

HOME GUARD IN NEED OF MEMBERS ASSERTS COLLINS

TO the Editor:
The Medford home guards need more men to bring the company up to one hundred. We do not believe the people of Medford understand the purpose and workings of this organization or they would volunteer more readily. There is no initiation fee, no dues or assessments, it does not cost a cent to belong, the only requirement being to attend drill every Wednesday night or furnish a valid excuse. Its purpose is to perform such service from time to time as may be necessary for the protection and welfare of the community.

It is reported that when the Seventh company leave the I company will also be withdrawn. Medford will then be left without any organization whatever that can be quickly summoned in case of need.

The government at Washington has recognized this fact and have just passed a bill providing arms and ammunition for the home guards.

There are over a thousand men in Medford today who could and should join this or similar organizations. Is it possible that there are not one hundred men in this city who have enough patriotism to give one hour of their time one night a week for such a laudable purpose? The women and girls in this city are doing more war work than the men. The men who have already joined are not the class of men who are given much to fooling. They are men who are in the habit of making good use of their time, they are serious minded people engaged in a serious business and we want more of the same type. Who are they who can afford to sit idly by and let others do the work for them? No one knows what moment we may be called upon to protect their property and ours.

The slacker is not only the one who does not go to the front when he can but he is also the one who does not voluntarily do what he can at home, who does not go out of his way to find things he can do to help. Let every man in Medford ask himself the following questions and see if he has done his bit:

Have you bought a Liberty bond?
Have you contributed to the Red Cross?

Have you planted a garden?
Have you planted more this year than last?

Have you joined the home guards or any other organization that has for its purpose the protection and welfare of the community?

The organization meets every Wednesday night at the high school at 7:45 o'clock. New members will be welcomed and all men in Medford able to march and carry a gun are urged to join.

Respectfully,
GEO. T. COLLINS,
Medford, June 14.

BOY SCOUTS SELL \$8,234,000 BONDS

NEW YORK, June 15.—Boy scouts of America have obtained subscriptions to the Liberty loan totalling \$8,234,900, according to official returns made to scout headquarters here today up to 8 a. m. today. Officials believe the total subscriptions made thru efforts of the 238,000 scouts will amount to between ten and fifteen million dollars.

BANDIT HOOPER REPORTED KILLED ONCE AGAIN

John Austin Hooper, the spectacular desperado who made a grandstand getaway from the Grants Pass jail in 1915, is reported killed in Missouri. In June 1916, he was convicted of killing a special officer at Joplin, Missouri and sent up for ten years. He escaped last November. Officers got trace of him through a telegram sent to his brother, Roy Hooper in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was floating down the Mississippi in a houseboat armed with three rifles and a revolver. He resisted arrest and was killed by officers of Greenville, Missouri. His career in this region consisted of holding up and robbing a storekeeper at Hornbrook, and afterwards committing several robberies in southern Oregon and around Portland. Detectives of the latter city captured him and he was turned over to Josephine county officers to be held for bank robbery. He compelled another man to escape with him and was hunted all over this part of the state—being seen about Klamath Falls. He is said to have cached the proceeds of his robberies somewhere in the Siskiyou mountains. He was a college graduate and of pleasing personality. He was wanted at Clarendon, Arkansas for killing a deputy sheriff.—Ashland Record.

CONVICTS BATTLED TO HAVE LOVE NOTE PRIVILEGE AT JOLIET

JOLIET, Ill., June 15.—The honor system has not broken down in Joliet for the reason there has been no honor system in operation since former Warden Allen resigned.

The system in operation since the honor system was abolished is not any system in fact. Chiefly it is lack of system that has been proved a failure.

The big revolt of prisoners was against taking away a vicious letter-writing custom that real prison honor system workers denounce. The best men in prison also condemn this letter-writing system as a vicious proposition that robs prisoners of honor—and even of decency.

Opponents of the honor system—those who favor the old-time brutality and repression have made haste to fasten upon the grave outbreak here as an argument against the honor system—and if there really had been an honor system in operation their argument might have force.

Governor Dunne installed the honor system in Joliet about four years ago. While it was in operation a negro trusty murdered the warden's wife. When Warden Allen left the prison following the murder, Warden Zimmer took charge and the honor system went. It has not been in effect since. The present warden, Bowen, has been in office about a month.

Warden Bowen found the "Oriental Esoteric league" doing a big business with the prison in the way of writing letters to prisoners. These letters began, it is pointed out, as kind-hearted messages of cheer to convicts. Soon, however, he says, the letters became love missives of a kind not always printable.

One "esoteric" wrote to her prison "honey boy" this "esoteric" message: "Looking into your eyes, well, honey boy, if I were to do that now I will never tell you what would happen."

"Sweetheart of mine, my emerald boy," blithely wrote another. "I don't think my friend Grace would consent to live in the soul relations you describe," ran a chiding note from another.

What has broken down in Joliet is lack of honor, lack of moral tone, lack of system.

Prison workers who favor the honor system declare the true honor system as advocated by Thomas Mott Osborne of New York, as operated in Ohio and other places, finds its strongest argument in the riot here.

BRAZIL GUIDED BY FRIENDSHIP FOR U.S.

RIO JANEIRO, June 15.—Dr. Wenchlau Braz, president of the republic, has sent a cablegram to President Wilson, again giving the American executive the assurance that Brazil's attitude in the war between the United States and Germany is inspired solely by the dictates of international law and the high value which Brazil lays on the friendship of the United States.

KAISER'S SOCIALISTS DELAY DEPARTURE

BERLIN, June 15.—The delay in the departure of the delegates of the German Independent Socialists for the Stockholm Socialist conference is explained by Edward Bernstein as due to their desire to arrive at the seat of the conference when the real sessions are about to begin and the presence of the various international groups is assured.

Herr Bernstein says the Independents expect to leave Berlin at the end of June.

CHORAL SOCIETIES IN CONCERT AT PAGE TONIGHT

Tonight the Medford and Ashland choral societies will give a joint concert at the Page theatre which promises to be one of the musical and social events of the summer season. No local organization has accomplished more in a short time, in the artistic realm than this company of enthusiastic individuals, men and women, who under the direction of George Andrews, have given some of the most enjoyable concerts ever heard in the valley. One hundred and fifty people will take part in the concert and there will be a number of special numbers showing to good advantage the vocalists of the two cities. There will also be instrumental numbers. The tickets are going fast and those who wish good seats should secure their reservations early this morning.

NO HONOR SYSTEM IN JOLIET; ESOTERIC'S "LOVE" BLAMED



Ruins of Joliet prison, fired by rioting prisoners, and two of the heroes of the outbreak being congratulated by the chaplain, Father Peter A. Grumbing. The prisoners are Robert "Teddy" Webb (left), Chicago's famous auto bandit, serving life term for murder of Detective Peter Hart, and Walter Weed, serving life term for murder of a Chicago florist. The two men saved \$6000 worth of material from the chaplain's office, which collapsed just as they left it.

FRENCH NEED AID OF AMERICA TO FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS

BOULDER, Colo., June 15.—Need of assistance from America in the fight against tuberculosis in the French army, was set forth by Dr. Livingston Farrand, president of the University of Colorado, and director of the mission to be sent to France by the Rockefeller Foundation, in a statement he made before leaving for Paris. Dr. Farrand was for ten years executive secretary of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

"The French death rate from tuberculosis is, roughly, twice that of America and three times that of England," said Dr. Farrand. "Normally France has a high death rate and a low birth rate and with the increase in tuberculosis brought about by the war it is evident that something must be done and without delay."

"It is estimated in reports to the Rockefeller Foundation that 150,000 soldiers have been discharged from the French army because of active tuberculosis. Nor is this condition confined to the army. Refugees from the occupied districts of northern France are breaking down in large numbers and the French prisoners returned from Germany show a high percentage.

"The extension of infectious diseases in one land in these days is a menace to all. So you see while we shall be fighting the battle against tuberculosis on the first line there in France we shall really be fighting America's battle as well."

REMOVE MAXIMUM PRICE ON FUTURES

KANSAS CITY, June 15.—The board of directors of the Kansas City board of trade passed a resolution today removing the maximum price on July corn, but restricting trading in this option to the closing of old contracts. The resolution also stated that new sales of wheat and corn for July delivery will be permitted only when an absolute showing can be made that the grain is in a position for immediate delivery.

GERMAN STUDENTS ALL ENROLLED IN THE ARMY

BERLIN, June 15.—Of 73,000 students registered during last winter in the German universities and technical schools, 65,000 are under arms, according to an estimate by the Tageblatt.

MOVIE PICTURE FILM EVIDENCE MOONEY TRIAL

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15.—One thousand feet of moving picture film taken three minutes after a bomb explosion here last July which claimed ten lives were again offered as evidence by the prosecution today during the trial of Mrs. Rena Mooney for murder growing out of the explosion.

Conflicting testimony of Myron Hendrickson, an accountant, concerning a hole alleged by the state to have been made in a wall by the explosion resulted in Assistant District Attorney Ferrari's second request that the pictures be admitted for the purpose of showing the physical effects of the blast.

Counsel for Mrs. Mooney strenuously objected to admitting the films.

"They show nothing but human suffering and blood on the sidewalk," declared Attorney Maxwell McNutt, "and we do not believe they would help clear up the point whether the hole was enlarged by human agencies after the explosion."

Ferrari added to the legal wrangle here by declaring that "the defendant is not charged with spitting on the sidewalk; she is charged with murder and all details, even tho they be revolting, should be brought out."

Superior Judge Emmet Seawell ordered the opposing counsel to cease wrangling. He said he would review the motion pictures in private and determine whether they constituted proper evidence. "I will admit any photographs that show evidence," he said.

SWOBODA ARRESTED IN ZURICH AS SPY

PARIS, June 15.—Raymond Ruff Swoboda, who was held for some time by the Paris police in the spring of 1915 on suspicion of causing a fire on board the French liner La Touraine, has been arrested in Zurich, according to the correspondent of the Petit Parisien. Swoboda is accused of recruiting spies of work against France.

Raymond Ruff Swoboda, when arrested in Paris in March, 1915, had an American passport and claimed to be an American citizen. At his trial it was said that his real name was Schwind and that he was a German reserve officer. He was finally discharged and ordered expelled from France.

GOMPERS URGES PROMPT PASSAGE OF FOOD CONTROL

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Samuel Gompers' letter urging establishment of a federal food administration is to go to every union man in this country. The president of the American Federation of Labor in this letter says:

"Since the war wages have not kept pace with the increasing cost of living, they have remained practically stationary while prices have more than doubled. The only practical way to increase the spending incomes of all is to decrease the cost of living."

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PORTLAND STAGING OLD JACKSONVILLE IN PALMY DAYS

The Portland Press club is staging "Jacksonville in Palmy Days," as a Rose carnival attraction, and the Portland Telegram thus speaks of the show:

"Jacksonville was palmy once, no mistake. It was the liveliest little town in old Oregon and the boys of the Press club tonight open their carnival that will recall the time when the mining camp was working day and night in order to get gold dust to weigh at Beekman's bank. The gambling halls of the Jackson county town will be shown, altho no money, save that "minted" by the Press club can be used in playing.

Famous native sons of the City of Once-Upon-a-Time have been invited to attend the celebration and take part in the Virginia reel that will be given in honor of the native daughters of the town. The gallant Colonel Bob Miller, the eloquent Clarence Reames, the brave Frank Dowell, the silver-tongued Ben Beekman and the studious Emil Britt are expected to be present to tell the boys how Jacksonville used to do things before Oregon was a state.

"Captain Kasper Kubli, who was born up on the Applegate near the mining village, but who spent his boyhood days dodging the Jacksonville boys who were 'spoilin' fer a scrap," and young Phil Metschan, who is an adopted son of Jacksonville, are going to be on hand to "lick" the press agent of Jacksonville in its Palmy Days" who started the story that Weather Prophet E. A. Beals was born in the old town."

PERSHING'S NAME PUZZLE TO PAPERS OF PARIS

PARIS, June 15.—The French press is still busy discussing the pronunciation of General Pershing's name. La Liberté says that probably the best solution is Perechie, meaning Gallant Father, or Perecher, meaning Dear Father.

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