

WAR'S TERROR TOLD BY EX-OREGONIAN

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 editorial staff of The Oregonian, but now with the American Field Ambulance service at the front in France, has written a letter describing conditions at the front line trenches where he has been serving of late.

"You doubtless have read many references and descriptions of the most terrifying invention, or better, new method of modern war, the 'tir barrage' (curtain of fire). It is the grandest display of nocturnal illumination possible to imagine, and has rare beauty. The other night I witnessed one from a hill which was about half a mile to one side of the direct fire, and absolutely safe.

Boche Attack Described. Boche soldiers in their trenches with hand grenades and crossed 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 telephone alarms started the artillery. Perhaps 10,000 shells were fired. They had all the ranges and they threw a curtain of fire behind the charging Germans and the German front trench—one curtain to prevent the Germans being reinforced. Then, from two to 15 miles back, large-caliber French cannon shelled the German trenches and batteries. The big shells whistled high over my head. Everywhere was a deafening sharp roar; the cannon discharged and the shells exploded like balls of fire; the observers shot thousands of Roman candles, red, white, blue, yellow and green, straight up to signal to the gunners quicker than a telephone would work. The Germans replied with a cannonade, and used similar colored signals for their own purposes. New fuse and star shells to add new lights were fired by the thousands.

"Battle Declared 'Beautiful.' "The Boche fired signals, shells, a wall of balls of fire and innumerable flashes, like 10,000 lightning and thunder storms, minus the rain and cloudy sky, at once. The Boche attack continued and cost several million dollars. From where I sat it was great. I didn't know there could be so much noise and terror, or that such a thing as fighting 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 midnight when I heard that old familiar sound—the moans of the dying.

"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 sleep on logs from the trench lines in daylight, had invited me to accompany him to the front trench on a sight-seeing trip that night. As Stull Holt, of New York, and were on duty alone at the Post de Accours that night I couldn't go. If I had, I would have been a witness to an hour later.

At Battles Newsworthy. The most costly thing in war is success. If your battery, your regiment or infantry, or anything especially effective, the enemy masses for revenge against it.

"In six days I have watched three Boche aeroplanes, one with three in it and two with one man in each, defeated in air-fights and brought to the ground. The Boche aeroplanes, being only slightly wounded. The others sleep on. Last night I watched a defeated plane descend to the ground nearby. One of the men threw out one of the two rapid-fire guns into a marsh as it came down. That was too obvious—explosive shells, no time to reload, and explosive bullets went in gun or on person mean a firing-squad. But it was unnecessary. One fell to the ground from the 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, were dropped about in the hope of getting a nearby anti-aircraft battery, soldiers in their quarters, buildings, everything in reverse. One bomb probably would knock The Oregonian building into dust.

"Later more fleets of airplanes 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 beam on the sky. The light is within the range, but not too close, for it might give the battery the 'battery's' location. Of course, numerous rapid-fire guns on tripods kept shooting at the aeroplanes, which are usually about 1,000 to 1,500 feet high. One of the planes was still 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 employed. The other fellows did likewise, 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

FORMER RESIDENTS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC AT PENINSULA PARK.



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.

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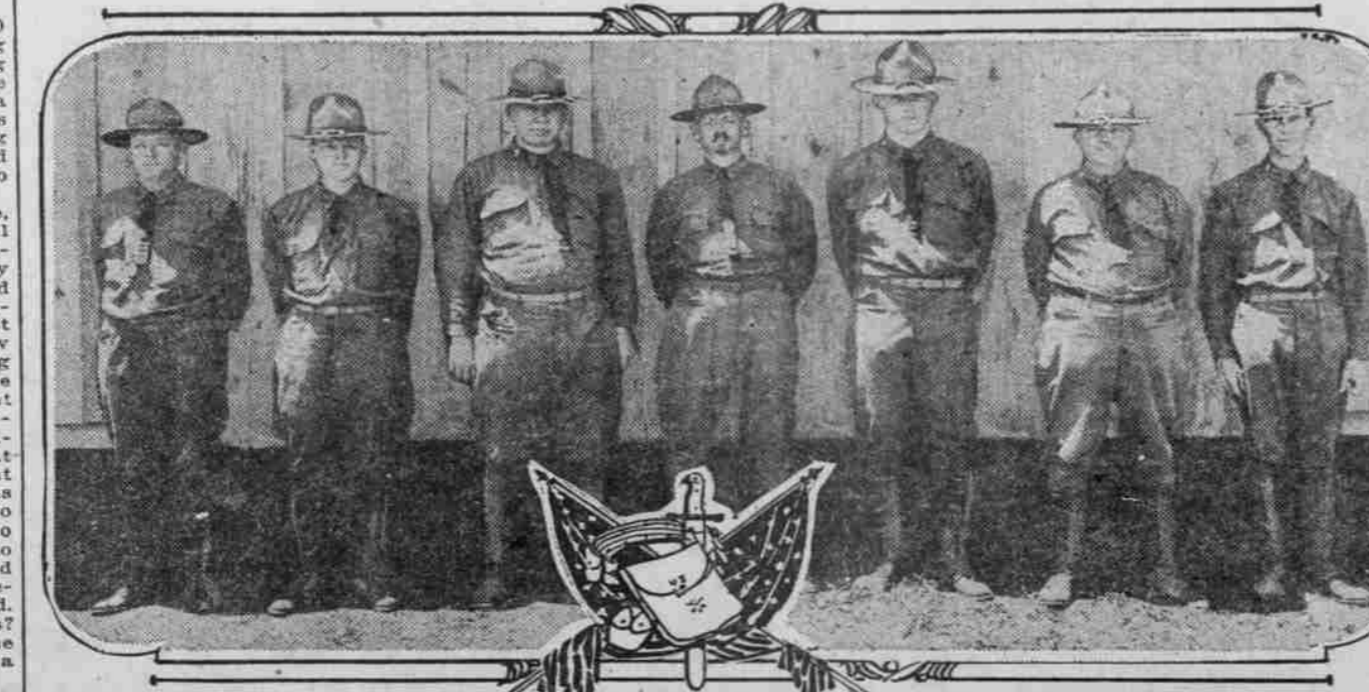
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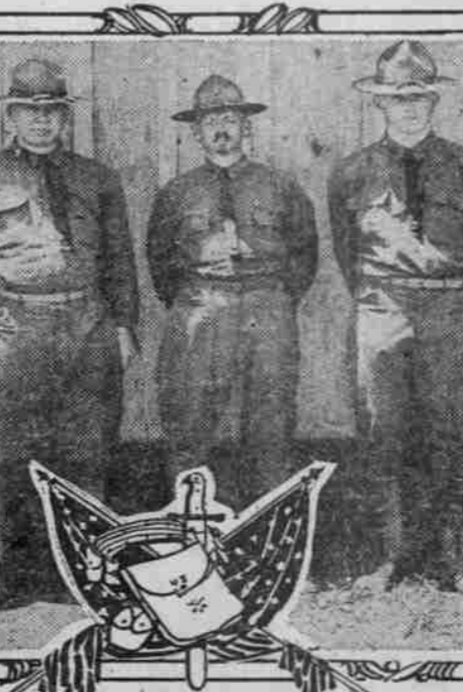
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PTOMAINE IS NOT CAUSE

Sergeant Joseph Leo Died From Hemorrhage of Brain.

LOGGING CAMPS ARE IDLE

Employees of Guerrier Mill, East of Napavine, on Strike.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 22.—(Special.) The employees of the Guerrier mill, several miles east of Napavine, went out on strike yesterday. Half the logging camps of Lewis county are now idle as a result of the strike. Nine more I. W. W.'s were arrested yesterday by Sheriff Berry on charges of stealing rides on freight trains, making a party of the road, and death during the past week. Those taken into custody yesterday gave their names as George Conar, F. L. Curran, Fred Luch, Phillip Finkelshteyn, E. Miller, Laurence Murray, A. L. LeBarker and Val Smith.

MOOSE AID BUILDING FUND

Nearly 4000 People Attend Picnic at Crystal Lake Park.

Turning their fifth annual picnic into a means of raising funds for the proposed new Moose building, the Loyal Order of Moose put in a delightful and profitable day at Crystal Lake Park yesterday. The estimated attendance was between 3500 and 4000.

U. S. Naval Radio Reports.

KLAMATH, San Francisco for Portland, 65 miles north of Elsie Reef. QUEEN, Seattle for San Francisco, seven miles north of Elsie Reef. MULNOMAH, San Francisco for Tacoma, 23 miles north of Cape Blanco. ERNEST H. MEYER, San Francisco for Portland, 300 miles north of San Francisco. CITY OF TOPEKA, San Francisco for Eureka, 14 miles south of Point Arena.

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ONE RATE TO RISE

Shippers Hasten to Dispatch Cargoes Before Change.

TONNAGE SHORTAGE CAUSE

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

Freight rates between the Pacific Coast and the Orient are expected to go higher within the next few weeks. Shippers who have any considerable volume of cargo destined to Oriental ports are making haste to get their business under way before the increase goes into effect.

ASIAN TRAMP STEAMERS COME

Freight is moving in both directions in ever increasing volume, although the probable reasons for the proposed advance. While the exact rate of increase has not been determined, it is likely to be substantial, say well informed shipping men.

JAPANESE MANUFACTURERS REALIZING

Japanese manufacturers are exceedingly active in their ambition to replace German competitors in the markets of the United States. It is probable, therefore, that when the war is over the German manufacturers will have to dislodge the Oriental goods before they can regain their trade among American business men.

SHIPBUILDERS ARE COMING

President Remington, of Foundation Company, Expected in Portland.

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

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PACIFIC COAST SHIPPING NOTES.

COOS BAY, Or., July 22.—(Special.)—The tug Klythian left the Port of Bandon this morning for Coos Bay.

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

SEATTLE, July 22.—Arrived at 7 and left at 8:15 A. M., steamer W. F. Herrin, from San Francisco. Arrived at 8:30 and left at 9 A. M., steamer Williams, from San Diego and San Francisco.

TACOMA, July 22.—Arrived—Steamers Admiral Goodrich, from Seattle; Inaho Maru (Japanese), from Seattle. Departed—Steamers Redondo, from Seattle; Admiral Goodrich, from Seattle; Inaho Maru, from Seattle.

TIDES AT ASTORIA MONDAY.

High, 7.5 feet 9:30 A. M., 0.6 feet 3:43 P. M., 7.5 feet 10:05 P. M., 2.2 feet 10:25 P. M.

TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

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