INJURED AVIATOR IS HERE

LIEUT. BRADFORD DOWNED AT CHATEAU-THIERRY BATTLE.

Boche Machine Gun Fire Kills One Occupant of Machine and Wounds Pilot.

Lieutenant Holt W. Bradford, a veteran of Chateau-Thierry, and a pursuit pilot of the 91st Aero Squadron, who was shot down in action, arrived in Portland yesterday on sick leave, which he will spend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bradford, who live at the Nortonia Hotel.

Lieutenant Bradford was born in Portland, and lived here until he went to college in Berkeley. While he was there, the United States entered the war, and on August 6, 1917, he enlisted in the aviation section.

In July he started flying at the front on contact patrol work, "which is not a pursuit pilot's job," he remarked, "but they were short of men, and I was stuck for it.

"No one loves to be on a pursuit patrol. The pilot and his observer are both equipped with machine guns, and when a big drive is on they fly low, near the barrage, right by the front wave of men as they advance. If the infantry runs up against a machine gun nest, it holds back that part of the line and makes it uneven. It was our job to spot any uneveness in the line, wireless it back to the battery, as they drop a couple of shells on the Boche, to clear things up a bit.

"I was hit at Chateau-Thierry," he continued. "It was the hottest fight that I had ever seen. I had just spotted a bad break in our line, and shot around in a flip swoop while my observer sent the news back. I had opened fire, and my observer, name was Lieutenant Salmson, started to fire too, when a Boche, in an Albatross, jumped right on our tail, and gave us all he had. Salmson was killed almost immediately. He had his chest full of bullets, and the whole right wing of my plane was shot away.

"We dropped 300 feet like a rocket, and fell just inside our lines. Along toward evening when it was a little dark, two Boche prisoners came along from the front line where they were still scrapping, and I hauled out my gun and made them carry me a mile or so to the dressing station."

Lieutenant Bradford was badly smashed up by the fall. The pilot sits in the forward cockpit of the plane so any two seater, with the engine behind him. When a plane falls it almost invariably hits nose first, so the pilot gets the weight of the engine on top of him. The engine landed upon Lieutenant Bradford's legs, "and rolled over a couple of times," he said.

YORK IS BASE FOR FLEET

American Warships on Atlantic Coast Are Located.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—York, Pa., York River, described by Secretary Daniels as the world's greatest depot for battleships, was the home port of that part of the Atlantic fleet which missed the chance of war service in foreign waters.

"Where is the fleet?" a question often asked during the war was answered today by Secretary Daniels. Except those units sent abroad, battleships and other craft under command of Vice-Admiral Albert W. Grant anchored right where Admiral Rochambeau's French fleet took its stand and cut off relief by sea for General Cornwallis.

NEW AMBASSADOR AT POST

John W. Davis, Who Crossed With President, in London.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—John W. Davis, American Ambassador to Great Britain, and Mrs. Davis, together with Vice-Admiral Sims and his staff, who had taken part in the escort of President Wilson into Brest, reached London this afternoon on a special train from Plymouth. Ambassador Davis was met at Plymouth by the American Charge d'Affaires.

To greet Mr. Davis here, officials of the American embassy, with the military and naval attaches, were at the railway station. The Ambassador, who, with Mrs. Davis, had crossed the Atlantic on board President Wilson's steamer, the George Washington, was conducted directly to the embassy.
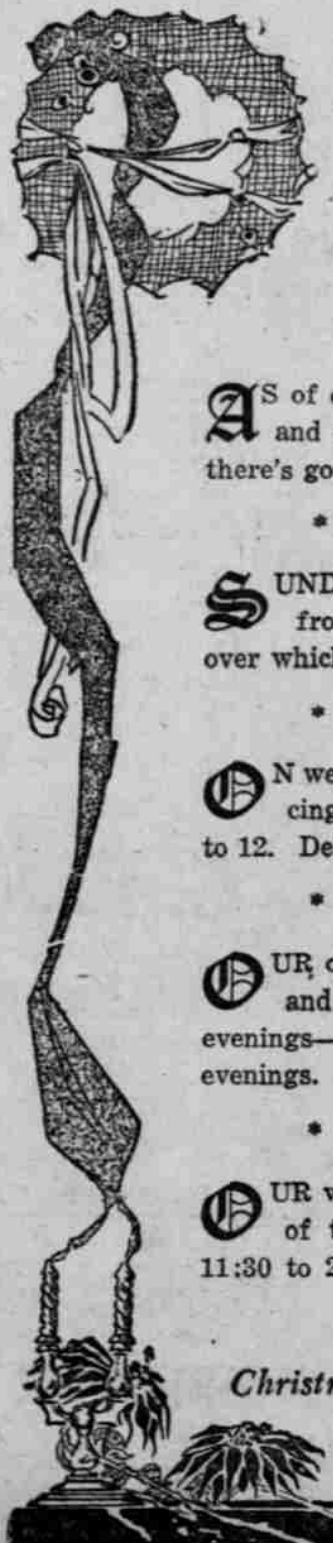
Hibernians to Install.

Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, will meet in Hibernian Hall Monday evening to install officers recently elected. They are: President, J. B. Coffey; vice-president, Thomas Touhey; recording secretary, Frank Mallon; financial secretary, Thomas McGuigan; treasurer, J. W. Woodruff; sergeant-at-arms, Thomas Dougherty; chairman of standing committee, John Kelly; chaplain, Father Devine.

Willamette Has Her Coyotes.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Though coyotes are now very rare in the Willamette Valley, some have been operating recently in the hills between Waterloo and Berlin, in this county. Several goats and sheep have been killed by the animals.

Klamath Falls Masons Elect.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 14.—

Feed Cost Accounts Kept.

The feed cost in milk production is being kept by a number of dairymen who make monthly reports to Professor E. L. Westover, of the Oregon Agricultural College. The reports from 17 dairymen who reported for October have just been tabulated by Professor Westover, and show that the feed cost is $3.13 a hundred pounds of milk. Since the average of most investigations show the feed cost to be about 50 per cent of the total cost, dairymen of Oregon apparently would have to receive $6.26 a hundred pounds to be equitably paid for labor, overhead, depreciation, interest on investment and all the items usually counted as cost of production in other lines of business.

Sick er Well'n Why

Dear Child—This "flu," white plague, and etc. A. Q. beats all, and why? Child, alive, can't you tell when you are well, or aren't well? You don't know? You can't tell if you will be sick tomorrow with "flu" er—

Well, Uncle 'n' can always could. Never had no sickness. Saw it coming. Acted quick, so sickness n-e-v-e-r got into our house; same witch stock, chickens, cows and sheep. You can, too, or we can help you till you run. If you want us to, and will pay for the writing, and promise hard'n true to try too, only write

UNCLE 'NI. R. JONES, Gen. Del., Portland, Oregon.

(Special.)—George C. Ulrich, of this city, has been chosen to head the local Masonic Lodge as worshipful master for the coming year. Dr. W. A. Leonard was elected senior warden; J. Frank Adams, junior warden; E. R. Reams, treasurer, and O. C. Applegate, secretary.