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SOLDIERS TELL OF ARMISTICE DAY

Returned Soldiers Tell of their Experiences on November 11th, 1919, When the Armistice was Officially Declared.

The observance of Armistice Day this year was so different from that celebration of one year ago, that the Mist reporter thought the returned soldiers might have some interesting stories to tell, and accordingly interviewed the following, who were in France or Belgium when the armistice was declared:

Ben Copeland—I was at Issoudun, France with the 31st Aero Squadron. This place was about 80 miles from the front line where the fighting was. For several days we had expected the armistice, for we knew we had the Germans on the run, nevertheless, the boys were a little sore because they thought the job was not finished. There was little celebration in our squadron and we worked that day just the same as any other day, for we wanted our flying machines in order. Lester Wellington was with the same outfit and he told me that his squadron felt the same way about the matter.

George Whetstone—The day before the armistice was signed I was ordered to Bordeaux, France, for a load of gasoline. My motor transportation corps was located some 50 miles from Bordeaux. The thing that impressed me most about armistice day was that some 15 or 20 good looking French girls kissed me and between kisses they cried "Finis la guerre." I had been in France for 5 months and was willing to take their word. Driving an ammunition cart near the front lines when the Germans were shelling the road wasn't pleasant traveling.

William Barber—I was in the Argonne with the 107th Field Signal Battalion on the 11th of November, 1918. My duty and the duty of my fellow soldiers was to string wires to the front so as to have telephone conversation with our back lines. At 10:30 in the morning, I was working on a line about 2 1/2 miles from the German front line trenches. The Germans must have known that the armistice was going to be signed, for they sent over hundreds of big shells and the French and American troops responded. At exactly 11 o'clock the shelling stopped and we could repair the telephone lines much easier than we had been doing for the week previous. The Frenchmen danced around like they were crying (in French) the war is finished.

J. T. Taber—I was in Paris when the armistice was declared. Every body was joyful including the French mademoiselle who insisted on hanging my arm while I paraded up and down the Rue de— I really have forgotten the street's name.

Roy Venzie—I was with the Engineers in the Argonne. We were head of the infantry and getting things fixed so the infantry could advance. Early in the morning a lot of airplanes came over and dropped pamphlets telling of the armistice. Our company didn't have much time to think about it, for we were loaded on trucks, transferred to a train and were soon in Coblenz, Germany. Our company was the first to cross the line.

Louis Muhr—Both my brother and myself and Harry Richardson were at Ardenaude, Belgium, having come to that place early on the morning of the 11th. For some days we had heard rumors of the armistice and were not surprised, for our boys surely had the boche on the run. I was with the 361st Ambulance Corps, 31st Division, and our company was held in reserve back of the line. We had come out of the Argonne just about a month before and were willing to take the little rest given us. The news of the armistice did not create any great amount of enthusiasm among our boys and it was apparent that they thought the Germans were getting off easy. This being also, to the German people, we had not invaded their country and they did not really know what the war was, as was brought home to the Belgians and the French. Armistice day with us, did not create any such excitement.

Carl Aamand—When the armistice was signed I was in Base Hospital No. 22 near Bordeaux, France. I was recovering from an injury received in the Argonne. All of the boys in the hospital thought the Germans did not get what was coming to them. Of course, we could not celebrate and moreover, we did not feel like celebrating. The boys were glad news over and that is about all the sentiment I heard expressed.

Hugh Adams—I was aboard the transport and meat vessel Sixtula and we were laying at Hoboken. We had just arrived from France. All the boys were glad the war was over, for crew, or 96 of them, including myself, had been making regular trips across the Atlantic for 12 months, and we were tired of dodging torpedoes. One we didn't dodge, but was when the Lincoln went to the bottom. I was ship's cook. 2nd class on the Lincoln. The boat was torpedoed at 8:57 o'clock in the morning and most of us made a safe getaway. When the news of the armistice was received, most all of our boys got shore leave and what we did to little old New York was a party.

FURNITURE FACTORY TO BE STARTED SOON

Plenty of Contracts for Furniture Received and Work Will Start Soon

George McBride was in St. Helens Thursday, coming from Columbia City, where he had been looking over the work of converting the plant of the International Shipbuilding Company into a furniture factory.

Mr. McBride stated that the plant was rapidly getting into shape for a furniture manufacturing. The furniture making machines were on the floor, he said, and the dry kiln were being built.

The plant would be in readiness about January 1st or possibly before, to begin the manufacture of furniture, he thought. From 25 to 35 men would be employed when the factory started operations and the number of operatives would be increased to 100 after the work got under way.

Many enquiries had been received as to the disposal of the output of the factory and while some orders had been booked, the company preferred not to tie itself up for an indefinite period, but will work under market conditions.

ST. HELENS HIGH DEFEATS RAINIER

St. Helens high football team hooked up with Rainier high Armistice Day. The result was St. Helens, 12, Rainier, 0.

The teams were evenly matched and in the first two quarters there was no score. In the third quarter St. Helens scored a touchdown, which was made by Hill. It was a triple pass from Wilson to Walker to Hill.

Another touchdown was made in the last quarter. Hill intercepted a forward pass and crossed Rainier's goal line. An attempt to kick goal failed.

Rainier high will come to St. Helens on the 22nd, and try to recover the honors lost in the first game. It was the first time in the history of St. Helens-Rainier games that St. Helens has won from Rainier.

EPISCOPALIANS TO MEET IN PORTLAND

A notable gathering of Episcopals including every rector and vicar and the campaign chairman of the Nation Wide Campaign of the Episcopal church in every parish, called for Wednesday morning at Portland, culminated in a great mass meeting that night.

N. B. Coffman, of Chehalis, Wash., who is declared to have made the most notable talk at the recent general convention of the church in Detroit; Bishop Sumner and John L. Etheridge, the noted liberty loan leader, who is campaign chairman of the Nation-Wide Campaign, were the principal speakers.

Every Episcopal church in Oregon was represented. The St. Helens church was represented by A. H. George, who reports a most instructive session of the vicars and laymen.

LEGION DANCE IS A BIG SUCCESS

The Armistice Day dance given at the City Hall Monday night was a success viewed from every standpoint. The hall was tastefully decorated with autumn leaves, flags and other decorations which added to the attractiveness of the scene.

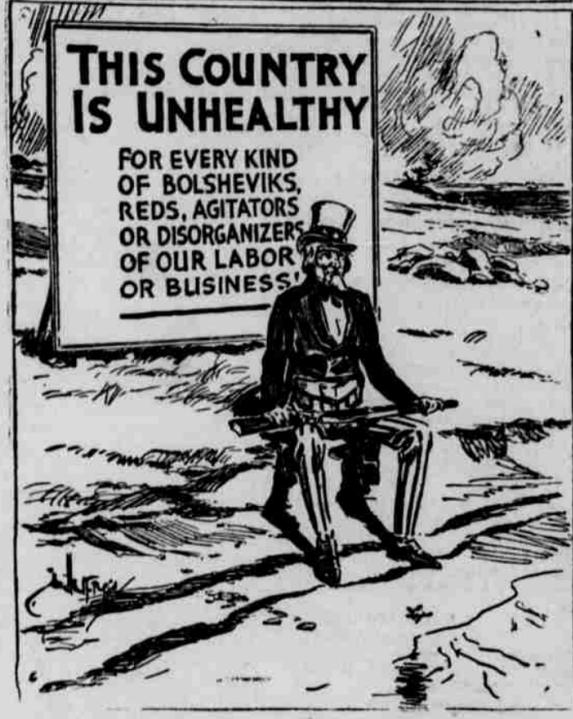
Many dancers took advantage of the opportunity presented by the American Legion and spent several delightful hours at the dance. The Legion members consider the dance successful from both a social and financial standpoint.

George Perkins—I was stationed at Captieux, France and with others of the engineers, was engaged in building and repairing railroads. We heard the news about 11:30 o'clock in the morning. There wasn't much railroad building done by our crew the rest of the day. Our band was mobilized and we paraded the streets behind them while they played patriotic American music. The French girls were very cordial on that day.

Glen Williams was at Givres, France, on November 11th, 1918. It was raining hard and the encampment field was very muddy, so it was hard to get up very much enthusiasm. The engineer boys were mighty glad to hear the news, however, for they were tired of the French mud, Williams said. They didn't have much of a celebration on that day, but when the weather cleared up and they went to town—well, there was a real celebration by the women and men of France and Glen says some of the French girls also were present.

Captain George Gore—My battery was located on the bank of the river Meuse and in front of the forts of Sedan. We had made an attack on the German lines the night of the 10th and our artillery poured hundreds of tons of high explosives on the Germans. This was done to cover up the work of the 2nd Engineers, who were building bridges across the Meuse. Poor fellows, most all of them were killed by German snipers and the German guns before the bridges were completed. We intended to advance on the morning of the 11th, but a runner brought a dispatch to the marines ordering them to stop firing. About 10 o'clock my battery received similar orders. From that time until one minute to 11 o'clock we shot up all of our ammunition, and our object was to shoot someone or somebody in Germany. After 11 o'clock, we rested, for we had worked hard for many days and nights and were dead tired. There was no celebration, the men, evidently preferring a good sleep.

LET US IMPROVE OUR COASTS



PHONE HEARING IN PORTLAND

City Attorney Day and Councilman Charles Wheeler Present Claims of St. Helens for Better Service and Equipment.

There was a hearing in Portland on Wednesday. It was the State of Oregon vs. the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company. City Attorney J. W. Day and Councilman Charles Wheeler were there to look after St. Helens' interests.

Day says that the same cycles, scrolls and other works of mathematical drawings were presented. To his mind, however, none of the works of art or mathematics had any bearing in the case of St. Helens vs. Poor Service and Equipment.

Mr. Day and Mr. Wheeler were called as witnesses. Both of them testified that the service at St. Helens was wretched. A lack of equipment was one of the causes, the witnesses stated.

It was impossible, they testified, for the operators to give good service with the old style switchboard and equipment on account of the 500 to 1000 per cent increase in business and the fact that the switchboard now used was intended for the accommodation of only a small number of subscribers.

Buchtel Asks Questions—Commissioner Buchtel was rather inquisitive. He asked the officials of the phone company if they had kept their promises to give St. Helens a better service. An engineer of the company took the stand and stated that St. Helens was peculiarly located. That on account of the fact that Columbia City, a large ship-building point; Bachelor Flat and Yankton, which he understood were important farming communities and Scappoose, which he said was an important town, and all of them connecting to the St. Helens office, a situation which he couldn't exactly describe had arisen. Mr. Day, for the second time appearing as a witness, said the engineer for the phone company had given more valuable testimony than he could have possibly brought to the attention of the commission. Mr. Buchtel, through his questioning, forced the officials of the phone company to admit that while they had promised St. Helens better service in return for increased rates, that the increased rates had come, but no better service had been given.

Mr. Day and Mr. Wheeler think that the hearing will get better service and results for St. Helens.

SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST CLOSE

Nearly All of Contestants Are Within Reach of the Best Prizes in the List—With Just Two More Days Until the Close, Young Ladies are Busy

The St. Helens Mist contest for new subscribers is running along to success without a doubt. With only two days in which to finish cashing of all their promises, nearly all of the contestants are hustling to secure as many votes as possible in the closing hours. So far we are more than satisfied with the results obtained. A good many new subscribers have been added, but there are many more that should be added to our list. The contestants with the most hustle will be the lucky ones. The fact that most of the contestants are going to school or are busy in other duties makes their work all the more gratifying.

The prizes are all good, especially the scholarships for a business course such as these offered, are worth much to any lady. The contestants are working hard to gain the beautiful prizes offered in the contest and are worthy of the support of the people of St. Helens and vicinity. The standing of practically every candidate has shifted some two or three times since last Friday, and are likely to do so more than once before the close of the contest Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Hence it behooves each one to keep everlastingly at it. It is still anybody's race. The standings are close and a little work on the part of friends of almost any of the active workers is likely to boost them into a leading position. The young ladies who have taken part in the contest have our sincere thanks and we wish all might be first prize winners, but every prize offered is well worth the effort put forth, and we hope all of the contestants will be satisfied.

We sincerely hope that every business man in St. Helens realizes what this increased circulation of our paper means to him. Your ad now reaches many new readers all over the community and means that much more business for you.

Judges of the Contest—The awarding of the prizes will take place tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. The interest manifest in the contest and the large number of interested persons who will be present, make it imperative that adequate quarters should be secured, therefore Mayor Saxon kindly consented that the council chamber shall be available. The counting of the votes and the awarding of the prizes will be made by Mayor Magnus Saxon. Rev.

CITY HEEDS THE RED CROSS APPEAL

St. Helens Responds to Appeal and Will Furnish Its Quota

Those in charge of the Red Cross drive in St. Helens are gratified at the response made. Archie Newbold of the American Legion team at the shipyard, reports that industry as 100 per cent Red Cross. Good progress has been made in the mill and other industrial plants.

The work of canvassing the town was turned over to the ladies of the local auxiliary of the Red Cross and many dollars have been exchanged for the little red button which tells of a contribution for the furtherance of the work of humanity and for relieving the suffering of those in this land and in foreign climes.

The St. Helens people are not turning a deaf ear to the appeal of the "Greatest Mother on Earth" and it can be safely said that the full quota will be subscribed.

Reports received from different localities in the county indicate that the quota apportioned to the county will be fully subscribed, and that the county will keep up its good record of 100 per cent or more in every patriotic endeavor.

C. A. R. VETERAN CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

There was no happier man in St. Helens Tuesday than "Grandpa" Eli Shaffer, father of Mrs. L. G. Ross and Miss Dora Shaffer. The occasion of his happiness was the celebration of his 76th birthday. He found double happiness in the fact that the anniversary of his birth fell on the day when the nation was celebrating the first anniversary of Armistice Day.

The Ross residence kept open house all day and many friends called to extend congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Shaffer.

In the early spring of '64 Shaffer, who was a sturdy man of 20 years, answered the call and enlisted in the 80th Ohio regiment. He saw hard service in Sherman's campaigns and was close behind the victorious columns on their memorable "march to the sea." The American spirit now, Mr. Shaffer says, is no different from that of '61 to '65, and he believes that even though there be some unrest in the United States at the present time, that in the near future matters will adjust themselves and Americanism will prevail over any other ism.

Mr. Shaffer recently returned from an extended visit to his old home in Indiana and other places in Ohio and Illinois.

J. T. TABER TO SELL OUT BUSINESS

J. T. Taber, who has conducted the Taber's Variety Store for the past four or five years, has decided to retire from that line of business and accordingly will put on a sale to dispose of his stock of merchandise. He has leased the store he now occupies to A. E. Austin, who, it is understood, will move from his present location in the Muckle block, to the Taber store sometime in the near future.

Mr. Taber has not made any definite plans for his future business career, but he states that it is probable that Mrs. Taber will conduct a business in St. Helens, probably a millinery and ladies furnishing shop.

The Taber's have established an enviable reputation for reliable merchandising and there are many who regret to see the store discontinue operation.

ARMISTICE DAY IS OBSERVED

There was no celebration of Armistice Day in St. Helens, but the day was observed. The mills, shipyards and other industrial plants closed for the day and all of the stores were locked up tight.

The streets were deserted and it seemed as though a Sunday had come at the first of the week. The banks, courthouse and city offices were closed for the entire day.

NO QUORUM NO MEETING

There was no quorum for the council meeting Monday night. Councilman Charles White and Mayor Saxon were the lone representatives, therefore the big grist of business which should have been acted upon was left to another meeting. City Attorney Day, Marshal Potter and Surveyor VanOrshoven were present, and while they were strong in numbers, they didn't have the necessary authority to transact city business.

Captain J. W. River of Oregon City, was in St. Helens Thursday. He is figuring on establishing a plant to make net floats.

A. S. Hisey and John L. Storla, secretary of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce. These gentlemen have kindly consented to act in this matter and they are too well known to need any other assurance that everything will be conducted fairly. The contest will close at 8 o'clock Saturday night and on the MINUTE. In other words at exactly 8 o'clock the contest is finished and no votes, subscriptions or anything else to do with the contest will be considered. The judges will have the matter in hand and the counting of votes will proceed. By 8:30 o'clock, the lucky winners in the Mist's \$250 prize contest will be known and their prizes will be ready for them.

INTERVIEWS ON I. W. W. OUTRAGE

Citizens of St. Helens Express Their Opinions as to I. W. W.'s and the Need of American Citizens Enforcing Their Rights

When the news of the I. W. W. outrage was received in St. Helens many opinions were expressed as to what should be done with the murderers, who, in cold blood shot down men who had served their country. Ordinarily, one gives vent to his innermost thoughts on an occasion like that which occurred at Centraffa, but after the "madness" has gotten out of his system, sober reflection comes, and that is the reason why the Mist interviewed many representative citizens Thursday morning. The sum total of their opinions is that now is the time for the real American to show his Americanism and stamp out forever the agitator, the Red and the I. W. W., whose purpose is to undermine our government. The interviews follow:

Deputy Game Warden Brown—We have been too tolerant with these birds. We arrest them, sometimes, and put them in jail. They don't have to work. It is the janitor that works and makes the jail comfortable for them. What we need is a rock pile, so that some of these "weary Willies" may have an opportunity to work. Another thing; we cannot expect them to respect the flag when American citizens do not salute the flag as it passes. I am an American, therefore, I am opposed to any I. W. W.

Deputy Sheriff Butler—The United States is no place for any such (I. W. W.) breed. I hesitate to express myself.

Judge White—I don't know how to put it, but I know how I feel. The I. W. W. has no place in America.

Sheriff LaBare—They (the I. W. W.) should all be run out of this country. A few more hangings wouldn't hurt. That might not sound just right, but it is the way I feel about it.

S. M. Miles—It is a time for every American to do his full duty for the government. The I. W. W. are against the government and should be suppressed.

Mayor Magnus Saxon—The heinousness of the crime of the I. W. W. is unparalleled in our history. It is a time for the nation to awake and they should make a strict job of the I. W. W.'s. As mayor of St. Helens and as a private citizen I will leave nothing undone toward ridding the country of the murderous Reds.

S. A. Hawkins—The best I. W. W. I ever heard of or read of, was the one that hung on the bridge near Centraffa. It is a pity the bridge is not long enough to accommodate all of them.

George A. Gore, Chairman of the American Legion—The Centraffa affair is deplorable. Laws should be made and enforced which would prevent a recurrence of the Centraffa murder. The I. W. W. principles are directly opposed to the U. S. constitution. Which shall survive? The American Legion was organized to deal with just such problems and since the Centraffa tragedy, they will be all the more alert in their work. America first, last and all the time.

Dr. L. G. Ross—This is the time for real Americans to show real Americanism. Foreign agitators whose purpose is to nullify the work of this government, should be deported. I am not in favor of lynch law, but if the courts do not take prompt action, it is not to be wondered at that an outraged public endeavors to protect themselves against a foreign enemy who is working in our midst.

John Phillip—I believe that the government is fully capable of handling the situation, but even though I am getting to be an old man, I will not allow any disrespectful statements as to the government to be made in my presence. We have been listening to this kind of thing too long and the I. W. W.'s and Reds are beginning to think they can do as they please. Now is the time to squelch them.

Rev. A. R. Spearow—I am at a loss to express my sentiments. However, I believe that Americanism will prevail over any other ism and that true Americans will realize the seriousness of the situation and do their utmost to stamp out the un-American sentiment that is being fostered by the agitators.

Rev. A. S. Hisey—It is a time to be rational and of sober thought. Nothing will be gained by excitement. The foreign agitators should be deported or disposed of in some way. It is a difficult situation, but real Americanism will triumph.

Eli Shaffer, G. A. R. Veteran—It was unfortunate but it seems that something of the kind was necessary to wake us up. The authorities at Washington have let this I. W. W. business go along for too long a time. The time has now come when it must be ended. The boys of '61 to '65 are behind the boys of '17 and '18, and there is not, nor will there ever be an I. W. W. among them. The flag we fought for in the '60's and which now waves triumphant, must not be stained by the deeds of those whose desire is to destroy the government. The G. A. R. boys are with the American Legion and both of the organizations are for the United States Government.

THE ST. HELENS MIST SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

Standing of Contestants

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 13, 1919

Names	Districts	Votes
1 Grace Howell	St. Helens	176,500
2 Gladys Garrison	Scappoose	163,000
3 Gladys Lake	St. Helens	160,000
4 Erna Gill	Deer Island	132,500
5 Mrs. S.W. Nagle	Bachelor Flats	98,500
6 Lillian Brown	Goble	83,500
7 Rose Baseel	Houlton	80,500
8 Helen Dodd	St. Helens	49,500
9 Ora Hyde	Yankton	44,500
10 Hazel Malmsten	Vernonia	42,000
11 Eleanor Larsen	Warren	41,000
12 Ivalo Tracy	Columbia City	29,500
13 Zue Gage	St. Helens	36,000