

U. S. SOLDIERS TELL OF GLAD SURPRISE

Men Abroad Expected a Smokeless Thanksgiving, but "Sun" Saved the Day.

GENEROUS READERS BUSY

Entertainments to Swell Tobacco Fund—Gov. Holcomb Sends Check.

That was a glorious surprise which was enjoyed by the soldiers of some of the American units Thanksgiving Day. They expected a smokeless Thanksgiving dinner, and their delight may be imagined when, just after the last course of a sumptuous spread had been disposed of, cigarettes—real American cigarettes—were passed around.

Several postal cards describing the feast and the joy that attended it were received here yesterday. They will gratify all supporters of THE SUN Tobacco Fund, especially as they furnish a forecast of what the men will have at their Christmas dinner, thanks to the campaign which resulted in the shipment of many thousands of holiday packages to the other side.

Your gift of cigarettes came as a very pleasing message at the close of our Thanksgiving dinner, writes J. Eugene Hart of Base Hospital 12. "I wish to thank you most heartily for the same."

"I wish I were clever enough," says Robert Macaulay Jackson, happy and at ease with the world after having dined well, "to draw you a picture of our very recent (about half an hour) Thanksgiving dinner, to which the cigarettes from THE SUN formed an splendid and most welcome finish."

"Thanksgiving, and something to be thankful for—the cigarettes you so kindly sent me," exclaims Private William Worthington. "It was mighty good of you and we certainly appreciate them ever here."

Smokes Top Off Fine Dinner.

Private George M. Shellase of Base Hospital 9 writes: "Many thanks for the cigarettes. Got 'em today—Thanksgiving Day—and burning them up while munching turkey and pie."

And in gratitude Private J. W. Decker says: "After finishing a regular Thanksgiving dinner, including the proverbial turkey, we were each given some of the cigarettes you were good enough to send, and I can readily assure you they tasted fine. We are receiving the very best care and attention and we will be back soon O. K."

"A package of Piedmonts is a godsend over here and the men certainly appreciate your kindness," writes Lieut. T. J. Proden of company B, Twenty-sixth Infantry. "They came just before Thanksgiving and the thoughtfulness of the people back home makes us thankful that we are Americans."

They were thoughtful for a lot of things, the soldier boys over there—for turkey and pie and, best of all, "thankful we are Americans." That is what the thoughtfulness of the contributors has done, ministered to the bodily comfort of their soldiers and made them prouder than ever that they belong in a country whose people are not forgetful of their obligations and responsibilities.

So much for Thanksgiving and for the Christmas prospects. The fund will move right along in its career of useful service, continuing to carry happiness and contentment to the soldiers, just as if the holidays lasted all the year round.

Gives Up Christmas Cards.

It is too late now to contribute to the Christmas festivities at the front, but many patriots here at home are curtailing their Yuletide expenditures in order to minister to the lads abroad later on. One of these is Mrs. Harriet P. Satter, 1 West Sixty-ninth street, from whom this letter was received yesterday: "Enclosed find my check for the cause, \$2.50, which represents doing without Christmas cards this year. Will follow it with more when I can find something else to sacrifice."

This woman has the true Christmas spirit. She may or may not have adopted the slogan, but she believes that every American's duty is to "soldiers first."

The Christmas entertainment on the floor of the Consolidated Stock Exchange Friday afternoon promises to attract a big crowd of business men from the financial district and their friends and to be one of the very best of a long series of annual shows. There will be no admission fee—the doors will be open to women as well as men at the close of the business day, about five o'clock, but the Exchange members will invite every one to follow their lead in contributing to THE SUN Tobacco Fund.

President Howell in Charge.

More of the features will be announced to-morrow. J. Frank Howell, the president of the Consolidated Stock Exchange, is giving all preliminaries his personal attention. It was he, indeed, who suggested that the smoke fund should be the beneficiary of this year's show.

Marie Carroll, the gifted prima donna of "The Boy" at the Casino, joined yesterday the list of entertainers who will take part in the soldiers' Christmas Eve programme at the Hotel Ansonia. She will sing "Old Mammy Alligator," and with Miss Hope Daley of the Quartermaster's Corps at Governors Island

will render two duets, both of them the latter's compositions.

Other fund events of the near future to which many are looking forward with eager interest are the annual performance by the dramatic club of Columbia Grammar School, in Leslie Hall, Broadway and Eighty-third street, Friday night, and the Alton Club's annual ball at the Hotel Plaza the night of December 29.

There will be a long list of distinguished patronesses in attendance at the opening performance of the Ice Pageant on the roof of the Waldorf-Astoria scheduled for the nights of January 3 and 4, and the liveliest interest is being manifested by society in general in this novel event. There have been carnivals and masquerades without number carried through as ice festivals, but to exhibit a pageant with faithful reproductions of historical scenes, interspersed with song and dance, is to throw down the gauntlet to tradition. That is precisely what the managers of the forthcoming entertainment mean to do, and if tireless effort counts they will succeed in giving jaded New Yorkers a new sensation.

The real skating will be by experts secured by George C. Boldt for those evenings and the diversissement including the tableaux and processions is to be in the hands of society women who are desirous of helping the fund. There will be no extra charge for admission, the regular price, \$1, prevailing. The SUN Tobacco Fund week attracted more than the customary heavy patronage to the popular store of Lou Freedman, haberdasher, at 1505 Broadway, near Forty-ninth street. This is an excellent place at which to purchase Christmas gifts of men's fancies and finery at reasonable prices. The store is open nights and when you make a purchase there up to Christmas eve will help the soldiers, for Mr. Freedman has offered to give the fund a percentage of his gross receipts each day.

Governor Holcomb Joins Us.

The fund received yesterday the following letter from Marcus H. Holcomb, Governor of Connecticut, written at Southington:

"At a banquet of the bar of Litchfield county in this State held on Friday evening, December 6, 1917, it was voted to give the balance they had after the expenses were paid, amounting to thirty-seven dollars and seventy-five cents (\$37.75), for 'smokes' for our soldiers in France, and it was given to me to forward to you. This is the first time I have been honored. I have in the enclosed check for \$37.75, payable to your order, and request that you see that it is expended for the purpose above named."

Supervisor Andrew Bridgeman of White Plains writes: "It is my pleasure to enclose check for \$20.00, the proceeds of a second collection from the Board of Supervisors, Westchester county, New York, to THE SUN Tobacco Fund."

Those Various Members of the New York Stock Exchange who for weeks and weeks have been sending in contributions are in this morning's list with an offering of \$24.84. "M. No. 3" is another faithful repeater who is again in evidence.

Have you been bonding up certificates issued by the United and Schulte Cigar Stores with the intention of exchanging them for premiums to be used as Christmas gifts to your friends? Right now your interest in the soldiers is put to the test. If your first thought is of them, instead of redeeming this tobacco paper you will deposit it in the contributions bank. The early days of the war it will be translated into cigarettes and tobacco for the men over there whom you and all of us want to help.

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The Fund Now Stands:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes THE SUN and THE EVENING SUN, United Cigar Stores boxes, Previously acknowledged, New contributions, Total, Shipped and paid for, Cash balance, Received through the Schulte Cigar Stores, Grand total, New contributions, Various members of the New York Stock Exchange, Collected by Miss Dode Parrill on Lake Shore express train Chicago to New York, Board of Supervisors, Westchester county, Mount Vernon, N. Y., J. W. Bryan, 29 Thomas st., New York, Mrs. Emily D. S. Berger, 230 Nyack st., Palisades, N. Y., J. Norman Bulker, 120 Broadway, Edward V. G. Stratton, 20 Court st., Brooklyn, Wm. Light, Jr., 414 Lexington, New York, W. M. Mills, 200 Clinton st., Kingston, N. Y., Harriet P. Satter, 1 W. 69th st., Litchfield County, Conn., Bar. through Gov. Marcus H. Holcomb.

Lackawanna Fined \$6,000.

The Lackawanna Railroad, through its legal representatives, yesterday pleaded guilty to sixty counts of violating the twenty-eight hour live stock law and was fined \$6,000 by Judge Bellstab in the United States District Court in Newark. The Central Railroad of New Jersey admitted guilt in one case and was fined \$100.

SOLDIER TALKS FOR 'SUN' TOBACCO FUND

Private Peat Tells How Men at Front Are Cheered by Smokes.

DEFENDS "RUM ISSUE"

Gives Graphic Description of Feelings of Men Going Over the Top.

Private Peat—Harold Peat of Edmonton, Alberta, a lad with experience at Ypres with the Queen's Own—stepped jauntily out before a crowd of 1,500 at Aeolian Hall last night, doffed his private's hat, crooked his right arm behind his back (it was his wounded arm) and shot off into a vivid, gay, sincere story of the war as he has seen it. He talked for a full hour, then checked himself for seven minutes to allow some good words spoken for THE SUN Tobacco Fund to sink in, and the coin to jingle out. He spoke frankly of the vicissitudes of trench life—gambling and

swearing—defended the "rum issue" and condoned them all because the boys are fighting God's war for the defence of their own people.

As a lecturer the young Canadian set himself a high mark in his debut last night. And though he professed that he had never leaped so much in his life as since he went to war, and said things happened that beat Barnum & Bailey's a mile, he touched out a half sob from many a mother's throat with his story of life behind the lines—with the boys waiting for a letter from home, the fearful climb into the dark of No Man's Land, the sudden death shrieking along the trench lines, taking comrade after comrade.

Tells Benefit of Smokes.

And speaking of "smokes"—"The SUN Tobacco Fund is good enough to supply them," Private Peat said. "We can't get along without them over there. We're short too often. And do you know we are having one smokeless day every week in the trenches now?"

"Your boy won't come back a tobacco fiend, mom," he said reassuringly. "We smoke the things too quick to inhale them!"

The "folks" laughed at that, and one big voiced listener shouted, "Good for you!" Smokes and rum and cards are necessary in this war, Private Peat believes. He even defends swearing. That drew a gasp from some feminine sections of the audience.

Private Peat corrected the impression instantly. He is a believer in the God of Battles. He spoke of the early days of the war when the French lines were

weak and untrained Canadian and British troops faced the Germans.

"We didn't stop the German army," he said. "Sometimes one forgets there's a God. There were terrible disappointments. The shells we needed didn't come. It seemed every day that the Germans could come forward and take all in a final rush. They didn't come on, somehow."

Predicts New Religion.

"It makes me laugh to read how the Kaiser travels across Germany telling the people that God is with them in this war. The Kaiser does have a partnership with God—but it is a partnership with his own Kaiserized God. There is a God—He stopped the Germans once, and He will again."

"Out of this war will grow a great, practical shirt sleeve religion," Private Peat prophesied. "The great university of the trench is teaching us the brotherhood of man as no church has ever done. I've had mothers say to me 'What would become of my boy if he was shot dead with a curse on his lips?'"

"My answer is if there is a God in heaven he will live always. I tell you, mothers, when a boy goes over the top he don't go over for the fun of it. I've never seen a man turn back—not one. Why? Is it because he isn't thinking? No; for I know what I felt down deep in me when I first went over. 'I hope she's all right,' I thought. 'It's that mother or sister back home that he is fighting for and willing to face death for.'"

"This man has in his heart one good, clean thought in this hour. The Lord Jesus Christ gave his life that you and I might live, didn't He?"

Urges Americans to Write.

His closing message to Americans at home was to write to the boys in the

trenches. Irving Bachelet introduced him, describing him as the "man with the smile."

"They take it very lightly over there," he said. "If they didn't they'd go crazy." The SUN fund contributions totaled \$291.18. The following young SUN women assisted: Misses H. Osborn, Phillips Newley, Ena and Marjorie Tonge.

BIG PLANT ASSURED SUGAR.

Small Amount Necessary in Manufacture of Electric Globes.

Officials of the Westinghouse Lamp Company of Bloomfield, N. J., which employs 3,500 workers, to-day appealed to Federal food authorities here for thirty-five pounds of brown sugar, stating it would be necessary to suspend operations in the company's plant unless the request was granted. It was explained that brown sugar is used in infinitesimal amounts in the manufacture of electric light globes. Federal Food Administrator Fielder of Jersey City gave assurances that the amount desired would be made available each week.

WANAMAKER'S THE CHRISTMAS STORE



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"Except ye become as little children!"

Don't part with YOUR illusions because the world is at war, because there is want and privation, and sorrow, among us. HOLD FAST TO THEM. You need them. THE country needs them. THE WORLD needs them!

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A warm glove, a general service glove and a dress glove—the set complete or a single pair makes a sensible attractive gift.

- For Men: Tan Cape Warm Gloves, wool lined, full wrist with adjustable strap, 4.00; Tan Cape Business Gloves, full P X M, 2.50; Gray Mocha Dress Gloves, pique sewn, light weight, 2.75. For Women: Gray and Tan Cape Warm Gloves, Vicuna lined, extra long wrist with adjustable strap, 4.00; Washable Cape Utility Gloves in buff and tan, pique sewn, with two-tone embroidery, 2.50; French Kid Dress Gloves, full pique sewn, crocheted embroidery, in African brown, mahogany, navy, gunmetal and other fashionable shades, 2.75. For Children: Khaki Wool Warm Gloves with extra long wrist and adjustable strap, 1.25; Tan Cape Utility Gloves, wool lined, two-tone embroidery, 2.00; Unlined Dress Gloves of buff Washable Cape, Tan Cape and White Lambskin, 1.50.

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When the Country Goes Dry

National Prohibition is nearer realization to-day than ever before in history. Congress has passed an amendment to the Constitution which now goes to the several States. If three-fourths of them ratify it drinking will be counted out, and alcohol in a few years will be only a memory except as a medicine.

The idea is revolutionary, but twenty-four States are already dry and only twelve more are needed to make prohibition a fact.

This is a big situation. As a citizen it is your duty to understand every phase of it so you can give an intelligent answer with your vote.

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