

20,000 INDIANS JOIN RED CROSS; RAISE \$50,000

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The deeds of Indians who have enlisted in large numbers in the military services are hardly more inspiring than those of the women and children left behind. This is a partial account of the answer made by the people on the reservations when the "Great White Father" in Washington called to the tribes and races inhabiting this land of freedom to rise in its defense.

Reports received by Cato Eells, commissioner of Indian affairs from about one-third of the Indian reservations, indicates a total Red Cross membership of close to 20,000, contributions in money amounting to more than \$50,000 and further donations of thousands of hospital garments and knitted articles. That is not a full measure of the Red Man's generosity, however, for the reservations do not house many Indians, including the more wealthy, whose charitable activities are listed with the general population.

Raising Relief Money

Resorting to the methods of the white man to raise money, the Onala tribe recently held an auction for the Red Cross which netted \$2,000, including \$300 for a prize goat.

The boys of a school in the northwest gathered 2,000 pounds of sphagnum moss for surgical absorbent pads. Some 400 Christmas boxes were reported, which is incomplete, as nearly all of the 120 boarding schools have service flags with stars ranging in number from a few to 200, and the pupils of these schools are very mindful of their soldier representatives. One of the larger schools reported a Student's Friendship War Fund with \$750 on hand and 12 war savings societies. This school in four weeks bought 1,000 thrift stamps and 14 baby buns.

On a small reservation far north, where the winters are long and severe the Indian must struggle for the necessities of life, more than one dollar per capita for every adult was paid in cash for the Red Cross and other war relief purposes. In the southwest where the parched desert gives scant returns and sheep raising is the chief means of support, many of the Indians have each promised a fleece of wool for the Red Cross and the superintendent plans the experiment of spinning this wool and knitting it into socks, sweaters, etc., by the Indian women.

Give Wheat to Cause

In a Montana district where the Indians are nearly all full bloods they voluntarily held meetings and each one who has a growing wheat crop promised to donate one sack of wheat for war relief work. On another reservation where the Indians are very poor and have little ready money, they donated an abundance of handsome head work and other curios to be sold for the Red Cross.

One of the smaller schools in Oklahoma reported a Junior Red Cross membership of 176 members, being the total enrollment of the school.

The superintendent of one of the boarding schools for girls of the five civilized tribes in Oklahoma declared the girls are deeply interested in all war work and respond readily to requests for additional garments. The very small girls knit up the scraps of yarn into refugee caps, afghan squares, etc. Also they utilize the scraps from the hospital garments making quilt blocks. Larger scraps are used for small undershirts for the refugees. Gan wipers have been cut by the hand.

Martial Spirit Shown

From a northern Minnesota reservation, where it is believed the first Indian Red Cross auxiliary was started in the spring of 1917, the president of the auxiliary writes:

"The auxiliary numbers 48, and this from a community of less than 100 adults. Some women have walked to the weekly meeting place across the ice from Old Agency when the temperature was 20 degrees below zero. They have sewed on hospital shirts and socks and learned to knit the various garments just as their white sisters of the cities have done. One evening recently an Indian and his wife, living 17 miles away, came to the home of the treasurer and inquired about the work being done, the woman bringing her dollar for membership, saying: 'I want to do something for my country.'"

Commissioner Scels believes that the national spirit which President Wilson and other statesmen force as a result of the war will be splendidly exemplified by the Indian.

CHILE REFUSES TO RENT INTERNED GERMAN SHIPS

SANTIAGO, Chile, July 12.—The Chilean cabinet has refused to ratify the recent negotiations looking toward the renting of interned German steamers by the Chilean government,

WHEATLESS LOAF FOUND BY EXPERTS OF GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The wheatless loaf has been found. While the whole country has been seeking the 100 per cent wheat substitute yeast bread, a recipe has been developed in the experimental kitchen of the United States department of agriculture and the United States food administration that may mean the saving of thousands of pounds of wheat flour before flour from the next harvest is available.

The recipe is soon to be published by the office of home economies, United States department of agriculture, on a new food card which carries directions for making three new wheat substitute breads—the half wheat-loaf, the one-fourth wheat loaf and the wheatless loaf.

The directions for making the wheatless bread are as follows:

- All of These
- 1. 1 1/2 cups liquid, 1 tablespoon corn sirup, 1/4 cake yeast, 2 teaspoons salt, 1 whole egg.

- With One of These
- 2. 3/4 cups barley, 2 1/2 cups ground rolled oats.

- One of These
- 3. 2 1/2 cups corn flour, 2 1/2 cups rice flour, 2 1/2 cups sweet potato flour, 2 1/2 cups (scant) tapioca flour.

Make a sponge of materials under 1 (except egg) and 1/2 of ingredients used in 2 and 3. Sponge should stand in warm place until very light, at least two hours. Work in balance of substitute mixture when sponge is light. Work in egg beaten slightly. Shape into loaf. Place in pan. Brush top of loaf with melted fat. Let rise to double bulk and bake in loaf pan in hot oven for one hour.

TALENT TALK

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith, who have been visiting Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. Works, returned to their home in Glendale Sunday evening.

Mr. Glasgow, who has been in the Porter sanatorium in Medford, is reported improving nicely.

Mrs. L. M. Hahn and daughter of Portland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Herring last week. Mrs. Hahn returned to Portland the last of the week, while Miss Hahn will spend the remainder of the month here, then go to Marysville, where she will visit relatives.

Mrs. L. Canrath and Mrs. William Schuwater and daughter are spending the month as guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Herring.

Mr. Bowman and family, who by an error in his report were compelled to adjourn their trip to Portland last week, left for the same Tuesday.

Mrs. Marion Fryer and children were guests of Mrs. Kate Hoffman in Jacksonville Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Spitzer and grandsons, Mrs. Stagg and two children of Medford, and Mrs. Mason picnicked at the saw mill on Wagner creek.

Mrs. Montgomery and children were Ashland visitors Wednesday.

Red Cross met Tuesday afternoon. A special meeting will be held on Friday and the regular meeting next Tuesday. This being the election of officers, the following officers were elected: For president, Mrs. Glines; secretary, treasurer, Mrs. Dillard. The report of the work completed for the year from June 1917 to June, 1918, handed in by the secretary is as follows: Fifty-one suits pajamas, 34 suits underwear, 10 pair drawers, 92 bed shirts, 289 abdominal bandages, 91 pair bed socks, eight water bottle covers, 56 dish towels, nine pair knitted wool socks, 16 handkerchiefs, 136 knitted sponges, seven pairs knitted wool wristlets, one towel, 12 wash cloths made from old linen, 47 six-inch squares knitted from colored woolen yard.

Miss Rose was the guest of Miss Ames of Medford Wednesday.

Mrs. Outman was shopping in Medford Wednesday.

Mr. Hogue of Ashland was buried in the Sterns cemetery on Wagner creek Wednesday afternoon.

Church services as usual next Sunday. Sunday school 10 a. m.; Epworth League 7 p. m.; evening service at 8. On July 21, there will not be any service at the Methodist church, it being Chautauqua week.

JOHN DREW OPERATED UPON FOR CATARACT

NEW YORK, July 12.—John Drew underwent an operation for the removal of cataracts from his eyes at a hospital here today. The surgeons announced that the actor's sight, which had been affected for several years, will be restored.

With Medford trade in Medford made

BELGIAN ROYALTY FLY BACK HOME FROM ENGLAND

PARIS, July 12.—(Havas Agency.)—The king and queen of Belgium, who has been visiting England, have returned to France through the air. The return passage, the newspapers say, last 30 minutes. The royal couple said they were delighted with the experiences of the aerial voyage.

The visit of the king and queen of Belgium to England has been purely a private affair with no public functions, although the British people would have been delighted to accord them any public honors. Yesterday's concert at Albert hall, which was mostly a Belgian function, had not been advertised, but the ovation the Belgian monarchs received from several thousand of their own people was one of delirious enthusiasm.

The royal couple, King Albert in khaki, and Queen Elizabeth in white, stood in the front of the royal box with the king and queen of England in the background, while the Belgians sang their national hymn repeatedly, shouted and wept.

The formal conferring of the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, awarded King Albert recently by Oxford university, was observed under circumstances which never before attended the bestowal of an Oxford degree.

The simple ceremony took place at the residence of Earl Curzon, government leader in the house of lords and chancellor of Oxford university. A deputation from Oxford handed the diploma to King Albert, who responded with a few words of thanks.

After being entertained at a luncheon party by Earl Curzon, King Albert and Queen Elizabeth motored toward the coast.

GOLD HILL NUGGETS

Mrs. John Blank was a passenger to Medford Wednesday afternoon. Ralph Dusenbury and Charley Nelson left Wednesday for Marshfield.

Mrs. George Iverson and son Wallace went to Medford Wednesday to spend a couple of days with Mr. Iverson.

Mrs. Frank Avery went to Medford Wednesday to enter the sanatorium for training as a nurse.

Lee Duncan returned the first part of the week from San Francisco to his home in Sams valley.

Mrs. B. E. Adams was in from Rock Point Wednesday.

Fred Brown was in from Kanes creek district Wednesday.

Recognizing the chivalries by generous treats, surely acknowledges the marriage of C. W. Martin and Miss Virginia Deeman. The best wishes of the community is theirs and we are glad they are so nicely situated in our midst.

Mr. G. H. Bozett and wife of San Francisco came Monday to visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ed Fiene on Sardinia creek, Wednesday evening they were passengers going on to Portland to visit his mother in that city.

Mrs. Maud Stickle came from Medford, Wednesday evening to attend the installation of the officers of the Amythest Rebecca lodge of this city.

G. W. Gay and James Newbury were Gold Hill visitors Thursday from Kanes creek.

J. C. Lee was so unfortunate Thursday as to saw a finger so badly that a piece of the bone had to be removed. He was brought quickly to the Gold Hill hospital where he is doing nicely.

Mrs. William Shoemaker of Galls Creek was shopping in Gold Hill Thursday.

Mrs. Marguerite Walker was a passenger to Ashland Thursday to visit for a couple of days with friends in that city.

Mrs. Fanny and Miss Grace Birdseye were passengers to Medford Thursday morning.

The chapel car "Good Will" was sidetracked in Gold Hill Wednesday evening and services will be held Thursday and Friday evening and then again next week. W. C. Driver is in charge.

Word was received Wednesday evening of the death of Harold Hyde at Provoit. It will be remembered that his wedding occurred just a few weeks ago, when he was married to Miss Bonita Johnson of this city.

Mrs. E. W. Blackett accompanied by Messrs. E. T. Simmons, Hughes and Wilkeson motored to Medford Thursday.

Mrs. Ernest Reinking was a passenger to Medford Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dayton of Galls creek were in Gold Hill Thursday.

Alton Cook visited Thursday at Ralph Raymond's across Rogue river.

Mrs. D. R. Eaton of Galls creek was shopping in Gold Hill Thursday.

52 NAMES UPON CASUALTY LIST FROM PERSHING

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The army casualty list today shows: Killed in action, nine; died of wounds, seven; died of disease, seven; died of airplane accident, two; died of accident and other causes, four; wounded severely, 15; wounded slightly, one; wounded, degree undetermined, two; missing, five. Total, 52.

The list includes Sergeant Walter R. Lux, Fort Shaw, Mont.; Private Ray U. Nicholas, Scotts Mills, Ore.; died from disease.

Killed in action: Lieut. Wilmarth Brown, Washington, D. C.; Harry M. Coppinger, Oklahoma City, Okla.; John Cannon Paisley, Gibsonville, N. C.; Augustus M. Trotter, Camden, S. C.; Sergeant Peter G. Miller, Lancaster, Pa.; Privates Sherman L. Conking, Newark, N. J.; Steve Dusanaki, Schenectady, N. Y.; Harry F. Jones, Roanoke, Va.; Walter Saninaw, Potsdam, N. Y.

Died from wounds: Captain Geo. T. Spalding, Columbus, Ky.; Lieutenant Robert E. Ball, Wollaston, Mass.; Privates John W. Bresnahan, Rochester, N. Y.; Harry L. Ericman, Sterling, Ill.; John V. Fennessy, Rochester, N. Y.; Hyman Klein, New York City; Walter F. Ryan, Potage, Wis.

Died from disease: Lieutenants Geo. McInness, Stevens Point, Wis.; Goodwin Warner, Jamaica Plains, Mass.; Sergeants Frank A. Browne, Petersburg, Va.; Walter R. Lux, Fort Shaw, Mont.; Fireman Constance Hendricks, Havre, France; Privates Jas. H. Enstley, Ainsworth, Neb.; Ray U. Nicholson, Scotts Mills, Ore.

Died of airplane accident: Lieutenant William D. Robbins, Raleigh, N. C.; John C. Wilford, Asheville.

EDEN PRECINCT

Mr. and Mrs. C. Cate of Medford visited Mrs. Cate's sister, Mrs. A. S. Furry of Phoenix Tuesday evening.

Miss Emma Crawford of Talent left Wednesday evening for Portland, where she will enter the government service.

Mrs. Fred Rapp of Talent motored to Medford Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Anna French returned last week from a month's visit with her sister at Klamath Falls.

Oak Circle No. 242, Phoenix, Ore., voted upon the applications of the following five young ladies at their last regular meeting: Misses Juaneta Furry, Sybil Furry, Anna French, Maybel Hearn, Elva Caster.

Andrew Stephens returned from Corvallis July 3, after a month's course at the college, which course he won at the county fair last season.

Miss Leta Stephens also won a scholarship and went when her brother did. But Miss Leta went to visit her grandparents near Astoria. And did not return home when her brother did.

John Robinson of Talent is carrying the mail on route No. 1, while Mr. Bowman is taking his month's vacation.

Mrs. M. Stockford is at her parents' home in North Talent for a while. Mr. Stockford having gone to Portland to try to secure work.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Crawford have returned to Talent from Klamath Falls. Mr. Crawford will answer the call in the July draft.

Dinner guests Tuesday evening at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. B. N. French were Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Crawford, Mrs. Emma Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rapp.

MOVIES MOST POPULAR WITH PALESTINE NATIVES

LONDON, July 12.—The moving picture has acquired a sudden and enormous popularity in Jerusalem, particularly among the native population according to letters from soldiers there. It is impossible to accommodate the crowds that try to attend the theaters. People almost fought to get into a big theater when the film depicting the occupation of Beer-sheba was shown.

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INCREASED RATES FOR GAS ORDERED BY COMMISSION

In its findings permitting the Oregon Gas and Electric company to raise its rates on gas in southern Oregon cities, on account of the increased cost of fuel oil, the Oregon public service commission says in part:

The authorized capital stock of the Oregon Gas & Electric company amounts to \$1,000,000 of common stock, of which \$599,990 has been issued. This stock was issued in the bonus form, \$1,500 per value of stock having been issued with each \$1,000 bond sold. The total authorized bond issue was \$600,000, of which \$386,000 is outstanding, and for which the company received \$347,400 in cash or property. These bonds are due July 15th, 1935. Two hundred five bonds were sold at \$900 each, and one hundred eighty one bonds were given in exchange for the property of the Rogue River Gas company. Since the organization of the company assessments have been made against the stock to the amount of \$86,550 which was used in the payment of bond interest. The advances made by the stock holders in the form of stock assessments have been secured by several one year notes. The bonds and notes bear interest at six per cent. In addition to the foregoing there is now outstanding against the company taxes and miscellaneous items to the amount of \$6,419.98.

Cost of Property

The total cost of the company's properties as shown by its books is the sum of \$311,550. This includes all money outlay up to date, including original as well as later investments, there being no segregation of these items in the books of the company. Nor are the figures segregated as to the various plants involved.

An estimate of the present value of the physical property of the utility in question has been prepared by the engineering department of the commission. This estimate is based upon the application of average or normal costs to the items of an inventory compiled by actual measurement and checking of the appliances, machinery and equipment installed and takes into consideration the present depreciated condition of the property. This estimate is as follows:

- Rosabing plant, \$61,550.
- Grants Pass plant, 67,385.
- Medford or Voorhies plant—Land, \$1,500; structures, \$4,995; production equipment, \$26,610; holders, \$18,000; transmission equipment, \$25,210; distribution equipment, \$99,298; utilization equipment, \$1,009; general equipment, \$4,565. Total Medford plant, \$180,778.

Total value of physical property, \$309,722.

Rates in Effect

Based upon the foregoing, and from a consideration of all of the testimony submitted and proofs offered, the commission finds that for the specific purpose of this investigation and none other the value of the physical items only of the property owned by the Oregon Gas & Electric company, and used in the service of the public, including an allowance for working capital held in readiness for the operation of the business, was on January 1, 1918, \$315,000.

Revenue of Plant

The revenue resulting from present rates, together with the expense incident to the operation of the property, as shown by the record for the year ending December 31, 1917, was as follows: Revenues, \$39,728.35; expenses, \$36,164.38. Net operating revenue, \$3,563.97.

These figures are the results of bare operation, and do not take into consideration depreciation, taxes, nor return upon the investment. To be deducted from the net operating revenue we have the following estimated items:

- Taxes assignable to operations, \$2,803.27; uncollectible operating revenue, \$220.26; reserve for depreciation, \$12,500; miscellaneous deductions, \$99.80. Total deductions, \$3,623.33.

Deficit for Year

This would leave a net deficit for the year of \$23,229.36, without tak-

ing into consideration for any return on the investment, and, if a return of six per cent on the value of the property as found by the commission should be taken into consideration, the net deficit would be increased to \$41,129.36. The reports of this utility indicate that it has at no time paid a return, but on the contrary has been operated at a loss. From January 1, 1912 to July 15, 1915, approximately four years' interest was paid on the total outstanding bonds of \$380,000, from assessments made on the stock. No bond interest has ever been paid from earnings. Since the above payment, unpaid bond interest has been accruing at the rate of \$23,160 annually.

From a full consideration of all the foregoing elements, the commission finds the existing rates of the Oregon Gas & Electric company are unreasonable and unjustly discriminatory and that under the existing conditions the following rates are just, reasonable and not unjustly discriminatory to be imposed for the services offered for the six months beginning July 1, 1918:

- First 5,000 cu. ft. used per month, \$2.10 per M; next 7,500 cu. ft. used per month, \$1.70 per M; next 32,500 cu. ft. used per month, \$1.40 per M; excess over 45,000 cu. ft. used per month, \$1.35 per M.

The above prices are subject to a discount of 10 cents per thousand

cubic feet if paid on or before the 10th of the month following the month in which the gas was used. Minimum charge \$1.00 per month.

PRINT PAPER CASE TO BE REOPENED

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The federal trade commission will reopen the print paper case July 29 at the request of the manufacturer, who asked that the commission take cognizance of the recent decision of the war labor board awarding employees of paper mills increased wages. The trade commission fixed a price of 3 1/2 cents a pound for print paper before the wage increase was granted.



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