

VISIT TO FRANCE ON FREIGHT SHIP VERY INTERESTING

Walter Stahl Views With Interest
Small Streetcars and Railroad
Equipment.

GERMANS UNLOAD CARGOES

Pete, Gunner's Mate of Crew, Has
Hard Luck When Wife Runs
Away When He Was at Sea.

Traveling back and forth across the Atlantic on the United States cargo freighter Cape Henry to carry food to the allies has been the lot of Walter Stahl since his entrance into the service in August. The first telling of his experience comes from New York, parts of which follow:

"We took a cargo of nitrate to La Fayette, France. La Fayette is a little place. It could boast only one street. We could take the streetcar and go to La Fayette in about 45 minutes. La Fayette is a larger place. What 'streetcars and railroads' they have! Little, old, rotten, rundown cars that we would not use to haul sand. One Frenchman told us that France was 'up-to-date' with her railroads, but America was ahead of time.

"The cars that ran to La Fayette had women conductors and instead of ringing a bell when they wanted to start, they would blow a whistle, one like you can buy in any toy store for a dime. Sugar and white bread are very scarce.

Furnishes Own Sugar

"One time my pal and I were in a little eating place when two couples came in, and when the coffee came one woman opened her handbag, brought out a little bit of sugar, put some in her cup and put it back in her bag without offering any to the others.

"The soldiers got good white bread, and many wrap several slices up and carry with them. When they start eating they use their own bread. All the French bread that I found had a cast of iron crust, in fact, it was all crust.

"German prisoners unload the cargo, and work. But those lazy blockheads didn't earn the water they drank.

"One of our Spanish firemen went ashore with \$700, and he met some women to whom he showed his roll. While he was passing a dark place after he left them, someone hit him on the head and took his money. He died several days later.

Gunner's Mate Loses Wife

"Three other fellows had the 'flu,' but it did not prove fatal.

"Pete, our gunner's mate, was out of luck this trip. His wife left him while he was gone. His wife has a brother in the navy who is on a transport and makes a round trip about once each month. Hank's wife thought he should do the same. I don't think she knows the speed of a transport. A transport does not lay out in the stream for three or four weeks before they start unloading either. When his wife did not hear from him for about two months she thought he was going with someone else and she went west to some of her folks. She left a note at the house next door to her for him. I felt sorry for him, as he had been sick and as soon as he landed he sent a telegram to her and when no answer came he went to her home. He lived at Boston. But some 'girls' do not stop to reason things out."

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Day of Dallas have received a letter from their son, Sergeant Howard Day, written on the transport George Washington, on which he

returned from France, arriving at New York on December 22. Day was seriously wounded on November 4, and when he wrote this letter he was still confined to his bed after seven weeks.

EAGLE HUT IS INTERESTING

Portland Man Describes Scenes in Big
London Y. M. C. A. Hut.

James D. Mackie, a Y. M. C. A. worker at the Eagle hut in France, gives an interesting account of the program scheduled for the entertainment of our boys in France before they leave for America. He writes in part:

"They are trying to give every sailor who has been overseas three days' leave without end, all wandering about meeting off on different routes of sight seeing in charge of one of these men. There are usually about 20 to 30 men in the party and by going with these parties I have seen more of London than if I had been here a year.

"They all start from Eagle hut and of all the interesting places they go to see, I don't think any of them touch Eagle hut itself. At first glance it looks like an ant heap: sailors and soldiers without end, all wandering about meeting off on different routes of sight seeing in charge of one of these men. There are usually about 20 to 30 men in the party and by going with these parties I have seen more of London than if I had been here a year.

"In this hall there are two pianos and invariably there is someone at one of them, a soldier or sailor or some English girl. Except for the regular Y. M. C. A. whole place, at least all waiting on tables, selling tickets and reservations and all the rest, is run by English women who volunteer their time and service and they give a lot of it. Most of these people are cultured and well-to-do, and the work they do would stagger the average waitress here. I have seen a little bit of an English girl who had learned to play American ragtime at the piano, surrounded four or five deep by American soldiers and sailors, singing every American song they could think of. I was just spellbound. Then along comes a Yank sailor who is recognized by some of his mates and he is rushed to the front and made to sing a solo. I heard one fellow, who had a tenor voice as good as anyone I ever heard. He sang for half an hour, anything the crowd wanted, and he was applauded to the echo.

"There's a big registration book, indexed into states, and the man from Oregon puts his name under Oregon and gives his address in London so that if his friends want to look him up they can find him."

"The Y men are working here 16 and 18 hours a day.

"You should have seen them on peace night; they just went crazy. That's all believe me, the Britishers are glad it's over and I don't blame them. Every man and woman in Great Britain has been doing some kind of war work for years. I was going to say especially the women, but there is not a man in muffle on the street who has not a very good reason for not being in khaki."

BRETON COSTUMES ARE ODD

French Women Are Wonderful Cooks,
Writes Beaverton Man.

"I think the oddest costume I have ever seen is that of the Breton of those from Brittany. The women wear tight-fitted corsets outside of their waists and a little white hat about the size of a stunted peanut," writes Shirley Barnes, of Beaverton who is in service in France with a transportation unit. The men wear very large black velvet

hats and have ribbons streaming down from them to their shoulders, peg top pants and wooden shoes.

"A great many of those people speak English. Those down near Spain dress more like the Spaniards and speak a mixture of Spanish and French. They wear either wooden shoes or go barefooted and a man is known by the wine he owns. They use wine here for everything but to gargle their feet in, I guess, and it is so sour and full of acid that I believe it would cut steel.

"Some of the customs of the people are fine. They spend more time at home than we Americans and every woman is an excellent cook, in fact they seem to devote all their time to cooking. I've never seen a dishwasher here, that is, one who follows it as a profession. I don't think they ever come back after going over the top once with a mess of food and they use an awful lot of dishes. It is hard for an American to deal with their invitations and it's hard to stay sober at their dinners, but we appreciate their hospitality and their customs have been entertaining."

Dutch Refuse Lines Of Communication

London, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—Replying to a request by the allies, Holland has refused to permit the use of the railways and waterways for the transportation of the troops and materials, it was learned today.

Yale and Harvard Released

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—The service that the Pacific Steamship company's liners Yale and Harvard (renamed the Charles to avoid conflict with another vessel of the name) have performed in the war zone has been recognized in a letter received at San Francisco by Hugh Brittain, assistant general passenger agent of the company. The letter is causing speculation regarding the possible early return of the vessel to this port.

REDS NEARING RIGA; POPULACE IN PANIC

Russian Fleet Attempts to Put
to Sea to Oppose British, but
Crew Upsets Plan.

Copenhagen, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—Bolshevik troops are within 18 miles of Riga, according to a report from that city today.

The population is in panic. The Russian dreadnaughts Poltava and Sebastopol, along with a number of cruisers, attempted to put to sea from Kronstadt to meet the British fleet, but dissensions broke out among the crew and the ships returned.

German Officers Direct Reds

Washington, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—The Bolshevik forces at Archangel are directed by Germans, according to G. A. Martiuszine, representative of the Archangel Russian government, who arrived in Washington Tuesday to confer with state department officials. Mr. Martiuszine is in Washington to acquaint the United States government with plans of the loyal Russian governments to rebuild that country and the part that American troops are playing in the fight against the Bolsheviks.

Although the Bolshevik forces at Archangel are well equipped with artillery and light machine guns, Martiuszine said, the troops show little inclination to fight. The American troops at Archangel occupy all the strategic positions, and they have suffered remarkable small losses in encounters with the Bolsheviks. The condition of the American troops in Russia is as good as could be expected under the circumstances, he said.

The weather where American troops are stationed in Russia is intensely cold, and many of the Americans are anxious to return home. This desire, however,

has been modified, Mr. Martiuszine said, by the explanation that the American troops that a great responsibility rests on them—that every Russian who has been loyal to the American forces will be immediately slaughtered upon their withdrawal.

It is simply a matter of "marking time" until we see the nature of the developments at the peace conference, Martiuszine concluded.

Bolsheviks Keep Up Gains

London, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—"After fighting fiercely for 14 hours, Bolshevik forces succeeded in capturing Izhma and Nedvamoskoe," according to a Russian wireless dispatch received here Tuesday.

The enemy has landed a detachment of 500 men on the coast of Riga. Bolshevik forces moving in that direction have taken Moscow, along with 30 guns. To the southward Bolshevik troops have taken Sagun, with 300 prisoners, two guns and a trainload of war material.

"After two days' fighting in the vicinity of Grenovik, Bolshevik forces were pressed back."

Bolsheviks Capture 13 Towns

London, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—Capture of 13 towns, four villages and an important section of railway by Bolshevik forces was reported in a wireless dispatch received from Moscow Tuesday.

On Christmas day, the dispatch said, the Bolsheviks captured Novo-Zbykoff, Sevlitchi, Evroka, Shumilov, Pogorelaya, Kadoff, Kordy, Orlovka, Klinsky, Trupansk and four villages. Two days later they occupied the Zaporozhsk railway from Nejdinievsk to Grishin.

After a stubborn battle on December 28 the red army captured Kiribshof. The same day the Letts took Zegeevod, near Riga.

Yanks in Russia Well Equipped

Washington, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—American soldiers in Russia are equipped with "everything that human ingenuity can conceive for their comfort," Secretary of War Baker announced Tuesday.

The assertion was made in reply to charges in some quarters, the secretary said, that the troops in the vicinity of Archangel and Vladivostok were poorly equipped.

NEW GOVERNMENT RULES GERMANY

Ebert Chancellor and Minister of
Interior; Scheidemann Foreign
Minister.

Berlin, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—The new German government has finally been constituted as follows:

Ebert, chancellor and minister of the interior.
Scheidemann, foreign minister.
Noske, minister of the army and navy.
Landburg, minister of finance.
Wessel, minister of social affairs.
Ebert, Landburg and Scheidemann are holdovers from the former cabinet. The new government has issued the following proclamation to the people:

"The government's domestic policies will be: To prepare for a national as-

sembly, to provide food, to undertake socialization of public institutions, to seize war profits, to find employment for all, to support those unable to obtain employment, to promote national defense, to disarm unauthorized persons.

The government's foreign policies will be: To bring about a favorable and quick peace; to reform German diplomacy abroad, through new men and a new spirit."

Alleged Plotters Arrested

Berlin, via Paris, Jan. 1.—Thirty-eight leaders in the counter-revolutionary plot at Munich, discovered Monday, have been arrested. The conspirators planned the overthrow of the

republic, with the assistance of the army. A proclamation bearing false signatures, designed to gain the sympathy of the people, had already been printed.

British Mission Forecasts

London, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—The British peace commission to Paris will include Premier Lloyd George, Foreign Secretary A. J. Balfour, Chancellor A. Bonar Law, Viscount Hardings, Sir William Trench, Sir Louis Mallet, Sir E. Howard, Sir Ralph Pargy and Sir E. Crewe, the Exchange Telegraph stated today.

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—All remnants, broken lines, small lots and odds and ends have been greatly reduced, and in addition each department offers many unusual bargains in regular stock merchandise. Double Stamps with all purchases.

Main Floor—Novelty ribbons for making up of fancy articles such as bags, coat hangers, camisoles, etc. Large selection of patterns. Also many plain affairs and moires. Ribbons formerly selling at 65c to \$1.00. Special at a yard 49c

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Garment Store 2d Floor

Stationery Specials

Main Floor—LINEN STATIONERY of good quality. Put up two quires to the box. Reg. \$1.50 selling at \$1.25 grade—now \$1.00

—\$1.75 one-quire boxes at \$1.00

SERVICE and patriotic stationery special at 1/2 Off

—1919 CALENDARS 1-3 Off priced for this sale at

—KHAKI writing cases in various sizes at very special prices:

—\$1.25 Khaki cases now at 75c

—\$1.50 Khaki cases now \$1.00

—\$2.00 Khaki cases now \$1.50

Inventory Special in the Basement Underprice Store

Sale of 1200 Royal Worcester CORSETS at Factory Prices

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Sale of Young Men's Winter Suits

Main Floor—High-grade suits selected from our regular stock sharply underpriced for the Inventory Sale. Don't overlook this chance to save.

\$20 Suits \$15

\$40 Suits \$30

—Tweeds, homespuns and cassimeres in a good range of smart patterns and colorings. Many stylish models made especially for young men. With or without belts. See these.

—Young men's \$20 suits, sale \$15.00

—Young men's \$25 suits, sale \$18.75

—Young men's \$30 suits, sale \$22.50

—Young men's \$40 suits, sale \$30.00

\$12.50 to \$20.00 Hats \$5.00

\$5.00 to \$10.00 Hats \$2.49

Dress Hats Semi-Dress Hats Tailored Hats

—IN LOT 1 AT \$5.00 there are charming pattern hats in large and small styles trimmed with ostrich wings, fur, ornaments, etc.—black, white and color—models formerly selling at \$12.50, \$15, \$18 and \$20.

—LOT 2 AT \$2.49 takes in the balance of the Winter hats in black, white and colors—models formerly priced \$5.00, \$7.50, \$8.00 up to \$10.00

—\$12.50, \$15, \$18, \$20, \$24.99 \$2.49

—\$5.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$10.00 hats special at \$2.49



Boys' Suits at \$6.75

Main Floor—Latest Norfolk models with patch pockets. Corduroys and fancy mixtures in serviceable dark colors. Sale price only \$6.75

Muslin Underwear

—Many Special Lines Have Been Greatly Reduced for the Inventory Sale

At \$1.29—Women's envelope chemise of good quality material with fancy lace and embroidery trim. Slightly soiled and mused from display. Garments formerly selling at \$2.49. See these.

At \$1.29—Women's slip-over nightgowns of good quality material with fancy lace and embroidery trim. Med yokes. Gowns in this lot formerly selling at \$1.98. Double Trading Stamps with purchases.

—\$2.00 Combination Suits \$1.29—\$2.50 Combination Suits \$1.69

The Inventory Sale of Embroideries Offers Wonderful Savings

Voile Flouncings at 69c

Main Floor—27 and 40-inch fine Voile Flouncings in patterns suitable for dresses. Well-worked designs. Inventory Special, your choice, the yard 69c

Neat Edgings at 10c

—Embroidery Edgings in a large assortment of neat patterns—particularly desirable for trimming of underwear. They are priced special at, yard 10c

Baby Flouncings at 69c

—27-inch Ruffled Baby Flouncings in attractive small patterns on fine quality material. Well-worked edges. Inventory Special, sale price at, the yard 69c

Emb. Flouncings at 25c

—These are of excellent quality cambric material and there is a splendid assortment of patterns in small or large effects. Priced special at, the yard 25c

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Change of Train Service Effective Sunday, January 5, 1919

Trains for Boring, Barton, Eagle Creek, Estacada, will leave Portland (First and Alder) daily at 6:45 A. M., 10:45 A. M., 2:45 P. M., 4:45 P. M. All above trains will go through to Cazadero except the 4:45 P. M. train.

Sunday only, an additional train will leave Portland (First and Alder) at 5:15 A. M. for above points.

Trains for Pleasant Home, Cottrell, Bull Run, will leave Portland (First and Alder) daily, 8:45 A. M., 12:45 P. M., 3:45 P. M.

On Sunday only, an additional train will leave Portland (First and Alder) at 6:07 A. M. for above points.

Trains for Gresham and Intermediate Stations leave (First and Alder) daily at 6:45, 8:45, 9:45, 10:45, 11:45 A. M. and 12:45, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 5:35, 5:55, 6:45, 7:45, 9:50 and 11:35 P. M.

Trains leave Montavilla daily for Troutdale at 6:15, 7:15, 8:45, 10:35 A. M., 2:35, 4:30, 5:50, 6:55 P. M. (6:15 A. M. Train doesn't run Sundays). On Wednesday and Saturday, additional trains leave Montavilla 11:35 P. M.

On Sunday only, additional train leaves Montavilla 12:35 P. M.

Trains leave (First and Alder) daily for Troutdale and intermediate stations, put Linnemann at 6:45 A. M., 8:45 A. M., 10:45 A. M., 12:45 P. M., 2:45 P. M. and 3:45 P. M.

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