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FIRST LETTER IN 4 YEARS COMES

BELGIAN WOMAN HERE GETS WELCOME WORD.

Learns That Some of Family in Native Land Survived German Tyranny.

Her eyes shining with joy and her whole countenance beaming with pleasure one moment, and in the next sobbing over the misfortune of her people, Mrs. Camille Calcheta, of this city, told the Observer just the other day of receiving a letter from her sister in Belgium for the first time in over four years. From the time Germany's soldiers, the vandals and ravagers of Europe, perpetrated their first outrages upon Belgium's quiet folk in August, 1914, until the force of Allied arms three months ago relieved her people from the merciless rule of the Hun, Mrs. Calcheta had received not the slightest indication of the fate of her brothers and sisters back in the little old town of Juppie. This week, however, the long-awaited message arrived. It was forwarded on from a Pennsylvania town where the Calcheta family lived at the outbreak of the war and where their home was until they came to La Grande about two years ago. The letter is treasured by Mrs. Calcheta as one of the most welcome messages she has ever received.

Those individuals whose faith in Germany's honor is still so strong that they refuse to credit the tales of outrages and murders perpetrated by the Hun in Belgium should talk to Mrs. Calcheta and have her read them parts of the letter she received. The writer does not wish to recount those stories in detail again. It is sufficient to say that the direct testimony of Mrs. Calcheta's sisters bears out the worst of them.

The sister, herself, escaped when the Germans overran Belgium and succeeded in taking care of herself during the period of occupation, in spite of great difficulties in the way of securing food and clothing. The brother's family was not so fortunate, however. His wife disappeared during the first rush of the German troops and the family has been unable to secure any trace of her since. The fifteen-year-old sister of Mrs. Calcheta and another girl friend the same age were victims of German brutality, the latter said, and both girls are mothers of twin babies who will never know a father, and other deeds, the memory of which will haunt Germany and Germany forever in the eyes of the people of the world, were recounted by the writer. The father, who was sixty-six years of age, died of fright when the Germans first entered the country.

The letter then went on to tell of the prohibitive prices of foodstuffs and clothing in Belgium, which is making the reconstruction problem in that nation such a serious affair. The inhabitants of the country have no clothing, Mrs. Calcheta's sister writes. The Germans took everything they could away with them and all the people have to wear is made from old blankets and discarded rags which their oppressors for four years left behind. Leather shoes cost 200 francs in Belgium, or 440 of American money, and only the wealthy can get them. Those who can afford to pay \$5.00 a pair can buy wooden shoes. A sack of potatoes cannot be bought for less than 200 francs, or \$40, and bread is worth from \$20 to \$25 for a four-pound loaf. There is little food in the country, however, even at these prices, and the people have to eat the peelings of the potatoes and the sugar beets which are raised as food for their cattle, in order to sustain life in their bodies. While the Germans were in control of the country's supplies, the letter adds, the Belgians had little to eat excepting what stuff the horses of the German soldiers refused to eat.

Mrs. Calcheta and her husband, who is a section foreman on the O-W, feel very keenly the sufferings of their people. Though not wealthy themselves, they appreciate the fact that they are incomparably better off than their kinsfolk in Belgium, and whatever they can possibly send they intend to ship, for their relief. There is no doubt that it is badly needed. Anderson Bros., of the Maxwell Service Station, have heard the story told in the letter received by Mrs. Calcheta and they indicate their willingness to receive whatever the charity of La Grande people prompts them to give, and they will see that it is promptly dispatched on its errand of mercy, anything in the way of shipping or money will be welcomed, they say.

This is but one of many similar stories being told this aspect of the world catastrophe, but it brings Americans again to a realization that ours is a mighty blessed country, and it is once more America's opportunity to extend a helping hand.

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JOSEPH FISHERMEN MAKE TRIP TO ANEROID LAKE

ENTERPRISE MAN BURNED BY GASOLINE—LADIES' AID WILL SERVE LUNCH—A SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING HELD.

JOSEPH, Feb. 19.—David Cockroon of La Grande came up on Tuesday for a visit with friends.

L. Denham, a prominent Elgin lawyer was in town the first of the week on legal business.

J. A. Wetzel is back at his post in the First National Bank after a bad case of influenza. Mr. Wetzel was in bed four weeks with the malady.

Messrs. Glenn Leslie, Clyde Amey, Ed Letford, E. K. Lata and Frank Howman returned Tuesday afternoon from a strenuous trip to Aneroid, bringing back with them quite a string of fish. Their trip was made on snowshoes. Snow in the mountains is now about seven feet deep, the depth having been doubled since the last Joseph men took the trip. The men all report a fine trip.

Gail Crow spent a short time at the home of his parents in Lostine this week.

John Berry of Wallawa was a business visitor in Joseph Tuesday.

Everybody is invited to the business Washington luncheon which will be served by the Ladies' Aid in the Masonic hall at noon Saturday.

J. D. Biggs of La Grande came in the first of the week on a business mission.

Chas. White was burned quite badly in an explosion of gas at his home in Enterprise. Mr. White had been scolding out the gas tank of his car, after which he went into the house for about fifteen minutes, he then returned to the car and lit a match to see whether the tank was clear enough. It exploded, burning him quite severely about the head. His injuries were painful but not serious.

J. A. Bushard and family left last week for Portland, where they expect to make their home.

Martin Elton went to La Grande Saturday to visit his parents.

All young folks are invited to attend Epworth League, which is held in the M. E. church each Sunday evening at 8:15. Next Sunday Miss Grace Carpenter is leader.

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MABEL NORMAND SEES LIFE

FROM A SHOP WINDOW

Poses in Fifth Avenue Glass Front for Scenes in "The Venus Model"

Did it ever occur to you that many of life's comedies and tragedies are played in front of a shop window? This is especially true if the window displays beautiful feminine apparel, for, according to Mabel Normand, every woman shows what is in her mind when she stands before shop window gazing at its contents. And her thoughts are always funny or tragic. Mabel Normand ought to know. Recently she was herself a display in a Fifth Avenue window, and what she learned of feminine psychology entitles her to rank, she believes, with the late Professor William James.

It happened during the production of "The Venus Model," the Goldwyn photoplay in which she appears today and tomorrow at the Sherry theatre, and for a full hour the engaging little star posed in a big window rented expressly for that purpose while the Fifth Avenue throng pressed against the plate glass.

Clad in a fetching bathing suit—from which the play gets its name, by the way—Mabel Normand was supposed to advertise the merits of the deep sea togs. And she did. Although on early morning hour was chosen to avoid a crush, people somehow got wind of the unusual occurrence and made it difficult for the cameraman and director to work.

The window, as it appears in "The Venus Model," represents a bit of sandstrewn beach. From a bath-

house close to the water Mabel Normand emerges, wrapped in a voluminous cape. This is discarded and she is seen in her swimming costume, her "Venus Model." She disappears herself on the beach and, true to life, she doesn't go any nearer to the water than she can help. She is supposed to advertise the garment, nothing more.

Since all this was precisely what the director was aiming to get, needless to say "The Venus Model" is a success from this standpoint. Mabel Normand, most game of screen stars, thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS.

The city ordinances require that all dogs wear license tags and be kept up from April 1 to September 1. The city recorder has tags for 1919 and dog owners are required to secure licenses on or before March 1. All dogs found at large after that date without tags will be impounded and their owners liable to arrest as the ordinances require.

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