

# SOCIAL LIFE OF LA GRANDE BOYS

### CHARLES HARDING SENDS SOCIETY ITEM FROM FRANCE.

#### Christmas Was Celebrated Near the Rhine in a Splendid Manner—Boys Are All Happy.

The following important society item to Eastern Oregon people was received today from Charles Harding of the American expeditionary forces in France:

Bad Neuenahr, a beautiful little city in a pocket of the Eifel mountains not far from the river Rhine, was the scene of a gala affair last Christmas day which will be of much interest to Eastern Oregon folks and especially to La Grande. The occasion was significant in that it marked the second annual banquet of the One Hundred Sixty-seventh field hospital so long on overseas service with the colors.

The spacious dining hall of the Hotel Klinger, the hostelry in which the men have been billeted for some time, was transformed into a bower of wernal splendor appropriate to the Christmas season. Evergreen, mistletoe and holly gathered from the wilds of the adjacent region furnished the essential atmosphere for revelry. Adding a pleasing touch of artistry were tall vases of golden chrysanthemums and potted ferns and flowers which graced the long tables and illuminated the happy faces of the partakers of the cheer.

The famous "made in Oregon" idea was adapted as far as possible by the men, which assured that the menu was spirited and tasteful from consomme to tups. All of the frills and fixings that would be used in the land where rolls the Oregon were used with much success from the aluminum appointments of the service to the selective crepe paper table cloths. As the last luscious bits of pumpkin pie were nestled away where they belonged and the Omar aroma gently curled up toward the overhanging but useless mistletoe boughs the merry-makers were greeted with a special program in honor of the occasion. Melodious selections of varied repertoire were given by the Glee club, consisting of the Messrs. Kenneth Carpy, William Silverthorne, Melvin Larson, Ralph Winters, John Stoddard, Walter Stringham and John Johnson, with Ernest Knight accompanying on the piano. Encore after encore necessitated return after return before the music lovers' appetites for more were satiated. A paper affording a glimpse into the past and present history and status of the unit by Sergeant Elmer McManus was well received, as were the poetic reminiscences of Sergeant Earl Hearing, the chirky jingles of Wagner Walter Palmer, the vivacious piano selections of Sergeant Ennes Knight and the appetizing take-offs of the genial Private Frank Crippin.

Favoring the assembly with their official presence and in impromptu speeches were Captain Peter P. Rafferty of New Jersey, Adjutant Eldred B. Waffle, Lieutenants Carl S. Moore and Michael S. Nolan. As interlocutor and toastmaster First Sergeant Charles Harding did much to inject spice into the program.

Underlying the gaiety of all was the knowledge that instead of being ten thousand kilometers from home next Christmas will see the men of the La Grande unit back over there in the bosom of their families and enjoying American pursuits once more. Small wonder that there was hardly a dry eye in the assembled company when the Glee club topped off the festivities with that song of songs:

"The days at Or-E-Gon,  
They are the best of all . . .  
Selah.

Jan. 5, 1919. Mr. Bruce Dennis, editor La Grande Evening Observer, La Grande, Oregon. Mr. Dear Mr. Dennis: It was not until a few days ago that I knew you were sending a special copy of the Observer to our unit. I happened to be on hand when some mail came, and I picked up a paper which was addressed to the unit, and soon discovered that it was an Observer. I wish to thank you for your kindness. I feel that I am safe in saying in behalf of the whole outfit, the home town paper means a great deal to an outfit like this unit, practically every man from Union county.

Since arriving at our present location, Bad Neuenahr, Germany, we have had very easy going, compared with the many hard days which we went through, and were going through at the time the armistice was signed. This place is a soldier's heaven.

Thinking that perhaps you would like to print a good society item, I am enclosing a little "copy" which our old reliable, Maxwell E. Ball, has prepared.

All the boys are feeling fine physically, and mentally they are pulling hard for a trip home soon. It is rumored that our division has orders to embark, but I doubt very much if we shall make it before spring.

Cordially yours,  
CHAS. R. HARDING.

### GLASGOW HAS STRIKE TROUBLES

GLASGOW, Feb. 1.—Several persons were injured who mounted police charged a crowd of strikers in the streets here yesterday. A number of arrests were made.

## THREE DROWN WHEN PLIAGE GOES DOWN

ROVER, England, Feb. 1.—Three members of the crew of the American cargo ship Pliage were drowned when she was pounded to pieces off Deal, according to fifty-four survivors, who arrived here today. The Pliage was on her maiden trip to Holland with 17,500 tons of provisions when the accident happened. The vessel and cargo were lost.

## RESCINDS REGULATIONS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—All price control exercised by the fuel administration over anthracite and bituminous coal and coke ceased today under a blanket order signed by Fuel Administrator Garfield and made public Friday night. Zoning regulations and practically all rules for the distribution of fuel as well as most regulations concerning oil and natural gas, promulgated under the Lever act as war measures, also are rescinded.

## SIX INJURED IN MISSOURI WRECK

FULTON, Mo., Feb. 1.—Six persons were severely injured and several others were shaken up and bruised when the combination passenger and freight train of the South branch of the Chicago & Alton was wrecked at Davis crossing, five miles south of Fulton. The badly injured are: E. E. Lucas, manager of Missouri Stores, Columbia, Mo.—fractured right hip and ribs. Woolly Thomas, Mexico, brakeman, cut on head and severe injury to abdomen.

E. O. Shipman, Fulton, baker at the Missouri school for the deaf, injuries to shoulder and neck. C. F. Lander, Mexico, brakeman, injured internally.

## NEW CUT IN RATES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—To meet further rate reductions proposed for British vessels, the shipping board's division of operations Friday night announced cuts in freight tariffs on cargo carried in American bottoms from north Atlantic ports on the United States to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the far east, including Yokohama, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Kobe, Manila and Singapore, and the usual ports of call.

## FATHER APPLIES HUN PUNISHMENT

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—J. Gessinger, charged with improperly caring for his five children, told Judge Richardson he held his children's hands on a hot stove "so they would learn from experience that five burns" and would "quit monkeying with the stove." The children, with their hands pitifully scarred, told the court the story of their mistreatment.

"You should have a German uniform on you," said Judge Richardson to Gessinger. "You fully understand the gospel of flame and war and barbarian cruelty to little children."

Gessinger will be examined to determine whether or not he is insane.

## MURDERS STIRS POLICE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Washington police Friday night were engaged in an attempt to solve the mystery of the killing of T. T. Wong, chief of the Chinese educational mission to the United States, and C. H. Hsie and Ben Sen Wu, students at George Washington university, whose bodies were found Friday night in their home in the fashionable Mount Pleasant section. They were last seen alive last Tuesday.

## TAKEN TO PORTLAND ON WHITE SLAVERY CHARGE

BAKER, Feb. 1.—United States Marshal Pace of Portland arrived in Baker to take charge of George Carter, charged with white slavery, held here in the county jail. Carter was arraigned before United States Commissioner W. L. Patterson Thursday and will have to appear before the federal grand jury in Portland in the near future.

## ASK RELEASE OF PRISONERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The release of all political prisoners in the United States on Lincoln's birthday is requested in a cable sent to President Wilson by the Women's International league headquarters in this city.

## WILL GIVE ALL SOLDIERS BONUS WHEN DISCHARGED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—An amendment to the war revenue bill providing for the payment of a bonus of \$50 to enlisted men and nurses and \$200 to officers of the army, navy and marine corps upon their discharge from service has been agreed upon by the senate and house conferees.

Demands in the house for a separate vote on the senate child labor amendment and the provision prohibiting importation of liquor into the District of Columbia for beverage purposes were withdrawn Friday, insuring the retention of these amendments in the final draft of the bill.

Under the conference agreement the bonus would be given to enlisted men and officers already mustered out, as well as those yet to be discharged, regardless of whether service was at home or overseas. Field clerks and others attached to the fighting forces would share in the payments.

## U. S. WILL NOT RETALIATE ON BRITISH IMPORT RULING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The war trade board will not take retaliatory measures on account of import restrictions promulgated by the British government. This statement was authorized Friday by a member of the board.

The British mission here has explained to war trade board officials that the drastic action which prohibits importation to Great Britain after March 1 of many important commodities was necessary to stabilize finance, industry and labor. It was stated that the present labor situation in England required immediate measures to re-establish the entire economic fabric of the country and, moreover, that the dollar exchange was lacking to pay for the commodities on the prohibited list if they were permitted to be brought in.

## SOUTH AFRICA AND JAPAN ABANDON OPPOSITION

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail in a dispatch to his paper Friday says that Japan on Thursday formally accepted the theory of internationalization of colonies and that it was understood South Africa had abandoned its opposition to the scheme.

"President Wilson," the correspondent adds, "undoubtedly won an immense diplomatic victory, but has had to modify his original proposals to some extent."

## RUMANIANS WITHDRAW

PARIS, Feb. 1.—Rumania has complied with the wishes of the peace conference regarding extensions of territorial occupations by withdrawing from a part of Bukovina, adjacent to Rumanian territory, says a dispatch to the Petit Parisien from Czernowitz. The Rumanians, the dispatch states, have retired behind the line of delimitation.

## OLD HATS

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## CANADA MOVES TO SOLVE WORLD'S VAST FOOD PROBLEM



Herbert C. Hoover Solving the World's Food Problem

While Herbert Hoover, food administrator of the United States, proposes to solve the world's food situation by conservation, the Hon. J. A. Calder, Canadian government minister and father of the new land legislation of the Dominion, proposes to solve it by increased production. This is the fundamental difference between the food programs of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Calder proposes to force cultivation of every acre of unproductive land in the country. Canada's greatest asset is land and its greatest need population. There are about 400,000,000 acres of uncultivated land in Canada, of which 250,000,000 acres are in the rich prairie provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, where more than 1,000,000 American farmers have settled in the past few years.

Canada's land problem is just now a world food problem. With all its land under tillage, Canada could supply the entire world with food. If the untilled land in the western



J. A. Calder

provinces alone were farmed to wheat, the crop would be greater than the yield of the United States of 1917, which was more than 300,000,000 bushels.

Canada's new land law is radical in many of its features. The settler will be given twenty years in which to pay for a farm and the government will lend him \$2,000 for buildings, live stock and improvements.

The law is expected to set moving toward Canada a tide of immigration unprecedented in history. The immigrants, it is expected, will be drawn largely from Great Britain, northern Europe and the United States. With most of the good land in the United States settled, Canada, its government officials point out, offers the last remaining opportunity to the world's poor men to become owners of farm homes.

## LUMBER MOVEMENT IS LIGHT

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 1.—Lumber shipments by water from the Columbia river during the month of January were exceptionally light. Records compiled by Deputy Collector Haddix show that eighteen vessels loaded at lower river mills in that month, their cargoes totaling 13,315,826 feet. Sixteen of those vessels, carrying 11,428,000 feet, went to California, while two vessels, with 1,890,626 feet, are en route to foreign ports.

During the same period seven vessels loaded 4,990,735 feet of lumber at up river mills, making a grand total of 17,799,361 feet shipped from the Columbia river in cargoes during the month. The shipments included 28,415 bundles of box shooks and 7500 shingles.

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The story of Mrs. Hattie Hamilton, 817 Myrtle Avenue, Latonia, Kentucky, is typical. She says: "I have never in all my life, until recently, weighed over 102 pounds. Finally, I began to take Peruna. My weight now is 125. While I didn't really need it, I have started on the third bottle. Peruna has certainly done me a great deal of good and I recommend it to my friends. Several are taking it."

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