

GREAT GUN TAKES CITY BY SURPRISE

Y. M. C. A. Man Tells of Arrival of First Projectiles in French Capital.

TERROR IS SHORT-LIVED

Population, After First Day of Uncertainty, Pursues Routine of Business, Paying Little Attention to Shells.

EUGENE, Or., May 4.—(Special.)—The first shells fired into the city of Paris by the German long-range guns, shooting from a distance of 72 miles, were first believed to be bombs from an airplane and aviators climbed into the air in a vain search for the enemy, according to a letter received by Mrs. J. R. Geddes, of Eugene, from her nephew, Rev. Theodore Lathrop, who is doing Y. M. C. A. work in France.

Rev. Lathrop's letter explains the confusion in press reports from Paris in which the Associated Press reported that the city was under bombardment by German long-range guns, while other news-gathering agencies discredited the long-range gun report, insisting that the explosions were the result of an air attack.

Calm Succeeds Panic.

The people of Paris were at first thrown into a state of panic by the "weird, uncanny monster of a gun," but soon the city became calm and philosophical, Rev. Lathrop writes. His letter follows:

"March 24, 1918.—Life in Paris since Friday night, the 23d, has been tremendously exciting. Early Friday evening there was the 'alerte,' the weird, creepy, silent signal of an air raid, delivered by fire engines running around the streets. It proved to be a false alarm and in about an hour or so the 'berlogues,' the recall on the bugle, was heard, signifying 'all clear.' We went up on the hotel roof, but could only see a few French planes climbing up into the sky. We went to the Place de la Concorde, but still nothing, and on our way back we saw a queer-looking flame running through the sky, performing all sorts of queer turns and loops, like some Fourth of July eccentric wheel. It was a 'fusée,' a signal to tell that all was clear. We at first thought it was an airplane, but learned later its meaning.

Regular Concussions Noted.

"Yesterday morning, before I had reached the office, there was a sound as of a bomb, then others, and soon the siren again sounded the 'alerte.' Everyone thought it was another raid, and Paris stopped its work. People went to the 'shelters,' the refugees, and the trains and subway stopped and trains were halted outside the city. It soon began to be noted that the explosions came at regular intervals, about every 12 or 15 minutes.

"The boom was like a great shell exploding. In the office at headquarters little work was done all day, because the French employees largely ran for shelter or were so excited they could not work. The first official communication stated that it was an air raid, but later notes stated that it was thought to be an enormous new gun which the Germans had contrived. The nearest point from the German lines to Paris is about 75 miles and the theory, in most of the papers, is that this new extraordinary monster is what is doing the bombardment.

"I had to go out to the warehouse in the northeastern part of the city, near the city walls. That is a poorer part of the city and the people were terrified, because the thing was so mysterious and without precedent. Streetcars were left standing in the streets, stores were shut up and the shutters pulled down and knots of people were excitedly talking and gesticulating.

"After I had transacted my business I walked back to headquarters, as I wanted to see some places which had been hit. One house on the Rue de Valenciennes had been hit on the roof, and had a hole about 10 or 12 feet across.

Seven Killed by Blast.

"Down by the Gare de l'Est I saw a hole in the street about eight feet across where another shell had struck. Here seven people had been killed and a number wounded, as it was only a few feet away from a subway station used as an 'abri,' and there were always many people coming and going from the station.

"I met two Americans, who wanted some canteen supplies, so took them to our headquarters canteen. One of them was suffering from a sprained knee, which he incurred in the big munition factory explosion which happened when I was in Nice. He was over two miles away from the factory, but was thrown to the ground and his knee ligaments strained. Although only 30 were given in the official reports as being killed, he said it was more likely 1000.

"This morning I was awakened at seven by the siren alarm, and we were in for another day's shelling by this weird, uncanny monster of a gun. Again the same regular intervals of a bombardment were observed. But today the people were much more calm and philosophical about it, now that the theory of a great gun had been officially sanctioned. They went out on the streets and on their way as if nothing unusual was happening.

"Today is Palm Sunday, but it has seemed little like Sunday, because of the bombardment.

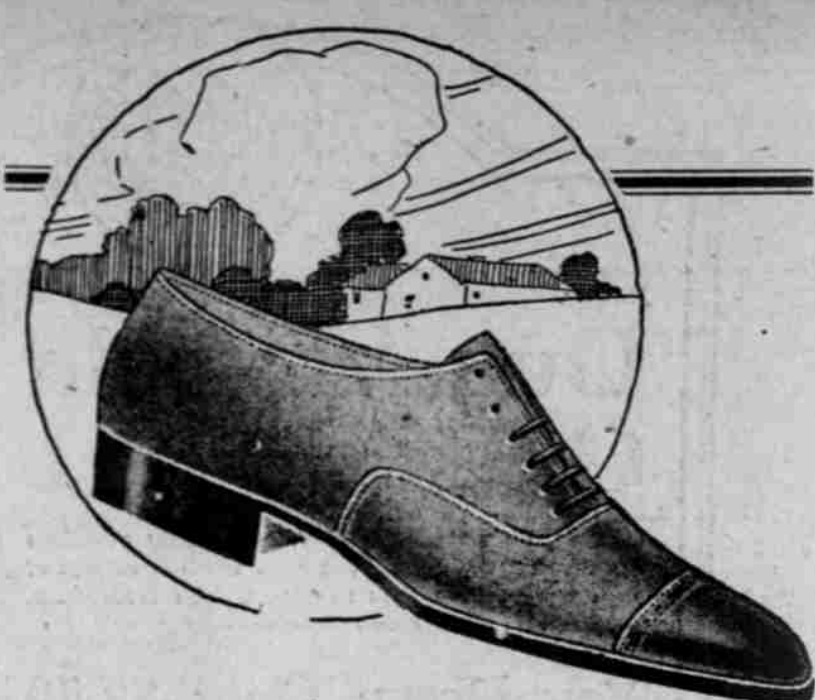
"These are critical days in the war, and we are on a sort of nervous strain from the bombardment and from the terrific battle that is now going on in the western front."

Kelso to Graduate Twenty.

KEILSO, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—Miss Vera Knutson will be valedictorian of the class of 1918 of Kelso High School, and Miss Dorothy Strain will be salutatorian. Other members of the graduating class who averaged better than 90 per cent for their four years in high school are Verna Randall, Irma and Gordon Marsh, Dove Smith, Vera Dolph, Leola Cuddy, Corinne Van Slyke, Byrdson Catlin, Hubert Lee, George Levy, Kenneth Phillips, Leonard Lane, Rev. Wilson and Estes Williamson. Commencement exercises will be held Tuesday evening, May 21.

Whitman Y. M. C. A. Elects.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—The regular annual election of the college Y. M. C. A. resulted in the choice of the following officers: Orville Douglass, president; William Wilson, vice-president; Marton Dickey, secretary, and Eugene Woodruff, treasurer.



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Boy Hit Hard at Vimy Ridge in 1917
Says Hand-to-Hand Fighting
Now Is Common.

James Fluter, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Fluter, 104 Scott avenue, St. Johns, after three years of trench fighting with the Canadian expeditionary forces in France, is visiting here on a two weeks' furlough.

In April, 1917, while fighting with British Columbia troops at Vimy Ridge, Fluter was shot through the back, the bullet entering about the waist and going up along his spine. After spending a few months in England Fluter was returned to the trenches, where, before long, he was wounded a second time, a ball entering his left arm. The second injury was received in "No Man's Land" at Passchendaele November 10, 1917.

Fluter says that there was very little hand-to-hand fighting while he was serving in the trenches, but that now the fighting is more open, with hand-to-hand engagements very common occurrences.

NEW CANNERY IS RUSHED

Hood River Plant Will Employ 200
Women and Girls This Summer.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 4.—(Special.)—When their new factory annex, a concrete building, two stories, 72 by 72 feet, is completed by H. Cramer, local contractor, E. B. Cloud and H. L. Larkin, owners of the Hood River Canning Company, the Valley's pioneer canning concern, will be prepared to handle the district's product of canning berries and other fruits, and in addition the cannery will expand this season and pack a large quantity of beans.

The new building will enable the local cannery to double their annual output. The new structure will be devoted to the preparation of berries and vegetables. It will contain no steam apparatus or machinery. Thus the women workers will be segregated, a plan that will make for their comfort. It is expected that 200 women and girls will be employed at the canning factory this summer.

Orchardists Get Warning.

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has issued a warning to orchardists to use more care in the handling of arsenate of lead and other poison spray materials. Dr. Welsh says that numerous fine milk cows and other animals are killed annually from eating foliage covered with the poison sprays.

Pendleton Marine Is Safe.

PENDLETON, Or., May 4.—(Special.)—Clyde Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Connor, of Stanfield, was one of the marines on board the steamer City of Athens which was sunk by the French cruiser Wednesday. A message to his parents gave word of his safety.

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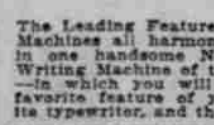
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