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PERSONALS

Dr. A. McCulloch left today for Newport for a three weeks' outing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Jones and daughter Leona are in the city from Mouthout.

B. F. Jones of Newport is in the city. Captain A. A. Hall of the regular army is now stationed in Portland. He spent Sunday in the city.

B. C. Paulus is in Portland attending to business matters.

F. G. Deckebach went to Portland this morning to attend to matters concerning the Fourth Liberty loan.

Miss Della Rawson of the Commercial boat was a visitor in Portland over Sunday.

Herbert Shields of Portland is in the city. He will occupy his usual booth at the state fair grounds.

W. W. Zinn is in the city arranging his booth for the state fair. He is now located at Columbia Beach.

C. W. Nist of the Grant-Smith-Porter ship yards was in the city over Sunday.

H. C. Haskins and wife of Astoria were registered yesterday at the Bligh.

The funeral services for Aaron A. Kniskern were held this morning from the chapel of Webb & Clough and were conducted by the Rev. H. N. Aldrich. Burial was in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Besides his father Alexander Kniskern, he is survived by two sisters Mrs. J. W. Murphy and Mrs. Richard Gamble all of Salem.

FOREIGN SECRETARY BALFOUR IS CERTAIN SCHEME IS FAILURE

It Will Not Serve Its Purpose By Dividing Allied Nations

London, Sept. 16.—Foreign Secretary Balfour speaking at the Hotel Savoy today declared his belief that the Austrian proposal cannot produce peace, nor divide the allies.

"There is something cynical in the Austrian proposal coming within a few hours after the speech of Vice Chancellor Von Payer," Balfour said.

"I cannot believe it is the enemy's desire to arrive at an understanding which we can possibly accept. It is an attempt to weaken the forces which are proving too strong for them in the field. I am sure it cannot produce peace, and I am just as sure it cannot divide the allies.

"When the Germans try to dress themselves in President Wilson's clothes or try to play a part they think Wilson wants them to play, they are clumsy actors."

Balfour agreed with the Austrian note's assertion that the whole of civilization is at stake and that prolongation of hostilities is risking the sacrifice of a great goal that is dear to everybody interested.

He asserted that certain fundamental questions must be settled before discussions can take place.

"Until then," he said, "what is the use of irresponsible talk?"

"Until Germany is prepared to view the problems confronting us all in a very different spirit than that animating her statesmen, conversations are useless," said Balfour. "Although I am forced to conclude that Austria made the proposal not because it would or could be accepted, but for the purpose of dividing the allies and aggravating suspected allied international differences."

Balfour analyzed Von Payer's speech at length, comparing the latter's statements regarding Belgium, Alsace-Lorraine, German colonies and the eastern questions with the allied aims, in view of the Austrian proposal showing how futile conversations are.

"I cannot honestly see in the Austrian proposal the slightest hope that the goal of peace is really attainable," the secretary declared. "It seems almost incredible that anything good can come from the Austrian proposal. Until those ruling the destinies of Germany, whether the general staff, the emperor, the chancellor or the reichstag, are prepared at least to show an open mind, mere conversations are useless."

"In all the past four years, Germany has never made anything deserving seriously to be called a peace proposal," Balfour declared.

Balfour explained that he read only the press comments on the Austrian note and had not had time to study the matter or consult other government officials. He spoke, he said, purely as an individual.

"There is no misunderstanding between the allies and the central powers," he said. "Therefore, the proposed conversations can be of no practical use. No coalition was ever so strong as that of the allies and Germany cannot break it up."

GENERAL STEINER ORGANIZES FORCES FOR BIG OFFENSIVE

Issues Orders And Aligns Battalions For Clearing Out Pockets.

General R. E. Leo Steiner, in charge of the Fourth Liberty loan for Salem, has issued a letter to the 400 workers summoned to meet at the opera house Wednesday evening with the spirit of Lord Nelson at the naval battle of Trafalgar when he sent up the signal 'England expects each man to do his duty.' In this case General Steiner writes that he expects every man in Salem to do his duty in working to secure Salem's quota for the fourth liberty loan.

The chairman of the several committees met yesterday at the Commercial club and reported an enthusiastic spirit prevailing everywhere. All realize that to raise double the amount of the third liberty loan will require an immense amount of work. Yet as Salem secured its quota for that loan, it is felt that it is up to the city to prove that it can raise twice the amount for the third loan.

Today the boy scouts were placing the patriotic posters and posting the windshield advertising. Chas. V. Gallo-way, chairman of the speakers committee, is in Portland today arranging for speakers for both Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

At the meeting Wednesday evening there will be an object lesson for the workers in the way of a liberty loan worker approaching a man who should buy liberally and meeting his objections to subscribing and telling him why it is up to every man just at this critical moment to get behind the government.

Each of the 38 captains for Salem and the rural routes in Marion county have been assigned about 10 or more workers and with this number in the field it is hoped that within three days material progress will be made towards securing Salem's quota. Although this amount has not been officially announced, it is known that this liberty loan call for double the amount of the last one, when Salem was called on to subscribe about \$517,000.

From these figures, it is thought that Salem will be called on to subscribe one million dollars to the Fourth Liberty loan.

Governor Withycombe will preside at the meeting to be held Tuesday evening at the armory. All selective service men are called to meet at the armory tomorrow evening to hear an address and for a general discussion of matters of interest to men who are of draft age.

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COMING EVENTS

Sept. 18.—Meeting for Fourth Liberty loan drive at opera house.

Sept. 19.—Fourth Liberty loan drive begins.

Sept. 19.—Red Cross meeting at Commercial club.

Sept. 23-28.—Oregon State Fair.

Sept. 30.—Opening of Salem public schools and Willamette University.

On account of the difficulty in securing farm labor, many farmers will put part of their farms in grass this year. One evidence of this is the unusual amount of grass seed that is being sold.

Benjamin Penne formerly with Adolph Bros. is now a soldier stationed at Camp Johnson, Florida. In writing to a brother Elk he notes the fact that all the rich soldiers from the north and west have pet alligators. Also that when it rains in Florida it rains more in one hour than it does in the Willamette valley in ten.

The county has now completed all its paving for the fall and is now ready to turn the plant over to the city. At the meeting of the council this evening the question is to remain in its present location near the fair grounds or whether it shall be returned to a location near the Southern Pacific passenger depot.

Thursday evening the officers of the local Elks lodge and other members of the lodge will drive to McMinnville just for a friendly visit and to incidentally ask the boys over there not to fail to attend Elks' day at the state fair, Thursday Sept. 26. The officers of the lodge are: Harry J. Wendroth, exalted ruler; A. E. Huckestine, esteemed leading knight; J. A. Benjamin, esteemed loyal knight; A. L. Downing, esteemed lecturing knight; H. J. Widmer, secretary; Chester C. Cox, treasurer; John W. Todd, chaplain; A. L. Fraser, tiler and A. L. Wallace, esquire.

One of the big musical features of the opening day of the Oregon state fair next Monday when a "day of all nations" will be celebrated, will be a group of 24 violinists who will play under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Levy of Salem. For the patriotic demonstration in the afternoon the players will be dressed in costume to represent different nations and will play patriotic selections from different countries.

Murray L. Hart, formerly bookkeeper for H. S. Gile & Company is now in an officers' training camp at Ft. Hancock, Georgia, attending the Central Machine gun officers training school. He writes that he works from 7 in the morning until 9 at night and expects to keep at it until about December 1. The mercury has been quite active down there, he writes and for the past month or so has been sliding up and down between 100 and 120 above, and there isn't any shade at the camp.

We will now have to break the sad news to those who are getting ambitious enough to buy a new Ford. In the language of the street, "there ain't no such animal." The announcement is made by Vick Bros. that no more Fords will be made or received this winter, excepting a few enclosed Sedans. Mr. Ford is devoting the Ford factory to making things the government wants. The Ford tractor is made by the Fordson plant entirely separate from the automobile plant. However, it is an ill wind that blows nobody good and the man who now has a Ford and wants to sell it will find a ready market. Also other used cars are in demand.

Business men are requested to leave some money at home, for tomorrow is Tuesday and on that day the women of Salem, under the direction of Mrs. John A. Carson will begin the campaign for raising \$800 for the Salvation army. If the business men will leave some money at home, the women in charge will not canvass the downtown district, as it is the plan to solicit only in the residence parts of the city. Tuesday is the first day of the campaign and half a dozen or more Salvation army kettles will be placed in the business districts for contributions. Mrs. Carson announces that as yet, she has not secured a girls' quartette for singing in automobiles in different parts of the city tomorrow afternoon. Those who are willing to help in this way are asked to telephone Mrs. Carson.

Two Salem boys have been given commissions as second lieutenants in the cavalry, according to telegrams received today from Ft. Bliss, Texas. Morris E. Race who enlisted in the service in April 1917 is one of the men given a commission. He is a son of City Recorder Earl Race. He enlisted in the signal corps and was first sent to Ft. Leavenworth and then to Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia. Later being assigned to the officers training school at Ft. Bliss, Texas. The other Salem man to be commissioned is Otto C. Buffe. He is the son of Mrs. E. Buffe of this city and a brother of Madam Buffe. He enlisted from San Francisco and is 29 years old.

Prof. F. G. Franklin of the Albany College has been secured by Willamette University as the successor of Prof. John O. Hall, teacher of economics and sociology. Prof. Franklin was a student at the University of Nebraska and at the University of Wisconsin. He received his Ph. D. degree at the University of Chicago. He has taught at the Southwestern College at Winfield, Kansas and at the College of the Pacific at San Jose, Calif. For the past ten years has been a member of the faculty of the Albany college. Dr. Doney expressed himself as highly pleased in securing the services of Dr. Franklin for Willamette University.

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OREGON HAS BUILT 114 WOODEN AND 28 STEEL SHIPS TO DATE

For Year Ending July First Value Of Ships Built Was \$60,769,620

Figures compiled for the biennial report of Labor Commissioner Hoff show that 45 steel ships and 82 wooden ships are now in the course of construction in Oregon shipyards. These vessels have a total tonnage of 594,970 tons and an aggregate value of \$84,525,089.

From July 1, 1916, to July 1, 1918 114 wooden ships and 28 steel ships were launched in this state. Five shipbuilding plants are now turning out steel vessels in Oregon and 16 plants are turning out wooden ships, practically all of them being under government contract.

Shipbuilding plants in this state have in themselves a total value of \$7,158,064, exclusive of capital stock, according to the report. In these plants there are 96 ways and 10 ways are being constructed, while more than 12 other ways are in contemplation.

Of the vessels now under construction all of them are on government contracts except eight steel ships, which will have a total tonnage of 53,800 and a total value of \$6,309,320.

The total value of all vessels constructed in the state during the year ending July 1, 1917, was \$9,851,000, while the total value of all vessels constructed during the year ending July 1, 1918, was \$60,769,620, an increase over the preceding year of 147.8 per cent. During this two year period 147 ships, with a total tonnage of 604,933, were built.

Land area covered by shipbuilding plants at the present time is 263 acres.

On July 1, 1918, there were 41,400 men employed in shipyards in Oregon, as compared with 4200 on July 1, 1916. The average wage during the first six months of this year is given at \$3.70. During this period the shipbuilding plants paid \$14,585,536 in wages.

American Casualties Light Says Baker

London, Sept. 16.—Secretary Baker in an interview today declared that the American casualties in the St. Michel salient were surprisingly small, considering the scope of the operations. Very few men were seriously injured, he said. The majority of the wounded were only slightly hurt and will quickly recover.

The war secretary personally visited an American hospital, and declared that the work of the surgeons and nurses was of the highest efficiency.

All prisoners are treated well, he said. He described the American morale as "superb."

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