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## FIGHTING IN THE HOLY LAND ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Miss Lizzie Murray Received Interesting Letter From Cousin Who Tells Thrilling Tales of Jerusalem Battle.

Miss Lizzie Murray received the following very interesting letter from her cousin, Archie Sanders, a brave Scotch laddie, who has been fighting with the British army in the Holy Land:

Palestine, Jan. 29.

My dear cousin: I have some time at hand today, so that I would write you this little surprise note to let you know how your "Scottie" cousin is faring thru these times of strife.

I left the old country Sept. 27, 1915, and have not had a furlough home since. I was three months on Gallipoli, up until the evacuation, and have served the remainder of these 28 long weary months in Egypt and Palestine. You will undoubtedly read of our big advance, crowned with the capture of Jerusalem. I have been thru the whole show and as has been my luck, have not had a scratch. Yes, we have had a most envious experience during these two months of "strafing" towards the Holy City. That joyous shout that morning we came in sight of Jerusalem. But I am sorry to say it was the last cheer for many of our poor comrades, but I can safely say their deaths were duly avenged. It was at this point that I could ever call fighting sport. It was like a game of hounds and hare. I am a machine gunner so I can tell you we had some sport. It seemed quite good fun at the time, but after the din of the battle had quieted and one looked back at what he had come thru, it seems too uncivilized.

I have seen some wondrous sights in this country, but I would not give up my own native valley for any of them.

Christmas, 1917, was the most miserable I have ever gone thru. We got orders to move on at Xmas eve to take up a position for attack. We marched over most difficult ground in sheets of rain for twelve hours, practically continuous walking, arriving at our destination at dawn on Christmas morning, soaked to the skin. It cannot be expressed in words, how miserable we felt. We were both hungry and fatigued and the prospects of going out the next day in the hunt for our Xmas Turk were before us. We strafed on all Xmas week and on New Years day, again in torrents of rain, we came out of the line victors of another fight. We have been in reserve since and altho the weather has not been all that is desired, we have had quite a decent time.

Schwartz Insane—Taken to Towner. Vincent Schwartz, the Towner man who was arrested while acting in a queer manner at the Lieut. McQuerre meeting at the Grand Theatre,

early last week, has been taken to Towner by Sheriff Jos. A. Wik. The man is undoubtedly insane and it is expected that unless his condition improves, he will be sent to Jamestown. When arrested, Schwartz was well supplied with funds, having \$600 worth of checks, drafts and cash on his person. From an examination made of the queer looking candle which the man carried, it has been learned that the candle contained no explosive, however the police did right in making a thoro investigation, for in these suspicious times, nothing that is of a suspicious nature should be passed up lightly.

### Food Demonstration.

Miss Inez Hobart will conduct the food demonstration meeting April 11 and 12. Miss Hobart comes well recommended from the state department. This will be our last meeting until fall, unless a series of canning demonstrations is wanted. Let every woman in Minot be out at this meeting and get the best ways to economize, as our government directs. All these things help win the war.

## SURREY SOLDIER WRITES INTERESTING LETTER

Paul Shorb, Who Will Soon Make the Trip "Over There," Tells of the Impressions of a Soldier Determined to Do His Duty.

The following interesting letter was received from Lieut. Paul E. Shorb, son of Elder and Mrs. D. M. Shorb of Surrey, written from Washington, D. C.:

I attended a reception given by John Wanamaker, the big Philadelphia-Spp -Mssic,otiaoyoSnhnorofthAphia merchant, in honor of the officers of the Allied armies who are in Philadelphia. American army officers were sent written invitations. I went in the evening at 7:30. They had a big banquet and music and songs until 8:30. Then parade, review and drills were put on by the John Wanamaker Commercial Institute. Mr. Wanamaker has common and high school for his employees. They get paid for going at certain hours, besides merit and efficiency are rewarded in many ways—medals, tickets to operas, shows, etc. They think lots of him. We would say, his employees have a wonderful esprit de corps—that is the military term. Girls and boys drill separately. Thursday evening, I am going over to visit the officers at the arsenal. I am feeling fine and happy. People are very kind to us.

Mother, I am glad you are able to be happy and find consolation in singing and memories of other days while David and I are away. We are only doing what we think is right. Oh, if I could only tell you and all there of some of the things the Germans do "over there." I know you would cast suspicious eyes on the young man

### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 6th day of April, 1918, marks the first anniversary of our declaration of war upon Germany, and fully realizing the significance and national importance of the occasion, and the duties and responsibilities devolving upon each and every citizen in this great conflict,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, F. L. Householder, Acting President of the City Commission of the City of Minot, North Dakota, deem it highly fitting and proper that said day be generally observed by appropriate patriotic exercises, and hereby urge each and every citizen to join and co-operate in the proper observance of the occasion by having all places of business closed on said day between the hours of 10 o'clock and 12 o'clock in the forenoon, so that all may be given full opportunity to participate in the patriotic program which has been arranged for the occasion.

Dated April 3rd, 1918.

F. L. HOUSEHOLDER,  
Acting President of the  
Minot City Commission.

who does not answer the call. I have heard and seen enough. I, too, hope that peace may come, but that is a dangerous panacea at the present time. My blood boils sometimes when I talk to Canadian and English officers who have been there and seen—and to Belgian refugees. I believe we ought to make Germany pay dear for the curses wreaked in cold blood upon Belgian women and children and aged men. I do not candidly expect peace yet awhile.

Remember that while we are away we think of you all often and we have the pleasant memories of a happy life spent in a good and splendid environment. If I were to live my short years over again, I would ask for few changes.

I am happy in my work. It is tiresome and monotonous in its sameness, and yet I find ways to relieve that. I am ready to go across whenever the order comes. In the army, we serve wherever the order says. Each man is doing his bit to build up the great war organization of liberty and humanity. I am feeling bitterly on the subject of Germany and her nefarious schemes.

David is on his way "across" now. Wonder how long before I shall follow him. He will have some great adventures. I envy him in getting over there. Am ready to go any time myself, but must await orders. Now write to David once a week. The boys will be brave and cheerful. They know they have done their duty. That is manhood's test. Such issues are settled for them. Be cheerful for their sake. I know it is a burden but that is life and God's test of us. Jesus went thru it himself.

### Doctors in New Offices.

Dr. G. Roy Ringo, who leased his hospital, is now established in his offices in the LeSueur block, main floor. Doctors Brugman, Erenfeld and Nestos, who have leased the Ringo hospital, are now nicely established in the place, with their offices and equipment.

## KENMARE NOTORIOUS CHARACTER TO PEN

Supreme Court Dismisses Appeal of Jennie Ogg, Sentenced to Two Years at Bismarck.

Kenmare, N. D., April 2.—The state supreme court has dismissed the appeal of Jennie Ogg, convicted at the February, 1917, term of the district court on a second charge of blind pigging and sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary.

Jennie's bondsmen will be notified and ordered to produce her to the sheriff, who will take her to Bismarck to join the three other women of Ward county in that institution.

Jennie Ogg was in jail at Minot for some time, but is now out on bond. She will be taken to the penitentiary the last of the week. She will make the fourth Ward county woman in the penitentiary, the others being Mrs. Torger, Mrs. Haislett and Mrs. Sullivan. There is one other woman in the institution, but there are only four cells for women at the institution, and Warden Talcott is trying to figure out a berth for the Ogg woman.

## DICKINSON GIRL IS HORRIBLY MUTILATED

Fourteen Year Old Tillie Jordan Tells Unbelievable Tales of Persecution.

Dickinson, N. D., April 3.—Exhibiting a cleft in her chin made with a blow from a hammer, showing misshapen humerus bones in both arms, resulting from mishandling, and displaying punctures from some sharp instrument in her back and shoulders, muscles which had been dug into with pair of shears, hands and feet frozen and inflamed, and teeth knocked out, Tillie Jordan, 14 years old, told an almost unbelievable tale of the persecutions which she has suffered at the hands of her stepmother, Rose Jordan. Mrs. Jordan was arraigned on a complaint of Judge Sterland, juvenile officer, after neighbors had told of her treatment of her stepchild. The little girl, who cannot speak English, told on the stand of one instance when two stepisters held her while her stepmother calmly jabbed her with a pair of shears. None of the Jordans speak English. The father remained outside the court room during the preliminary hearing, apparently as much in fear of his wife as is his daughter. Mrs. Jordan has been held to the next term of district court under bonds of \$500, and her victim has been taken to a good home in Dickinson.

### Glenburn Committee Before Railway Commission.

Fred W. Peglow, Harry Gidley and D. E. Luhrs, well known Glenburn businessmen, appeared as a committee before the state railway commission Wednesday afternoon and asked that the ground around the Glenburn elevators be filled in as during the rainy season, the mud is always very bothersome. The commission promised relief. The Glenburn committee expressed an opinion that we would have plenty of rain this season. They were accompanied by J. J. Onaas, a farmer living north of Glenburn.

## RAYMOND GILLETTE FOUGHT HEROICALLY

Sergt. W. A. Mulroy Writes that Young Man Tho Wounded, Fought Even After Companions Were Too Badly Injured to Assist

W. A. Mulroy, first sergeant, Headquarters company, 164th Inf., with the A. E. F., writes his brother, M. F. Mulroy, an interesting letter, and incidentally tells something interesting about Raymond Gillette, the first Minot soldier wounded in France. He says: "Gillette is with the 18th Infantry and as I remember him, he was all right. Anyhow, he proved himself so, as I understand he stuck to his gun even after being wounded and after the rest of the bunch with him were too shot up to assist him. His wound was only slight and he will probably be back on duty within a short time."

Sergt. Mulroy adds: "Incoming letters from America are not censored and why should they be, for can you give me any information about the army situation that I might talk about and thereby spread it to the Germans?"

### Venaas-Darby Nuptials.

Melvin J. Venaas, who has been employed at the office of the City Auditor of Minot for several years, was united in marriage on March 30 to Miss Esther M. Darby, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Rudolph A. Hanson of the Lutheran Free Church at Velva, N. D. The happy young couple have returned to this city, where they are receiving the congratulations and best wishes from their many friends.

The bride, who is one of Minot's most popular young women, has been employed for several years in the law offices of Halvor L. Halverson. The groom expects to be called in the selective draft at an early date.

Well Known Makoti Woman is Dead. Mrs. Edward Kamerud, wife of the Makoti implement dealer, passed away at a hospital in Bismarck Sunday, following an illness with appendicitis. Mrs. Kamerud had been ill two weeks. Many friends sympathize with the bereaved husband and other members of the family. The husband has lost two wives by death during the past twelve years.

## WILL DEVOTE ALL HIS TIME TO DES LACS WESTERN OIL CO.

H. S. Johnson Has Resigned His Position with Rogers Lumber Co. and Will Take Active Management of Oil Proposition.

H. S. Johnson, who has been with the Rogers Lumber Company for nine years, seven of which were spent in this city as manager of the local yard, has definitely resigned his position to accept the active management of the Des Lacs Western Oil Co., holding the position of secretary and manager of this latter company. Some weeks ago Mr. Johnson asked for leave of absence from the Rogers Lumber Co., to devote some time to selling sufficient stock in the oil company to sink the deep well on the company's property, west of Minot, and he has been so successful in selling this stock that he feels that he should see the thing through to the end.

Things have been happening since Mr. Johnson took up the active management of the Des Lacs Western Oil Company, and in less than a month enough stock was sold to purchase the big drill rig that is now being loaded for shipment, and there will be some money in the treasury to start drilling but it is expected that in a very short time sufficient stock will have been sold to entirely finance the undertaking of exploring to the depth of 3,000 feet if necessary. It is expected that the drill will be started during the month of May.

Mr. Johnson is more than enthusiastic over the prospects for his company, and the fact that a southern company is leasing land north of the Des Lacs Western Oil Company's land proves that his judgment has not been at fault. Mr. Johnson leaves the Rogers Lumber Company with a clear record and with the very best wishes that large concern.

## WARD COUNTY BANKERS PLAN FOR BIG DRIVE

Largely Attended Meeting Wednesday—Plans Laid for Disposing of \$280,000 Worth of Liberty Bonds.

Practically all of the bankers of Ward county gathered at the rooms of the Association of Commerce Wednesday afternoon to lay their plans for the Third Liberty Loan drive which starts Monday, April 15.

Ward county's apportionment has been cut down to \$280,000, owing to the poor crops last season, and it is believed that we will have little trouble in "going over the top" with this amount. These bonds will draw 4 1-4 per cent.

R. E. Barron, chairman for Ward county, was in charge of the meeting. W. R. Bond acted as secretary.

Atty. Francis J. Murphy made a short address, which was well received. Mrs. Coar, president of the woman's committee from Ward county, made a short talk. Mrs. R. A. Tracy of Minneapolis, explained the method of the work.

When the campaign starts in Minot April 15, all the whistles will be blown and some method will be devised to let our citizens know the progress that is being made.

The following bankers from outside towns registered:

- H. C. Miller, Ryder.
- A. W. Flinn, Donnybrook.
- S. S. Streeper, Sawyer.
- J. A. Wilson, Sawyer.
- J. C. Colburn, Sawyer.
- John P. O'Leary, Foxholm.
- W. S. Young, Surrey.
- H. E. Christianson, Sawyer.
- W. C. Edwards, Lone Tree.
- J. E. Toffelmire, Sawyer.
- L. H. Odgaard, Douglas.
- Iver A. Canton, Hartland.
- Oscar Herum, Carpio.
- A. C. Torgerson, Des Lacs.
- Mr. Fox, Kenmare.

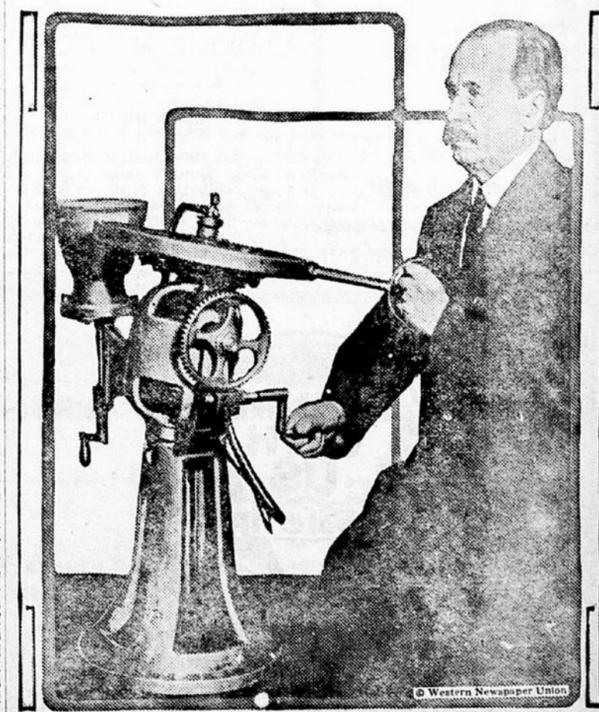
### REV. E. A. DEAKE GETS STATE APPOINTMENT

Pastor of Baptist Church in Minot Will Be Pastor at Large for North Dakota After April 15.

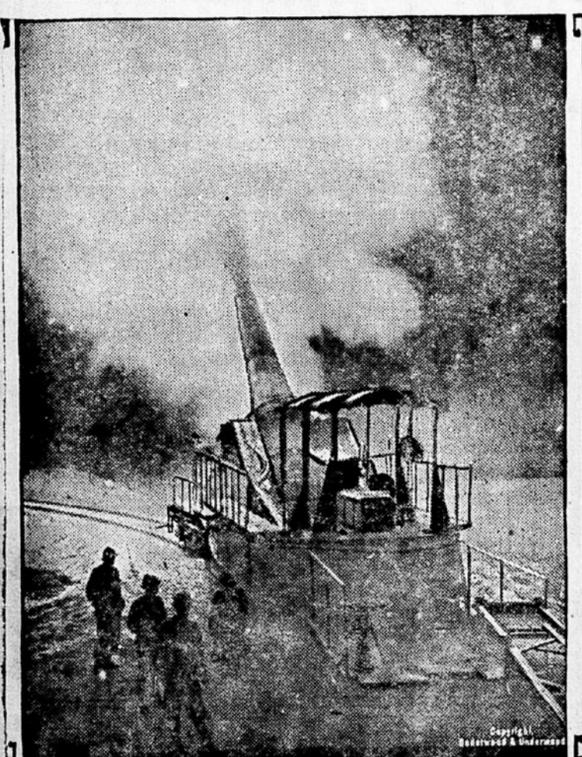
Rev. E. A. Deake, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, has been promoted to the position of pastor at large for the state of North Dakota. He will begin upon his duties April 15, but will remain in Minot to look after the affairs of the church until his successor is selected. Mrs. Deake will spend the summer at the Deake home in the woods in northern Minnesota and Mr. Deake will be able to be with her a portion of the time.

Rev. Mr. Deake has made a splendid record as pastor of the Baptist church in Minot and while he is leaving here as pastor, he will visit our city occasionally. His friends are glad to note that he has been elected to this high position and feel certain that he will make good.

## NEW GUN TO REVOLUTIONIZE WARFARE



Here is what is claimed to be the greatest death-dealing war weapon yet conceived and its inventor, Levi W. Lombard of Boston. The machine gun, sometimes called the centrifugal gun, has a maximum firing power of 33,000 shots per minute. The ammunition is fed in a cuplike attachment at the left, and emitted through the slot just to the right of the top of the receiver. The gun has been tested and it is claimed it has been proven practicable.



This wonderful photograph shows a 320-millimeter French gun at the moment of firing during a night bombardment of the German lines. This picture is a rare photographic feat, for night pictures of firing are made as perfect as this very infrequently. The belch of smoke from the explosion of the charge which in the daytime would be nothing more than smoke, is a flash of light at night and makes a most unusual sight.