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RISKS OWN LIFE TO SAVE FELLOW WORKER

JUMPS INTO THE RIVER

Kit Conyers Saves Alex Mitchell from Drowning

Alex Mitchell, an employe of the St. Helens Shipbuilding company, was saved from drowning Thursday noon, when Kit Conyers, another employe of the yard, jumped from the scow which was taking the men back to the work and held on to Mitchell, who had fallen from the scow, until rescued by other shipyard workers.

The scow on which the men travel was loaded with men returning to work, and Mitchell was standing near the edge of the scow and in some manner lost his balance and fell overboard. Without hesitating for a moment, Mr. Conyers jumped into the river and swam to the man who, being unable to swim, had sunk for the first time. He held on to Mitchell until the scow could be backed up and both were rescued.

It is certain Mitchell would have drowned had not Conyers come to the rescue, but Kit does not take the "hero stuff" seriously and after coming back to St. Helens and obtaining dry clothing, he returned to work at the yard. While Kit does not take any credit for his brave deed, the men who were on the scow and the man he saved, say the Columbian would have claimed another victim had it not been for the quick and brave action of Mr. Conyers.

CIRCUIT COURT IN BUSY SESSION

Cole Case is Postponed Until Next Week—Biggs Found Guilty

The session of the circuit court this week has been a busy one. Monday and Tuesday was occupied with the case of the State vs. Biggs and a verdict of guilty was rendered. The defendant was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. Sentence has not yet been passed.

The case of Robert Cole against the Johnson has been postponed until next week. Cole is suing Johnson for \$15,000 for alienating his wife's affections. This is the outcome of the claimed abduction of Cole's wife after she had lived with him for several days. The case will cause considerable interest when it is tried.

In the case of the State vs. Gordon Knight, the defendant was discharged on account of not having been brought to trial within the time specified by law after the indictment had been returned.

The case now occupying the attention of the court is Nigor vs. Beolito, which is occasioned by a dispute on a certain lease.

CHRISTMAS PACKAGES FOR BOYS OVERSEAS

Mrs. Elmer Connell of Deer Island has been appointed chairman of the Christmas Parcel Red Cross Committee for Columbia county. The Christmas parcels for the soldiers and sailors abroad must be shipped in special Christmas cartons. The boys overseas will receive a Christmas label which he will send home and upon presentation of this label to the Red Cross auxiliary in any town in Columbia county, one of these 3x29 cartons will be given. Before mailing the "Christmas Parcel Label" must be pasted on the parcel and taken to the Red Cross Chapter, where contents will be weighed and inspected.

Mrs. Connell will give the Mist full details so that in our next issue complete and comprehensive instructions will be available.

HAROLD P. ROSS PNEUMONIA VICTIM

St. Helens Man Dies in Army Camp at Vancouver, Washington

Harold P. Ross, a St. Helens man, died Wednesday noon in the base hospital at Vancouver, Washington. Pneumonia, which followed an attack of influenza, was the cause of his death.

Harold, who left St. Helens several months ago to accept employment in Seattle, was inducted into the army service on Monday, October 14. A few days afterwards, he was taken sick with influenza which developed into bronchial pneumonia and this caused his death.

Harold was born in Janesville, Wisconsin, July 25, 1889 and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ross, came to St. Helens about twelve years ago. When his father, the late William Ross, was president of the Columbia County bank, Harold was assistant cashier. Later he resigned this position to begin business for himself.

The funeral services will be held this morning at the Warren cemetery and the pall bearers will be his brother Masons from the St. Helens lodge.

Deceased leaves to mourn his untimely end, his mother, Mrs. Fannie P. Ross, his brother, Dr. L. G. Ross and a sister, Mrs. A. L. Stone, all of St. Helens, and a brother, Cecil Ross, who is in the U. S. service in France.

VIRGIL HATTAN DIES IN PORTLAND

After Week's Illness With Pneumonia Passes Away

Virgil Hattan, one of the best known young men of St. Helens died in Portland Wednesday noon. He was taken sick with influenza a week ago and sent a Portland hospital for treatment. Pneumonia set in and, notwithstanding good nursing and medical care, the young man died.

Virgil was about 24 years of age and had lived in St. Helens the greater part of his life. He was a son of the late Judge R. S. Hattan. He is survived by two brothers and three sisters. One sister, Mrs. Ed. Nordin, passed away Thursday, the 17th, her death following closely that of her husband.

Short funeral services were held at the Warren cemetery yesterday afternoon and the body was laid to rest in the Hattan lot.

Deceased was popular in St. Helens and had scores of friends and his sudden death cast a gloom over the entire community.

ST. HELENS MONEY HERE IN PLENTY

This week the First National Bank of St. Helens received a shipment of \$12,500 of currency which bears the name of the First National Bank of St. Helens and carries the signature of the bank's president and cashier. In the near future another \$12,500 will be received. The issue of currency is secured by the purchase and deposit of \$25,000 of 2 per cent government bonds and \$1250 redemption fund, the latter being for the purpose of redeeming mutilated currency.

GRANGE MEETING IS POSTPONED

On account of the influenza epidemic, the meeting of Pomona Grange, which was to have been held at Vernonia on Saturday, November 2nd, has been postponed. R. N. Lovelace, master of the grange advised the Mist to this effect and will give ample notice of when the postponed meeting will be held.

Ham McCormick sent Dr. Wade up to Portland Wednesday night to obtain 1000 doses of serum for the prevention of influenza. Dr. Wade returned yesterday afternoon, bringing with him the precious stuff which had been obtained from the U. S. Shipping Board. It is said that the serum was administered to 6000 shipyard workers in Seattle and of the number only two had influenza and both cases were very mild. Mr. McCormick expects to place the serum at the disposal of the employes of the shipbuilding company.

WRECKED HOUSE HIDES BIG FRENCH GUN



From the ruins of one of their own shell smashed homes, the French hourly train the guns that scatter death in billets and columns of marching troops behind the Hun lines.

RACE FOR JUDGE WILL BE CLOSE

RESULT IS UNCERTAIN

Fullerton and Conyers Apparently Gaining—Campaign Notes

If the election had been held three weeks ago, it is quite certain that Martin White would have been elected county judge, but oftentimes three weeks, or several days makes a big difference in the sentiment of the voters and it seems to be true in this case.

George Conyers and W. J. Fullerton, for the past two weeks have been very active in campaigning and instead of leading a forlorn hope, it appears that the chances of these two candidates have improved to that extent which makes the result very uncertain.

It is conceded that White will carry Scappoose. In this precinct he has the support of the Watts and Price following and heretofore they have practically controlled the vote in Scappoose. Supporters of Fullerton, however, have been busy in this district, and it is surmised that a surprise might be sprung in the White camp. From reliable information gathered from disinterested parties, the Mist believes it will be White, 1st; Fullerton, 2nd and Conyers, 3rd in Scappoose precinct. There are 311 registered voters in the precinct, but it is not believed the vote will total more than 240.

Warren is conceded to Fullerton. It is his home precinct, and he will undoubtedly receive a large complimentary vote, irrespective of party lines. White will run second in this precinct and Conyers will cross under the wire a poor third. Warren's registration was 195.

In St. Helens it is difficult to make anything like an accurate guess. The town was supposed to be strong for White, and until a few days ago it was, but sentiment has changed and is changing, and it now seems that White will have a hard time to get more votes than Fullerton. Both men are stronger here than Conyers. It is certain that White will not have the support of a majority of the union men. Many of these men are not favorable to District Attorney Metsker and knowing he was one of the chief supporters of the White campaign, will vote against White, and it is a guess as to which of the other candidates they will throw their support. The registration in all three precincts is 979.

Deer Island is strong for White with Fullerton probably running second. The registration there is 95. Goble, with a registration of 266 might give White a small lead with Conyers second. Prescott has 77 registered voters and it is probable that White will have a majority with Conyers second.

Rainier is one of the big battle grounds. From all reports, Conyers will carry the three precincts, or have a lead in the town. White will run second and Fullerton third. The registered vote is 656.

Aplary with a registration of 94 should give Conyers first place and Fullerton second. The people in this section are in favor of good roads.

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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE VISITS ST. HELENS

IS VERY OPTIMISTIC

Walter Pierce Thinks He Has Chance To Occupy Governor's Chair

The man who put optic in optimism visited St. Helens Wednesday. It was no less a person than Walter Pierce, democratic candidate for governor. Without violating any confidence, it can be truthfully said that Pierce is very optimistic, for he claims that he believes that he is going to be the next governor of Oregon. So sure of this is he, that he extended to no less than 500 people with whom he shook hands, a very cordial invitation to visit him in Salem next January and to make the governor's office their headquarters. Now, Mr. Pierce did not state that he was authorized by Governor Withycombe to extend the courtesies of the governor's office, but knowing that the governor is a hospitable man and one who enjoys having people visit him, he must have thought he was perfectly safe in extending the invitation, or perhaps he figures on being in the third house of the legislature and would like to meet some of the St. Helens boys up there in Salem.

A Mist representative had a very pleasant chat with Mr. Pierce. When asked if he had affiliated with the Non-Partisan League, Mr. Pierce came through with a vigorous denial. When questioned closely as to a certain meeting he attended in Portland some months ago, Mr. Pierce admitted that there was some sort of a meeting there, and he "kinder dropped in on the boys." He denied, however, taking part in this "meeting of the boys" but admitted that he advised them not to put any measure on the ballot. Just who the "boys" were, Mr. Pierce did not state, except to say that C. J. Smith, who some time ago ran on the democratic ticket for governor, was one of the "boys" and there were several others present.

Mr. Pierce indignantly denied that he was a member of the Non-Partisan League and said that he did not believe any such league existed in Oregon. He asked why he should be accused of belonging to or affiliating with the league and said "Do you think I would belong to an organization that wishes to overthrow the nation? I am the biggest farmer in my county; I raise more wheat than any one else, I raise more hogs than any one else, and I bought more Liberty Bonds than any one else."

Mr. Pierce did not admit that the Non-Partisan League had tried very hard to gain a foothold in Oregon, though he did not deny it, but he did admit that the state grange kicked the party out of the grange at their last meeting in Salem. Neither did Mr. Pierce admit that until Governor Withycombe put the aid under the I. W. W.'s, the Non-Partisan league was active. He was reticent about the affiliation of the League with the I. W. W.'s.

Mr. Pierce is deeply sympathetic for Governor James Withycombe, Oregon's War Governor. Pierce says it was too bad that the governor was forced to run. That the "poor old

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STILL ANOTHER SCHOOL SUGGESTION

Repair Old Building and Build New High School is Idea

The Mist has received a letter from Dr. Edwin Ross, who is at McConnell, Tennessee, in which he refers to the St. Helens school situation. Dr. Ross was school director here and always took a keen interest in school affairs. He says: "Am glad to see the Mist going after the school board for their foolishness. This is what I should like them to do; fix up the old building for the grades and build a high school in the rear where the Hattan and George houses stand. These could be bought for a reasonable price."

Dr. Ross also is interested in Columbia county politics. After stating his choice for judge, he said he hoped if (his choice) was elected, he would do the right thing so far as the Pittsburg-St. Helens road was concerned. The doctor said that most every one down that way had the "flu" except a few "of us" who are too mean to catch it. His daughter, Harriet, had it but was convalescent. All the schools, churches and theatres were closed.

A contributor who signs himself "A Friend of Education" has sent the Mist the following letter which contains very sensible suggestions as to the building of a school:

"To the Editor:— Referring to the discussion in regard to the school situation. The writer would offer in a very brief way a plan which will settle the question for all time.

"There is no argument as to need so the question resolves itself into three points, size, location and type.

"As regards the size: we need at the present time twelve grade rooms and a high school capable of accommodating one hundred twenty-five people, each capable of expansion to meet the future needs of the community.

"As regards location: the grade school should be on the old foundation, and the high school at the fair grounds, the old ball ground across from the cannery. The grade school can be built the coming summer and the high school located for awhile at least, at the fair buildings until provision can be made for a union high school.

"As regards the type: as an absolute fire proof construction is out of the question, the best type is fire resisting or slow burning construction, such as tile outside walls with heavy joists, etc., with metal lath and plaster board for the interior walls. A FRIEND OF EDUCATION."

MORE INDICTMENTS FOR KAUTZMAN

Grand Jury Exonerated Metsker Indicts Kautzman

The Columbia County grand jury was called by Judge Eakin to investigate the charges filed by Ham Kautzman, editor of the Columbia Herald, against Glen Metsker, district attorney. Kautzman claimed that Metsker had entered his place of business and assaulted him. William Miller, an Astoria lawyer, had been appointed by Judge Eakin to investigate the charges filed by Kautzman. The grand jury exonerated Metsker, but returned two indictments against Kautzman, which were based on articles published in the last issue of the Herald. It is understood, also, that the grand jury made a written recommendation relating to the conduct of the district attorney's office.

Two of the cases against Kautzman have been set for next week.

12, 966,594 MEN REGISTER

Final returns from all states show that 12,966,594 men registered for military service September 12. This was 187,836 in excess of the estimate of 12,788,758 made by experts in the office of Provost Marshal General Crowder, based on census figures.

With the figures compiled the total number of men who have been registered since the United States entered the war, including those registered June 5, 1917; last June 5 and August 24 and September 12 is 23,456,021.

BIG GUNS BOOM ON BATTLE FRONT

ST. HELENS BOYS THERE

Members of 91st Division Take Part in Big Battle

Several of the St. Helens boys who are members of the 91st division, took part in the big drive, according to the following letter from Harry Richardson, who is in the ambulance corps and a member of the 91st. The letter which was received by his mother only a few days ago, says: September 26.

Today was the beginning of the big drive, and it has been one glorious noise. The real firing began at 11 and it sure has been going ever since. After it started there was no sleep. The earth fairly trembled. I am not in the trenches, but only a very few miles behind the lines. In fact the heavy guns are all around us. A 10-inch naval gun boomed this morning only about a quarter of a mile away and I really thought it would jar my teeth out. Soon a number of slogs and naval pieces tore loose and there was a popping around here. Absolutely no chance of sleeping, and the sky was a succession of gun flashes. So far only a few German high explosives have come back at us. Gee! you hear a whistle, a squeak and then a bang and the shrapnel fly in all directions. About 11 this morning we were up on a hill and several Boche shells burst a half mile or more from us, so we beat it down the hill and near a dugout. Instead of shortening their fire, they are going farther on, and their shells light over on another hill, and do no damage whatever. So now we are back on the hill and feeling safe for awhile at least. But the devils may turn loose at us yet, but dugouts are real near. We are only about three blocks from a little village that is shelled every day. It is deserted and pretty well shot up.

Goodness, but Americans have a terrible amount of artillery along the front. We don't get very much news, but I will bet that the "Yanks" will raise havoc with the Huns before very many days. In fact I expect to see German prisoners coming along this road either today or tomorrow and you can bet there will be many, as the "Yanks" are there. More and more artillery are going to the front. An endless succession of guns, men and supplies also. Ole, Graves, Armand and others that you know are now in the front line. Maybe they have gone over the top before this. You will know about it long before I do. The nearer the front we get the less news. All we get is rumors and they are usually false. But the real big drive is on and something is going to happen which will make the Huns cry "Kamerad. I am feeling fine. It is time for dinner, so good-bye, with love to you all. HARRY.

361 Amb. Corps.

316 Sanitary Train, A. E. F.

Fred Morgus writes from Vancouver Barracks that he is the busiest merchant on the place. The company officers found out that Fred knew something about the clothing business and therefore assigned him to the job of fixing out 900 men with uniforms that would fit them. Fred turned the trick in three days. He is quarantined now, but expects to come down to St. Helens as soon as released. He says army life is the only life, even if he does have to keep on measuring men for clothing.

Mrs. P. J. Anderson writes from the base hospital at Camp Fremont, Calif., that her son, John McCully is slowly recovering from an attack of the influenza which was followed by pneumonia. Mrs. Anderson's address is care of American Red Cross, Base Hospital, Camp Fremont, Calif., and she would like to hear from St. Helens friends.

Leland Austin, corporal in the "fighting marines" is still in Texas at a training camp, and he and other members of his company are itching to get across and get into the big show, according to a letter received by his father, A. E. Austin of this city.

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