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AUTOMOBILE CORPS WILL BE ORGANIZED

C. W. Niemeyer, Veteran of the Canadian Contingent, Will Head Movement

The first organized Automobile Corps in existence will be recruited in this state and paraded before a high official of the U. S. war office in Portland on April 20. Authority was granted today by the adjutant general's department for the organization of the corps, motorists hail with the nod his excellency the governor, as there will be a decided element of sport and patriotism in the application of the corps, motorists hail with delight the introduction of a military unit whereby they might still further display their love for one's country. All a car owner has to do is to offer his car (any make) and services when required for the conveying of troops rapidly to any point the military authorities may desire. Acting Adjutant General John M. Williams states that such an organization would be of the utmost value to the state of Oregon, owing to its great strategical value.

The review on April 20th will be followed by a "raid by large enemy forces" somewhere on the Columbia, which it will be the duty of the corps to repel. As mobility is the primary motive of the corps efforts are being made to have the speed limits shot to the wind during such times as the corps is "in action." Similar schemes will be held at intervals in conjunction with existing military bodies.

The organization will be known as the State of Oregon Volunteer Automobile Corps, each member of which will be entitled to fly from his car a specially designed flag. The corps will consist of four squadrons of four trains. Each train will be composed of 27 cars, or a total of 495 cars, including three staff cars. One motor truck for the carrying of supplies in the way of oil, gasoline, food, etc., will be attached to each train. Fourteen motor cyclists, equipped with signalling apparatus would serve as scouts, vanguard and rear guard. A section of mechanics would also accompany each train equipped with repair accessories and minor repair parts.

The complete establishment or strength of the corps would be 1725 officers, n. e. ca. and men and 465 vehicles. The commanding officer would be appointed by the state militia authorities, but all other officers and n. e. os. would be appointed by the members.

The following districts will be asked to supply trains in proportion to the population: Albany, Ashland, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Dallas, La Grande, McMinnville, Medford, Newberg, Oregon City, Pendleton, Portland, Eugene, Forest Grove, Grants, Hillsboro, Hood River, Roseburg, Salem, Silverton, The Dalles, Woodburn. Meetings will be held in these places if necessary but it is anticipated that local enthusiasts so soon as they have the details will obtain their quota unaided.

The corps is being organized by C. W. Niemeyer, of Salem. A veteran of the last Canadian contingent, and prominent in local Red Cross work. He is raising the unit free from expense to the state. All desiring to enter the corps should communicate with him for further particulars. He has already obtained nearly two trains in Salem.

Why You Should Attend Our Big Ten Days Sale

Just Listen to Reason, see Prices in Large Figures FIGURES THAT DON'T LIE

- Men's \$13.50 to \$16.50 Suits sale \$9.85
- Men's \$18.00 Overcoats, sale \$12.00
- Men's \$5.00 Dutchess Pants, sale \$ 3.70
- Men's \$12.50 and \$15.00 Raincoats \$ 9.85
- Men's \$5.00 Dress Shoes \$ 3.95
- Men's \$4.50 and \$5.00 Union Suits \$ 3.38
- Men's \$10.00 Mackinaws \$ 7.85
- Men's \$3.00 Soft Hats \$ 1.78
- Men's \$6.00 High Top Shoes \$ 4.95
- Men's \$15.00 Overcoats \$11.00
- Men's \$2.50 Cotton Union Suits \$ 1.68
- Men's \$3.00 Dutchess Pants \$ 2.20

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- Men's \$2.50 Cooper's Make Union Suits \$1.68
- Men's 75c Neckwear, all styles, big line 54c
- Men's 25c Socks, tan, white and black ... 16c
- Men's \$2 Flannel Shirts, Military Collars \$1.48
- Men's \$1.50 large size Umbrellas 98c
- Men's 75c Swiss Ribbed Shirts and Drawers 28c
- Men's 35c Neckwear, big assortment 19c
- Men's \$2.50 Hats, tan, brown and black .. 98c
- Men's 50c President Suspenders 34c
- Men's 50c Woolen Socks black only 29c
- Men's 50c Neckwear, all styles in lot 35c

Only Three More Days of Our Big Sale

OPPOSE PRESIDENT'S

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opportunity to consider legislation carefully and thrust ill-considered laws upon the people," he said. "The time has come when we should pause and consider, for with all that congress has to its credit, it has made some mistakes, through its generosity and patriotism, in endeavoring to respond at once to the demands made upon it."

Underwood, reviewing the nation's war work, declared a great deal has

been done that merits praise, but added that no one should criticize men who point out mistakes when they are real mistakes and the criticism is honest.

He declared that he won't be able to get to France for many months the soldiers now in cantonments—"proof that war legislation is no longer essential, in view of the slowness of the executive departments to carry out fully the program congress has already authorized."

Urging that federal control of the railroads be terminated with the end of the war, Underwood declared that "to

project this one man power into peace time indefinitely would be to build an organization that would destroy business. The legislation is crude and lacks checks and balances to protect the people, therefore, it should be dispensed with as soon as possible."

House republicans today failed in their efforts to have the calendar Wednesday set aside that consideration of the railroad bill might proceed. Democrats, ignoring Director General McAdoo's plea for speed, voted almost solidly to maintain the regular order which brought up a bill to accept a statue of former President James Buchanan.

Housing Scheme Set Back

Washington, Feb. 20.—The shipyard housing program met a sharp setback today in the senate when strong opposition developed in the conference report on the \$50,000,000 shipyard housing bill. Senators Thomas, Colorado, and Smoot Utah, objected to a provision allowing government loans for housing projects to be made for ten year terms.

The house has adopted the report.

Mayor Gill Badly Defeated In Seattle Primary

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 20.—The elimination of Mayor Hiram C. Gill from the city election here continued to be the political wonder of Seattle today. Yesterday's primaries, which nominated two candidates for mayor, left Gill a poor third. The election will be held Tuesday, March 5.

Ole Hanson, real estate man, led the primaries with 23,148 votes. James E. Bradford was second with 11,661. Gill received 8,002 votes. Hanson and Bradford will be the candidates for mayor. The balance of the votes cast were divided among four other candidates.

Gill's elimination followed his recent dismissal because of alleged soliciting by the law firm of which he is a member, of legal business from places of shady reputation. Prior to that, Gill became involved in difficulties with Major General H. A. Green, commanding officer of Camp Lewis, and as a result, a military ban was placed on Seattle for several weeks.

Smile a while and buy a "Smileage" book, that soldier friends may do so, too. Leave it to the soldiers, too, to put the books to anything that doesn't fit in with their ideas of good entertainment.

Treaty Forced by Arms Would Not Be Binding

Washington, Feb. 20.—Germany's peace treaty with Russia, if forced to signature under the threat of arms, may not stand in the last reckoning at the big peace table. Some international authorities believed today that the allies and America will insist that it is not binding—with its grab of the border lands and its reported indemnity—in view of the fact that it would be signed by Russia under duress.

With German armies sweeping into Russia against an unorganizing and hopelessly disorganized people, the Lenin-Trotsky announcement that the Russians would sign the treaty was regarded here as a step in self protection. The fact that it would be signed by a regime not even recognized as a de facto government will also have weight in the final determinations.

That the treaty will lull the German and Austrian people into a happier mood as to eastern conditions is regarded likely here. Otherwise it means little, though it would mean supplies for Germany, in the course of time.

Germany can scarcely strip the east line of any more troops for the west front, it is held here.

Authorities see no hope of a re-organized fighting force in Russia. Her army, about demobilized, cannot be remade into a fighting force in any reasonable time.

Rheumatism Back on the Job With its Old-time Fury

No Let-Up In Its Torture.

Pretty soon you will be reaching for the liniment bottle again, for the millions of little pain demons that cause Rheumatism are on the war-path. Winter weather seems to awaken them to renewed fury.

But your Rheumatism cannot be rubbed away, because liniments and lotions cannot reach the disease. It is in the blood, and only a remedy that goes deep down into the circula-

tion, and routs out the disease germs, can rid you of this disabling disease. S. S. S. has given some wonderful results in treating Rheumatism. Being a purely vegetable blood remedy, it purifies the blood of every germ, and thus removes the cause of Rheumatism. Get a bottle to-day at your drugstore, and start on the right treatment that will get results. Free advice about your case can be had by writing to Medical Director, 26 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.

SPECIAL WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY SHOW STARTS FRIDAY

George Loane Tucker's Master Picture

The Manx-Man

By Hall Caine

Made in "Isle of Man" with full co-operation of British Government.

"The Manxman," like all stories that finally arrive to genuinely great dramatic heights, starts quietly and proceeds gently, exactly as the rivulets from the mountains of the island run from their quiet sources together to form the mighty stream that at last dashes with tremendous power into the Irish Sea; so does "The Manxman" swing ever stronger and stronger to its mighty final sweep of pathos, tragedy, and sacrifice.

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BLIGH THEATRE

American Aviator Shot Down In Action

Washington, Feb. 20.—Ensign Albert D. Sturtevant, Washington, D. C., of the navy aviation reserve corps, was shot down by ten enemy planes, according to a dispatch from Vice Admiral Sims, made public by the navy department today. Ensign Sturtevant was on reconnaissance duty.

Admiral Sims said the enemy claimed to have shot down Sturtevant's machine in flames.

An astronomy expert has chosen Baker as the best place in the United States from which to view the total eclipse of the sun to be visible in the Pacific Northwest states June 8, and is making arrangements for area of a city block in which to place instruments and equipment. Which but leads to the conclusion that Pendleton boosters must feel that they have missed an opportunity for some high-class publicity.



MARY PICKFORD in 'Stella Maris'

In "Stella Maris," Mary Pickford's latest picture for Arterraft, at the Oregon theater next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, she plays two roles, the sweet and appealing character of Stella Maris, and Unity Blake, an unattractive figure. One of the big scenes in the photoplay shows the terrific beating Unity receives from the drink-sozzled woman who has taken her from the orphan asylum. While Miss Camille Ankewich gives a splendid interpretation of the brutal woman, she is a woman of gentle disposition and dearly loves little Mary. Marshall Nelson, the director, says that he experienced the greatest difficulty in getting Miss Ankewich to beat Miss Pickford in a realistic manner, and after the scene was over and Mary was rubbing a red spot on her injured cheek, Miss Ankewich burst into tears and declared it was the hardest thing she had ever done in her whole life.

HOBO KING ENLISTS.

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 20.—Jeff Davis, king of the hoboes, who founded the Hotel De God in New York, enlisted in the United States marine corps here today.

SUFFRAGETTE SCOUTS

Washington, Feb. 20.—Fifty five deputy "sheriffettes" are doing scout work around the training camps for the protection of young girls, the women's war work division of the committee on public information announced today.

They are concerned with girls who are attracted to the camps by the uniforms, girl residents of towns nearby, who are working around the camps and girls who arrived to take jobs who are without funds.

A Thrift Stamp in each home to stamp thrift in each home.

Seven Wheatless Days each week—says Bobby when I can have—

POST TOASTIES



CONTRACT POTATOES FOR STARCH FACTORY

Pacific Potato Starch Company Makes Proposition to Marion County Growers

Assurance that a starch factory would be established in Salem if the farmers of this vicinity would guarantee sufficient acreage to enable the factory to operate, was given yesterday by J. T. Griffith, president of the Pacific Potato Starch company, of Portland.

This announcement was made after the conference held yesterday afternoon at the Commercial club between Mr. Griffith and a number of potato growers of the valley, called under the auspices of the Marion county potato growers' association in conjunction with the Commercial club.

To warrant the establishment of a factory at this place it will be necessary to have a guaranteed acreage of 1000 acres of potatoes. Of the amount produced on this acreage the factory would require, one third, or approximately the portion of a crop generally classed as culls. Fifty cents per hundred would be guaranteed the growers on five year contracts.

Mr. Griffith told the growers he would make two propositions to them and they could take their choice. The factory would either pay them 50 cents per hundred for one third of their crop, or take their entire crop and convert it into starch and by-products, keeping one third of the cash proceeds for their own remuneration and giving the growers two thirds of the cash proceeds for their share.

The cost of the factory which would be established here would be \$60,000. Operating at a minimum capacity it would handle two tons of raw potatoes per hour. The factory would operate on the raw product approximately 100 days in the year, the balance of the time being put in on dry products. Aside from the main item of starch extracted from the raw product, the factory would also produce such by-products as glucose, grape sugar and dextrine. It is estimated that each 100 pounds of product would be converted into about 20 pounds of starch and provide in addition from 25 to 35 pounds of stock feed meal. Potatoes could be hauled to the factory in bulk, sacks not being necessary.

Over 100 acres were subscribed by the growers who were present at the meeting yesterday. Acreage agreements were drawn for growers to sign and were placed in the hands of J. P. Aspinwall of Brooks, George Schuack of Pratum, L. J. Chapin and Mangus Brothers of this city. Copies were also left at the Salem Commercial club for growers to sign. The contract is for five years, and all growers are urged to lock it over and see if they do not think it is a good thing.

In addition to handling the crop for next year, The Commercial club and Mr. Griffith are working on plans for the handling of this year's crop which any growers who sign the contract have on hand and wish to dispose of. The potatoes would be brought here and shipped to the company's plant at Newtonton.

War Savings Stamps are getting more expensive all the time. They go up a cent again on March 1. Buy now!

WOULD ACCEPT TERMS PROPOSED BY WILSON

The Hague, Feb. 20.—The specialists introduced a resolution in the Austrian parliament asking the government to accept President Wilson's peace program and to begin negotiations as soon as possible, according to Vienna dispatches received today.

BREWING BARLEY SOABS.

Portland, Or., Feb. 20.—Brewing barley hopped up a little more today, selling as high as \$74 a ton in small lots in open market, with an offer of \$73 a ton for large quantities.

It is no longer a question of price, but a question of supply absolutely, say local millers, expressing their willingness to pay "any reasonable price" for barley.

Burns' list of four-minute men includes three high school boys—Jo Cook, James Young and Pat Donegan.

FRIDAY - SATURDAY Another Double Show

JACK PICKFORD



JACK PICKFORD in "The Spirit of '17"

THE SPIRIT OF '17'

Here's a Yankee Doodle Dandy—a red, white and blue story of the "Old Home Town", Also Ben Chapin in another Lincoln story, "His First Jury"

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