NEWSPAPER MAN DESCRIBES VISIT TO HEADQUARTERS

Nerve Centers of British and Canadian Armies Peaceful Even in Battle.

IS LIKE BUSINESS

Function Calmly and Efficiently Without Turmoil or Slightest Disorder -Young Staff Officers Complain Because They Must Stay Out of the Show.

London.-During the past three years of warfare there have been daily communications emanating from a mysterious place called general headquarters, whose location or surroundings have never been mentioned, in fact are not known to the average soldier fighting in France, writes Hal O'Flaherty in the New York Sun.

To the citizen unacquainted with the affairs of giant armies the mention of the term general headquarters brings up a picture of a building in the heart of the great army activities, with mudsplattered couriers dashing up on horse or cycle and with sentries pacing to and fro armed to the teeth, while worried generals sit about great tables within tracing upon their maps the various positions in the front line.

The fact of the matter is that British general headquarters is perhaps the most peaceful and orderly place that one could imagine. The roads approaching the main buildings are not lined with troops and paraphernalia of war, nor is there any of the muchtalked-of dramatics of fighting.

Guards Are Unarmed.

It is a business house, conducted on the most advanced systems of efficiency. The traffic coming up to the heart of the gigantic chain of fighting units is regulated by military policemen who know their business and keep motors and pedestrians going in the right di-

The soldiers on duty in front of the building visited by the correspondent were unarmed and directed the arriving officers in a manner as courteous as that displayed by the commissionaire at the war office in London. With-In there was nothing to indicate the presence of the greatest army chieftains. The furnishings were modest, almost homely, and the atmosphere of the whole place was that of a peaceful and well conducted business establishment.

To secure an interview with one of the men who conduct the affairs of the British armies was simplicity itself. A telephone call sufficed to tell him of our coming and we were ushered into his office immediately upon our arrival.

known as a "liaison officer," had quarters nearby. He has been working as hard as any man of affairs at home could work and his surroundings showed he wasn't in the habit of entertaining visitors.

"Take that rocking chair over in the corner." he said as we entered, and one of the party went over as directed and sat on the wooden box that had held his typewriter. A wooden table, two chairs and a rack for books made up

the furnishings of his office. On his table was a stack of correspondence a foot high, which if it could be read by the German high command would probably give them heart failure. There was something significant in that stack of letters. It was probably the first nucleus of a correspondence between the directing officials of the American army and the British upon whom they are depending for adlittle pile will have grown into an en- low, steady voice and the orders for tire library of documents that will fill | certain counter-measures were given in

long ranks of filing cases. It is ploneer correspondence under the new order of things between Britain and the United States.

The following afternoon brought us by a lucky chance to Canadian headquarters, where we had the privilege of spending several hours with other men who are conducting operations. It was more than a lucky chance that brought us to Canadian headquarters almost at the same hour that the Germans began an attack-it was an act of providence.

Lighted by Lamps and Candles. It can be set down here without further parley that two newspaper men were never treated more royally than we were by these men who at the moment we entered their quarters were directing a barrage against a strong German attack.

In the midst of tea the door opened and for a few minutes we were under the impression that every general on the western front had been deluged into our presence. It was a party of officers who had dropped in for tea and a chat with the army commanders. Instead they had a rather amusing talk with two American correspondents, who were found interesting because they had been with the American army on the Mexican border and in France and had some idea of what the United States troops could do. Their intense interest in preparations of the United States for war was manifested in every question, and their friendliness toward everything American was more than evident.

In two minutes the formality of introduction was over with and for fully half an hour the Canadian general staff dropped their heavy responsibilities and enjoyed the unique experience of entertaining two Americans. It was the first time that such a gathering had ever assembled in this particular building and all made the most

The staff captain who had introduced us suggested that we get a little exercise, explaining that the staff officers usually spent an hour in the evening playing badminton or some other game just to keep in condition. We went out to a well constructed court similar to a tennis court and taped off in the same manner. For an hour we watched four officers bat the feathered shuttlecock across the net with a display of skill and strategy that was worthy of men who used strategy in a greater and more deadly manner. We took a hand in the game for a time and then watched four others play off the staff championship.

Meet Famous Strategist.

When the game broke up and we reentered the headquarters building we were presented to a man whose name is famous the length and breadth of An officer of the United States army, the British front. His keen stratagems and forceful work have won for him the praise and admiration of every Canadian fighting in France and his record as a fighter would fill several books. We were fortunate in having an opportunity of talking with him, for he, like the late General Funston, is keenly interested in newspaper work and it gave us a good start on the right plane. We explained to him our reasons for coming to headquarters and how the car that was to meet us had broken down.

"Well, I'm glad you're here, boys," he said. "I'll just arrange to have a couple of places set for you at dinner.

How are things over in the U. S. A.?" We had been talking with him only a few minutes when an officer brought to him word that an S. O. S. signal had been received from a certain point indicating that the Germans were preparing to attack. There was no blus-

an equally unruffled manner. An hour later it was learned that the Germans APPEAL TO SHIPPERS had given up their attempt after being unmercifully flayed by the grueiling fire which our host had turned loose.

From time to time an officer would appear at the door and report the progress of various movements under way, and throughout the evening there was no letup in the handling of business. smoothly as the service at the dinner table to which we were shown.

When the meal was finished and we feelings of a man directing an offen-

For the moment we saw a series of pictures thrown on the screen of our ciency. imagination. The officer asleep in his hours. He dresses and walks slowly to his office, where a number of telegraph and switchboards. A cup of coffee is mums. steaming at his desk, a broad, flat table, upon which is spread a great detail map with flags marking the line of attack. He drinks the coffee, lights his pipe and turns to greet his brother

Men Go Over the Top.

The hour of the attack is marked by a general glance at watches and then the phone rings. The men are over the top! Several phones ring. A number of objectives have been reached. An S. O. S. signal from "A" section. All reports are marked upon the big map ports of trouble come from different points certain barrages are instructed to cut loose with everything they have.

A "cut-in" shows the men lying by their guns, which are loaded and trained upon certain points. The S. O. S. signal comes to the gunner nearest the string, who reaches out and gives it a yank while the other gunners jump into action. Before the first shell has reached its destination a second is on its way and the big show is on in full swing. We see the men bombing the Germans out of dugouts; fighting hand to hand in the open ground with victous thrusting of

Finally the picture reverts to headquarters, where we see the officer, tired eyed but smiling, reading the ous men out in the shell holes and

view of things and stay out of the by sample. show, which isn't a pleasant task, especially for that young officer who just orders to go back to his regiment tonight."

outside the door in the inky blackness \$20; clover, \$20; straw, \$8. of a rainy night. We shook hands who had been our hosts. From the disheavy guns.

"We never let up on them," said a voice from the steps. "It has been ceipts, 51@52c per dozen; candled, 53 just as you hear it now for months, @55c; selects, 57@58c. and we'll keep on until we finish the job. We are going to win."

not only the headquarters staff but live, 23@24c; dressed, 30c. every camp and every dugout on the British front.

just seen in a moving picture show, bers, \$1.25@1.65 per dozen; peppers, ten-year-old Albert Poplesky of Potts 10c per pound; cauliflower, \$1@1.35; ville, Pa., pretended that he was be sprouts, 10c per pound; artichokes, \$1 ing lynched for horse stealing. He per dozen; horseradish, 91@121c per stuck his head through a noose tied pound; garlic, 61@8c; squash, 12c. vice and information. Some day that ter. The information was given in a to a tree, then accidently slipped. While frightened companions fled, the potatoes, 31@31c. boy strangled.

Public Service Commission Acknowledges Help and Asks Suggestions and More Aid From Public.

Shippers of the Northwest have been The whole procedure of this work of addressed by the Washington state directing armies seemed to operate as public service commission, asking for a further effort to facilitate the loading, movement and unloading of all were comfortably seated in the main classes of cars. The commission acroom we heard from the lips of one of knowledges the hearty response of the officers a story of the thoughts and shippers to its previous request, but asks both co-operation and suggestions in pushing for greater shipping effi-

First, load cars to full capacity, room. A servant calls him in the small even to the extent of 10 per cent above marked carrying capacity, and and telephone operators sit at keys disregard all published tariff mini-

> Second, load and unload cars the day received, if possible, regardless of the 48-hour, free-time limit.

Third, give immediate notice to railroad companies when cars are empty, or, telephone them in advance of the approximate time when the cars will be emptied.

Fourth, under no circumstances use cars as warehouses.

Fifth, the practice of consigning to any given destination without a bona by flags, and as each objective is fide sale, thereby affording prompt disreached a new flag is added. As re- position or release of cars, should be discontinued.

> Sixth, anticipate your needs as far n advance as possible.

Seventh, co-operate with customers able equipment can be used, regardess

of carrying capacity. Eighth, advise the commission promptly of any delay on the part of the carriers in setting cars for unloading, moving cars when unloaded, or the prompt switching of empties when

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORT!

Wheat-Bulk basis for No. 1 grade: Hard white - Bluestem, Early Bart, business in this state, according to congratulations from all along the line Allen, Galgalus, Martin Amber, \$2.05. and transmitting them to the victori- Soft white - Palouse bluestem, fortyfold, White valley, Gold Coin, White day. These companies have approxi-Russian, \$2.03. White club—Little mately \$7,500,000 worth of insurance "I don't believe there's a one of us club, Jenkins club, white hybrids, Sothat wouldn't have given a great deal nora, \$2.01. Red Walla Walla-Red to be right down there with our men," Russian, red hybrids, Jones Fife, cophe said. "That's the worst of having pei, \$1.98. No. 2 grade, 3c less. No. a staff job. One must take a distant 3 grade, 6c less. Other grades handled these companies they will immediately

Flour-Patents, \$10.

Millfeed — Spot prices: Bran, \$32 handed me this report. I'll venture to per ton; shorts, \$35; middlings, \$43;

Corn-Whole, \$83 ton; cracked, \$84. Hay - Buying prices, f. o. b. Port-Along toward midnight our disabled land: Eastern Oregon timothy, \$27 car came limping up to headquarters per ton; valley timothy, \$23@25; alfor us and our farewells were said falfa, \$22.50@24; valley grain hay,

Butter - Cubes, extras, 43@431c there in the darkness with these men per pound; prime firsts, 421c. Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 45@48c; tance came the deep-throated growl of cartons, 1c extra; butterfat, No. 1, 51c shipping point; 52c delivered.

Eggs - Oregon ranch, current re-

Poultry-Hens, large, 20c per pound; small, 171 @ 181c; springs, 19 @ 20c; And that is the spirit that pervades ducks, 17@20c; geese, 14c; turkeys,

Veal-Fancy, 141@15c per pound. Pork—Fancy, 20@201c per pound. Vegetables-Tomatoes, \$1.10@2 per Boy. Playing "Movies," Hanged Self. crate; cabbage, 12@22c per pound; While imitating an act that he had lettuce, \$2@2.25 per crate; cucum-

Onions-Buying prices, \$2.65 coun-

try points. Green Fruits-Apples, \$1@2.25 per box; pears, \$1.75@2.25; grapes, 6@7c per pound; casabas, 21@21c; cranberries, \$14.50@16.50 per barrel.

Hops-1917 crop, 20@23c per pound; Wool-Extra fine, 50@60c pound;

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Cattle-34. SHE IS MOTHER OF 20 Med. to choice steers.... \$ 9.50@10.00 at Pendleton next month. Mr. Shimof Mrs. Mariette Costanzo of 36 Rin- Stockers and feeders ... 4.00@ 7.50 shorts, or a total of \$2.28, after the Hogs-Bulk 16.00

****************** STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

******* In a letter forwarded to Edward D. Baldwin, secretary of the republican state central committee, United States Senator McNary submitted his resignation as chairman of that committee.

W. Z. Moss, prominent cattle owner of Lake county, who has been on trial in the circuit court in Lakeview on one of five counts charging larceny of 70 head of cattle, was found guilty by

Governor Withycombe this week formally appointed Judge Gantenbein as circuit judge for Multnomah county to succeed Judge Littlefield, who resigned upon Judge Gantenbein's return from army service.

A record price for a 23-pound turkey was obtained by the Red Cross ladies at Beaverton. George Davis gave the turkey to the society, August Rossi sold it, and Antoine Iun, formerly of Portland, became the owner for \$33.20.

Sheriff Burns, of Astoria, received a telegram Friday from Federal District Attorney Reams saying Emil Huhta, who has been held at the county jail for several days, is a technical deserter and should be delivered to the nearest military post.

The heavy downpour of rain Thursday has been a boon to the wheat growers of Sherman county. Practically 90 per cent of the summer-fallow ground has been seeded and the warm rain will give wheat a good start before freezing weather sets in.

Following a recent conference with Adjutant-General Williams, Governor Withycombe said the three companies of Spanish-American war veterans organized some time ago under Adjutant-General White will be called into in arranging orders so that any avail- service as the unorganized militia within the next few weeks.

Mrs. Anna Farley, of Dallas, has donated her farm to the general conference board of the Methodist Episcopal church, according to a statement made by Dr. R. C. Oaten, of the conference board of Chicago, who was in Dallas last week looking over the

property. The board estimates that the property is worth between \$20,000 and \$25,000, and Mrs. Farley will be paid an annuity during the remainder of her life in appreciation of the gift. Four German fire insurance companies and one German life insurance

company are authorized to transact information elicited from Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells Thurs-These companies have approxiin force in the state on which they collected last year about \$94,000 worth of premiums. Mr. Wells expressed the opinion that if the government takes steps to revoke the licenses of reinsure, and after the war will resume business.

Hood River fruit sales agency offisay that he'd yell with joy if he got rolled barley, \$56@58; rolled oats, \$56. market is at an extremely low ebb. Many Northwestern sales concerns are receiving cancellations of orders placed earlier in the season.

One of the heaviest rain storms of years deluged Coos county Monday. The storm set in in the morning and was accompanied by strong winds, which uprooted many trees. Throughout the day telephone and telegraph lines were down and the lighting service was frequently interrupted.

A chance pressure on the trigger of a 22-caliber rifle which he was cleaning caused 15-yead-old Robert Ingemann of Bend, to fire a bullet point blank at his 11-year-old brother. George, Tuesday afternoon while the two were shooting rabbits a short distance from Bend. The leaden pellet lodged in the boy's spine, completely paralyzing both legs.

Entertaining the driver of the Crescent City stage with the strongest kind of condemnation of the government proved the undoing of Archie Gerrells, who is in the Josephine county jail on a charge of treasonable Potatoes-\$1.50 per hundred; sweet utterances. He promptly destroyed his I. W. W. membership card. Gerrells will be held pending receipt of advices from United States Attorney Reames.

John Shinanek, member of the State Lime board, and also a member of the Farmers' Union at Scio, reported to State Labor Commissioner Hoff Wednesday a plan for cheap flour and highpriced wheat for farmers, which farmers in the section of Scio plan to secure. The scheme will be placed by Mr. Shimanek before the state meeting of the Farmers' Unior, to be held Good to med, steers..... 8.75@ 9.50 anek states that farmers are arranging Com. to good steers..... 7.25@ 8.25 with a miller at Scio to grind their Choice cows and heifers. 7.00@ 7.75 wheat for 20 cents a bushel flat. By Com. to good cows and hf 5.50@ 7.25 this means the farmers get the flour, Canners 3.00@ 5.25 bran and shorts and they estimate they Bulls..... 4.50@ 6.75 will get \$2.13 for their flour, 17 cents Calves 7.00@ 9.50 for the bran and 18 cents for the 20 cents for the miller is deducted. Prime light hogs\$16.00@16.25 On this basis they will sell the flour at Prime heavy hogs 16.20@16.35 cost, or at \$2.13 for a \$2.65 sack and compared to \$1.90, the base price. At the same time the consumer will re-Western lambs......\$13.50@14.00 ceive a \$2.65 sack of flour for \$2.13. Valley lambs...... 13.00@13.50 The miller at Scio is satisfied with this Yearlings...... 12.00@12.50 profit and efforts will be made to make Wethers..... 11.75@12.25 similar arrangements throughout the Ewes 8.00@10.00 state.

Recruit Says His Home Town in Arizona Also in Dark About World Affairs.

El Paso, Tex .- At least one American did not know there was a war in progress in which the United States is participating until he appeared at the local navy recruiting office to enlist. He is from Pinedale, Ariz., and gave his name as Hyrum Smith Hancock. He had been in Pinedale, a small mountain town, for five years, and said no one there knew there was a war in progress when he left. He was accepted for the navy.

TEN AORES FOR ONE FAMILY

Montana Woman Says It Is Sufficient, and She Has Tried It Also.

Billings, Mont.—Ten acres is enough to support a family, according to Miss Mattle Johnson, who has tried the Hotel La Salle here. it. She has divided her ten acres as

and raspberries; two acres for wheat for chickens; three acres for alfalfa for cattle, hogs and horses; one acre for corn for chickens and hogs; onehalf acre for vegetable gardens; onehalf acre for yards for 100 or 200 chickens; one-half acre for home, barns and yards. Apple, plum and cherry trees are planted in the chicken yards and about the fields. Bees also may be kept at a profit, she says.

SURGERY CAN CURE CROOKS

Michigan Judge Declares Half the Criminals in the U.S. Might Be Saved.

Chicago.-"Fifty per cent of the criminals in this country under thirty years of age can be restored to good citizenship under proper surgical attention."

Judge George W. Bridgeman of Benton Harbor, Mich., made that statement at the dinner of the American sixteen. Mrs. Costanzo was married Association of Orificial Surgeons in in Italy, when seventeen years of age,

"Seventy-five per cent of the crim-

IGNORANT NATION IS AT WAR follows: Two acres for strawberries | inals brought into the courts of this country are between the ages of fifteen and twenty-four years and 80 per cent of them suffer from physical disability," said Judge Bridgeman. "In 1916 crop, 16c. most of these cases this disability is responsible for mental disability, mani- coarse, 55@60c; valley, 55@60c; mofested in crime, and it is capable of hair, long staple, 55c.

Mrs. Costanzo's Latest a Boy-New Jersey Woman Had Three Sets of Twins.

Trenton, N. J.-Twenty children at thirty-four years of age is the record gold street, who gave birth to the twentieth child. Thomas Anthony Costanzo. Mother and infant "are doing nicely."

Nine of the 20 children are living. The dead children include three sets of twins. The oldest living child is to Thomas Costanzo, now thirty-eight, a laborer at Camp Dix.