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BIRTHDAYS OF SOLDIER BOYS TO BE REMEMBERED

Among the general activities of the Soldiers' Auxiliary, a special committee has been appointed to remember the birthdays of all of the boys who have gone into Uncle Sam's service from our community.

The corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. I. Wilson, began the work by securing a complete roster of the boys from the various recruiting offices.

One of the remembered recently is in the marine corps, "somewhere in the United States." He has acknowledged receipt of the remembrance in the following letter to the committee:

"I received the birthday package today, and am writing at once to thank you and the Soldiers' Auxiliary for your kindness. It certainly seems good to get a package from your home town, especially home-made candy, for it is a very scarce article here.

"I have been in the service about three months, and I like the marine corps fine. We have plenty to eat, and good, comfortable quarters. Must close now, as it is nearly 'chow' time. Thanking you and the Soldiers' Auxiliary for your kindness, I am gratefully yours.

LESTER H. JACOBS, U. S. Marine Corps.

BENEFIT FOR FUEL FUND OF HOSPITAL

In view of the fact that the plans considered for a fair to be given in the fall for the benefit of the Sacred Heart hospital had to be abandoned, and that funds for the winter's supply of fuel for the institution must be raised immediately, Mrs. A. H. Frankford, as a contribution toward that end, has arranged with the management of the Halto theater for an evening's entertainment on Sept. 26th, the net proceeds of which will be devoted to the hospital fuel fund.

SWEDEN A CATSPA

REVELATIONS made by the department of state show that the Swedish diplomatic service has been made a catspaw to pull German chestnuts out of the fire.

It will be remembered that when Ambassador Bernstorff was sent home, a trunk containing his records was seized at Halifax, bearing the official stamp of the Swedish embassy at Washington and the Swedish consul at New York.

The sympathy of the Swedish government has been with Germany since the war began, and there is every probability that the abuse of Swedish diplomatic privileges to aid Germany had secret government sanction.

Autocracy in Europe is pro-German, not only because the existence of autocracy is at stake, but because all the royal families are of German origin.

Queen Victoria, wife of King Gustav V. of Sweden, was Princess Victoria of Baden, when she married the present ruler of Sweden in 1881.

Altho Sweden was ostensibly neutral, there has been no doubt about where Queen Victoria stood in the present world war. She has been in close touch with her homeland throughout the conflict.

Queen Victoria has spent much time in Germany. She was at Karlsruhe, Germany, during the British air raid on that place in the middle of 1915.

The Swedish crisis is closely linked with the drive on Petrograd. These recent German successes have been expected to lure Sweden into the war with the object of making the Baltic a Prusso-Swedish lake, restoring ancient naval power to Sweden.

But the Swedes are more valuable to Germany as neutrals. The Swedish standing army numbers only 75,000. There are 525,000 reserves, and a total available unorganized strength of about 500,000—a maximum field force of over a million men.

The Swedish naval strength is negligible. It is not needed by Germany in the Baltic, and it would not enable Germany to force an issue in the North sea.

NO TROOPS TO BE FED IN MEDFORD, PRESENT OUTLOOK

Of the many thousands of soldiers who will pass thru Medford next week en route from San Francisco to Camp Lewis at American Lake, Wash., none will stop here for breakfast or any other meal.

Medford had a chance to get a portion of this business when on Thursday the quartermaster's department of the army wrote here and asked if the city could arrange to feed 1030 soldiers on the morning of September 23, the department to allow 60 cents each for the military diners.

Commercial club officials held a conference Thursday afternoon and decided to ask for further details before giving an answer. The quartermaster's department, evidently deeming Medford too inquisitive, immediately after receiving the request for more detailed information, wired back to Southern Pacific Agent Van Waning that they had changed the feeding schedule and no soldiers could be fed at Medford.

According to present plans, Ashland will feed 7300 of the traveling soldiers, Grants Pass 1443 of them on the mornings of September 20, 21 and 25; Roseburg 7500, Albany 2400, Eugene 1074, and Salem 601. Redding, Cal., is preparing to feed 10,000 of the soldiers.

BARBECUE WEDNESDAY AT COUNTY FAIR

At a meeting of the directors of the Fair association last night the program was arranged and details perfected. The big barbecue will be at noon on Wednesday and a special feature two afternoons will be drills by the members of Company C.

Stalls have been built for the stock and pens for sheep and hogs and the following program arranged: Tuesday, entrance day; Wednesday, Medford day; Thursday, Ashland day; Friday, Children's day; Saturday, Jackson County day.

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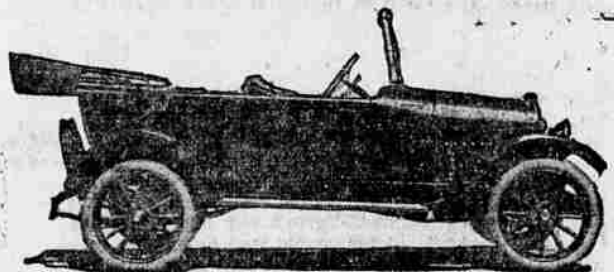
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The following letter from Captain Vance was recently received by Mrs. Gribble, chairman of the phonograph committee of the Soldiers' Auxiliary:

"Dear Mrs. Gribble: This is to acknowledge receipt of a box of records for our Victrola, and to thank you and the Auxiliary for them.

"It would be difficult to tell which is appreciated most by the men of the company, the Victrola or our library. The Victrola is going all the time when the men are not at drill, and a very large number of books are issued at all times.

"It is very kind of you to have our welfare at heart, and I want to assure you that it is appreciated to the fullest extent.

"Sincerely yours, A. J. VANCE, Captain, U. S. A. Ft. Columbia, Wash., Sept. 11."

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