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PREPARATION FOR ADVANCE NIPPED EARLY

French Launch Successful Counter-Attack When Huns About to Move Forward, Says Report.

FOUR DIVISIONS OF GERMANS PUSHED BACK

Rerlin Claims Capture of Carpoint Wood—Battle Continues Fiercely.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, June 12.—(Noon)—On a width of battle front 3000 yards in extent no fewer than four German divisions, more than 50,000 men, were preparing to hit hard blows when the French yesterday launched a highly successful counter attack south of Montdidier. The density of the German troops was fatal for them because the entente allied artillery, machine guns, riflemen and aviators were able to aim point-blank range into these masses of men. This concentrated fire did terrible execution. The battle continued throughout the night and in the early hours this morning, when the entente allies made a further advance to the east of Nery, which is a most important point, as it commands the valley.

Towards the center the enemy launched several attacks today but the line held firmly, although some enemy detachments succeeded in filtering into the Matz valley through the wooded country.

FRENCH MAKE ADVANCES.

PARIS, June 12.—The French troops have made further advances around Bello and St. Maair and have captured 400 additional prisoners, some cannon and machine guns, according to the war office announcement tonight. They have also recaptured Montcourt and part of Buslaires, north of the Marne.

The official report says that the French troops were withdrawn east of the Oise, along the line of Bailly, Tracy-de-Val and Nampel, under the protection of covering detachments.

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New Registrants May Still Enlist in Navy

New registrants may still enlist in the navy providing they have certificates from the local draft board, according to a telegram received yesterday by Recruiting Officer Adams from Portland headquarters. The message, quotes a notification received from Washington as follows: "The provost marshal general has informed this bureau that new registrants may enlist in the navy upon securing the usual certificates from their local boards, inasmuch as new registrants have not been classified they are not within the current quota until classification and there is no reason why such certificates should not be issued upon request."

Dish Towels Are Needed by Red Cross Chapter

DALLAS, June 12.—(Special to The Statesman)—The members of the Red Cross auxiliary of Williamette chapter in this city have received word from headquarters of that organization that a call has been made for dish towels and dish cloths for use in the army cantonments. The amount of articles asked for the Dallas chapter is 300 towels and 75 cloths. The officers of the local auxiliary have already begun a campaign for the needed articles and they will be collected and forwarded to the Salem chapter at an early date.

ELKS' PROGRAM TO BE AT PARK

Annual Flag Day Exercises Friday Night—Toozie to Give Oration.

Flag day exercises of the Salem Elks will be public as usual and will take place in Wilson park at 8 o'clock tomorrow night. In addition to the program of addresses and music the ritualistic flag service of the order will be given, including the erection of the liberty bell.

Members of the lodge will meet at the Elks temple at 7:30 o'clock and will march to Wilson park headed by the band. An effort is being made to have a uniformed company of the Oregon guard troops march with the Elks, but this has not been finally determined upon.

The flag day oration will be given by Walter L. Toozie. Tributes to the flag will be paid in an address by B. W. Macy and the history of the flag will be given by John H. Carson. Miss Ada Miller will sing and music will be furnished by the band.

BEEF SAVING IS ASKED BY GOVERNMENT

Administration Suggests Limited Allowance until September 15—Demands for Meat Heavy.

PORK MAY BE USED AS PRACTICAL SUBSTITUTE

Purchases Not to Exceed One and One-Quarter Pounds Each Week.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—To meet the needs of the American and allied armies and the civilian populations of France, Great Britain and Italy, the American people were asked by the food administration today to place themselves on a limited beef allowance from now until next September 15.

Householders were requested to "under any circumstances" to buy more than one and one quarter pounds of clear beef weekly, or one half pound, including the bone, for each person in the household.

Hotel and restaurants were asked not to serve boiled beef more than one meal weekly.

The demand for beef for our army, the armies of the allies and their civilian populations for this summer, said the food administration's announcement, "are beyond our present supplies. On the other hand, we have enough increased supply of pork this summer to permit economical expansion in its use. It, therefore, will be a direct service to our armies and the allies if our people will in some degree substitute fresh pork, bacon, ham and sausage for beef products."

"The public will realize that the changing conditions make it impossible to determine policies for a long period in advance. We have recently asked for economies in all meat consumption; we wish now to emphasize further reduction of beef by the substitution of pork. It is anticipated that this program will hold good until September 15 and the cooperation of the public is most earnestly requested."

YAQUINA JETTY IS IN DANGER

Increased Freight Rates May Cause Cancellation of Contract.

Unless the federal railroad administration can be prevailed upon to waive the freight rate increases for transportation of rock, the joint port organizations of Newport and Toledo fear they will be compelled to abandon construction of the jetty and harbor improvement now in progress in Yaquina bay. In a letter to the public service commission officials of the joint port organization ask the commissioners to do all possible to save the project. Yaquina bay is a government waterway and with the completion of improvements will become important as a "harbor of refuge."

The project was approved by a board of United States army engineers for rivers and harbors and was recommended to congress by Secretary of War Baker. The improvement is in progress under a permit issued by the secretary of war and is under direct supervision of the United States army engineers for rivers and harbors. The port districts entered into a contract with the Miami Quarry company of Portland for pulling the south city at a cost of \$253,000. Plans call for 225,000 tons of rock which must be hauled by rail a distance of twenty miles. When the contract was made the established rate was 25 cents a ton. Since then the rate has been raised to 35 cents making an added cost of \$22,500 for hauling the rock, and now notification has been received that another increase of 9 cents will be effective June 25, which will add \$20,250 more, or a total increase of \$42,750 for hauling the rock since the contract was made.

Port officials say they fear the Miami company will ask a cancellation of their contract if the latest increase is not waived. The burden of improvement is by direct taxation and port officials say they feel it is a patriotic work worthy of consideration. Bonds have been issued to meet obligations under the contract and the officials say they are in danger of losing, not only the improvement itself, but a large part of the money already expended and the interest burden on the bonds.

Important Topics Before General Military Staff

Major A. A. Hall returned recently from a conference with the members of the general military staff in Portland at which a number of important topics were up for discussion, but on which definite action was postponed until a future meeting.

The general staff is a body having charge of all the military and naval activities of the state, having jurisdiction over the work of the draft boards, Oregon guards and state constabulary assuming all such duties as the federal government has laid upon such bodies in the respective states in connection with the present war. It is made up of the following officers:

Lieutenant Colonel Williams, adjutant general; colonel W. C. North, commanding first regiment of Oregon guards; Major Hubbard, of the Multnomah Home guards. Major Deich commanding the state constabulary; Major A. A. Hall, commanding second battalion of First regiment, Oregon guards; Captain James, assistant to the adjutant general.

Major A. A. Hall, who was recently appointed by Governor Withycombe a member of the general staff for a period of two years, has no only been very active in building up the military organizations in Marion county, but has seen several years service with the Second Idaho infantry and with the Third Oregon infantry.

UNIFORMS HAVE ALL ATTENTION HARRIS FINDS

Activity in Bustling Portland "Y" Described by Man Going Overseas.

CIVILIANS ARE KINDLY

Nothing too Good for Soldiers—Best of Entertainment Afforded.

By R. A. HARRIS.

"Pardon me, are you an army man?"

"Well, not exactly."

"This entertainment is for army men exclusively."

Thus the unsophisticated in civilian costume—though feeling that he almost entitled to recognition if he had had the tenacity after such a rebuff, to disclose the important information that he had passed several laps in the journey to a Y. M. C. A. secretaryship overseas—impressed, kindly but frankly, with the degree of popularity that goes with a khaki uniform in the wide-awake Y. M. C. A. at Portland.

"Here's a man wants to take four soldiers for a free ride over Columbia Highway," calls out a bustling young "Y" man as he walks out among the boys in uniform that throng the corridors on Sunday morning. The four are soon found.

Another soldier, a trifle lonely looking, is asked by a young man, also in khaki: "Would you like to go for an auto ride? Two young women and myself are going and we need another to complete the party."

The face of the soldier boy addressed brightens up as he replies that he would be glad to go.

A large placard mounted on a tripod announces a "Wide Awake Breakfast" in the cafeteria dining room below at 9 a. m. to which all men are invited, and we wonder if the words "all men" can possibly include those not in uniform. To be absolutely sure this time we make inquiry in a low tone of the young man at the counter if the announcement recognizes persons not in uniform as men, to which he cheerfully replies that it does if they are not women.

Thus reassured, we repair in due time to the diningroom designated where a young musician is already posted at the piano while the tables are filling with men, principally in uniform, who have brought with them their breakfast trays and countenances bespeaking the degree of satisfaction and anticipation they evidently feel.

The leader announced a song which sufficed for grace, and after breakfast had been disposed of, another song was followed by a violin solo. Next is announced a vocal solo by Mr. Morgan, whom we are tang so well he was called back twice by vigorous encouragements.

The address by B. F. Mulkey, with titles as a foundation, and the fact that its coming is told to a minute months if not years in advance, he demonstrated the wonderful order that pervades the universe and bespeaks an equally wonderful and intelligent source.

"Get the habit," says a printed program; while in Portland make yourself at home at the Y. M. C. A. tonight, Saturday, June 8, 7 to 11. Al Frank's side-splitting comedy; Mrs. R. P. Bennett, co-traitor; Lieutenant George C. L. Snyder (Sa-

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DIPLOMA IS GIVEN MAN IN UNIFORM

Harry Bowers Here from Camp Lewis in Order to Receive Bachelor's Degree from University.

WILLAMETTE PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Edgar B. Piper Gives Patriotic Message to Class—Dean Alden Presides.

For the first time in the history of Willamette university, yesterday morning a member of the senior class received his diploma, not in the conventional cap and gown of a college graduate, but in the uniform of the United States army. Harry Bowers, one of the thirty-three given the degree of bachelor of arts in the First Methodist church, was here on a three days furlough from Camp Lewis in order that he might take part in the commencement exercises.

Edgar B. Piper, editor of the Oregonian, in his address, brought home to class their patriotic duty. "You are living in amazing and perilous times," he said. "The seventy-four classes that have gone before you have sought to do their individual duty in times of peace. There has been no jeopardy of their liberty, equality and freedom. They have served their God first and their community and state second. It is a long record and a commendable one. But times have changed."

"If I have any messages to bring to this class," he went on, "it is that there are now more than ordinary obligations of citizenship resting upon you. Beside doing your duty at home you must look abroad and see that the falling peoples have a right to live in their own way without the aggression of a tyrant. It is your duty, having preserved liberty, equality and freedom, to pass it on to your sons and daughters and to their sons and daughters forever after."

Prizes Announced.

Mr. Piper told of the answer America has given to the call for troops and explained the principles they are fighting for, comparing them with those of the central powers. His message was specially interesting to the class by reason of the fact that the speaker is a graduate of Willamette.

Announcement of this year's prizes aroused much interest. They included the following:

Keys prizes for first and second honors in oratory—Miss Evadne M. Harrison of Portland, first and Paul Wapato of Okanogan, Washington, second.

Steeves prizes for first and second places in debate—Arlie G. Walker of Woodburn and Otto K. Paulus of Salem.

Miss Evadne Harrison of Portland, Miss Grace Barclay of Salem, a sophomore; excellence in constitutional history of the United States, Miss Mary Eyre of Salem. Honorable mention was also given Mr. Walker.

Five Are Senior Scholars.

The new title of "senior scholar" was given the following juniors: Biology, Miss West; Mulligan; chemistry, Glenn Teeters; English, Miss Helen Goltra; history, Miss Elizabeth Briggs; Latin, Miss Mary Paroungab.

In addition to bachelor of arts degrees nine were given that of bachelor of laws and five young women received certificates in public school music. The honorary degree of doctor of divinity was given President Carl Gregg Doney, now in France.

Dean George H. Alden presided at the commencement exercises and was assisted by Rev. William Steward Gordon, Rev. Henry J. Talbot and Rev. Hiram Goulet. Miss Louisa Benson and Miss Lela Belle McCadd-Benson each gave vocal solos and Dr. Frank Wilbur Chase played the professional and recreational. The church was bright with quantities of flowers and greenery arranged across the front. Seats were reserved for the graduating class and faculty members.

Strawberry Crop is Far Shorter Than for Years

DALLAS, June 12.—(Special to The Statesman)—R. S. Fisher, the strawberry king of this vicinity, reports with a number of other growers that the crop this year will be shorter than for many years past. The berries are selling for \$3 a crate at present and Mr. Fisher predicts that they will not be sold at a lower price this season. One day last week for about an hour only they sold at \$2.75.

Shipyard Accidents to Be Reviewed by Commission

At the request of H. A. Schultz, chief safety engineer of the United States shipping board emergency fleet corporation, the state industrial accident commission will make a review of all accidents that have occurred in the last six months in Oregon shipbuilding plants that are engaged in the construction of ships for the government. A campaign for accident prevention is being undertaken by the government and the data to be compiled by the accident commission is to assist the emergency fleet corporation in its campaign.

SALEM-AURORA ROAD IMPROVED

Government Sanction Received and Advertisement of Bids Begun.

Government approval also has been received for the Salem-Aurora stretch of the Pacific Highway, a post road to be improved under the Bean-Barrett law. The cost will be \$348,000, half to be paid by the government and half by the state. A contract for the work will probably be let at a meeting of the commission to be called about June 22. Advertisements for bids on the project was begun yesterday.

Government approval was received by the state highway commission yesterday for the issue of \$500,000 in road bonds which will be part of the \$2,000,000 which the state is allowed to issue this year under the \$6,000,000 bonding bill. Of this amount \$500,000 has already been issued, and after the issue approved yesterday \$10,000 more could be issued. This year the project will be \$157,000, the probable that further issue will be made.

Money raised by the issue approved will be for the completion of the road building program started by the commission last year. No new work of great importance has been started this year. The bonds will draw 4 per cent.

The forestry department of the government is now advertising for bids for construction of the Canyonville-Galeville road in Douglas county in what is known as the Cow Creek canyon. Total cost of this project will be \$157,000, the government and the state each paying \$67,000 and the county \$23,000. The state highway commission will leave for Portland next Tuesday for a tour of all work on the Pacific highway and the projects adjacent.

THE WEATHER

Thursday showers and thunderstorms; cooler, except near the coast. Moderate westerly winds.

Bargain Day Promises Are Personally Made

Some of the Bargain Day Stores tell what they will offer the Public for Salem's Second Annual Bargain Day, Saturday, June 15. Other promises will be published in tomorrow's issue of The Statesman.

We will give 5 per cent discount on tires, tubes, ball soles and vulcanizing on Bargain Day. International Rubber Sales Co.

We will give a Bargain Day special in each of our thirty departments—each special an unusually economical buy. F. W. Woolworth Co.

An extra pair of pants with each suit ordered Bargain Day. Scotch Woolen Mills Store.

Ten per cent off on tires and tubes; 5 per cent off on all cars, tractors, plows, discs, etc. Valley Motor Co.

Big reductions throughout our entire store. Our display windows will give you an idea of the bargains to be found inside. G. W. Johnson & Sons.

Hundreds of items specially reduced for Bargain Day only. These are substantial reductions and will mean a big saving to buyers. Sampson & Gideon.

Ten per cent discount on everything in our store except patent medicines—Bargain Day only. Brewer Drug Co.

Considerable reduction on all fish on hand Bargain Day. Fitts Market.

Ten per cent off on Harford tires, tubes, lawn mowers, and 5 per cent off on any article in the store except nails and rope. Greater reductions on many special articles. Ray L. Farmer Hwd. Co.

We are not going to give a reduction on our general stock but we are going to give unusual reductions on lines which we wish to close out. We have gone through the stock and selected all the odds and ends. You

CHILD IS KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Thunder Storm Sweep Over Wide Portion of Oregon and Eastern Washington—Wire Service Checked.

PORTLAND STREET CARS ARE HELD UP

Man Seriously Injured in Lane County—Thought Likely to Die from Burns.

PORTLAND, June 12.—Severe thunder storms swept over a wide area in Oregon and Eastern Washington today. At Bend, in Central Oregon, Walter Richards as 11-year-old boy, was struck by a thunderbolt and instantly killed. At Noti, in Lape county, near the coast, Ernest Hilliard, a donkey engine driver at a logging camp, was struck by lightning and injured so badly that it was said he would likely die.

In Portland the entire street car and electric lighting system was demoralized. Power poles were felled at some points and wires melted. The city fire alarm system wires were struck and the headquarters station was made untenable for a time. Two fires at widely separated points in the city were set by lightning, but did no serious damage.

In the grain district surrounding Walla Walla, Wash., there were severe thunder and lightning but only a little rain. In the Pendleton and La Grande districts, also swept by the storm, it was said the rains had been of great benefit to growing wheat.

WANTS ACT EXPLAINED.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—Senator Johnson of California, in a speech today called upon the administration to explain why Major General Leonard Wood is kept at home instead of being sent to France with his division. He said that the country was entitled to know the reason for the step.

BARGAINS FOR BARGAIN DAY

We have gone through our stock and cleared our shelves of broken lines, odds and short lengths. These are marked down, for Saturday's selling, to such a degree as to make them real worthwhile bargains.

SHOES

Women's White Canvas Button Oxfords and Shoes at \$1.35 and \$1.75. Old Ladies' Lace Oxfords, extra wide, former price \$1.60, reduced to \$1.25. Low Heel Lace Oxfords, extra wide, former price \$1.95, reduced to \$1.55. Broken lots women's low shoes, mostly Patent Pumps, some with straps, formerly priced at \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.25, for Bargain Day, \$2.20, \$2.40 and \$2.75. Broken lots Girls' Low Shoes, sizes 8 1/2 to 2 in patent and gun metal strap slippers, reduced to \$1.50, \$1.70 and \$1.85.

MEN'S SHOES

A full line of Gun Metal Button Shoes, extra good values at former price of \$5.85. Get a pair at \$4.65. A fine Kid Lace Blucher, straight last dress shoe, reduced from \$5.85 to \$4.45.

SILKS

Short lengths, from 1 1/2 to 6 yards in fancy silks, stripes and plaids, plain colored chiffon taffeta and others priced up to \$2.00 a yard, bargain day special, \$1.35.

DRESS GOODS

Short lengths of all kinds suitable for dress patterns, skirt patterns, waist patterns and other purposes at cut prices that will clean them up quickly.

Bear in mind that every purchase today is a bargain, considering market conditions, but these are just a few of the SPECIAL BARGAINS you'll find here Saturday, all of which are worth your time coming after.

Barnes' Cash Store

E. T. BARNES, PROPRIETOR

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