

CHESTER DOWNS, U. OF O. GRADUATE, IN MEDICAL CORPS

Lieutenant Completes Surgery Course at Los Angeles and Goes to Camp Lewis.

SPRING IN FRANCE PRETTY

Michigan Boy, Convalescing in Hospital, Tells Interesting Details of Army Mess.



Lieutenant Chester A. Downs, U. S. medical officer's reserve corps, spent a part of last week with his family and his father, Professor S. U. Downs of this city, while en route to Camp Lewis for assignment on the medical staff. He has just completed a course in orthopedic surgery at the army training station in Los Angeles. Mrs. Downs and infant child have taken up their residence with Professor Downs at 237 Fargo street. Both Lieutenant and Mrs. Downs are graduates of the University of Oregon. Mrs. Downs was formerly Miss Marian Stowe of this city.

"We are having beautiful spring weather now. The sun is so bright and warm I can just shut my eyes and hear the suckers running up the old creek," writes a Michigan boy from Somewhere in France to his folks back home. He is convalescing in a hospital and tells some interesting details of army mess.

"Sometimes we get tired of army 'mess' and go down town and get a regular meal. The last time I was down I ran onto a new way to get a meal. We went to a market and bought our meat (there were four of us) and then had a French woman fix us up a 'feet'-steak, kidneys and mutton. French fried potatoes, war bread, butter and coffee. We could not eat it all and it only cost us 15 francs (about 25 cents a dish). We could not get as much in the states for a dollar. For supper tonight I had baked beans, potato salad, bread and jam and coffee. For dinner we had roast chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, bread and butter and coffee. That is hospital fare—don't think we live that high on the job."

"A blizzard in the latter part of April. This is a luxury denied to most sections of this most glorious country. Perhaps it is an exclusive blessing to Cheyenne, expressing the Lord's bountiful affection for the wicked little town." Thus Dan Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hill of Eugene, sums up the weather in Wyoming, where he is in the hospital corps, stationed at Fort D. A. Russell. He further unburies himself as follows:

"Yes, indeed, spring is here at last. It is lovely. Everyone is rejoicing and buttoning up his overcoat. The birds' song is frozen in her tiny throat; her carefully thatched nest, with its burden of pale blue, oval eggs, lies as mere wreckage beneath the morning trees. Her dream of a nestful of fuzzy little boys and girls is over. Death has obliterated the pangs of childless remorse. And so she lies rigid and cold, but happier than if she had lived to see the sparrow devour the precious egg shells."

"There must be some mistake. The above doesn't sound like spring, does it? Well, this is the 15th of April, and should be spring."

"The other day we hiked six miles after drill and everyone kidded me because my face was red and the sweat was pouring down like glycerine tears in the movies. It didn't bother me any, except for one thing. The underwear I had on was washed a few days before by your eldest son, Daniel. For some reason I failed to get all the soap rinsed out, and when I began sweating, the soapuds felt sort of sticky and irritated my skin. Aside from this unfortunate feature and the fact that I didn't leave any tracks behind me—I dusted that part of the earth's surface which lay immediately under me with the seat of my pants—I returned feeling fit as a fiddle."

Private Frank E. Kersey of Company L, 162d infantry, a former well known business man of Dallas, writing friends in that city from France, says:

"As yet we (our company) are only playing a woman's part in this war, doing nothing but K. P. work and guard duty. In the city in which we are situated there is quite a stir. Soldiers—American, English, French and all the other allies—are going through to the front. The trains are loaded with French peasants coming back from the fighting lines. I don't have the least idea whether we will be assembled or not, but I hope so, for want to get up to the front line trenches and get into the game. I would hate like the very devil to come this far and not get to help in the fight. After a person is over here for a while he gets it in his system to want to lick a few Germans. Don't you people at home forget that the U. S. has got a few tricks up her sleeve she hasn't pulled yet. It looks to me as if the American army will be put into action soon, for the Germans are making a desperate fight and all strength will be needed."

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FRENCH COLONIAL SOLDIERS USE 'BIG KNIFE' ON ENEMY



This French colonial trooper, with his big knife, has developed a healthy swing. The French colonial troops are feared more by the Germans than any other race in the great war. They are probably the fiercest fighters with the allies, and it is said they never take prisoners. Once a German falls into their hands his fighting days are over.

lots of it ahead. Have to go out to the hospital to play for a dance tonight. Tomorrow night a concert here. Saturday the regular Y. M. C. A. show at the theatre down town. Sunday afternoon some benefit concert. Sunday night a concert at a camp out of town and a little party Monday night at the hospital. So, you see, we are getting all the work we want. There is so much 'jamming' that we don't get much chance to improve ourselves by individual practice.

British Red Cross Plans Celebration

Arrangements Made at Meeting Saturday to Observe British Empire Day at Auditorium With Program May 27.

The British Red Cross society at its meeting Saturday night formulated plans for a British Empire day celebration to be held May 27 at The Auditorium.

Dr. Harold Bean, who has seen nearly six months' service as a medical officer in the British army, was the chief speaker of the evening. He spoke on the benefits of the Red Cross and what it means to the soldiers, and contrasted the present life of the people in England with the French. He also told of the excellent way German prisoners are treated in comparison with the allies.

A musical program, including a solo by Miss Doris Bagley, a solo by George Hotchkiss Street, and numbers by Miss Eugenia Craig, Miss Ruth Agnew and Mrs. Beulah Myers Curtis, was given.

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IRISH LUCK SAVED FLYER WHEN PLANE CAUGHT IN POCKET

Qualifications of Montana Man as Expert Aviator Gains Admission to Ground School.

Five hundred feet in the air, the roar of an airplane motor pierced the stillness of its cloudy vacuum, a flying machine plunged into an air pocket. Like a shooting star the machine dove, head first, toward the hard, cold ground of Florida. Then, suddenly, 200 feet from earth, the air pocket ended, the air became as a firmly paved boulevard—the machine shot out over the grandstand of a baseball park and its pilot, Patrick S. Curtis, eased his chilled spine and prayed that he would not be sued for damaging the grandstand as the nose of the machine plunged toward it.

Pure Irish good luck gave Patrick the power to miss the grandstand and probable death, and a moment later his winged bomb was diving head-on into the ground.

To Receive Commission

There was very little left of the airplane, according to Patrick Curtis, who lived to bring the story to Marine corps headquarters, 506 Panama building, on Friday, where he recited it as his enlistment papers were being prepared so that he could leave Saturday for Miami, Florida, where he will become a commissioned officer in the marine corps flying service.

The smiling Irish aviator came to Portland on Thursday from his home at Billings, Mont., to enlist with the marines. He possesses a license as an expert aviator from the Aero club of America and a growing reputation as a birdman. He enlisted as a private, but his qualifications warranted his being sent to the aviation ground school, from which he will later receive a commission.

Motorcycle Greatest Thriller

"I spent one hour and 15 minutes in the air at one time and I've been up as high as 5500 feet, but for real thrills the air doesn't hold a candle to motorcycle racing," Curtis declared, as he told of his only accident in the skies. "In fact, motorcycle racing holds more thrills in a minute than aviation does in a month," he said.

Curtis spent a number of years as a professional motorcycle racer before he took up aviation for the purpose of qualifying for a place with the Marines. He's a happy American youth of 29 years, with an Irish face and a quiet manner, and armed with his Aero club license and his classification as an expert aviator, he left Portland Saturday determined to force his way through the ground school, to which he was assigned, and fly down on the Hun at the first opportunity.

Bakers Adopt New War Bread Formula

Portland bakers have adopted the new war bread formula, announcement of which was made a few days ago by the Oregon food administration. Copies of the formula have been sent to all licensed bakers of the state. The bakers have also been required to render weekly reports of the amount of flour substitutes used and kept in stock. According to H. H. Haynes, chairman of the baking section of the food administration, the bakers have already been instrumental in the conservation of much wheat. The exact figures have not been learned.

gave the enemy a brisk fight, whereupon they returned to our lines. Two Americans were slightly injured in this action.

HAIRBREADTH ESCAPE DOES NOT DAUNT HIM



Patrick Curtis

Lord French Head in Ireland

London, May 6.—(I. N. S.)—Lord French, commander of the home forces, has been appointed lord lieutenant of Ireland. He succeeds Lord Wimborne, who has resigned. Edward Shortt has been appointed chief secretary for Ireland, taking the place of retiring Secretary Duke.

HOOD RIVER VALLEY PIONEER PASSES OUT AFTER ACTIVE LIFE

William M. Boorman Planted One of First Apple Orchards in Famous Fruit District.

Hood River, Or., May 6.—William M. Boorman, 89 years old and a pioneer resident of this valley, was buried here Sunday, services being conducted at Asbury M. E. church.

Mr. Boorman was born in the county of Kent, England, in 1830. "He came to this country with his parents when 12 years old and lived in Chicago when that city was hardly more than a village. Mr. Boorman remembered the main street of the Windy City when it was hardly more than a muddy cow trail. He later owned a farm near La Crosse, Wis., for a number of years and came to Hood River 22 years ago, planting one of the first apple orchards in the valley.

Mr. Boorman is survived by his widow and seven children as follows: Scott, E. H. Ackerman of Vancouver, Wash.; Mrs. J. H. Ackerman of Monmouth, Or.; Mrs. Ralph Ellis of Molalla, Or.; Alfred W. Boorman of Portland; Mrs. Frank C. Sherrieb of Hood River; Mrs. Frank Caddy of Pleasant Home, Or.; and Mrs. Warren Miller of Hood River.

Fruit Cannery Doubles Capacity

Hood River, Or., May 6.—More than doubling its capacity, the Hood River Canning company is erecting an addition to its factory which is even larger than the original structure. The building is of concrete, 72 feet square and having two floors. The company has been operating here four years and

has built up a profitable business in canned fruits, including the famous Hood River apples and strawberries. It is now one of the largest fruit canneries in the state.

Draft Evader Is Arrested

Hood River, Or., May 6.—Charged with having evaded the draft, Jess Baker of Mountain Home, Ark., was arrested here Friday. Young Baker was examined by the local draft board and found to be physically fit. He will be returned to Arkansas.

Pastors to Leave For Big Conference

Dr. John H. Boyd and Dr. E. H. Pence, Delegates to "Win the War for Permanent Peace" Meeting, Philadelphia.

Dr. John H. Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and Dr. E. H. Pence, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church, will leave Portland this week to attend the "Win the war for permanent peace" meeting to be held in Philadelphia on May 16 and 17. Dr. Boyd leaves today and Dr. Pence on Wednesday.

Both men will make numerous stops on the trip. Dr. Boyd's first stopping at Evanston, Ill., where he will dedicate the new building of the Christopher House Settlement, an institution founded while he was pastor of the Presbyterian church there. The building has been erected at a cost of \$60,000 and in it is a chapel dedicated to the late Mrs. Boyd, who was a devoted worker in the settlement.

Dr. Boyd will attend the Home Mission conference at Columbus, Ohio, and then will go to Philadelphia. Dr. Pence will first go to Columbus, Ohio, to participate in the meeting of the National War Service commission of the Presbyterian church, before returning to Portland. Dr. Pence will visit Detroit, his former pastorate. Dr. Boyd plans to go to Washington before returning to his work in Portland.

ROCKEFELLER AIDS HIGHER EDUCATION

Colleges and Universities in Most States of Union Financed by Standard Oil King.

New York, May 6.—(I. N. S.)—The resources of 112 colleges and universities in nearly every state in the Union have been increased by the general educational board, founded by John D. Rockefeller, since its organization in 1902, according to advance sheets issued today of its forthcoming annual report for the year 1916-17. Total appropriations by the board for the year were \$2,142,563.75.

The board and the Rockefeller Foundation together contributed \$2,000,000 toward a total of \$5,300,000 for the establishment of the medical department of the University of Chicago. This rendered possible the bringing together in a single university medical school resources valued at nearly \$15,000,000. The board announced the publication of an experimental study of the reading process by Clarence T. Gray of the University of Chicago.

Explosion Wrecks German Rail Depot

Paris, May 6.—(I. N. S.)—A mysterious explosion has destroyed the electric railway station at Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany, said a dispatch to the Matin from Zurich today.



The Second Anniversary Week Brings Our Annual May Sale of House Dresses and Aprons

—Spring days call forth dainty new house apparel and practical aprons for housecleaning. So many women have told us that our assortments are the most varied and complete in Portland—so we are doubly sure you will appreciate these extra special offerings in the May Sale!

House Dress Aprons \$1.29

—Attractive aprons made of genuine Scout Percal in pretty Roman stripes, black and white figured designs and plain colors. Made with round and V-necks, full and three-quarter belts, and fancy pockets.

House Dresses and Aprons Priced \$1.69

—Neat dresses and aprons of percales and lawns, in pretty belted styles, with long, three-quarter and puff sleeves, square and V-necks and collars of contrasting materials. Good materials and trimmings.

Billie Burkes and Dresses Special \$1.98

—These are made of plaid ginghams and striped percales with white cross bar and pique belts and collars. Neat, attractive styles for house wear!

New House Dresses at \$3.49

—The dainty and popular "Lady Fair," "Sammy" and "Nannette" models made of novelty materials in plain colors with plaid trimmings and fancy striped and plain collars, with large pockets and fancy belts. A wide range of colors for your selection.

New House Dresses Special \$2.49

—Pretty light striped and plaid dresses with colored or white collars, fancy pockets and belts and trimming of hem-stitching and colored stitching. Yoke or Norfolk pleat effect. Sizes to 46.

—Fourth Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

New Tub FROCKS

for Juniors and Small Women

Priced \$5.95

—The prettiest frocks of plain colored chambrays, striped ginghams and plaids. Made with white pique collars and cuffs, and some with fancy flaring pockets. The colors are green, blues, maize and white and there are a number of the prettiest styles.

—Fourth Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Hear the NEW VICTOR RECORDS

—Here are some of the "Big Hits" that everyone is asking for:

- "Just a Baby's Prayer at Twilight."
- "On the Road to Home Sweet Home."
- "Blue Bird."
- "If You Look in Her Eyes."
- "Long Boy"—One Step.
- "Indianola"—Fox Trot.
- "Sweet Emaline My Gal," One Step.
- "While the Incense is Burning"—Fox Trot.
- "Music Flr., The Seventh."

Anniversary Sale of Japanese Lacquered Trays

—Beautiful trays that are hand decorated in the daintiest butterfly designs. In good sizes for general serving or afternoon use.

18x11-inch TRAYS, Special. 75c 16½x10-inch TRAYS, Special. 65c

—Positively no phone orders filled, none sent C. O. D. and none delivered.

—Main Floor Bargain Square.

Announcement

Exhibition and Sale Extraordinary

Tuesday and Wednesday

—An opportunity for all art lovers to view the famous

Etching of Pont Neuf by Louis Orr, the only officially adopted artist not a native Frenchman.

—There are but three copies of this etching in the United States. One is to be presented to President Wilson and the others will be sent to rulers of foreign governments. None will be sold.

And in Addition
Tuesday and Wednesday

Exhibition and Sale of the Famous Emery Etchings and Color Prints

under the direction of Mr. G. M. Walker, who will offer advice and answer questions about any of these faithful reproductions of the world's masterpieces.

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