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## BOYS IN FRANCE ARE GETTING HOMESICK

Christmas Time Makes America Look Good to Our Soldiers in France. Since The Fighting Ceased They Want to Return.

Sgt. Harry W. Thimmes, connected with the Chief Surgeon's office of American Expeditionary Force, writes from France under date, Dec. 2, to his sister, Mrs. Albert Swain: "Sunday evening and have just come back from supper so am going to write you a few lines. Haven't had a letter from you for quite a while but I don't think that is your fault or the mail is tied up somewhere along the line and maybe you don't get mine either. The boats don't come every day with mail, so when they do come there is a bunch and then we have to wait for maybe a week or more for another bunch. I heard from the folks in August and then skipped both September and October and got one letter from Bernha and one from Cathrine dated in November. Some of these days I'm going to get a lot of old letters if everything goes right.

Well enough for the mail part of it. It's only a few more days 'till Christmas! Just think of it. It don't seem at all like it over here away from you all. And then it is not at all cold like Christmas weather has always been where I have been. I can see now why they say that the real Christmas spirit shows at the time when we are giving some one a present or buying it for them or something like that. In order that things would reach the folks at home we all had to get them a month or six weeks ago. I didn't get much for any of you, but just the same when I was getting what little I did get, then was my real Christmas. Very likely we will have a holiday for Christmas and maybe a few extra things for dinner, and they might give us candy and perhaps a few nuts with smokes for the ones who want them, but aside from this we won't know it is Christmas. It will be different than any other year. Of course we are all thankful that this time comes around and finds the war over, and taking it all in all we have nothing to kick about, for everything possible will be done to make a pleasant day for us. But now how it will be we are all away from home and that's what makes the difference. No one said of being home sick, or of wanting to go home while the war was going on, but now that it's over that's all we talk of and all we hear on all sides. Just wait till next Christmas, then we can pay up for all the time we have lost. We can be thankful now that we came through it all safe and sound and have good health. So why worry.

It's easy enough to say "why worry," but still I'm a little anxious when I don't get any word from you for a long time. I wonder whether any of you are sick or not; with this damned flu, running wild everywhere it's enough to make any one a bit nervous. I hope that none of you have it and if you do have I hope it is a light case and that you come through bright. Over here the weather has helped a great bit toward getting rid of it. It is warm, just like spring weather, so most of the cases are disappearing. We have had quite a lot of rain, but no snow. I doubt very much if they ever have snow here in central France. Don't think I ever gets cold enough for that. Oh, we have had a few cool mornings and some days it hung on all day, but none of these were very cold and they didn't last for a very long spell.

This afternoon a fellow from Kentucky who came over with me, and I went out to a little town named... about 18 miles from here. No one didn't walk. The fare on the car was only 17 cents so we took it. Most of the way we traveled through real country and it sure did seem good to get a breath of good fresh air. Most of the time the car line followed the Cher river and with the green grass along both sides and winding round through the low hills it sure did make a pretty picture. We had a fine trip and had started on our way back when it started to rain and I'll say it rained too. We were on the car but might as well been outside for the sides of the car were open. We each had rain coats, but with these little "Over sea's caps"

## TYLER NEAR TOP IN RAILROAD CLIMB



The story of the self-made man is always new. W. T. Tyler started work as a messenger boy on the Wisconsin Central railroad in 1883. He has just been made divisional director in the U. S. railroad administration by Director-General Hines. Tyler has held many important posts on western railroads.

It was comfortable, certainly. Then too, we were 25 minutes late for supper and everything was cold. It was a grand ending for such a beautiful trip.

You want to know when I am coming home. Well so do I. That is the question that we all ask. It's pretty hard to tell just when we will start. Quite a few have already gone and a lot of fellows are now at home. They are sending the sick and wounded and the ones no longer needed over here, home first. The class "A" men are likely to stay for some time, but I've got a notion, way down deep, that I'm going to get back some time during the summer and maybe as early as April or May. It just seems to me now that the war is over that each day I am over here is a day lost. I've seen a great deal and I've learned a lot, but I've got all I want and "now I want to go home to mamma." When we are little we are tied to our mothers with apron strings, but when we grow up we find that they are not mere strings but strongest kind of chains.

I got a few Christmas cards at the K of C last night and sent them to my old friends. Don't know whether they will answer or not but they can't say that I haven't done my part. Do you know where Bob Lowe and Lee Miller are? I haven't heard from them since coming into the army. Guess they are busy like myself most of the time and don't have time to write.

Well I want to write a little to the folks so will bring this to a close. Wishing you all the best of luck and hoping that I'll hear from you soon, I am your loving brother,

HARRY. P. S.—Tell all my friends hello and remember me to them.

A later communication from Harry written a few days after Christmas, shows he was not justified in taking

## VICTORY LIBERTY BOND ISSUE IN APRIL LIKELY

Not a Matter of How Much The Interest Will be. Thought is Before us That we Must Show Same Spirit as Our Soldiers.

The interest to be paid by Victory Liberty bonds to be issued in April is not known. And we don't care.

We know the next and last Liberty Loan will be a whopper—probably six billion—and that's enough to start us preparing to raise it. Americans with the reputation of being dollar chasers won't pay a great deal of attention to the interest of these short term bonds because there is always hobbling up in our mind the thought of the interest our partners—the Yanks—received on their investment.

When our boys went into the Argonne Forest, St. Mihiel, Chateau Thierry, Cantigny, and Belleau Wood, they didn't stop and ask the platoon commander what bonus they would get if they won the objective or ask for a guarantee against loss. They sacrificed when they joined the army and they were willing to make the supreme sacrifice.

Regardless of financial drains for the government or for charity, it has been "pretty soft for us" compared and if the government chooses to start its last Liberty Loan drive on the second anniversary of entry into the war or before, you can bet your last dollar that the fellows who are wisely shaking their heads and saying "It's going to be a hard job" will buckle in and have a part in the glory of showing our fighters that the folks at home are "bears" at big jobs themselves.

It's not a matter of interest.

## CHANGE QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.

Marshal McDonald was in the other day to tell us that it has been decided to resume the business hours observed before the recent quarantine regulations were made from tonight on. Business houses will be allowed to remain open after six o'clock but are asked not to permit crowds to gather. From what Mr. McDonald said it is evident that people are not working in harmony with the health officers in observing the quarantine regulations and he asks that this be done. If we are to find out whether the quarantine of individual cases are to aid we must observe the rules and keep the cases isolated. Please give the authorities your co-operation in this important matter until it can be determined how effective it is.

such a pessimistic view of the approaching holiday period as he indicated program of a minstrel show given by the doughboys in one of the theaters, and other amusements. He had not received his package from home but had been generously remembered by the K. of C., Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross. Among the gifts enumerated were socks, handkerchiefs, cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, candy, gum, nuts, oranges, apples, cookies, etc.

## FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD LAW IS VALID

Recent Report That The United States Supreme Court Had Declared it Invalid Erroneous Says State Game Commission.

That the law which provides for a closed season on ducks after January 15, will be enforced, notwithstanding the recent reported ruling that the migratory bird law had been declared invalid, is indicated by the following letter received by a deputy game warden of Lane county from the state game commission and published in a recent issue of the Eugene Register:

"To All Game Wardens: The article published in some of the newspapers recently to the effect that the federal migratory bird law was declared invalid by the United States supreme court and in consequence ducks and geese could be hunted indiscriminately, is erroneous and perniciously misleading.

"The federal migratory bird law passed by congress in 1913 was argued before the United States Supreme court upon its constitutionality, but for reasons not made public the court did not render a decision in the matter and on February 28, 1916, the court ordered the case restored to the docket for argument. The treaty between the United States and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds was ratified by both governments December 7, 1916, and on June 29, 1918, congress passed the migratory bird treaty act to give effect to the treaty provisions, which was approved by the president July 3, 1918, and on July 31, 1918, the president promulgated regulations thereunder governing the hunting possession of such birds.

"The migratory bird treaty act of 1918 specifically repealed the old migratory bird law of 1913, which was government in moving for a dismissal court, and the recent action of the still before the United States supreme of the case was merely to clear the court records and also because there was nothing left to decide since the law in question had been repealed by the new act of 1918. The migratory is now in full force and effect throughout the United States. Copies bird treaty act passed last June, 1918, of the treaty, act and the regulations thereunder may be obtained by addressing the United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., or the United States game warden, Portland, Ore. Please give this matter all necessary publicity in order that sportsmen and others interested may not become confused."

Producers of alfalfa seed in the United States received \$8.30 a bushel November 15, 1918, \$9.43 a year later, and \$9.38 November 15, 1918. After the harvest of 1916 the price considerably declined, but an upward movement followed February, 1917, when the price received by producers was as low as \$7.75, and by March, 1918, it reached the high price of \$19.60 a bushel. In Kansas, the November, 1918, price was \$7.90.

France, England and the United States will speak in firm and equal voices at the peace conference.

## WESTERN WOMAN GETS FIRST FEDERAL POST



Mrs. Francis C. Axtell is the first woman in the United States to ever have been appointed to a federal commission by an executive order of the president. She is chairman of the United States employees' compensation commission. She is from Washington state.

## Some Cardinal Points For Our Sunday Schools.

(By the Pastor Presbyterian Church)

I. We can never make the world safe for democracy until we have reached the 400,000 of the world's children, and have trained them in the principles of the Book.

II. The organization to accomplish this task is the world's Sunday School Association, with a membership of 35,000,000—3,000,000 working in 300,000 Sunday Schools.

III. The Sunday School can only function in this great task as the fathers and mothers give their boys and girls and money with its workers.

IV. It can be done in this generation if we shall will to do so.

V. Every school in America is a unit in this great task. Can we count on you for help?

VI. We shall need to supply 100 trained secretaries and missionaries for the Sunday School task in the world's great centers outside of America during the next few years. Will you be a helper in this great movement to evangelize the world? Collection last Sunday, \$3.25

These Sunday School supplies help to make good boys and girls. We appreciate all who help us in this worthy cause.

## Makes a Heat-Holding Bottle, Useful With School Lunches

A bottle to keep liquids hot, made from a salad oil bottle, an oatmeal carton, some excelsior and 13 cents worth of oilcloth for a cover, is the creation of an Alabama girl, a member of a boys' and girls' club of that state.

Sawdust, hay, burlap, paper in pulp form, or soft material that easily may be compressed may be used instead of excelsior for packing between the glass and the carton.

"The bottle was a success from every standpoint; the very thing for children to carry to school and not break," writes the Coker field agent to the United States Relations Service, United States Department of Agriculture. "It keeps liquid hot for four and one-half hours by actual test."

The device was shown at a recent county demonstration.

The announcement made by Engineer John H. Lewis of the Warm Springs irrigation district that the dam at Riverside would not be available for power purposes is disappointing. This information was disclosed in a recent letter from Mr. Lewis to the Crane American. It had been hoped that this big dam might be used to develop electric power for a greater portion of this Valley, in fact it had been considered feasible to bring such energy as far as Burns for illuminating and power purposes. But the most important consideration was to supply the means of irrigating a large area of the eastern part of Harney Valley where a quantity of shallow water is available for irrigation purposes provided a means of getting it on the land may be devised.

Order these letter heads here.

## IRRIGATION DISTRICT PETITION IS FILED

Plan to Cover Territory With One Big Organization Rather Than Several to be Considered Under Latest Move Launched.

The petition proposing one large irrigation district to cover a big area of this Valley has been signed by a majority of the land owners under the district and it will be submitted to the court at its March term. The large number of signatures would indicate a renewed interest in the importance of a district and will be the means of bringing the question before those interested in manner to settle the feasibility of one or more districts to cover the lands of the valley.

While the present district does not cover all the irrigable lands, it does include territory that is only partially served with water for irrigation. The question of surplus water still remains an unsolved one and until it is demonstrated that there is a surplus those already decreed rights will not be enthusiastic, at least, of taking in additional territory. At any rate, that is the attitude of some.

The Lawen people have again filed their petition for a district covering the lands of that neighborhood, but practically all of these same land owners have signed the petition for the larger district and the advantage of each proposition will be considered between this and the convening of court next month. It should have conscientious attention of those interested and the best interests of all given support. Don't let selfishness or personal matters enter into the consideration of the subject. The question of water is of such importance to the future development of the country that it must be definitely settled by the people. Present users are entitled to first consideration in this settlement and with the strength of all united it may be brought to an equitable solution and thus hasten the final distribution of the surplus water over a greater area of this big Valley.

The need of organization is conceded by all. The only question is whether there shall be one district or several.

One district was started some time ago to include the lands east of the Hanley lane and as far south as the Embree bridge. This was filed and is now on an appeal to the supreme court. The second is the Lawen petition which joins the first at the Embree bridge and goes south to the lake. A third is contemplated to cover the Island and west including Sage Hen, with a possible fourth to include the territory up the river. All of these proposed districts would receive water from the same source with interests the same. It is therefore a matter of whether the people can be best served by the several districts or one big one that would cover them all.

## PUBLICITY AND THE PEACE CONFERENCE

It is hard for the American people to understand the reserves of European diplomacy. In a country where every male citizen has some share in the government, the processes of government nation knows, day by day, the earning bodies are public. The American only in stress of great emergency discussions and decisions of congress, is censorship of any kind resorted to. Naturally there was dissatisfaction at the idea that the peace conference, whose actions are of so much importance to us all, should sit behind closed doors. We approve President Wilson's remonstrances and trust that these will have their result and that the deliberations of the conference will have due publicity.

In securing the "dry" camel the nation is making an interesting addition to its menagerie. It already possessed the democratic donkey and the G. O. P. elephant, and now only needs a box of monkeys to complete its collection. Perhaps the I. W. W.'s will favor.

The government is requesting us to figure up our 1918 income, so that there be no delay in turning in our income tax schedules at the proper time. It is also delicately hinting at the probability of a Victory Liberty loan in the spring.

