

ASHLAND SUPPLIES THIRTY OFFICERS TO UNCLE SAM'S ARMY

ASHLAND, March 10.—Locally Ashland is credited with over 30 commissioned officers who are or have been in the military and naval service. The list, not yet complete, includes two army colonels, Thomas W. Hammond and John L. May, both of whom served overseas, the former at present being a member of the general staff at Washington. James M. Moore ranks as commander in the navy, and at last accounts was stationed at Charleston, S. C. Major Clyde A. Malone is connected with headquarters of the Pacific Coast Artillery department at Seattle. The two captains are Andrew J. McCallen and Frank M. Moore, both either yet in France or on the way over. Although Donald M. Spencer is the only first lieutenant in army ranks, there have been a dozen or more second lieutenants, including Harvey Irwin, Millard Grubb, John Finerman, Verni Mills, Will Briggs, Lynn Mowat, Archie Anderson, Carroll Wagner, Bernard Spencer, John O. Adams and William Allen. Two officers in the aviation service ranked as first lieutenants, Crit Tolman and Walter Phillips, the latter of whom is reported as having lost his life in France. Of representatives in the medical corps, Dr. Gordon MacCracken ranked as captain, and Drs. J. P. Johnson, A. W. Boslough and Lance Briscoe as lieutenants, also Dr. Donald Walker of the dental corps in the lieutenant classification. The official personnel in the navy, in addition to Commander James Moore, includes Ensigns Ed Stannard and Perry Ashcroft.

"Whether are we drifting?" is the problem as applied to some of the boys who are returning daily from the service both at home and abroad, especially in connection with those whose positions have not been made secure through previous arrangement. Even in these cases many of the former positions will be declined voluntarily in favor of present occupants who "enlisted" to fill vacancies in various home employments during the war. Major Malone, formerly manager of the California-Oregon Power company's activities here, has not yet decided as to remaining permanently in the army. When the war broke out he was filling a responsible position with the corporation at its San Francisco headquarters. Capt. McCallen, former assistant cashier at the First National bank, was with a leading San Francisco bank when he entered the officers' training school, and it is taken for granted that his position there is awaiting him. Lieut. Don Spencer, still in France, is a local postoffice employe, in which office Lieut. Millard Grubb and Musician Bert Freeman have, after being mustered out, resumed their former places. Lieut. William Briggs, after having graduated from a prominent law school in the east about the time war was declared, has drifted into his father's law office here. Dr. Gordon MacCracken has resumed medical practice in Ashland. Dr. J. P. Johnson is still in the service and located at the topedo station, Keppert, Wash. Dr. A. W. Boslough daily expects release from service with sanitary train 13, Camp Lewis, and plans to resume practice locally. Lieut. Verni Mills is in Ashland, with a bank position in prospect. Lieut. Lynn Mowat is visiting relatives in Brooklyn, N. Y., re-creating after a strenuous experience overseas. His stronghold along technical lines is electric engineering, a vocation for which Robt. Wagner also shows a predilection, he being in Trenton, N. J., and may remain in the east indefinitely. Homer Payne, formerly of the postoffice force, is attending a leading polytechnic school at Oakland, Calif. Wilfred Carr is visiting old home surroundings at Greensboro, N. C., but writes he will soon be on the way to Ashland, where he represented the Metropolitan Insurance company.

Quite a number of boys returning home have not yet signified an intent as to future callings. Positions at the First National bank were kept open in behalf of Harold Simpson and Gerald Wenner, but the former after awhile will take advantage of a university course, and the latter has entered employment of the Southern Pacific of the local station. Bert Smith is with the California-Oregon Power Company, and his brother Chet drives the motor delivery for the Ashland creamery. Arthur Graham has gone to Indiana with a fine position in prospect. Ural Coleman will resume his former place at Alnut's pool and cigar store. Frank Braunman, visiting here for awhile, will enter the merchant marine service. Bob Willett will hunt agates and attend to polishing them, work at which he is an expert. S. A. Peters, Jr., is with headquarters of the Pacific Coast Artillery department, at Seattle, in a clerical capacity. Clarence Mathes is located on a ranch west of town, and Don Low, following his dad's footsteps, is managing a fine farming property in the Valleyview district. E. E. Phipps has a snug job already laid out in the way of pruning, spraying and cultivating for his son Troy, who is expected from Camp Lewis any day, the sooner the better. Lawrence Riley, after a visit here with old cronies, has gone to Oakland, Calif., and it is taken for granted that his old job as salesman in a leading clothing establishment in San Francisco is

KAISER TO BLAME FOR WAR DECLARES PRINCE OF MONACO

LONDON, March 10.—"There is no doubt that the former German emperor was the first and responsible author of the war. He absolutely wished for it and conducted it himself in all its ruthlessness and barbarity." This is a statement attributed to the Prince of Monaco by the Mail's Paris correspondent, who interview the prince there. The correspondent recalls that the prince was formerly a personal friend of Emperor William, but that friendship was severed by the prince in a telegram sent to the former emperor in September, 1914.

"Until a few years before the war," the prince is quoted as saying, "the German emperor seems sincerely to have wished peace and a renewal of intercourse with France. I know this because I was entrusted with a mission to try to bring it about. But at the same time, a terrible megalomania was growing in him. He was anxious to see Germany over all and from the day when he felt it impossible to attain this end by peaceful means war became an obsession with him.

"I shall never forget the fury in his face and the hatred in his voice when in July, 1914, he told me 'if they oblige me to make war the world will see what it never dreamed of.' These words were hypocritical because the emperor could not pretend the war into which he declared himself driven was at that very time being prepared for in every detail."

GERMAN SOCIALIST PARTIES TO MERGE

BERLIN, Friday, March 7.—(By Associated Press.) Hugo Haase has been elected chairman of the independent socialist party at its conference. Herr Cripsten, south German leader of the independent socialists, was elected vice chairman.

The fact that Haase prevented the convention from swinging to the extreme left is interpreted as a sign that the way is being paved for an amalgamation of the majority socialists and the independent socialists. This impression is heightened by the concessions made by the government to the supporters of soviet principles.

ENGLAND RELEASING JAILED SINN FEINERS

LONDON, Mar. 10.—Sinn Feiners who have been interned in England have been released in batches during the last few days. A score returned to Dublin on Sunday. Among those recently released is Countess Georgiana Markievicz, who, according to the Daily Sketch, is likely to attend the meeting of the house of commons on Monday and claim the seat for St. Patrick's division of Dublin to which she was elected. It is pointed out that the question of her eligibility to the seat will arise, as her husband, a Polish count was never naturalized. She, therefore, is said to be legally a Pole.

still open for him. Horatio Walcott is employed in local Southern Pacific yards, and Elwood Hedberg will also work here for the railroad temporarily. Earl Fraley is accountant for a big lumber concern on the Oregon coast section. Ed Barrett has rejoined the merchant tailoring establishment of Paul-Grand & Barrett. John Enders, on the morning of March 10, again becomes identified with the big department store establishment bearing the family name. H. O. Butterfield is filling his old familiar place in the Hotel Austin tonorial emporium. Burton Winne has returned to high school studies for the time being. Meredith Beaver will renew studies along higher education lines, taking up a university course in due season. Walker Thorne, high school grad, some years ago, and who enlisted in the navy, is in New York in the capacity of purchaser for the Bon Marche, the biggest merchandising establishment in Seattle, and will visit relatives here on his return from the east to the northern metropolis. Ed Wolcott has been employed in the building line over in northern California. Carroll Wuzner is employed by an oil corporation with headquarters at Los Angeles. Many of the returning boys have not signified employment callings, inasmuch as they are resting up preliminarily to indicating a preference.

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RIOT FOLLOWS ARREST OF SAILORS BY LONDON POLICE

LONDON, March 9.—Cordons C. R. Zimmerman and Private L. N. Wilson, American military policemen, who were injured during the fighting today between London police and soldiers and sailors, are resting quietly at a hospital tonight. It is not known how seriously they were hurt.

The trouble began when Zimmerman and Wilson demanded that the civil police turn over to them two American sailors who had been arrested in the vicinity of Eagle Hunt on a charge of playing craps. The argument grew bitter and finally the policemen drew their batons and severely beat both soldiers.

American, Canadian, Australian and a few British soldiers who were lounging near, portested and followed the policemen with the four Americans to the Bow street police headquarters. The crowd grew less demonstrative after the officers and their prisoners had entered the building, but an unprovoked report that Zimmerman was dead led to threats to storm the station. The police charged on the crowd and William Van Sice and Edwin Rouland were injured. The crowd finally dispersed. An American military officer who arrived at the station soon after, demanded possession of the four men injured in the first melee, his demand being granted. A number of injured men were arrested, but so far no charges have been preferred against them.

It is expected that a joint army and navy board will conduct an investigation.

CRIME WAVE SWEEPS ENGLAND AFTER ARMISTICE

LONDON.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Crime has been on the increase in England since the signing of the armistice and, in official quarters, particularly Scotland Yard, it is attributed to a great extent to soldiers on leave. It is the natural result of idle hands, the officials say.

Attendants at centers where leave men congregate seem to be of one opinion as to why soldiers now commit petty crimes. They say the bearing of the soldiers has changed since hostilities ended. When they obtained a brief respite from the fighting they still felt that they were engaged, still had something to do and something to think about. People who are at the Young Men's Christian Association and Red Cross centers say that now there is no interest for the soldiers at the front and little they can do in the cities, as few had much money. They are idle mentally and physically.

There has been a tendency to blame overseas men for much of the crime, not Americans as comparatively few of them are on leave in England, but a Scotland Yard official has stated that the English troops are as much responsible as their colonial brothers. "I am afraid there will be little abatement in the outbreak until demobilization has been considerably advanced," he said. "If, in the meantime, the military authorities could devise some scheme for keeping the men more in the country districts and less in the cities, times might be better than they are. City lounging invariably has a worse effect on a man than country idling."

WILSON SUFFERS FROM COLD; KEEPS QUIET ON VOYAGE

ON BOARD U. S. S. GEORGE WASHINGTON, Mar. 10.—(By wireless to Associated Press.) President Wilson is suffering from a cold and although it was less troublesome today he remained in his room the greater part of the time on the advice of Rear Admiral Grayson, his medical attendant, that he keep as quiet as possible.

The president is spending most of his leisure on the voyage in reading. The George Washington is expected to arrive at Brest, as originally planned, March 12, and the president will proceed immediately thence to Paris. Various conferences are being arranged by wireless for him to take place Friday, March 14.

President Wilson expects to take up at once work of the most active order upon his arrival in Paris. There will be no let-up until the most important matters are disposed of. Then he probably will take the expected trip to Belgium and the devastated regions of northern France. The date of this journey, however, has not yet been decided upon.

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