holding club meetings over the county. Beginning today (Thursday) they will hold demonstrations at Irriagon, Pine City and Hardman, and club meetings at Boardman, Heppner, Ione, Morgan and Ceell.

QUARANTINES CASES OF SMALL POX

Dr. N. E. Winnard was called to the Joe Batty place on Eight Mile last Saturday to investigate a reported case of small pox. He found, on his arrival, that all the members of the Batty family had had the disease and that it had spread to some of the neighbors, Ray Young having been confined to his bed. Dr. Winnard quarantined both the Batty family and the Young family and is keeping a close tab on the neighborhood to see that no more cases develop which are not reported. The disease was brought to this county by a daughter of Mr. Batty who had been visiting in The Dalles with an aunt who had the small pox while she was there. The girl was let out of quarantine too soon, and two days after her arrival home she was taken sick.

Frank S. Parker returned to Heppner Wednesday evening from Portland where he went last week with Mrs. Parker, who underwent an operation last Friday at the Good Samaritan hospital for cancer of the breast. He reports that Mrs. Parker is now getting along nicely, although for a time her condition was serious. She will return home early in September.

Dr. N. E. Winnard was called to Echo Sunday to hold consultation with Dr. Dorn of that place on the case of illness of the young son of Lon Wattenburger. At that time the trouble had not developed definitely for the doctors to ascertain exactly what it was.

Mrs. J. A. Kelley is in Heppner this week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stephenson. Mrs. Kelley, whose husband is a brakeman on the O-W. R. & N. system, is making her home in Portland. Mr. Kelley is expecting a call to the colors soon.

Mrs. A. E. Binns returned Wednesday evening from Portland, where she had gone to bid goodbye to her son Kenneth who recently enlisted in the field artillery. Kenneth is now stationed at Camp Lawton, Washington state.

W. C. Lacy, former Morrow county farmer now living in Portland, came up from the metropolis Wednesday evening and will spend a few days in Heppner on business.

CITY BUYS HOSE AND CHEMICAL CAR

The City Council Contracts for a 4-Cylinder Fire Fighting Machine.

At the meeting of the City Council Monday evening the City of Heppner entered into a contract with A. G. Long of Portland, for a "Rockaway" type "B" 4-cylinder combination hose and chemical car. The contract price is \$4,575, f. o. b. Heppner. This car has two 35-gallon chemical cylinders and carries a large quantity of hose. It is expected that it will be shipped at once.

The council is determined that the city shall be well supplied with fire fighting apparatus and the fire department is rapidly being brought up to date.

Routine business was transacted and bills were allowed at this meeting.

GENERAL PERSHING SAYS—

"900 Men Plus the 'Y' Equals 1000."

To the offices of the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. in New York there came in May an entirely unsolicited letter from the Headquarters of General Pershing. Contained in it were these quotations:

"Give us nine men and the Y. M. C. A., and we will have a more effective fighting force than as though we had ten men without the Y. M. C. A."

If their estimate is correct—and headquarters surely ought to know—then the Y. M. C. A. is at this moment adding 10%—100,000 men—to the fighting power of our armies in France.

Lieut. Colonel E. S. Wheeler, in a letter to Gen. Pershing, said: "There is no one factor contributing more to the morale of the American army in France than the Y. M. C. A. The value of this organization cannot be overestimated. When I come to the Y. M. C. A. huts and see our men night after night and one day after another in their spare moments enjoying the privileges created by a corps of self-sacrificing Red Triangle workers, I know that they are better men and better fighters for so doing. Give me nine hundred men who have the Y. M. C. A. rather than one thousand who have none, and I will have better fighters every time."

General Pershing directed that Colonel Wheeler's letter be sent to the Y. M. C. A. officials, and himself added this comment:

"The conclusions and opinions of Lieut.-Colonel Wheeler are concurred in by these headquarters."

OBITUARY

Glenn Freeman Sharp, who was killed Wednesday, July 31, by the accidental starting and turning over of an automobile in which he and one of his brothers were playing, was buried in the Heppner cemetery Friday afternoon. The funeral service was conducted in the Christian church by the minister, F. A. Andrews.

Glenn was the fourth son of Clinton and Alta Sharp who live on their homestead in Newman canyon about 11 miles northeast of Heppner. He was born in Heppner October 25, 1913.

The sympathy of their many friends is extended to the family in this great sorrow which has come upon them.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all of our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the death and burial of our little Glenn. Especially we are grateful for the beautiful floral offerings.

MR. AND MRS. J. C. SHARP.

Rhea Creek Farmer Missing.

Glenn Hayes, farmer on Rhea creek, has been missing since Wednesday noon. Mr. Hayes had come to Heppner in the morning to purchase supplies and is said to have started home just before noon. When he did not arrive at the ranch later in the day Mrs. Hayes started an investigation. As yet he has not been found. It is possible that he heard of some harvest hands, of which he is in need of several, in some other part of the county and started out to secure them, leaving word with some one who failed to deliver it. Or possibly he had car trouble some distance from a telephone and has not been able to notify his family of his whereabouts.

A marriage license was issued this week by Clerk Waters to W. Pruitt Cox of Heppner and Miss Nettie Curtin of Gresham.