

FRANCE AWARDS CROIX DE GUERRE TO DEAD AVIATOR

The only Medford hero to be awarded the French war cross by the government of France, though he lost his life in winning this coveted honor was Lieutenant Newell C. Barber. The great award of honor to their son, together with the citation awarding the medal, was received yesterday by Dr. and Mrs. Martin C. Barber from the adjutant general's office at Washington, with the following brief comment:

"Here is forwarded to you under separate cover by registered mail a Croix de Guerre awarded by the French government to your son, Second Lieutenant Newell C. Barber, 108th Aero squadron, which is sent to you as next of kin. Inclosed therewith is the citation awarding the medal."

The translation of the citation which was issued by General Petain, marshal of France, at the general headquarters of the French armies of the east, and which was approved by General Pershing, is as follows: "Second Lieutenant Newell Barber, pilot in Escadrille Dr. 108.

"Excellent pilot. Has taken an active part in the bombardments since July. Was in stiff combats against enemy patrols July 21 and August 10. Fell gloriously August 11, 1918, during a stiff encounter in which his escadrille was fighting against two."

Altho he was seen to fall in his machine behind the German lines, definite news of his tragic fate was not learned until in October. Lieut. Barber was 29 years old at the time of his death and would have been 21 years old the 16th of this month.

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

By A. C. Howlett.

Mrs. W. W. Willits of Perast and Mrs. Andrew Poole, wife of one of the forest rangers, of Trall, came out on the Eagle Point-Perast stage last Saturday. Mrs. Poole was on her way to Canyonville to visit her sick mother, and Mrs. Willits was going to Medford on business.

Miss Ella Belford was here on business Sunday and while in town called at the Sunnyside for dinner.

B. E. Fuller and wife and Miss Ella Belford passed thru town Monday on their way to Medford. Miss Ella was going to meet her cousin, Miss Anna Belford from the Willamette valley, but Miss Anna failed to make the connection in Medford so had to come out the next day on the Eagle Point-Medford stage and was met here by Mr. and Mrs. Fuller and Miss Ella. She expects to remain here indefinitely on the farm with her cousin.

Mr. and Mrs. William Holman and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Michel and two children, formerly of Lake Creek, drove in Monday on their way to Medford, Mr. Holman having bought out Mr. Michel who had a ranch in the Lake Creek county, and Mr. Michel was on his way to Tacoma, Wash. They took dinner here and then drove on to Medford in time for Mr. Michel and family to take No. 16 for Portland that night.

Mr. Sherman Wooley went to Medford Monday on the Harnish stage.

Since the P. & E. trains were called off there seems to be an unusual

amount of travel on the county road between here and Medford as both the Lewis and the Harnish cars seem to be loaded both ways, and the little gasoline motor that was used for the section men seems to be making regular trips from Medford to Butte Falls on the railroad track, three or four times a week and seems to be generally loaded. Horace Geppert came out Monday night with the mail car and took passage on the little motor Tuesday morning.

Mr. Fred J. Burnett who came up from Oakland some ten days ago and went to Medford Saturday afternoon, came out Monday accompanied by his wife and two little boys. They reached Medford Sunday evening on No. 16. They have taken rooms at the Sunnyside and expect to remain for some weeks. Mr. Burnett is having some of his land cleared of chaparral and manzanita getting it ready to cultivate.

Ray Davis formerly of Derby but now of Prospect, called for dinner Monday and a little later Mr. A. C. Spence of Brownsboro, came in and after dinner left the money with me to pay his subscription to the Weekly Mail Tribune.

Ed Myer and wife of Lake Creek were business callers Monday.

Pete Young was doing business in town Tuesday. He complains that the ground is so wet that farming is out of the question, and since then we have had one of the worst storms of the season, and this Wednesday morning Robert Harnish showed me where the water came up on his car coming out from Medford, and still it continues to rain and snow. But we can console ourselves with the thought that we are likely to have beautiful crops this coming season.

Mrs. Peta Hetta who has been visiting friends in Medford came out Tuesday morning on her way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell and one of her sisters, passed thru here Tuesday on their way home from Phoenix, where they had been to attend the funeral of their father, Andrew Gris-

Tuesday evening H. J. Devaney, an insurance man of Idaho, Mr. Henderson of New York, and Albert Clements, another one of our soldier boys who has just received his discharge from Camp Lewis, came in and spent the night.

Miss Louise Blass, daughter of our old ferryman who has had charge of the Free Ferry for the past ten years or more, came out on the Eagle Point stage Tuesday, as did Jefferson Pierce and Mrs. George Mansfield of Prospect on their way to Medford.

Our intermediate teacher in the Eagle Point school requests me to say in my Eaglets that the people of our town have responded nobly to the call for relief funds for the Armenians and Syrians. The quota was ten dollars and they contributed twenty dollars. The boys and girls are entitled to a great deal of credit for they are the ones who rustled and raised the money. Miss Lansing says that she was appointed by the committee to look after the matter and the boys and girls assisted her very much.

Mrs. J. D. Fry of Trall and Mrs. Ed Winkle of Eagle Point, came out on the Eagle Point stage this morning.

Fred Adams, Floyd Pierce and Jud Edsall left here this morning in the Lewis jitney, and Will Lewis said that he had two more to take in on the way.

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GRANDMOTHERS OF LIBERTY



Dr. Anna Howard Shaw (right), one of the earliest and most active of living suffragists in America, and Madame Catherine Breshkovskaya (left), known as the grandmother of the Russian revolution, met in Washington. Each has fought many years for principles of equality and the bond of sympathy that made them friends is symbolized in the handclasp the picture shows. They met at a big gathering of women and when Babuska, as she is called affectionately in Russia, got up to speak, twice she bowed low before Dr. Shaw and then impulsively kissed her upon both cheeks.

A Complete Failure

(From the New York World.)

Applying to the constitution of the United States the same kind of criticism that is directed against the constitution of the League of Nations, it becomes apparent at once that the constitution of the United States is a complete and miserable failure and that the government of the United States is non-existent. What is still more deplorable, under such a constitution there can be no government of the United States. The American people have been tricked and betrayed by the impractical idealists and sentimentalists of 1787.

With the consent of Senator Lodge, Senator Knox and Senator Borah we desire to call public attention to some of the unworkable provisions of this paper constitution which was foisted upon a credulous country by George Washington and his rubber-stamp associates, many of whom were infected with the licentious political theories of the ribald French encyclopedists of that lamentable period of history.

To begin with, the constitution of the United States creates three independent, co-ordinate branches of the government, legislative, executive and judicial, but owing to the carelessness or ignorance of the convention these branches are neither independent nor co-ordinate. As Nicholas Murray Butler would say, "the draft itself is as clumsy a bit of workmanship as the history of national agreements affords."

The money power is all vested in the hands of the legislative branch. It alone can raise revenue. It alone can make appropriations. The executive and judicial branches are therefore wholly dependent upon the legislative branch for the very means of existence. Instead of being independent and co-ordinate, they are the creatures and slaves of the legislative branch and must do its will or perish. Without the consent of the congress they can exist only in name.

To make a bad matter infinitely worse, the judicial branch is forever at the mercy of the executive. Altho the constitution provides for "one

supreme court" and "such inferior courts as the congress may from time to time ordain and establish," this judiciary has no authority whatever to enforce its decrees. This power is all vested in the executive. The president alone is commander in chief of the army and navy, and unless the federal courts decide causes to suit the whims of the president their decrees are not executed and their decisions nullified. Yet George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and Benjamin Franklin had the unspeakable effrontery to pretend that this thing of shreds and straw was an independent, co-ordinate judiciary!

The situation in respect to the legislative branch is hardly less lamentable. The congress can enact laws, but its laws are worthless unless they are enforced by the executive, and this the executive will refuse to do unless the president personally approves of the legislation that congress enacts. Inasmuch as the army and navy are subject to his command, and to his command alone, the president can always employ the military power to coerce the congress. By sending his troops to take possession of the legislative chambers he can prevent the congress from sitting and his physical control of the treasury enables him to employ these military mercenaries to override this legislative branch of the government. To be sure, the house may impeach

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the president and the senate may try the impeachment, but what does this power amount to when the president may use the army and navy to defy both the impeachment and the verdict and keep himself in office as long as he chooses to maintain his arbitrary and despotic sway?

There are many other disastrous weaknesses in the constitution of the United States, to which we need not devote extended consideration at this time, which not only make it unworkable but which destroy the union that it professes to create. We refer especially to the fact that by making population the basis of representation in the house the larger states can completely coerce the smaller states, and by giving all states equal representation in the senate the smaller states can completely coerce the larger states.

This constitution of the United States is based upon the revolutionary doctrine that the people are capable of exercising self-control in political affairs, that the several states are capable of acting in good faith toward one another, and that various branches of the government are capable of respecting the limitations upon their own power and of having due regard for the authority of other branches of the government. And it seriously proposed that the rights, the liberties and the security of the people be staked upon this theoretical, impracticable and untenable covenant which defies the whole experience of mankind!

Did anybody ever hear such nonsense outside of Bedlam and the convention of 1787?

BUILDERS SUPPORT SPOKANE PAINTERS

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 28.—A resolution declaring that all building trades unions of this city will support the local Painters' union in its demand for a wage increase from \$6 to \$7 a day, effective tomorrow, was passed by the building trades council comprising representatives of building craft unions, at its meeting last night. It was announced today by J. N. Northway, the secretary.

That no union painter will be working tomorrow unless the demands are met was the declaration today of Thomas Slack, president of the Painters' union, who said the membership comprised 90 per cent of the painters in the city.

OCEAN LINER HELD FAST IN ICE JAM

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 28.—The Furness line steamer Graciana, reported by wireless today that she was caught in an ice jam two miles off Cape Race. The Graciana left here last Saturday for St. Johns, N. F., and Liverpool, England.

2000 TROOPS BACK ABOARD WARSHIPS

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 28.—The battleships Virginia and Rhode Island docked here today after a strenuous 16 day trip from Brest and debarked more than 2,000 returning soldiers.

Aboard the Virginia were the First Trench Mortar battalion, the 488th Aero squadron and the 305th Trench Mortar battery. The Rhode Island brought the 147th machine gun battalion, the 840th aero squadron and several Missouri casual companies.

The Virginia's contingent is said to have suffered greatly during the storms at sea. There were several deaths.

The First Trench Mortar battalion had representatives from 28 states. The unit had been in France 13 months and had fought at Chateau Thierry, the Arzonne, St. Mihiel and Thiancourt.

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