

OREGON RELIEF WORKERS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Rambo Return on Furlough From the Near East.

Oregon's pioneer missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rambo, formerly of Baker, and for many years engaged in missionary work in India and the Near East countries, have returned to the United States on furlough. News of their return has been received by State Manager J. J. Handsaker, in charge of the combined China-Near East relief campaigns for the state, in a telegram from New York, where the Rambos landed a few days ago.

Throughout the Near East, the message states, everything is "generally amuck" with little prospect of improvement until definite action is taken by the Allies in regard to the Turk-Russian nations. Conditions in Greece and the Caucasus are described upon, with details of the appalling situation at Batoum, where the veteran missionaries have spent several months among the 15,000 Greek refugees surviving from the starving Caucasus colony located there before the war. The Rambos were on their way home last fall and had reached Constantinople when the call came for them to go to Batoum and aid the refugees there until the latter could be brought back to Salonika, where the Greek government is endeavoring to make some sort of provision for returning Grecian refugees.

In letters written from Batoum, recently received by Mr. Handsaker, the Rambos tell of thousands of families being huddled together in rain-soaked tents and abandoned barracks, beset with typhus and other diseases, half-naked and starving. "And 10,000 more refugees are on their way here from Kars," the letter concludes. "These are now in the snow-covered mountains, and as many as can pull through will soon be here. What we shall do then we do not know. Everything here is unsettled and disturbing. It is considered certain that the Nationalists or the Bolsheviks, or both, will soon take the city and no one knows what will result." In a later letter they speak of the arrival of a ship to take back a load of refugees for repatriation and the joy it brought to the camp, although the Salonika camp to which they were bound could offer little additional in the way of food, clothing or other relief.

Previous letters, written from the Near East, tell of the enforced flight "at the whim of a Turkish official," of the Rambos and 200 little orphans in their charge. They had to leave at a moment's notice and in the dark, traveling all night on foot and carrying their own blankets, clothing and everything else they possessed. They were allowed no lights and were told not to speak above a whisper, as murderous Turks were running riot all along the way. After stumbling along through water and over rocks for hours, they reached the railroad station at day-break, exhausted but without the loss of one of the 200 children, but none too soon, for with the coming of light the Turks discovered what was afoot and began firing upon them from the hillsides, the little caravan of exhausted children and missionaries making the last hundred yards through a hail of bullets.

The Rambos conducted their 200 charges, with many adventures and hardships, to safety within the walls of a British Relief station, and turned homeward, stopping over for a day for rest at Adana. While they slept, exhausted, the Turks tore up the railroad leading to and from Adana, and left them marooned in the hot, dusty, besieged city. They awoke to find bullets breaking through their walls and whistling all around them. With Miss Grane, a young American relief worker, they finally started from Adana in a Near East Ford, joining a refugee caravan and fleeing southward. They were shot at repeatedly and at a dangerous pass waited three hours before daring to attempt the run across an open space. At last with Mrs. Rambo and Miss Grane lashed to the running board of the Ford, behind a barricade of baggage on the opposite side from the heaviest firing, and Rambo himself at the wheel, with baggage piled high all around him to ward off the bullets, they made the run, "driving like Jehu for two miles," until beyond the aim of the bandits. After many other strenuous experiences they made their way to Constantinople, going from there to Batoum for several months, thence home to the United States.

CORN COBS ARE DIET OF HUNGRY CHINESE

Oregon Nurse Writes That Misery Stalks Through North China.

That a steady diet of ground-up corn cobs and sweet potato vines is not conducive to an ideal physical condition is attested by Miss Marie Rustin, graduate nurse, well known in Oregon, who is now in charge of the Taylor Memorial hospital, under the management of the American Presbyterian mission at Paoingfu, China. In a letter written by Miss Rustin less than eight weeks ago to the members of the Sangre de Cristo Endowment society of the First Presbyterian church in Portland, Miss Rustin tells of the appalling conditions throughout North China, where 45,000,000 men, women and children are confronted with starvation and where 15,000 are dying daily. Miss Rustin has been at Paoingfu for about three years and for many months past, like all other mission attaches and relief workers in China, has been concentrating all efforts on the task of lessening the suffering of the famine victims. While Paoingfu is on the outskirts of the great drought-ridden famine dis-

trict, 200 miles south of Peking, Miss Rustin writes that even there all the missions and relief stations are literally swamped with the applications of many thousands men, women and children who are half-dead in this race, weak from malnourishment and struggling desperately to keep alive on roots, bark or anything that offers sustenance. The situation in the heart of the famine section, she says, is simply beyond the imagination. "We are doing all we can," writes Miss Rustin, "here in our hospital trying to build up the weakened bodies of famine sufferers who come to us in frightful condition. We are getting patients who have been trying to live on ground-up corn cobs and sweet potato vines. We have all been asked to give until it hurts, and now that it has grown so cold we do not dare to think of freezing, starving thousands right at our door. In going to a soup kitchen where we feed 670 people twice a day, I was surrounded so by the poor creatures that I thought they would crush the life out of me before I could get in and coming out it was the same way. They are so hungry and cold they are desperate. Personally I have gone without \$3 worth of milk a month that I used to use, do not eat butter at all and have only eaten bread once a day for the last three months, in order to give to the famine poor. Through this personal sacrifice I have the joy of knowing that three girls who might have been sold have been saved from a life of shame and misery and that one man will be kept alive for five months.

"A friend sent me a check the other day and I was able to save a girl from being sold, and she will be put in school. Things are being started to help these poor souls, but there is a long hard pull until the harvest time. You can all help by giving to the China famine fund and share in the great opportunities of saving life and opening the way for Christianity, for the Chinese people will surely be interested in what we have to tell them of the gospel if we are good to them now in their great trouble."

State Manager J. J. Handsaker, in charge of the executive work for Oregon for the combined China-Near East campaign, 606 Stock Exchange building, Portland, says the situation is no less serious in the near east than in China, and liberal funds must be raised for both causes if wholesale death by starvation is to be prevented, or even lessened.

States O. K. Five-Fold Plan The state legislatures of North Dakota, Oregon and Minnesota have adopted resolutions urging that congress pass the Forney bill, which embodies the five-fold compensation plan of the American Legion. The action of the North Dakota legislators is especially noteworthy in that their state has already awarded each veteran a flat bonus of \$25 a month of service, the largest state bonus to be granted.



MADGE KENNEDY - The Girl with the Jazz Heart

"Love Pirates of Hawaii"

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Musical Numbers Act II

- Fair Hawaii, Our Own Home
Chorus of Hawaiian Girls
Don't Be a Slave to Old Man Worry
Miss Primer, Dorothy and chorus
Simply Say Aloha - Lehua and Chorus
In an Awful Scrape - Dorothy and Chorus of Pirates
My Castle in an Unknown Sea
Pirate Chief
Can't You See I'm Angry?
Miss Primer, Pirates and Chorus
Old Flag of Mine - Dorothy and Chorus
Finale - Principals and Chorus

Synopsis Dorothy, an American girl, has been left in a seminary at Honolulu in charge of Miss Primer (she is prim), Lieutenant Billy, Dorothy's friend, is on the Cruiser Tennessee which has just come in. As it is difficult to visit the seminary, Billy intends coming as a professor, and so wires Dorothy. Later, changing his mind, he sends a second letter that he will come as a pirate. This letter falls into the hands of Miss Primer! And along comes a band of real pirates. Unhappily, thinking them confederates of Billy, she bluffs them into being captured by her singlehanded. "Now they're cooks," Billy comes along later, is discovered and captured by the "cooks." Dorothy contrives to free him and he goes for assistance. Director, Miss Bernice Dufoe, assisted by Miss Gladys Turner, accompanists, Miss Dufoe and Mary Clark.

Adoption of New Law Urged

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In school property. By unanimous vote they may, not less than thirty days previous to the opening of school, reject any teacher assigned by the board, notice of rejection to be delivered in writing and specify the reason. They may also establish high schools under the present regulations. There are still other features of the bill covering duties of officials, etc., that are unnecessary to outline as they are with the counties. It should have been made mandatory. Experts state that it will take three generations to overcome the individual and community selfishness that has always handicapped educational reform. Hope in former times has been placed in local district boards but they have not understood fundamental rural or educational needs. The state should exercise its inherent right and demand constructive reforms and create the system above outlined under which school business can be transacted in a modern manner, and under which rapid progress alone modern lines will be possible. It is to be hoped that Oregon will not draw along and wait for the majority authority of the state to effect this reorganization, but that within the year each and every county in the state will have taken the great forward step that means efficiency and progress under the option granted by the present law.

LIVE CECIL NEWS ITEMS

Gordon Hall of Eight Mile was calling on his Cecil friends on Monday. Wilfred Cecil of Heppner is working at Battered Plats during the lambing season. Mr. and Mrs. Knipfel and family of Lentville spent the week-end in Heppner. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Streeter and family spent Sunday at the home of J. W. Osburn.

J. H. Franklin of Heppner took dinner with the "Mays" at Battered Plats on Friday. Miss Clarice Middleheart of Rhea was the week-end guest of Miss Zella Kelly at The Last Camp.

Homer Nash arrived from The Malles on Friday and will work for J. J. McShira of Killarney. Louis Montague and party of Arlington were busy men around Cecil vicinity on Wednesday.

Ralph Winter who has been visiting friends in Yakima returned to his home at Four Mile on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Phillips of Arlington are assisting Mrs. Oral Henriksen at Willow Creek ranch.

Melville Logan was in from his ranch near the Willows and spent the week-end assisting his Cecil friends. Miss Ester Logan of Four Mile and friend Miss Ester Winter of Shady Dell were visiting in Cecil on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Duncan of Busy

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Two ranch and Miss Joie McLintire of Killarney were Cecil visitors on Friday. Don't forget the big dance in Cecil hall March 25. Irvin made and supper served by Mrs. T. H. Lowe. Everybody welcome. Come and have a good time. Lon Merrill left Cecil on Saturday with a large band of lambs and ewes for Monument. This is the first band belonging to Minor and Thompson to leave Cecil. P. Younger of Salem, accompanied by his son W. Younger of Oswego, arrived in Cecil on Saturday and were looking over some land they have recently bought a few miles out of Cecil. Mr. and Mrs. Willey, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Davis, all of The Willows,

were callers at the home of Leon Logan at Four Mile Wednesday and also made a short stay in Cecil on their way home. Mr. J. Wilkinson of Portland, superintendent of the Oregon Hessian Paving company, arrived in Cecil on Monday and is overseeing the erection of crusher, etc., ready to begin work paving as soon as possible. J. D. Kropp and sons arrived in Cecil from Portland during the week with two large trucks. They have taken the contract to haul gravel for the Oregon Hessian Paving company as soon as the rock crusher begins to work. W. H. Blair of Arthur, Ontario, Canada, accompanied by his son-in-law

and daughter Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harvey and grandson Master Ross B. Harvey of Prangia, Saskatchewan, arrived in Cecil on Sunday and visited for several days with former residents of Arthur. The "Mays" and his wife taking the Canadian visitors to Hynd Bros. ranch in Sand Hollow where a pleasant time was spent amongst the old time friends. Mr. Blair proceeded on to the county seat and lunched on his friends from Arthur and had a chat of days gone by, then on to the Egg city where he can across his old friend Ed Bristol, one of Iowa's merchant princes. Mr. Blair and party left Cecil declaring they had seen nothing to beat Morrow county for hospitality and big-heartedness in spite of hard times. They started on their return journey Saturday.

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Star Theater Friday, March 26th MADGE KENNEDY IN "The Girl with the Jazz Heart" Saturday - March 26th - Saturday FRANK MAYO IN "HITCHIN' POST" SUNDAY "THE LUCK OF THE IRISH" March 27 Monday and Tuesday, March 28-29 LOUISE HUFF IN "What Women Want" Thursday - Marh 31st - Thursday A SPARKLING COMEDY OF MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE "The New York Idea" FEATURING ALICE BRADY