

HERO PICKET OF CHATEAU THIERRY PROVES A FAKER

W. J. Pickett, member of the U. S. Marine Corps, who recently visited Medford and posed as the hero of Chateau Thierry and told admiring audiences thrilling tales of the battle, in which he minutely described the death of Private Russell Hawk of Derby, has been exposed as a faker, and Mayor Gates, Postmaster Mims and numerous citizens who lavishly entertained him are receiving condolences of friends over being victims of a successful hoax.

In Marines All Right

Pickett was in the marines all right, but never got nearer France than New Orleans. The "shell wound" on which he secured his furlough came from the surgeon's knife in a naval hospital, to cure a rupture. Some where or other, he picked up the "fatal bullet" which a Medford jeweler kindly mounted in gold as tribute to his patriotism—but it never came from a Hun gun. His erstwhile admirers admit, however, that a man with such a lively imagination and glib tongue is wasting his time in the marines—and that he fairly earned the dinners lavished upon him. In a column article in the Medford Sun on October 27th Pickett's daring exploits were related at length. He told of operating a machine gun 600 shots a minute, piling up the Germans like cordwood, of the forced march of 250 miles to the front (which was only 60 miles distant) and of many other heroic deeds too numerous to mention.

His Official Record

In response to a letter from Chief of Police Timothy, Captain J. F. Jeffers, U. S. M. C., 112 Co., writes as follows:

"Private William J. Pickett, formerly a member of 112th company, 8th regiment, enrolled in the marine corps reserve December 15, 1917, and received his recruit training at Mare Island, California. At the time of enrolling he gave his home address as Medford, Oregon, and that of his mother as Canyonville, Oregon. He weighed 164 pounds, was 70 inches high, had brown eyes, auburn hair, and a ruddy complexion. He joined the 112th company March 13, 1918, at Galveston, Texas, and on July 20, 1918, was transferred to the U. S. naval hospital at New Orleans. While serving with this company Private Pickett was in the hospital most of the time, with some trouble about the groin, which may have necessitated an operation at New Orleans."

Lavishly Entertained

Pickett, who formerly was employed at the Modoc orchard and claimed illustrious ancestry, blew into Medford the latter part of October and at once began telling his experiences on the battlefields of France. He found interested auditors who listened by the hour to his many hair-raising experiences. One of the first to fall for his bunk was Mayor Gates who fell on his neck and told him the keys to the city were his. Next was Postmaster Mims, who escorted him all over the valley, including a motor trip to his orchard. He was entertained at many dinner parties including a chicken dinner at the Elks Club by Colonel Mims. P. C. Bigbam also entertained him and vouched for the truth of the narrative. Pickett also addressed an audience of prominent Medford society

women from the mezzanine floor of the Medford Hotel.

Of the heroes of Chateau Thierry there will no doubt be many, but when history is written the name of Private W. J. Pickett, U. S. Marine Corps, will not appear. However, his name will be foremost in the minds of many Medford citizens for the many daring deeds he did in the Rogue river valley.

"The next war hero that I entertain," says Colonel Mims, "will have to show me—even if he has a leg shot off, an arm blown out and is minus an eye—even if he is the son of a rebel general."

DANES DEMANDING JUSTICE FROM HUNS

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 14.—North Schleswig newspapers are publishing an appeal signed by 402 Danish associations demanding that Germany at the peace negotiations settle the North Schleswig questions on the basis of the right of self-determination by all peoples.

DANISH SYNDICALISTS RIOT AT COPENHAGEN

COPENHAGEN, Wednesday, Nov. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—A demonstration by the Syndicalists here against the imprisonment of some of their partisans today resulted in rioting. Some street cars were wrecked and at places the tracks were torn up.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS DEMAND END OF MILITARY REGIME

PARIS, Tuesday, Nov. 12.—French Socialists are demanding that the administration of affairs under military law be ended immediately and that a general election be held at once to take action on the problems arising out of the economic and political reorganization of the country.

COPENHAGEN, Tuesday, Nov. 12.—The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin announces that it had obtained the protection of the government against the Spartacus group which seized the newspaper and renamed it the "Red Banner," according to a dispatch from Berlin. The Lokal Anzeiger has resumed its old title.

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UNDERGROUND HEADQUARTERS OF AMERICANS

WITH THE AMERICAN TROOPS IN FRANCE, Oct. 15.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—An amazing underground shelter or dugout equipped with many luxuries is the home of the staff of one American army corps which took a prominent part in the St. Mihiel fight. It is little less than an underground city club, with offices, sleeping quarters, baths, restaurants, kitchens, electric lights, telephone and bell boys in the persons of orderlies and messengers and many other appurtenances of hotel life.

Its occupation has permitted the staff of this corps to operate in close touch with the fighting troops much more closely behind the lines than such a corps ordinarily ventures.

Place Inconspicuous

From the outside the place was so inconspicuous, standing about two hundred yards from the road, that ninety-nine out of a hundred motorists would have driven by without seeing it at all. The one hundredth would have seen mere ground that might have been old shell craters or anything else.

In reality the mud and grass covering was nothing but a concealment of a thirty-foot "ceiling" of reinforced concrete, the black holes well camouflaged entrances leading down a sloping runway to the brilliance of the electrically lighted interior. So stoutly was the whole constructed that an enemy shell of big calibre would scarcely do more than chip off a piece of the top, and no aviator's bomb could ever, even hitting directly, do much damage.

Corridor's Main Street

Inside, parallel with the road and traversing the length of the dugout, was a wide corridor—the "main street" of the institution, in which the commanding general rubbed shoulders with the orderlies and messengers as they went from office to office. Off the main street led minor streets running to the rear and being used, for economy of space, as sleeping rooms for the enlisted men at night. Artificial ventilation provided for the constant purification of the whole dugout, and the smell throughout was clean and sweet.

Off the small streets, and off the big one too, were the offices, constructed likewise for economy of space. Each was about ten feet wide and quite deep, with a narrow table running the length of the rooms at which sat the officers and their assistants, working, working, all the time, answering the telephone every moment or so, giving instructions and receiving reports.

No sound could penetrate the great concrete roof, and the great bombardment that opened the St. Mihiel "show" could not be heard, as an Associated Press correspondent who was there can attest. Yet outside the building the cannon were going "great guns" and the whole night was thundering with the noise.

TWO MORE PRINCES ABDICATE THRONES

COPENHAGEN, Wednesday, Nov. 13.—The abdication of Leopold IV., Prince of Lippe, and Duke Edward of Anhalt, are reported from Berlin. The latter has resigned the throne in favor of his son, Joachim Ernest, who was born January 11, 1901.

GERMAN PLANS FOR COMMERCIAL RULE OF RUSSIA

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 10.—(Correspondence of Associated Press.) Ever since the Russian collapse Germany has been laying the foundations for commercial conquest of the Baltic

provinces of Courland, Lithuania and Estonia. It is probable that she already has obtained an economic advantage there that will be difficult to wrest from her.

A large part of the German campaign is in the hands of the "Eastern Territories" Neo-German Economic society. Among the active leaders of this society are the Prussian and Imperial ministers, representatives of the military authorities in the Baltic provinces, members of the German reichstag and bankers. Plans have been adopted for extending credit for the work of reconstruction and economic conquest, and the German Eastern Bank of Commerce and Industry, an institution whose turnover

last year exceeded twenty-six billion marks, has planned to devote the greater share of its activities to work in the east.

A large number of organizations for the study of conditions in the Baltic provinces and for the "education of leaders of enterprise" there have already been formed. The "German Association for Research in Eastern Europe" is in full action. Directors of the Deutsche Bank are taking an active part in the work.

Professors at the University of Berlin have organized an "Institute for Russian Research," and their activities extend to financial, commercial and industrial matters. Munich and Jena professors will shortly open

a higher institute of learning "for the education of leaders of enterprise in the Eastern territories."

In the Baltic provinces themselves there are already in operation special teachers' institutes and schools devoted to the development of the lands economic life. All these are, of course, supported by German funds and manned largely by German scholars and experts in the various lines of thought and activity.

MADRID, Nov. 14.—The Spanish chamber of deputies today adopted by 169 votes to 2 a resolution to express the satisfaction of the chamber over the happy ending of the war.

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