

BLACKBURN'S BOAT TOOK 98 SOLDIERS TO FRANCE IN WAR

To a former Portland man belongs credit for having performed one of the wonderful feats of the world war. Ninety-eight thousand American soldiers were transported safely to France, and half of them returned home again on the steamer Leviathan (formerly the Vaterland), of which Captain John H. Blackburn was commanding officer.

Captain Blackburn is spending a few days in Portland visiting Lieutenant Commander Frederick K. Elder, at the local navy recruiting office. He motored here from San Francisco with his wife. Before the war Blackburn was in charge of the Portland station. He is now assistant inspector of seven main stations and 58 substations conducted by the navy west of the Rocky mountains.

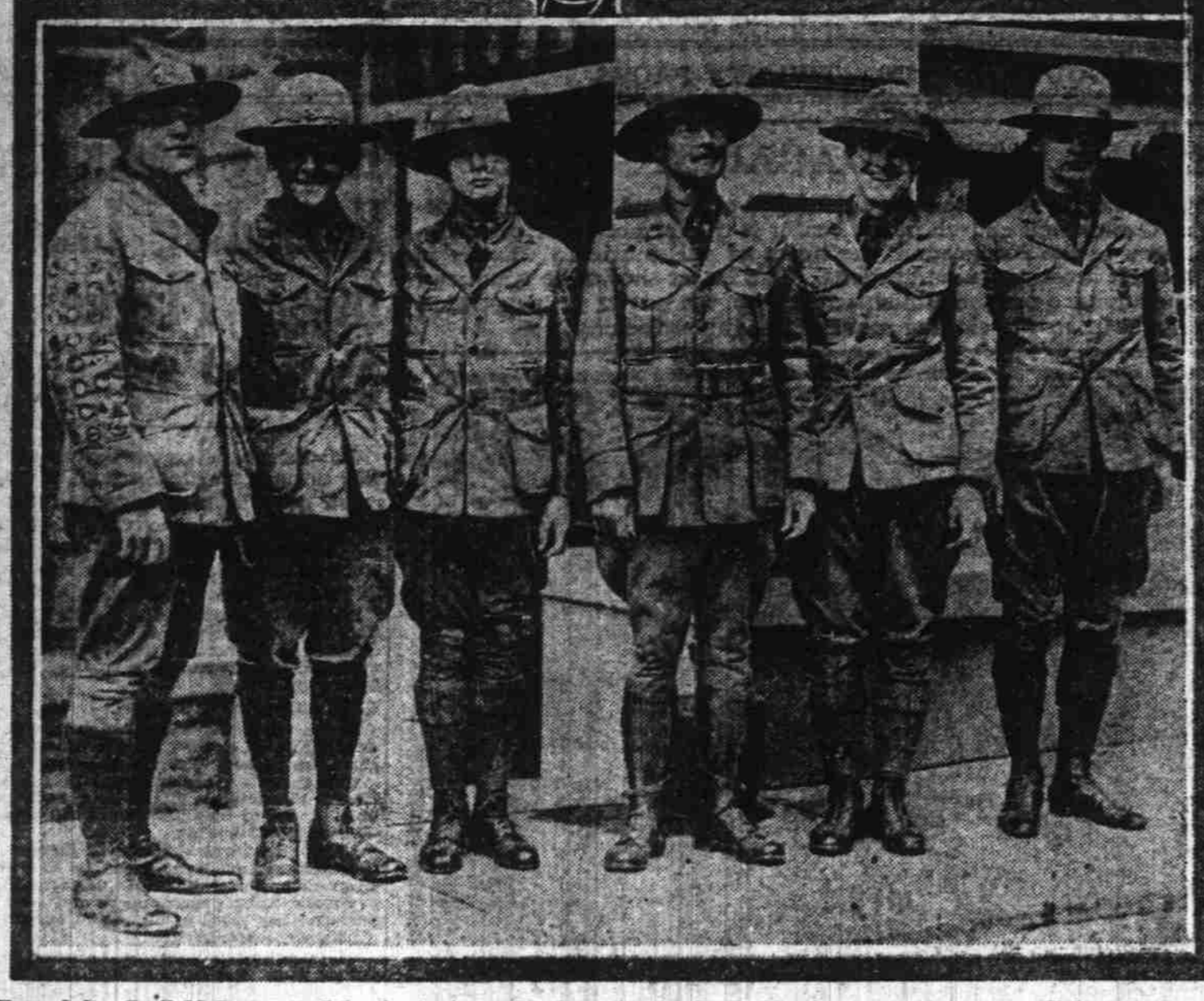
FEEDING BIG JOB The mere loading and unloading of the soldiers on the Leviathan was but a small matter. The big job was to see that all were properly fed and kept warm on each trip across the Atlantic. This gigantic steamer carried 11,000 soldiers, 2,500 sailors and 74 officers. The real job came three times each day when the vast amount of food and fuel was unloaded.

TRANSPORTED PAY ENVELOPES Not the only responsibility given to Superintendent Blackburn. On every trip across Uncle Sam gave him the pay envelopes for the American soldiers in France. Thousands upon thousands of dollars were taken to France on the Leviathan. Any spare room left on the vessel after the soldiers had been loaded, was filled with food for France. About 100 airplanes were also carried over on the Leviathan.

LEVIATHAN IS KING CRAFT The Leviathan is the largest boat afloat. It is 965 feet long, 102 feet wide, has 13 decks and draws 42 feet of water. It will reach from Third street to West Park and is high as any 13 story building, said the commander in describing the craft. One smokestack is wider than a Portland street. Two streets and two automobiles could pass inside of it without difficulty.

SURVIVES FEARFUL HURRICANE After the war Captain Blackburn remained on the boat until 45,000 men had been returned and then was placed in command of the U. S. S. Wheeling and built three lighthouses in the Caribbean sea on dangerous reefs. The reefs are the Quitto Sueno, Serrano Bank and Ronador reef. His vessel was in the death dealing hurricane which hit Corpus Christi during 1919 and destroyed that city and sunk 17 vessels in Key West. Of 18 vessels afloat in the harbor the Wheeling was the only one to survive the storm. When Blackburn saw the hurricane coming he dropped both anchors down for 90 fathoms and put on full steam ahead against the wind. In spite of this handicap the gale carried his boat backward and if one of the anchors had not struck bottom and held, his boat also would have been dashed upon the reefs.

GOTHAM SCOUTS SEE WEST'S WONDERS



From left—Cyril McDermott, John Brettwieser, Herbert Jacob, F. E. Matthes, scout master; Walter Perry, John Preet, members of the New York Boy Scout expedition which is touring the national parks of this country under the sponsorship of the Far Western Travelers' association.

T. N. T. STARTS FIRE IN UMPQUA

Roseburg, Aug. 5.—One of the largest fires of the season in the Umpqua forest, was started just above the Steamboat bridge, where the forest service trail building crew was using TNT to blast away a ledge of rocks on the trail. The heavy charge of powder set fire to the surrounding brush and an area of 10 acres was burned over before the crew could extinguish the blaze. Little damage resulted from the fire as the area burned over was not heavily timbered.

CONTROL GAINED OF FOREST FIRE ON YEON MOUNTAIN The forest fire between Dodson and Warrendale at the foot of Yeon mountain, discovered Tuesday, at the mouth of Devil's creek, was reported at forest service to be under control Wednesday morning. Twelve men are working on the fire which covers 190 acres.

Fire in Whitman Baker, Aug. 5.—Another small forest fire was reported to the Whitman forest office here this morning when a blaze was discovered by a lookout on the north fork of Wolf creek about 15 miles northwest of North Powder. The fire was discovered Tuesday evening and the exact location of it was not yet determined when the local office was notified Wednesday. However, it was believed that the fire is only a small one.

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Advertisement for 'The Passers-By' featuring Herbert Rawlinson and a photograph of a man in a suit.

Lightning Hits Santiam

Albany, Aug. 5.—Two small fires were started Wednesday evening by lightning during a thunder storm that swept the southeastern portion of the Santiam forest, according to word received at the office of Supervisor Hall in Albany this morning. One of the fires was on Sand mountain, six miles east of Clear lake, and the other near Crescent mountain, six miles northwest of Clear lake. Small columns of smoke were reported by lookouts at Crescent mountain and Carpenter mountain. Immediately men were rushed from the firemen's station at Fish lake, and advised received here today indicate that both fires are under control. The damage is believed to have been negligible. The storm was not accompanied by rain in this section. In the northeastern parts of the Santiam forest a thunder storm also raged Wednesday, but heavy rains are reported to have fallen.

Wenaha Is Guarded Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 5.—The activity of the fire guards in the Wenaha national forest in the Blue mountains to the east of here is preventing considerable damage during the dry spell this summer, according to information received from the office of Supervisor John C. Kuhns. Nearly a half dozen fires caused by railroad locomotives and lightning for the most part, have been extinguished before they could get a good start, by the rangers and guards.

STATE'S GAIN IS 110,520 IN DECADE

Of Eastern Oregon the rural population decreased heavily. The 524,997 people in Oregon outside of Portland, Bennett estimated roughly that 50 per cent could be classed as rural population. This estimate would leave approximately 260,000 in the rural sections or the equivalent of the population of Portland scattered over a territory comparing in area with the state of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

From 1910 to 1915 Oregon was given a black eye by land frauds and from 1915 to 1920 the world war had the effect of drawing thousands of people back to the East to pursue industrial work, said Hall. "But now the westward movement is again on Oregon has the best chance of any state in the West to make a remarkable growth during the next 10 years."

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NEW YORK SCOUTS VISIT PORTLAND

"We had our first real thrill at the wonders and beauties of nature in Colorado and our eyes have been opening wider and wider every day since. I am told that when we visit your Columbia river highway the climax of our enthusiasm will be reached," said F. E. Matthes of the United States geological survey, Washington, D. C., who is in charge of a tour of the national parks given five New York Boy Scouts, who are guests in Portland Thursday and Friday.

The Far Western Travelers' association conceived the idea of giving this trip to representative Scouts as a means of education. Americanization and to promote the idea of seeing America first. A Scout was selected from each borough in New York, the choice being made on their proficiency in scouting. John Preet, Troop 78-A, Flatbush, represents the Brooklyn council. Ernest is 17 years old and is an Eagle Scout, with 26 merit badges. Herbert Jacob, Troop 5, Ridgewood, L. I., represents the Queens council. He is 16 years old and is the youngest first-class Scout in the borough. Walter Perry, Troop 17, Port Richmond, Staten Island, represents the Richmond council. He is 15 years old and is a second-class Scout. John Breitwieser, Troop 208, Bronx, represents the Bronx council. He is 14 years old and a first-class Scout.

The Scouts arrived at 7:30 Thursday morning and were served with breakfast at the Meier & Frank tea-room. Later they were taken on a sightseeing trip over the city. At noon a luncheon was served at the Chamber of Commerce, at which Frank Brasch Rilly gave a talk. This was followed by a reception. Friday will be devoted to a trip up the highway, a visit to the fish hatcheries at Richensville, a hike to the Punch Bowl picnic luncheon at Eagle creek and dinner at Chanticleer Inn. The evening will be spent on Council Crest, and Saturday morning the boys will leave for Seattle.

Advertisement for 'The Thomas Meighan masterpiece' featuring a photograph of a man and a child.

BUS SYSTEM AT LONDON SAID TO BEAT 8-CENT FARE

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EUROPE IS ON BRINK OF ANOTHER WAR

Europe is on the brink of another war, according to a dispatch from London, Aug. 5.—(U. P.)—A pincers movement against Warsaw was developing today, according to advices from the front. The Bolsheviks were reported to be making a secret treaty with Germany a few weeks before the offensive began. The main provisions, according to the Times, were as follows: 1. Russia to appropriate all of Poland's arms, ammunition, foodstuffs and railway rolling stocks without interference from Germany.

WASHINGTON HEARS FURTHER TALK OF POLISH ARMISTICE Washington, Aug. 5.—(I. N. S.)—Reports that peace negotiations between the Russian soviet authorities and the Poles will be resumed, through Poland's acceptance of the Bolshevik proposal for a new parity, came from abroad to several leading diplomats today and to the state department.

PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE TO ASK AID OF PARLIAMENT London, Aug. 5.—(U. P.)—Premier Lloyd George announced today he would present the entire Russian-Polish situation to parliament this afternoon and ask support for the action the government intends to take.

RUSSIAN CAVALRY HAS UNOFFICIALLY INVADED THE "CORRIDOR" THROUGH EAST PRUSSIA, connecting Poland with Danzig and the sea. One dispatch said the Red scouts were only 27 miles from the gates of Warsaw, their operations apparently being unopposed.

becoming increasingly tense and there was much discussion of the chances of Britain becoming involved in the war. All sorts of reports were circulated. One was that the government was ready to mobilize several divisions and send them to the front. Another was that Earl Curzon's note to the soviet, despatched Tuesday, was a virtual ultimatum, threatening war.

Paris dispatches said the council of ambassadors had been called to meet as quickly as possible. Meanwhile Premier Millerand of France has been in communication with Lloyd George, urging him to join in military action against the Bolsheviks at Minsk for further negotiations, had been held up by the Russian commander at Brest-Litovsk and that therefore it was impossible for them to reach Minsk on scheduled time.

The Bolsheviks expect to occupy Warsaw on Monday, according to Berlin advices.

FRENCH TROOPS ARE BEING MASSES ALONG THE RHINE By Carl D. Groat (United Press Staff Correspondent) Berlin, Aug. 4.—(Night)—French troops are being massed along the Rhine, ready to proceed through Bavaria to the assistance of Poland, according to reports from Bavarian cities received today. The French are receiving messages from the occupied territory along the Rhine, but in spite of this, reports from that district indicate some troops are on the move.

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MOSCOW REPORTS VICTORY London, Aug. 5.—(I. N. S.)—In the Siedzie region (35 miles east of Warsaw) we have broken the enemy's resistance," said a soviet war office communique wireless from Moscow today. "In the Tarnopol and Cortok regions we are driving the Poles to the river Stripa. We have captured stations west of Lomza."

ROMANIAN MOVE DENIED London, Aug. 5.—(I. N. S.)—The Romanian legion denied today that the Romanian army was mobilized for war against Russia.

PROPERTY SETTLEMENT ASKED Oregon City, Aug. 5.—Herman Klatschek started action Wednesday against G. W. Harris and wife, asking for a settlement said to be due for property in Oak Grove.

RAIL SECURITIES TO BE OFFERED PUBLIC TO BUY EQUIPMENT

Railroads will offer approximately \$400,000,000 worth of securities to the public in the next three or four months, it was learned here today at the bureau of railroad economics unless present prices are upset.

Interest rates will be at least 7 per cent. Quick sales of the securities will result in more being put on the market, it was said.

The proceeds will be applied on purchase of new equipment, of which more than \$100,000,000 worth will be needed in the next 12 months. According to present plans part of the money for equipment will come from the revolving fund administered by the interstate commerce commission under the transportation act.

Charge of Murder Dropped; Suicide Is Proved by Autopsy Bremerton, Wash., Aug. 5.—(U. P.)—After a coroner's jury had accused the husband of murder, then changed their minds and asked for an autopsy, the autopsy revealed, it was declared today, that Mrs. Petrona Radovich committed suicide.

WALLACE REID in "SICK ABED" A Lively Patient, a Beautiful Nurse and a Story That's All Smiles.

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Starting Saturday DOUGLAS MacLEAN and DORIS MAY in "LET'S BE FASHIONABLE"

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