

NATIONS UNITE IN REBUILDING RUINED FRANCE

SIXTEEN CITIES FOR NEW ARMY BEING ERRECTED

American, French and British Civilians Cooperating in Restoring Devastated Region—243 Villages Desolated—Regions Organized, Made Self-Supporting by Crops Planted.

Contractors of Army Cantonnments Bound by Terms Which Will Check Huge Profits in Building War Towns—Schedule of Contractor's Fees to be Allowed.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) FRENCH FRONT, June 11.—American, French and British civilians are working in closest co-operation with the French military and civil authorities in restoring the lands devastated by the Germans when they hurriedly quit the lines they had held for two years from Noyon to the Somme. The Associated Press correspondent after visiting Noyon, the adopted city of Washington, went thru the entire district and observed what was being done.

BY BASIL MANLY. WASHINGTON, June 26.—Uncle Sam has let contracts and work already begun on the greatest city building program in the world's history.

Others have followed the example of the federal capital and have devoted their energies to the succor of particular localities. For instance the American fund for French wounded has stepped aside from its original idea and taken full charge of the hamlet of Behericourt, with its 125 remaining inhabitants.

Sixteen cities, each bigger than Lexington, Ky., and with a combined population as large as Cleveland, are to be constructed before Sept. 1.

243 Desolated Towns. The Countess de Chabranes in Pallice has taken to herself the hamlet of Macourt, of which only heaps of bricks and stones remain, and will rebuild it.

Their construction will cost more than was spent on the Panama canal in any one year.

It offered the biggest chance ever known either for colossal graft or for a brand new record in the conduct of government business.

This is no time to use any of the old-time safe and sane anti-graft devices. These cities—cantonnments for the selective service army—must be ready by September or the whole military program is disorganized. Under the old system of competitive bids it would be September before the contracts were written and October before the work began.

Dr. Baron Beni de Rothschild has opened a food and clothing depot at Noyon and sends everything necessary to any applicant in any part of the afflicted district.

So Uncle Sam adopted the plan used by big corporations on rush jobs, paying the cost of materials and labor, plus a reasonable profit, with some new wrinkles which make the contracts as nearly graft-proof as possible.

All this, however, is but a drop in the ocean when it is realized that there are 243 villages and hamlets spread over the country which the Germans before their retreat tried to make into a desert. One hundred of these small communities are now just heaps of stones and bricks without one habitable room or cellar among them, while of the remainder one-third were partly demolished and the rest only slightly.

Under the ordinary scheme of paying on the basis of "cost plus percentage profits," the profit percentage remains the same no matter how high the cost runs. This makes it to the interest of the unscrupulous contractor to run costs up.

In this region only 35,000 old men, old women and young children, under 4 years of age, were left without shelter or food by the Germans. Some 12,000 of these were evacuated immediately to the interior of France, where a proportion of them joined relatives.

The first thing Uncle Sam did was to arrange it so that the percentage got smaller as the cost got larger. For example, the percentage on a contract where the cost is under \$100,000 is 10 per cent, but if the cost is over \$125,000 the contractor gets only 8 per cent.

Organizing Country. The military authorities have grappled in a masterly way with the vast problem which confronts them of providing a large destitute community immediately behind the lines. They set to work to organize the country and its people. The first step was to provide food and this was done thru the commissariat.

Ordinarily this would be considered a good enough antidote against graft, but the men who drew up the contracts for the government went farther.

Then came the question of putting in cultivation again the 250,000 acres of agricultural land comprised in the zone. The devastated country was divided into seven sections and composed of 25 communes, each in charge of an officer with skilled aides. Horses were lent by the army, broken ploughs and harrows were repaired by motor mechanics of the army, seeds of all kinds were procured and work on the land was begun. For this manual labor was necessary and this was found among the many peasants and small farmers in the ranks.

The contract schedule provided for a diminishing profit percentage, but calls for lump-sum payments within certain limits. For example, where the cost is between \$100,000 and \$125,000, a lump-sum fee of \$10,000 goes to the contractor.

These lump-sum payments provide an automatic check on the level of the cost. Suppose a contractor is on a job that ought to cost around \$100,000. He can make his \$10,000 profit if he gets the job done for \$100,000; but he doesn't get a cent more unless he pads the cost to run over \$125,000. And after he reaches \$125,000 he drops down to an 8 per cent profit basis. He wouldn't get any considerable extra graft unless he ran the costs up around \$150,000.

It is easy to pad a contract to increase the cost by a quarter or a third; but when it comes to jumping the cost a half or two-thirds, it is too easy to detect, and brings a man just a little too close to the doors of the penitentiary to be comfortable.

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In this way about 4000 acres have been ploughed and sown with grain and grass and another 2500 acres more ploughed and cleared of weeds, while with the help of American, English and French donors, every family has been provided with seeds and roots to form a truck garden, with the result that sufficient produce is expected to make the community self-supporting.

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TRIANGLE FILM FEATURES LOST BE RESIGNATIONS

NEW YORK, June 26.—Several developments of far-reaching importance in the affairs of the Triangle corporation have occurred. William S. Hart, idol of hundreds of thousands of motion picture enthusiasts, notified the Triangle Film corporation that he would no longer appear in their productions. Papers releasing Mack Sennett, founder and supervisor of the Keystone comedies, which have won laughs around the world, from the Triangle Film corporation, were signed by Sennett and the Triangle authorities.

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\$535,714.29 and under \$3,000,000, a fee of 7 per cent of such cost. If the cost of the work is over \$3,000,000 and under \$3,500,000, a fee of \$210,000. If the cost of the work is over \$3,500,000, a fee of 6 per cent of such cost. The total fee to the contractor hereunder shall in no event exceed the sum of \$250,000, anything in this agreement to the contrary notwithstanding.

TODAY'S MARKETS

Portland Livestock. PORTLAND, June 25.—Hogs, 35¢ higher; receipts, 1332. Prime heavies, \$15.50@15.60; light butchers and packing, \$15.35@15.50; bulk of sales, \$15.25@15.40; rough heavies, \$13.90@14.25; pigs and skips, \$12@12.50; stock hogs, \$11@12.50. Cattle, higher; receipts, 1450. Steers, prime light, \$9.50@10; prime heavy, \$9.50@10; good, \$8.75@9.25; cows, choice, \$8@8.50; medium to good, \$7.50@8; ordinary to fair, \$7@7.50; heifers, \$5@6; bulls, \$5@7.75; calves, \$7@8.50. Sheep, higher; receipts, 800. Spring lambs, \$12@13.25; spring lambs, culls, \$11@12; best wethers, \$9@9.50; heavy ewes, \$7.50@8.50; best yearlings, \$9@9.75.

Portland Butter. PORTLAND, June 25.—Butter, steady and unchanged. City creamery, prints, 38¢; cartons, 40¢; cube extras, 36¢; prime firsts, 35 1/2¢; firsts, 35¢; dairy, 28@30¢.

RUSSIA WANTS OBLIGATIONS EXPLAINED

WASHINGTON, June 26.—The dissolution of the duma and the council of empire, urged by the Pan-Russian conference of workmen and soldiers' councils, was explained by members of the Russian mission here today as merely another step in the building up of a new government in Russia. It does not indicate the slightest hostility, it was said between the councils and the other parts of the government.

The duma, it was explained, ceased to exist when, after its dissolution by the czar and its later extraordinary sessions, it created out of itself the provisional government.

To this government it entrusted complete legislative, executive and judicial powers, and with its birth the duma itself was dissolved. Since then it has met only once for a decennial ceremonial and has had absolutely no part in the government. The council of the empire was even less representative than the duma, it was stated, as it was composed of appointees of the czar, selected from various classes such as capital, education, agriculture and former ministers.

Special Ambassador Bakhtmeteff of the mission will address the senate tomorrow, with special reference to the foreign relations of the new provisional Russian government. It is understood to be the purpose of the new government to announce broad principles of diplomacy under which the present war should be conducted without going into too great detail as to their specific application. One of the main reasons why Russia has proposed a conference of the allies is understood to be the uncertainty there as to just what treaties Russia is now bound by.

NEWSPAPERS TO AID U. S. RECRUIT SERVICE

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Patriotic and civic societies, newspapers and other semi-public agencies everywhere are making a gratifying response to the government's appeal for support in the campaign of regular army recruiting week, and the war department officials believe the next few days will see a recruiting boom.

\$100,000,000 AMERICAN RED CROSS WAR FUND.

Every individual in Jackson County should contribute to this fund. If you have not subscribed, do your part now. Mail your check or fill out this card and mail it at once to T. E. Daniels, Campaign Manager for Jackson County, Medford, Oregon.

Form for contributing to the American Red Cross War Fund, including fields for name, address, amount, and date.

for the regulars unparalleled in the nation's history. Reports from all over the country indicate that the daily papers, as requested by Secretary Baker, are taking hold of the work vigorously and are bringing home forcibly to eligibles the necessity of quick expansion of the regular establishment.

Many of them are pointing out that enlistment with the regulars not only would give men eligible for the draft an earlier opportunity for service abroad, but would insure that they go to the front under experienced officers of the line. Officials are emphasizing that the plan of enlistments for war only offers an opportunity also for a man over 31 years and less than 40 to do his share along with the younger men subject to draft.

President Wilson's proclamation, setting aside the recruiting week, is pointed out, virtually amounts to a call for volunteers among men of this class.

ROGUE RIVER

A mass meeting in support of the Red Cross was held in the I. O. O. F. hall on Saturday, June 16. Judge Gilmore was chairman and a good audience was present. The chairman introduced Mr. L. McCormick of Medford, also Mrs. C. L. Scheffelin, who gave very forcible speeches on the aims of the organization, explaining that the money raised during Red Cross week would be devoted solely to sending doctors and nurses and ambulances to France. A collection was taken up and several members joined at the close.

The membership of the auxiliary now stands at 35 and sewing will soon be begun.

On Saturday evening the house to house Red Cross collection in Rogue River and the adjacent districts amounted to \$620 with no doubt some more to come.

The roses at the band stand are a mass of bloom just now and the pride of the Ladies' Improvement club, and of Mr. Mathis, who tends them so skillfully.

Miss Martin and Mrs. Fowler spent the day with Mrs. Parent at her Gold Hill home Friday.

Rev. James Martin's son has arrived for his annual visit at his son's home here.

A patriotic service will be held at the church next Sunday, July 1, when special music will be provided and a patriotic address given by the pastor, Rev. John Hoyt.

GOLD HILL NUGGETS

Silas Fleming and family and Mrs. Lucy Mee and Mrs. William Childers motored to Eagle Point where the children of the several families are employed in thinning fruit.

J. C. Burch, former president of Beaver Cement plant is in Gold Hill spending a few days attending to business matters pertaining to the plant. Fletcher Lynn, the present president, is expected Tuesday when the final arrangements will be completed for the starting of the local plant.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Striker of Riverside colony were in Gold Hill Monday shopping.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Walker and Miss Hattie Hodges spent the day at the home of the ladies' mother, Mrs. Isora Hodges.

Died, at Gold Hill, Friday, June 22, Placid Bouchet. The body was taken Saturday to Portland for cremation. The three children went to Portland to attend the services which will be held in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Dusenberry of Sardine creek, spent Sunday with relatives in Gold Hill.

Misses Edna Sutton and Margaret Chisholm visited friend in Grants Pass Saturday.

Mrs. R. C. Kelsey and son, Walter

Lionel, transacted business in Medford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Gallagher of Rock Point were shopping in Gold Hill Friday.

Mrs. H. E. Wharton went Saturday to the lumber camp at Ayres spur, where her husband is employed.

Rev. Hutchinson preached at the Pankey school house Sunday afternoon to a good sized audience. He was accompanied by Mesdames Hutchinson, Kellogg and Schrupp Miss Bettle Schrupp.

Mr. and Mrs. Moorelock and Mrs. Owen Wood motored to Hornbrook Sunday to visit Richard Moorelock.

Miss Nora Newton came Friday to spend a couple of weeks with her mother, Mrs. Eva Newton, before going to the wholesale millinery house in Portland, where she has secured the past three weeks at the home of Mrs. Nina Smith in Brownsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Elkart stopped over Saturday for a few days visit, on the way to their future home in Ashland. They have been visiting Mr. Elkart's relatives in Idaho and are now visiting Mrs. Elkart's relatives in this city and vicinity.

Married, at Medford on June 21, by the Rev. Harry E. Tucker, Rowland Lloyd Miller and Letsy E. Hodges, both of Gold Hill, having each been local high school graduates.

Mrs. W. C. Wilkinson and little daughter left Monday morning for a visit with her relatives at Riddle, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lyman and family were in Gold Hill Sunday.

J. W. Merritt went Monday morning to his Central Point orchards to direct the thinning and other work being done.

COURT HOUSE REPORT

Reported by Jackson County Abstract Co., Sixth and Fir Sts.

Probate Court. Estate of Gust. Nygren. Notice of amount of inheritance and amount of tax; inventory and appraisement.

Guardianship of Leland Noe. Petition; order appointing bond.

Estate of Jeremiah Nunan. Proof of service; decree and order petition.

Circuit Court. Hunt Eng. Co., vs. Beaver Portland Cement Co., Summons.

Polk Hull et al vs. John Brownworth et al. Demurrer.

Edward Brownworth vs. John Brownworth et al. Demurrer.

Elizabeth Fowler vs. Woodville Lodge No. 217, I. O. O. F. Cost bill.

Luke Ryan vs. Grant Alder et al. Proof of publication.

V. E. Conser vs. R. A. Rowley et al. Transcript from justice court.

Woods Bros. Silo Co. vs. E. A. Fleming. Summons.

Marriage License. Eric H. Weren and Armaeta C. Cherrig.

Real Estate Transfers. William Ulrich et ux to Reginald H. Parsons, und. 1/2 int. in L. 2, S. 1/2 L. 3, Bk. 32, Medford. 10

Vernon H. Vawter et al to Reginald H. Parsons, und. 1/2 int. in L. 2, S. 1/2 L. 3, Bk. 32, Medford. 10

D. O. Hurley et ux to W. H. Hurley, land in T. 38, 1 E. George R. Lindley et ux to Reginald H. Parsons, L. 4, N. 1/2 L. 3, Bk. 32, Medford. 10

Ida E. Hebrard, et vir, to John H. Hanson et ux, land in 29-33-2 East, being 80 acres. 25

J. A. Perry et ux to Abby Kendall Thomas, Admrs. Est. of L. W. Thomas, Dec's, lots 1-8-9-10 of Perry's sub-division, L. 17, 18, 19, 20, pt. 21, of Perry's re-sub. of lots 11 and 12 of Perry's sub. 10

Frank S. Carpenter et ux to Abby Kendall Thomas, lot 8-9-10 Perry sub. 100

E. L. Stickey et ux to Charles W. Craney, lot 4, S. 1/2 NW. 1/4, 1-32-1, East. 1

With the Fingers! Says Corns Lift Out Without Any Pain. Sore corns, hard corns, soft corns or any kind of a corn can shortly be lifted right out with the Fingers if you will apply directly upon the corn a few drops of freezone, says a Cincinnati authority. It is claimed that at small cost one can get a quarter of an ounce of freezone at any drug store, which is sufficient to rid one's feet of every corn or callus without pain or soreness or the danger of infection. This new drug is an ether compound, and while sticky, dries the moment it is applied and does not inflame or even irritate the surrounding tissue. This announcement will interest many women here, for it is said that the present high-heeled footwear is putting corns on practically every woman's feet.

FOR SALE—LIVESTOCK

FOR SALE—Fourteen head fine dairy cows, in and coming in. Mr. Payne, Phone 150. 82

FOR SALE—Team 5 and 6 years old, broke to work and ride; weight about 1100 pounds. W. R. Holman, Climax, Oregon. 82

FOR SALE—Sow and five weaned pigs. A. E. Hall, R. 1, Box 55A, Giffin Creek. 84

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—Fruit jars, lawn mower, beds, sanitary couch, stove, rug, kitchen tables. 603 N. Fir St. Phone 544-X. 83

FOR SALE—Five-passenger touring car in first class condition; good tires; will sacrifice for a quick sale. W. W. Hartley, Phone 201-R2. 87

FOR SALE—Cheap, 5-passenger Ford touring car, 1914 model, in first-class condition. Medford Junk Co. 84

FOR SALE—Maxwell Auto, 1911 model. Fair condition. Price \$150. E. S. Wilson, Jacksonville. 85

FOR SALE—Cheap, on account of sickness, lease on five acres, three acres in fruit, berries and garden, balance pasture; five-room bungalow, one cow, chickens and furniture. East 14th St. 84

FOR SALE—Furniture, carpenter tools, chairs, table, stoves, carpets, etc. 244 S. Grape Street. 82

FOR SALE—Horse, harness and buggy, cheap, \$80.00. Box 75, Mail Tribune. 83

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FOR SALE—Real Estate. FOR SALE—Seven-room modern house and three lots. Quince St., 1950. C. C. Pierce, Medford. 82

FOR SALE—130 acres stock ranch in good range country, 12 acres under ditch, plow, mower, hay rake, harrow, wagon, 50 head of stock cattle; price \$5500, part on time. Inquire of owner, M. O., Mail Tribune. 82

FOR SALE—Farming land, fruit land, stock ranches, timber land, from \$10 per acre up, on long time, easy payments. Address Gold Ray Realty Co. 85

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HELP WANTED—FEMALE. WANTED—Girl for general housework. Phone 784-W. 82

WANTED—Girl for light housework. Call between 1 p. m. and 8 p. m. Mrs. H. L. Percy, 422 South Laurel. 83

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Call 567-J2. 82

WANTED—Young lady or young man for stenography and office work. State experience, give reference and salary wanted. Address A. B. C., care Tribune. 82

WANTED—Ten girls and 20 boys from 18 to 25. J. H. Edwards, Ashland, Oregon. Office over Grieve's cigar stand. 82

HELP WANTED—MALE. WANTED—Man and wife to work on ranch, woman to cook for men employed on ranch. Address A. G. Bishop, Eagle Point, Oregon. 85

FOR RENT—HOUSES

FOR RENT—Modern furnished bungalow. 304 S. Central. 82

FOR RENT—A beautiful six-room up-to-date cottage, including sleeping porch, for rent at 29 Summit Avenue. Price, \$18.00. J. W. Wakefield, Medford, Oregon. 98

FOR RENT—Modern five-room house and garage. Phone 370-W. 82

FOR RENT—Furnished and unfurnished houses. Employment Agency. M. A. Rader, 123 East Main. 82

STRAYED. STRAYED—From my ranch at Provo, Oregon, April, 1917, one brown mare five years old, branded C7 on hip with bell on when last seen; one black yearling mare colt, no brand, also one light roan mare four years old branded C7, on hip strayed in April, 1916. A liberal reward will be paid for their recovery. F. E. Lichen, Provo, Ore. 84

MONEY TO LOAN. MONEY TO LOAN—On good security. Phone 647-J. J. H. Andrews. 82

TO LOAN—\$500 to \$1000 on first-class security. C. C. Pierce, Medford. 82

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