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NAVAL BOY THRILLS WITH STORY OF SUBMARINES

Hollis Percy arrived at his home in Hermiston Tuesday morning, coming direct from New York via Seattle, where he received his honorable discharge papers. The young man, who has been in the U. S. navy a year next month, has seen service aplenty on board ship, which may readily be believed when one hears him tell of encounters with the deadly submarines while a member of the crew of the U. S. cruiser North Carolina. This armored vessel was one of the fleet used to protect troop ships while conveying them across the Atlantic from the States to France. Here's what he says:

"I made three trips across on the North Carolina, and on each one myself and comrades experienced some shivery thrills. The first voyage was all right going across with the troop ships, but on the return voyage our vessel encountered a submarine. The sub's periscope was sighted by the cruiser about the time a torpedo went across our bows. This compliment was quickly returned by shots from 3 and 6 inch guns from the North Carolina. Pull steam ahead was ordered and our ship escaped from the enemy without damage, although it looked for a time as if we were all doomed to go down to Davy Jones's locker, so fierce was the attack of the sub, with only her periscope visible.

"On the second trip rough weather caused the disabling of the destroyer Powell, which was part of the convoy, and the North Carolina stayed to help her out. On account of the rough weather this was found impossible, so the Powell headed back to the States and the cruiser proceeded to catch up to the troop ships, being ten hours behind. Before overhauling them the conveying vessels had run into a nest of subs and succeeded in driving them off. When our ship arrived on the scene we got the direction the subs had taken, and in the scouting around the North Carolina ran nearly on top of one as it raised to ascertain the position of the troop ships. Both the cruiser and submarine crews were so surprised that neither vessel fired a shot, but later our ship engaged in a skirmish with several subs nearby, from which we escaped without damage.

"The last trip was a repetition of the two former ones, and it was always around the Azores that the battleships and cruisers encountered trouble from the subs. This seemed to be their favorite camping place and also on the line of the southern route."

Young Mr. Percy looks fine in his naval suit, and says that the experience he gained while in the service makes him feel as though he had a great deal more self-reliance than before he left here a year ago.

Still in France

Miss Edlie Johnson has received the following letter from her brother, Corporal C. B. Johnson, dated at Nice France: "Dearest Sister: I have arrived here at last, and am just simply enjoying myself immensely. I've been to Bordeaux, Paris, Lyon, Marasseles, and here already. These are the most important towns in France. Paris and Nice are the cream of the lot. They are all wonderful. Here is found a very fashionable summer and winter resort—just wonderful weather. I left on my birthday, and it is one of the best birthday presents I've had for some time. A thousand dollars could not take in this trip in civilian life. Oh, yes, I saw Hub Sullivan in Paris." A postcard received from him later says that he has been in three countries in one day—France, Monaco and Italy.

Severely Injured

Arthur Burkline, who was working on the hay baling machine of Mason Bros. west of Umatilla, nearly lost his life last Saturday by being drawn into the cog wheels on the belt side of the rig. It seems that the revolving drive belt caught his clothing and carried him along until he struck the cogs, one wheel of which broke from the human impact and stopped the machine, but not before it had broken three of the young man's ribs in his left side and put a gash in his head that required a number of stitches to close up.

LEST WE FORGET

Herman Behnke, Umapine farmer, refused to contribute to the United War Work Fund.

Nick Grosgebauer of Umapine, whose prune crop last year was worth in the neighborhood of \$10,000, contributed only \$5.00 to this fund and that reluctantly.

Fred Meihoff of Umapine refused to give money to the agencies helping our boys in arms on the grounds that he had to send money to relatives in Germany.

William Swash of Umapine, said to be worth \$20,000, refused to contribute to the U. W. fund.

J. E. Hoon of Milton refused to contribute to this same fund. Central Loyalty Committee.

Another Disease

Now that the Flu is gradually being brought under control, another menace to the health of the community has appeared. This has come in the form of smallpox, which broke out the first of the week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Metzker, both of whom are afflicted. The house has been put under rigid quarantine regulations, and it is the hope of the authorities to squelch the disease right there.

BOARDMAN NEWS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Jack Gibbons was very badly injured in pursuance of his duty at the coal bunkers at Messner. In some manner he was caught by the heavy counter balance weight on its downward course and crushed between the weight and the frame of the bunkers. The counter balance weighs several tons and it is miraculous how he escaped death. As it was he suffered a double fracture of one leg and arm. He was rushed to Portland on No. 11. The accident happened on Monday night.

It is with much regret that we announce the death of Mrs. Phillips. She was operated on Monday night, but died early Tuesday morning. She fought the dangerous flu bravely and hopefully, but without avail, the illness lasting over a period of several weeks. This is the fourth death resulting from the flu in Boardman.

Ten four-horse teams are at work grading the school grounds. The entire ten acres is to be put into perfect condition, including parks, play courts, school gardens, terraces and lawns. These grounds when completed will be among the most attractive in the state and a credit to Boardman and to those who are planning and executing the work.

The total enrollment in school at present is 52, of which number five are high school pupils.

On account of the small number in the classes the high school students have been able to nearly cover their required work for the first semester and will easily complete the year's work by the end of the term.

In the eighth grade this year are eleven pupils who expect to complete their work and enter high school here next year. They are Della Olson, Dorothy Boardman, Gladys Paine, Mayme Hango, William Rindfleisch, Laurea Cummins, Fred Rindfleisch, Homer Mitchell, Burton Barnes, Edgar Doering and Adrain Biehdolt.

Especially fine are some diagrams of the circulatory system which the tenth grade physiology class has just completed. The high school students show an enthusiasm and interest in their work which is very commendable and equal to that shown by students in larger schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Merchie are visiting with their daughter, Mrs. J. A. Balenger.

Mr. Harrison of Astoria came to Boardman the first of the month. He is very much enthused over the prospect of this place.

Mrs. Heines has been called to Portland to the bedside of her sick daughter.

Mrs. Royal Rands' mother is visiting her for a few days.

John L. Jenkins sent the first shipment of broom corn from this district to Portland recently.

No Fire

Hermiston's volunteer fire department was called out Sunday afternoon on an alarm of fire being turned in from the home of W. J. Kennings on the West Side. On arrival there it was found that cloth thrown over the water pipes in the basement after they had been thawed out had ignited from an unnoticed spark, and the smoke therefrom had filled the house and become so dense that it looked as if the whole place was afire. But a few buckets of water rightly applied soon cleared the atmosphere. While there was no fire and no damage was done, nevertheless the fire department got needed exercise, for which the members desire to thank R. L. Barnard, captain of the hook and ladder truck. If you want to know why, ask him.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT CALLED BY DEATH

Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt died in his sleep early Monday morning at his home on Sagamore Hill in Oyster Bay, N. Y. On New Year's day he suffered a severe attack from sciatica rheumatism, and it is believed death came from this cause, the rheumatism evidently having affected the heart, for he died while he slept.

Colonel Roosevelt reached the pinnacle of his political career when he was elected to the presidency November 8, 1904, being the 26th president of these United States. He was born on October 27, 1858, and was educated at Harvard University, where he graduated in 1880. He turned early to politics. His activities in the political arena were always fairly successful up to 1912, when, as the Progressive party candidate for the presidency, he was defeated. The funeral of the ex-president was held Wednesday and the remains laid to rest in the cemetery at Oyster Bay.

Getting Anxious

W. L. Kimble, former well known Hermiston man now in the service at Camp Lewis, is spending a furlough with relatives in Pomeroy, Wash. He has dropped us a postal asking us to send The Herald to him there, saying that he is "getting anxious to see God's country again, and will be back in the spring."

15 Weeks In Hospital

Adolf Skoubo, who entered army service at Boardman, and has since been in training at Camp Lewis, Wash., writes The Herald that he is just out and able to rejoin his battery after spending 15 weeks in the hospital suffering from pneumonia and pleurisy. He says he expects to be discharged from the army in a few days and then he will return to Boardman.

Good Skating

The cold weather has been the means of making good skating ice on the ponds in this vicinity, and nightly, and also in the day time, myriads of figures of young people can be seen gliding gracefully, and at times ungracefully, over the glary surface on the Baker, Aulseon, Mikesell and other ponds hereabouts. Occasionally someone takes a plunge in an airhole, and on these occasions some of the above owners of the ponds suffer the loss of a few fence posts, which go to make a bonfire to dry the chilly victim's clothes. This is not liked by the ranchers who have suffered from such depredations. While they do not begrudge them all the sport they have on the ice, they do not think it very becoming of the skaters to destroy their fences by burning up the posts.

To Use For Fertilizer

A shipment of 7,000 sharks, cut in half, dried and piled like cordwood, was unloaded this week from the motorship Gryme at San Diego, Cal., after arrival of the vessel from the Galapagos Islands and Ensanada, Lower California. These are to be used as fertilizer. What's the use in going all the way to the Galapagos Islands for fertilizer when there are at least 7000 land sharks right here on the Pacific coast that ought to be used for fertilization purposes.

Leased Sharrard Building

Contractors Correll & Mayran this week leased the carpenter shop owned by M. W. Sharrard and have already moved from their former location on the West Side.

Was Well Insured

It has developed that A. L. Willis, the rancher on the Stage Gulch road near Cold Springs reservoir, who suddenly expired while feeding sheep on his place three weeks ago, was insured for \$15,000. This amount he had taken out earlier in the year, giving his note to the insurance company to secure the premium payment. As a result his heirs will draw down the \$15,000 without a cent in cash ever having been expended on it by deceased. This is a queer anomaly, and does not happen very often, but it is legitimate and worked out satisfactorily in this instance. When the note comes due it will be taken up by the heirs, payment coming from the money paid them by the insurance company.

INFLUENZA FATAL TO ROBERT BROWNELL

The funeral services over the remains of Robert V. Brownell, a Umatilla man well known and well liked all over the west end of this county, took place Monday afternoon in Portland at the Mount Scott cemetery chapel, following his demise from influenza the latter part of last week while visiting in the Rose City.

Robert Vernon Brownell was an expert irrigator, and operated a ranch near the city of Umatilla. He was born at Lookout, Modoc County, California, February 6, 1886, coming to Umatilla with his parents in 1902. He attended the Oregon Agricultural College in 1906-7-8, and was married to Miss Frances Wells Yerxa, of Umatilla, at Pendleton September 23, 1911.

Mr. Brownell was a member of the City Council of Umatilla. He was a past master of Tuscan Masonic Lodge of Umatilla. He is survived by his widow, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Brownell of Umatilla, three brothers, Don C. Brownell, of Pendleton; Llewellyn Brownell, of Umatilla, and Representative-elect C. G. Brownell, of Umatilla; two sisters, Miss Beatrice Brownell and Mrs. Fred M. Hofer, both of 89 North Eighteenth street, Portland.

Damascus Chapter Mourns

Damascus Chapter, R. A. M., organized in this city on the evening of December 19, 1918, is in mourning over the death of Robert V. Brownell, one of its charter members. The chapter was instituted on the above date by Most Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest Johnson of The Dalles, who installed the following officers:

W. A. Ford, E. H. P.
A. W. Prann, King.
Robert V. Brownell, Scribe.
H. J. Belscamper, Treasurer.
W. B. Spinning, Secretary.
Lou Brownell, C. H.
Roy Paul, P. S.
Wm. Switzer, R. A. C.
Peter Norquist, 3rd V.
A. B. Stevens, 2nd V.
A. P. Garner, 1st V.
Geo. Butterwood, Sentinel.

After installation a banquet was held. All made merry at this function, and little was it thought by those present that a cloud carrying the angle of death would so soon darken the horizon of the new organization.

Stanfield Has Flu

The neighboring town of Stanfield, which had evaded a Flu epidemic when it was at its height in other nearby towns, is now having its turn endeavoring to stamp out the disease, which broke out a week ago and spread rapidly.

Off to the Legislature

Representative E. P. Dodd left yesterday for Salem to attend the forthcoming session of the Oregon legislature, which is scheduled to convene next Monday in the capital city. Today he is spending in Portland attending the reconstruction convention that is hoped to give impetus to the business and labor interests all over Oregon, now that the war has come to an end.

Mrs. Dodd and children accompanied him to Salem, to remain until the close of the legislative sessions.

Received Promotion

John Canfield, who returned to his duties at Camp Lewis last week after passing a short furlough here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Canfield, and relatives on Butter Creek, received a New Year's gift from the commanding officer of promotion to the title of corporal.

BECOMES MANAGER OF THIS RECLAMATION PROJECT

LONG LETTER FROM HERBERT SULLIVAN

U. S. S. Eastern Chief, France, Nov. 26, 1918.

Dear Mother: Well, we arrived in France at our destination today after a very thrilling trip across the ocean. We sighted land yesterday—a very welcome sight after being out of range of it for 16 days. We laid out side of the port all night and came to anchor today inside of it, and it sure will feel good to put one's foot on something solid once more.

The weather has been pretty stormy all the way across but we got along pretty well considering the conditions we were in. I do not know how much liberty we will get here but I hope that we get enough to see part of France as we will be here for some time. I do not know when we will get back to the States but I think that we will be there by the middle of January, if not sooner. I am going to try hard to get a furlough and come home after this trip.

I hope that every one is as well and feeling as good as I am because I could not ask to be better in that respect than I am at the present time. I am a first class yeoman now and that is as high as I want to go now, and no doubt as high as I could go if I did desire to make anything better than I have at the present time. I do not know much of what has been going on in the world for the past month but I hope that I will be able to find out in the next few days. There is only two men on board the ship that can talk French and they are certainly popular. However, we managed to find out today that the armistice was still on and that peace negotiations were being arranged as fast as possible so that all will be at an end before we leave for the States again. Love to all. Hub.

U. S. S. Eastern Chief, La Pallice, France, Dec. 10, 1918.

Dear Folks at Home: Well, although I am still pretty sleepy, I think I had better try to write and give you a small idea of what I have been doing in the past few days. I got one more day in Paris than I expected to get by doing a little work for the captain of the ship while we were there. That is really the reason that he let us go. He has a brother in the army somewhere in France, and told us to do all that we could in the line of locating him. Well, we got to the office of the supervisor of troops and found where we could go to find out. It took us a day about a day to find where we could find how the subway worked, but after that we could get to any part of the city that we wanted to in ten or fifteen minutes.

We found that the brother of the Captain was well and fine and we wired his address to the captain. By the time that we were ready to come back to the ship from Paris, he had wired his brother and got a return wire from him and felt so good over it that he wired us another day's time in that city. So instead of leaving there Sunday night we left there last night and got here this morning about ten o'clock.

I certainly did have a good time and although it did not cost much I do not begrudge one cent of the money I spent there. I have bought some nice things to send home to you when we get back to the States but will not try to send them from here. I have a pretty scarf for mother and another scarf for some one else that I will show you when I get home. I think that in the time we spent in Paris, we saw as much of the city as one could see in that much time any place on the face of the earth. There is anything here from the oldest medieval castles and architecture to the most modern of buildings and sculpture. We stopped at the place that the president of the U. S. A. is going to stay when he gets here and it is certainly a very pretty place. It is just on the suburbs of Paris and is the old home of Louis XIV, and they are sure going to give that much honored gentleman from the States a grand reception.

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A change in the management of the government reclamation service at Hermiston took place this week, with the result that H. M. Schilling succeeds to the post held for many years by H. D. Newell and that gentleman goes to take charge of the project at Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Mr. Schilling came here six months ago from the Shoshone project in Wyoming, and has since been in charge of sand sluicing operations on the west extension canal that waters Irrigon and Boardman. He is well versed in all the intricacies of reclamation work, and is therefore well fitted to take the management of this project. He entered the United States Reclamation Service in 1905, and the records show that since then he served three years on the Truckee-Carson project in Nevada, eight years on the Minidoka project in Idaho, for two years of which he was project manager, and two and one-half years on the Shoshone project in Wyoming, during which time he was superintendent of construction.

Mr. and Mrs. Schilling and family reside in the Callbeck residence in the northeastern part of the city.

With the departure of Mr. Newell goes the title of having been one of the pioneers of this project, he having come here along about 1906, at which time he was connected with the reclamation service. In 1908 he was promoted to project engineer, and in 1912 he became manager, which position he has retained up till now. Thus it is that he has watched over this government project almost since its infancy, and has kept track of its developments on up until it merged from its swaddling clothes and grew to the prosperous condition it is in today. He has made friends here who will wish him well in his new field of labor, and his estimable wife will be missed for the many charitable deeds she has done during their long stay in Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell and little son will leave in about two weeks for their new home in Western Oregon.

Will Take Charge

The real estate business of Dodd & Knapp will be in charge of C. S. McNaught during the next six or seven weeks, Mr. Dodd having gone to the legislature for 40 days. Mr. Knapp is looking after his property interests at Richland, Wash., and will soon leave for Oakland, Calif., where he will engage in business, having severed his connection with the above real estate firm. Mr. McNaught is familiar with all project lands and will give careful attention to any matters pertaining to the business of the firm of Dodd & Knapp and of the Umatilla Farm Lands Co. Miss Edlie Johnson will be in attendance at the office during business hours.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Otto Sapper proved up on his homestead in Columbia district last Monday before U. S. Land Commissioner Warner.

Mrs. F. B. Knapton and one of the children have returned from the emergency hospital in Hermiston, and it is expected Mr. Knapton and the other children will be well enough to come home soon.

Miss Laura Phipps is recovering from the flu, and the Waller family are also getting along nicely.

Mrs. L. Brownell spent several days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Simmons, at Tip-Top ranch during the absence of her husband in Portland attending the obsequies of his brother Robert.

Session Postponed

The session of the circuit court which was to have been held this month has been postponed by Judge Phelps on account of the flu epidemic in Pendleton. As scheduled now court will convene in that city February 3.

Weather Report

Fair and fairly cold weather prevailed during the past seven days up to Thursday night, the minimum temperature having reached zero one night this week. The maximum reached was 34 degrees.