

MILITIA WORKS HARD IN DRILLS AT FT. STEVENS

Artillery Practice, Tent-Pitching and Routine Work Leave Medford Boys Ready for Bed at Close of Strenuous Days—Tardiness Brings Prompt Punishment.

FT. STEVENS, Ore., July 18.—(Special Correspondence.)—The second day in camp has come to a close after the most interesting series of events yet undertaken by the seventh company in this or any previous camp of instruction. After such a strenuous day yesterday every man was in his bunk when tattoo was sounded at 9 o'clock and it took no second admonition that all lights must be out to extinguish every Edison Mazda. Many of the men were in bed even before the bugle ordered them there. This 5:30 a. m. rising business that prevails in an army camp seems to take care of the early to bed requirement without any further effort on the part of the squad corporals.

The barracks by noon today presented a much changed appearance as a result of a thorough scrubbing from front porch to second story dormitory, due to the combined efforts of four men of the company who were late at falling in for retreat yesterday evening, and as a consequence spent today drilling with mop sticks instead of Springfield rifles and 10-inch guns. Punctuality and obedience to orders is exacted even to such minor matters as falling in for roll call, as these four young men can testify. It would not be proper to publicly disclose who these adepts with the mop stick are, but if the fond mothers of Privates Purdin, Minkler, Goble and Welch should need any assistance of like nature about the family quarters they could enquire through the proper military channels.

Artillery Drills

Artillery drill today was on Battery Lewis, one of the 10-inch batteries located on the banks of the Columbia. Instead of theoretically sinking the ocean liners as was done yesterday, Gun Pointer Hill contented himself with taking pot shots at whole flocks of fishing boats innocently engaged in gill netting salmon out in the river. The tide was coming in this morning and with it the schools of famous Columbia river salmon. The river was literally covered with thousands of motor fish boats, which have in the past few years completely replaced the old-style cat boats with the single sail. A very imposing sight on the river today, at least to a Rogue river land lubber, was the majestic steamer Great Northern lastly dropping down stream, Prisco bound. The rats were lined with passengers, who appeared to be much interested at the sight of the big disappearing guns going in to battery for an instant and then receding as quickly out of view. There is nothing from seaward to indicate the location of the batteries even at a distance of a few hundred yards, the concealment has been so cleverly arranged. It is not difficult to understand why the greatest dreadnaughts or battle cruisers engaged in the present European conflict have been unable to cope with the opposing land batteries, indicating that the foreign powers have as cleverly concealed their coast defenses.

Oregon is Sighted

The battleship Oregon was also picked up through the high powered telescopes proceeding up the coast with the California naval militia on board enroute to Alaska for the summer cruise.

The program for the day assigned the afternoon to the 7th company for tent pitching practice, the only company yet attempting this feature of military instruction, and in fact the first time it has been done at any coast artillery camp. It was a most interesting diversion from the squads, right and left evolutions that have been worn threadbare and commonplace in months of arduous drill. It apparently appeared as equally interesting to the other companies, since they suspended drill to watch the Medford company go into camp in field campaign style.

The company proceeded to the large parade ground in heavy marching order, and at command the thirty-three tents, or "shelter halves," were in a few minutes standing in a long row in military precision, beds made, and the company ready to turn in. Each man carries one half of a tent, it being used ordinarily as the covering for the blanket roll which is swung over the left shoulder. Wrapped inside the blanket roll are the five tent pins and jointed pole. At the command "pitch tents," the rolls are quickly opened, two halves

FRENCH CAPTURE LABYRINTH OF HILL TRENCHES

Ninety Underground Fortifications Taken in Drive Yesterday—Germans Make No Attempt to Follow Up Smash at Verdun, Due to Increasing Difficulty Concentration.

PARIS, July 21.—The resumption of the battle of the Somme in the French sector has greatly enhanced the general confidence in the situation. The protracted halt of operations on more than a minor scale was beginning to make the public fear that the first results would have no morrow, and that as in the case of the Champagne offensive a year ago, there might be a reversion to the old trench warfare. Yesterday's bulletins effectually removed this impression.

Capture Labyrinth.

A particularly fine piece of work from the French point of view, was accomplished in the new sector attacked south of the river. East of the old French front, which ran from the east of Herbeville to half way between that village and the Fouquescourt-Vermandovillers road, the Germans had constructed, by months of patient toil, and underground fortifications in a star shaped wood, very deep with two series of underground shelters, in which the soldiers lay snug, during the hottest bombardments.

The Germans here, as in the Barleux and Soyecourt region, where their positions formed an intricate maze of trenches, offered a stouter resistance than elsewhere on the long line of attack. But the French troops carefully prepared for their work, and skillfully led, not only won through everywhere, but held on to their gain and were preparing last night to attempt still further to extend them.

It now develops that yesterday's effort was due several days ago, but the artillery preparation was delayed by heavy weather. The French commander's report is that the preliminary bombardment was so effective, that the losses of the attackers were comparatively light.

German Difficulties.

Contrary to expectations, the Germans have made no attempt to follow up the smashing blow delivered against the northern Verdun defenses a week ago. The French counter attacks, according to the official accounts, are gradually winning back the ground gained by the Germans at heavy cost in the vicinity of Thiaumont and Fleury. This inactivity on the part of the Crown Prince is interpreted by French military opinion as evidence that the Germans are finding increasing difficulty in concentrating troops at one point on the front. The French officers say that each fresh assault on Verdun is requiring longer and longer time to prepare. They claim that the Germans took no less than 18 days in preparations for the attack of July 12.

In place, pins driven, guy ropes attached, ponchos and blankets spread inside, and a complete shelter provided for the entire company, in pairs.

Tent Pitching Practiced

The thirty-three tents occupied the entire length of the large parade ground. After all tents were erected and the occupants standing at attention in front of their respective canvas abodes, the officers inspected the entire row and awarded the first prize for neatness and precision to Privates Welch and Minkler, the "bunkies" of the best erected tent. Privates Seamon and Jackson carried off the second prize.

The practice proved so interesting that a general request was made that the company be permitted again to pitch their shelter halves before breaking camp.

This evening the band gave a concert in front of the barracks, which everyone attended. The coast artillery band is a splendid organization and does much to enliven the camp and take away the drudgery of drill.

Tomorrow evening the Seventh company puts on the grand mount, the one ceremony that the entire camp turns out to view and criticize or commend, as the results deserve. In consequence every man had out his drill tactics tonight and the squad leaders were putting their men through their guard mount sprouts. The greatest ambition of every company and every man in it is to have it said that his company excelled in guard mount ceremonies.

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HOOPER GIVEN TEN YEAR SENTENCE AT JOPLIN MISSOURI

Wilbur Mason, known in this section as John Austin Hooper, was sentenced July 12, at Joplin Mo., to serve ten years in the penitentiary for killing Louis Wells, a special policeman.

Hooper, who was out on parole from San Quentin prison, where he had been given a life sentence, was wanted for the robbery of a postoffice for rifling the Rogue River bank, for holding up an interurban train, for robbing a hardware store at making his escape from the Grants Pass jail a year ago, after he had locked up the sheriff.

Hooper, or Mason, offered as his defence in his latest crime, the story that he did not know his victim was a policeman, but thought he was a tramp attempting to hold him up.

The prisoner is a sort of Jekyll-Hyde person. On one side he is a crook, who has spent most of his life, since 18 years of age in prison. On the other hand, he is a polished gentleman, who moves in good society, handsome, and well dressed, bookish and having in his prison cell Dr. Elliot's five-foot shelf of classics. He is an authority on Omar Khayyam, Dr. Johnson and the theories of Darwin, Huxley and their like.

He has homesteaded in Oregon. He has lived in most of the states in the union and has worked an engineer, store clerk, bookkeeper, ranchman, railroad hand and numerous other positions.

He is regarded by Chief Hiteon and other police officials of Southern Oregon as the smoothest crook, who has ever operated in this section.

S. S. Smith left Friday afternoon to attend the meeting of republican campaign and executive committees in Portland Saturday. From Portland he will go to Aberdeen, Wash., where he will join Mrs. Smith who is the guest of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Beaumont DeLoach.

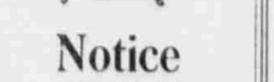
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BEST BASEBALL GAME OF SEASON ASSURED SUNDAY

Any doubt which may have lingered in the minds of the fans as to the class of ball they will see Sunday was wiped out when the news was made public that "Chick" Baker would handle the receiving end for Medford, "Chick" and Seiberts make a battery in keeping with the rest of the infield and Bob can be relied upon to provide an outfield that will make a balanced team.

The increase in the price of a limited number of seats is rendered necessary on account of the heavy expense of getting the Klamath Falls team here, as well as to assure the exceptionally large bunch of rooters from the Falls that they will be sure of seats. The capacity of the grounds is so limited that these steps are unavoidable, although they are not intended as a precedent.

From all indications, the game will not only be of absorbing interest to local fans, but will also be well worth

the cost of admission to the "non-partisans."
Manager Brevard has a staff at work on the grounds and everything points to a real ball game. If there is any baseball enthusiasm in Medford, a few of the fans ought to forego their daily fishing trip or joy ride, and "play the game," as a team capable of playing good ball against a good team, cannot be kept going on the ordinary receipts when everyone, who owns a car has gone to California.

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For Klam. Falls-Bigbee and Jolly

GAME CALLED AT 2:30 SHARP
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Women's House Dresses, Silk Waists, Wash Dresses and Coats sold up to \$8 each, clearance sale each **98c**

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Women's and Children's Waists and Middies, some sold as high as \$4.00, slightly mussed, this sale **48c**

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Flowered Crepes, new designs, worth 12 1/2c, clearance price yard **8c**

1000 yards of Fancy Flaxons, Lawns and Dimities, real values up to 20c, this sale, yard **12 1/2c**

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New stock of Japanese Cloths at special prices, napkins to match.

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Japanese Table Runners, new patterns, at **19c, 25c and 35c**

Japanese Toweling, 10-yard bolt for **75c**

Japanese Crepe in sport stripes, special, a yard **25c**

Japanese Baskets, **98c, \$1.25 and \$1.98 ea**

White Hosiery

Is very scarce—we were fortunate in getting a shipment in by express yesterday—they go on sale Saturday.

White Lisle at, pair **25c and 50c**
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White Gloves

Women's White Lisle and Chamotte pair **25c**

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New Colonial Draperies

36-inch Colonial Draperies for skirts and hats, beautiful new designs, very special Saturday, **25c** yard

36-inch Curtain Serim, flowered border, 25c value, special, yard **20c**

36-inch Flowered Satine, new patterns, special, yard **35c**

Saturday Sale of Notions

Sanitol Talcum Powder, per can **10c**

Hand Bags, all leather, \$2.50 grade **\$1.69**

Madame Root's Face Bloom at, bottles **50c**

Mann's Tooth Paste, 25c package, for **19c**

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