

OREGONIAN TELLS OF LIFE ON FRONT

War Impresses Lieutenant K. M. C. Neill as Decidedly Tiresome Affair.

GERMAN ATROCITIES STIR

Member of British Army Service Corps Passes Day in Portland En Route to Ranch Near Grants Pass on Leave of Absence.

War impresses Lieutenant K. M. C. Neill, of the British Army Service Corps, as a decidedly tiresome affair that must be worried through somehow to victory. Air raids, bombardments, battles and sudden death become commonplace to the verge of boredom.

Lieutenant Neill, son-in-law of Mrs. Fish Metcalf, Jr., arrived in Portland yesterday as the guest of Phil Metcalf, Jr., at the Hotel Imperial, while en route to his home at Ardencraig Ranch, near Grants Pass, on several weeks' leave of absence from the tedious life of a soldier on the western front. For four years prior to the war K. M. C. Neill, native of Scotland, resided in Southern Oregon. On February 2, 1915, he went to the front.

"I was on the northwestern front with the armored cars, at the first," related Lieutenant Neill. "But you don't care about that, do you? O, very well, I was a gunner. These cars are equipped with rapid-fire small cannon and Maxim's. They are useful for knocking down single-wall cottages and against cavalry attacks.

German Atrocities Related.

"Was I ever in action with one? Well, you understand trench warfare on the western front made them of little use. But once, at Verdun, we went on at dawn. The enemy was in an entrenchment—'little' 'you know. At dawn we could see him. He couldn't see us. So we blazed away, and then we streaked it."

Here the lieutenant interrupted the interview to ask if "that" was "enough." Few people would be interested, he contended, with the details of practical every-day life in the field. He had an engagement to speak at Grants Pass on Monday night. What the deuce should he tell them?

"That enough?" Well put this down—Belgian children," he dictated. "Three of 'em. One of our hospitals. Poor little beggars had their arms and legs doubled back, permanently deformed. You know, twisted around—like this." He crooked his elbow back acutely.

"Two girls and one boy, about 10 years old. I asked them how it happened, who did it, and they said that boches beat them with clubbed rifles. They used to live in Ypres."

Leaving the armored car detail, Lieutenant Neill was assigned to the army service corps. He was the prosaic job of bringing munitions up to the British lines at the second battle of Ypres. Night work, and all that sort of thing. Did the Germans shell the munition trains, and was it ticklish business to transport high explosives under fire?

"We hauled shells, naturally," responded the lieutenant. "Certainly they shelled us. They always do. And those munition trains—they blow up, you know, the damned things do!"

Roads Blocked by the Dead.
Waving aside his exasperation at the tendencies of munition trains to "blow up" when the boche gets the range, Lieutenant Neill was persuaded to elucidate, with particular reference, in just what manner the explosion is staged.

"Twenty-five motor lorries," he said, "going up to the front after dark. I was in charge, with 25 men. The enemy got our range. They located us. They placed a barrage before us, across the road and a barrage behind us. Then they closed in on us. Got 11 of us and eight lorries. Devilish uncomfortable business!"

"Put this in—often find the road blocked with men and horses, all blown to smithereens. Often do, when you're hauling munitions."

Pressed for other details of strife and baited with the assurance that his Grants Pass audience would welcome just such battles of wit as the lieutenant proceeded with reluctance.

"Say that the gas got peremptorily worse, he requested, "and that our gas helmets are just one stage in advance. Gas is more efficient than it was, so are the helmets. You have to make haste to fasten your helmet. Six seconds, no hurry, you know, just no lost motion."

"And tear gas. Tear gas is used to stop the movements of troops and the bringing up of reinforcements. It inflames the eyes. I got it. Painful? Very!"

London Raids Declared Mild.
Lieutenant Neill depreciates the London air raids. They are mild events compared to the raids that occur behind the lines in France, he asserts. He was in London when one of these vain and vexing demonstrations of German bias was in progress.

"Just having a drink at the time," was his naive dismissal. "Had another. Didn't bother with the blooming business."

Yesterday afternoon Lieutenant Neill was taken by Mr. Metcalf on a tour of the Portland shipyards. He stood on the deck of a vessel building at the Columbia yards and saw the War Pearl, built at the Northwest yards, sweep from the ways to the water.

"I had the luck to get a pass to the yards, you know," recalled Lieutenant Neill, in great glee. "When I got back to England I'll tell them all about it. Ships, lots of ships, that's what we need!"

SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO FITTING MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S CORSETS TODAY—THIRD FLOOR

Mahogany Nut Bowls \$1.98
Solid mahogany nut bowls complete with six nickel nut picks and one nickel nut cracker. Bowls in two different styles.
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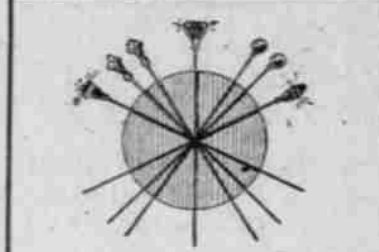
New Victor Records
for February now on sale in our Phonograph Shop, Sixth Floor. Come in today—we will gladly play any of the new arrivals for you.
—Stationery Shop, Main Fl.

All Kinds of Valentines
We have most complete assortments of everything required for your valentine party. Fancy valentines in great array.
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THE QUALITY STORE OF PORTLAND
12th, 13th, Morrison, Alder Sts.

The First Annual Cat & Pet Stock Show
of the Oregon Branch National Breeders' and Fanciers' Association will be held in our Sixth Floor Auditorium next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 14, 15 and 16. Cats, rabbits and canaries are eligible for entry. 50 gold medals and many other prizes will be awarded. An officer of the show will be here from 10 to 5 today to furnish premium lists, entry forms and all desired information.
ENTRIES CLOSE TOMORROW—SIXTH FLOOR, SIXTH STREET.

The Quality Store's Announcement for Saturday



A Wonderful Sale Hat Pins
25c-50c VALUES 10c
50c-\$1 VALUES 25c
One of the greatest hat pin sales we've ever held. Included are hat pins with sterling silver heads, solid gold heads, sterling silver enameled tops, stone set heads in a multitude of styles. All hat pins are of hardened steel. Very special at 10c and 25c for a pair or single pin.
—Jewelry Shop, Main Floor.

\$2 Pullman Slippers 98c
A limited quantity of the popular Pullman slippers at less than half price today. Pullman slippers of soft pliable leather in hardy leather case. Excellent bargains at pair 98c.
—Leather Goods Shop, Main Floor.

There's a Satisfying Bigness About This Sale of Stout Men's Suits \$14.85

Sizes for Stouts and Extra Stouts
The Meier & Frank \$14.85 suit sales are famous. Portland men take eager advantage of the wonderful clothing values these sales offer. This sale has been especially arranged for stout men—it brings 175 fine suits in
Sizes 38 to 48
inclusive. Broken lines of suits taken from our regular fine stocks. Made of excellent fabrics, such as finished and unfinished worsteds, heavy-weight chevots and fancy mixtures. Included are



All-Wool Blue Serge
suits, finely tailored, with heavy alpaca linings. Shape-retaining suits for business and general wear at the very special price of \$14.85.
NEW SPRING SUITS for young men are here in new styles, designs and colorings. The military note is strongly in evidence.
—Men's Clothing Shop, Third Floor.

Women's 75c-95c Collars 59c
Women's crepe Georgette collars—neat embroidered designs and lace trimmed sailor models. With long front lines. 75c to 95c values 59c.
\$5-\$14.50 STOCKS, JABOTS LESS 1/4
Stocks and jabots of net combined with real Filet and Irish lace. Regularly \$5.00 to \$14.50—today at one-third off.
\$6.50-\$7.50 FILET COLLARS AT \$4.95
Real Filet collars in roll style. Some are combined with Irish lace. \$6.50 to \$7.50 values \$4.95.
—Neckwear Shop, Main Floor.

New Veils
MOTOR VEILS \$1.35
Just received. New motor veils made of standard quality chiffon with satin borders. In 25 of the most popular shades.
SLIP-ON VEILS 25c
Just received. New slip-on veils in plain and chenille dotted effects. Black, brown, taupe and purple.
—Veiling Shop, Main Floor.

New in Our Men's Furnishings Shop Spring Shirts \$1.15
New shirts in Spring patterns and colorings from one of our dependable manufacturers at a price that is extraordinarily low. A couple of these new shirts will prove a refreshing addition to your chiffonier. Many popular weaves, attractive designs and bright colorings. Soft and stiff cuff styles. A big variety to choose from at \$1.15.



Chalmers Union Suits at \$1.69
Ideal garments for present wear. You know the Chalmers reputation for quality. These are heavy fleecy lined union suits made from finest Egyptian cotton on Cooper Spring Needle machines. Excellently made garments with closed crotch. All sizes 36 to 46 in these comfortable perfect fitting union suits at the special price of \$1.69.

Trooper Felt Hats \$2
No raise in price—no lowering of quality at Meier & Frank's—we still continue to sell GOOD felt hats at the very low price of \$2. Trooper and staple shapes. Blue, brown, gray, green, tan and black.
—Main Floor, Fifth Street.

Mothers! Fathers! Boys! If You Want THE BEST in Boys' Clothing You Want "Sampeck" Suits
"Standard of America"
In point of service, style and all around desirability our boys' Sampeck suits far outdistance all rivals. Suits that are wonderfully well made of highest quality fabrics, tailored in the newest and smartest styles, attractive mixtures, stripes, checks and novelty weaves. Finely serviceable garments in sizes to fit all boys from 7 to 18 years.
We have never shown a larger or finer stock of these famous suits at this time—come in today and see them. Moderately priced \$10 to \$22.50. Here exclusively in Portland.
—Boys' Clothing Shop, Third Floor.

12 Spools of "Charter Oak" Thread 50c
Charter Oak sewing thread in black and white. All sizes. 200-yard spools. In dozen lots only.
—Notion Shop, Main Floor.

A New Shipment Golf Hose For Men and Women
Splendidly serviceable golf hose of finest imported wool and silk in a wide range of beautiful patterns and colorings. Men and women will appreciate the quality, appearance and service features of these excellent hose.
IMPORTED WOOL HOSE \$2.50 SILK HOSE \$5.50, \$6
—Sporting Goods, Sixth Floor.

Our Skilled Optometrist Can Help You
if there is anything the matter with your eyes. An examination costs nothing. Today is a good time to have your eyes seen to if they require expert attention.
New Coats
These for the younger sisters from 2 to 6 years. Made of checks, covert cloths, gabardines and poplins. Fancy styles. Moderately priced \$6.50 to \$12.
Broken Lenses
quickly and accurately duplicated from the pieces.
—Mexazine, Sixth Street.

A Great Final Disposal of Our Entire Remaining Stocks Women's & Misses' Winter Suits
The Assortment Divided Into 4 Lots Regardless of Former Selling Prices
\$15 - \$20 - \$25 - \$35
Every one of the suits at any of the above sale prices is the most phenomenal kind of a bargain. Your unrestricted choice of our entire remaining stocks of women's Winter suits regardless of former selling prices, original cost or present worth.
Misses' and women's suits of such fashionable materials as serges, gabardines, tweeds and worsteds. All the best styles and colors. Many suitable for Spring wear. A good assortment of EXTRA SIZE suits. Special at \$15, \$20, \$25 and \$35.
—Apparel Shop, Fourth Floor.

Nearly Every Day's Express Brings Us More New Arrivals in Girls' Wearables
From Among Many New Arrivals We Select Especially for Today
New Coats
New Spring coats made of such desirable materials as serges, gabardines and velours. Made in the new high waist-line style with small shawl and sailor collars. Also plain and fancy styles with plain and shirred backs, full belts. Sewed on and fancy inset pockets. Fancy button trimming. Sizes 6 to 14 years. \$10 to \$30.
New Dresses
New gingham, chambray and linen dresses in plain colors, stripes, checks and plaids. Many different styles. Effectively trimmed with white collars, feather-stitching, belts, colored machine embroidery and buttons. Sizes for girls, 6 to 16 years of age. These new arrivals are very moderately priced \$3.50 to \$20.
New Smocks
We have just received the latest styles in misses' and women's smocks. Beach cloth and Japanese crepe in white, rose, green, blue and yellow. Some combination trimmed. Large round and sailor collars. V-neck style. Trimming of smocking, buttonhole edge and embroidery in fancy colored wool. Sizes 14 to 16 years and 36 to 42. Priced \$4 to \$12.
New Dresses
New "Dorothy" dresses in the latest styles and most desirable colors. Imported Japanese crepe and linen dresses in sizes 2 to 14. Here only. \$6.50 to \$18.50.

Limited Number Girls' Coats at Special Prices
A limited number of children's coats in broken sizes and styles at very special prices. Made of velvet, broadcloth, girdine and cheviot. With large or small plush collars. Many have fur trimmings. Broken sizes 4 to 14 years. Very specially priced from \$4.98 to \$37.50.
The above illustration was made from some of the new arrivals.
—Children's Shop, Second Floor.

Men's Good Work Shoes At Extremely Low Prices
Wonderful values are offered today in men's heavy work shoes—the kind that will stand the very roughest kind of wear. We feature today the following:
High Tops \$6.65
Men's very serviceable high top shoes with double stitched heavy chrome leather 12-inch uppers and double Goodyear welt sewed soles. Full bellows tongues. All sizes.
Work Shoes \$4.45
Another great special—men's regular work shoes in tan and black. With solid leather soles and heavy uppers. All sizes.
One of each of the above shoes illustrated.
—Shoe Shop, Third Floor.

Women's and Children's Good Hosiery at Low Prices
Children's fine heavy ribbed black cotton hose in sizes 6 1/2 to 8 1/2. Pair only 25c.
Infants' mercerized lisle hose in black and white. All sizes. Pair at 25c.
Infants' cashmere hose in black and white. With silk heel and toe. All sizes. 3 pairs \$1, or pair 65c.
Children's extra heavy "Cadet" hose in black only. Made for the hardest kind of service. All sizes. Pair 45c.
Children's fine ribbed black cotton hose, "seconds." Three pairs 55c, or pair 20c.
Women's fine lisle hose in black, white and tan. Full fashioned hose with reinforced heels and toes. All sizes. Pair 50c.
Women's fine mercerized lisle hose in black only. Full fashioned stockings in all sizes. Pair 60c.
Women's good lisle hose in black and white. Full fashioned hose in all sizes. 2 pairs 75c, or pair 40c.
Women's silk boot hose in black only. Seamless, comfortable and very serviceable stockings in all sizes. Pair 75c.
—Hosiery Shop, Main Floor.

In Our Toilet Goods Shop
Abonita Liquid Powder 39c.
Abonita Benzoin and Almond Lotion 15c.
Abonita Liquid Green Soap 39c.
Abonita Lilac Vegetal 39c.
Abonita Tooth Paste 15c.
Jergens' Dutch Sandal Soap, box 30c, cake 10c.
Jergens' Old-Fashioned Soap, two cakes 25c.
Jergens' Bath Tablets, 2 cakes of soap for 25c.
Conti Castile Soap, bar \$1.25.
California Medicated Soap, box 60c, cake 10c.
Red Ribbon Toilet Paper, dozen rolls 49c.
Free One cake of Creme Oil soap with each purchase of 2 cakes at 25c.
Lux Soap flakes for all fine laundering. 3 packages 25c, package for 15c.
—Toilet Goods Shop, Main Floor.

\$36 Wardrobe Trunks \$26.75
Just 15 at this price. Wardrobe trunks that have all round edges, sides, top and bottom. Good heavy corners. Trunks measure 18x22 inches. With pull out trolleys, waxed hangers. Cretone linings. Patented locking device that does away with all outside catches. Serviceable trunks that are not too large and are light enough to meet baggage requirements.
—Luggage Shop, Sixth Floor.