

GERALD MALARKEY WRITES HOME; IS KILLED NEXT DAY

Mr. and Mrs. Dan G. Malarkey of Warrenton Receive Cheerful Note From Son Killed Aug. 11.

"FIGHTING LETTERS" CHEER

Although No Fear of Bursting Shells Was Felt, Steel Fragment Ends Life of Oregon Boy.

When Gerald Malarkey fell on the battlefield in France, it was after he had written a cheery letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan G. Malarkey, of Warrenton, Or. The letter had not been posted and the mail orderly of his detachment added the sad postscript that the young man had just been killed by a shell.

Courageous in his task of fighting the Hun, and buoyed up by the cheerful and "fighting" letters received from his parents, the soldier, just prior to meeting his death, had written a letter to his people, excerpts from which follow under date, "On the Front, August 10:

"Dear Father: I am about a week late with this letter, owing to my not being able to get any writing material up until a couple of days ago.

Family 100 Per Cent U. S.

"The last letter I received from you was yours and mother's joint letter written on the tenth of July. Believe me, father, all letters from home are very, very welcome, but the letters that you write are more than welcome. You make me forget that I am only a private in a very large army. There are times when a fellow gets discouraged and homesick, but a letter from mother and you is always a sure cure.

"I like to read your 'fighting letters' and if I ever live to have a son and he goes to war I am going to write him the same kind.

"It certainly surprises me to hear of Leo's being drafted. However, it makes our family 100 per cent American and I suppose that is some consolation to you and mother.

"As usual we have moved from the position that we were in when I last wrote home. We certainly had a hard time getting in here, as the mud was ankle deep. It took us about 26 hours to travel a little over half a mile. We were sure fagged when we got at last got in.

Killed by Shell
"I almost had to stop writing a little while ago. The Huns are dropping a few shells here and there, but they are pretty close to us. It's getting to be an old story now: They waste a lot of shells but do no harm.

"Up until the last few days, the weather has been very wet, but lately it has cleared up to a great extent. I surely hope it continues to be clear, as moving in the rain and mud is the most disagreeable thing that I know of.

"I am well and contented, so with love to all I remain your affectionate son, Gerald.

"P. S.—Do not worry if you do not hear from me regularly, as we are working rather hard and I cannot always secure paper and envelopes. I will write just as often as I can."

Before the mislaid was mailed Malarkey was killed, according to the following postscript:
"On the Front, August 12—Dear Friends: Before sending the last letter of Gerald's, I am sorry to report that he was killed by a shell-burst last evening at about 5 o'clock, and is buried east and south of Cluny, near Perre-en-Tardenois.

"P. T. E. R. O. PUNNULL, Mail Orderly."

In a letter received at The Journal cigar store, Lewis J. Laack, now serving in France with the 834th aero squadron, A. E. F., writes of seeing a baseball game in London. "What do you know about it," he writes. "The Yanks are making baseball fans out of the people here. Every game you go to there are more of them present. The King and queen attended the game I saw on the Fourth of July. Talking of baseball, our squadron was playing another aero squadron at the camp a while ago and this is what I heard one Englishman say to his friend: 'Really, they can't hit that round ball hard with a round bat.'

"When I was on leave to London, I had just turned off the Strand and was walking down Aldwych when I saw a face wearing a smile that looked very familiar, and a couple of seconds later I was talking to Oswald West."

Captain Henry Green Reed, son of Mrs. C. J. Reed of Portland, is now mustering officer at Camp Lewis. Captain Reed recently was promoted from the rank of first lieutenant and transferred from the Depot brigade.

Word has been received of the death of Clarence Eugene Geertson at League Island Navy yard of pneumonia. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Geertson of Union, Or., 21 years old.

YANKEE SOLDIERS KNOW THAT HUNS MUST BE CRUSHED

Rainier Boy Writes of Feelings of Men; Y. M. C. A., Red Cross, Salvation Army Praised.

MARCHING TROOPS ALL SING

American Cemetery, Containing Body of Nurse, Is Visited; Home Support Is Appreciated.

An interesting letter has been received from Clarence Erickson, of Rainier, who enlisted with the Third Oregon two days after war was declared and who is now serving in France with Company I, 126th U. S. Infantry, A. E. F. He writes from St. Aignan in part as follows:

"It is a wonderful sight to see these heroic soldiers on the march—their uniforms in their light blue uniforms sing the 'Marseillaise' as they go on to battle. The undaunted Britishers in dusty and worn khaki with many old men in line sing once in a while too, but they do not sing Tipperary any more, it's rather 'Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag and Smile.' But best of all comes the Yankee boys, swinging along and singing 'Oh, Where Do We Go From Here, Boys,' or 'It's a Long Way to Berlin, But We'll Get There, By Heck.'"

"No one can look into the eyes of these men without feeling that they are in the fight to a finish, yet, and to a Hun finish. Sis, I don't write this in a boasting way, but we feel we must fully win this war and with God's help we shall. We know how nobly you folks at home are standing behind us, giving your support in Liberty Bonds, Y. M. C. A. and all I must say again, that the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and Salvation Army are doing a most glorious work, and the 'Y' puts give us our one real touch of home.

"On memorial day we visited the little American cemetery and sprinkled the graves with flowers, among them the grave of an American nurse. "I have surely had my baptism of fire, lying flat in the grass with the shells whirling overhead and apparently straight at me. Have also seen two hospitals destroyed and we know the Huns know where they are as they are marked plainly with a red cross on tops of tents and buildings.

"But our one great desire is to hear from those we love. We cannot answer immediately, but you can understand and will not judge us too hastily, I know."

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Murphy to Fight
But whether the attorney general's investigation confirms or disproves the suspicion that Keller has been taking money from convicts before using his influence in obtaining a parole for them, it is predicted by those who are in close touch with the penitentiary situation that Warden Murphy is not going to quietly swallow the charge made by Keller that Murphy was behind a frame-up to connect Keller with the scandal which came to light when discovery was made of the attempt of M. S. Irvin, a convict, to send out a check for \$200 to be used for the ostensible purpose of buying him a parole.

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Ex-Governor West To Tell His War Zone Experiences

Former Governor Oswald West's first public report of his experiences in the war zone from which he has just returned will be made at The Auditorium Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. West will speak before the showing of the "Official government war picture, 'America's Answer,' which has been attract-

ing crowded houses since the film was first shown here Sunday night. The Wednesday evening program will be given under the direct auspices of the Ad Club. Special musical numbers will be arranged by Mrs. Thomas Carrick Burke.

Fred Vincent Goes to Study Aviation
Fred W. Vincent, well-known Portland newspaper man, left Sunday for Boston to train in aviation at the Boston School of Technology, training section. Mr. Vincent enlisted about a month ago. He is a son of Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Vincent of Pendleton.

My Low Price Store
"A Store It Pays to Visit Every Shopping Trip!"
We quote this sentiment—for it is one that should become a byword. It is a good habit to cultivate, as thousands have found out to their advantage—that of walking through Outstairs Store as often as one a shopping goes.

There are always vastly interesting displays of merchandise—the kind the people want—and there are always rich savings to be garnered by the thrifty inclined. Even though not intent on buying at the time, something will always present itself to be stored up for future reference.
Our daily ads glimpse only a few of this busy store's many sided activities. These specials for tomorrow:

Specials for Women

Two attractive millinery offerings:
Untrimmed Shapes \$3.49



When we tell you that these are new Fall and Winter hats in a popular new material and in the very latest of shapes—hats worth at least \$1 more—you will realize how exceptional this offer is—
12 Styles

New shades of taupe, sand, brown, purple and black with different facings.
New Velvet Hats at \$3.49

Smartly trimmed and tailored hats for every-day wear. An especially fine showing of turbans at this price. Mostly black, some colors.
All-Wool Shoulder Shawls 79c

Others at \$1.39. Quaintly attractive shawls reminiscent of the days of '61. Warmly serviceable, too. Size 35x35 inches. Checks and plaids. Fringed. Just the thing for house wear. Off the market today.
Outing Flannel Gowns \$1.49

This price is less than today's factory cost. To insure that as many of our patrons as possible share in this bargain we will have to LIMIT 2 TO A CUSTOMER. Good quality teasel-down flannel. Plain white and fancy stripes. Hemstitched and fancy trimmed collars.
New Boudoir Caps 49c

Kabo Corset Waists 98c
Misses' Kabo Com-Fit corset waists of good quality coutil, well boned, with corset clasp and two supporters. Sizes 10 to 16 years. Very special at 98c.

For Men and Boys

Six good offerings in this section:
Men's Heavy Shirts \$2.69
Heavy gray wool mixed shirts unexcelled for warmth and wear. Full cut garments. Made with pocket. All sizes.

Men's Chambray Shirts \$1.00
Blue chambray shirts with collar attached. Full cut garments. Well made. One pocket. All sizes at \$1.

Men's Union Suits \$2.98
Heavy wool mixed union suits in gray. Form-fitting. Closed crotch. Sizes 34 to 44.

Men's Leather Gloves 69c
Men's Indian tan leather gloves that will give extraordinary service. Special, pair 69c.

Sale of Boys' Chinchilla Overcoats

Extra Special at \$3.95

Smartly styled, well tailored chinchilla overcoats for boys 2 1/2 to 7. Ideal Fall and Winter garments. Brown and gray colors. Full flannel lined. Worth at least 3/4 more.

Boys' and Young Men's Mackinaws at \$5.95

This price is less than present market cost. Warm, well made mackinaws in plaids and fancy mixtures. Sizes 10 to 18 years.
—Meier & Frank's—Lower Price Store, Basement, Balcony.

Meier & Frank Co.
THE QUALITY STORE OF PORTLAND
Fifth, Sixth, Morrison, Alder Sts.

Dry Peach Stones and Deposit Them in Liberty Peach Stone Barrels Outside Our Store—The Government Wants Them for Use in Gas Masks

"Crashing Through to Berlin"
You'll want to see this picture, which comes to the Star Theatre next Sunday and will be shown all week. Admission 25c. Proceeds go to U. S. Kanning Kitchen for supplying fruits, etc., to Base and Reconstruction Hospitals.

Private Peat Is Coming
He will speak at the Municipal Auditorium next Monday, 8:15 P. M., auspices British Red Cross, subject "Two Years in Hell and Back With a Smile." His book (75c) and lecture tickets, on sale Book Shop, Fifth Floor.

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The West's Greatest Toytown Is Brimful of Wartime Toys
Old Santa Claus this year comes laden with guns, submarines and all the armament of mimic warfare for sturdy American boys. Of course, he has not forgotten the gentler things for sister—dolls and the like.
Toytown is at its best this year—it is Made in U. S. A. Toytown. Bring the kiddies to see it. Remember, Uncle Sam says—"shop early."
—Meier & Frank's: Toytown, Fifth Floor.

Answering the Call for Fall and Winter Needs and Holiday Gifts

The Council of National Defense Says Begin Your Christmas Shopping Now.

Jersey Dresses For Misses and Women
New Shipment Just Received
New jersey dresses for Fall and Winter wear are here in a splendid assortment of styles and colors. Plain tailored straight line models and deep tunic effects. Fancy wool, braid embroidered and button trimmed styles. Tan, taupe, light gray, plum, Burgundy, brown, navy, Pekin and green.
\$19.50-\$52.50
—Meier & Frank's: Apparel Shop, Fourth Floor.

SHORTS
Here's a Sale That Will CROWD THE STORE!
With Men Buying for Themselves and Friends and Women Buying for Men
The Shirt Sale of the Year
The Right Kind of Shirts for Fall and Winter
Several Thousand Good Shirts At This Almost Extinct Price
NOT dollar shirts, but shirts that MEIER & FRANK COMPANY alone, thanks to the exercise of rare initiative coupled with the keenest of foresight and tremendous purchasing power, can afford to sell at \$1—for purposes of this sale and while sale quantities remain.
Not a shirt in the lot worth less than \$1.50 today and many are worth all of \$2.00. We secured this fine lot in a special purchase made last year. The shirts have since been made up and are ready for our patrons.
Famous Baxter (extra heavy) repp cloth, poplin, corded madras and percale materials—all have fine wearing qualities.
Full cut shirts. Well made. Lots of good looking stripes. Soft cuff styles. All sizes 14 to 17. A-1 values at a dollar—come early.
—Meier & Frank's: Men's Furnishings Shop, Main Floor.

Ready Now Complete Stocks of Fashionable Furs
Our patrons will be especially pleased with the beauty, extensiveness, variety and worth of this new collection of furs. The prices you will find—surprisingly moderate.
Animal scarfs—a large showing in all the popular new models—straight and fitted effects.
Wolf, fox and lynx are the feature furs of this assortment in black, taupe, brown and red. \$35 to \$87.50.
Hudson seal (seal dyed muskrat) scarfs in long straight effects, also capes and coatees fashioned of this most desirable fur. \$45 up to \$175.
Furs of all kinds—mink, skunk, raccoon, muskrat, kolinsky, coney, squirrel—all the newest effects. A wide range of prices—all most moderate.
—Meier & Frank's: Fur Shop, Fourth Floor.

Tomorrow Is Sewing Day in our Notion Shop. We have complete stocks of all sewing needfuls at little prices. A few of Wednesday's specials:
6 Spools Charter Oak Thread for 30c
Charter Oak sewing thread, 8-000 thread in all sizes, black and white, 300 yards on spool, 5 spools for 30c.
Klosterli Mercerized Cotton Thread, black, white and colors, 100-yd. spool 5c.
Button Thread, khaki color, 50-yd. spool, 5c.
Needles, 15 assorted needles on card, 10c.
Dressmakers' Pins, No. 5 steel pins, 1-lb. box, 25c.
Washington Steel Pins, 400-count paper, 5c.
Thumbtacks, silver-plated, all sizes, 3 for 10c—each 5c.
Reversible Tap Measures, 60-inch, each 5c.
Palmas Adjustable Skirt Markers, each 15c.
Franco Hook and Eyes, black and white, broken sizes, 3 each 10c, card 5c.
Cottons and Rayons, black and white, assorted sizes, card 5c.
—Meier & Frank's: Notion Shop, Main Floor.

Voile and Marquisette 33c
Qualities that would sell regularly at 45c yard, tomorrow 33c.
Borders, fancy mesh effects and cross-bars included. Attractive patterns. Finely serviceable materials.
Serviceable Couch Covers \$2.45
100 of these good couch covers at this price tomorrow. Striped effects in tones of brown, red and green.
—Meier & Frank's: Drapery Shop, Seventh Floor.

Grocery Specials
Butter, Blue Ribbon, fresh creamery, finest quality, 2-lb. roll \$1.35
Preserves, raspberry-apple or strawberry-apple, 20-oz. Mason jars, dozen \$3.25—per jar \$28c.
Catsup, Snider's, finest quality, gallon bottles, \$1.69.
Soap, Swift's White Laundry, limit 10 bars to customer, 10 bars 59c.
Tuna Fish, Van Camp's, No. 2 and 3, pair 20c, dozen \$2.50.
Mayonnaise, our own make, finest quality, lb. 50c.
Peanut Butter, fresh and pure, lb. 22c.
Salad Oil, Columbia, medium size can 79c, small size can 39c.
Vanilla or Lemon Extract (imitation), fine for baking, 4 1/2-oz. bottle 19c.
—Meier & Frank's: Ninth Floor, Fifth Street.