

McNAIR & BRIGGS LEAD COMMERCIAL DRIVE IN ASHLAND

ASHLAND, April 19.—There will be a municipal uprising in the old town on Tuesday morning, April 20, promptly at ten a. m., when Ashland will be at the mercy of forces militant during a period of four days. Paradoxical as it may appear, however, civic regulations instead of martial law will nevertheless prevail, and everybody will be possessed with the martial spirit. It is expected that local militant forces will be abundantly able to cope with the situation, without invoking outside aid—except insofar as suburban neighborhoods afford. Composing the ranks and file there will be majors, captains, non-coms, and privates; also an ensign in command of the flying squadron which will invade the rural districts. All officers will be on the active list, with few brevetted, and positively none "retired." Majors W. H. McNair and A. C. Briggs will be in supreme command of the two districts into which the town has been arbitrarily divided into sectors, figuratively representing the Argonne and Verdun respectively. It will be noted that "divisions" are commanded by a major whose rank is minus the "general" suffix. In Major McNair's division there will be Captains Henry Enders, Fred Wagner, Homer Billings, and John Hill; in Major Briggs' division, Captains Fred Engle, Homer Elhart, Johnny Murphy, and Woodrow Wilson Barber, all veterans in the service, inasmuch as every single one of them had relatives, either near or far, in the late war. Two "Amazon" brigades of shock troops will support the division forces, captained by Mrs. Roberta Everett and Mrs. Edith Elmore having for their assistants Lieut. Anna Wagner, Corporal Maude Maxey, Sergeant Laura Pierce, Chief Pharmacist's Mate Lorena McNair, Yeomanette Evelyn Paulserud, and Boatwainess Louise McNair. Ensign Fred Homes will lead the flying squadron which is to invade the rural districts, having impressed for his aides Fred Hollibaugh, Bert Joy and Harry Tomlinson. About a hundred camp followers will be closely at the beck and call of officers who lead, and there will be no "forlorn hope" either, for all details of the municipal campaign drive have been arranged.

By way of digression from affairs militant to those civic, the foregoing preparations refer to the local campaign in behalf of fortifying the Commercial club as to membership and financial resourcefulness, also to provide a community budget from which to make requisitions to meet a multiplicity of calls due to the imperative demands of present-day needs. All remember Ashland's community chest of the war period, and how it responded to every appeal

leaving a surplus to be apportioned among deserving home projects. The civic budget of today will take up the work of helping to bear the heaviest burden on the broad principle that all will be benefited thereby. Tentatively a budget of \$4000 has been proposed, but when the campaign workers go over the top the present week, results may indicate that, like previous drives in behalf of government loans and other war measures, the amount has been largely "oversubscribed." Let it be remembered that this campaign is by local workers, in home territory, and in behalf of Ashland's needs. Hence hurry to help.

The line-up will take place at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, the rendezvous being city hall, where the working personnel will be photographed. Later on a composite portrait from this group will materialize, delineating the determined and eager expression of the typical Ashland booster. If you wish to be grouped accordingly, join the procession at once, for the many have been called, more should and will be chosen. On the first day luncheon at the Hotel Austin will be served on the "Dutch treat" plan, at 12 o'clock, the campaign tax for the same being merely nominal, and all are invited even tho' not being included among the team workers. The membership of the team organizations will be seventy as a minimum, while the budget teams number ten, including V. O. N. Smith, H. G. Enders, Sr., J. H. McGee, Louis Dodge, L. F. Ferguson, T. H. Simpson, Mayor C. H. Lamkin, H. H. Gillette, J. W. McCoy, and E. E. Marcy, Mr. McGee serving as chairman. Local banks, as heretofore announced, stand ready to pledge ten per cent of the community budget, whether the fund is based on a \$60000 foundation or even larger.

58 ACRES AT GOLD HILL SELLS \$10,000

GOLD HILL, April 19.—A real estate transaction of considerable note was closed here today when W. W. Hittle reported the sale of his 58-acre farm in what is known as the Riverside colony, two miles west of Gold Hill, to Roy L. Ganfield for \$10,000. Ganfield, giving his residence as Medford, will occupy the premises in 30 days.

The Hittle farm a few years past was a patch of chaotic and rocks and was bought by Hittle at a very reasonable figure. Building of the Gold Hill irrigation canal, which runs above the property, and construction of the Pacific highway along the river side of the property, the contractors of which used the rocks scattered over the land in road work, have raised the value of the land to the present sale figure. This sale has set a new mark in land value in this neighborhood.

Violet Fleming in Three Faces East at the Page Theatre Wednesday Night



An important event in the local dramatic season will be ushered in next Wednesday night, April 21, when Cohan & Harris will present Anthony Paul Kelly's gripping play of the secret service, "Three Faces East," at the Page theatre.

This delightfully thrilling stage offering held the stage of the Cohan & Harris theatre, New York, for the whole of last season and its highly successful engagement was interrupted by mid-summer heat. "Three

Faces East" is a mystery play dealing with the machinations of a band of German spies and their apprehension at the hand of England's secret service; but the plot and counterplot are so successfully manoeuvred that no one in the audience is able to discover the master spy thru a prologue and three acts of intensive guessing. Practically the entire New York cast will be seen here including Miss Violet Heming, who created the leading feminine role of Helene.

U. S. PEACE ARMY WANTS 70,000,000 GALLONS OF GAS

The number and variety of uses of petroleum and its products are continually increasing, but even more striking is our increased dependence upon a few of the products of the oil refinery, notably gasoline, kerosene, the many types of lubricating oils, and fuel oil.

There are said to be 200 or more products of petroleum, each with its own use. Some of these products serve merely our convenience, such as the artificial vanilla or the cover of paraffine on the jar of jelly or marmalade. Others were found during the war period to be absolutely essential to industry on a large scale—for example, the heavy oil used in tempering steel plates.

One picture of the demand for the principle petroleum products can be seen in a recent statement of United States army peace requirements, which include 74 million gallons of fuel, 11 million gallons of gasoline, two million gallons each of lubricating oil and grease, and one million

gallons of kerosene. Not only will the size of this single order open some eyes, but its make-up is significant and disconcerting.

Taking the figures of the bureau of mines on refinery production last year, we find that the output of gasoline was not quite double that of kerosene, and the output of lubricants was less than half that of kerosene, and here the army wants eleven times as much gasoline as kerosene, and twice as much lubricating oil. The discord between demand and supply in this one order is even worse for fuel oil, of which the output last year was about five times that of kerosene, and yet the army wants 74 times as much.

GEORGE OTIS SMITH, Director of U. S. Geological Survey.

The Southern Oregon Presbytery will hold a meeting at Grants Pass tomorrow.

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TRY CHRISTIANITY IS SUGGESTION OF DR. J. H. FRANKLIN

Following the banquet at the Baptist church Wednesday night, Dr. J. H. Franklin, of the northern Baptists, spoke of "The New World Movement." He spoke in part, as follows:

"Late in July, 1914, I was in mid-Atlantic when the miracle of modern times, the wireless telegraph, told the passengers aboard my ship that Germany was mobilizing for war. A few days later, when we dropped anchor at Bergen, Norway, we learned that Germany was moving against France and Belgium. The earth was being shaken. Men were saying, 'Civilization has failed.' And it seemed as if the structure we call by that name was, after all, merely a pile of uncemented stones which were tumbling in on our heads. Men were saying, 'Statesmanship has failed.' A few said, 'Christianity has failed,' to which it was promptly replied, 'Pray, when was it ever tried?'

"Many have taken the name, but how few have ever really tried the Christianity of Christ. It is a narrow way that is pointed out by the one who said, 'Except a man renounce all that he hath he can not be my disciple.' The Christianity of Christ has never been tried widely in our social, industrial or international relationship. 'Pray, when was it ever tried?' The war was a result of the failure to apply the teachings of Christ to our international relationships.

"Soon after the war was over I was in Europe again, visiting the six thousand square miles of devastated regions with two thousand towns, villages and cities which were completely or partially destroyed, crossing the unsalvaged battlefields which were still strewn with unexploded shells, hand grenades, helmets and gas masks, and looking upon thousands of crosses that mark a portion of the eleven million graves left by the conflict. Those crosses never failed to say to me:

"We are the dead. Short days ago we lived. Felt dawn, saw sunset glow. And now we lie in Flanders' fields."

"And all this came because we had failed to try Christianity in our international relationships.

"When the war was at its height for us, Henry Watterson, the veteran editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, wrote these words:

"Sorely the future looks black enough, yet it holds a hope, a single hope. One, and one only, can arrest the descent and save us. That is the Christian religion. Democracy is but a side issue. The paramount issue, underlying the issue of democracy, is the religion of Christ, and him crucified; the bedrock of civilization; the source and resource of all that is worth having in the world, that is, gives promise in the world to come; not as an abstraction; not as a huddle of sects and factions; but as a mighty force and principle of being. The word of God, delivered by the lowly Nazarine upon the hill-

sides of Judea, sanctified by the cross of Calvary, has survived every assault.

"Today, thoughtful men in every walk of life are seeing that there is no permanent solution of humanity's gravest problems apart from spiritual revival. 'Ye must be born again.' 'The soul of all improvement is the improvement of the soul,' said one of our great men. Herbert Spencer declared that there is no political alchemy whereby golden conduct can be secured from leaden instincts. Even David Harum saw it when he said there could never be an honest horse race until we get an honest human race.

"The spiritual renewal of man, the dissemination of the spirit of Christ into all human relationships, and its application to our domestic, social, industrial and international relationships—that is the task before us. That is the objective of the new world movement and all the new world movements of the several denominations. No super-church is intended. No compromise of convictions is required. We co-operate in realizing the great objective is the triumph of the spirit of Christ in human relationships. The financial objective, however necessary, is not the real purpose. Hundreds of millions of dollars are required merely to pay the operating expenses of our movements.

"We can co-operate with each other, since the eternal co-operates with no group exclusively. Moreover, men are changed not so much through our distinctive doctrines as through our point of agreement—Jesus Christ.

"We would join hands in giving Christ and his teachings to men everywhere. We would go in his spirit and in his name with his message and his works to the ends of the earth. Not only would we make oral deliverances. We would establish hospitals in darkest Africa. We would plant schools in Japan, China, India and elsewhere to train Christian preachers, doctors, editors, merchants and statesmen to lead in the Christianization of their own lands. Christianity is planted in Japan. A minister, Mr. Kanamor, has led 1800 of his fellows to Christ. Three of China's six representatives at the peace conference were trained under Christian auspices in China. Mr. C. T. Wang, China's outspoken leader at Paris, is an earnest Christian man.

"Let us join hands and prayers and offerings in the great campaigns that lies just ahead. Let us contribute hundreds of millions of dollars, life and prayer to give the world the only hope—a single hope' Watterson called it—the Christ of Calvary. Here is the source of the world's spiritual renewal."

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