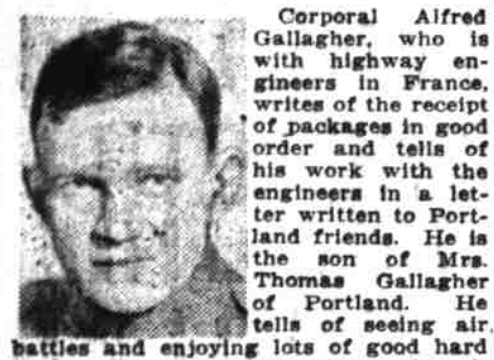


AIR BATTLES IN PLENTY ENLIVEN LIFE AT FRONT

Corporal Gallagher Writes of
Seeing Clashes in Air Between
Planes of Rival Armies.

PACKAGES COMING FREELY

Hard Work Keeps Men Busy and
Develops Zest for "Big Action"
When It Comes.



Corporal Alfred Gallagher, who is with highway engineers in France, writes of the receipt of packages in good order and tells of his work with the engineers in a letter written to Portland friends. He is the son of Mrs. Thomas Gallagher of Portland. He tells of seeing air battles and enjoying the good hard work. He incidentally states that it does not rain in Portland after having been in France. He has met a French soldier who once lived here and together they have enjoyed many talks of Portland and the Oregon country. He was formerly with Swift & Co. here, and recently received a big package from that firm, also a letter from his Paris office.

APPRECIATES OLD GLORY

Ira White of Aurora Writes of Slackers
in War Work.

Corporal Ira White of Aurora, who is now in France, in writing to friends, says: "I see Fred Lockley often and sometimes get a chance to talk with him. He knows people all over the valley and told me about the good meals he used to get at the Old Pioneer hotel at Aurora. I was much interested in the list of names published in The Journal as of those who refused to buy War Stamps, give to the Red Cross, etc., and otherwise refused to support their country. It seems that some people cannot appreciate a free land. I wonder where they can expect to live, or where they can expect to be free. The most Christian thing they can do today is to support their country—which means giving to the Red Cross, etc., and otherwise supporting their country. I will take my chances in the world. I will take my chances in the world with such as they. They may not see it now, but before this time is over I am afraid they will have much less peace of mind and soul than they have had since living under the protection of the Stars and Stripes."

George Gates of Medford, who is with Battery E, 66th artillery, in France, has written home from a French military hospital, where he is evidently ill or suffering from wounds. He refers to his presence there as though a previous letter had explained the fact. The letter never having been received by his parents, Mayor and Mrs. Gates are greatly exercised over his plight. He makes no point of his sufferings except to state that he is in the hospital and has only 50 cents in his pocket. "How would you like to be in a hospital 7000 miles from home and broke except for 50 cents?" he writes. Mayor Gates wired Washington, but found that sending money to France at best was a matter of several weeks or months.

Do you know the words of the "Star Spangled Banner?" From the bulletin board at the Presidio, where he is in training, Earl Barker of Eugene, Or., copied the following clever bit and sent it home for consumption:

"Oh, say, can you sing from the start to the end.
What so proudly you stand for when or
When the whole congregation, in voices that
blend,
Strikes up the grand tune and then torture
and say it?
How valiant they shout when they first
starting out.
But the dawn's early light finds them floundering about.
'Tis the Star Spangled Banner they're trying to sing.
But they don't know the words of the precious brave thing."

"Hark, the twilight's last gleaming has some of them stopped.
But the valiant survivors press forward bravely.
To the ramparts we watched when some others are dazed.
And the loss of the leaders is manifest keenly.
Then 'The rocket's red glare' gives the bravest a scare.
And there's a few left to face the 'bombs bursting in air.'
'Tis a thin line of heroes that manage to save the last of the verse and 'the home of the brave'."

Dr. Frank Paul Pirey, now a lieutenant in the officers medical reserve corps, was commissioned in April and has been called for active duty at the Camp Lewis base hospital to report June 27. Lieutenant Pirey has a wide circle of friends in Portland, where he has been practicing for about eight years.

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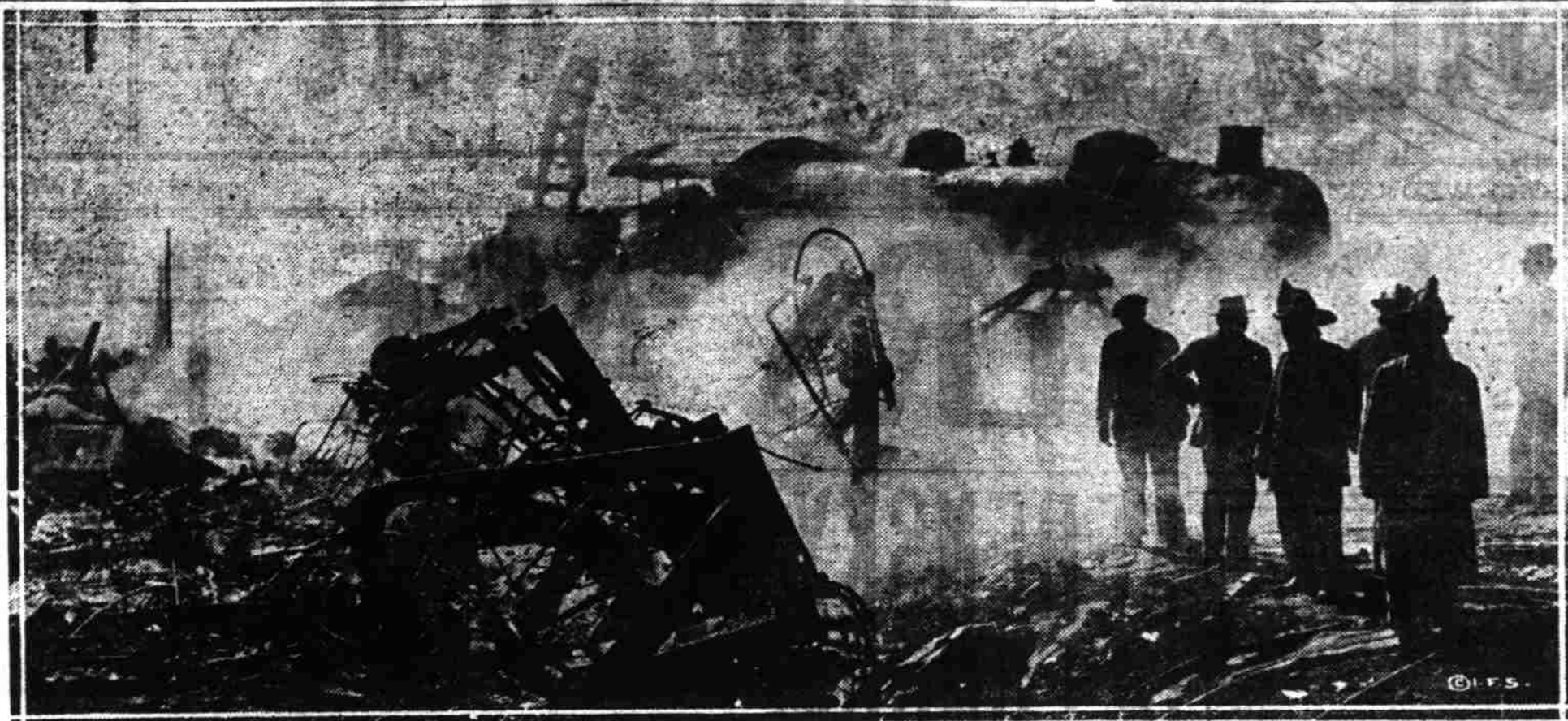
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FIRST PICTURE OF CIRCUS TRAIN WRECK IN INDIANA



From 65 to 85 persons were killed and many more were injured when a Michigan Central empty troop train tore through four tourist sleepers of the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus train near Gary, Ind., at 3:45 o'clock on the morning of June 22. Half of the dead were burned in the fire that piled horror on horror after the crash, in which wooden circus cars were crushed like egg shells. The picture gives a general view of the wreckage of the circus train and shows the locomotive of the troop train which tore through the sleepers crowded with performers.

Hammond, Ind., June 26.—(I. N. S.)

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