

DEFENSE SOCIETY CAN HELP NATION

District Forester Suggests Co-operation in Fighting Dangerous Fires.

RULES FOR CAMPERS

Precaution Need to Save National Property From Destruction.

"The members of the American Defense society, not only of Missoula county, but of every county in the district, can render service of inestimable value to the government in the prevention of fires by making a personal effort to impress upon everyone the necessity of being careful in starting camp fires and other necessary fires and in being sure that the fire is entirely extinguished before leaving," declared Acting District Forester E. H. Rutledge yesterday in a discussion of the individual's share in conserving the nation's forests.

He mentioned an editorial in The Missoulian of April 27, on fire protection, as a good guide for campers and pointed out that everyone could help by seeing that no unnecessary fires are set. He offered the following suggestions:

- 1. Matches**—Be sure your match is out before you throw it away. Matches whose heads glow after the flame is out are dangerous.
- 2. Tobacco**—Throw pipe ashes, and cigar or cigarette stumps in the dust or the road and stamp or pinch out the fire before leaving them. Do not throw them into the brush, leaves or needles.
- 3. Making Camp**—Build a small camp fire. Build it in the open, not against a tree or log. Scrape away the trash from all around it.
- 4. Leaving camp**—Never leave a camp fire, even for a short time, without quenching it with water or earth.
- 5. Bonfires**—Never build bonfires in windy weather or where there is the slightest danger of their escaping from control. Do not make them larger than you need.
- 6. Fighting fires**—If you find a fire, try to put it out. If you can't, get word of it to the nearest United States forest ranger or state fire warden at once.

Defense Society Can Aid.

Mr. Rutledge stated that members of the defense society can be of great assistance if they will report to the nearest forest officer cases of malicious or careless setting of fires. The federal statutes provide severe penalties for starting fires on government lands and the secretary of agriculture offers a reward of \$500 for information of any person guilty of such an offense.

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SAWMILLS OPERATING AT FULL BLAST NOW

State Boiler Inspector Is Pleased With Outlook.

"The sawmills in the Coeur d'Alene country are running full blast and conditions look better than ever," said E. Moran, state boiler inspector of Helena, who is at the Shapard.

Mr. Moran has just returned from the Coeur d'Alene country after inspecting the boilers of the various sawmills of that region. He also inspected the boilers at the Northern Pacific shops and pickling plant at Paradise.

"I never saw such good workers as they have in that region," said Mr. Moran. "The agitators seemingly have left the country and the mill owners report that the men are apparently satisfied with present conditions. There is no shortage of labor in that section and the sawmill men have little trouble in getting as many men as they need."

"I have noticed that the farmers are very active along the line and are still plowing and seeding. The acreage they are cultivating is probably the largest it has ever been."

Mr. Moran has completed his work in this section and will leave today for Great Falls.

TO MAKE IDLERS HELP FIGHT WAR

Missoula Officers to Make Register of Leisured Persons.

Missoula city and county officials will receive blanks this week for the registration of all persons who have not been regularly employed for at least five days a week, and will then make ready to put every able-bodied adult to work.

"Get to work!" is the order of the State Council of Defense to Montana idlers, whether rich or poor, and the order has a punch behind it. All unemployed persons will be rounded up by city and county officers and forced to register. Registration blanks, somewhat similar to those issued by draft boards to men of army age, will be given to those who go to work.

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It is intended to organize a boycott and undermine the financial and commercial position of pro-entente neutrals and to form in the central powers a commercial blockade, which will include friendly neutrals. Officially, the combine will liquidate one year after peace is signed but will continue unofficially.

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VICTOR SOLDIER WRITES LETTER

Mr. and Mrs. T. U. Gibson of Victor Hear From Son Now in France.

SEES OLD CATHEDRAL

Tells of Interesting Things Seen in England; Poem to His Mother.

Virgil T. Gibson of Victor, who was among the first of the Montana boys to go across to France, has written an interesting letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. U. Gibson. With it came a poem which is reproduced, showing that in spite of the excitement and anxiety which are a part of the great world war, the secret thought in the hearts of the Sammees is home and mother.

A part of the letter follows: "Have just received a letter from you dated January 31, answering my first letter written in England. I am in perfect health and am glad I am here to get a chance at the Dutch. I am with the American pioneers in France and glad to be among the first to dazzle the Kaiser's brahms."

Tells of Cathedral.

"I will tell you of one of the ancient castles I visited. It is the oldest cathedral in England. It was started by the English church in the tenth century, and finished in the eleventh century. It has statues of all the old English kings and queens. King Arthur's round table is hanging on the wall. The bones of all the English rulers are in stone boxes and placed upon arches all through the interior of the church. There is also an old well in the basement that was dug in the eighth century. From this they get all the holy water for baptism. I took a drink of it, just for curiosity's sake."

The Bravest Battle.

The bravest battle that was ever fought Shall I tell you where and when? On the maps of the world you will find it not— 'Twas fought by the mothers of men.

May be met with cannon or battle shot.

With sword or noblest pen; May be met with eloquent word or thought. From the mothers of wonderful men. But deep in a walled-up woman's heart, Of woman that would not yield, But bravely, silently, bore her part, Lo! There is that battlefield.

No marshaling troop nor bivouac song.

No banners to gleam and wave; But, oh, these battles that last so long From babyhood to the grave. Yet faithful still as a bridge of stars She fights in her walled-up town— Fighting on and on in the endless wars, Then silent, unseen, goes down.

Oh, ye with banners and battle shot

And soldiers to shout and praise, I tell you the kindest victories fought Are fought in these silent ways. (A tribute to Mother.)

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FURTHER RESTRICTIONS FOR IMPORTS PLANNED

Government to Seek Aid of Business Men of Country.

Washington, April 28.—New and far reaching restrictions on imports are in process of formulation by the shipping board to permit the furnishing of larger quantities of tonnage asked by Major General Goethals, acting quarter master general for the use of the army.

Many commodities have been catalogued in a tentative list on which new prohibitions will be based as soon as investigation by the board's experts is completed. An effort is being made in co-operation with business men to find substitutes for restricted articles and materials, so the country will be placed virtually on a self-supporting basis.

Trade conferences are in progress to obtain the views of industrial leaders on the effect of trade limitation. Representatives of paper, wool, rubber, tobacco, varnish, fruit, leather, buttons, straw and grass braid, toys, vegetable ivory, peanut and tanning interests have been called into consultation.

Porters of bananas and pineapples come to Washington today and prepared to approve definite arrangements for restrictions on imports of fruits. Conferences on vacuum bottles and meat tallow, which are on the second restricted list and have been protested, and brushes, which have not been restricted, will be held later in the week.

CONCERT TONIGHT AIDS COMFORT-KIT BUDGET

Missoula Musicians to Give Attractive Program.

Missoula musicians of distinction will take part in recital for the benefit of a soldiers' comfort-kit fund at the Elks' temple this evening. An attractive program has been prepared and the sponsors of the recital hope to attract a crowd large enough to guarantee a comfort kit for every soldier leaving Missoula.

Emerson Stone, Mrs. T. A. Price, Miss Frances Myers, vocalists; and Bruno Chlinski and Mrs. George Weisel, violinists; Miss Dorothy Dickey, pianist, and Mrs. W. P. Mills, reader, will take part in the program. Mrs. Hugh Sloane and Miss Jean Sloane-Thompson will be accompanists.

The concert will be the last public appearance of Bruno Chlinski before a Missoula audience. He is going soon to the coast.

FIRST ANNUAL BALL.

Immanuel chapter No. 54, Order Easter Star, will give a dance for Eastern Stars, Masons and their families, Tuesday night, April 30th, at Union hall; music, jazz orchestra. The entire proceeds to be donated to the Masonic War Relief fund, for the aid and comfort of our brothers at the front.—Adv.

ELKS' MINSTRELS ENTERTAIN RONAN

Troupe Earns \$700 for Red Cross Chapter Branch in Flathead.

HAVE HAPPY JOURNEY

"Treated Like Kings," They Say on Return From Their Tour.

Ronan and the Elks' minstrels of Missoula formed a lasting friendship in the Flathead city Saturday night. "The best show ever," is the enthusiastic report sent down by the 600 Ronan people who saw the Missoula people perform.

"The liveliest place we've seen in many moons, and the most hospitable," is the world brought home by the minstrel men, who returned from Ronan yesterday morning. The Ronan theater was literally packed for the performance, which was a benefit for the Ronan branch of the Red Cross chapter there. It is believed that Coker F. Rathbone, chairman of the Red Cross and chief entertainer, will have \$700 to turn into the branch fund for war relief work.

This means that the Elks' minstrel troupe this year has earned \$2,000 for the Red Cross. A benefit performance given here recently brought in \$1,300. In addition to this the minstrels last year made \$1,100 for the Missoula swimming pool fund. Twenty automobile loads of Missoula people made the trip to Ronan. They

report a kindly reception and an enjoyable town. The women in the troupe were entertained at private homes in the Flathead city, and the men were comfortably established in the hotels.

"Ronan is surely wide-awake and up-to-date," said D. D. Richards, secretary of the Missoula Chamber of Commerce yesterday. "The city and the country around it look prosperous, and are filled with live citizens. Ronan is going ahead, and don't you forget it. As for us, we will not soon forget the welcome we had there. Every member of the troupe hopes for a return trip some day, believe me."

STEVENSVILLE GIRLS SELL THRIFT STAMPS

Stevensville has a unique girls' organization which is helping to sell War Savings Stamps. This society is known as the S. E. G. club. Week before last the young ladies had a booth in the post office and sold Thrift and War Savings Stamps while the mail was being distributed. In three days they sold \$300 worth of stamps. The club and its members have pledged to buy a certain amount of stamps for the rest of the year. Last week the girls had a booth in the May Mercantile store and sold \$5,000 worth of stamps during the week. The members of the club are Misses Marion Gunder, President; Ruth Drew, secretary; Mabel Smith, Mary Cherry, Eva Dowling, Mayme Smith, Clara Taylor, Aline Taylor, Bertha Sheriff, Lenore Sullivan, Hallys Buck and Mrs. D. K. Artrum.

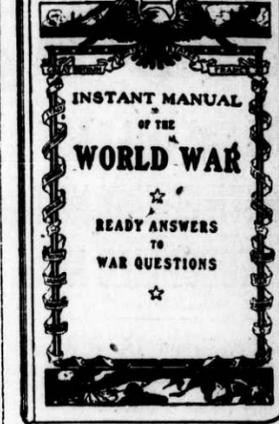
POLICE DISCREDIT BOMB THEORY

Seattle, April 28.—Police of this city have practically given up the theory that the man who was supposed to have been Carl Dargatz, killed in an explosion in a blacksmith shop here early today, was working on a bomb. Their latest idea, according to an-

ouncement made at police headquarters early tonight is that the man, who has not yet been positively identified, was attempting to transfer acetylene gas from a large tank in the shop to a small one, he is thought to have been carrying.

It is believed that the difference in the resistance of the two tanks was responsible for the explosion.

Mixtures of air and vapor from benzol, petroleum or alcohol are used in a new blowpipe invented in Europe.



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The Nation

Recognizes the need of athletic training for young men. Secretary Baker says:

"The officers' training camps held by the government were attended by tens of thousands of young men whose minds had been trained in the colleges and high schools of the country and whose splendid athletic condition was due to the collegiate and high school system of athletics. They were a national asset of incalculable value."

The State

Through its educational agencies, the high schools, relies upon the Track Meet to maintain interest in high school athletics. High school principals testify that nothing does more to keep up the interest of their boys during the spring months and keep them in school than the Track Meet.

The Interscholastic Track Meet

Demands Your Support as a

WAR MEASURE

And as an Enterprise Worthy of the Support of All Missoula Citizens.

700 Young Men, Representatives From the High Schools of Montana, Will Spend Five Days in Missoula, May 7 to 11, Inclusive.

From their ranks the university will recruit its future students, and Missoula many of its future citizens.

It Is Up to Missoula to Give Them a Royal Reception

Although primarily an athletic meet, the interscholastic provides also an inter-high school debate and high school declamatory contests. This meet, because of its past successes, has acquired a national reputation and Missoula cannot afford to let it, as an institution, pass away.

Season Tickets, \$2. Be ready when the committee waits upon you.

YOUR SUPPORT WILL KEEP IT GOING

Missoula

Recognizes that the university is a real asset. But the University cannot continue without students. The Track Meet is the principal means by which the University gets in touch with its future students. Thus the Track Meet, like everything else that builds up local enterprises, is a good thing for the city.

The Boys

Who come to Missoula from all parts of the state are here at a time when the Garden city looks its best. Everyone of them goes home a booster for this city. They will always remember Missoula as a good place in which to live and locate.