

FAMOUS ACTOR AND WAR HERO TO SPEAK HERE

Ben Scoville, nephew of the late Sir Henry Irving, correspondent in the Boer war, Harvard graduate of the class of 1896 and Good Samaritan of the World War hospitals in Belgium and France, arrived in Medford today, and will give a talk next Thursday night before the Masons and Eastern Star on "Masonry at the Front." A week from Sunday he will talk at the Methodist church on the



BEN SCOVILLE

Who will speak in Medford next week.

"God of Peace" and in the evening will give a reading from that famous play "The Sign of the Cross," taking the parts of 14 separate characters. This Sunday Mr. Scoville will speak at Ashland.

Mr. Scoville was the first entertainer and cheerer to the Canadian, British and Australian soldiers in France. When the United States got into the war, he returned and made a swing around to all the big camps and hospitals.

He is a vice president of the Great War Veterans of Canada and a charter member of the Canadian Veterans of Portland.

Meets Many Celebrities
Many are the celebrities with whom Scoville has been associated in his lifetime, and he talks readily of his meetings, under strange circumstances, with distinguished poets and soldiers. His meeting with America's own war poet came about in this way:

"One night," he relates, "four men were sitting under the shelter of a hedge, back of Soissons. I heard their voices and went over where they sat, playing cards. 'Got any fags?' asked one of them, who looked like a Frenchman or a Spaniard because of his dark skin, black mustache and dark eyes. I gave him the cigarettes he asked for. Then he wanted to know what department I was in and when I told him I was an entertainer, he asked, 'What do you think of this?' and took out a sheet of paper on which was written, half in typewriting, half in pencil, a poem entitled 'I have a Rendezvous with Death.' 'Like it?' he asked me, and when I told him it was wonderful, he said it was going to be published with his book of poems. I asked him his name and he replied, 'Sergeant Alan Seegar.'

Seegar "Cold Blooded"
"That man was the coldest blooded person I have ever met," said Scoville, growing reminiscent. "Yet he was such a gentleman. His voice was beautiful—very deep and soft. He belonged to the Foreign Legion. 'The Legion,' you know," Scoville told the reporter, "was an infantry organization composed of foreigners who went over early in the war and enlisted. I never saw him after that night. He was killed not so long after that."

Another time, back of Arras, Scoville was about to start his evening's performance in a little Y. M. C. A. canteen. The door opened and two stretcher bearers entered the room. "Gentlemen," announced the heavy-set man, "we have been up on the firing line for 48 hours burning and burying the dead and carrying in the wounded. We've had no food in all that time. May we eat?" While they waited for food, the men cleaned up a bit—they were covered with mud.

Scoville asked them to stay for the evening's entertainment just about to begin. "That's partly why we came in," said the heavy set man.

The actor entertainer introduced himself, and the man replied, "I'm Robert W. Service."

Service Unassuming Person
"Then," Scoville said, "I asked him if he were Robert W. Service, the great Canadian poet and the poet, for it was he, replied, 'Spare my blushes, sir. I am Robert W. Service, stretcher bearer in His Majesty's forces.'"

"Unassuming—that's Service," announced Scoville when he had finished his story. "He is a likable chap. He stayed with us over night—there back of Arras, and we became well acquainted."

"I used some of his poems in my entertainments for the boys. 'Carry On' was one of their favorites. They liked the war poems best. They didn't want any of this namby-pamby stuff," he said, his blue eyes flashing.

"I also had the pleasure of meeting Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig and General Byng, of Vimy. Where? Up on the line. Byng is now governor general of Canada, but the men know him best as Byng, of Vimy. He was just like his name—a human dynamo," he said, by way of description.

Worked with Harry Lauder
"It was up on the Somme I think," he continued, "that I'd been 62 hours on the job, going from ward to ward of the hospitals and holding performances for groups of boys, when the colonel told me that another artist was coming to help me out. Outside, two Scotch pipers were playing 'Cock of the North,' and in walked a little Scotchman," said Scoville, using his wonderful gift of impersonation to illustrate just how the man entered.

"That man was Sir Harry Lauder. We worked together for six weeks. He sang 'Wee Dock and Doris,' 'Laddies Who Fought and Won,' and all those songs the boys loved so well. I recited everything from Hamlet to Casey at the Bat. We had great arguments about England and Scotland, he being a Scotchman and I an Eng-

lishman, but we got along fine," he laughed.

Scoville was badly gassed at Arras and for a time it was feared he would lose his voice. At Vimy Ridge he was motoring to an entertainment dugout when a German shell exploded at the side of his car, killing his chauffeur and a Red Cross nurse accompanying him. Scoville was badly wounded, but recovered.

FARMER'S WEEK PROGRAM WILL END TOMORROW

Farmers Week comes to an end tomorrow with the annual meeting of the Jackson County Farm Bureau, election of officers and reports of the past year's work. All this work will be out of the way in time for the address of J. Franklin Brumbaugh, professor of psychology at the O. A. C., which will be the concluding event of Farmers Week, at the high school auditorium at 2:30 p. m.

It is probable that a new president of the Jackson County Farm Bureau will be chosen in place of George A. Mansfield, who has to spend so much time away from the local work in looking after his duties as president of the state farm bureau.

The only formal address of Saturday's sessions will be that of William Schulerich of Portland, executive committeeman of the state farm bureau who will relate the progress and accomplishments of the state organization during the past year, and tell something of its future plans.

Friday was marketing day of Farmers Week with another large attendance of farmers and orchardists to take in the valuable practical information given by the several speakers.

LEGION NOT BOOSTING STARS AND STRIPES

It has come to the notice of the officers of the Medford Legion local post that canvassers are in the city taking subscriptions for the Stars and Stripes, a publication for ex-service men. The publication which they represent is a worthy one, but the American Legion officials desire to inform the public that it has no connection with the American Legion, and also that any statements made that subscriptions so received are assisting in the fight for a bonus for ex-service men, are in a measure misleading, inasmuch as the national headquarters of the Legion has the bonus issue well in hand and is making no appeal for funds to carry on the fight for a bonus.

A. J. CROSE, Adjutant.

News Summary of Last Night

GENEVA.—Poland and Lithuania renew refusal to abide by League of Nation's council's solution of Vilna dispute.

CANNES.—Allied supreme council adjourns following news of Briand's resignation.

WASHINGTON.—Newberry declared entitled to senate seat by vote of 45 to 41.

WASHINGTON.—Japanese and Chinese agree to disposition of concession for extension of Tsing-Tao Tsinan Pu railroad, in arms conference.

WASHINGTON.—Resignation of Briand will not modify results already obtained in arms conference, delegates believe.

PITTSBURG, Kas.—Striking miners ordered back to work by Howat, their imprisoned leader.

Chauffeur Is Murdered
COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 13.—The body of a well dressed man believed by local authorities to be James Ross Richardson, aged 32, chauffeur of Los Angeles, Cal., was found in the snow along a country road about ten miles from Columbus today. There was a bullet wound in the heart.

Sugar Company Falls.
NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—A receiver for the Sugar Products company, a subsidiary of the United States Food Products company, was appointed today by Federal Judge Mack. Liabilities exceeding \$5,000,000 were alleged by the complainant, the Inter-Ocean Oil company of Pierre, S. D.

M. POINCARÉ IS PREMIER
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by M. Briand from Cannes was made public today. It provides that Great Britain shall come to the aid of France in case of direct and unprovoked aggression by Germany against French territory.

The preamble to the treaty recites Germany's two invasions of France, the present devastation and the reasons for protecting France in the interests of European and world peace. The text reads:

"His Britannic majesty and the

president of the French republic—have agreed to the following provisions:

"Article 1—In case of a direct and unprovoked aggression against the territory of France by Germany, Great Britain will place herself immediately at the side of France with her naval military and aerial forces."

"Article two—The high contracting parties affirm anew their common interest in articles 42, 43 and 44 of the treaty of Versailles and will act together should there be menace or violation of any of the aforesaid articles or if doubt arises as to their interpretation.

"Article three—The high contracting parties further bind themselves to act together in case of military, naval or aerial measures incompatible with the treaty of Versailles taken by Germany.

"Article four—The present treaty does not impose any obligations upon any of the dominions of the British empire unless and until it has been approved by the interested dominion.

"Article five—The present treaty shall remain in force during a period of ten years and will be renewable at the end of that period by common agreement."

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