

# "PRIVATE BRISS" DESCRIBES CHAT WITH AN OFFICER

Interview Less Lengthy Than  
Those Secured at City Hall  
Here in Former Days.

## BOND SUCCESS PLEASES

Officer in France Sends Words  
Of Admiration for French Peo-  
ple Who Display Fortitude.

Herewith is presented news of boys of the Oregon country who are in the nation's service which will continue to be a feature of The Journal as the war goes on. Letters from camp will be included in this column from day to day.

**"PRIVATE."** CLAUDE BRISTOL is now at Benicia, Cal., training camp, having completed his course at the last ordnance school at Eugene. He was for several years prior to his enlistment city hall reporter for The Journal. In a note to a member of the staff he writes:

"You know this life is somewhat different from the camp life. Here you take what comes and keep your mouth shut. You don't even thank them for answering questions. It isn't done! I have had two pleasant conversations with my superior officer consisting of 'first, Yes, sir,' and the second, 'yes'!"

Papers, too, are much in demand—as the news is strictly censored. The following excerpts from letters from the same man give interesting highlights of the soldiers in service:

"We really know nothing about what is going on in the world. We see a French newspaper once in a while, but most of us know too little of the language to get much from it. The strict censorship has just filled with letters and news always at least a month old. I just saw (February 28) the published account of the aims of the war as outlined by President Wilson early in January.

"My work will apparently keep me here for a long time. Part of the reason I traveled over yesterday was a cobblestone highway built by Napoleon to Madrid on his campaign against Spain."

By traveling the streets of Bordeaux with a bath tub on top of a taxicab and once formerly stationed near Portland now located in the only bath house in his camp. Following is an excerpt from his letter:

"The people over here, or round about anyway, don't believe in baths apparently. This town is fair sized and there isn't a bath tub available for rent. There isn't a bath tub available for rent. I bought a bath tub and chair around the city on top of a taxicab. I gained quite a reputation over the stunt, but, thank heaven, have a tub. The bath house here is only open in the summer time as they consider it superfluous in the cold weather."

To those who have heard nothing but silence from their packages of delectable sweets sent to loved ones "over there" it might be interesting to hear of the successful arrival in France, "in perfect condition" March 9, of a tin of fruit cake that had been mailed recently by a Christian. It might be surprising from its ripe old age, that it "flew with its own wings" like the state of its birth, but an enthusiastic letter states that it didn't even limp into camp. Excerpts from the letter follow:

"The biggest day on record! That is what yesterday was. Six letters, the tin of fruit cake and a pair of socks, all in one mail. The cake came in perfect condition and all the officers and headquarters had some. The socks are perfect and I like the distinctive blue stripes, but when in doubt just write letters; they mean everything to us, over here."

In the name of Alfred M. Gottschalk,

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such general delays on the real subject at hand. Possibly a few more affairs like the Tuscans and the casualty lists from the front will have the desired effect, and they will "get their dander up." If they ever do, may the Lord help the Kaiser when America goes in with real blood in her eye—not for the fulfillment of ideals—but to win. If they do not but continue apathetic and kicking at the government as they were before the war, then we shall have to help the whole world, and it will be too late for the world to help itself.

"If the people of America could only see the way the people of France are fighting the war—to a man, woman or child—they would be ashamed of the part they have permitted obstructionists to play in the war to date. The old women and old men and the young women and children do all the work in the fields and around the houses and hotels. You see them driving carts, sweeping streets, and doing everything imaginable in the line of hard work. I saw a little, stoop-shouldered woman, withered with age, wheeling a wheelbarrow or dirt or whatever it was, frequently met his son there, where he came to visit his father, though he and his sister, Miss Clara Gottschalk, both lived with their mother in New York. Miss Gottschalk was a piano assistant to Edward MacDowell, composer, in New York before his final sickness.

Joseph W. Hammond and Edmund P. Hammond, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Hammond, are now at an Eastern port awaiting orders to leave for France. Mrs. Hammond left Tuesday for the East to bid her sons adieu. Both boys attended the first officers' training camp at the University of Oregon in the summer department. Joseph W. Hammond was practicing law in the office of J. H. Middleton prior to entering the service and his younger brother, Edmund P., was a student in the technical engineering department at the Oregon Agricultural college. Mrs. Hammond will visit in New York for several weeks before her return to the coast.

noted among the passengers on the missing collier Cyclops, much local interest attaches itself. He is listed as A. L. Maurice Gottschalk, consul general from the United States to Rio Janeiro and Brazil, but he is better known in this country as Alfred M. He is the son of L. Gottschalk, a well-known opera singer and vocal teacher. The elder Gottschalk resided in Portland from September 1910, to May, 1911, when he had large classes in voice. He came to the coast to recuperate his health and returned to Chicago, where his death followed shortly. Mrs. Carrie R. Beaumont of Portland was his wife. She taught at the University of Chicago and frequently met his son there, where he came to visit his father, though he and his sister, Miss Clara Gottschalk, both lived with their mother in New York. Miss Gottschalk was a piano assistant to Edward MacDowell, composer, in New York before his final sickness.

With appointment yesterday of four new lieutenants for the Oregon State Police battalion being recruited by Major Richard Diech, commanding officer, the commissioned personnel of the organization has been completed. Almost 80 recruits have been sworn in and assigned to active duty pending the full mobilization of the battalion.

Major Diech definitely appointed J. M. Kockeck of Corvallis, Captain John E. Snyder of Salem, Major Louis P. Campbell and Walter F. Threlkeld of Portland as lieutenants. Lieutenant Kockeck will be second in command of the Eastern Oregon company, Snyder will be attached to the Salem unit under Captain O. J. Hull, and Captain Threlkeld will be attached to the Portland companies commanded respectively by Captain Roy M. Double and Captain L. E. Beach.

Captain William's Headquarters

Captain Harry E. Williams is decided with command of the Eastern Oregon company and after the mobilization of his unit probably will establish headquarters at Pendleton. Captain John H. Hibbard, the fifth captain in the battalion, will devote his full time to executive work at battalion headquarters.

The four lieutenants appointed are veterans of the Spanish-American war, making all commissioned officers former fighters. Lieutenant J. W. Kockeck has had an especially brilliant military career. He was a member of the famous Twentieth Kansas volunteers in the war with Spain and rose rapidly in the regular army reaching the grade of first sergeant. With the regulars he saw service in the Boxer uprising and with the Chinese relief expedition. Lieutenant Campbell will retire as a major in the Oregon guard to accept the police commission.

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It was disclosed in these dispatches that at Aachen (Aix La Chapelle) all accommodations for wounded were already exhausted and that schools and other public buildings and private dwellings were being used as hospitals. Twenty-five hospital trains are arriving daily, but patients night, it was stated. There is a great scarcity of hospital supplies, particularly morphine.

The morale of the German soldiers is declining, the dispatches revealed. Only among the new levies of very young soldiers is there a real enthusiasm, it was declared.

## Enemy Agitators Busy in Colorado

Telluride, Colo., April 17.—(I. N. S.)—Federal agents arrived here Tuesday to investigate an alleged plot of several members of the I. W. W. who bound and gagged Maurice Hamalain, a blacksmith, escorted him to the outskirts of the city and warned him to leave the community. It is said Hamalain had informed government officials of a plot among I. W. W. here to interfere with work at the coal mines.

James Karaneo, a miner, is being held by Sheriff Hoffmann, who says that Hamalain identified the miner as a ring-leader of the I. W. W.

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## CATERERS SOON WILL DETERMINE PROGRAM FOR SAVING WHEAT

Consumption of Wheat Reduced More Than Half by Big Consumers.

Whether Portland hotels and restaurants will adopt the no wheat food program will be decided in a meeting of the hotel and restaurant men's committees in a few days.

Already hotels and restaurants have reduced their consumption of wheat to less than a 50-50 basis with substitutes.

"Unless we are sure of getting all the substitutes for wheat flour we will need we must reduce the amount of flour used gradually