

'T'WAS AN EXCITIN' VOYAGE

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pillow at night. We were getting farther and farther into the danger zone and still nothing but the battleship to guard us. Those were the days that we spent all our time looking out of the portholes, hoping to see the fleet of destroyers that were to come to meet us. But day after day none showed up—nothing in sight but the cold, cold sea, and it looked colder and blacker every turn of the wheel. Christmas eve, just at dark, two blasts of the siren were blown and all the ships stopped. Three blasts meant to abandon ship, so after the second blast we held our breath for about one hour it seemed. During that wait between the second blast and the wait for the third blast, some one got nervous and knocked his mess kit from a top bunk onto the concrete floor. Whew! I never heard anything make such a racket in all my life. We could actually feel the ship give one gasp, then sink, and we were all at the bottom of the sea! A great silence followed, and then a stage whisper from out of the darkness ejaculated, "Mine Gott, what was that!" The voice was so scary that it finally drew a laugh from the crowd which grew in volume to a roar as we realized that it was only a tin mess kit. Reports say that the blasts from the siren and the stopping of the ships was due to the instruments in the ships showing that a submarine was within 300 yards of the vessels, but no one knows except the ships' officers as to the real facts. At 8 o'clock that evening full speed ahead was given and away we went for the coast of France. Christmas day, when we awoke, there were the destroyers, about 30 of them, on all sides of the ship, the most welcome sight that ever Uncle Sam gave to any boy, and more appreciated than all the Christmas presents Santa Claus could bring. The next day the convoy split up, three transports going to St. Nazaire and four going to Brest, our ship going to the latter port with 15 destroyers.

That day we sighted land and about 11 that morning a large fleet of airplanes came out to meet us and watch for subs. This was very unusual and we couldn't account for it until we joined some of the boys who had gone to St. Nazaire, and they gave us the story of their trip. We reached Brest about 3 that afternoon and remained in the harbor until the day of the 31st, when we set foot on French soil, so we can say that we landed in France in 1917.

We reached the dock at 10 that morning and were held there until 3 in the afternoon, when we were marched through the city and to the depot. We were turned loose in small bunches and allowed to go up town to get supper, for we had had nothing to eat since early that morning and we were mighty hungry.

Strong drink was not denied us then as it is now, and many of the boys thought they could down a big amount of booze just because it tasted so weak and went down so easy, but they soon found out their mistake. The train pulled out at 9 o'clock that night and we were packed 40 deep in those famous French box cars. It was snowing, cold as blazes, all doors and windows shut, no one allowed outside to get exercise or warm up, and there we stayed, eating corn wooley and hard tack and just barely keeping from freezing to death. So you can imagine what a welcome sight it was when we reached LaCortine late in the afternoon of the second day, and were marched to the big stone barracks and assigned to warm rooms, with a fire in each room, a cot to sleep on, cold, tired, hungry, downhearted and dirty. LaCortine is located near Clermont Province.

But still our hardships were not over, for Uncle Sam had a mighty small supply of eats on hand that winter and for weeks and weeks we lived on nothing but cold beef and hardtack. It was a great day when we first had bread; it was a great day when we received a shipment of beans and it was a greater day when we had fresh beef for dinner. But it all came gradually, and kept getting better and better all the time, until this spring we had plenty of everything. But the boys who were in France during the winter of 1917-18 will never forget it.

A few days later the bunch who had gone by way of St. Nazaire joined us and we heard the story of their trip. About 10 o'clock a. m. of the day they left us they were attacked by a submarine and after a running fight got the sub, and a few minutes later they were surrounded by airplanes, as we were, the airplanes having come out in response to a wireless.

The 13th of this month we put on our two service stripes, for our time is dated from the day we left the territorial waters of the U. S. We have done nothing this week in the evenings except gather around some warm fire and tell yarns of the comical stunts in our journey, of the funny things that happened and

Abstract of Governor Davis First Message

Favors organization of the state council of defense as a permanent body, officially recognized, to be called into action and dismissed by the governor as emergencies arise and subside.
 Advocates permanent memorial for Idaho soldiers and insists on employment for returning soldiers.
 Urges that English only be spoken at public assemblages and taught exclusively in the grade schools.
 Asks ratification of the national prohibition amendment.
 Favors national equal suffrage.
 Advises a wise constructive policy of employment and state and community development in highway work, building, reclamation, etc.
 Asks co-operation with the federal government in education, agriculture, roads and water measurements.
 Urges completion of the capitol building and asks Boise to proceed, in that event, with program to make its surroundings a civic center.
 Points out that there is no budget-making machinery at present and suggests that study and preparation of a budget be made the duty of some official directly responsible to the governor.
 Recommends reorganization of land board and fish and game department; a better system of accounting for departmental fees; consolidation of departments to avoid duplication of effort and lack of co-operation and to fix responsibility.
 Favors organization of state constabulary.
 Urges increase in supreme court membership.
 Favors the short ballot.
 Urges that the powers of the chief executive be increased to harmonize with the responsibilities placed upon him by the people, pointing out that at present he is held responsible for many departments over which he exercises no control. Favors adoption of the national administration plan of organization and the application of modern business methods.
 Urges that the bureau of farm markets be made of practical benefit to the farmer and especially as to improvement in marketing conditions, to the end that all receive a fair price.
 Recommends rehabilitation of the department of immigration and labor for the benefit of state growth and the laboring classes.
 Urges that the present schedule of compensation for workmen be increased in many cases.

of the many that were not comical at all. The Christmas boxes arrived this week, or at least some of them did, and many of the boys in the company have received theirs. Personally, mine has not arrived yet, but I have hopes.

Everybody is well in camp and work still goes on in the usual way. No news to write about this week, as things are very quiet over here.

RED CROSS

A request goes out from Red Cross officials that all knitting, finished or unfinished be turned in to headquarters at once, as a report is due Jan. 15 as to materials on hand.

There is urgent need for aid in the making of refugee garments; the need is not less since the closing of hostilities, but is even more urgent in certain lines. Emmett's allotment of sewing is nowhere near completion, and unless more garments are finished very soon, we shall fail in this requirement. This shipment should go out within a very short time if it is to reach the sufferers of the war-swept countries before the winter's needs are past. Are there not some who can make more garments at home?

The aprons which have been hanging in the Red Cross rooms so long, should be called for at once, or they will be sold for nurse service.

By Order of Committee.

DIED

Mrs. Ora F. Cronk
 Mrs. Ora F. Cronk, wife of Allen J. Cronk, died Sunday night at the Canyon Canal camp. She was born July 20, 1899. Her age was 19 years, 5 months and 15 days. About three weeks ago she and her husband went to the camp to help in the work there. She was ill about three days with the flu, and was seemingly improving when a sudden failure of the heart to act brought on death. Mrs. Cronk was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Salee, who came to Emmett from Midvale about two years ago. About a year ago she was married to Allen Cronk. Her parents now reside at Payette. Previous to coming to Emmett the family lived for many years at Midvale. The deceased is survived by her husband, parents and several brothers and sisters. A brief service was held at the Bucknum undertaking parlors Tuesday at 12:30 in charge of Pastor A. C. Lathrop, and the body was taken to Midvale for interment. Mrs. Cronk had many friends and was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Josephine Rockwell
 Josephine Evaline Rockwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rockwell of this city, died from pneumonia early on Monday, aged 2 years, 9 months and 12 days. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 p. m. at the residence, Pastor A. C. Lathrop officiating. In addition to the child's parents, there are several brothers and sisters.

Frances Portlock
 Miss Frances W. Portlock died Monday in Boise, where she had made her home with her parents for some time, of tuberculosis. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Portlock and

was born in Emmett January 26, 1896. She had been an invalid for a number of years, but had made a brave fight against the disease with which she was afflicted. The body was brought to Emmett last evening and burial was made this morning at 8 o'clock. A short funeral service was held at the home, conducted by Rev. F. E. Finley. The deceased is survived by her father and mother and a sister, Mrs. Barbara Sawyer, whose home is in Wisconsin.

Mrs. Margaret M. Oberlin, wife of Al Oberlin, died last evening about 6 o'clock of heart failure following influenza, aged 28 years. She was the mother of two girls, aged 8 and 10 years. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, with services at the Bucknum chapel by Rev. F. E. Finley.

Mrs. Ray Wallace
 Mrs. Ray Wallace, living on the bench near Central Mesa, died this morning of pneumonia following influenza. She was a daughter of Mrs. Fulgham and the mother of five small girls. The husband has been for several days a sufferer from the same disease in a Canyon canal camp.

Funeral of Quinn Family
 The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Quinn and infant child arrived Saturday and the triple funeral was held Sunday afternoon from the Bucknum chapel, and was one of the most pathetic services ever held here. Within one of the two caskets lay the remains of the mother with the infant child in her arms. The services were in charge of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges and consisted of the beautiful burial ritual of those orders.

The following concerning the sad death of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Quinn and infant is taken from a Salmon City paper: "Distressful scenes have been witnessed during the awful ravage of the so called Spanish influenza, but few instances are more pathetic in the popular appeal than that which befell the Quinn family at Salmon. With the approach of Yuletide, all were sick in bed. The night before Christmas a baby was born which died within 24 hours. Thursday morning, John Quinn, the husband and father, passed away, and at 12:30 Thursday night, Mrs. Quinn stepped out into the night to be with him. All transpired so suddenly and fatefully that neighbors and friends stood helplessly aghast. Only Pat Quinn, an infant boy of 20 months, remains of that respected little family which until two weeks ago was so happy, so hopeful and so healthful. Little Pat is being cared for by Mrs. M. C. Manful, and is said to be getting on well.

Card of Thanks
 We desire to express our thanks to many friends and the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges for their kind assistance and sympathy at the funeral of our loved ones, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Quinn and baby.—Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Harrell.

Palm Sugar Production.
 The total palm sugar production of India is stated in an authoritative publication to be about 300,000 tons, of which Bengal produces roughly 100,000 tons, worth \$2,400,000. India's total production of sugar, both from cane and palms, is somewhere about 3,000,000 tons a year.

Butterwrappers at The Index Office

CONSERVATION

You read a good deal about conserving man power, and the Government is putting many laws in operation to that end.

You don't hear much about conserving the Woman Power of the country.

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Schools Closed for Another Week

Schools will be kept closed for another week at least; that is, until Jan. 20. If the influenza situation admits, school work will be resumed at that time. I hope all pupils will hold on to their school course and be ready to start into the work with renewed determination when school opens again. I think we can still do the most essential part of the year's work. We will omit some of the course that is not so necessary for promotion to the next grade, do very little reviewing, and probably lengthen the school day slightly. By these means we can go forward quite rapidly and cover the major part of the year's work. Let all students in the High school and in the grades watch for the time of re-opening and be in school the very first day ready for good faithful work.
 J. A. GOODWIN, Supt.

Railroads vs. Appendicitis

Have railroads anything to do with appendicitis? Does the approach of a railroad train bring the dread affliction? Do the two travel together? Those questions are questions that should be studied by medical societies and physicians generally. Dr. G. E. Noggle who has returned to Caldwell to practice medicine after an absence of 15 years, says that prior to the coming of the railroad a case of appendicitis was never known in Long Valley; and that hardly had the railroad reached Smith's Ferry than a case developed. Dr. Noggle practiced medicine in the Long Valley country for 10 years before the railroad arrived and he ought to know. Dr. Noggle does not attribute appendicitis to the railroads. He does not claim that there is any relationship between the two. He cites the facts as curiosities only.—Caldwell Tribune.

Possibly Hadn't Been Introduced.

Arthur owned a bulldog that he had been teaching to hunt rats, and whenever he called out the word to him he would run frantically to various places to scratch. A neighboring woman was so amused at the performance that she wanted to show the dog's tricks to her son, but to her repeated call of "rats" the dog only stood and looked at her. "Oh," said Arthur coming up at this point, "he doesn't know your rats."

Translated into English.

All books of the Old Testament apocrypha, 14 in number, have been translated into English, and are included as apocryphal books in some editions of the Bible. They were formerly printed under a distinctive heading between the Old and the New Testaments, and in that form can still be found in many old family Bibles. They are always included in the so-called Septuagint, a version of the Bible used by the Greek church.

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