

COLONEL KELLY WELCOMED WITH GREAT OVATION

Returned War Hero Cheered to the Echo On Appearance in Red Cross Lecture to Largest Audience Ever Assembled in the Page—Tells of Fine Work of Yanks.

When Lieutenant Colonel E. E. Kelly walked on the stage last night the large audience which packed the Page theatre from orchestra pit to the topmost seat in the gallery greeted him with an ovation, and the cheering was prolonged after he had been seated until he was forced to rise and bow again. It was a fitting welcome home to Medford's highest ranking and most experienced soldier of the war, on the part of the Medford public.

Colonel Kelly, who much to the gratification of the audience wore his uniform and distinguished service ribbons, made the address for the benefit of the Red Cross. He held the audience, which was the largest ever assembled in the theater, for an hour and a half.

Explains Campaign

Those who expected a fire-eating and flag-waving address, with much condemnation of the Germans and perhaps a description of some of the colonel's thrilling experiences were doomed to disappointment.

Instead Colonel Kelly gave a dignified, instructive talk on the American army's campaign from the beginning in France up until the time the armistice was declared, of course interspersed with characteristic humor, but without his hearers had many a thrill of pride over the wonderful exploits and bravery of the American soldiers. What made his remarks interesting and descriptions so full of interest was the fact that he himself had seen it all, had been thru all the big battles with the American forces, in which he played so important a part and was three times recommended by as many different commanders for the distinguished service medal.

Introduced by Neff

When, after his introduction to the audience by Porter J. Neff in which his year's service in the war was sketched, the colonel began his address with the usual "Ladies and Gentlemen, fellow citizens," and then naively added "Home Folks," an expression which he had so long longed to be able to utter, it made a tremendous hit with the audience.

He announced at the start that he would confine his address to the campaign of the Argonne which was the most important one in which the Americans participated and was the most diversified and called out all their initiative and fighting qualities. From then on he used the aid of a blackboard and maps to illustrate.

Construction Work

First he sketched the wonderful and immense construction work of the American army in establishing their huge supply bases, docks, warehouses, railroads, hospitals, air-dromes, ordnance depots, feeding arrangements, etc., because the French system was so woefully inadequate that it could not be relied on.

Of course along with this came the herculean task of building up the lines of communication, and the speaker dwelt at some length on the signal corps work, with which he was so familiar, having been a high officer in the signal corps service during his year's service and having been promoted to lieutenant colonel last September.

Finally all this constructive work having been established the American army, what there was of it in France then, was ready for business and was assigned a position on the sector fronting Alsace Lorraine, a nice quiet lady-like sector, the only position which the French up to that time felt it could trust them with. The Americans were chafing and longing to get into the fight actively, and disregarding the instructions of the French officers began worrying the Germans with artillery fire and raids in No Man's Land and on the trenches. In this way they broke themselves in for the important work to follow.

Serious Situation

Then the Germans began their drive against the British army, which steadily gave way and was bent towards their supply base at Amiens which was almost captured. It was a very serious situation.

Later came the drive of the Germans against the French with Paris as the objective, which would have succeeded had it not been for the two American divisions which were thrown in at Chateau Thierry to aid the French. The colonel's description of how the second division arrived hurriedly, took up positions and set up their machine guns in the streets of Chateau Thierry and waited for the oncoming of the hordes of Germans was thrilling.

All this time the panic-stricken and beaten French were rushing into Chateau Thierry, throwing their arms and haversacks away and shouting "The war is over."

Finally the victorious Germans arrived and nothing stood between them and Paris but the two American divisions of intrepid soldiers who not

only stopped the enemy but drove them back.

Turning Point of War

When the demoralized French army quickly learned what the heretofore somewhat despised soldiers Americans had done, they quickly came back and rallied and joined with the Americans in the attack. That was the turning point of the war and "the Germans never had a good day after that time," the speaker said.

"After Chateau Thierry the French people began to take their hats off to an American officer when they met him," said Colonel Kelly significantly.

Battle of Argonne

Now Colonel Kelly described the Argonne battle, especially the exploits of the 80th division of which he was chief signal officer, and which was dumped down into the battle at Verdun, a thoroughly shell-swept area with obliterated roads and in which hundreds of thousands of allied soldiers had been killed during the war. He told of how roads were hurriedly constructed under difficulties and of how the German machine gun nests were finally cleared out. During the first part of the drive the Americans were not properly equipped, the speaker said.

The final American drive which ended when the armistice was signed was then described, and Colonel Kelly's description aroused ardent pride in the American soldier, especially the partly trained and inexperienced ones.

In Final Smash

He told how 7000 inexperienced replacement American soldiers arrived during the final drive, and were thrown into the hot fighting. "They did their job like the best trained soldiers of Europe," said Colonel Kelly. He saw one newly uniformed and awkward appearing soldier, and approaching him learned that he had just arrived in France from Chicago a short time before, having been started from that city four days after he received his uniform. On arrival in France he was hurried to the front.

"Are you in the 80th division?" inquired the soldier of Colonel Kelly.

"Yes."

"Go ahead and give 'em hell. We are with you."

Story of "Red"

The heroic conduct of a red-haired, sloppy sergeant in the signal corps in fixing a wire communication broken by an enemy shell, was dwelt on.

"There were a million such Reds in our army in France," proudly asserted Colonel Kelly. "I never saw a man flinch during the war."

Closing his address by answering the query "What do we get out of all this sacrifice of blood and treasure?" the speaker said that he had come back from the war physically, morally and mentally a better man, and that would be the experience of all American soldiers. The fighting qualities of the American soldier and the initiative and wonderful things accomplished by the nation and her fighters would make all the world chary about seeking trouble with Uncle Sam. Then, too, Europe and the world is better generally informed about the American nation and this country, and was more respecting.

AIRPLANE SQUADRON HALTS AT SAN ANTONIO

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 23.—The airplane squadron which is making a flight from Houston to the Pacific coast halted here today to await the arrival of a new plane to take the place of the one which was forced to land at San Marcos Tuesday.

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BOOTH PLEDGED TO JACKSON COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM

SALEM, Jan. 22.—(Special Correspondence.) At a special meeting of the Jackson county delegation with State Highway Commissioner R. A. Booth this afternoon called by Representative W. H. Gore, highway problems of Jackson county were freely discussed and a very satisfactory understanding reached. The exact terms of this understanding can not be announced now, but it can be said definitely that if the proposed \$10,000,000 road bill goes thru, Mr. Booth can be counted upon to do everything in his power to see that the Skiskiyou grade is paved from Ashland to the California line, before the end of the present year. Of course it must be understood that Mr. Booth has not this matter in charge, and will only be able to follow out with other members of the commission the terms of the road bill, but it will be reassuring for the people of Jackson county to know they have a staunch friend on the highway commission in the person of Mr. Booth.

Representative Gore and Senator Thomas are both working on the respective road committees of the house and senate, and while it will be several weeks before the bills are completed, steady progress is being made. In spite of the surface evidences of friction, fundamentally the members of both committees are agreed. Unless there is some unexpected upset it can be safely predicted that Jackson county will secure the main road improvements for which she is working and which she deserves.

Former Representative John Carlin, who is here in the interest of the much discussed consolidation measure, attended the meeting and was well pleased with the progress made.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—An official German wireless dispatch says the German armistice commission has announced that according to a statement by Marshal Foch at Treves, sea transport for about 25,000 German soldiers assembled at Nikolaev, Russia, as well as German troops at Haifa, Syria, will be undertaken by the entente.



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MYSTERY VEILS OPERATIONS OF AUTO ROBBERS

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 23.—The record of crimes attributed to the supposed organization popularly known as the "gray automobile robber band" has been augmented by the killing in the federal penitentiary of Francisco Oviado. Oviado had been a prisoner for a year and a half and was accused of being one of the sub-chiefs of the robber band which has operated here for two years or more. He was slain with a dagger by a negro prisoner who was charged with nine other murders.

The killing of Oviado places another obstacle in the path of the authorities who for two years have been trying to discover the supposed man or men "higher up" who direct the operations of the robber band which uses a gray automobile in making their raids.

Six men, including Oviado were held in the penitentiary accused of being members of the band. Several weeks ago one of them, Rafael Mercadante, is said to have offered to confess. Shortly afterward he died from an unknown cause in his cell. Two weeks later Oviado offered to tell what he knew and two days afterward he was killed. Four others who remained in prison have not offered any statements to the authorities.

The gray automobile, late in 1916 and early in 1917 figured in numerous daring and productive raids. Posing as agents of the district government and bearing forged credentials, the occupants would stop in front of a house, enter it on the pretext of searching for arms or robbers, or with no pretext at all, take what they fancied and drive away. At the height of their career the bandits pursued by a police motor car, waged a running fight with their pursuers through the Paseo de la Reforma, one of the principal highways of the city. Several deaths resulted from the interchange of rifle shots.

Later a society woman complained to the authorities that she had seen a valuable necklace, stolen from her by the auto bandits, on the neck of an actress. Called upon to explain, the dancer asserted that the jewels

were a present from an admirer. The alleged given was a general in the Mexican army. The necklace was returned, but apparently this clue did not lead to the leaders of the robbers. The operatives, however, finally

were surrounded while engaged in robbing a house in the foreign colony. But each time that it appeared that the truth was near disclosure, the principal witness, counted on by the state to establish its case, died. Thus passed Mercadante and Oviado.

Christmas cards have been received from Ernest Webb of Central Point, who enlisted a year ago in the Canadian volunteers and is now with the British army of occupation in Germany. He states that he is "keeping watch on the Rhine wine."

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