

PATRIOTIC WEEK OBSERVED WITH PARADE, MEETINGS

Another enthusiastic meeting of the veterans' organization was held Monday evening in the armory, at which Mayor C. E. Gates and a committee from the Greater Medford club, were present by invitation to make plans for co-operation in the events determined upon to "put Medford on the map" in connection with Patriotic week. The Greater Medford club committee consisted of Mrs. C. S. Schieffelin, chairman, Mrs. G. E. Johnson, Mrs. Alan Brackinreed, Miss Nancy Clark, Miss Elizabeth Putnam.

Plans formulated at the meeting for the week include the following activities:

Participation in the patriotic meeting in the Page theatre, Tuesday evening, preceded by a parade of the Seventh company in uniform, led by the city band; a visit to the high school by Mayor C. E. Gates and Captain A. J. Vance, to give a talk to the students on patriotism and the duty of citizens to their country in time of war; requests to various lodges to devote their meetings this week to patriotic exercises and the support of the Seventh company; a public meeting at the Natatorium or Pigeon Saturday evening for the purpose of securing recruits for the Seventh company, preceded by a grand parade, led by fifes and drums in costumes of various periods of this country's martial activities, and by the city band and high school band, followed by the Seventh company and Grand Army veterans, Spanish War veterans, ladies' riding club, mounted in costume, the members of various lodges, automobiles and the citizens generally carrying banners.

A committee was appointed to arrange for the parade consisting of T. H. E. Hathaway, chairman, Geo. Coddney, H. B. Clark, Elmer Foss, H. S. Deuel, H. H. Howell and members of the Seventh company. The program committee appointed Sunday evening headed by E. E. Kelly, will arrange the exercises and speakers to be announced later. The musical program will be in charge of the committee of the Greater Medford club.

The recruiting committee reported headquarters had been secured on West Main street, adjoining Marsh & Bennett's grocery. Mrs. Schieffelin for the Greater Medford club, stated that committees of young ladies would be present each day through the week at the recruiting quarters to assist in the work; at her suggestion lists of eligibles were prepared to be addressed personally by the members of the committees, in an effort to secure them as members of the company.

A flag committee was appointed to visit the merchants and other business men today and request them to display the American flag in their stores and on their store and office fronts. The committee consists of Blaine Klum, chairman, Mayor Gates, A. J. Vance, Albert Clark, F. J. Newman, P. S. Blackden, E. E. Kelly, Mrs. C. S. Schieffelin, Mrs. G. E. Johnson, Mrs. Alan Brackinreed, Miss Nancy Clark, Miss Elizabeth Putnam. Mayor Gates consented to issue a proclamation requesting the citizens generally to wear the flag of their country on their persons, and to continue the practice during the coming crisis.

An interesting feature of the evening was a short talk by Mr. Dyre, a member of the Canadian cavalry, on furlough because of wounds received in action, who related various experiences in the trenches. Mr. Dyre returns to active duty in April. The meeting was presided over by Alan Brackinreed as chairman.

DARNING NEEDLS KILLS WORLD CHAMPION COW

APPLETON, Wis., March 27.—Pauline Paul Puthene, the world's champion Holstein cow, owned by R. J. Schafer, is dead. A postmortem showed that a darning needle had pierced the heart. Two years ago the animal gave 2,888 pounds of butter. She was thirteen years old and won every prize for which she had been entered for some years.

OBITUARY.

Frank B. Hatfield died—At Central Point, Ore., Monday, March 26, 1917, Frank B. Hatfield, of typhoid fever, age 24 years and nine months. He was a bookkeeper in the Central Point bank and a resident of this section ten years. He is survived by his parents and one brother. The funeral services will be held from the family residence Tuesday at 2:30 p. m., the Rev. Handy officiating. Interment in Medford I. O. O. F. cemetery.

APPOINT CANTIN MEMBER OREGON MERGER BOARD

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 27.—Governor Withycombe has appointed the seven members who are to investigate the question of what state activities can, consistently in the interests of efficiency and economy, be consolidated or eliminated to avoid duplication of work. It will report to the legislative assembly which meets in 1919.

The members of the commission are: A. J. Johnson, Corvallis. T. J. Scroggins, La Grande. John H. Carlin, Medford. Austin T. Buxton, Forest Grove. Frank Patten, Astoria. Herman Van Borstel, Portland. Charles Van Rosten, Portland. Necessity for the appointment of such a commission became apparent in the closing days of the last legislature after that body had wrestled with the consolidation problem from the beginning of the session.

While the legislature was practically a unit in the belief that some consolidation and elimination of commissions should be brought about, no conclusion could be arrived at to cover any general consolidation program.

Consolidation committees were named by each house, after the two bodies had deadlocked. Then the two committees proved hostile. But the dove of peace finally settled down over the committees and they succeeded in arriving at some conclusions as to consolidation, but these were in turn blocked by dissension between the two houses again.

The situation was admittedly one of 89 members who all sought to attain a definite object, but all were at sea as to the best way to attain it and what the best object to attain really was.

Consequently a resolution authorizing the appointment of the board was adopted.

Governor Withycombe, in making the selection of the men to serve on this committee, drafted men from different walks of business life and scattered them considerably over the state, so that the members might bring to the committee the ideas and views of various localities as to what possible economies might be effected by the recommendations of the committee.

It is expected that steps will be taken in the near future to start on the task which devolves on the committee, as the question is one which involves many angles and requires considerable investigation.

CANCEL BOAT RACE IF WAR DECLARED

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 27.—The Yale-Harvard boat race this year will be cancelled in event of a declaration of war by congress, Fred W. Moore, graduate treasurer of athletes at Harvard university, said today. Other athletic events also will be cancelled, he said, although such competition as may be decided on Harvard's home fields when the preparation does not involve intensive training will be played. The probability of similar action by other colleges may further reduce these contests.

No formal agreement has yet been reached regarding the Yale-Harvard regatta at New London, Conn., on June 22, Moore said, although there had been an informal exchange of views between the graduate athletic committees of both universities. The crew activities would be the first to be abandoned, according to the treasurer, both because of the preparation necessary and the fact that every member of the varsity crew and most of the members of the second eight are enlisted for some form of military or naval training.

S. P. REFUSES ALL BUT GOV'T FREIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—The Southern Pacific company declared an embargo today effective tomorrow on all eastbound freight over the Sunset-Gulf route except United States government shipments because of lack of vessels to handle the freight from gulf ports to the Atlantic seaboard. "If we continue to accept freight for those ports it will tie up equipment, greatly aggravating the present car shortage," an order signed by G. W. Luce, freight traffic manager, read.

THE OPEN SEASON



GERMANS FEEDING PRISONERS ONLY BREAD AND BEETS

HAVRE, France, March 27.—The Belgian government has received by trustworthy means letters from responsible Belgians who have been deported to Germany. The letters, dated at the end of February or early in March, were written from the camps in which the men are being confined. Some passages follow:

"Since February 1 we have had only two meals a day. The one in the evening has been discontinued. That was the best one because we had corn."

From another letter: "It is frightful here. We are dying of famine. We have a ration of bread, water and beets. That is all. We are skeletons covered with skin. Thirteen were counted in the morgue yesterday and fourteen today. That is from among the 3000 or 4000 here. Conditions are more frightful in the — and — camps. If anyone gives us a little soup or something else to eat he is punished with five days in prison."

From another letter: "The situation becomes more and more unendurable from day to day. Every morning two or three dead are found in the huts. The doctors decline all responsibility. Today 120 are dead at Camp —. We hope for our deliverance by the great offensive."

WILL NOT RAISE GREEK BLOCKADE

LONDON, March 27.—Although steps have been taken to introduce a limited supply of foodstuffs into Greece, the blockade instituted against that country will not be raised until the demands of the entente allies have been satisfactorily executed, Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, told the house of commons today.

Replying to a question whether any deaths by starvation had occurred in Greece owing to the shortage of food, Lord Robert said there were reports of two deaths in January, but the British government had no official confirmation of this.

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Three Killed Hotel Fire. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 27.—Three persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the

Stephens Hotel and ten other buildings at Craston, Wirt county, early today. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

Advertisement for Chesterfield Cigarettes. Includes text: "That's just what I've always wished a cigarette would do - satisfy!" and "The feature of Chesterfields is that they begin where other cigarettes leave off." Also includes an image of a man smoking and a pack of cigarettes.

LINER ST. LOUIS SIGHTED NO 'SUBS' DURING JOURNEY

LONDON, March 26.—(Delayed by censor, from a staff correspondent of the Associated Press)—The St. Louis, the first passenger vessel carrying the American flag to cross the Atlantic since Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine destruction and the first armed American liner to enter a European port since the war began, arrived this morning. She carried a meager number of passengers—thirty-three all told—but her holds were filled to capacity with non-contraband freight.

The St. Louis came through without interruption. No submarines were sighted, nor were there at any time any indications that German undersea boats were after the big liner. If any of them saw the St. Louis they made no attempt to destroy her, but carefully kept away from the guns of the American ship.

But signs of war were not lacking and the last three days aboard were anxious ones for passengers and crew alike. On Friday and again on Saturday after the St. Louis entered the forbidden zone, driftwood was passed—apparently parts of destroyed lifeboats. Yesterday a great field of oil was encountered. Vague rumors of the sinking of ships either ahead of or near the St. Louis increased the nervous tension.

For three days and nights the captain did not leave the bridge and never in her 22 years of existence has the American ship been driven so furiously as she was from the time she passed into the zone until she was picked up by a pilot.

The journey was virtually without incident until the war zone was reached. Unusual precautions were taken as soon as the liner passed the

Ambrose light, but as she neared the danger point even the lift rafts and collapsible boats were made ready for immediate use. Reflectors were strung up fore and aft and carbide lights were tied along the rails for use in event the St. Louis became the victim of a torpedo or gunfire.

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