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## COMMENDS Y AID

### Pershing Takes Back Post Exchanges Overseas.

Asserting that the valuable aid rendered by the war service of the Y. M. C. A. had been a large factor in the final great accomplishments of the American army, General Pershing, in a communication to E. C. Carter, in charge of association operations with the American Expeditionary Forces, pays a splendid tribute to the work which this agency accomplished under extreme difficulties and handicaps. "The Y. M. C. A. served the army better than could have been expected," says General Pershing.

At its own request the American Y. M. C. A. has been relieved from maintaining post exchanges with the Expeditionary forces overseas, the need for such service having been relieved with the signing of the armistice. Correspondence exchanged between General Pershing and E. C. Carter, in charge of the Y. M. C. A. with the army, resulted in this decision. Carter wrote to General Pershing January 29th as follows:

Dear General Pershing:

A year and a half ago you requested the Y. M. C. A. to undertake operations for post exchanges for the American Expeditionary Forces in order that "officers and enlisted men may not be taken away for that purpose from their paramount military functions of training and fighting."

As soon as hostilities ceased we raised with you the question whether time had not come for the Y. M. C. A. to be relieved of the operation of post exchanges in view of the fact that there was no longer the same pressing demand on man power of the army for training and fighting. When we first raised the question with you it did not appear to you that it was feasible in the best interests of maximum service to the army that a change be made. Now the situation is materially altered.

Recent general orders from main headquarters and requests from commanding officers have laid on the Y. M. C. A. increased responsibilities in promoting educational, athletic and entertainment activities in the American Expeditionary Force. This is placing a rapidly increasing burden upon our personnel. The army is also now preparing for the delivery of all supplies for post exchanges which heretofore have been imported, manufactured and delivered by the Y. M. C. A.

In view of the changed situation I wish to know whether you do not think it would be possible for the army at a very early date to assume full responsibility for the maintenance of post exchanges throughout the American Expeditionary Force?

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) E. C. CARTER.

General Pershing immediately acted upon the suggestion made by Carter and relieved the Y. M. C. A. of its task of maintaining the post exchanges. He said:

My Dear Mr. Carter:

I have received your letter of January 29th asking whether, in view of present changed situation, it would be possible for the army to assume full responsibility for maintenance of post exchanges throughout American Expeditionary Force.

As you correctly state, the Y. M. C. A. undertook the management of post exchanges at my request at a time when it was of greatest importance that no available soldier should be taken away from vital military functions of training and fighting. As reasons which impelled me at that time to request you to undertake this work no longer exist, I am glad to approve your suggestion in reaching this conclusion. Consideration has been given to new burdens in connection with entertainment, athletic activities and education that you have assumed. I have accordingly given directions that army units themselves take over and operate their own post exchanges.

In making this change permit me to thank you for the very valuable services and assistance which the Y. M. C. A. has rendered to the American Expeditionary Force in handling these exchanges. Handicapped by shortage of tonnage and land transportation the Y. M. C. A. has, by extra exertion, served the army better than could have been expected, and you may be assured

that its aid has been a large factor in the final great accomplishments of the American army.

Very cordially yours,  
(Signed) JOHN J. PERSHING.

## Idaho State News Items.

The miners' trade school now in progress at Wallace under the auspices of the University of Idaho is making good headway, according to F. A. Thomson, dean of the school of mines of the university.

The state highway commission has decided to push to completion this year the north and south highway, especially that portion of it between Grangeville and New Meadows.

United States Senator John F. Nugent, who returned to Boise from Washington last week, will deliver addresses advocating the League of Nations doctrine in many of the more important cities of the state before he resumes his duties in the congressional upper house.

Foreclosure proceedings on more than 100 mortgages securing state farm loans totaling approximately \$180,000, some of which have been delinquent nearly 10 years, will be started by May 1 if settlements are not made, the state land board decided Friday.

Bills providing \$1,850,000 for state highways during the current biennium, and providing for a constitutional amendment to permit issuance of \$2,000,000 of bonds for the biennium beginning January 1, 1921, were signed by Governor D. W. Davis Friday, with other measures of highway interest.

No apprehension need be felt regarding persistent press reports from large population centers relating to the appearance of a disease reputed by some to be a sequel of influenza and by others to be a form of "sleeping sickness." In the opinion of Dr. Edward T. Biver, secretary of the state board of health.

Vocational training of disabled soldiers already has commenced at the University of Idaho. Two mained veterans have just begun an intensive course in animal husbandry and arrangements have been made to extend the work of rehabilitation to a variety of agricultural subjects, mining and forestry as soon as additional disabled fighting men are sent to the university campus.

Governor Davis vetoed house bill No. 129, which sought to create the Twelfth judicial district out of the counties of Bonner and Boundary; house bill proposing the Eleventh judicial district out of Washington and Adams counties; house bill No. 264 authorizing county commissioners to appropriate funds for the support of county councils of defense and a senate bill authorizing county cooperative associations to form for the transaction of business.

Assessor Prichard of Bonner county is in receipt of a recent opinion handed down by Attorney General Black in response to a query from Assessor Kincaid of Ada county in which the attorney general states that motor vehicles which do not pay the auto mobile license may be proceeded against as a personal tax and remaining unpaid may be charged up against the owner the same as unpaid personal tax and be subject to the treble tax penalty provided against unpaid personal property.

Nine commissioners, who collectively will exert directly authority in administration of state industrial regulations, which has heretofore been scattered, are to be appointed by Governor D. W. Davis, at salaries of \$3600 per year, under the terms of senate bill No. 19, which swept out indefinite lines between 48 state departments and consolidated them under the nine divisions which the commissioners will head.

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## HE'S WATCHING YOU



## NEW IDAHO GUARD

### Adjutant General Wilson to Organize Regiment.

Boise, Idaho.—Efforts will be made by Adjutant General A. H. Wilson to incorporate the existing militia companies of the state into the future national guard organization of Idaho which will be federalized according to recent legislation and war department requirements. To that end, he left Boise for Moscow and Sandpoint to inspect the companies in existence there with the purpose, if possible, of taking them over intact into the state organization.

At present these companies are purely home guard units without status so far as military service under state and federal direction is concerned. These companies are composed of business men and were organized when the former national guard companies were united into the Second Idaho for overseas service, and are largely comprised of men who would not be available under the draft law for federal military service. It is thought possible that the companies, as they now exist, will have to be disbanded and a complete new organization effected.

General Wilson expects to be gone for about a week and upon his return will go to American Falls and Pocatello to inspect and reorganize the companies there. There are five companies at present in the state, the fifth being located at Boise.

## FROM OVER THE COUNTY

### POST FALLS

The basket ball season is over.

Manager H. R. Saunders of the Rathdrum Electric company has installed a power line to the threshing machine factory, which is to be opened soon.

Mrs. Wm. Venters died at McGures March 13, of pneumonia following influenza.

Many Post Falls people attended the funeral of Mrs. Caroline Bump in Spokane. Mrs. Bump formerly resided in Post Falls and was 85 years of age.

A "hard times" dance was given at East Greenacres.

### SPIRIT LAKE

The Four L's, which is reorganizing, met Wednesday to transact business.

## OFFICE SEEKS MEN

### Town Election Soon...Proceedings of the Board.

The coming biennial village election to be held the fourth Tuesday in April is becoming a topic of interest about town and the matter of selecting candidates for trustees is being broached. There is some uncertainty as to what the recent legislature may have done concerning method and time of nominating tickets and registering voters for village elections; also, as to the time of holding the election. However City Attorney Egbers is endeavoring to obtain information regarding the new statutes and expects to have something definite sometime next week.

In the meantime the town board has appointed the village clerk to register voters and to provide the necessary election supplies. A number of citizens are dutifully seeking men who can be persuaded to serve the village as trustees. If enough willing men can be found one or more tickets of five may be placed in nomination.

At the adjourned meeting last Monday night the board did not complete the water ordinance, as had been planned, owing to the absence of one member, so the matter was allowed to go over until the next regular meeting, Monday, March 24.

The board granted W. J. Tucker a partial refund of water rent paid while he was absent from town last summer, amount \$5.55. E. S. Swift was given permission to connect a service water pipe at Wm. Kampe's lot at his own expense. A request for a crosswalk at the south end of Coeur d'Alene street was denied for the reason that there was no sidewalk on one side of said street to connect with and that similar requests would follow where sidewalks are lacking at other points.

such clemency and he will be allowed to return to his home at Newport, Wash., on April 1st.

County Assessor S. H. Smith has appointed A. Bettes of Harrison, former campaign secretary of the republican central committee, field deputy for the south end of the county, including the east side of Lake Coeur d'Alene and the Coeur d'Alene river district. Frank O. Hill of Rathdrum has been appointed field deputy for that vicinity. Mr. Hill was at one time county treasurer.

Assessor S. H. Smith has issued notice to automobile owners warning them that unless they secure their licenses they are liable to prosecution and heavy penalty. Sheriffs, constables, policemen, game wardens and deputies are authorized to make arrests. The fee for the different sized cars is as follows: Fifteen dollars for cars under 2000 pounds; \$20 for weight between 2000 and 3000 pounds; \$30 for weight between 3000 and 4000 pounds. The applications for license must show the number of the motor, weight and 1918 license number, and they may be mailed direct to the assessor at Coeur d'Alene provided duplicate applications are filled out and sworn to and are accompanied by the proper fee. The sum of \$1145 was collected by the assessor for auto licenses for the month of February.

### Explosives Regulations.

Licenses are no longer required for "purchase, possession and use of explosives for reclaiming of land, stump blasting, ditching, and other agricultural purposes," according to official notice received this week by J. R. M. Culp, Rathdrum explosives licensing officer, from Clarence Hall, chief explosives engineer of the bureau of mines.

The notice does not lift the rules against aliens. Licenses are still required of miners and others using powder for other than agricultural purposes.

On March 24 the voters of Panhandle highway district which includes Spirit Lake, will vote on a bond issue of \$30,000 to enable the district to improve and build and repair roads. The city hall is the polling place.

J. P. Isaacs has returned from Boise.

A. L. Earin was a business visitor to Portland.

### HARRISON

On account of the records having been destroyed by fire, it is necessary for all who are eligible to vote at the city election to register before April 19.

John Pelow has sold his ranch near Springston to Mr. Gushurst of Mullan.

E. E. Phillips bought the Baughman homestead at the south end of town.

Russell & Pugh's mill will begin the season's run in about a week.

Wm. Losa, better known as Uncle Billy, celebrated his 100th birthday March 4, in his usual good health. Dr. Drennan says he thinks Mr. Losa's chances are good for living quite a few years yet.

The Red Cross is starting a drive for second-hand clothing.

### COEUR D'ALENE

The total bonded indebtedness of the city of Coeur d'Alene is \$194,500.

Capt. F. A. Jeter has moved into the residence at 616 Lakeside.

H. P. Glindeman has been nominated for mayor to succeed C. H. Potts, who declined another term. All the present councilmen have indicated their willingness to run again.

Fred A. Wonnacott is assisting the commissioners of Drainage District No. 6 in securing data showing the benefits to be derived from the proposed plan of lowering the Spokane river outlet of Coeur d'Alene lake.

While splitting wood in the basement of his home Tuesday morning, Robt. Kercheval, deputy county auditor, sustained a badly cut lip when the axe he was using struck the ceiling and rebounded, striking him on the face.

John Moes, who was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment at McNeil's Island upon being convicted in this city in the federal court for violation of the espionage act on June 11, 1918, has been granted executive clemency by the president. Moes is one of the 53 violators granted