

# HENSEN WRITES FROM FRANCE

### Tells of Many Interesting Features in Old City of Marseille

"It has been a great year for me," says Sargeant Richard O. Hensen, a former Salem newspaper man, who is in France with Company M, in a letter which was received yesterday by a Salem friend. He added that it has been a year of rare experiences, most of which have been for good. The letter was written in France and dated April 11.

The letter follows:  
"Let me tell you the little that I may narrate. Things crowd in so fast and some of them are of a nature that I may not discuss, that I am simply going to pick out one or two of the brighter stars in the constellation of my recent past as the subject of this. The small orbs and the nebulae will do very well for post-jellum dissertations and chronicles."

"Looming brightest over my horizon is my visit to Marseille (you note I use the French spelling, eliminating the final 's' with which you are familiar). I was about the luckiest person you ever knew in being able to see that city—all in France the most interesting and important, excepting only Paris. It is the second city of France in size, being something over a half million people, I am told. I didn't take time to consult many tables of statistics while there. I spent my time using my ears and eyes. I almost overworked both, and for once did not overwork my tongue. I did use my tongue enough to practice the French way of saying the name 'Marsay' instead of 'Marsalles' as I learned in school."

"And while I am on the subject of the pronunciation of names, let me tell you that I have learned to say 'Paris' instead of 'Paris', 'Lee-on' instead of Lyons like the name of the king of beasts, 'Ro-on' instead of using a word that is a synonym for disaster when I see the name Hosen, and I say it 'Neset' like the sister to a nephew instead of 'Nice' like something pretty or fine. Of course there are very so many others that are not what they seem when you try to say them like they look on the war maps. Those I have mentioned are only samples—if you like the brand, I'd be charmed to send you a gross or so by special delivery, assorted sizes and spellings."

"To get back to Marseille (I wish I could in the flesh like I can mentally) it is SOME town. If you will forgive the slang. Growing mushroom-like in a series of irregular valleys around the bases of a group of comparatively low but very rugged hills which are of a dazzling greenness and break off abruptly in a sea of peacock brilliance, Marseille is bizarrely, colorfully beautiful. Climbing up the sides of the hills, much as the children of the old day who lived in a shoe, might hang about the skirts of that estimable woman, are the gray-stone, red-tile roofed houses of varying degrees of pretentiousness and everywhere the hills are splashed white with the jagged rocks that the heavy growth of trees can not conceal. The numerous small islands, rocky as the mainland, which are nearby, serve to accentuate the color of the sea rather than to dull it."

"Were I compelled to describe Marseille in a word, I would say 'color'. There is color everywhere, in the mass and in detail. The streets are alive with it, as the city is reckoned the most cosmopolitan in Europe, the shops, the public buildings, the people themselves, fairly radiate color."

"The fact that Marseille is cosmopolitan in the high degree is, of course, the reason for its multicolor-

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matic character. On the Cannobbere (pronounced Can o' beer, appropriately enough, considering certain features of the city, which is the principal street of the city, one sees every nation represented. All the blacks and tans and yellows of Asia and Africa, all the whites of Europe are present and accounted for, as we say in this army game. In Marseille the wise men of the East, likewise the crooks and scoundrels of every shade of crookedness and scoundrelism, find a gateway to western civilization. It is here too that the men of the West find a portal to the lands where the sun hears reveille. I may say that as well as all kinds of people being present, so are all kinds of smells.

"To select a few of the most striking figures, I will tell you about an Arab sheik who was a worthy rival of Solomon when it came to personal decoration. Over his head was a flowing, thin white robe fastened about the brow with a jeweled gold band. He wore a loose shirt of yellow, embroidered in many hues, a scarlet sash, very yellow pointed-toed cavalry boots which had on the front an intricate design in silver. He carried a highly ornamented cutlas or short saber."

"On another part of the street, I saw a Russian or Armenian peasant family. The women wore bright yellow silk shawls which were figured in green and red, long maroon coats or cloaks which were trimmed in wide bands of fur and much gold lace. Their waists were white, their skirts dark blue, their girdles black and embroidered, the aprons gayly stiped in many colors, their hosiery was dark green and they wore pointed-toed sandals."

"In marked contrast to the brilliancy of the Russians and the desert chieftain, were the monks in their brown robes and bare sandaled feet, and the nuns in their somber habits. One order of nuns wear robes of very dark gray blue with very full skirts and loose sleeves. Their caps are nearly a yard wide across the front and have great triangular points on either side of the fact which stand out almost at right angles to the front."

"Of course there are never-changing, always-changing French people who are individualists in the matter of dress as in nearly every other way. A mention of the street would not be complete without citing the Algerians, Moors, and Tunisians in their fezzes and peculiar costumes, the turbaned Hindus, the Chinese, Japanese, Arabs, Greeks, Malays, American negroes, Russians, Spaniards, Italians, yes, and even Americans. There are several of the fifty-varieties that I overlooked, but you know the price of paper prevents me attempting to name them all."

"Among the places of interest that I saw were the waterfront, one of the most picturesque places of its kind imaginable, Notre Dame cathedral and the Chateau d'If. Did not have as much time on the quays and the wharves as I would have liked."

"The cathedral of Notre Dame de la Garde is situated in a small but very sharp peak slightly to one side of the city. The peak is so sharp and so high that simply walking around the cathedral enables one to

see all over the city and its environs. It is reached by ordinary street cars (they call them trams here after the manner of the English) and thence by climbing numberless steps cut into the stone of the mountain side, or by cable car which carries one straight up the side of the peak. In front of the building is a drawbridge over a moat thirty or forty feet deep. The moat is dry now and there are beds of violets in it. Surmounting the cathedral is a great gilt figure of the Virgin Mary which can be seen from all parts of the city. By chance I got to the place just at sunset of a wonderfully fine day, and I do not think I could have chosen a better time."

"The Chateau d'If is noteworthy as being the place to which Edmund Dante, the hero of Dumas' novel, 'Monte Cristo,' swam after being cast while bound in a weighted sack from which he freed himself, from an old prison fortress at the mouth of the harbor. The island on which the shateau is situated is about mile off shore. You have read the story, no doubt."

"Say, I could write all night and yet there would be lots I would have forgotten, so I might as well stop here as elsewhere. Will close this with regards to all that you know I know in town. I shall expect a reply 'tout suit' as we have learned to say. Will close with 'good night.'"

## James Elvin Visits With Members of Salem Company

Rev. James Elvin, pastor of the First Congregational church of Salem, who is now on active duty with the American Y. M. C. A. in France, has visited Company M—Salem's infantry company.

He mentions having seen and visited with the following boys:

Rodney Alden, Frank Durbin, Oliver Matthews, Victor Collins, Eugene Eckert, Theron Horner, Malcolm Gilbert, Hayward Fowle, Herbert Boyce, and several others, including, of course, Captain Neer, whose guest he was.

Mr. Elvin was the first Salemite to visit the home boys in their camp. He wants the home folks to know that the boys "are as safe as if they were in Salem; that they are well and well taken care of."

The Statesman will take pleasure in printing the letter is full of Mr. Elvin, in a later issue, likely tomorrow morning.

## WANTS TO HELP OTHER MEN.

M. W. Taylor, Calvert, Ala., writes: "To Whom It May Concern: I recommend Foley Kidney Pills, the best I ever used. I tried different remedies, but none gave me relief like Foley's." They restore regular action of kidneys and bladder and relieve backache, rheumatic pains, stiff joints, sore muscles. J. C. Perry.

## Mehama Auxiliary Will Give Picnic Saturday

The Mehama Auxiliary of the Red Cross has planned a meeting and picnic for Saturday, May 11, and expects a large crowd of people from this county and Linn. Many of Salem's representative citizens have arranged to attend. While absolutely free from political entanglements, this meeting doubtless will be attended by many who seek public favor at the coming primaries.

Walter L. Toozee of this city and others, will address the people and Mrs. Anna Rogers Fish will furnish select readings. The Chemawa Indian School band will furnish the music. The auxiliary will auction goods, wares and merchandise for the benefit of the Red Cross, and furnish a program and chicken dinner. Everybody is invited to attend and it is certain that Salem will go "over the top" in aiding the loyal citizens of Mehama in making this meeting a huge success.

Salem people will start about 8:30 a. m.

## Greetings From Allies Contained in Annual

Greetings from England, France and Italy are contained in the Memorial Day Annual, published for the Oregon schools by State Superintendent J. A. Churchill. The purpose in publishing the annual is that every boy and girl in the state may be informed as to how America was welcomed by the allies upon entering the world war. The greetings are: "America Enters the War," by David Lloyd George; "Greetings From a Sister Republic," by M. Ribot, and "America, a Beacon Light of Peace," by Gabriele d'Annunzio.

Other articles in the pamphlet are extracts from President Wilson's second war message, "The Flag on the Firing Line," by Theodore Roosevelt; "Universal Military Service," by President Elliott, an article of flag etiquette, the national anthem and a number of sections for memorizing.

## Headquarters Moved From Washington to Berkeley

R. P. Teele of the United States department of irrigation and drainage investigation called on State Engineer John H. Lewis, yesterday after inspecting the North Unit and Suttles Lake irrigation districts. While he did not state what his recommendation to the capital issues committee would be, he seemed to be much pleased with the character of the land and the number of resident land owners who are now growing wheat by dry farm methods.

He left today to inspect the Grants Pass, Gold Hill and Talent Irrigation districts on his return to Berkeley. Within the past two weeks, his department has moved from Washington, D. C. and headquarters in the future will be at Berkeley, Calif., Samuel Fortier in charge.

The Kidneys and the Skin. If the kidneys are weak or torpid, the skin lates the kidneys, and clears the complexion. By thoroughly purifying the Saraparilla strengthens and stimulates to be plump or bloated. Hood's blood it makes good health.

# FAREWELL SAID TO DR. ELLIOTT

### Impressive Patriotic Service in Honor of Pastor Who Leaves For France

A throng of interested people gathered at the First Presbyterian church Sunday night, attracted by the farewell service in honor of Pastor Carl H. Elliott, who is to leave tomorrow for the east preparatory to sailing for France. Joseph Albert presided over the meeting.

Rev. G. F. Holt of the First Baptist church, speaking in behalf of the Salem Ministerial association, paid a hearty tribute to his colleague, who, he said, had proved himself far more to the city of Salem than merely the pastor of the Presbyterian church. It was with mingled gratification and regret that he bade Godspeed to the man who had consecrated himself to a broader and harder field of work.

Frank Durbin spoke in behalf of the parents of the boys in France, and the latter part of the evening was occupied by Jim Palmer of Portland, who recently returned from several years of Y. M. C. A. work on the French front. Palmer, who is a man of magnetic personality and every inch a soldier, kept the audience vacillating between laughter and tears for an hour or more as he told of the work in the huts and of scenes on the field. He made plain to Pastor Elliott just what he was going into, and predicted that he would come back a bigger, better and stronger man and preacher because of the experiences in camp.

Excellent special music of a patriotic order was rendered by the choir and soloists, and Jim Palmer took a hand in swinging the crowd into lusty congregational singing. Patriotic enthusiasm ran high throughout the meeting and overshadowed the feeling of regret. At the close there was a crush of people about the platform to bid the pastor farewell.

Last night there was a brief congregational meeting of the church at which steps were taken toward the dissolution of the pastoral relationship. Nothing is known as yet as to what will be done with regard to supplying the pulpit.

# ASSOCIATION TO TOUR ORCHARDS

### Three Day Trip to Be Made Through Walnut Groves of Valley

A field trip or tour of inspection of the various nut orchards of the Willamette valley has been decided on by the Western Walnut Growers' association to be made on August 25, 27 and 28, to take place of the association's mid-summer meeting. The start will be made from Portland in automobiles by way of the west side of the valley as far south as Eugene, thence back, over the east side.

All of the large nut orchards will be inspected for the purpose ascertaining what progress nut culture is making in this part of the Pacific Northwest and keeping close tab on any possible development of an improved walnut that is more adapted to western Oregon conditions than those now included in the areas planted and which have attained the producing stage.

Knight L. Peary, superintendent of the Skyline orchards in the Rosedale district south of Salem, which is making a specialty of walnut, filberts, and pecans, believes this trip will be productive of great benefit to the valley orchardists and he will put forth his best efforts to make it a success. He is of the opinion that a hundred or more persons interested in the nut culture will take advantage of this means of gaining some first-hand information about raising walnuts. Among these will be several very high authorities in horticultural work in distant states.

Brief business meeting of the association will be conducted in Eugene during the evening preceding the start on the return trip.

## School Districts Joined But Retain Their Identity

In an opinion written for State Superintendent Churchill, Attorney General Brown held yesterday that school district No. 52 of Linn county may continue to draw its apportionment of the county high school fund if it enters into a contract with district No. 74 whereby the latter will maintain the high school work for both districts. Each district is located partially within the city of Brownsville. Under the proposed contract each district is to pay its proportionate part of the expense of high school work. District No. 52 may continue to draw its part of the fund for the reason that the contract will not amount to an abandonment of the high school course by that district.

## Prospects Are for Long Debate on Sedition Bill

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The conference report on the sedition bill which was adopted last Saturday by the senate came before the house today with prospects of a long debate. Objection to the measure is based largely on the section conferring broad powers on the postmaster general to exclude from the mail publications containing seditious utterances.

# ASKS M'ADOO TO SLICE ORE RATE

### Commissioner Corey Sends Appeal for Protection of Big Deposit

An appeal went out from Public Service Commissioner Corey to Director General McAdoo yesterday for a reduction in rates on chrome ore from Grant county, Or. The chrome ore deposit there is said by a representative of the United States geological survey to be the largest of its kind in the United States.

In his letter to the director general Commissioner Corey says: "We desire to avail ourselves of the suggestion by Honorable John Barton Payne, general counsel, division of law, that matters pertaining to questions involving rates of carriers be taken up by correspondence between the three governmental agencies with a view of avoiding the expense and delay involved in a formal hearing and place a highly important matter from the point of view of both the government, and producers of this state before you."

"An immense deposit of chrome ore, which J. S. Diller of the United States geological survey, is quoted as saying, is the largest chrome ore deposit in the United States, is located in and is being mined in Grant county, Oregon. Mining engineers estimate 50,000 tons of ore in sight. The grade is low, averaging about 34 per cent."

"This ore is located about forty-five miles from a small, narrow-gauge railroad and is hauled to the railroad at a cost of \$3.50 per ton. The Sumpter Valley railway, the narrow-gauge road referred to, hauls the ore to Baker, Or., on the O.-W. R. & N., where there is a transfer charge of 25 cents per ton, added to a rate of \$3.40 per ton for a haul of eighty-one miles. Thus the miners of this ore have to meet a handicap of \$7.15 per ton to meet their competitors in California and points in Oregon located on the O.-W. R. & N. The latter company publishes the same rates to eastern points from Baker on the main line as they do from Joseph, located on a branch line, eighty-four miles from La Grande.

"The miners of the ore referred to think it would only be fair for the transcontinental lines to absorb charges of the Sumpter Valley from Prairie to Baker to put them on a competitive basis. In view of the urgent demand on the part of the government for chrome ore now so essential in the manufacture of armor plate, projectiles and high speed tools, etc., it is not consistent to urge that the transcontinental lines absorb the shorter haul charges, thus placing the rate more nearly on a parity with California points."

## Excavation Is Started for Hood River Bridge

Excavation has been completed for the foundation construction of the \$40,000 concrete bridge on the Columbia River highway at Hood River and cement pouring will begin at once. It was announced yesterday at the office of the state highway commission.

The commission announces that a night shift has been put to work on the New Era stretch of the Pacific highway in Clackamas county, and the contracting firm, will begin laying pavement as soon as the weather is considered satisfactory. Laying of the base rock is being completed.

## Eastern Oregon Company Permitted to Boom Logs

A franchise to boom and raft logs on the Minam river was granted by the public service commission yesterday to the Minam Lumber company. Terms of the franchise require that the improvements proposed be started within 90 days from the date of the order and that the work be completed within two years.

The commission disregarded an application of the George Palmer Lumber Co. of LaGrande which petitioned that the Minam Co. be required to include in its improvements facilities for handling that company's logs as well as its own. Upon investigating, the commission estimated that the added improvement would cost about \$40,000 and that the toll charges would not amount to more than one-third of that amount.

## Naturalization Bill Report Adopted Monday

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The conference report on the bill amending the naturalization laws to expedite naturalization of 123,000 aliens in the national army so as to protect them in the event of capture was adopted by the senate today. The legislation now goes to the president.

## PUT IN EXPERIMENTAL FARMS

The Minister of Agriculture of Brazil has been authorized to establish modern experimental farms and agricultural colonies, especially for the education of orphans and abandoned children.

## PENALTIES BRING BIG MONEY.

Millions of dollars, it is estimated by revenue officials, will be added to the government funds in penalties as a result of the round-up of income tax delinquents by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

# WRIGLEY'S

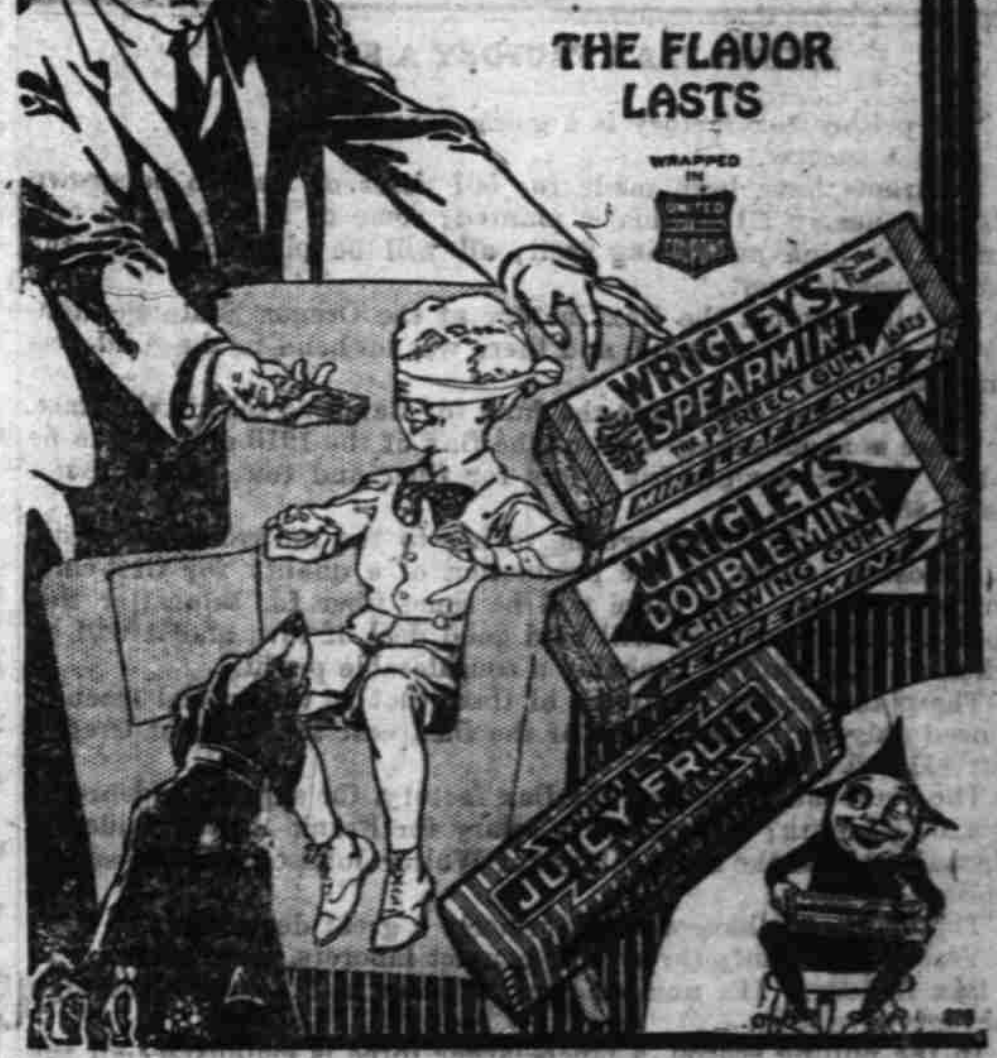
"Heavy, heavy hands over your head."

"O, I know what it is, daddy! You held it too close and I smell it—it's WRIGLEY'S!"

"Righto, sonny—give your appetite and digestion a treat, while you tickle your sweet tooth."

After Every Meal

THE FLAVOR LASTS



# IN A SOCIAL WAY

By Florence Elizabeth Nichols

A group of former residents of Minnesota were entertained as dinner guests at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Bartholomew Sunday. Narcissus was chosen as the floral motif and artistically arranged in the rooms. During the afternoon musical numbers were enjoyed. War melodies were sung by Lyle Bartholomew, accompanied by Miss Gladys Bartholomew. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Ackerman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swanson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pascoe.

Mrs. Ernest Hofer has been entertaining as her week-end guests Mrs. C. C. Patrick and children of Portland, who were accompanied by Mrs. Patrick's mother, Mrs. Mary Bechtell, of Kansas City, Mo.

Yesterday the Hofer family received a cablegram which announced the safe arrival of their son, Laurence Hofer, in France. He has been in training in a Philadelphia naval station for some months.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Congregational church met at the home of Mrs. William McGilchrist, Sr., recently, when Mrs. McGilchrist shared the honors of hostess with Mrs. W. H. Bross and Mrs. H. S. Potal. The gathering was a regular monthly meeting. A business session was held and Red Cross work was accomplished. Mrs. D. J. Fry will be the next hostess.

Enthusiasm is running high for the approaching dance-recital which will be given by over a hundred Salem children under the direction of Mrs. Ralph White, the end of the week, for a patriotic cause. The first performance will be given Friday night at 8 o'clock and a special matinee will be held at 2:15 o'clock Saturday afternoon, both settings to be at the Grand Opera house.

## Careless Use of Soap Spoils the Hair

Soap should be used very carefully. If you want to keep your hair looking its best, most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and ruins it. The best thing for steady use is just ordinary mulsified coconut oil (which is sure and greaseless), and is better than the most expensive soap or anything else you can use. One or two teaspoonfuls will cleanse the hair and scalp thoroughly. Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, which rinses out easily, removing every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves the scalp soft, and the hair fine and silky, bright, lustrous, fluffy and easy to manage.

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