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**WILD RUMORS
 ARE CURRENT**

**Chautauqua Superintendent
 Is Misled by Report on
 "Wires at Depot"**

Rumors were current yesterday in Salem regarding the supposed capture of the German crown prince's army of 500,000 men, street gossip running riot on the subject and enlarging it into a total defeat of the Huns. Probably the greatest number of people were misled by an announcement made from the platform at Chautauqua by the superintendent who claimed to have secured his information from "wires at the depot," which had the news before it had time to come through on the Associated Press lines.

It is practically impossible for any news to get across the continent before the Associated Press can send it. The service has its representatives stationed along the entire front and is in close touch with the war department. No authentic reports can come more rapidly than over these wires.

The Statesman's night wire does not open until late in the afternoon, but in case of news of extraordinary importance, such as large allied gains occurring, the Associated Press sends special telegrams to the office during the day. There are posted in the windows and are at the service of the public. No rumors are telegraphed, only facts.

**FOR CONSTIPATION AND
 BILIOUSNESS**

George Jenner, 416 Labor street, San Antonio, Texas, writes: "Foley Cathartic Tablets have proven the best laxative I have taken and I recommend them to sufferers from constipation or biliousness. They should be in every traveling man's grip." Relieve sick headache, bloating or other condition caused by bad digestion.—J. C. Perry.

PERSONAL

Engineer R. D. Cooper, who arrived in the city from Bend some days ago, has just gone over to the Yaquina bay country with a view to taking up employment with the new railroad project which is destined to open up the spruce belt in that region.

Mrs. J. G. Riggs and children arrived in the city yesterday from Grants Pass, stopping for a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Prescott on their way to Pullman, Wash. Mr. Riggs, a prominent real estate dealer, is handling a big real estate proposition in that part of the country. Otis C. Compton, of Seio, 19 years old, has recently enlisted for the coast artillery, leaving at once for Fort Lawton.

Mrs. Catha Gregory, of the Bligh hotel, leaves this morning for Newport where she will enjoy an outing of ten days.

Ivan G. McDaniel, who is stationed with the signal service at Portland and will spend a few days in the city looking after business matters.

C. W. Niemeyer states that during the past few days there have been a number of people in his office from Ohio, South Dakota, Kansas, and other states, looking over the valley with a view to securing farm locations. One or two of the number are men of large capital who will do things on a large scale if they decide to locate here.

Mrs. Mae Ivie of the Capital hotel left yesterday afternoon for Portland for a brief visit with Miss Pearl Klump.

Mrs. Ella Vinson of Winfield, Ia., who has been a guest with Mrs. H. E. Bollinger, left yesterday afternoon for the east.

Mrs. C. Safran and Mrs. James Elliott were Dallas people stopping in Salem yesterday.

Miss Mabel Eaton, of Monmouth visited briefly in Salem Friday.

Mrs. T. A. Mariels came in from Lyons yesterday for a short stay in the city.

Mrs. J. A. Taylor, of Scotts Mills, was among visitors in Salem Friday. Walter J. Kirk, who enlisted in the navy some time ago, is to report at Bremerton on August 1.

Wilhoit Mineral Springs—Greatest health resort in the West. An ideal place to spend your summer vacation—32 miles from Salem. Excellent accommodations. Ideal surroundings. Good fishing. For full information, address W. F. McLaren, Wilhoit, Oregon.

**Furlough Ends, and Boys
 Go Back to Radio School**

DALLAS, Or., July 26.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Glen Holman and Harry Graves, two Dallas boys who have been in this city visiting with their parents for the past couple of weeks, left today for Mare Island, Calif., where they will resume their studies in the radio school of Uncle Sam. The boys have been home on a leave to help in harvesting the crops on the lands of their parents but are anxious to get back to study again.

**FOR MIDDLE-AGED MEN AND
 WOMEN**

The kidneys work day and night to filter and cast out from the blood stream impurities that cause aches and pains when permitted to remain. It is only natural these important organs should slow up and require aid in middle age. Foley Kidney Pills help overworked, tired and diseased kidneys and bladder.—J. C. Perry.

Fishermen are now claiming that bait ought to be standardized. It used to be when it came in bottles.

What finally became of that scheme for everybody to eat whale meat?

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**MIDGET
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**\$300,000 Company Forms
 New Organization in State**

Supplementary articles of incorporation were filed with Corporation Commissioner Schulerman yesterday by the Columbia Woolen company, designating the company as the Oregon Worsted company. The offices are in Portland. The capitalization is \$300,000 and the incorporators are Roy T. Bishop, Charles H. Carey, H. L. Corbett, J. L. Bowman, E. B. MacNaughton and J. A. Zehnbauser.

**PORTLAND RATES
 WILL BE LOWER**

Commissioner Wells Has Report From Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau

State Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells has received a report from the Oregon Insurance Rating bureau showing that fire insurance rates on virtually all buildings in the first fifty blocks re-surveyed by the bureau will be reduced. As rapidly as the re-surveys proceed the new ratings will be published in fifty-block groups, according to James N. McCune, manager of the bureau.

In the section of buildings covered by the report to Mr. Wells it is shown that the average rate reduction on 302 buildings is 9.9 per cent. The reduction averaged 9.37 per cent on 280 brick buildings and 16.65 per cent on twenty-two frame buildings. On two buildings no change was made.

An average increase in rates is shown for twenty-two brick buildings of 16.9 per cent and of 14.5 per cent on two frame buildings. The report covers blocks Nos. 1 to 50, embracing a total of 328 buildings, twenty-four being of frame construction and 304 of masonry.

WAR SUMMARY!

(By The Associated Press)
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The Germans strove hard to hold back the French and American troops in the forest north of the Marne, debouching from the woods in strong counter-attacks. The enemy everywhere was forced farther back and the forests have been almost entirely cleared of Germans.

Southwest of Rheims heavy reinforcements have been thrown along the front. In the region of Reuil, where the battle line turns sharply toward Rheims, the French have captured several points of vantage, including the village of Reuil. They have advanced northward, notwithstanding the violence of the counter move.

To the northeast, where the Germans are facing the British, the Germans have recaptured Mery and Hill 204, but the British have retained their hold on Vriqny and most of the other territory taken in that region.

Eastward from Rheims in Champagne, the French have now regained nearly all their old line positions and daily art harassing the Germans with counter attacks.

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**BLUE SKY LAW
 SAVES OREGON**

Disloyal Fakirs Selling Bogus Stock Not Able to Operate Here

Through the operation of the blue sky law as applied through the office of Corporation Commissioner Schulerman, Oregon has been able to protect its citizens against the inroads of fake stock and bond salesmen who have been giving the government serious concern since the inauguration of the liberty loan.

Dispensers of fake oil and coal stock have been operating widely throughout the country and victimizing many people with the argument that fuel needs of the government in the emergency of war demand the development of new oil wells. Information from Washington tells of the launching of a nation-wide plan to minimize the fraud, and to this end the American Bankers' association, the Investment Bankers' association, the United States Chamber of Commerce and the Associated Advertising clubs are co-operating.

It is said that the fake operators offer to exchange their stock for liberty bonds. While some of the bogus oil companies have sent their agents into this state they have been detected soon enough to be thwarted by publicity.

**Economy May Be Fostered
 by Union of Laboratories**

Governor Withycombe yesterday appointed John H. Burghard of Portland to represent the state at a conference for consideration of a proposal to consolidate the health departments of Multnomah county, the state and the city of Portland. The conference was held at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Portland city hall. The appointment by the governor was made at the request of Mayor Baker who also invited the governor to attend, but the latter was unable to present. The consolidation, if carried out, will invoke the union of three laboratories and is a measure of economy. A similar consolidation was proposed by Governor Withycombe in his message to the legislature in 1915.

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Warning has been sounded by the British premier to the striking munitions workers that they must return to work by Monday or become liable to the provisions of the military service act.

**Question of Women in
 Pulpits Is Passed Up**

EUGENE, Or., July 26.—By a small majority the Presbyterian synod of Oregon at its closing session this afternoon tabled a resolution to the general assembly of the Presbyterian church that women be permitted to serve as ministers in the church as a war measure. Reports submitted to the synod show that 25 per cent of the ministers of the Presbyterian church are engaged in war work and the suggestion that the pulpits be opened to women was advanced as a solution of the problem of caring for the church at home. The resolution was worded to the effect that discrimination in the book of government against women be removed.

In France and Flanders the British have been compelled to withstand several violent attacks by the Germans, near Hebuterne and in the vicinity of Meteren. The enemy in both sectors was repulsed with heavy casualties.

On the other battle fronts the military activity is normal, although considerable fighting continues in Macedonia and Albania with the allied troops holding the upper hand.

The British navy has lost the armed cruiser Marmorra through a submarine attack while a topedobost destroyer has run aground and sunk.

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CITY NEWS

THEATRES

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LIBERTY—Liberty near State street. High class reels. "Hate" in six reels.

BLIGH—State between Liberty and High. Mutual and Bluebird films. Special films. Hippodrome vaudeville.

Dance Tonight; 8:30—
 Moose hall. Come early.

R. L. Roberts Enlists—
 Raymond L. Roberts left Salem yesterday to enter the navy as a seaman.

Selling for Cash—
 Commencing July 1 we established our business on a strictly cash basis. Patton's Book Store.

Donation Given—
 The Red Cross has received a donation of \$50 this week from the Hayward-Dickson meetings. This money was the proceeds from a collection taken Monday night.

Big Dance—
 Frank Doerfler's barn. Saturday night. Benefit of McAlpin Knitting club.

Returns From Long Trip—
 Father J. R. Buck, priest of St. Joseph's Catholic church, has returned from an extended tour of the United States. He visited from Tampa, Fla., to points in British Columbia.

Lou's Quick Lunch—
 High St. opp. Oregon Elec. depot.

Secure Licenses to Wed—
 Marriage licenses were issued in Vancouver, Wash., yesterday, to Ed. Mason, 35, of Salem, and Hattie Mabel Peterson, 21, of Portland; also Clarence B. Blundell, 28, and Myrtle C. Herdlein, 30, both of Salem.

Cheap Tents—
 At E. L. Stiff & Son's, 446 Court street. Just received, 25 second hand ones.

Girls Are Wanted—
 A. L. Wallace, chairman of the souvenir committee for Bridge day wants about thirty girls to volunteer to sell Red-Cross souvenir flags on Monday in the business district and also sell them Tuesday at Marion square or anywhere else about the city. Five thousand of the flags have been ordered and it is believed all of them can be sold.

Camp Stoves—
 And camp furniture at E. L. Stiff & Son's, 446 Court street.

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Coppock Burial Here—
 The body of the late John R. Coppock, who died Wednesday in Eugene, will arrive in Salem this afternoon on the 1:30 o'clock Oregon Electric train. Mr. Coppock lived in Salem some years ago, when he was associated with a hop firm. The funeral party will go directly to City View cemetery where the burial will be held. Rev. Robert S. Gill will conduct the services.

Big Benefit Dance—
 At Macleay Saturday night.

Fourteen Leave—
 Fourteen men will leave Salem in the August 6 draft from this district. They go to Fort Camp Fremont for regular army training. The following have been called: Emillio Bello, Lloyd Haberly, Vernon P. Barnes, Fortunato Monteleone, Ferdinand J. Polanski, Artie R. Newton, Chester M. Wilcox, Chester R. Ridgeway, Jim Dick, William A. Dunigan, Clifford W. Welty, James R. Parks, Albert H. Chamberlain, Sever Northness.

Irrigation—
 Even numbers on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Odd numbers on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.
 Even numbers are on south and east side of street. Odd numbers are on north and west side of street.

Grateful for Call—
 "Dear Mrs. Brown: Your kind invitation arrived and I accept with pleasure." Such was the message on a note received a few days ago by Mrs. Frank Brown at the local war board office from a registered man who had been turned down three times at recruiting offices on account of being physically disqualified for service in either army or navy. He is now among the limited service men being sent out from Salem and a happier recruit would be hard to find anywhere.

An Unusual Bargain
 A \$750 Singer player piano for \$562—an exceptional buy for anyone desiring a high grade instrument. E. L. Stiff & Son, 446 Court street.

No Charge to Cross—
 An erroneous report has gone out that a charge will be assessed for crossing the new bridge on Bridge day, next Tuesday, and complaint has been made, particularly by people in Polk county for whom it would be necessary to cross the bridge in order to see the celebration. No charge will be made nor will souvenir flags be necessary for this privilege. The souvenir flags will be sold to those who wish to participate in a parade across the bridge at the official opening.

Young People Unite—
 A union meeting planned by the young peoples organizations of the various churches will be held each Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, preceding the union church service in Willson park, north of the bandstand, weather permitting. If not, the First Methodist church has offered its league room as a meeting place. The topic for discussion this week is "Lessons from Bible Proverbs," Prov. 10, 1-16, led by young people from the Christian church. All young people urged to attend.

The name of the new Sultan of Turkey is Wahiddin Effendi, but beyond that he appears to be all right.

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