

**Portland Y.M.C.A.
Man Overseas**

BY W. A. ELLIOTT.

Letter No. 11.
PARIS.—At Neuilly-sur-Seine this afternoon I made arrangements for a movie bird talk in hospital No. 1. I am also planning to take a small portable lantern and go into the wards where the boys are lying in bed and give talks on the "Birds of Home," using my colored bird slides. I can throw the pictures on the white walls, making it simple that way. Dr. Anderson is doing the same with his talk "Camp Fires Around the World," and is making good. Royal Dixon also is giving his "Darky Monologue" in the wards, but without pictures.

Mr. Evans has made me responsible for my own work for the rest of the time I am in Paris. I am to make a circuit of all the hospitals and luts in this district which I haven't as yet visited and make my own appointments as to time and place. Mr. Evans says that this will relieve him, as well as give me a better chance to see the work at the hand. In about two weeks I am to report progress, and if through will receive new orders.

Going out this afternoon, I took a wrong car and went about a mile out of my way, but in so doing met a little French boy, Albert Beke, who spoke excellent English. He told me he was in Lille with the English army and learned the language there. He gave me a postcard that had been snapped while he was watching the soldiers.

He said: "I was standing right there all the time." It is a very good picture of him. Odd enough he is working in a store right across the street from the Hotel Tronchet, and he says he is coming to see me sure. The little rascal was smoking a cigarette, and when I told him he was in the United States he would be put in jail he grinned and said: "But I am in France."

O. L. Ferris, head of the "The" Loganberry juice company of Salem and Portland, recently arrived in Paris and I had the good fortune to meet him next day. He will soon be placed in work here, for he had splendid training as assistant in athletics with A. M. Grilley at Camp Lewis and is just the man they need here.

Recently I visited the historic city of St. Germain-en-Laye, 20 miles from Paris. It lies on a hill about 500 feet above the level of Paris, in the shape of a fortress commanding the Seine was on this site. A castle or chateau was built here in the 11th century and used during succeeding centuries as the summer home of the French kings. Only the chapel of St. Louis remains of the original chateau, the rest having been destroyed in the wars with England. It was restored by Charles V and rebuilt by Francis I, whose architect was DuRoi. It was used as an officers' school under Napoleon I and later as a military prison. During the last 50 years it has been restored, according to the original plans, and is now a museum of national antiquities, containing a wonderful collection, dating from pre-historic days to about 750 A. D. The forest of St. Germain is a great park covering about 11,000 acres. The view from the terrace overlooking the Seine is something like that from Council Crest. Paris shows up in the distance and the river looks very like the Willamette.

I saw my first European jay at St. Germain, a bird about the size and with the actions of our Stellar jay. In color the body is a light brown, the top of the head is whitish streaked with black, the chin and rump are white, and the tail is black with white outer feathers. I heard a small bird high up in a tree singing a few little songs, but couldn't identify it. The leader sky and dark days make seeing difficult. A flock of Chaffinches were feeding among the dead leaves under the trees. These birds have the characteristic and conspicuous markings of the western evening Grosbeaks though they are very much smaller and their main body color is a pinkish brown. The Starlings lightened the day with their pleasing blackbird-like rickling song. These birds of the blackbird family are very highly thought of here and in England in spite of a little damage which they do in the grain fields. I am sorry they have disappeared from Portland. Several pairs were imported and released about 20 years ago and for a number of seasons they seemed to thrive and could be seen each spring in various parts of the city, especially flying around the top of the tower of the Perkins hotel. I saw a number in Bronx Park, New York City. Since their importation on the Atlantic coast they have multiplied rapidly in Connecticut and New Jersey.

I am the "bird man" here among the men and many express a desire to know more about the birds. I am only too glad to help all I can for this is something I think every one should know more about. With the birds, the trees, the flowers and the stars as one's friends, one need never be lonely nor unhappy.

\$5000 WHISKY IS SEIZED
Agent of Department of Justice Board Steamship.

BOSTON, Mass.—Agents of the department of justice boarded the steamship Kearsaw, of the Merchants and Miners' Transportation company here shortly before the vessel was due to sail for Norfolk, Va., and seized whisky valued at \$5000. The officers declare the liquor was to be taken into Virginia, a prohibition state, in violation of federal law.

Virtually all of the liquor was in pint bottles and had been packed in suitcases and bags and hidden in lockers and bunks in the crew's quarters. Officers of the Kearsaw aided the federal agents in searching the ship. No arrests were made. Federal officers said the whisky was of good quality and would have sold for \$5 a pint in Norfolk.

Theater Beautiful
IPPEDROME
THE HIT OF THE SEASON.
TODAY TODAY
Vaudeville's Supreme Sensation
HARRY SLATKO'S REVUE
featuring
World's Fastest Whirlwind Dancers
with their own orchestra

FLYING WEAVERS
Butterfly & Archer.

TOM BRANTFORD
The Human Band.

8—SUPER-ATTRACTIONS—8
MITCHELL LEWIS
in
"LIFE'S GREATEST PROBLEM"
SUNDAY CONCERT—12:30 P. M.
DR. STUART MCGUIRE—Soloist.

SUPREME
Orpheum
VAUDEVILLE

The Miniature Musical Comedy
The Four Husbands
With
JACK BOYLE AND KITTY BRYAN
Music and Lyrics by Wm. B. Friedlander
Book by Will M. Booth

SIDNEY TOWNES—Snappy Stories, Songs
Bert Fisk at the Piano

GEORGE YEOMAN AND LIZZIE
In a Little Travesty

PAT AND JULIA LEVOLO—A Sensation

SUE SMITH—In Character Songs

LOS RODRIGUEZ—Perchistas

TRAVEL WEEKLY—KINGRAMS

Henry B. Toomer
In the Up-to-the-Minute Comedy Playlet
"THE WIFE SAVER"
This Show Closes With Matinee Wednesday

THE BAKER
FAMOUS
STOCK COMPANY

The Cory Playhouse of Perfect Acoustics
THE HOUSE OF HITS
WEEK COMMENCING MARCH 9
SUNDAY MAT.

Albert McDevore
EVERY FARCE THIS YEAR A RIOT OF LAUGHTER
DON'T MISS THIS ONE

THE BLUE ENVELOPE
For husbands and wives especially.
And those who expect to be.
Prices: 25¢, 50¢. MATS., 25¢ (Tax)

Next Week
The Old Homestead

ESTABLISHED 1901
18th ANNUAL STOCK SEASON
PLAYS OF QUALITY

John Dewitt Gibert Acts as Army Censor Board.
Former Student of University Writes of Experiences With American Expeditionary Forces.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 8.—(Special.)—John Dewitt Gibert, ex-18, a major in the journalism department, who is now with the American army in France at the office of Base Censor, A. P. O. 702, in a letter to Eric W. Allen, dean of the school of journalism, outlines some of his experiences in France and tells of old Oregon men he has seen and something of his plans for the future. He writes in part: "We are waiting wholly unaware of what the future holds for us in the line of repatriation. Perhaps we go next week, perhaps it will be June. One would have to go beyond Paris and even into the inner sanctum of Chautauque to learn.

"Peace, as you say, seems tame, but for us here there is one more great adventure at any rate, home-coming. For those as young as myself, peace, too, brings a challenge for me to do my part in another work, if less fiery than war, at least even more personal, a victory for oneself in the 'front' of the world.

"I have been with my father but ten days since and four months have passed since our Mediterranean trip. We are turning our thoughts now to one that will lead us to the good father Tiber. "I have in the space of perhaps a month seen: Anse Cornell, Sam Cook, Lamar Toose, Joe Bell, Percy Boatman.

ALCAZAR
MORRISON AT 11TH
PLAYS THAT PLEASE

IT COULD HAVE BEEN YOUR SISTER,
Think This Line Over THEN SEE

PLAY HITS
A gripping play of yesterday, today and tomorrow.
NIGHTS 25c, 50c, 60c
ALL MATINEES 25c
ALL START
WEEK SUN. MAT. MAR. 9
NEXT WEEK—"MADAME X"

Fritzi Brunette and William Sheer
Well remembered as "Skinny the Rat" of "Regeneration"
IN.

"The SEALED ENVELOPE"

Contains a lot of Surprises Will be opened Today at the

STRAND THEATRE
"Look Into It"
VAUDEVILLE CURRENT EVENTS WEEKLY.



LYRIC MUSICAL STOCK
KEATING & FLOOD, MANAGERS

WEEK STARTING SUN. MAT. MARCH 9
DILLON AND FRANKS in a Novel Musical Extravaganza in Two Big Scenes

THE BELLE OF PORTLAND

See the Chinese Opium Den at Midnight.
Gorgeous Effects, Fetching Choruses.
Pretty Girls.
MATINEE EVERY DAY, 10¢ ONLY

TWO EXTRA FEATURE NIGHTS—TUESDAY, COUNTRY STORE. FRIDAY, CHORUS GIRLS' CONTEST.

PANTAGES
Unequaled Vaudeville—Broadway at Alder.
Matinee Daily, 2:30. Twice Nightly, 7 and 9.
Popular Prices—Boxes and Loges Reserved.

WEEK COMMENCING TOMORROW MATINEE

THE MARVEL OF THE ORIENT
The Imperial Pekinese Troupe
OFFERING THE RARE MYSTICISM OF THE FAR EAST.

THE DANCING TYRELLS
Terpsichore's Favorites

WEIR AND TEMPLE
In "Odds and Ends"

SPENCER AND WILSON
In "Putting It Over."

"THE LITTLE BURGLAR"
A Brilliant Musical Mixup.

JOE ROBERTS
The Banjoist de Luxe.

"THE LIGHTNING RAIDER"
With Pearl White.

CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE TODAY, 1 P. M. TO 11 P. M.