

MEDFORD BOYS IN 65TH ARTILLERY NOW IN FRANCE

Sergeant George Gates in a letter to his parents, Mayor and Mrs. C. E. Gates, written on April 12, in France, and received this morning, tells some of the experiences of the 32 Medford men in the 65th artillery since their arrival in England and France. In part the letter reads as follows:

We certainly have been traveling the last few days. We left England last Sunday and marched nine miles with all our equipment to...

From there we took a boat at night and came to France. It certainly was some trip. There were 1900 on board a small boat and we slept any place we could find room. We woke up the next morning in France. We walked four miles to a British camp and stayed there the rest of the day. The next morning we started out and walked five miles to the train and got in box cars. We were on it two days and nights and we arrived here. I took my first bath since we left New York three weeks ago. Furthermore I have not had off my clothes except my shoes and leggings until last night. I could write a book on our trip so far, but I am not allowed to tell you.

In England we were near a very old town, and one of the oldest churches in the country is there. We visited the church and went all through it. Capt. Vance took us on a march and took us through. It certainly was wonderful. It was started in by the Normans, and completed 200 years later. We saw the bullet holes where Cromwell tried to destroy the abbey. We also saw the tombs inside where people were buried in 1100 and earlier. It was a very quaint place. I have a booklet on it and will send it to you as soon as I get an envelope to send it in.

I am to leave the battery and probably never see it again. I was appointed by Capt. Vance to attend a tractor school and if I pass in good shape I will be an instructor for teaching others. There are two of our officers and three privates going with me. I am certainly going to make good and study, for it is a good chance and few get it. I don't know where we go but we leave in a few days. It is a three months course.

A lot of the boys lost their tobacco by people opening their packages and stealing the tobacco. I was lucky and still have all my Durham. It will last a couple of months but there are other kinds. Tobacco is very scarce here and I was offered by French people five francs or \$1.00, for a sack of Bull Durham. This shows how little there is here. Also send me chocolates for they come in mighty handy and write me often. It takes about six weeks to get letters after you are settled in one place.

France is a wonderful old place and very interesting. It would be a real treat to visit here without the war, for it spoils everything. Everything closes at 9 o'clock, for no one is on the streets. I was out last evening and got my bath. It is very hard to get what you want, for we can't understand each other, but I expect that we will soon pick up French.

Well, folks, I must stop as I must do my washing, of a suit of underwear, a shirt, two pairs of socks and three handkerchiefs. Am feeling fine and dandy, so don't worry about me.

THIRD LUSITANIA ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

LONDON, May 7.—Today, the third Lusitania anniversary, is commemorated by the newspapers with big captions and special editions recalling the crime which the British public is not likely to forget. The Daily Graphic is an editorial lament that the public apparently is becoming dulled to the horror of the Lusitania atrocity. It asks why there is not a commemorative demonstration this year as last.

If there is not, it asks, will its absence not be proof of the extent to which Germany's many crimes against humanity have deened the world's sense of tenderness?

After Three Years. Many men and women are sick and don't know it. Some never discover they have kidney trouble until they apply for life insurance. The kidneys are working all the time, filtering poisonous waste out of the blood stream, and when they become weakened or deranged, headache, backache, pains in sides and groins, so-called rheumatism, languidness, swollen joints and other symptoms develop. W. B. Moss, Ogden, Ark., writes: "Foley Kidney Pills relieved me of severe kidney troubles of three years' standing." Sold very where.

CAMPBELL CALLS LANE'S ATTENTION TO OUR MINERALS

W. A. Campbell, United States explosives inspector for Oregon, has called the attention of Secretary Lane of the Interior Department to local deposits of minerals, which the government needs in war industries. Mr. Campbell works under the direction of the Bureau of Mines so that he is in position to secure consideration of his recommendations, in connection with the bill now pending in congress providing a fund for assisting in the development of needed minerals. The bill carries a half million dollar appropriation for preliminary investigations and it is hoped that Southern Oregon will be included. The letter follows:

Medford, Ore., May 6, 1918. Hon. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—With the imperative need for additional supplies of tungsten, manganese, sulphuric acid and other metal products, to enable our government to successfully carry on the war, it occurs to me to be an opportune time to call your personal attention to the great diversity of mineral resources in and tributary to the Rogue river valley in southern Oregon, where virgin conditions exist as to development, mining attention so far having been directed solely to the precious metals.

My own attention was directed to the matter some time ago by a statement made by the representative of the Dupont people to the effect that the development of the manganese mine, two townships northeast of the township in which Medford is situated, "would be the biggest thing in southern Oregon within a few months." Conversations had with mining men who are thoroughly posted along the line of metals needed for war work has convinced me that here in this valley, and to a lesser extent throughout the whole of the state of Oregon, we have awaiting development a field where the government can supply its emergency needs in perhaps the shortest time possible anywhere, and obtain the greatest results from expenditure.

You will be able to verify the statement in the reports of the United States Geological Survey that we have here in great abundance the following minerals: Mercury, iron pyrite, copper pyrite, schist pyrite, potassium nitrate, copper sulphide, iron sulphide, graphite, antimony, talc, chrome, manganese, different families of iron, such as hematite and pig iron, tungsten, molybdenum, magnesium, carbon, sulphur, arsenic, bismuth, lead, platinum and iridium.

The great Blue Ledge copper district, to the north of the Klamath river to the southern line of Jackson county, Oregon, is at our door. The Blue Ledge copper mine has been owned for many years and has been partially developed by the Towne interests of New York. No smelter has been installed, but annually more and more of the ore has been brought out, by auto truck principally, for shipment to smelters. The fact that this method of handling can be profitably done is convincing proof of the high grade of ore, and as to quantity, there is a large mountain of about equal merit. One of the potent arguments advanced to induce the Southern Pacific railway company to build a spur line to the mine from Medford, just before the beginning of the war, was the great tonnage in fertilizer material in the dump of prospecting and tunnel driving, in preliminary developing, the sulphur content in the dump being very large.

The matter which most strongly impresses me in the invasion of this field by the government to supply its pressing needs is the fact that the deposits are immediately available and easily accessible. Especially is this true of the manganese and copper deposits, and possibly also of tungsten. Oregon has already proved a storehouse of patriotism, heading the list in enlistments: "First Over the Top" in the Liberty loan; first in spruce production, and now stands ready to meet any draft upon her resources in supplying the needs of the government in the mineral line, as shown by the reports of your own chemists.

Our wooden ships will figure largely in the result of the war; why cannot the gifts of the gods in the mineral line, the manganese and tungsten, the minerals and pyrites which contribute to the sulphuric acid total, also be called into requisition. I am told there is enough manganese "in sight" in the range of hills northeast of Medford to supply the entire needs of the nation in this world war. In spite of lack of development, your experts will find that these necessary minerals can be made immediately available for the use of the government.

Would suggest that immediate steps be taken by the government to determine the practical availability of the

NORMAN TALMADGE AT THE RIALTO THEATER, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.



NORMA TALMADGE in "BY NIGHT OF PURCHASE" SELECT PICTURES

EUROPE CONVINCED SAFETY LAYS ONLY IN SMASHING HUNS

LONDON, May 7.—H. P. Davison, chairman of the American Red Cross war council, who is in London, after a tour of inspection of Red Cross work in the allied countries of Europe, and who will return to the United States immediately to superintend the second Red Cross drive to raise another \$100,000,000 in a single week, when asked as to the impressions he had gained from his trip, said to the Associated Press: "Any attempt to describe the situation in Europe since March 21 is almost futile, if not impossible. Only those who have been in France since the beginning of the present German offensive and have seen conditions there for themselves, can have any appreciation of the situation there."

Mr. Davison said he had been most impressed by the apparent result of the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty, which had eliminated Russia and Rumania from the minds of many people. "There is no longer any talk about Alsace-Lorraine or Belgium, or of indemnity. There is just one cry, and that is, 'This world will not be safe until the military power of Germany is crushed.' The same conviction is held in Switzerland, Holland and other small neutral countries, for it is now demonstrated as never before that a treaty with Germany is indeed a scrap of paper, and there is no security of life or property as long as she possesses military power.

"The day for considering terms of peace will come only when Germany is beaten. The entry of America gives courage to the allies. The appearance of American boys has made excellent impressions over here.

"They know, as you do, that the next two or three months will be the critical months of the war, and they are not to be misled by any lull in the offensive, or satisfied with any temporary success. It will be a final, sure and lasting success that will satisfy either you or them."

LIBERTY LOAN TOTALS ON COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—Completion of the total subscriptions to the third Liberty loan in the twelfth federal reserve district proceeded slowly today under pressure of a tremendous number of last-minute pledges.

George K. Weeks, campaign manager for the district, estimated that the quota of \$210,000,000 would be over-subscribed by \$50,000,000. Bank tabulations of subscriptions in hand in San Francisco showed incomplete totals of approximately \$61,000,000, the city's quota being \$53,970,000.

Northern California, exclusive of San Francisco, subscribed, on figures available today, \$56,712,359. Its quota was \$41,000,000.

Incomplete returns from Reno indicated that Nevada was entitled to a star in its honor flag, having reached \$5,006,250, virtually twice its quota, from 22,000 subscribers.

Washington state headquarters reported 225,000 subscribers with 73,000 in Seattle, 30,000 in Spokane, and 18,000 in Tacoma.

DOZEN ALIEN WOMEN IN DETENTION CAMP

GLOUCESTER, N. J., May 7.—Twelve alien women were lodged in the detention camp last night by agents of the department of justice from San Francisco.

These are the first women to be placed in the camp since the passage of the woman spy bill last month.

Oregon deposits. It is not the hope of profit that actuates this letter, but the intense desire to make every resource of Oregon contribute to the welfare of the United States in its time of need.

In the hope that experts from the Bureau of Mines will be soon on the ground preparing reports to the department from this favored mineral section, I have the honor to be,

Very truly yours, W. M. CAMPBELL, Explosives Inspector, State of Oregon.

U-BOAT SUNK IN BATTLE WITH AMERICAN SHIP

WASHINGTON, May 7.—A fight between the American steamer Tidewater and a German submarine on March 17 in which the submarine was defeated and perhaps sunk, was reported today by the navy department.

The navy department's announcement said: "The commander of the armed guard on the steamship Tidewater reports to the navy department that on March 17 about 11:30 p. m. a submarine was sighted off the starboard bow, heading towards the vessel, about 150 yards off. As the ship turned it missed the submarine by not more than 20 feet. The U-boat was then submerging. The ships guns were brought to bear and the first shot hit some distance ahead of her wake.

"The pointer then fired the second shot and had what the captain, the chief engineer and myself and other members of the crew called a clean hit and was satisfied that it was effective. The third shot was fired by the boatswain's mate in charge of the after-guns crew, having her spotted and firing on the position she last submerged in. We resumed our course and commenced zig-zagging, standing by for an attack but the submarine did not appear again. We made all preparations for an attack at daybreak but there were no signs of a submarine.

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AMERICAN LINER SUNK BY U-BOAT

NEW YORK, May 7.—The American steamship Tyler, formerly an Old Dominion freighter, has been torpedoed and sunk off the French coast, according to information received in marine circles here today. Eleven members of the crew were killed and drowned.

The Tyler was a vessel of 3,928 tons gross and was built in 1913. She was sunk May 3.

Of the 11 who perished, six were members of the merchant crew and five were navy gunners.

GOOD WINE SENT TO FRENCH ARTILLERYMEN

PARIS, May 7.—The municipal council has decided to send several cases of good wine to the French artillerymen who are counter attacking the German long range gun.

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APPROVE BONDS FOR IRRIGATION AT GRANTS PASS

(Grants Pass Courier.) John Dubuis, engineer of the Grants Pass Irrigation district, Saturday morning received a letter from the federal board in San Francisco stating that the issue of bonds to the value of \$105,000 had been approved. Only a few minor details are left to be attended to, including the approval of the state board, which has promised its approval upon the ability of the district to sell its bonds. This is a mere formality, for this has already been secured.

In addition to the news of the approval of the bond issue, the manager of a local firm renewed his pledge this morning that his company will build the irrigation works and accept the bonds in payment. The offer has been in writing for some time.

The original issue asked for was \$290,000, but this amount was not considered by the federal board. The local district then cut their project down to \$105,000, which is the amount accepted.

The Grants Pass project will join the Gold Hill project and will be constructed together. The two together amount to \$165,000, which is sufficient to bring the main canal down to some place this side of Rogue River, 10 miles east of here. In addition it will permit the placing of water on some 1300 acres of land around the city of Grants Pass. The amount of land in this district near Rogue River which will be watered this year is about 300 acres, making a total of 1600 acres in this district. The Gold Hill project embraces some 1200 acres, for making a grand total of 2800 acres in this vicinity which will be benefited.

WOMEN ADMITTED TO TAMMANY HALL

NEW YORK, May 7.—Tammany hall established a precedent today by admitting women as members of its executive committee. The newly elected women were admitted to the "swig-wam" today and took part in a discussion as to the best way to obtain enrollment of women at the primaries.



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