

COLLINS DENIES MISSTATEMENTS ANENT RED CROSS

Criticisms Not Against Red Cross, But Way of Conducting Local Chapter—Will Pay Half Bill if Single Error Is Proven.

To the Editor: The accusations of misstatements in the Red Cross matter in last evening's issue of your paper compel a reply, otherwise I would not ask for further valuable space in your paper. The salient points appear to be these: The American Red Cross is not being criticized, but the manner in which the local chapter is being conducted. Is that a distinction worth a difference. The criticism is intended to be constructive and should be invited and encouraged, not resented.

The committee's report did not recommend the closing of the Red Cross, but to the contrary, recommended a line of future work. The committee's report never mentioned \$7,000 to be raised or any other amount. The chairman of the Red Cross was asked for the books of the organization and promised them, but they never were produced. A financial statement was submitted instead and we accepted it as being correct. This statement shows over \$1500 sent to headquarters which is at the rate of \$125 per month for a year. It shows a nurse drawing \$125, a field worker \$100 and a secretary \$50, which totals \$400 a month. If it doesn't all eat it.

Last evening's article states in one sentence that there is no expense for janitor service, light, heat, telephone, etc., yet the next sentence states that these items cost \$16 per month. The article also states that the present total overhead will not exceed \$175 per month and they are asking \$250 per month to carry on the work for the next five months. Doesn't this show that it will require \$175 to administer \$75, that 70 per cent of their receipts even now are spent for overhead, that the people are asked to provide \$44 a week to administer \$19?

The executive affairs of the Ashland branch are handled by the Medford chapter, but the relief work is handled entirely by Ashland people and the money collected in Ashland is disbursed in Ashland by Ashland people, without any overhead whatever and comparatively no expense of any kind. Their relief work consists of the same line of work carried on by Medford.

I did not know until yesterday that the sick, disabled or dependent ex-service men are taken care of by the United States government in this district through Dr. Clancy and his assistants, that aid and relief amounting from \$100 to \$145 per month each is being paid to them and any ex-service man who is ill can get medical and hospital treatment even to the extent of a private room in the local hospital and a double shift of special nurses if necessary, without any cost whatever, and that the Red Cross has nothing at all to do with the sick or disabled soldier.

The report of the Klamath Falls chapter for the past year was published in the Klamath Falls Evening Herald on Friday, April 29, and is as follows: Balance on hand June 30, '20 \$2,383.99 Misc. Receipts 73.76 Donations 992.57 Memberships 2,366.00 Total \$5,776.32 Expenditures— Home service \$ 948.28 Disaster and Relief 20.50 Public Health 578.71 Rent, light, etc. 57.59 Postage, etc. 24.00 Remittance to div. headq. 1,178.00 Total \$2,227.16

It will be noted that this chapter closed its year with a balance of \$2500 on hand and it appears strange indeed if they wanted to do all the things mentioned why they left them undone with that amount of cash on hand. According to Mr. Leslie Rogers, cashier of the First National Bank of Klamath Falls and a member of the Red Cross committee, the item of \$948.28 comprises local charity in the form of loans to ex-service men and needy families. The item "public health nursing \$578.71" represents charity in the form of aid to the sick, food for the needy, etc. The report of their activities is nearly a column long and Rev. Lawrence's name is not mentioned, neither is any mention made of a Ford Coupe. There was a typographical error in my article in that I said "The total of their other expense was less than \$3 per month for the year." This should have been \$7, otherwise my statement of the Klamath Falls matter stands uncontradicted.

It has been stated repeatedly that there is no secrecy about the affairs of the organization. Then why not publish the identical financial report that was submitted to the committee and a copy of the committee's report and let the public, who put up the money, judge for themselves? I will agree to pay half of the bill at regular advertising rates and if it is shown that I have made one single false statement I'll pay the entire bill and publicly apologize besides, provided the directors of the Red Cross will agree to do the same. That is fair, isn't it? Respectfully,
GEORGE T. COLLINS,
June 30, 1921.

C. LAKE SEASON OPENS TOMORROW, SNOW AT THE RIM

The long heralded and anxiously awaited official opening of the Crater Lake season comes tomorrow with more snow in that region and the latest climatic opening for years. It will be a disappointment to many who contemplated going to the lake on the opening day, or shortly thereafter, to learn that now auto can only travel within two miles of the lake and the remainder of the journey must be made by walking over the snow. However this rather wintery novelty will appeal to many tourists and sight-seers.

The stages will begin their daily runs to the lake tomorrow morning, both from Medford and Klamath Falls, and at the hotels are a number of tourists waiting to go up in their own cars. The lodge hotel and the Anna Spring camp will open tomorrow morning for the season ready to care for all comers. The remainder of the hotel help to aid those who went up earlier in the week, was taken up by stage today.

Sealey V. Hall, manager of transportation for the Crater Lake company has the stages and trucks in apple pie order for the daily transportation of tourists and their baggage and general company supplies. He has had the stages thoroughly overhauled and made solid to such an extent they look like new. On the front of each stage is now painted the words "United States Mail," as the mail to and from the lake this year will be carried daily by the stages.

Manager Tengwald of the Crater Lake company with a corps of assistants has spent the week at the lodge getting things there in shape for the opening. Transportation Manager Hall began Wednesday to keep two auto trucks busy day and night, with a corps of five drivers, hauling supplies up to the lake, and will keep this work up until all of the big amount of supplies which will be kept in reserve there during the season have been hauled.

MEDFORD COMPANY RETURNED TODAY

Co. A, National Guard, in charge of Lieut. Wright, arrived home at 1:40 p. m. in a special troop train from Camp Lewis, where they were in training for two weeks. Capt. H. A. Canaday stopped over at Portland for a couple of days. The company detoured and marched to their quarters and were disbanded. The company spent most of its time on the rifle range, and participated in a couple of skirmishes. There was not a casualty—physical or medical—during the drill and all members returned browned by their experiences in the open air. The Ashland company returned on the same train in charge of Captain Wm. Briggs.

Latest Arrivals at Auto Camp Grounds

Arrivals at the city auto camp Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Moore of Portland, en route from California; H. Warner and friend of Oakland, Calif., en route to Portland; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Toven and friend of Baker, Ore., touring to San Diego; Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Williams and child of Portland, who expect to locate here; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rodgers, of Topeka, Mich., touring to Spokane; J. Brooks and friend of Los Angeles, en route to Portland; Mr. and Mrs. M. Ramsey and three children of Spokane, touring to California; J. H. Wener and four other men of Hood River, en route to Klamath Falls; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Frenoy and another emmarried couple of Pasadena, en route to Portland; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Daby of Baker, Ore., touring to San Diego; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Darzee of Portland, who expect to locate here.

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RECORD BREAKING SALMON CAUGHT, STEELHEAD ALSO

With the catching of a monster Royal Chinook salmon, weighing 42 pounds and a steelhead weighing 34 pounds, both in the Rogue river yesterday afternoon, the fishing season may be said to have begun. Local anglers are much interested in the two catches.

The salmon, which is the largest caught in the river in this section of Southern Oregon, was landed by Peter Toskin, Medford shoe blacking stand proprietor, below the bridge at Ray Gold, with spinner attached to a new 38-strand line which he had purchased yesterday before starting for the river. It took him an hour and a half to haul the big fish, which attracted much attention in the city this forenoon.

Gaston Domergue, the life insurance man and expert angler, has the distinction of landing the 64-pound steel head, which beauty is said to be the largest and first of any considerable size caught so far this season in this section. The beauty was taken on a No. 8 Governor fly in the river above the Bybee bridge.

Mr. Domergue says the steelhead are beginning to bite, as he also hooked another fairly large one late yesterday afternoon, which he lost thru the leader breaking, and in addition had several other strikes.

District Game Warden Dailey said this morning, however, that it will be another week or 10 days before the fishing gets to be good, as the river and Big Butte Creek are still roily, although fast clearing up and falling in depth.

GIANT GRAIN COMPANY IN CREDITORS' HANDS

OMAHA, Neb., June 30.—Representatives of four Omaha banks, holding claims approximating six hundred and eleven thousand dollars against the Nye-Belleville-Powder company of Fremont, Neb., the largest grain company in the west, met with Frank Fowler, president of the concern today and decided to place the affairs of the company in the hands of a creditors' committee pending the completion of an auditor's report to determine the financial status of the concern.

GRAIN ELEVATOR MEN IN CHICAGO STRIKE

CHICAGO, June 30.—Employees of Chicago grain elevators have refused to accept the elevator owners and operator's offer to arbitrate their differences and a strike will be called tomorrow, it was announced today. Less than 1,000 men were said to be involved, but their work is of such an expert nature that a possibility of tying up the movement of grain in the Chicago district was threatened. It was understood that the men refused to consider a cut in wages in any negotiations for a new agreement and that they also asked shorter hours.

REFUSES TO BARE LIFE

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said, John E. Mack, guardian ad litem for Guy Stillman, would question the banker along lines bearing on the paternity of the child, whom Mr. Stillman branded as illegitimate.

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ESCAPED OREGON CONVICT CAUGHT

SALEM, Ore., June 30.—Charlie Baker, alias Johnny Murphy, who was arrested by police last night at Shreveport, La., probably escaped from the Oregon state penitentiary on January 14, 1912, according to officials here. No word from Shreveport officers had been received by local officials.

The only John Murphy who ever escaped from the state prison here was sentenced to five years from Multnomah county on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. Prison officials expressed the belief that the assault occurred during the highway robbery to which Baker, alias Murphy, is said to have referred when arrested. Murphy was received at the penitentiary here on October 20, 1910.

LAPSE OF U. S. NAVY FUNDS THREATEN

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Senate conferees on the naval appropriation bill late today decided to recommend senate acceptance of the measure as agreed to by the house.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Lapse of funds for the navy was threatened today. Senate leaders expressed dissatisfaction with the severe slashing given to the naval appropriation bill yesterday in the house and some of them were disposed to hold up the bill temporarily despite the fact that all navy appropriations expire today, the end of the fiscal year.

Senator Poindexter of Washington in charge of the measure resented particularly the lopping off by the house of all appropriations for naval airplane carriers and for naval stations on the Pacific coast.

As passed finally by the house the measure carried \$109,977,039, according to official computations today. This was an increase of \$13,975,970 over the original house measure and \$84,042,895 less than first voted by the senate.

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SOUTH AFRICAN TO MEET U. S. CHAMP

WIMBLEDON, June 30.—(By Associated Press.) H. I. C. Norton, the South African tennis star, today won the right to meet William T. Tilden, of Philadelphia, the world's singles tennis champion, in the challenge round of the men's singles in the British turf court tennis championship by defeating Manuel Alonso, singles champion of Spain.

WIMBLEDON, June 30.—(By Associated Press.) Randolph Leet of England and Miss Elizabeth Ryan, of California defeated F. M. B. Fisher and Mrs. Peacock of England in the fourth round of the mixed doubles in the British turf court tennis championships here today, 6-2, 7-5. By their victory Lyceet and Miss Ryan qualified for the semi-final round.

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