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## THE FACT THAT LOOMS LARGEST

The woods are full of men who aspire to be Governor of Oregon—some of them unimpeachably excellent, some indifferent and one or two dangerous. Under ordinary circumstances there would be the keenest kind of interest in the political campaign that is under way, but the present circumstances are not ordinary. No one outside the candidates themselves and their immediate followers cares a whoop about politics, for interest in the war and desire to win the war overshadow everything else. Among all the candidates there is only one to whom attaches more than ordinary interest.

That one is Governor Withycombe, who asks reelection, and who has made a record as a war Governor that anyone might be proud of. There has never been a moment in this year of war problems when his attitude has been in doubt, and we must all admit that the patriotic spirit of Oregon's War Governor has had much to do with the bright patriotic record that has been made by the state. When the I. W. W. agitation was at its highest point and the Governors of other western states were wobbling and side-stepping, Governor Withycombe did not hesitate a moment. He announced that the law must be strictly upheld and that nothing must be permitted to interfere with the conduct of the war. In every other phase of the state's war activities his position has been equally firm and resolute. His leadership has been of the kind that commands confidence.

This is a time when the usual political patter and the usual reasons for displacing one official and putting another one in have little appeal. The fact that looms largest is that under Governor Withycombe's leadership Oregon has won the admiration of the entire country. That is the kind of leadership we want.—Eugene Register.

Petrograd is hungry; on the verge of starvation. Russia and her troubles will continue for some time to be one of the burdens of the world. For "pity and need make the whole world (outside of Germany and her allies) kin." Even Russia, undeserving as she seems in the eyes of most peoples, is in the kinship, in her pity and need.

The Germans won something of strategic value, in a small sector, yesterday. But it may be only temporary. And it is only an incident of the great battle, which so far leaves the Germans in worse condition, on the whole, than when it was opened; and with three separate mountains of their men sacrificed.

The boys of the United States, when schools close, are to be mobilized to help in the work on the farms and elsewhere. Boy-power must come to the assistance of man-power.

Bitter pill for Holland, to be obliged at the behest of Germany to cut off the quinine supply from the Dutch East Indies to the United States.

Some politicians are now predicting that Simpson will be second in the race for the gubernatorial nomination on the Republican ticket, and Moser third. They say Governor Withycombe will be first, hands down, and that there is a growing sentiment against swapping horses while crossing the stream.

Raymond Demunsky, an American soldier, was buried alive for three days, in the fighting around Selcheprey; but he finally crawled out and is ready for anything coming his way. You cannot keep a good man down, though you cover him with the earth.

The first and second, if not the third, semesters of German operations on the western front are over. But school will take up again.

We will win this war, but we will pay the price. If we had only leaped to our duty when the Lusitania was sunk.—Exchange.

Suppose, for instance, that England had not disposed of Heligoland to Germany. The story of the bottling up of the German fleet in the Kiel canal might have been different.

Germany was more than forty years becoming the nation she is in war. A commercial nation like ours cannot become a fighting force in the twinkling of an eye. Let us have patience.

It is claimed that French veterinarians have extracted the "bray" from the American mule, but what we need in this country is something that will take the howl out of the two-legged variety in this country.

An evangelist predicts that the Kaiser and his gang will pass eternally in hell. What we're more interested in knowing is how much more time they'll pass on earth.—Detroit Free Press.

The fact that the author of "Keep the Home Fires Burning" has been slain by the bomb of a Hun air pirate ought to add some fuel to the flame.—Washington Post.

## BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Balmy spring days.

Germans scored yesterday.

Loss of Kemmel Hill is serious.

But it is not as bad as it might be.

And the Germans may not be able to hold the hill.

H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A. and one of the leading men in the whole nation and in fact in the whole world, in the great and supremely important work of this great organization, gave an inspiring message to a group of representative Salem men at the rooms of the local Y. M. C. A. yesterday noon. He says it is the business, and the only business, of the whole world, outside of Germany, and the countries of her allies, to win the war, and that nothing must be thought of but that great task, until it is completed. The young men of the United States are in France, or going there, to offer their lives, and the older men and younger boys at home, and the women of the United

States, must be mobilized, every one of them, to back up the sacrifices of the fighting forces; to give them the full limit of the service we are able to give them. Everything else now is trivial. Nothing else matters.

## EARL ELSE IS ELECTED

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The greatest proportion of additions to the church come from the Sunday school, but said it is not half appreciated by parents. In closing the speaker read the parable of the prodigal father, who was too busy making money to make a chum of his boy.

Introducing Secretary Stone, President Rice pointed the fact that the greatest discovery of this age is the discovery of the boy and his possibilities. Speaking along the line of that thought, Mr. Stone went on to state that no generation of boys ever had such an "exposure" to inspiration and opportunity as this generation has in the past year.

"Boy value is going up every day," he said. "Every time a soldier is killed in France, the value of the boy at home doubles. There is no limit to the possibilities of the Sunday school and the Y. M. C. A. in dealing with boy life. Money is the cheapest thing in the country today and boy life is the most valuable."

War Eliminates Selfishness. The speaker asserted that he had never seen the men of the nation so ready to devote themselves to the youth of the land as they are today. The war seems to have burned selfishness out of them.

The government is now planning to mobilize 9000 boys in Oregon, and it is taking the proper steps in utilizing them in the harvest fields and orchards. It is planned to send them out in small units, and every unit is to be under the direction of some representative of the Christian church, in order to safeguard their moral welfare.

"The greatest disaster of the war in Europe is the breakdown of the morals of boys at home and at the front," said the speaker, "and the work of the Y. M. C. A. should be speeded up tenfold. In America the Christian influence is most marked among the soldiers. This war is unique in the prominence that is given to moral equipment. Never did a body of soldiers go into camp with such lofty ideals. The standards of life at American lake are actually higher than in Portland or Salem as the result of Y. M. C. A. and other Christian influences."

The speaker, who has a boy of his own at the front, said that he might forgive the man who shot his boy to death, but he could never forgive the man who exerted an evil influence upon his soul.

The following additional names of delegates were enrolled yesterday morning: Mrs. A. R. Green, Portland; Mrs. Emma Fisher, Hazel Green; Mrs. George Croxford, Portland; Edna Croxford, Portland; W. A. Ulrich, Mt. Scott; C. L. Trawin, H. G. Lairds, A. J. Drumsaker and wife, all of McMinnville; Dr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, Salem; Miss Eva June, Albany; J. H. Mears, Shedd; Dorothy Stafford, Oregon City.

The program for today follows:

- Morning: 8:30 School of Methods. 10:30 General Assembly. 10:10 Singing, led by Carrol Roberts. Prayer, Rev. H. N. Aldrich, Salem. 10:20 "The Master's Command," Rev. H. H. Kelsey, San Francisco. 10:50 "The Call of Christ and the World Crisis," Mrs. Ella Humbert, Eugene. 11:20 "Why the Boy Went Away," President Levi T. Pennington, Pacific College. 11:45 "The Place of the Christian College in Training Teachers of Religious Education," Dean Alden, Williamette University.

Afternoon

- 1:30 Singing, led by Carrol Roberts. Prayer, Rev. F. T. Porter, Salem. Special Music: Ladies Quartet, First Christian Church, Salem. 2:00 Teen Age Time on Timely Topics. "Mother as Chum," Martha Ferguson, Hood River. A Girl of fourteen. "The Klud of Sunday School I Like," Jack Burleson, McMinnville. A boy of sixteen. The Surprise. 3:00 "The Teen Age Teacher's Opportunity," Rev. E. W. Halpeny. 3:30 to 5:30 School of Methods.

Evening

- 7:30 Patriotic Music, led by Dr. H. C. Epley. Prayer, Rev. H. C. Stogier, Salem. Special Music: Male Quartet, First Christian Church. Report of Resolutions Committee. 8:10 Patriotic Pageant. "The Clean Flag." Arranged and directed by Rev. Howard McConnell, Dallas. Given by the Young People of the Christian Church, Dallas. Assistants: Sunday School Pupils, Salem. Address by "Somebody" from the Army Camp. 9:30 Patriotic Song. "The Star Spangled Banner." Lorene Porter, Salem. Ten years old. Benediction. Adjournment.

## Why Not Be Good to Yourself

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## LETTER FROM SOUTH AFRICA

### Mrs. Mary E. Anderson Tells Interestingly of Life of Missionary

Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital, has received an interesting letter from Mrs. Mary E. Anderson, who with her husband, is a missionary in South Africa. Their station is known as Greenville mission and is in Pondoland. The voyage was made to South Africa more than a year ago and the Indian liner narrowly escaped one of the German raiders. Mrs. Anderson is known to a number of Salem church workers. She is principal of a girl's boarding school at the mission. She writes as follows: "I have not forgotten my promise to write to you, but you will think that I have taken a long time to do it. Well I have, but things move slowly in the east and an American at last succumbs to the inevitable even though he may put up a fight to resist.

"One year ago to-morrow we arrived at this place after a very pleasant voyage of six weeks, including a few stops. We went by the South line to avoid the excitement of the war zone proper, only to be in line of that raider while it was doing so much mischief as you have read. There was no little anxiety among the officers of our boat and though they were quiet yet they took every pains to protect the passengers. The chief engineer told my husband that they were apt to run across the enemy any moment and that the ladies should sleep with clothes on. But, thanks to Our Heavenly Father, we saw nothing to make us afraid. When we reached Cape Town, they told us that ten steamers had been sunk in the line of our path and while we were in those waters.

"We had a great variety of people on board. It was an Indian liner and the coolies did us nice service. The bill of fare at the tables was not as much as we had had in the past, though we were in the first class. This was because of war conditions and none felt to grumble.

"There were the usual amusements on board, any thing that was wanted from dancing, gambling, drinking, musicals, moving picture shows, and lantern slides to show up mission work. There were many religious services and entertainments until the time passed by very fast.

"The sea was like glass, most the way, for smoothness. Very few were sea sick this time. But it is not comfortable to the nerves to travel during these troublesome times, and we were so glad to reach land.

"I must not infringe upon your time but I suppose you will be interested to hear how we are making it in this far off land. Mr. Anderson did not risk it to bring many things out with us from America. So he did his purchasing in Durham, (Port Natal). His Ford cost him \$1050 and gas now is a dollar a gallon. He is delighted with the service he gets out of his car for our holidays are dreadfully sleep and the Ford just keeps right at it until we are safely up and gone. Just an ordinary saddle horse costs \$75 to \$80 and our cows were \$100 each. We have grass the year around so the keeping of these animals is not much. There is so much sickness among animals. The sheep are dying this year. No remedy seem to save them. We lost two of ours and several have been sick and recovered. But we cannot say whether the medicine we gave helped or not. The people say there is no help, if they live they live, if they are to die they die.

"The natives are behaving well so far even though they hear a lot about the war and they know that many

have left South Africa for the front. The Pandos have always been quite loyal to the government for their chief invited the British government to come and stop the tribal wars in this part of Africa.

"I am wondering how my brother, Irving K. Damon, is by this time. My mother writes me that he is not so well as he was. You will remember that I took him to Seattle for three weeks in 1916. I found it such a bitter disappointment to him to return him, for he thought he was well enough to be released and when I left him I was under the impression that his visit home did him more harm than good because of that. I cannot thank you enough for your kindness shown to me when I visited your institution there."

## More Men Are Classified By Local War Draft Board

Several more draft men were classified at the office of the local draft board yesterday. They were as follows:

Class A-1—Andrew C. Latimer, Salem; Charles N. Ruzgles, Salem; Arthur Holtzman, Salem.

Class 1-1—Arthur A. Prinn, Macleay; Michael Oeder, Mill City; Dwight I. Richter, Salem; Conrad H. Spencer, Stayton; Joseph J. Spainol; Merrill D. Richmond, Salem; Leo Sutter, Salem; Lewis H. Siddall, Salem; Manley J. Stone, Mehama; Ivan G. McDaniel, Salem; Fred Muller, Silverton; Ernest F. Powell, Jefferson; Arthur W. Smilther, Salem; Fred L. Nutting, Silverton; Samuel A. Putney, Silverton; Fred Sitter, Stayton; Albert B. Stettler, Salem; George G. Page, Salem; Roy A. Snoderly, Jefferson.

Class 5-G—Harold E. Roop, Silverton; Joseph Odenthal, Sublimity.

Class 4-A—Newton Knutson, Bear Lake, Alberta, Canada.

## KEMMEL HILL TAKEN BY ARMY OF ENEMY

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This morning the French and British troops countered and succeeded in making some progress, capturing a number of prisoners. Later in the day the enemy renewed his attacks, directing his assaults with particular insistence against the positions from Loere to La Crytte and Scherpenberg, all the enemy's attacks have been held, but after severe fighting, in the course of which a series of determined attacks were repulsed with heavy losses to his troops, he succeeded in pressing our line back in the direction of Loere. On both sides of the Ypres-Comines canal, the enemy also made some progress.

## FRENCH REPORT SUCCESS.

PARIS, April 26.—Counter-attacks against the German lines from Villers-Bretonneux to south of the Luce were launched this morning by our troops, who succeeded, despite the fierce resistance of the enemy who had brought up important forces, in retaking a large part of the ground which had been lost in that region, says the official statement issued by the war office tonight.

## Barbers of Oregon May Quit Unless Pay Is Raised

A report reaches Salem that Oregon barbers contemplate leaving the shops for more lucrative employment unless they are accorded an increase in wages in the very near future. The prevailing minimum wage for barbers is said to be \$18 a week, and the argument is made that much easier money can be made in the poorest paying jobs about the shipyards. No definite information concerning the plan can be obtained at the present time or relative to the attitude that may be taken by the shop owners if a concerted demand for higher pay is made by the employees.

## An Inside Bath Makes You Look and Feel Fresh

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Those who wake up with bad breath, coated tongue, nasty taste or have a dull, aching head, sallow complexion, acid stomach; others who are subject to bilious attacks or constipation, should obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store. This will cost very little but is sufficient to demonstrate the value of inside bathing.

## FUTURE DATES

April 25 to 27—Western Oregon Sunday school convention in Salem.  
May 2, Thursday—Dedication of Champees memorial building.  
May 17, Friday—Primary nominating election.  
May 20 to 27—Second Red Cross war fund campaign.  
May 22 and 23, Wednesday and Thursday—War conference in Portland.  
June 4, 5, 6 and 7—State Grange convention in Salem.  
June 14, Friday—High School commencement exercises.  
June 29—Reunion of Oregon Pioneer association, Portland.

## EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

The Statesman is pleased to print communications upon topics of general interest at any time. There is scarcely any limit to the topics of "general interest." It is asked only that correspondents refrain from personalities and use care that nothing be written of a libelous nature. Letters must have writer's name and address, though not necessarily for publication.—Ed.

## Rigidon Favors Oath.

Editor Statesman: I am very greatly pleased to read the oath of allegiance which has been freely and generally taken by the shipbuilders in the employ of the Standifer corporation, a shipbuilding company. The company is to be congratulated in having such loyal and patriotic men in its employ and it is to be hoped the workers in other shipyards will follow this commendable act of loyalty to our country. Such men will receive the most sincere thanks of every loyal citizen in our whole country who fully appreciate the deep debt of gratitude due to such defenders of liberty and justice. Our boys who are fighting in the trenches and those others who are operating our battle craft upon the high seas, and the operators of transports and freighters will all rejoice upon receiving such welcome news. If there is any one thing that cheers the soldier and the marine, it is to know a loyal people are doing all that is possible to keep him supplied with food, clothing, medicine and war munitions.

But let it also be said that it is no more fitting that shipbuilders should take such an oath than that all other craftsmen should also signify their purposes to do so.

Let me say it would be so, an unpleasant piece of news for the Kaiser's contemplation if every loyal citizen in our common country would

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The State is entitled to the active services of a man who knows how to work. Work for the State generally and work for the people of the State, both individually and collectively.

Oregon does not need any orators are a drug on the market, and like constitutional lawyers, they do not get anything.

The Federal government needs all the assistance Oregon can give, but is not receiving it because it has not been put up to the department on a business basis.

Today business men are having more to do with the government affairs than ever before. We are spending twenty-four million dollars a day and the people who will pay this money are the people who actually create wealth, the farmer, producer and the toiler.

Our prosperity depends upon our continued industrial activities and every one of these should be maintained at the maximum capacity.

The prosperity of the small farmer, the small producer and the small manufacturer is as essential to the State and the Nation as the prosperity of the big man, every one of our occupations should be given equal consideration regardless of the amount produced.

Every encouragement must be given to increase production and this can be obtained only through assurance that the small farmer as well as the big man is going to receive his proportionate share of the war expenditures, and that there will be a market for his products and a profit to him for his work based proportionately upon his cost of production.

There must be equality in all phases of our State and National industry, and the small fellow must not be forgotten, overlooked or crowded out through the rush for big things and big orders and big accomplishments.

If the people of the State want a business man, a worker, a man who knows, is thoroughly acquainted with every phase of the industrial situation in Oregon, a man who is capable, honest and fearless, a man who has by his own labor and through his own advancement aided in the progress and development of Oregon, they want Robert N. Stanfield.

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subscribe to an oath something like the following: "I hereby pledge my full and unreserved allegiance to the Stars and Stripes, the ensign of the grandest country upon this globe. And I solemnly promise to make whatever sacrifice is necessary to support to the best of my ability every measure advanced by my government for the winning of this awful and cruel war.

And, further, I will earnestly and persistently seek to make myself useful in some necessary employment, and to give to that employment diligently all the time I can possibly spare from other indispensable labors. So help me, God." Now, Mr. Editor, if you think these are worthy of repetition, please give them space. —W. T. Rigidon.

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### CHINESE HAVE LONG LIST.

SHANGHAI, April 26.—The casualties sustained by the southern troops in their revolt against the Chinese government are estimated at 8000 officers and men, while the northern troops are reported to have 12,000 officers and men killed and wounded.

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