

HOME GUARDS GIVE ORDERS TO WRONG PARTIES

Home Guard company members are still laughing at some of the odd experiences their comrades encountered last Wednesday when they were patrolling the city and warning water users to stop irrigating under penalty of arrest or of having their water connections shut off. The majority of citizens took the warning good naturedly and at once ceased irrigating. Others did so begrudgingly, and a few were nasty about it and complied nevertheless.

R. D. Hoke in patrolling way out East Main street spied several hose nozzles spraying on the grounds about Frank Owen's residence on the hill. Stopping his automobile in front of the house, Hoke shouted to the gardener who was using a hose on the lawn.

"Hey, you! You'll have to stop that irrigating. The city water is short and the city don't allow any irrigating."

"Oh, go chase yourself!" was the astounding reply. "We've got our own water system here."

"Giddap," said Hoke to his car as he turned it around and sped back down Main street blushing furiously.

Frank Owen has one of the finest private water systems in the city, having spent several thousands of dollars on it.

George T. Collins, another Home Guard on patrol duty, in passing a house in the west part of the city, noticed that the front and side yards were all freshly wet, and decided to get out of his car and investigate. "Aha," said Collins to himself as he rounded the rear part of the house and saw a woman using a hose in the garden.

Collins in his suave way explained to the woman the grave water situation and why the city could permit no irrigating or spraying. And all the time she kept saying "uh hu" and nodding her head in agreement with his remarks.

"Would you like a drink from the well from which this water is flowing?" she sweetly asked him when he was all thru. Then Collins tumbled, after scratching his head where there used to be hair, that this was a private water system.

He spent ten minutes more in apologizing for having butted in.

PRESS REPORTS WRONG. SAYS GENERAL CROWDER

WASHINGTON, June 8.—General Crowder issued this statement today:

"Some published press reports are to the effect that figures received in the office of the provost marshal general indicate millions of claims for exemptions. These reports consist of conclusions erroneously drawn and very unjust to the young men of the country. As a matter of fact no claims whatever have been called for or received.

"Registration cards contain some questions that were asked solely for statistical reasons. The answers to these questions are tabulated in such a way as to show how many registered men are executive, judicial or legislative officers of the state or nation; how many have wives or other relatives dependent upon them for support, how many are totally disabled and how many belong to religious sects, opposed to war in any form or are ordained ministers or are engaged in certain industries. Absolutely no statistics of this kind were extant before the registration, and such statistics were necessary in drafting regulations. Within these statistics are included the cards of a great proportion who expressly stated that they intended to claim no exemptions and a vast number of others who made no statements whatever concerning exemptions.

"Indeed there is no index of the number of exemptions that will be claimed in the office of the provost marshal general. Every effort should be made to eradicate the impression that has been given by the press reports mentioned above.

BRUTAL MURDERER RELATES DETAILS OF REVOLTING DEED

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 8.—Joe Rodenbaugh, confessed double-murderer, now serving a life sentence in state prison for the murder of Patrolman George Connery in Minneapolis, related in detail today how he shot and killed Mrs. Alice McQuillan Dunn as she slept in her father's home here on the morning of April 26. He told of being hired by Mike Moore to kill the woman, of entering the home early in the morning and firing three shots into the body of Mrs. Dunn as she lay sleeping beside her sister. He spared nothing, answering questions willingly and relating every detail apparently undisturbed by the sobs of the mother and sister of the dead

WATER FAMINE THING OF PAST; DAMAGE SLIGHT

The city's water famine is over and all day long Friday the normal supply was flowing from Little Butte creek into the hastily repaired intake and from the reservoir into the city pipes.

By order of Mayor Gates the ban on irrigation was lifted early this forenoon. The word flew around the city rapidly and the water consumers lost no time in getting hoses at work on gardens and lawns.

It is claimed by the city authorities that the water will be clear by tonight or at the very latest tomorrow morning. It seemed to be clearing up during the day.

At 6 o'clock this morning City Water Superintendent Arnsperger telephoned from the intake that repairs had been made there during the night as soon as he had received word from Fish Lake dam that the canal company had completed its temporary repairs on the break there, that the city reservoir was filled and that the city's normal supply was flowing into the intake.

Irrigation Permissible. About the same hour people began calling Mayor Gates over the telephone, asking if they could irrigate. And this kept up most of the day.

Arnsperger reported to the mayor that when the creek water had lowered sufficiently last night to enable the repair work to be started at the intake the workmen soon found that a large log had been jammed by the flood last Monday night into the big intake pipe partially stopping it up. The workmen cleared away part of the wreckage at the intake and built a temporary dam there.

Nothing in the way of permanently repairing the intake will be done until the city council has paid a visit to it to study the situation. The council will probably have a new intake built in an entirely different location. The councilmen plan to visit the intake and the Fish Lake dam on Sunday.

Ralph Cowgill, chief engineer of the Rogue River Canal company, returned from the dam to the city last night. He claimed today that the reports of flood damage done by the break in the dam along the course of Butte creek were greatly exaggerated and asserted positively that at no time was the dam in danger of giving way. The dam structure, he said, was as good as ever and as solid as a rock, except where the break occurred and there only a part of the earth filling was washed out.

Damage Is Slight. According to Mr. Cowgill the total damage caused by the flood will not exceed \$500 and the loss of one or two cows drowned.

No further work will be done on the dam this summer, he says, and in the meantime expert dam engineers will be summoned by the company to look the dam over and give advice. Mr. Cowgill said the entire dam structure would probably be reinforced with a concrete core.

Manager Brown of the canal company had not returned from the dam today. He will remain there for a day or two.

It was reported in the city today that residents along Little Butte creek in the Lake Creek district were arranging to make a protest against the dam being retained in its present make-up, and would demand it be made a thoroughly safe concrete structure.

FORCES GERMANSG TO RETIRE

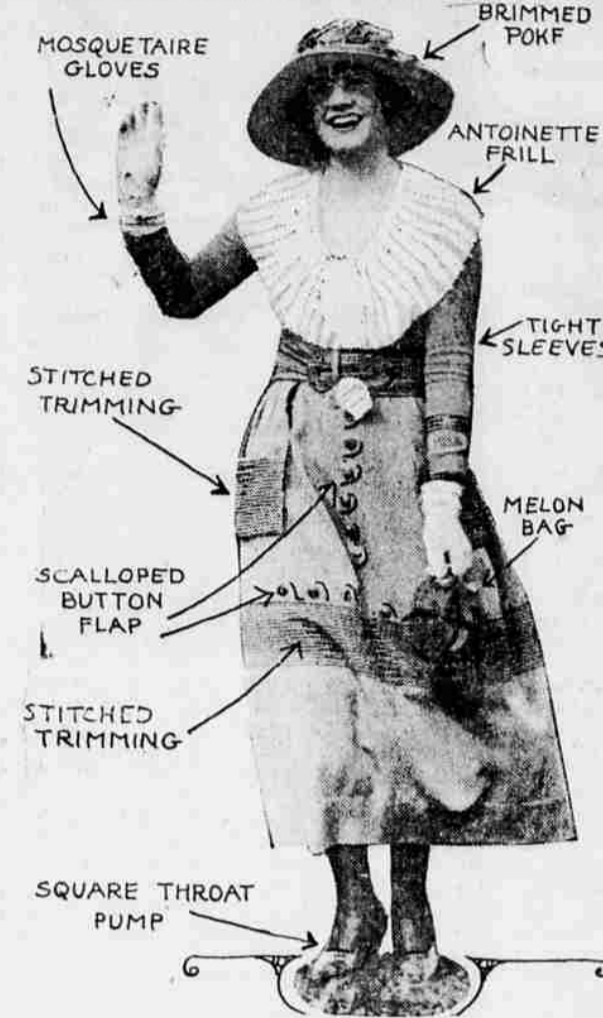
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der-estimated the power and resources of their foes and were not ready to withstand the terrific blow which fell upon them. From the captured heights the British guns today are sending their message of death across a low and level plain of scarcely five miles in breadth which separates them from the industrial capital of northern France.

Lille Is Objective. Lille is the chief of a little group of three cities in which, prior to the war, centered France's great textile industries. It formerly had a population of 210,000. Its two sister cities, Roubaix and Tourcoing were the homes of about an equal number. Tourcoing and Roubaix stand on rising ground from four to six miles northwest of Lille, the only highland now in front of the British. To their right, however, Lille is protected by a ridge which stands between it and Armentieres, the town on which the right wing of the attacking arm yrests. An advance into the plain will outflank this ridge.

TO KLAMATH FALLS. Will leave for Klamath Falls Saturday noon. Can take four passengers. Fare \$1.00. Coach \$1.00.

COSTUME PERFECT IN EVERY DETAIL



Mrs. Anglo B. Duke.

NEW YORK, June 8.—The most convincing kind of fashions are those snapped at some society function. Horse shows and race tracks are famous places for exhibition of absolutely correct style. At the Belmont park races, Mrs. Anglo B. Duke, one of New York's best dressed young women, was snapped in the simplest of frocks. The costume is perfect at every point from the broad poke brim to the slender pumps with the new "square throat."

The loose wristed gloves, enormous pleated neck frill, small melon-shaped bag, scalloped button flaps and band dress trimming are separate features of an ensemble which is sure to be studied by any girl or woman having a taste for what is really artistic in dress.

TEST YOUR STORAGE BATTERY CELLS OFTEN

"Taking a hydrometer reading of one cell of a storage battery does not indicate the condition of the entire battery," says "Doc" Wright of the Prest-O-Lite Battery service station.

"A storage battery is made up of a number of cells, each cell a complete unit in itself. Each cell contains a series of plates and its own supply of acid solution or electrolyte. They are in reality, separate 2-volt units connected in series to obtain the desired voltage for the starting and lighting system. Each unit should be tested with a hydrometer and an average taken to determine the condition of the battery. If the specific gravity in any cell tests more than 25 points lower than the other cells, it is an indication that this cell is out of order. The condition may be due to short circuits inside the cell; putting too much water in the cell, weakening the electrolyte to overflow, weakening the solution; or loss of electrolyte due to a cracked or leaky jar.

"The evaporation of distilled water should be about the same in all units. If the solution in any one cell becomes considerably lower than that in the other cells it is an indication that the jar of that cell is cracked or leaky and it should be replaced at once to prevent total loss of the solution and consequent injury to the battery.

"Such troubles cannot be corrected by the motorist and should therefore be referred to a competent battery man. The service station at the C. E. Gates Auto Co. is a part of the big Prest-O-Lite battery service system which is at the service of motorists everywhere, regardless of the make of battery used.

RUSSIAN FANATICS FOLLOW 'ADVISE OF HOLY GHOST'

PHOENIX, Ariz., June 8.—After a conference today with the state council of defense the leaders of a Russian religious colony, all of whose members except twenty refused to register on Tuesday, for the selective draft, decided that the rest would not register and would take the punishment prescribed by the act for refusal.

They said in reply to the questions asked that they were aware of the terms of the army act and of the consequences; they were aware, too, of their right to claim exemption as conscientious objectors, and they knew that they would not be called upon to bear arms. But they said that they believed that to go through the form of registration would be to "condone" war.

Moreover, the leaders said that the "holy ghost" had told them that there would be a registration for war and had ordered them not to register. The council of defense decided to refer the whole matter to the United

PERSHING IS IN ENGLAND TO LEAD AMERICAN ARMY

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Welsh Fusiliers was drawn up at the landing with a regimental band. When General Pershing had been introduced to the military officer in command of the port he inspected the guard of honor while the band played "The Star Spangled Banner."

Trip Delightful One. General Pershing said to the Associated Press:

"The trip has been delightful, particularly the latter stages, when we were escorted through the danger zone by our own destroyers. Speaking for myself and staff, we are glad to be the standard bearers of America in this great war for civilization. The opportunity of landing at a British port and the welcome we received are very significant and are deeply appreciated. We expect in the course of a very short time to be playing our part, which I hope will be a very big part, on the western front."

107 in Pershing's Staff.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Major General Pershing, whose safe arrival in England is recorded in the foregoing dispatch, has with him 198 officers, enlisted men and other attaches. The party sailed more than a week ago without any publicity being given to their departure despite the fact that it was known to some American newspapers.

Reports from Paris yesterday said sites for the camps of American troops had been selected. Presumably General Pershing will inspect these and make complete arrangements for the reception of his troops. No information as to the composition of the American force or when it may be expected to reach France has been given out beyond the original statement that a division of regular troops supplemented by a regiment of marines would be sent at the earliest practicable date.

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RAISING FUNDS FOR RED CROSS

An important meeting is being held this afternoon on Red Cross matters in the rooms of the local chapter in the Sparta building to discuss ways and means of raising \$10,000 in Medford and \$5000 in Ashland for the Red Cross, assessed by the national committee.

At the conference were Lincoln McCormack, representing the Medford chapter, and E. V. Carter and Prof. Irving Vining, representing the Ashland chapter, and Robert Smith of Roseburg, representing the state Red Cross.

Mr. McCormack has just returned from Portland, where he attended the state Red Cross conference which was also attended by representatives of the national Red Cross organization. At the Portland conference discussion was had of the announced intention to raise \$100,000,000 in the United States for the Red Cross. The apportionment for Oregon has been decided on. The state was subdivided into sections and to each city and section was apportioned a certain amount to raise.

Medford's apportionment is \$10,000, and Ashland's \$5000.

The conference in Medford this afternoon was called by Mr. McCormack on his return home from Portland.

VETERANS IN GRAY ARE BACK OF PRESIDENT WILSON

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The United Confederate Veterans re-elected General George P. Harrison of Opelika, Ala., their commander-in-chief, and selected Tulsa, Okla., as the place for the 1918 meeting, late today, after marching up Pennsylvania avenue to the strains of "Dixie" and passing in review before President Wilson and Vice-President Marshall. A summer shower cooled the atmosphere as the veterans marched and, in spite of the advanced age of most of the old soldiers, not a case of serious exhaustion was reported.

General J. M. Van Zandt of Texas was re-elected commander of the Trans-Mississippi department. Resolutions pledging support to President Wilson in the war were adopted. The veterans also endorsed a bill pending in congress to refund to southern states the cotton tax collected at the close of the war, and went on record in protest against a published statement that the south went to war for the same cause for which the Teutonic powers are defying the world.

Secretary Daniels entertained General Harrison and the corps and division commanders at dinner tonight aboard the presidential yacht May-

GOETHALS FIRES ASSISTANTS

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the board members had not insisted on either steel or wooden ship.

General Goethals announced the discharge of the two engineers in a memorandum to Chairman Denman of the shipping board giving as a reason "lack of loyalty and mis-statements and misrepresentation of facts."

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Differences over the government's wooden ship building program came to a head last night when F. A. Eustis, assistant general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, and his assistant, F. Huntington Clark, issued statements virtually charging Major General Goethals, general manager of the corporation, with halting building of the vessels by prescribing an impossible form of contract.

The statements reveal that the corporation has just received offers from ten firms to build 496 wooden ships within twelve months or 786 within 18 months. General Goethals has turned the proposition down, because the builders wish to construct the ships on a cost plus ten per cent profit basis, instead of contracting for a flat price for the ships.

Mr. Eustis and Mr. Clark are the

mining engineers who originated the wooden ship building plan adopted by the shipping board and regarded by General Goethals as impracticable. When the board formed the fleet corporation and put General Goethals at its head with full powers to build ships, the two engineers were assigned to the corporation as the general's aides.

After taking charge of the building program General Goethals turned to steel construction and limited the wooden program to not more than 250 ships in eighteen months. Mr. Eustis and Mr. Clark contend that the corporation can build 2000 wooden ships within that time without interfering with steel building.

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