

OLSAN'S FIVE IN WALLOWA

HIGH SCHOOL FIVE WILL MEET THREE TEAMS ON TRIP.

Wallowa High Recognized as One of Fastest in State.

Professor Olsan took his bunch of high school basket shooters up the branch line this morning for a series of three games with Wallowa county high schools. The first game of the series will be played with Wallowa tonight when the local five will go up against what is recognized as one of the fastest aggregations in the Eastern part of the state.

Tomorrow night Enterprise will face the La Grande defenders of basketball honors. Here Professor Olsan expects some difficulty for the locals as they will be considerably handicapped by the dance floor on which the court is constructed. The tour will close at Joseph Saturday night.

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This is not a mid-summer scene at Coney Island nor any other northern summer resort. The photograph was taken in January, and shows a section of an enormous crowd in bathing at a mid-winter resort of the south. The white foam showing is not snow. It is just the foam of old ocean waves as warm as the water zero weather. In fact, the day the photograph was taken the thermometer in some parts of the United States was twenty below zero.

A Christmas Truce at the Front
An officer in a Highland regiment writes on December 28:
You need not have pitied us on Christmas day; I have seldom spent a more entertaining one, despite the curious conditions. We were in the trenches, and the Germans began to make merry on Christmas eve, shouting at us to come out and meet them. They sang songs (very well); our men answered by singing "Who were you with last night?" and of course "Tipperary" (very badly). I was horrified at discovering some of our men actually had gone out, imbued more with the idea of seeing the German trenches than anything else; they met half-way, and there ensued the giving of cigarettes and receiving of cigars, and they arranged (the private soldiers of one army and the private soldiers of the other) at 48 hours' armistice. It was all most irregular, but the Peninsular and other wars will furnish many such examples; eventually both sides were induced to return to their respective

trenches, but the enemy sang all night, and during my watch they played "Home, Sweet Home," and "God Save the King," at 2:30 a. m. It was rather wonderful; the night was clear, cold, and frosty, and across to our lines at this usually miserable hour of night came the sound of such tunes very well played, especially by a man with a cornet who is probably well known.
Christmas day was very misty, and out came those Germans to wish us "A Happy Day," we went out, told them we were at war with them, and that really they must play the game and pretend to fight; they went back, but again attempted to come towards us, so we fired over their heads, they fired a shot back to show they understood, and the rest of the day passed quietly in this part of the line, but in others a deal of fraternizing went on. So there you are all this talk about, all this fury at each other that has raged since the beginning of the war, quelled and stayed by the magic of Christmas. Indeed, one German

snid, "But you are of the same religion as us, and today is the Day of Peace!" It is really a great triumph for the church. It is a great hope for future peace when two great nations, hating each other as foes have seldom hated, one side vowing eternal hate and vengeance and setting their venom to music, should on Christmas Day, and for all that the word implies, lay down their arms, exchange smokes, and wish each other happiness! Beyond all this, the day itself was rendered impossible for war by mist. So altogether I expect we had a better time than all you poor things at home, who were probably bothering your heads thinking of the chances of war and the discomfort of trenches. Next year, pray God, we will all be round the fire at peace.

Belgium Helpless Anyway Till Spring, Says Commission

Need of Relief Still Very Urgent, According to Latest Reports From Stricken Land—How Americans Can Send Their Mite
By WILL IRWIN



BELGIAN REFUGEES IN THE RUINS OF TERMONDE.

ACCORDING to the Commission For Relief in Belgium, the American people will probably have to feed the Belgian people all this winter. "We have taken pains to investigate," said one of the commissioners last week, "and the best informed Europeans tell us that there will be no change in the military situation this winter. It means that we must keep up the work until spring breaks or longer."

It has been a race with hunger, this business of feeding 6,500,000 people with supplies gathered a half a world away. All Belgium depends on American food. Half of Belgium is never more than a week ahead of starvation. Often it has come closer than that. Once the province of Limbourg, remote and hilly, was starving. In some communities the people had not eaten for two days, when one of our United States consuls managed to borrow from the Germans enough bread to keep the people alive until an American shipment arrived to repay the loan. Once Captain Lucey, the shipping agent in Holland, had to borrow 10,000 tons of wheat from the Dutch government. Liege and Hamme and historic Ghent were crying for bread, and it was still several days before the next American ship was due at Rotterdam. This was a noble thing for Holland to do since the Dutch themselves are short on food. Yes; it is a race with hunger, and America, now that she has faced the starter, must win! This is America's great and glorious part in the world war of 1914-15.

That every American may have a personal chance to help some Belgian the Commission For Relief in Belgium has arranged its "parcel post plan." Any one who wants to send a package containing between twenty and fifty pounds of nonperishable food need only put a tag on the package, address the tag to the nearest collection depot of the commission, stamp it in the regular way and drop it in the mail chute. If the giver puts on the package tag his name and address, TOGETHER WITH THE LETTER "R," the money he has spent for stamps will be refunded.
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