

## SOLDIERS' LETTER TELLS INTERESTING STORY

The following letters from Sergeant William M. Anderson, of Lents, tell a most interesting story of life near the front:

This little old back lot called France is not such a large place after all, and you are sure to meet one another, if one keeps his eyes open, sooner or later. I got a letter from Lulu Lent one day this week telling that Paul and Ames and the Rayburn twins and "Curly" Forbes were, with their division, safely landed in France. Well, as it was raining, like it can rain only in France, I went to the captain the next morning and told him it was too wet to work and the whole dam family was in the division camped near here and would the captain let me go and look them up, sir?

Well, the captain said, "all right; keep your nose clean and don't get your nice new clothes dirty, sonny." So I put on my raincoat and started out, and I walked and walked and walked, and it rained and rained and rained, and then by and by it rained some more, and my feet got wet and the water ran right through these rags that they call caps in this man's army, right down the back of my neck and right down my forehead and nose and chin and right down the front of my neck and over my manly bosom into my shoes and my feet got wetter. Then about the time they were beginning to get wettest along came a captain in an automobile and said, "Well, little boy, where are you going?" So I told him all my troubles and he was a good, nice, kind captain and told me to hop in and ride; so I did and in about three or four minutes we were at the village, where the boys were supposed to be camped.

But my troubles were not over yet. I stopped where an M. P. (military police) was stationed and asked him where the ambulance was stationed and he said, "Climb up the hill to the top and turn to the left." And I did, and inquired of another M. P. and he said "go back to the bottom of the hill and turn to the right." So I walked back down the hill and turned to the right, but couldn't find them there. Then I asked an ambulance driver and he told me to right face and walk four blocks to my right, go through a hole in the stone wall, walk around a barn and I would find them camped in an orchard. And I did, but they weren't there. Then some one told me to counter march up the hill again. So back I plodded in the rain and mud and asked again. Just then someone from the organization I was looking for came along and told me to go down the hill (but in a different direction) until I came to a watering trough, then look in an old orchard back of the trough and I would find them there, sure. So I clumped and splashed down the hill and found the trough and there were some puppets in an old orchard back of it and I asked a soldier if the ambulance corps was there and he said "No, it was not, and I was 'argufying' with him when I saw James Lent coming down out of the orchard. So I got right in his way and he never recognized me until he was almost on top of me.

Well, I have taken up so much space describing my search for the boys that I won't have much room left in this letter to tell about the important part of the trip—the boys themselves.

James was going on a detail after water when he saw me and after he got over his surprise and became rational he told the non com. to go chase himself for this was his old uncle, so he got excused and we went back and found Paul and Forbes and Frank Rayburn. I did not get to see Fay, as he was out of camp on a detail. The boys are all looking fine, and it sure was good to be with them as they are the first ones from the old home I have seen since I marched away. I visited with them until nearly night and then returned to camp. That evening they started for the front or somewhere up nearer the front.

Well, here I am in Challes Les Eaux in the French Alps near the Italian border, and having the time of my life, as the kid would say. I am on my vacation and expect to be here seven days altogether and wish you could be with me, but as you can't I will try and write a full account, as follows:

Chapter I—Dim trails in the Alps, tramping through wet brush; buried ruins.

Arrived at Challes Les Eaux Sunday evening about 3 o'clock. The day had been slightly rainy and I immediately started to negotiate Mt. St. Michaels, behind the town, but gave it up before I started, as the Irishman would say, which was a wise decision for the next morning I started up the mountain, got about quarter way up, got all wet, lost the trail, gave it up for a bad job and came down in time to join a party from the Y. M. C. A. that were going to Myans to visit an old church that was buried by a great landslide 800 years ago. I said I got down in time to join them but they had left an hour before I got off the mountain and I hot-footed it after them and caught up with them after they got

there. Well, we had lunch at a cafe and then inspected the church.

Eight hundred years ago Mt. Granier toppled over on the town of Myans, burying 5,000 people in the town two miles away. The town still remains buried except the church, which has been excavated in the interior. A new church has been erected on top of the old one. The old tower extended upward and by going down the steps in the entrance you can inspect the old edifice.

Chapter II—Lusty legs loping o'er long lanes to the lake.

Tuesday a party of us, led by two girls from the Y. M. C. A., started out to visit a mountain lake, and no one need ever tell me that a woman can't walk. It was about eight miles out and we made it in about two hours walking—did I say walking? Running or flying would be more appropriate. One of the girls took the lead, walking like mad and I and one or two others took after her, trying to keep up. We left the rest far behind. We would first walk, then run, and then gallop, one trying to get ahead of the other. And, by gosh, when we got there she was still half a length in the lead. We went so darned fast that I didn't get a chance to look at any of the scenery going out, so I took a different route coming back, a longer way, took my time and beat them all home after all.

Chapter III—Chapelle de l'Annonciation.

Wednesday I was so tired from my journey to the lake that I only took a short walk of about eight miles. I went to the Chapelle de l'Annonciation, and the ruins on the hill beyond, then across the valley and back home by the way of Myans, which I visited last Monday, and today—Thursday—I am going to climb Mt. St. Michaels or bust a shoestring.

I am still at Challes Les Eaux, but will return to camp Monday. Yesterday I made the ascent of Mt. St. Michael, to the little church on the summit, and then descended on the opposite side and walked home around the mountain. It was not much of a climb, probably about 2,400 feet high, but very steep unless one knew the trail. There is a good view from the top. One can see Mt. Blanche and the Swiss Alps in fair weather, I presume, but it was too hazy the day I was up. I got back to the hotel in time for lunch.

This forenoon we took a trip to Leysse and visited the cascades and a paper mill beyond. The cascades were not much after seeing Multnomah Falls. I saw them make paper and inspected the first concrete bridge that was ever built at the cement works near by. The only other point of interest on the trip was a stone bridge erected by Princess Blanche 450 years ago and a road built in memory of her being rescued from drowning. Mr. Kohn, a French-American banker of San Francisco, accompanied us on the trip.

**Well Known Druggist Passes.**  
J. M. Volkmar, for many years a well-known druggist of Oregon City, died at the home of Mrs. Webster, 3488 East Seventy-second street, Portland, Friday last. He was aged 68 years. The funeral was held at the Hall cemetery on Sunday. Mr. Volkmar is survived by his widow and daughter, Mabel.

**More Sugar for Canning.**  
Sugar permits for 10 pounds to be used for canning purposes will be renewed until November 1, according to W. K. Newell, of the Portland food administration office.

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## BRIEF NEWS NOTES of LENTS

There will be no meetings of St. Paul's Guild until further notice.

St. Paul's Church and Sunday School will be closed until further notice.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheelock, of Silverton, are visiting Mrs. Wheelock's sister, Mrs. J. O. McGrew.

Mrs. Samuel J. Allen has moved from Fifty-sixth avenue to Eighty-second street and Sixtieth avenue.

Miss Helen Gentry is home from her school, near North Plains, on account of the school being closed by order of the State Board of Health.

Mrs. Leila Lent-Wimberly is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Lent. Mrs. Wimberly's school was closed on account of the influenza epidemic.

Mrs. Samuel Allen received a telegram, Saturday, of the death of her brother, Prof. Cray, of New York. He was a nephew of Judge A. M. Cray, who visited Lents in May, and was a well-known educator, a graduate of Normal College and Syracuse

University. He was also well known in lodge circles and was the only grandson of a son of the American Revolution in his county.

Mr. Peterson, of the Lents Pharmacy, received a telegram Wednesday stating that his son in the marines had returned from France, having left New York August 11.

Mrs. Hazel Dupurtis, who died at Vancouver a few days ago, was a sister-in-law of Lents. Rev. Frank Jasper is merely of Lents. Mrs. Frank Jasper is at present in the Y. M. C. A. service at Vancouver barracks.

Mrs. Samuel J. Allen received a telegram, Tuesday, from New York, announcing another death in her family. This is the second death in the family inside of a week, her brother having died last week of influenza, leaving two children.

Letters from boys overseas, indicate that a number of those from Lents have been assigned to drive motor trucks near the front. The original formation of the Lents group has been broken up and the boys scattered in different sections of France.

## WATSON and KENDALL

J. Nordberg has sold his up-to-date residence and acreage to Mr. Hammond for \$10,500, and has built a fine house on Thirty-fifth street near Division. The Hammonds are settled in their new home on Eighty-second street, near Sixty-seventh avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Phillips, with their children, recently from Butte, Mont., are living in R. F. Love's concrete store building on Seventy-first avenue, with a view to buying the property.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Morrison, from Ogden, Utah, and Mrs. Morrison's mother, Mrs. Lottie Moore, a graduate nurse, recently from Salt Lake City, are staying temporarily with the Phillips family.

I. N. Fletcher, 8742 Seventy-first avenue, has a satisfactory job of carpentry work in Linnton. His fourteen-year-old son has gone to work for the Multnomah Lumber & Box Company at \$2.75 with a promise of a raise if he makes good.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis La France have moved from 8832 Seventy-first avenue to 8622 Sixth avenue, near Seventy-eighth street. Mr. La France is night watchman for the John Deere Plow Co.

Mrs. Jane Cone, who occupies Conductor Coffee's residence, which he purchased last summer from John Amerson of Newberg, has just returned from the Good Samaritan Hospital after an operation for appendicitis. Her daughter, Winnifred Farley, has gone back to Minneapolis to keep house for her father.

Frank Harrow, Sixty-seventh avenue, near Eighty-second street, has resigned from the military police and gone to Kalisiel, Mont., his former home, where he expects to get employment with the United States timber workers. Mrs. Harrow and babies will remain here for the present.

Mrs. Otto Schaffer's new bungalow porch is finished except the painting, is lighted by electricity and one of the prettiest in this section.

## FOOD CONSERVATION MADE VEHICLE FOR FRAUD

Women of Portland are warned against fraudulent agents selling books on food conservation which they state are issued by the United States government. The book is being sold for as high as \$4.75 in some cities. Government pamphlets and propaganda books are given away free of all charges with the exception of government textbooks, which are sold under contract with publishers for a price ranging from 20 to 50 cents. Portlanders are asked to report to the Department of Justice any agents with books purporting to be issued by the government.

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Nick Lattanzi, Lents, Ore., Oct. 11, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Shetka, 6829 Sixtieth avenue, Oct. 9, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Junor, 1785 East Ninth, Oct. 11, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander P. Hay, 611 East Fiftieth, Oct. 16, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barbour, 691 East Seventy-fourth, Oct. 11, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Hettman, 4808 Sixty-third, October 5, a son.

Tr. Mr. and Mrs. Corroll D. Bush, Lents, Ore., October 14, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Glen Allen, 5810 Fifty-eighth avenue, October 19, a daughter.

## BELLROSE - GILBERT

In honor of Cortes Valentine, a soldier boy in France, a number of Belrose-Gilbert folk gathered at the home of J. L. Johnson last Sunday. A letter—a neighborhood letter—was prepared and forwarded to the young man, who stood well in the community while he lived there.

J. L. Johnson has been ill, but is recovering.

Mrs. Dwight Davis is recovering from a bad attack of la grippe. Mrs. Nellie Van Blaricom is also recovering from a week's illness.

A baby boy came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bush, of Lenox avenue, a week ago last Monday. Mother and baby are doing splendidly.

Mrs. Armpriest was home from Salem for a short visit.

There is no improvement in the condition of Mrs. Farnsworth. She is reported as being very low.

## WHITMAN AVENUE

A motoring party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jones and daughter Francis, Mr. and Mrs. James Wiseman, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Shaw, sons Harold and Paul, and daughter Jean, made the run to Horse Tail falls Sunday, where a camp fire was made, a splendid dinner cooked and served steaming hot. Officers along the route estimate that there were at least 5000 automobiles up the highway during the day.

The atmosphere was clear and a splendid view of the Washington side of the river could be had. Traces of frost could be seen along the lower highway, the vines being cut, exposing the pink squashes and yellow pumpkins in great numbers. Many of the farmers are digging potatoes and the fields of kale show very large yields of milk producing feed.

## United War Work Drive

Seven organizations serving the American troops will make a united drive for \$170,500,000 November 11 to 18.

## POULTRY RAISERS PLAN STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION

Poultry raisers of Lents are interested in the organization being formed to be known as the Oregon Poultry Producers' Association. The plan contemplates a strong statewide organization, led by the poultry department of the Oregon Agricultural College.

A committee of three members has taken up the question of mill feed prices in Portland with the federal food administrator. This committee reports that it has already secured recognition entitling it to a just share of mill feeds for poultry.

The co-operative marketing of eggs and poultry will be taken up as soon as the membership is sufficiently large to justify it. Still later, co-operative purchase of poultry supplies will be conducted by the association.

## DEATHS

Robert H. Bray, 1195 East Grant, Oct. 20, 27 years.

Stephanie L. Began, 1421 East Seventeenth, Oct. 19, 31 years.

## Sunday School Convention Postponed

Because all public gatherings are forbidden by the regulations of the Board of Health, on account of the Spanish influenza, the Sunday School convention which was to have been held at the Lents Evangelical church, Sunday, October 27, has been postponed indefinitely. The date and program will be published in these columns later.

## DRIVE FOR WAR WORK ORGANIZATIONS COMING

The next call which the war makes upon Oregon residents is that of the United War Work cause, except for the Liberty Loans the greatest movement yet conceived as a means of backing up the American soldier boys. At the direction of President Wilson, the seven big organizations which minister directly to the soldiers and sailors have joined hands in the nation-wide drive.

The war work bodies participating in the campaign are the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Knights of Columbus, Jewish Welfare Board, Camp Community Service, American Library Association and the Salvation Army. Oregon is asked to provide for the going fund of these bodies the sum of \$770,000. In this state, as elsewhere, the week beginning November 11 is set aside for the fund-raising effort.

Under supervision of Orlando W. Davidson, state director, and his as-

sociates, extensive plans for the campaign have been made and a strong organization built up. Prevalence of the Spanish influenza hampers the preparations and may set at naught any attempt to have a general speaking campaign. In this event the needs of the combined causes will be put before Oregon's generous citizens only through letters, the press and the canvassers.

"Since this is a cause exclusively 'for the boys over there,' and since Oregon folks have always shown a royal willingness to do their full share for our boys I haven't the least doubt that quotas will be promptly made up despite all the obstacles," said one of the state leaders. "Less meritorious causes might need the accompaniment of speeches and parades and public pleas, but I'm confident they will respond voluntarily to this call for the boys fighting their battles," he added significantly.

## Lutheran Churches Plan Consolidation

On Thursday, November 14, representatives of more than three-quarters of a million of confirmed Lutherans will meet in New York formally to organize the United Lutheran Church in America. The Lutheran church is a very old one in this country, dating back to 1619 in Canada, 1639 in Pennsylvania, but its members are of such a liberty-loving and congregational type, and their original blood has come from so many European nationalities, that they have been slow to see the merits of centralized organization.

Their first Synod was organized in 1748, and new Synods have been forming rapidly ever since. A Synod represents the congregations of a state or part of a state. A general body covering the United States was organized in 1820, another in 1867, and a third in 1886. These are the three general bodies now coming together. For the last year and a half they have been carefully preparing for the coming merger, and next month will see forty-three Synods of the United States and Canada joined together.

Every one of these Synods, and the three general bodies, the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States, and the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran

Church in the South, have voted singly and severally in favor of this move. A joint ways and means committee has been at work for over a year in preparing the legal and other details for the consolidation.

It is estimated that there are 8,000,000 baptized Lutherans in America and of these about 5,000,000 are gathered into congregations. The sections where the followers of Martin Luther are especially numerous are Pennsylvania, Ohio, and the central and north middle west. In Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota there are more people of the Lutheran faith than all other Protestants taken together. The large majority of these are found in vigorous congregations, but there are still a large number, especially the younger people who are using only the English language, that need to be cared for by the church.

As is well known the Lutheran church is composed of the descendants of European stock and the American Lutheran church has for about two centuries been carrying forward a patriotic work that is not excelled and probably not equalled by any agency. The church has diligently gathered the people of its faith coming from other lands and made of them enterprising and loyal American citizens.

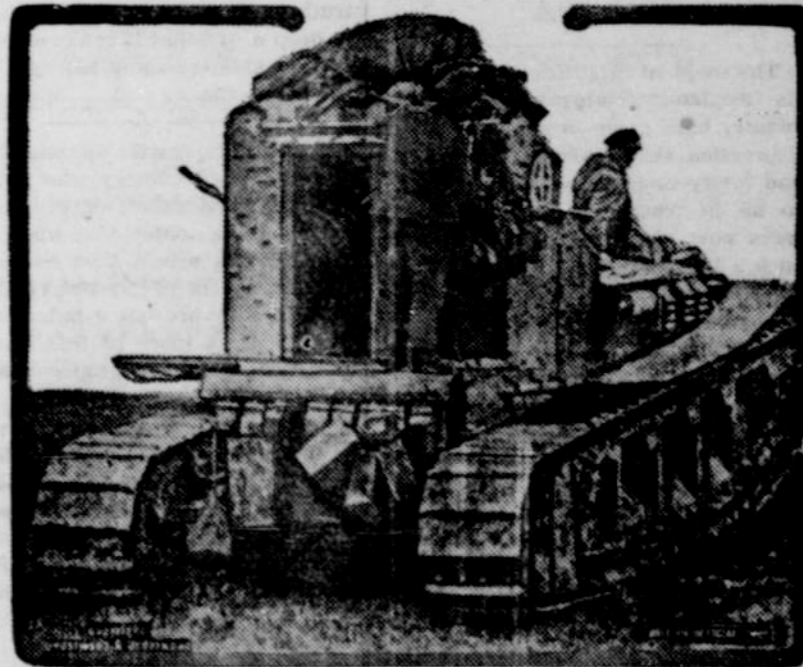
## Books Help Soldiers

Of the \$170,500,000 to be raised in the united war work drive in November, \$3,500,000 will be spent by the American association to supply books to the soldiers.

## Need Doughnut Money

Salvation Army doughnuts in the front line trenches are possible only if the people help in the united war work drive for funds November 11 to 18.

## LIBERTY BONDS BUILD TANKS



This is one of the light tanks which played such an important part in the recent allied drive on the Montdidier-Amiens front. Known in the British army as "Whippets", they are also in use by the French. No American communique has mentioned their use as yet.

The "whippet" is said to be able to outspeed and outmaneuver a man. Their greatest use has been in crushing the machine gun posts which the retreating Germans left behind to hold off pursuers. The enormous bag of prisoners was due to the "whippet's" ability to drive lanes through all obstacles, evade hostile artillery fire by their speed and maneuvering ability, and even force the surrender of artillery.

A large part of the Fourth Liberty Loan probably will be needed for the building of such land "destroyers".

"What are those Verdampft Yanks yelling about now?" said Fritz du Parade.

"The Schwein pigs have just heard that the Fourth Liberty Loan was oversubscribed fifty per cent," the Sergeant in Special Charge of Baby-Killing said.

The German sergeant and sixteen men had just reached safety after a glorious retreat of 3.7 kilometers from the Aisne.

"What made that Yank so mad when he couldn't catch up with us?" inquired a corporal when they had recovered their breath.

"He was all hopped up with a report that the Fourth Liberty Loan was way oversubscribed," said the sergeant, who had been in the United States and knew how those things worked.

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