

HORRORS OF WAR RELATED IN LETTER FROM ROTTERDAM

Frank H. Madden has received the following letter from a friend in Rotterdam, showing the suffering occasioned by the war. The writer, an American woman, married a wealthy German wool importer, and for twenty years has been a resident of Antwerp, Belgium. He was persecuted as a spy, the home broken up and the two sons, Belgian born, serving in the Belgian army, disgraced because they had German blood in their veins.

Family Expelled

"We are finally expelled, having had to abandon everything, business, home, in fact, all. If you will just open your historical books upon the French revolution or rather the Spanish inquisition, you will be able to form a feeble idea of what we have been through these last six weeks. The stones of the pavement burned my feet; hooted in the streets as 'sales allemands,' persecuted by anonymous letters from all sorts of people to the government; visits from the gendarmes, who were brutal in the extreme; the Zeppelin passing right over our house (we picked up pieces of the bombs in our own garden), etc., etc., you will readily understand what a seething hell the town was for us, but the climax came when they disarmed our soldier boy in disgrace because he carried 'tainted blood' in his veins! Crie d'un allemand.

Rotterdam, Sept. 17, 1914.

"They took in at the beginning of August all the volunteers they could get—good, bad and indifferent, and after five weeks, when many of them had fought bravely at the front, and some even given their lives, they were all arrested and cast into the war prison. Hundreds of them fighting gallantly for what they thought was their mother country, disarmed and disgraced because in some way they had German blood, even as far back as the third generation.

King Interferes for Boy

"With this final insult, Eugen rose up in wrath and did not stop till he reached the king, and here is where my American blood saved our boy for us. You know they are all bidding for United States' favor and we are intimate friends of the U. S. consul, who today is the biggest man in Antwerp, not excepting the king. He went personally with out supplication to the king and laid the matter before him. He made it a personal request to have this prisoner of war given back to his American mother in order that she might sail with her family to New York, quitting Belgium forever. The king did not hesitate a moment, but gave orders immediately to set so-called 'Schweerd, 2 batterie, volunteer, fils d'un allemand, mere Americaine, free. The child was in prison in Gruges. We had to leave not later than the 10th or undergo prison, so our staunch friend, Dieterich, who, by the way, is laboring under the curse of a Gezman name, undertook to manage for us in our absence. The result is that we have our boy back. Thank God. He arrived here night before last in good health, and while he considers himself no longer a Belgian after such treatment, still he is not at all in sympathy with Germany.

"So now we are together, and that is all in the world I want. The accumulation of what a happy home after twenty years means had to be given up in twenty-four hours. We held on like grim death as long as was possible, but to no purpose. Let it go, is all I say. I never want to see or hear of that place again.

Begins Life Anew

"Life is before us as it was twenty years ago, with the difference that we are approaching the half century. Ah! what a thing this war is. Who could have conceived this state of affairs?

"You were all wondering, no doubt, why I did not write, but it was impossible and much too dangerous. All mail was carefully examined and if the Belgians said a regiment was on its way from the moon to save them from 'sales cochons d'allemands' and you had the misfortune to inquire by what route—why, then, you were pro-German and must be shot, passe par les armes, as they say.

"A thousand things I could tell you, but it is a waste of time, as we are about to sail for peaceful shores, namely, New York, where I hope someone will succor these poor war refugees. When one has been through what we have, small difficulties disappear.

"Eugen has great hopes in a combination of some kind in Boston or New York, though he does not know just what.

Antwerp Is Killed

"Antwerp is killed financially. The harbor will be henceforth a stagnant pool. The big steamer lines will no doubt shift to Rotterdam, which will profit enormously.

"If we can manage it, we want to

New Home of Mann's Greater Medford Store



J. C. Mann came to the coast four years ago in search of a location and upon his arrival in Medford was so delighted with the city, the valley and the spirit of the people that he immediately purchased a store, also a ranch. Being a live wire merchant and carrying modern stocks of goods at popular prices his business has constantly increased and it became necessary for him to expand. He leased the room south of his old quarters, rebuilt the store, putting in a new front, new cloak rooms, dress

making parlors, an up-to-date rest room, made other modern improvements, and now has double his former floor space and one of the nicest, brightest, and busiest stores in southern Oregon.

This "Greater Medford Store" was formally opened Thursday, Friday and Saturday, on its fourth anniversary, and the unusual large attendance was an evidence that the people appreciate a first class establishment and a live, progressive merchant. Mr. Mann has always been an ardent sup-

porter of every worthy enterprise and undertaking in Medford and has spent considerable of his own time helping boost for them.

Mr. Mann is a great believer in advertising, and especially newspaper advertising, and backs up his belief with the liberal use of space from which he gets results. He attributes a great share of his success to advertising and says a merchant can no more run a live, progressive business without publicity than he can without modern merchandise.

HOPEFUL VIEW OF STRUGGLE IN WEST FLANDERS

LONDON, Oct. 19, 1914. m.—From the point of view of the allied armies, so far as could be learned from dispatches reaching London today, the situation in West Flanders and in France as far south as Lille, seemed on this, the seventy-seventh day of the war, perhaps more hopeful than at any time since the German advance on Paris was checked.

Though the news reaching England is meager and to an extent delayed, all tidings seem to indicate that the German advance from O-tend on the French coast towns has been blocked temporarily at least, while farther south in a region that was a week ago the extreme German right, the invaders have been again compelled to give ground before the allies' wedge force, which has been concentrating on Lille.

Several reports contend that the Germans have withdrawn from this town, but this is not confirmed, nor is the report that they evacuated Courtail, nearly thirty miles northwest. It seems plain, however, that the menace here grew marked and that the German army operating along the coast of Flanders found itself in peril of being cut off from the main body.

What opposition they met along the sea is only guess work, for it has never been disclosed in Great Britain what forces the allies have or what point they touch the coast.

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SMITH PRAISED BY JUDGE BENNETT

PORTLAND, Oct. 19.—With heartfelt indorsement of Senator Chamberlain, Dr. C. J. Smith, A. F. Flegel, Tom Word and every other candidate of the democratic party for state and county offices, Judge A. S. Bennett of The Dalles told a throng that packed the assembly hall of the public library building Saturday night that the party is presenting to the voters a ticket of Oregon's very best men.

When he uttered a word of honor for Dr. Smith—the man who defeated him for the gubernatorial nomination at the primaries—the assembly burst into prolonged applause. "I would hate to think he is not a mighty good man," said the judge with a smile. "I would hate to think that Dr. Withcombe could beat a man who could beat me. Dr. Smith is exactly the man for the place. He is an ideal candidate. He promised you—and he is a man of his word or he would not have received such a tremendous ovation in the primaries in Umatilla county—that he would give you a business man's administration. If you are taxpayers, and I believe all of you pay taxes, you know how badly we need an old-fashioned business administration in Oregon.

"Nowadays it takes nearly all an investment is worth to pay the taxes on it. It is a good investment that pays 4 or 5 per cent; yet when 3 per cent of the income goes for taxes how long will it be before the man who has nothing will be richer than the man who has much?" "Dr. Smith is an able man; he is a conscientious man; he is clean, reputable, in every way. I think you are being offered the best man for the place."

MEDFORD BUSINESS MAN SELLS HALF INTEREST

E. J. White has sold a half interest in White's Velvet ice cream and dairy business to K. A. Morgan of Devils Lake, N. D., where he was in the wholesale fruit and grocery business. Mr. White established the ice cream factory last March. He has made the best quality of goods, put Velvet ice cream on the map in Jackson county and has recently moved to 32 South Central where they have opened the Dairy store and will continue the manufacture of Velvet ice cream and Daisy brand of butter.

Mr. Morgan originally came from Wisconsin where the family have been in the dairy business forty years.

said a week from Saturday, September 26, from here, of course, but there is nothing sure about it as yet. In any case we will cable you upon leaving.

"In Tourcoing they told that Eugen was passe par les armes, because he had bought the biggest consignments of wool ever sold, all for Germany. As a matter of fact, the whole of it went to New York. Ah, yes; he was shot in the Pl. de Meir."

TEDDY FINANCES EXPLORATION PARTY

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Announcement was made today that Colonel Theodore Roosevelt has subscribed funds for an exploration expedition in South America to be headed by Leo Miller, of the staff of the museum of natural history, who accompanied the former president on his recent expedition. The Miller party will sail this week for Porto Colombia.

If all plans are fulfilled, about a year will be spent in Peru, Bolivia and Chile. After exploring the Andes, it is proposed to voyage down one of the rivers flowing into the Amazon, either the Beni or the Pilcomayo.

As the party proceeds down the Amazon, if health permits, Mr. Miller plans to collect specimens on the new river Teodoro, which was explored by Colonel Roosevelt.

STATE EDITORS TO VISIT CRATER LAKE

PORTLAND, Oct. 19.—Tired out with the two days of strenuous business sessions and entertainments, the delegates to the annual convention of the State Editorial association held at Oregon City Friday and Saturday, landed at the Portland Commercial club Saturday night and were given a farewell banquet. O. W. Miller gave a short address of welcome on behalf of the organization. His remarks were responded to by E. E. Brodie, the new president of the association.

Plans for next year's convention of the editors, which were told by Sam Evans of Klamath Falls, include some interesting features. The meeting will be held at Pelican Bay Lodge on Upper Klamath lake. Here the business sessions will be held Friday and Saturday of the third week in August, and Sunday the guests will be taken to Crater Lake and then to Medford. The delegates will be the guests of both the Klamath Falls and the Medford Commercial clubs.

After a brief talk by Mrs. Sarah A. Evans and a farewell address by H. W. McLane, the editors were dismissed.

Phil S. Bates without a nomination being made, received the unanimous vote of the convention for re-election as secretary.

STEADY ADVANCE IN CATTLE MARKET

PORTLAND, Oct. 19.—Receipts for the week have been, cattle 1515; calves 1; hogs 3183; sheep 8124.

Cattle run short compared with last week. Some very good steers arriving which commanded a premium. Steer market closed higher than last week, showing an advance of about 15 cents. Cows and heifers weak. All other classes steady.

Hog market opened for the week with a small run and continued short until end of week. Market distinguished by an advance of 5 to 10 cents and much better quality of arrivals.

Sheep continues steady and firm for the week. Somewhat increased arrivals. Yearling wethers are in excellent demand, while look over for lambs decline. Prime lamb \$5.85 to \$6.00; ewes \$4.00 to \$4.35; yearlings \$5.00 to \$5.50; wethers \$4.75 to \$5.40.

ASK STATISTICS ON SAFETY APPLIANCES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Detailed information of all block signal and other train safety apparatus in use on American railroads was called for today by the interstate commerce commission, in an order which specifies that the statistics must be in Washington not later than January 15, 1915. The information may be used in connection with the physical valuation work or safety investigation.

Inefficiency of the train order system was assigned by the interstate commerce commission as the principal cause of a head-on collision on the Kansas City Southern railway near Tipton Ford, Mo., August 5, in which forty-three were killed and thirty-eight injured.

COMB SAGE TEA IN HAIR TO DARKEN IT

Grandma kept her locks dark, glossy, thick with a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur.

The old-time mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur for darkening gray, streaked and faded hair is grandmother's treatment, and folks are again using it to keep their hair a good, even color, which is quite sensible, as we are living in an age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

Nowadays, though, we don't have the troublesome task of gathering the sage and the mussy mixing at home. All drug stores sell the ready-to-use product called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy" for about 50 cents a bottle. It is very popular because nobody can discover it has been applied. Simply moisten your comb or a soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also produces that soft lustre and appearance of abundance which is so attractive; besides, prevents dandruff, itching scalp and falling hair.



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