

### ITALIANS PRESS TIRED AUSTRIANS

Victorious Armies Sweeping  
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Santo

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Washington, Aug. 28.—The Italian embassy has received dispatches declaring that Trieste is being evacuated. The Austrian high commander ordered the civil population to leave the town. Hourly the Italian offensive becomes more certain of a military decision. The Austrians on the Montebello sector are reported so far ahead of the pursuing Italians that no trace of them was found except stacks of abandoned ammunition, guns and food.

London, Aug. 28.—The Austrian forces are vainly endeavoring to stem the victorious Italians who are now sweeping forward from Montebello. New Austrian troops failed to stop the advance. The morale of the Austrians is constantly decreasing. Austrian commanders were forced to order a general retreat at several points to prevent flanking moves.

Swiss dispatches say that Austria is seething with discontent. The Italian victories are causing widespread alarm.

London, Aug. 28.—General Haig reported that the British have advanced two thousand yards on the front along the St. Julian-Poelcapelle road. The French war office stated that violent artillery firing is progressing on over half a dozen sectors of the French front. The Germans are unable to attack.

Petrograd, Aug. 28.—Without having been attacked, the Russian infantry on the Roynoy sector retired, permitting the enemy to occupy their positions, it is officially stated.

### RAILWAY STRIKE IN S. F. MAY BE SETTLED SOON

San Francisco, Aug. 28.—The strike of the United Railway's platform men will end before Monday, Labor Day, in a victory for the men, strike leaders here predicted this afternoon. It is declared negotiations have been started which will result in granting \$3.50 for an eight-hour day.

### LADIES KNEES TO FREEZE SAYS FASHION

Chicago, Aug. 28.—Milady's knees must freeze. The fashion art league has announced that women must wear half hose to conserve the supply of cotton and silk. Other articles of milady's clothing are stripped of silk trimmings, lace and ribbons.

### CITY NEWS

Amended Complaint—An amended complaint was filed in the circuit court in the case of Pearl E. Albrecht against Wm. Albrecht.  
Appointed Judge—Miss Gordan Canfield has been notified that she has been appointed judge of the textile department of the Oregon State Fair at Salem this year. Miss Canfield acted as judge last year.

### SCIO FAIR TO OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 18

Best Exhibition Ever Held  
There Will Last Three Days;  
Race Program

Scio, Ore., August 28.—The Eleventh Annual County Fair will open at Scio, on Sept. 18th, for three days. This year's exhibition promises to surpass any previous year in the way of exhibits. Many inquiries for space and entries for exhibits are received daily and the outlook is for the most successful Fair ever held in the county.

The new feature of the Fair this season is the elimination of the so-called high-grade races and putting on a program of purely local events, in which trained horses are barred. This will undoubtedly furnish more actual amusement and fun than heretofore.

A force of fifteen men is engaged in preparing the grounds and arranging the pavilions. A rest tent has been provided with seats and tables for the convenience of visitors, where they can rest and eat their lunch at noon. The race course has been placed in first-class condition.

The annual school fair promises to have a very elaborate exhibit. Liberal premiums have been offered in this Department and every school should be represented.

The main object of the management is to hold a complete Agricultural Fair, in which they have been most successful during the past ten years. Exhibitors are given every consideration possible for their convenience during their visit.

A square deal to every one and special favors to none has been the motto of the Linn County Fair Association.

### THURSDAY IS MESS DAY FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

Home Folks Are Urged to Send  
Green and Sweet Foods to  
Soldiers at Fort

Last week Miss Lena Saylor, Mrs. S. A. Dawson and a number of other ladies of Albany sent 13 cakes to the boys at the Fort. This morning Miss Saylor received a letter from one of the soldiers thanking the ladies for the treat and stating that it was mighty good to get a bit of home baking not to speak of the delicacy that was enjoyed.

### OREGON TROOPS IN CALIFORNIA

Camp Fremont, Menlo Park, Colo., Aug. 28.—Oregon sentries—members of the four companies sent here before the war department decided to mobilize the forty-first division in the South—are finding walking post late at night one of the most exciting of outdoor sports.

Almost every night the men find something to shoot at. In several instances paths left by prowlers have been found. The real thrill, however, comes where two sentry posts cross. The sentry often is unable to tell whether the figure he sees through the dark is a fellow sentry or some prowler. Shots have been exchanged several times by the sentries.

Expect to Go to France—Miss Nell and Nina Voorhies of San Francisco, left this morning for Portland where they will take the boat for their home. They have been visiting here with their aunt, Mrs. A. Stark. Miss Nina Voorhies is a trained nurse and member of the Red Cross, and expects to leave soon for France.

Return to Fort Canby—Edmund Tracey, Ralph Bilyeu, Merrill Gibson, and Elton Gildow all of Fifth Company, who have been in Albany on a furlough, visiting their parents, left this afternoon on their return to Fort Canby.

Shoe Man Here—Oscar Price of the Price Shoe Co. of Salem, is in Albany today visiting friends.

Chicago, Aug. 28.—Two payroll messengers were shot and killed, and robbed of \$9,000. The five bandits escaped.

### PRESENT CONGRESS TO COST 30 BILLION

Three Cent Postage Bill Was  
Defeated in the Senate  
this Morning

### PRESIDENT TO FIX COPPER PRICE AT 20 CENTS

President's Reply to Pope's  
Peace Proposal is Finished  
and Sent to Rome

Washington, Aug. 28.—The present war congress will be a thirty billion dollar session. Of this colossal sum seven billions have already been appropriated. Over twenty-three billions of dollars in appropriations are pending. Democratic House Leader Kitchin announced that he would attempt to secure the passage of an eleven billion, five hundred million dollar bond, in the war bill one legislative day.

The Senate resumed the debate on the proposed increase of newspaper, periodical and postal rates. A strong fight is being made.

The Senate defeated the proposed 3-cent letter postage this morning. This is considered an important victory for those opposing heavier taxes on the people.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The President will fix copper price probably at around 20 cents a pound within a week. Eugene Meyer, New York banker, is slated to be copper director.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The State department has announced that the President's answer to the Pope's peace offer has been forwarded.

The completed draft was read to the cabinet this afternoon and immediately afterward it was ordered prepared for publication tomorrow morning.

### RAILROAD PROBLEM IN ACUTE DANGER IN GERMANY

Those who do not realize fully the importance of railroads to the safety of the nation should heed the significant message brought from Germany by Raymond B. Swing, special correspondent of the Chicago Daily News.

"The really acute danger for Germany," says Swing, "is the German railway system. Hitherto, it has been Germany's greatest strength, the pulsating arteries of her National Anatomy. The Railways have made it possible for the Central powers to utilize their advantage of the inner lines. But the German railways are giving way. The roadbeds are rocking, the cars are wearing out and the locomotives cannot haul the loads necessary. Germany cannot manufacture enough locomotives and cars to save herself. I vouchsafe the statement that the German government would willingly pay more for 200 American locomotives than for all the wheat raised west of the Mississippi last summer. The government is keenly aware of the danger."

According to the same authority, the food problem in many German cities is not so much a food problem as a transportation problem: Freight which is not needed for the national defense is not carried. Passenger service is uncertain and uncomfortable.

The Railroads' war board was formed in this country for the purpose of safeguarding transportation in this country from the fate that has befallen the German roads. Cooperation of the public is sought in loading freight cars to their full capacity, loading and unloading promptly, and in the intelligent use of all equipment.

Public authorities have been asked to require the railroads at this time to spend no money for projects and improvements except as necessary for public safety and the national defense.

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WOULD MAKE RATES EQUAL

Hearing to Secure for North-  
west Equality of Fares With  
California Cities

The Public Service Commission of Oregon, is working on the matter of getting the railroads to establish a better round-trip rate from the East to Oregon and return by way of California. Under the present rates, the fare from the East to California points and return through Oregon and Washington is \$7.50 higher than by returning from California direct. Oregon and Washington commercial bodies state that this difference keeps many tourists from seeing Oregon, while if the return through this state could be made at the same fare more people would be induced to settle here.

The railroads maintain that the differential is just, for in returning thru Oregon and Washington an additional haul of from 750 to 875 miles would have to be made, and which they could not afford to make without extra fare.

A hearing of the case will be held in Seattle Sept. 17 before Executive Marshall, of the Public Service Commission.

### COMMERCIAL CLUB TALKS AUTO PARK

Bryants Park is Selected for  
Auto Tourists and Will Be  
Made Convenient

The establishing of an auto camping grounds was again discussed at the meeting of the Albany Commercial Club last evening. The committee in charge of the matter, of which Fred Veal is chairman, has made partial arrangements to open a camp in Bryant's Park. The committee was continued for two weeks longer.

The bridge leading to the park and the trees in the park will be wired for lights, and arrangements will be made for a water supply. Other arrangements for the convenience of campers will also be provided.

A number of bills were allowed and ordered paid.

A letter was read from the Public Service Commission with regard to the rate differential from the East to California and Oregon points.

### COUNTY FRUIT AGENT IS DISCUSSED AT MEETING

At a meeting held in the rooms of the county court following the Patriotic League meeting this afternoon, Mr. Kadderley, assistant state leader of County Agents, addressed the audience on the subject of a county agent for Linn county.

### PLAINVIEW WILL GIVE BIG CANTATA FRIDAY

Plainview, Aug. 28.—The church and community will give a big musical and speaking cantata Friday evening of this week. All nations will be represented and speakers will be dressed in Oriental style. A big cross will be built on the platform, and speakers will march around it and sing. It is said that this will be the biggest affair ever given in this part of the county and a surprise awaits those who attend.

### Enlarging Store Space—

Manager L. T. Larson of the Sample Store, has been busy the past two days moving the partition in his store back several feet to make room for the increasing stocks which the floor space demands in the front store room.

### To Climb Mary's Peak—

Mrs. F. P. Nutting, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nutting and the Misses Flo and Violet Nutting will take a trip to Mary's Peak in Benton county Wednesday. They will leave early in the morning and make the trip up and back in one day.

### GERMANY SUFFERS FROM DYSENTERY

Almost Nation-Wide Epidemic  
Ravaging the Central  
Empire

### MORTALITY RATES JUMP FROM 50 TO 100 PERCENT

Lack of Food Weakening the  
People; Government Tries  
to Conceal Epidemic

Berne, Aug. 28.—Germany is suffering from an almost nation-wide epidemic of dysentery. Germany mortality rates have jumped 50 to 100 per cent. since the beginning of the war. Tuberculosis is ravaging due to the weakened condition through lack of food, the United Press learned from a reliable source.

The German government is frantically endeavoring to conceal the dysentery epidemic. All cities have stopped the publication of mortality statistics.

French Headquarters, Aug. 28.—Germany has lost over fifty thousand men in the Flanders battle alone since July 1, according to conservative estimates.

### WILSON'S MESSAGE TO MOS- COW CONFERENCE APPROVED

Assurance of Support of the  
U. S. Causes Thunderous  
Applause

By Will G. Shepherd  
Moscow, Aug. 28.—The President's message to the Russian conference electrified the assembly. The promise that the United States would aid Russia with all moral and material power was greeted with thunderous cheers and the entire statement produced a deep impression.

### SMOKE PRODUCERS FAIL SUBMARINE ATTACK

Atlantic Port, Aug. 28.—A French steamship arriving here reported the successful use of smoke producers during a submarine attack. The smoke prevented the naval gunners from continuing firing.

### MEN FROM PERSHING'S ARMY ARE SENT HOME

Washington, Aug. 28.—Between 25 and 40 men seeking service with General Pershing's forces are being returned to the United States because of fraudulent enlistments. Extreme youth and other disqualifications are the causes.

### AUSTRIA MAY DECLARE WAR ON UNITED STATES

Washington, Aug. 28.—The tremendous increase of assistance the United States is giving Austria's enemies is expected to cause a declaration of war on the United States. The State department said that if war comes, it will be Austria's initiative.

### OREGON ENGINEERS TO BE NUCLEUS FOR REGIMENT

Camp Fremont, Menlo Park, Aug. 28.—Captain Parrish has announced that Company A, Oregon Engineers, will be made the nucleus of a new regiment to be recruited in the Pacific coast district. A recruiting campaign is already planned.

### ALBANY MAN GUEST OF CORPORATION HEAD

E. F. Sox Is Spending Day in  
Portland with Judge E. H.  
Gary, Boyhood Friend

For the first time in over 50 years Judge Elbert H. Gary, president of the gigantic United States Steel Corporation, and his former boyhood friend, E. F. Sox of Albany, met in Portland today. Mr. Sox went to Portland this morning upon receipt of a telephone invitation from Judge Gary last evening, and is spending the day with Judge and Mrs. Gary. He was accompanied by his son, C. E. Sox.

It was in the good old days in Wheaton, Ill., when the present Judge and the Past Commander of the G. A. R., used to play together. Mr. Sox's sisters lived for a time at the home of Judge Gary's father, and the four young people were very intimate.

Young Gary and young Sox went to Wheaton College, and they were friends throughout their college course. Although letters have passed at intervals and each has heard of the other through correspondence by other members of their families, they have not met for over 50 years, and as soon as Judge Gary arrived in Portland he hastened to the telephone and summoned his old friend down to be his guest for the day at the Hotel Benson where today they are discussing everything from the "old swimmin' hole" to the amount of steel required for the network of the new railroads in France.

Judge Gary's rise from the poor boy to the head of the largest corporation in the world is nothing less than remarkable. After leaving college young Gary was admitted to the bar and practiced law. He was soon elected Judge of the county in which he lived. Then a small steel corporation scoured his services and he went to Chicago.

The small corporation was the acorn of the mighty oak of today. Mr. Gary was taken up by John W. Gates, the steel magnate, and from then on he gradually rose until he was made the head of the colossal corporation.

Judge Gary is a prince among employers. He is the executive head of a \$1,000,000,000 company, and controls over 275,000 workmen.

"Working people have rights that must be respected and about the only way the great labor problem is going to be solved—if it is going to be solved—is for capital to recognize them."

He believes that a satisfied employe is an asset, and his company does all it can to make conditions pleasant for their workmen. The workmen are given the privilege of buying shares of the corporation's stock, and thus interested in the success of the business they put forth their best efforts. The living quarters of the employees are made comfortable and whole cities have been built for them. Besides the stock system, the company shares the profits with its workmen also.

### DEFENSE LEAGUE HOLDS SATISFACTORY DRILL

One of the best drills of the Home Defense League yet held took place in the armory last evening. About 50 men were on the floor and went through the paces set by Drill Master W. L. Marks, in soldierly precision.

The gallery held many spectators who applauded the maneuvers of the drilling men.

The appearance of the fine lot of citizen soldiers at the regular weekly drills augurs well for the safety of the community after the troops leave the state. While most of the men are not able to take part in regular warfare, the organization is, however, equal to any lawless or anarchistic band that might attempt to do harm to the country in this vicinity, and would be able to put up a first class resistance to any raids.

Several men from Tangent and surrounding country were present. Guns for the organization will be forthcoming in a short time, and regular army equipment will be afforded.

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### LINN COUNTY PA- TRIOIC LEAGUE

Permanent Organization Form-  
ed This Afternoon at Court  
House Meeting

### DR. C. E. GIBSON ELECTED PERMANENT CHAIRMAN

Delegates from All Over County  
Are Present; Bruce Dennis  
Is Organizer

Over 25 men from all parts of the county assembled at the county court room in the court house this afternoon to attend the organization of the Linn county Patriotic Service League. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Charles E. Gibson, who was previously named temporary chairman.

Following a talk by Bruce Dennis of Portland, Director of Work of the Oregon Council of Defense, Dr. Gibson was elected permanent chairman, and Ralph Cronise was elected secretary.

Mr. Dennis explained the purpose of the organization and stated that it was necessary for all persons and organizations in the county to work together to get the best results. Every lodge, church, patriotic organization, should be united under the Linn County Patriotic League and work together.

The activities of the league touch all kinds of endeavor and will prove of great service to the government in all ways from protective to conserving the county's resources.

Those present were Geo. J. Wilhelm, Rex W. Davis, Harrisburg; D. S. McWilliams, Halsey; C. J. Shedd, Shedd; Henry Slavens, Sweet Home; Isaac Whealdon, Plainview; Homer Speer, Tangent; W. P. Elmore, Joe Hume and O. V. White, Brownsville; S. D. Brown, Lyons; S. M. Garland, R. L. Gilson, Lebanon; A. C. Miller, E. D. Cusick, C. G. Rawlings, D. S. Smith, M. Senders, Albany.

Letters were received from Rev. G. H. Young, Rev. Arthur Lane, D. Taylor and E. C. Peery, who were unable to attend.

### HOOVER PROMISES LOWER PRICES ON SUGAR

Washington, Aug. 27.—(U. P.)—American householders are to have cheaper sugar—but they must not use so much of it.

Herbert Hoover, returning from Chicago today after a conference with meat packers, said, beginning October 1, there will be a cut of 1½ cents a pound below present prices. At the same time he warned that the allies are already on sugar rations, and it will be necessary for the American public to economize.

Under an agreement between the food administration and the United States beet sugar producers, their crop will be available at lower prices. Cuban sugar is commanding exorbitant prices, and the chief portion of that crop will not arrive until December. With the cut in American beet sugar, it is said that the Cuban price also will be sliced.

### TWO INDICTMENTS ARE RETURNED BY GRAND JURY

The Grand Jury this afternoon reported a true bill against Alfred Matlock of near Crawfordsville, who was charged with stealing a calf.

Frank Jones, who was indicted at a previous session on the charge of non-support, presented a demurrer to the indictment, which was overruled and the defendant plead not guilty. He will stand trial at the next term of court.

Weather Report—  
Temperature ranges from 90 to 48  
degrees. River stands 1.3 feet.