

FRENCH WOMEN WASH CLOTHING IN STREAM

Orville Noy Writes Mother in Regard to Conditions.

Telling how the French women are compelled to wash their clothing in cold streams of water because of their inability to secure hot water. Supply Sergeant Orville L. Noy, of the headquarters company, 314th F. A., American expeditionary forces, France, writes an interesting letter from Monzy, France, to his mother, Mrs. Alice Noy, of this city. Mr. Noy was one of the first to go from Fairmont to Camp Lee.

The letter is as follows: MOUZY, France, 24th November, 1918.

Dear Mother: Today is, according to the A. E. F. official newspaper, Dad's Christmas Letter Day but with many of us it means that we have no father to write to so I am writing to you instead. The little town that we are at present located in is located on the River Meuse between Dun-sur-Meuse and Stenay and is not so very far from Verdun and it is very hilly here and reminds one of the hills of West Virginia and it was on these hills east and west of the Meuse that the heaviest fighting took place. You can't imagine how delighted the civilians were when the American troops took this town. It remained in the hands of the Allies for over four years and many of the people although French can speak the German language very good. They were very badly treated by the Huns and were required to work in them whenever they demanded. The French women certainly are hard workers and I have seen many of them doing men's work such as plowing, etc. and when they wash their clothes they do not have hot water and a washboard out take their washing down to the stream no matter how cold it may be and they get the dirt out by scrubbing with a brush and by pounding. The weather here is fine although it is somewhat cold with a heavy frost every night but we are not so far away from home as you think. What in common with the weather we had during the summer when we lived almost continuously through rain and mud but now we are in a position to get through it. We think we are in a better position than we were in the past and have a good many pleasures and enjoy to eat. I have seen some of the best of them and I can't think that it was very bad. I have seen many of the best of them and I can't think that it was very bad. I have seen many of the best of them and I can't think that it was very bad.

WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP

By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Secretary William C. Redfield of the Department of Commerce, has announced a plan by which, in the future, he expects to have the counsel and assistance of a committee of experienced men who have been high executives in the work of the War Industries Board since its formation.

The detailed plans have not yet been worked out, but there are to be fourteen men on the new committee, which is to be a connecting line between private business and the Department of Commerce, a sort of clearing house or business cabinet, as it were, so far as the idea is understood here.

West Virginia will be represented on this new committee in the person of William M. Ritter, of Welch, W. Va., the state's foremost lumber magnate, whose services during the war first as an executive of the Council of National Defense and afterward as an associate of Chairman Bernard M. Baruch of the War Industries Board, have won a high place for him in the regard of members of the government, particularly the men of big business, the dollar-a-year men, who, like himself, laid aside all private business when the war started and pitched in to help achieve victory.

It was announced at the Department of Commerce that no date had been set for the first meeting of this new committee for the purpose of organization and formulating plans for its work, but it was intimated that the date would be early in the new year. Asked today if he had accepted the invitation of Secretary Redfield to membership on the committee, Mr. Ritter said that he had and, while unfamiliar with the scope of the work proposed in detail, stated that it was his understanding that the purpose was to bring about closer cooperation between men and the government.

Writing to the West Virginian, Secretary Redfield said: "Appreciating the helpful service you have rendered during the work of the War Industries Board in bringing the industry which you have therein represented into touch with the government in time of war, I am venturing to continue those services in the Department of Commerce in peace. "It is the earnest wish of the Department of Commerce to help our industries in every practicable way. It was created for that purpose. Hitherto, it has been able in the foreign field and in that of scientific research to be of much service to American business. The time seems ripe to enlarge that service in the domestic field by maintaining the touch with industry that the War Industries Board has had, and through that developing helpful relations between the government and industry in their mutual good.

"If, as I venture to hope, this appears to you as an opportunity for patriotic service, I should be glad to have your consent to the invitation now extended that you assist me by your counsel and advice in aiding your general industry in every phase in which the government can be of service thereto. I have in mind particularly the saving of industrial wastes, the abolition of harmful and costly trade practices, the conservation of materials and the standardizing of products. The field, however, is as broad as industry itself and I am not disposed to put limits on the helpful activity that is possible."

In discussing the project today, Mr. Ritter declared it was a step in the right direction to bring about closer cooperation and a better understanding between the business men of the country and the officials of the government, a condition, he said, that was devoutly to be wished. He expressed himself optimistically over the successful working of the

plan when it gets to working systematically.

The business men of West Virginia will doubtless appreciate being represented in the proposed new organization.

When the American troops entered and took possession of Metz, a West Virginian viewed the historic pageant from an aeroplane, driven by a French "ace," which did jovous and dare-devil stunts in honor of the great event.

This West Virginian was Captain Richard Sutherland, U. S. A., in a letter received from him by his father, Senator Howard Sutherland, he gives a brief but interesting account of his unusual experience. To honor the entrance of our soldiers into Metz an order had been given for 600 aeroplanes to take the air, but when the eventful day arrived, the weather conditions were so bad that the order was cancelled and volunteers called to perform the air part of the historic pageant. There were about 60 machines to take the air, Captain Sutherland writes, one piloted by a French aviator friend of his who invited him to accompany him, and the invitation was accepted. Because of the weather conditions which prevailed, it was necessary to fly low, and so an unsurpassed view of the whole "show" was obtained.

On November 24th it was Father's Day in the army in France. Every soldier boy was supposed to write a letter to "Dear Old Dad" on that date, and the letter from Capt. Sutherland, telling of his adventure at Metz, was a letter of that kind. And this particular "Dear Old Dad," it is evident to his friends, has deeply felt the heart-throb and the blood-tough of that intimate message of a son to his father.

The letter was written in Paris, where Captain Sutherland was making the best of a brief furlough, the first he had had since his enlistment in the army in June, 1916. He sailed for France January 3, 1918.

Is Lewis Bennett, Jr., West Virginia aviator, living or dead? Every effort has been made by influential civilians and high government officials to find an answer to this tragic question.

In a final effort, his mother will sail this week for France, to find him if he lives, and to visit his grave if death in battle in the air was his end. Passports for her were secured last Saturday by Senator Sutherland after long, tedious effort, and an amazing amount of untangling of official red-tape.

Young Bennett was flying in the English army, when he was reported "missing." Later unofficial reports came that he had been shot down and was dead, also that he had been shot down, taken prisoner and still lived. Nothing more definite than that he was "missing" ever came to his mother through official channels.

Lewis Bennett, Jr., was a son of the late Lewis Bennett, of Weston, who died several months ago. Besides his mother, he has a sister, residing in Wheeling, Mrs. Johnson C. McKinley.

Before entering the British army as a pilot, he promoted an aviation school near Reading, and prior to that had conducted a flying school from the aviation training camp at Yale.

Major Davis Elkins, U. S. A., also United States Senator-elect from West Virginia, is back again in Washington. He is visiting his mother, Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, at her residence in K street.

Many and more wonderful happenings have been since last he enjoyed the love and hospitality of the maternal homestead than comes in the lifetime of many men who sailed away to France to fight and destroy the world-enervating program of the Hun. He has not only seen what thousands of others of Uncle Sam's soldier boys saw who got to the front and into the thick of it, but while he was seeing it, the people of his native state were busy nominating and electing him to represent them in the United States Senate. That is the part of it which makes his case exceptional among the returning soldiers. Others were elected or re-elected to the House of Representatives, and Kansas chose its governor from a front trench, but West Virginia was the only constituency to pick a native son in uniform for a seat in the highest legislative body.

Major Elkins, save for a more mature cast of countenance, is unchanged. Also, physically, he is trained down to bone and muscle. But other-wise, as a friend remarked today, "he is still the same old Davis," and friendliness and admiration were in his voice. Major Elkins has not yet resigned his commission in the army.

When the big Baltic docked in New York last Saturday with his precious cargo of American soldiers, Major Elkins was one of the number of the happy homecomers. He did not come to Washington until Tuesday morning. Major Elkins was attached to the 13th Infantry Brigade, 17th Division, which organization saw much service and carried off its share of the honors and glory of the war.

Worthington

Death of an Aged Lady. Mrs. Maria Nutter, one of the most widely known residents of the town died at the residence of her son, George W. Price on Friday night at 10:10, aged 95 years. The cause of her death was infirmities incident to old age. She was a charter member of the Christian church, having united with the organization of the congregation in April 1858. She was twice married, her first husband, Jack Price, having been killed in the civil war. Her second husband, Luther C. Nutter died several years ago. She is survived by two sons, George W. Price, of Worthington and Fitz L. Nutter of Fairmont. One daughter survives, Mrs. Harry Swiger of Worthington.

Nights of Sleep vs. Nights of Agony

Verdict Favors D. D. D.

It is foolish to lie awake all the long night through with that intolerable itching caused by Eczema and await the coming of the day. D. D. D. Prescription is made for you if you are suffering. It will cool that hot, inflamed and itching skin, you morning refreshed and life will be worth living. We know it will do all these things, as we have testimonials from many sufferers right among your neighbors. Try a bottle and you will not regret it. Come in today.

D. D. D. For 15 Years the Standard Skin Remedy

Jiffy-Jell With Salad Flavor

Jiffy-Jell desserts come in many fruit flavors. But Jiffy-Jell—flavored with lime fruit—makes the best salad jell. It is tart and green. The flavor comes in liquid form, sealed in a vial. Serve with your salad. Or mix in vegetables, cooked or uncooked, before the Jiffy-Jell cools. Left-overs will do. Or mix in meat scraps and make a meat loaf. Try Loganberry Jiffy-Jell for a dessert, and Lime for a salad jell. One package serves six. These quick, economical delights serve a big need today. 3 Packages for 25 Cents At Your Grocer's Jiffy-Jell—Waukegan, Wisconsin

Poderewski Lands in Copenhagen. COPENHAGEN, Dec. 24.—Ignace Poderewski, the famous Polish pianist and pianist in work of Polish Rehabilitation, arrived here today on board a British cruiser that had been placed at his disposal by the British government. The cruiser continued her voyage for Danzig (the former port of Gdansk on the Baltic) and the British military attaché here, Colonel Wade, announced that Poderewski's mission is to found a Polish government in the east.

TILE WORK

Anyone wanting the bath rooms set or repaired, the mantels set or coal grates set, call 5103.

Cut Prices on Toys

We are compelled to vacate our Madison street store room on January 1. Everything must be sold.

25% Off All toys, jewelry, laces embroidery, ribbons and all kinds dry goods notions will go at 1/4 Off.

Take advantage of this opportunity to get something for the New Year at cut prices. We still have quite a stock of dishes, glassware and kitchenware of various kinds. Now is your time to stock up.

GEO. A. WALTER 217 MADISON STREET.

An Outrage Against Health. Those who attended the funeral at the Cochran cemetery on Sunday were compelled to pass near the carcass of a dead horse which has been permitted to lie there for the past four weeks. It is alleged that the dead animal belonged to Abe Friedman who operates a coal mine in the vicinity. He has been asked to bury or in some manner dispose of the carcass but has not done so. As the offensive carcass lies within fifty feet of the public highway the board of health has been asked to take steps to have the animal buried but nothing has been done.

Business Changes Hands. Harley Smith who has operated a restaurant and confectionery in the Victor building for the past year has been compelled on account of failing health to retire from business and has sold the grocery department to W. D. Villers, who will continue the business at the same location. Mrs. Bertha Villers will remove his family to Creighton, Wirt county.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Sandy of Liberty, Saskatchewan, Canada, arrived in Fairmont on Saturday.

Stop Itching Eczema

Never mind how often you have tried and failed, you can stop burning, itching eczema quickly by applying a little zemo furnished by any druggist for 35c. Extra large bottle \$1.00. Healing begins the moment zemo is applied. In a short time pimples, rash, blackheads and similar skin diseases will be removed. For clearing the skin and making it vigorously healthy, always use zemo, the penetrating, antiseptic liquid. It is not a greasy salve and it does not stain. Others fail it is the one dependable treatment for skin troubles of all kinds. The E. W. Ross Co., Cleveland, O.

Fairmont Transfer Co.

Phone 517. All kinds of hauling. Household goods a specialty. 324 Jefferson St.

And Sour Stomach Caused This Lady Much Suffering. Black-Draught Relieved. Mendonville, Ky.—Mrs. Pearl Padrick, of this place, writes: "I was very constipated. I had sour stomach and was so uncomfortable. I went to the doctor. He gave me some pills. They weakened me and seemed to tear up my digestion. They would gripe me and afterwards it seemed I was more constipated than before. I heard of Black-Draught and decided to try it. I found it just what I needed. It was an easy laxative, and not bad to swallow. My digestion soon improved. I got well of the sour stomach, my bowels soon seemed normal, no more griping, and I would take a dose now and then, and was in good shape. I cannot say too much for Black-Draught for it is the finest laxative one can use. Theodor's Black-Draught has for many years been found of great value in the treatment of stomach, liver and bowel troubles. Easy to take, gentle and reliable in its action, leaving no bad after-effects, it has won the praise of thousands of people who have used it."



Dress up for the Holidays

The War is over. The self-imposed ban on Dress Clothes is automatically off! Dress up for the holidays. The old Suit has been packed away in a trunk for a long time. Get it out and inspect it. Perhaps it's moth eaten; perhaps way out of style. Don't be caught the last minute before the important event without suitable and becoming clothes.

Dress Suits, Business Suits, Warm Overcoats, of the high standard of excellence that always accompanies the well-known Kuppenheimer and Fashion Park Labels. Also New Vests, Dress Shirts, Ties, Collars, Studs, Cuff Links, Canes, Hats, Gloves, and other accessories.

Hartley's

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Martin of Fairmont were visitors here on Saturday. Miss Mildred B. Morris of Clarksburg was visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Nancy Mastin last week. Marshall Efav, of Mannington, was a business caller here on Saturday. Miss Katherine Vance, of Enterprise was visiting Mrs. A. J. McDaniel on Saturday and Sunday. Thos. Jones of near Monongah, a returned soldier was calling on relatives here on Friday.

Z. F. Davis, of Fairmont, was here on Sunday attending the funeral of his aunt Mrs. Nutter.

Clarence E. Sturm who has been a member of the U.S. Army for the past thirteen years arrived here on Sunday for a visit with relatives. He has been promoted to the position of Second Lieutenant.

A Stubborn Cough Loosens Right Up

This home-made remedy is a wonder for quick results. Easily and cheaply made.

Here is a home-made syrup which millions of people have found to be the most dependable means of breaking up stubborn coughs. It is cheap and simple, but very prompt in action. Under its healing, soothing influence, chest soreness goes, phlegm loosens, breathing becomes easier, tickling in throat stops and you get a good night's restful sleep. The usual throat and chest colds are conquered by it in 24 hours or less. Nothing better for bronchitis, hoarseness, croup, whooping cough, bronchial asthma or winter coughs.

To make this splendid cough syrup, pour 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex into a pink bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup and shake thoroughly. If you prefer, use clarified molasses, honey, or corn syrup, instead of sugar syrup. Either way, you get a full pint—a family supply—of much better cough syrup than you could buy ready-made for three times the money. Keeps perfectly and children love its pleasant taste. Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, known the world over for its prompt healing effect upon the membranes.

To avoid disappointment ask your druggist for "2 1/2 ounces of Pinex" with full directions, and don't accept anything else. Guaranteed to give absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

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