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## TO MAN THE SHIPS

### Recruits Needed to Bring Soldiers Home.

Arrangements for bringing Pershing's fighters back from France are being rapidly worked out, from the shipping standpoint, the United States shipping board announces. Chairman Edward N. Hurley, now in Europe, left definite orders to rush all work connected with the big ferrying job and approved a program for a vigorous recruiting campaign to get crews for the troopships to be prepared for transporting the men home as soon as conditions warrant their withdrawal.

The board announces that it wants 5000 men at once to go into training for this work. The men accepted may be of any age between 18 and 35, without regard to their former classification in the draft or previous experience. They will be recruited at the shipping board's 6800 drug store enrolling stations, and will be first put on board training ships at Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, New Orleans, or Cleveland for six weeks of special training.

The board hopes that those who sign on for this service, insuring as it does a look-in on the big show of the war's end, will remain permanently in the merchant marine after the peace treaty is signed and the army is home.

## Idaho State News Items.

The state highway commission has officially decided to route the north and south highway between Volmer and Grangeville via Cottonwood.

Commencing Dec. 13 influenza patients in Wallace are quarantined and their homes placarded, according to Dr. C. S. Stone, city health officer.

On January 1 Justice William M. Morgan of Moscow succeeds Justice Alfred Budge as chief justice of the supreme court of Idaho.

Alfred Aupila and Mat Konkonen were arrested by deputy sheriffs as they crossed the line on a charge of having liquor in their possession. The net results of a search amounted to almost a case of whisky.

More than 775,000 tons of sugar were saved in the United States between July and December as the result of the sugar certification plan of the United States food administration. These figures were announced by Food Administrator Bicknell.

The public utility commission heard testimony of representatives of hydro-electric power companies in the state, showing that heating by electricity is not feasible. H. M. Ferguson, mechanical and electrical engineer of the Utah Power and Light company, said that the cost of heating by electricity would be prohibitive to the consumer.

E. L. Parker, lieutenant governor, arrived in Boise Sunday from his home at Cottonwood, to take charge of the state's executive business during the absence of Governor Alexander in the east at a reconstruction conference of governors and governors-elect. He will probably hold the governor's chair for about 10 days.

## For Bravery In Action.

The President has awarded in the name of congress a medal of honor to the following named enlisted man for the act of gallantry set forth after his name:

Thomas C. Neibaur, (of Sugar City,

## KEEPING HOME FIRES BURNING UNTIL THE SOLDIER RETURNS

The Red Cross has for years been associated with hospitals, doctors, soldiers, sailors, battles, disasters; but it is only within the last few months that those who do not come under any of these classes have come to realize the importance of the assistance rendered by the Red Cross.

Soldiers and sailors must be encouraged to "carry on." Their morale must be upheld. The sailor or soldier who is worrying about the welfare of his family is not able to put his mind on the business before him. For this reason the Home Service Section of the American Red Cross has been organized, and to the folks at home it means neighborliness, counsel and aid—the nation's assurance to the enlisted man that his family shall suffer for no essential thing that is within its power to give.

In practically every large city of the United States there is already a class for training the workers of the Home Service section, so that they may be able to efficiently deal with the very real problems that are before them. It is not the policy of the section to force upon families the aid of the Red Cross nor to burden them with interference. No family should be approached unless some member of the family or some person capable of speaking for them has asked for the service. Because it is the desire of the Committee on Civilian Relief, under whose direction this work comes, to keep the service of the bureau strictly confidential, the wearing of any uniform by the Home Service workers has been discouraged. They call simply as friends and try to call immediately when requested.

In no instance is a visitor permitted to pry into the secrets of the family. Help is always ready, and the call usually comes from the man in the service himself. Through the workers in the camp or at the front he learns that his family may be assisted, and if he does not hear regularly or encouragingly he is quite apt to talk over with the Red Cross man or woman the affairs of his home when he learns of the friendly interest, and thus send local workers to his family. The school teachers also are often the informants, for they know through the children of the needs at home and are glad to see the family's problems solved.

Idaho,) private. Company M, 167th Infantry. For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Landers St. Georges, France, October 16, 1918. On the afternoon of October 16, 1918, when the Cote de Chatillon had just been gained after bitter fighting, and the summit of that strong bulwark in the Kriemhilde-Stellung was being organized, Private Neibaur was sent out on patrol with his automatic rifle squad to enflame enemy machine gun nests. As he gained the ridge, he set up his automatic rifle and was directly thereafter wounded in both legs by fire from a hostile machine gun on his flank. The advance wave of the enemy troops counter-attacking had about gained the ridge, and although practically cut off and surrounded, the remainder of his detachment being killed or wounded, this gallant soldier kept his automatic rifle in operation to such effect that by his own efforts and by fire from the skirmish line of his company at least one hundred yards in his rear, the attack was checked. The enemy wave being halted and lying prone four of the enemy attacked Private Neibaur at close quarters. These he killed. He then moved alone among the enemy lying on the ground about him, in the midst of the fire from his own lines, and by coolness and gallantry captured eleven prisoners at the point of his pistol and, although painfully wounded, brought them back to our lines. The counter attack in full force was arrested, to a large extent, by the single efforts of this soldier whose heroic exploits took place against the skyline in full view of his entire battalion.

Living is more difficult for every one in war times, and the mothers are lonely and discouraged, and this brings hardship on the heads of the little children. Sometimes the wife and mother is worrying over financial problems, and here the Home Service bureau is always helpful, for it tactfully assists her in properly managing her affairs, in planning her income and, of course, seeing that she is receiving sufficient allotment, and this regularly, and then if it becomes necessary the Red Cross is always ready to supplement the income. Where medical care or operations for the welfare of the

children are necessary the Home Service is ready to assist, to secure proper care for the children needing it and to ease the mind of the mother.

## Milk for Sick Babies.

Everywhere in the war zone there are sick babies and babies needing milk. The American Red Cross is establishing milk stations, and the babies of Italian soldiers are beginning to thrive already under the competent care of the nurses, some of whom were Infant Welfare nurses in our own country before going overseas. At

## Children of the Crusade

By JEANNE JUDSON.

Frightened and pitiful, they walk apart,  
Through the familiar village street, grown strange,  
Hand clasped in hand, they hear weird echoes start  
From ruined homes. Fear dumbs each small, child heart.

No tears rain down like dew to ease their woe;  
Horror has dried the wells from which they sprang,  
Like wee crusaders of the long ago,  
Their phantom banners in the breezes blow.

If one should call out "Follow!" they would run,  
Grime of the highway on their tiny feet,  
Heedless alike of dust and blazing sun,  
Forget, as dreams, the horrors that were done.

None calls; weary they rest within the shade,  
The ruined church, where once they learned to pray,  
Long years before the war had come, and laid  
Their homes in ruins, made their hearts afraid.

Before the Holy Mother low they bow,  
Perhaps she hears and soon will bring them aid,  
It must be she whose voice is calling now,  
For see the cross is shining on her brow!

The light around her head, a nimbus gleams,  
A Red Cross worker, not from Heaven, they know,  
Yet Mary heard and sent her here it seems,  
To lead them home to shelter and to dreams.

## FROM OVER THE COUNTY

### POST FALLS

In several days' trapping at Hayden lake Mill Warren made a catch of 13 mink, 13 weasels, and 100 musk rats, the bunch of fur having an estimated value of \$250.

W. H. Rose is administrator of the estate of Clarence King consisting of personal property. He has been ordered by the court to sell the property at private sale.

The Stateline school is closed indefinitely on account of the flu. School is in progress at McGuire despite the flu.

Frank Schiözel has been notified that his brother Leo A., was wounded in action about Oct. 4.

The Post Falls sawmill has closed down after the longest run it has made in several years.

The school board has employed an orchestra teacher at \$20 a month.

### HARRISON

Fritz Lilly, Mr. Herrick's head carpenter, died of the influenza after a visit to his sister at Coeur d'Alene.

Postmaster J. E. Wood, his wife, and his assistant, Miss Goodwin, were all absent from duty at the same time on account of the flu.

It has been decided not to open school until after New Year's.

General regret is expressed for the death of Prof. J. D. Baughman, who succumbed to influenza the first of last week.

### SPIRIT LAKE

Snow fell to the depth of eight inches last week.

The schools close Dec. 20 for the holidays.

John Mackender has been appointed night marshal.

A. L. Earin has received word of the death of his nephew, George Witt, Jr., in France Oct. 26.

The commercial club has voted in favor of proposing a bond issue to improve the roads coming into the town.

### COEUR D'ALENE

The deposits in Kootenai county banks have increased from \$1,284,509.71 in 1914 to \$2,069,227.67 in 1918. This is an increase of nearly three quarters of a million covering a period of four years.

Dr. Alexander Barclay has been appointed executive head of the city health board, who with Mayor Potts and President Kercheval of the city council will enforce, through the police department, all influenza regulations and quarantines.

William J. Johnson was killed in action on October 9, according to an official notification received by his parents. Another son, Alexander Johnson, is in a hospital in France as the result of a Hun gas attack.

Sessions will be held by the state supreme court at Coeur d'Alene beginning December 27, it was announced Friday. Nov. 11 had been previously set for the north Idaho session, but the date was cancelled because of the influenza epidemic.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harper of Beauty Bay, Wolf Lodge, received

## AUTO LICENSE GROWS

### Idaho Collects Half Million This Year.

Boise, Idaho.—Automobiles in Idaho number 32,281 for this year, according to figures in the office of the state highway engineer. Gross revenue from licenses amounted to \$576,785.56, of which 25 per cent, or \$144,196.37, was apportioned to the state, and the remainder of 75 per cent was retained by the counties in which collections were made.

Last year the revenue was \$413,008.68 from 24,768 cars, so that the increased registration this year added \$163,776.88 to funds for state and county roads over the revenue for last year.

Five years ago—in 1913—only 2083 automobiles were registered in the state. Compared with the 1918 registration this shows an increase for the five years of more than 1600 per cent in the registration.

Ten per cent of the state's share from this year's collections of \$144,196.37 was apportioned to the sinking fund for payment of interest and principal of the \$200,000 state highway bond issue and the remainder, less cost of automobile registrations, or about \$200,000 during the biennium was available for use in maintenance of state highways.

Motorcycle registration dropped from 752 in 1917 to only 707 this year. The highest registration in the last five years was in 1916, when 754 motorcycle owners paid licenses.

official notification of the death of their son, Charles Harper, a member of old company C, now with the 146th field artillery in France.

Jacob W. Jacobson, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, is reported killed in action. The young man before joining the service made his home with his sister, Mrs. John Linn, at Dalton.

John Jensen of Coeur d'Alene was mentioned in the official casualty list as wounded in action.

## Rathdrum Flu Ban Lifted.

The local flu ban is lifted again and churches, lodges and public meetings are permitted to resume. Chairman Berges had notices distributed on First street Tuesday suspending the operation of the ordinance.

The resolution, under the state law, requiring the quarantining and placarding of houses in which influenza cases may appear, is understood to still be in force.

There are no cases of influenza in Rathdrum at present, so far as known.

## Coeur d'Alene Man Fined.

On his return to Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14, from Omaha, where he represented the government in a number of criminal prosecutions, United States District Attorney T. S. Allen announced that Thomas T. Kerl, wealthy land owner of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, was sentenced by the federal court to pay a fine of \$2000 and costs following his conviction on a charge of violating the espionage act by making unpatriotic remarks.

The offense, it was charged, occurred November 15, 1917, at Oakland, Neb., at which time Kerl was alleged to have said he "would not buy Liberty bonds to furnish money to buy bullets to kill off his relatives in Germany."