

# HORSE SHARES WAR GLORY DECLARES MAJOR KNOWLES

## Former State Veterinarian Who Served in France, Says If Armistice 30 Days Later, Americans in Argonne Would Have Been Unhorsed.

No light brigade won immortal fame with its splendor and dash in the great war, but man's most faithful friend played an indispensable part in subduing the Germans. Withdrawal of the cavalry—what there was of it—from its former field achievements and its relation to police duty left the horse without opportunity to perform the spectacular fashion of the Napoleonic charger, but where other means of transportation failed and under conditions suffered by no other branch of the service, the horse transport labored through to its undying glory.

Major M. E. Knowles of Helena, formerly and for many years state veterinarian of Montana and connected with General Pershing's headquarters overseas, in a staunch champion of the horse as an instrument of warfare. At the forefront of the fight, where the truck could not get through and where the army's advance depended so much on the forwarding of munitions and supplies, the horse and the mule were relied upon almost exclusively. And so poorly equipped was the veterinary department and so severely had its charges suffered that at the time of the signing of the armistice the Argonne army was all but unhorsed.

"Another 30 days and the army in the Argonne would have been without transportation at the front," said Major Knowles Wednesday, following his arrival in Great Falls on a business mission. "Only a remnant of the horse transport was left and within a very short time the big guns and the supply wagons would have been wheeled into place by hand, if at all."

"But the story of the horse's hardships overseas is not an account of a dwindling supply of horseflesh because of casualties. Only a small percentage of the horses we lost were killed by shellfire. Eighty-five percent of our horse fatalities were due to inability, which means that they died for want of proper care and attention. Seventy-five percent of the fatalities were

caused by mangle, and but 25 per cent of those we lost were killed in battle or died of wounds. Lack of horsemanship and ordinary animal care was the principal cause for complaint. "Few know it perhaps, but the fact is that our supply of horses was so low toward the last that we had drawn all the draft animals possible from France and even had pressed into service nearly 1,000 choice stallions—the same as we have been bringing to America for years and placing at the head of stables throughout the country. The American and the French method of handling horses differ vastly and it is easy to imagine, I think, what the result was when we placed a team of house-raised stallions in the care of a dry goods clerk or a mechanic.

"When a horse was hit the result usually was either an immediate fatality or a case that could be successfully treated. At the front a broken foreleg was always fatal and it was so seldom that a puncture of any of the cavities could be treated. The horses suffered most from shrapnel and machine gun bullets and when the helmets got the range of an outfit the consequences were always serious. "Wounds in the flank, the hips, the back or the shoulders were terrible enough to look at, but the number of remarkable recoveries were very great. Under fire a horse behaves much as humankind under the same circumstances, and I want to say that a goodly portion of the heroism at the front must be rightly shared with the horse."

Major Knowles stated that lessons learned by the English in the Boer war placed them in position to far excel the Americans in maintaining their horse transport in France. The English had learned, said Major Knowles, that preventive and not curative measures are necessary to keep the modern war horse in service. The English horses at the front were 98 per cent show stock when the American army was all but unhorsed, the major

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## TURK A MENACE TO NEAR EAST SAYS WHITTLE

### Anaconda Divine Asserts Armenia and Syria in Danger of Annihilation.

The Reverend A. E. Whittle, rector of the Episcopal church at Anaconda was the speaker at the Rotary club luncheon Wednesday and took for his subject "Mohammedanism—A Menace to World Peace and Prosperity." The Rev. Mr. Whittle was with the British army for three years in the east and therefore speaks with authority. The address was replete with information. It afforded a vivid picture of distress and suffering in Armenia and was eloquent in the exposition that the Christian people should join for a peaceful solution of the suffering that has been inflicted at the hands of the Turks.

Mohammedanism, he said, is not a religion of peace and brotherly love. It is a religion of hate and bloodshed. He said that the near east is in a state of chaos and that the Christian people of those and adjacent countries be annihilated by Mohammedanism. The story was told of how churches have been torn down, property desecrated and graves torn open by a savage rapacity under the guise of religion.

From Crusaders' Days. The onslaughts of the Moslems from the days of the Crusaders were graphically reviewed and it was urged that the serious attention of Christian people should unite with the consideration that is being given to this great subject now by the council of nations at Geneva. The speaker urged that note be taken of how the American people are listening to the enticing propaganda of Mohammedanism in large centers like Chicago and New York, even extending distinct encouragement to this region, which is building upon tyranny and has within it no teaching of love and human sympathy.

Deportation during the war, said the speaker, meant the pushing of starving men and women and children out into the desert. Armenians were driven to such desperation that their children were killed for food. There is slavery in Mecca, where women are sold for a little money and there are thousands of slaves who never smile.

Curb Political Power. The remedies suggested by the speaker for this sad situation were threefold. First, the Turk must be made to give up his political power or his leadership of the Mohammedan church. Second, there must be peaceful penetration just as there has been a commercial entry into these countries and there ought to be established christian colleges and provision made for an army of sensible missionary workers. Third, all christian nations need to array themselves on the side of Armenia, whether it be through a league of nations or some other compact which shall free the world from the menace of Mohammedanism.

The speaker was given generous applause. The audience was about to the capacity of the palm room. There were many members of the Kiwanis and the Ad clubs and other civic organizations present.

Grant R. Brown sang a solo and responded to an encore. For each there was generous applause.

## B. & P. W. CLUB WILL GET ROOM FOR MEETINGS

### Business and Professional Women Name Committee to Find Location.

Miss Emma Galor was chosen chairman of the committee to look up possibilities for a club room and its equipment at a meeting of the executive board of the Business and Professional Woman's club Tuesday evening. Miss Galor will be assisted by Miss Mary H. Germdiner and Miss Kate McKenzie. Members to serve on other committees with the chairman already appointed by the president were also chosen at the meeting Tuesday. Miss Lois Kendrick, who is vice president and chairman of the membership committee, will be assisted by Miss Lola Ball, Miss Bessie Liscoun, and Miss Betty M. Bjorklund. Working with Miss Bessie Davey, chairman of the luncheon committee, will be Miss Anna Hougan, Miss Elizabeth Bowen, Miss Ann Toben, Miss Florence Wood and Miss Olive Schaefer.

Miss Eva Jane Bollman, chairman of the reception committee, will have as an assistant, Miss Evadne Homen. Miss Mildred McBride, chairman of the social committee, will be assisted by Miss Margaret Parsons, Miss Ester Powers and Miss Elizabeth Jeffries. The program committee of which Miss Mae Gassman is chairman includes Mrs. W. L. Townsend, Mrs. Mary Hise and Miss Frances Donohue. Miss Ann Rector is the chairman of the "Independent Woman" committee. The "Independent Woman" is the magazine of the national organization of business and professional women.

Miss Hildegard Almin heads the decorating committee. When occasions demand the efforts of this committee, Miss Almin will choose her own helpers.

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