WAR'S TERROR TOLD BY EX-OREGONIAN

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Joseph Patterson, Once Reporter on The Oregonian, Is Serving in France.

BATTLE CALLED BEAUTIFUL

Horrors and Excitement Attendant Upon Duties With American Field Ambulance Are Related Without Exaggeration.

Joseph Patterson, formerly of the re-portorial staff of The Oregonian, but now with the American Field Ambulance service at the front in France, has written a letter describing the conditions at the front line trenches where he has been



the intimacy of de-tail in which he Joseph Patterson. describes life at the French front and

describes life at the French front and incidents of life in or near "No Man's Land." He wrote: "You doubtless have read many ref-erences and descriptions of the most terrifying invention, or better, new method of modern warfare, the 'tir de barrage' (curtain of fire). It is the grandest display of nocturnal illumination possible to imagine, and has rare beauty. The other night I wit-servers are enlarged and set to scale-

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late

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rare beauty. The other hight 1 wit-nessed one from a hill which was about half a mile to one side of the direct fire, and absolutely safe. Boche Attack Described. "Some Boche soldiers left their trenches with hand grenades and cross-ed No Man's Land and threw their ed No Man's Land and threw their bombs, which signified a Boche attack was on

"The French replied with rapid-fire guns from the front trench, and tele-phone alarms started the artillery. Perhaps 10,000 cannon replied. They had all the ranges and they threw a curtain of fire behind the charging Germans and before the German front trench—one curtain to prevent the Ger-mans helms reinforced. Then from mans being reinforced.

 trenches and batteries. The big shells
whistied high over my head. Everywhere was a deafoning, sharp roar, the big shells exploing looking for a soldier, as it gives
whim me to get homesick and brood more of Multnomah county, is indexen a fighting spirit of revenge in and carge and excitement awaken a fighting spirit of revenge in the data carge and excitement awaken a fighting spirit of revenge in the data carge and excitement awaken a fighting spirit of revenge in the same to get even; so it goes.
"Gruesome surprises are worse than their trenches, blue, yellow and green, straight up to signal to the gunners quicker than a death accent and the mough?
"Gruesome surprises are worse than their previous experience, to a training previous experience, to a training breat of training for a stiff course of training breat shells to add new. Sees of a sead man staring up at him, of a sale to a training previous experience, to a training breat shells to add new. Sees of a sead man staring up at him, of a sale to a training are the form of a stiff course of training the field his ankle for a form and head and county is service.
"T asw two colored signal walls, a wall of balls of fire and innumerable fashes like 10,000 lighting and thuis and death accent walls of the and and county is the the obalis of a serve of the serv trenches and batteries. The big shells wors whistled high over my head. Every- him



Lower row, from left-J. C. Johnson, president; Lon L. Parker, secretary; C. Louis Barzee, first vice-president; Ella Wilson Burt, third vice-president; Ella Underwood Wall, treasurer. Upper row, from left-M. H. Tower, Laurie Rice Castor, A. B. Castor, Nancie Drain Singleton, members of executive committee,

Nearly 500 men, women and children—entire families were present in large numbers—former residents of Douglas County now living in Portland enjoyed a perfect day of rest and recreation in Peninsula Park yesterday on the oc-casion of the annual plcnic and business session of the Douglas County Association of Portland. While the parents and older members chatted and visited, renewing acquaintances and talked over old times, the children took advantage of the playgrounds and went in for all the sports of the season. At 11 o'clock a business session was held, followed by a basket luncheon from 12 to 2. This was one of the most enjoyable features of the also personal encounters between enemy air fighters day.

which Mr. Patter-son witnessed. In From 2 until 5 P. M., there were musical and literary numbers and an address by George M. Brown, Attorney-General of Oregon and honorary member of the organization, on Douglas County, its history and some reminother particulars Mr. Patterson's let-ter teems with in-terest because of Iscences

At the business session, the following officers were elected:

President, J. C. Johnson; secretary, Lon L. Parker; first vice-president, C. Louis Barzee; second vice-president, L. D. Driver; third vice-president, Ella Wilson Burt; treasurer, Alla Underwood Wall; executive committee, M. H. Tow-er, Laurie Rice Castor, A. B. Castor, Nancle Drain Singleton.

Two of Oregon's Medical Vol-

fore the shell arrives. Large stethe scopes with quadrants in them tell the location of the planes at night. These are some-not nearly all-of the mod-

"Another strange thing is the fact that night is a good time psychologmans being reinforced. Then, from two to 15 miles back, large-caliber French cannon shelled the German icali for the French. Inertia is the

thing for a soldier, as it gives

Shippers Hasten to Dispatch Cargoes Before Change.

TONNAGE SHORTAGE CAUSE

ORIENT RATE TO RISE

Japanese Manufacturers Realizing Ambition to Replace German **Goods in United States** Markets.

Freight rates between the Pacific past and the Orient are expected to to higher within the next few weeks. hippers who have any considerable colume of cargo destined to Oriental orts are making haste to get their usiness under way before the increase oes into effect.

Increasing cargo pressure and the hortage in ocean tonnage are given as the probable reasons for the pro-posed advance. While the exact rate of increase has not been determined, it is likely to be substantial, say well inormed shipping men.

Asiatic Tramp Steamers Come.

Freight is moving in both directions in ever increasing volume, although the westbound movement is easier than the eastbound. This is said to be due to the presence during the last few weeks of a number of tramps on the oast.

While the principal advance is due in the eastbound rates it is probable the westbound rates will take a sharp jump at the same time. Custom house reports at Scattle and

San Francisco reveal that an increasng volume of merchandise and other goods are coming into the United States every month from Japan. Such commodities as crockery and steel tools that formerly were bought in of the Round-up riders, was injured when he was thrown against a fence. It was thought at first the rider was seriously injured, but after being taken to a local hospital it was ascergreat bulk in Germany and Austria now are coming from the Orient.

Japanese Manufacturers Ambitious. tained that his hurts were confined to cuts and bruises.

Japanese manufacturers are exceed-ingly active in their ambition to relace German competitors in the mar-tets of the United States. It is probable, therefore, that when the war is over the German manufacturers will have to dislodge the Oriental goods be

fore they can regain their trade among American business men. In addition to the merchandise traf-

Ic the movement of freight into the Pacific Coast ports of the United States ncludes heavy consignments of rub ber, bean oil and other commodities argely used for military purposes.

As soon as the great fleets of steel and wooden vessels now being built on the Pacific Coast are ready for serv-Ice the pressure for space may be somewhat relieved and the rates may sink somewhat, but shippers expect no naterial reduction until after the war

SHIPBUILDER IS COMING

President Remington, of Foundation Company, Expected in Portland.

President Remington, of the Founation Company of New York, is expected to visit Portland within the next few weeks to look over local sites for proposed shipbuilding plants. The Foundation Company recently

The Foundation Company recently secured contracts for the construction of 40 vessels for the French government and has arranged to build 20 of them in Portland. It is intended to build the remaining 20 somewhere on the Pacific Coast, and several com-munities are contending for the busi-ness. Tacoma is hot after it. Grays Harbor and Astoria likewise are in the

F. Swigert, local representative of the Foundation Company, has just returned from New York. It is prob-able the Portland plant of the company will be established on the "boneyard" property of the O.-W. R. & N. Company in the lower harbor.

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Ralph Sharkey and Frank

unteers at Fort Riley Taken. Sergeant Joseph Leo Died From GRAND ISLAND. Neb., July 22 .-

Writes Regarding Camp Life.

Van Dorn Going to France.

Major L. B. Sturdevant, of the Medical Corps of the Nebraska Federal Guard, last night conducted an autopsy over the body of Sergeant Joseph Leo, of Company M, Fifth Nebraska Regiment, and found that death resulted from a hemorrhage of the brair with slight traces of indigestion. No traces of ptomaine polsoning, which at first was thought to have caused the death of Sergeant Leo, was found. Sergeant Leo became seriously ill Friday morning and death occurred during the night. He had taken supper Thursday night at a restaurant with Corps of the Nebraska Federal Guard.

Dr. Ferdinand H. Dammasch, of Port-

could be beautiful; it was inspiring. Later I went down for the wounded, but not a shot was fired—each had had enough. It was just midnight when I heard that old familiar sound—the "Most singular of all was the fact

that a wire-repairer, a soldier who came into No Man's Land at night to mend the barbed-wire entanglements and sleeps or does as he wants back of accompany him to the front trench on Big Power Plant Is Destroyed and a sight-seeing trip that night. As Stull Holt, of New York, and I were on duty alone at the Post de 'Accours that night I couldn't go. If I had, I would have been in that charged trench. The wirecutter never returned. A young sur-geon had gone and I hauled him back mortally wounded an hour later.

Air Battles Viewed.

"Today I am tired and restless. The most costly thing in war is success. If your battery, your regiment or in-fantry, or anything, is especially effect-ive, the enemy masses for revenge against It. 'In six days I have watched three

che acroplanes, one with three men it and two with one man in each, defeated in air-fights and brought to the ground. One of the Boche aviators lives, being only slightly wounded. The others sleep on. Last night I watched a defeated plane descend to the ground arby. One of the men threw out one the two rapid-fire guns into a marsh nearby as it came down. That was too obviou -explosive bullets in magazine, no time o reload, and explosive bullets found n gun or on person mean a firing-quad. But it was unnecessary. One souad. fell to the ground from the up-turned plane from a height of about 30 feet. He was dead, of course. I looked up at the other. He was horribly mangled. I opened his coat and read his name on his shirt. That was the third success in a small area in a short time-success, the Danger Mark.

Many Bombs Dropped.

"Later, about 10 o'clock, I heard 10 frightful crashes, and bombs weighing about 200 pounds each and containing the highest explosives known, wer dropped about in the hope of getting a nearby anti-aircraft battery, soldiers in their quarters, buildings, everything in reverge. One bomb probably would knock The Oregonian building into in reverge. dust.

'Later more fleets of airships came and more bombs, each hour or so until nearing daylight. In nervous desperation I ran to the anti-aircraft battery in pajamas, overcoat, shoes, helmet and with a gas mask. There stood Captain _____, similarly dressed, except for a helmet, on duty with his crew while watching his searchlight playing on the sky. The light is within the range, but not too close, for it might give the bombers the battery's location. Of course, numerous rapid-fire guns on tripods kept shooting at

the aeroplanes, which are usually about a mile high. Most remarkable was Stull Holt, who sleeps on a cot next to mine-he never woke up! I'd like to have his conscience. I simply had to go to the battery to keep my mind complored. The other fellows did like. employed. The other fellows did like wise, or else just sat and waited. Where were the French aeroplanes? In the Boche territory doing the same thing, or in the air looking for a Boche. That's war. "Aeroplanes are large, and seat one,

two or three men. They attain different speeds up to 125 miles an hour. They are used for observing, making photographs with wonderful telescopic

know there could be so much noise and terror, or that such a terrifying thing could be beautiful: it was inspiring. "But duty comes first, and with hon-"But duty comes first, and with hon-

back to the French, who will once to the French, who will once make it a garden not irrigated by " blood.

Much Valuable Timber.

SANTA CRUZ., Cal., July 22 .- A forst fire which four weeks ago swept timber land in this vicinity, leaped from smouldering embers into flame again today. With renewed vigor it burned on a seven-mlie front, destroy-ing, it is reported, the plant of the Coast Counties Gas & Electric Company at Mill and Big Creeks, a number of houses and valuable timber. Despite the efforts of nearly 100 fighters, the fire, fanned by a high wind, was ap-proaching the summit of Ben Lomond

Mountain and threatening the Summer resorts of Ben Lomond and Brookdale. The fire covered today an area of 28 square miles.

Tennyson's Poem Is Theme.

Tennyson's poem "Crossing the Bar," and its message of faith in the immor tality of the human soul, was the them of the evening sermon preached yester-day by the Rev. J. H. Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. In the course of his sermon Dr. Boyd made an impressive reading of the poem, and at and Mrs. Lulu Dahl Miller.

acteur Athletic Club, of which he is a member, Dr. Dammasch writes of the camp as follows: "The half way period of our training" yesterday by Sheriff Berry on charges or. Use all your influence to get a big army of Americans in France to restore democracy, and No Man's Land will go camp for medical officers was reached

FIRE SWEEPS SEVEN MILES but the heat and high degree of hu-

at times. Believe me, my little old bunk looks good to me at night, and I do

sure hate to part with it at 5 A. M. "Yesterday afternoon we had our first big surprise. Company No. 1 was Nearly 4000 People Attend Picnic

lined up. "'All men wishing foreign service once will report to the camp command-

er immediately, was the order. "Of 96 men 'n our company, 43 vol-unteered. Of these, two were chosen. Oregon heads the list with two; Cali-fornia 1, Washington 1, Montana 1, Iowa 1, Oklahoma 1, Maryland 1, Kan-"The two Oregon men are Ralph Sharkey, of Portland, and Frank Van Dorn, of Seaside. The exact day of their leaving is not known, but will be

within two weeks. Not even a leave of absence will they get before going. "About 350 medicos are here now, with 150 more due tomorrow. The camp will run six months in all, and 1,000 men will be trained."

Round-Up Rider Hurt. CENTRALIA, Wash., July 22 .- (Special)-The Great Western Round-up, which has been showing this week at the Southwest Washington fair

went out on strike yesterday. Half the logging camps of Lewis county are

at Crystal Lake Park.

money to the building fund. Harry Anderson was chairman of the genera

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ommittee.

PTOMAINE IS NOT CAUSE

Hemorrhage of Brain.

of stealing rides on freight trains, making over 20 arrested during the past week. Those taken into custody yes-

terday gave their names as George Conar, F. L. Curray, Fred Luch, Phillip Finklestein, B. Miller, Laurence Murray, A. L. LeBarker and Val Smith.

MOOSE AID BUILDING FUND

E. M. Burns, president of the Transportation Club, has sent out a call to all members to attend. Mr. Da Mert was a charter member of the club and a former director. He was well-known among railroad and steamship men throughout the city. Transportation Turning their fifth annual picnic into means of raising funds for the pro-osed new Moose building, the Loya

Club members are requested to go di-rect to the chapel this morning. Those who have automobiles are expected to rder of Moose put in a delightful and profitable day at Crystal Lake Park resterday. The estimated attendance was between 3500 and 4000. bring them.

Athletic sports of various kinds were attractions, and there were innumer-able concessions. Dancing, candy, BEAVER TAKES FULL CARGO

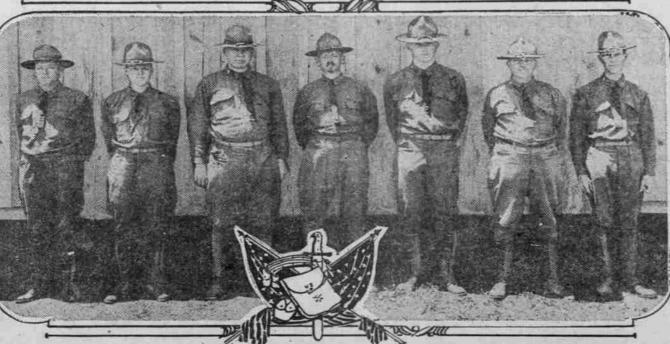
swimming and the various games of skill each will turn in its share of Travel North and Southbound Now

About Evenly Balanced. The steamer Beaver, of the Big Three line, got away from Alnsworth dock at 3 P. M. yesterday with 150 passengers and a full cargo of freight. Her cargo consisted of paper, grain, cheese and milk destined for California

KLAMATH. San Francisco for Portland, 65 miles north of Blunts Reef. QUEEN. Seattle for San Francisco, seven miles north of Cape Blanco. MULTNOMAH. San Francisco for Tacoma, 23 miles north of Cape Blanco. ERNEST H. MEYER. San Francisco for Portland, 230 miles north of San Francisco. ATLAS, Seattle for Richmond, 208 miles north of Richmond. CITY OF TOPEKA, San Francisco for Eureka, 14 miles south of Foint Arena.

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SEVEN OREGON DOCTORS IN MEDICAL RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CAMP AT FORT RILEY, KAN



Left to Right-Dr. W. Carlton Smith, of Salem; Dr. V. R. Abraham, of Hood River; Dr. Frank Van Dorn, of Senside; Dr. F. H. Dammasch, of Portland; Dr. Ralph L. Sharkey, of Portland; Dr. Leo W. Chilton, of Canyon City; Dr. A. T. Biachley, of Portland.

DAMERT FUNERAL IS TODAY

Call Issued to Transportation Club Members to Attend.

The funeral of the late W. F. DaMert, former cashier at the Ainsworth dock of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, will be held at Finley's chapel at 10:30 this

ports. Travel on the Portland-San Francisco steamers is fairly well balanced now, about the same volume of passengers

moving northward as southbound. Every steamer operating between the river and the Southern port is well patronized, including the tramps.

LUMBER CARGO BEING TAKEN

Dutch Steamer Soerkarta Arrives

for Load of 1,500,000 Feet.

An interesting arrival in the lower river yesterday was the Dutch steamer Soerkarta, from San Francisco. She was berthed at the Hammond mill late n the day and immediately began loading lumber. She will take on 1,500,000 feet and then come to Portland for

additional cargo. The Soerkarta has a capacity for 4384 tons and is under charter to Robert Dollar. She will take her cargo to

Shanghal, Hongkong and Java.

Pacific Coast Shipping Notes.

COOS BAY, Or., July 22.—(Special.)—The tug Kilyhan left the Port of Bandon this morning to deliver the Government inlet dredge for work on Coos River. The tug sailed on the return trip at 11. The gasoline schooner Magnolia, in port overnight, sailed this afternoon for Rogue River at 12:30. The steam schooner Lindauer, repaired at San Francisco, arrived on the harbor last

San Francisco, arrived on the harbor last night at 7:15, bringing a large consignment of freight for Marshfield and North Bend.

ASTORIA. Or., July 22-(Special.)-The tank steamer, Wm. F. Herrin, arrived today from California, bringing fuel oil for Portland.

The Dutch steamer Soerakarta arrived to day from San Francisco, and after loading 1,500,000 feet of lumber at the Hammond Mill will go to Portland to complete her

The seamship Great Northern arrived to-day from San Francisco, bringing freight and passengers. The steam schooner Willamette arrived today from San Francisco with freight for Astoria and Portland. The steam schooner Santiam is due from

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