

ELKS SPECIAL OFF FOR YREKA WITH 124 ABOARD

The Medford Elks' special train pulled out from the depot at 1 o'clock this afternoon for Yreka with 124 members on board from the local lodge, and delegations from Grants Pass and Roseburg on board. At Phoenix six more Elks climbed aboard and about 50 members of the Ashland lodge were picked up at that city. The special was expected to arrive at Yreka at 5 p. m.

Most of the Elks who got on board here were seen carrying hand craps containing their night clothes, although why they were taking nighties along was puzzling. The start back from Yreka will be early Sunday afternoon.

On the sides of each car of the train appeared the words "Medford Elks" in large letters. A number of women relatives of local Elks were at the depot to bid their loved ones a fond farewell with certain well meant admonitions.

This Elks' reunion at Yreka between members of the northern California and southern Oregon B. P. O. E. pretty well depopulated Medford of business and professional men this afternoon.

Mayor Gates and Sheriff Terrell were among the excursionists explaining that some one ought to go along to look after the boys.

EMBEZZLED MONEY FROM EMPLOYEES

PORTLAND, Mar. 15.—John Stanley, who advertised recently in local newspapers for persons skilled in light office work, was indicted by the county grand jury here yesterday on two counts, on embezzlement charges. It was alleged that Eva M. Carstens, and D. E. Buckum, who answered the advertisements, were told they must give their employer \$100 to keep as security for their honesty. Both claimed to have done this and never to have been paid any salary. Neither were they able to get back their money, they alleged.

CENTRAL POINT

The funeral of the late W. J. Gregory was held from the family residence Wednesday morning at 10:30. In addition to the family and other relatives a large number of sorrowing friends in this vicinity and neighboring towns were in attendance as Mr. Gregory was one of our oldest citizens and loved by all who knew him.

County Commissioner Owens of Weiten and Frank M. Amy of Medford, were among the many out of town people here Wednesday to attend the Gregory funeral.

Mrs. Martin Bowers and daughter Helen of Gold Hill, spent the week end here with Mrs. Bowers' father, T. J. O'Hara.

J. W. Merritt of Gold Hill, was a business visitor in Central Point one day this week.

Dan Stone, just from overseas, has received his discharge from the army and is now visiting the Weedon family in this city.

Clarence Lovern, who spent the winter in southern California, has returned here leaving Mrs. Lovern in Los Angeles with her mother.

Boyd Kelzur, who spent many months overseas has been released from the U. S. army and is now here with Mrs. Kelzur.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Stone of Willow Springs, who spent the winter in southern California, are now at home and Mr. Stone has been on our streets quite frequently this week.

A box social will be given at Central hall Saturday night for the benefit of the basketball team. Every one is invited to come and ladies bring a box.

Central Point has had a wood famine the past week as well as Medford. The situation is much better now as A. A. Gillett has received a carload of wood and roads are drying up so as same can soon be hauled from nearby points.

Charles Parker of Seattle, has joined his family here at his mother's, Mrs. Mattie Parker.

J. H. McJimsey has taken Mrs. McJimsey to the springs near Chico, Cal. Her many friends in Central Point hope to see her return greatly benefited.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will entertain at the residence of J. J. Grim Wednesday afternoon, March 19th. Hostess will be Mrs. W. E. Kahler and Mrs. J. J. Gfim. As the aid has not entertained for some months a large attendance is expected.

R. H. Cornelius of Junction City, Ore., formerly S. P. agent here, this week sold his residence on the north side of Manzanita street between Fourth and Fifth streets to E. H. Hildreth, formerly of Butte Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lyons and family are enjoying a visit from Mr. Lyons' uncle, Mr. Syster of Kansas, and Mrs. Lyons' nephew Mr. McKinnis just returned from France and released from the U. S. army.

GERMANS KEEP UP OLD ARMY UNITS IN COBLENZ REGION

COBLENZ.—(Correspondence of Associated Press.) The intelligence section of the American army continues to keep strict watch of the movements of the German army and will continue to do so until the American Army of Occupation leaves the Rhineland for home after the signing of the peace treaty.

Recent reports to the Americans holding the Coblenz bridgehead are to the effect that the few units of the old German standing army which were performing any active service early in February appeared to have been reorganized on a uniform plan. The majority of these troops, information in the hands of the Americans indicate, are simply drawing pay and passing the time the best way possible in their home depots, patiently awaiting discharge or having made up their minds to remain in service in preference to seeking employment in civil life.

These units are divided between those who are perfectly willing to perform active service and those who are not. The willing ones, usually including most of the officers and non-commissioned officers, have taken a new name for their organization, but continue to use the depots and other facilities of the old unit. The unwilling soldiers also have been remaining in the depots of the old unit.

It was in this manner that the Reinhardt regiment which fought the Spartacists in Berlin and which early in February had companies assigned to Weimar when the national assembly was convened and also other detachments sent to the eastern front, was formed from the Fourth Foot Guard regiment in Berlin and has retained possession of that depot.

According to recent estimates of American army officers, the standing German army the first week in February numbered between 300,000 and 400,000 officers and men. These estimates do not include several hundred thousand soldiers, who have volunteered for the defenses in the east against the Bolsheviks or the Poles.

RECEPTION FOR NEW PASTOR AND WIFE

The members of the Christian church will hold a reception for the new pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Millard, in the church next Tuesday evening. It will also be a get-together meeting and there will be a basket dinner served promptly at 6:30 p. m. Every family is requested to take their dinner to the church in a basket, instead of serving it at home, and to take enough for their family and one extra. It is the desire to have every member of the church, their relatives and near friends present and it is hoped they will not let anything else interfere with this reception. The ladies of the church will serve coffee and sandwiches and have charge of the reception.

A nice program is being arranged to be rendered at the banquet table and promises to be a real treat. Some of the best musical talent of the city will take part.

The ministers of Grants Pass and Ashland Christian churches and their wives will attend. There will also be guests from Central Point.

COOPER LEADS IN SANTA MONICA RACE MELCHER INJURED

SANTA MONICA, March 15.—The Santa Monica road race of 250 miles was started at 1:16 o'clock this afternoon by Cliff Durant. He was followed by 13 other drivers at 15 second intervals.

In the first five laps Earl Cooper showed the best average speed, or 36.51 miles an hour. Durant, Hearne and LeCocq consistently held their running positions in front. There was no serious accident, although Al Melcher overturned near the Soldier's Home, losing a wheel. Saries overran the eighth street turn, breaking a wheel and was thrown from his car, but started repairs with the intention to stay in.

It was announced that Melcher suffered a compound fracture of the right leg when the car he was driving overturned. His mechanic, C. E. Eldridge, was uninjured.

Tenth lap: Durant, first, 54:37; Hearne, second, 55:27; LeCocq, third, 55:54-5; Toft, fourth, 59:26; Thomas, fifth, his time unavailable. Average time for first car for ten laps total of 37.75 miles, 80 3-8 miles an hour.

In his ninth lap, Pullen's car caught fire when he was near 26th street and Wilshire avenue, but he extinguished the blaze and went on with little loss of time. Roscoe Saries found that he had bent the steering spindle when he overran the Tenth street turn and was unable to continue. When his car left the track it passed between two large trees and swung into them in stopping, receiving some damage but avoiding injury to the crowd at the turn.

UNITED STATES TO RECEIVE EIGHT GERMAN VESSELS

PARIS, March 15.—Under the agreement which the Germans made at Brussels the United States will receive eight German ships which will be ready to go to sea within four days. The vessels are the Zeppelin, of 15,200 tons, the Prins Friedrich Wilhelm, of 17,000 tons, the Graf Waldersee, of 13,000 tons, the Patricia, of 14,466 tons, the Cap Finisterre, of 14,500 tons, the Pretoria, of 13,200 tons, the Cleveland of 16,900 tons, and the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, of 25,000 tons.

The giant Imperator of 52,000 tons also will go to the United States. At the present time the Imperator is stuck in the mud, but it is believed she can be floated in a few days.

The total ships available to the allies under the agreement number more than 700, approximately 1,500,000 tons.

The vessels going to the United States are passenger ships on account of the American desire to use them for the transport of troops.

TODAY'S CASUALTIES

Died of disease—Master Engineer Louis E. Anderson, Ranier, Ore. Wounded severely—Private Roderick M. Bain, Portland. Returned to duty, previously reported missing—Private William L. Satterfield, Junction City, Ore.

YOUNGSTER OF 10 WEARS WOUND STRIPES ON ARM

PARIS.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A youngster of 10 created a sensation in the reading room of the Knights of Columbus club in Paris recently by appearing before the assembled Yankee soldiers garbed in the uniform of an American marine, with two wound stripes and three service stripes on his sleeves.

More than a year ago some of the marines were stationed in a little French village when a little Belgian boy came to their camp. He was received with open arms, and when he told them his story of how his father and mother had passed away, they adopted him as the mascot of the regiment. Jean Merveaux has been with the marines every moment since that day when the little refugee, hungry and lonesome reached the camp.

During two engagements the little Belgian boy was wounded, and one of his little legs is crippled. He walks with a limp, but he always hopes that he will sometime be able to walk as straight as his friend, the corporal. The corporal adopted the youngster, and soon he was loved by every member of the 13th regiment. He is a clever youngster and in the past year has learned much of the ways of the American.

A Knights of Columbus secretary gave the little soldier some candy and piled the refugee with questions. "Me no Francois, me Belge," said the youngster. "Me like Americaine. Spose corporal say me go to American with la regiment. Me no talk beacoun Anglais. Me understand beacoun." From heat to foot the young Belgian was garbed in the uniform of the marines. On his arm he carried a little rain coat, and he proudly displayed the numerals which showed that he was a member of the gallant 13th.

One of the young men at the Knights of Columbus club asked him why he did not have sergeant's stripes. "Corporal he make me one uniform now for promenade. When me promenade me wear sergeant's suit. Then me boss corporal. My fadder and mudder mort now. Corporal he fadder to me. Will go to American with marines."

There were tears in the eyes of many of the soldier boys who were gathered at the Knights of Columbus club. They had been through much, but this little figure with the two wound stripes and the marked limb gave them just another incident of the horrors of the German attacks in France and Belgium.

THOUSAND TROOPS ARRIVE ON HOLLANDIA

NEW YORK, March 15.—The steamship Hollandia arrived here today from Brest with 1025 troops. Units included the 102nd field battalion, signal corps, complete, 11 officers and 473 men; mobile hospital No. 101, eight officers and 43 men for Camps Grant and Dodge. There are also 150 nurses, 19 civilians and 24 casual officers of various branches of the service.

The Yselhaven measured 3558 tons and was built in Rotterdam in 1916. She was taken over by the United States shipping board after the United States entered the war. She left Baltimore February 18 for Copenhagen. The sinking of the Yselhaven probably occurred in the North sea.

LONDON POOR STAND IN LINE TO SECURE COAL

LONDON.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) Coal queues, the terror of the poor of London, have again made their appearance because of an acute shortage in the coal supply, and thousands upon thousands of persons have been daily standing in line in the hope of getting enough coal to keep some kind of fire going in their humble homes.

A coal queue is an interesting sight. Early in the morning the number of customers appearing at some distributing point exceeds the number being disposed of by the coal merchant. So they line up, in the order of their arrival, and patiently wait until they are supplied, or are told by the merchant that he has no more—by no means an infrequent development.

They buy in small quantities for two reasons—some of them have little money to invest in coal at existing high prices, while the second cause is the lack of means to remove large quantities. Often perambulators provide the vehicle, but more often the purchaser tucks his "black diamonds" away in an old basket, and hurries on his way.

If the dealer is so fortunate as to have a ton or two of coal the queue will be maintained for hours in the biting cold. If his supply is short, he is soon sold out, and the queue dissolves, only to be reformed at some other place in the hope of finding more coal.

BAVARIAN DIET TO ELECT PREMIER MONDAY

BASEL, March 15.—The Bavarian diet will convene on Monday, March 17, and will be asked to elect a new premier to take the place of Kurt Eisner, who was assassinated last month.

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