

SOLDIER LETTERS

Roy Harper Dispatch Rider
St. Nazare, France,
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Dear Father:

The censor has lifted the lid today so will write a few things which I couldn't write before.

This is Sunday and off duty. We had an inspection of equipment, which is the first time since we left the states. We probably will have frequent inspections now until we leave for home. The latest dope is that the Depot Q. M. troops will be the last to leave France. Don't expect me before June or July.

Tomorrow I go to St. Miho on a seven day leave. It takes two days to make the trip. I will have about 11 days all told. Will leave here tomorrow night at 9 o'clock, arrive in Paris 7 a. m., Tuesday, am allowed 12 hours in Paris. At 12 will be in the day time I will take it in. The last time I was there it was night and they did not have any lights. Will be able to see more this time. Will send some postcards from there. The French passenger cars are different than ours. They are cut up into compartments. The doors are on the side instead of the end.

Will try and tell you something about my trip over. To begin with we didn't see any submarines. I was disappointed. Left Camp Merritt where I wrote Uncle Will at 3 a. m. Arrived at Hoboken N. J., about 9 a. m. and marched directly aboard the transport. Laid in the harbor one day and one night, leaving about 5 o'clock. The Statue of Liberty sure was a beautiful sight, all lighted up. Things were quite pretty as we slipped out of the harbor. Everyone was doing some tall thinking. You see we expected to see the enemy as soon as we landed in France. Looking back now it seems rather comical.

We were hardly out of the harbor before I began to feel sick. Went below deck to our quarters and crawled into my hammock. As soon as I laid down I felt relieved, slept soundly all night. But oh, in the morning, when I put my foot down on the deck. Sick, gee, I thought I would surely die. Didn't eat any all day, next morning ate an orange, which promptly came up at noon. Ate some dinner and from then on was in pretty fair shape—didn't miss a meal. Stayed on deck all I could.

One night there was an awful storm, one of the port holes was broken in, and as our compartment was below the water line, the water rushed in. Don't want to say what the other boys thought, but for myself I was scared, my first thought was a torpedo boat hit us. We had boat drill at most unexpected times so we were all tuned up to the high-

est pitch. The day we sighted land was one of thanksgiving for yours truly. Landed at St. Nazare, from there we hiked about three miles to a camp—rested there for two days before going to work. My first work was pushing a two-wheeled truck, did that for two weeks. Was put on the motorcycle as a courier for the depot quartermaster, staid at that until about five weeks ago. Have not had any regular duties since then. Cannot complain about being overworked. Don't know what I will do when I come back. The motorcycle job is a "goat gifter" don't care to have any more of it. We are not at St. Nazare now. This place is called "Montazir," and warehouses—you should see them. Uncle Sam sure is there.

The French people think we are it. They move so slow and don't realize we have done things until a week or two after it has been completed.

We have a great deal of freedom here now compared to what we did have when we first came over. Have permanent passes which are good to all the nearby towns, these we visit on Sunday. Would like to be one of the first to come home, but when I see some of the boys here from the front, it makes me realize that they are entitled to come home first. As for me I am as safe here as at home. There is some talk of sending men back here from the states after they are discharged to work as civilians, if the conditions there are not good, I may try and come back here.

Our good weather is over for the present. This a. m. was very nice, but now it is raining. Looks like I asked for my leave a little too late. I am going anyway. Being an Oregonian, rain shouldn't hurt me.

When the boys start back, I may see some one I know, as yet have only seen Seth Bailey. Do you know cousin Frank's address here in the A. E. F. Suppose by the time you receive this Harry will be home. Well, what do you think now about my prediction of last summer that the war would be over by Christmas? Hope you folks won't get the flu. Am feeling fine. There doesn't seem to be any flu over here, of course we have the usual bad colds. Don't expect to visit the hospital this winter. Have run down, so will close for this time. Love to all, your affectionate son.

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Pope's Welcome to New Year.
It is the universal custom among the Jesuits to hold New Year's eve services in their churches and chapels throughout the world. At the Gesù church, in Rome, the pope always attends the service in person. The service consists of "The Miserere" and the benediction.

When the New Year Arrives

AT certain periods of the year there are certain diseases that sweep the country. In the spring influenza afflicts mankind; in the summer, rose fever, and in the early autumn the hay feverists snuffle and mangle the English language. But with the beginning of the year an epidemic of a disease of the most virulent sort spreads over the civilized world, causing ninety-nine out of a hundred of its inhabitants to raise their right hands involuntarily and swear by all that's holy they will hold fast to the straight and narrow path forever and forever.

The symptoms of the disease are always the same. It is better and more generally known than the common cold; it is more regular in its appearance, and more persons suffer from it than from any other affliction, yet physicians and bacteriologists have never found a remedy or isolated its germ. This microbe, once taken into the system, can never be eliminated. The same victims suffer from it year after year, and each year end hundreds of thousands of new sufferers join the ranks.

The disease first makes its appearance in December. A victim beams bestially around a poker table and announces, "Well, boys, I swear off on the lat."

Jan. 1 arrives. Simultaneously several hundred million persons rise, yawn and glance at the calendar. Involuntarily the muscles of the right arm contract, elevating that member toward the ceiling. In a state of temporary stupor the victim voices good intentions. Some of the more serious cases even rush off to a notary public to record these thoughts in black and white and pay said notary \$5. The stupor is attended by either a lapse of memory or a distorted mentality. In the first case the victim has entirely forgotten his attack of the year before; in the second he says, as he has



THIS YEAR IT WILL BE DIFFERENT!

said almost every year of his life: "Oh, this year it will be different. I'm not going to bust 'em this time." This is the crisis of the disease; now comes the slow recovery.

So many persons suffer in this country from the disease that it might almost be called a national question. Its seriousness lies in the effect upon some of the largest industries of the country. Manufacturers of expensive feminine apparel, cigar stores, hundreds of other institutions that give our country its envied reputation of being progressive and enterprising, a land of big business and mammoth industries, are hit and hit hard. The fact that in most cases the recovery is exceedingly rapid is the only redeeming feature. Few of the resolution makers have been known to remain in dreamland later than noon of Jan. 1.

Perhaps, one reason, officials of the affected industries have made no effort to have the government take measures to prevent the spread of this New Year's disease to the younger generation, and to try to effect its cure in the case of present victims is that with recovery comes an increased addiction to the articles in question. This is another generally recognized symptom and is a secondary and psychological effect rather than a primary and physical.

In from five minutes to one week, statistics show, the disease usually runs its course. The victim becomes himself again. He draws himself to his full height, voices the thought, "Aw, what's the use?" and resumes his normal mode of life with renewed ardor. If he's a smoker he smokes more often for a few days; then gradually habits become normal until the next attack gives a new impetus. This is shown by the consumption of cigars. During the first few days of January fewer are smoked than at any time during the entire year. The consumption gradually increases as patients recover and reaches its maximum Jan. 8, after which is a gradual falling off to normal.—Albany Knickerbocker Press.

The American Red Cross sent 3,000 tons of condensed milk to the children of prisoners in Archangel, Siberia, and 2,000 pounds of powdered milk to the children of France.

FUN on NEW YEAR'S EVE

ALTHOUGH many of the old customs have been dropped and almost forgotten, New Year's parties are not out of date. A nice one is a pantomime of an enchanted girl.

A damp sheet must be fastened up across the room or between the folding doors of the parlor. First fasten the corners of the sheet, next the center of each of the four sides in order that the cloth may be perfectly smooth; then place a lighted candle on the floor about four or five feet from the center of the curtain. When the lights in the room occupied by the company are turned out shadows of the actors behind the curtain may be seen on the screen, some one, standing outside the curtain and facing the audience, should relate the story of the play—of how a young girl while walking out on the last day of October meets Halloween, who presents her with three gifts to try her fortune, and how, when she is about to do so, a witch enchants her, etc. After the story is finished and a lively overture has been performed on some musical instrument the pantomime is played as follows:

Halloween Appears.
The young girl personating the enchanted one comes gayly forward from the side. When almost across the curtain she meets Halloween, who approaches from the opposite side, arrayed in a short dress, with wings made of newspaper folded fan fashion and fastened on the shoulders. In her hand she carries a cane with a silhouette of a cat or two or three stars and a crescent cut of stiff brown paper and posted on the end.

Halloween shows the maiden three gifts—an apple, a hand mirror and an unlighted candle. Instead of the mirror a crystal ball may be used.



Seeking the Future in the Crystal Ball.

Before presenting them she illustrates by gestures the use to be made of each. Holding the mirror or globe in front of her face, she bites the apple, then looks quickly around, as if expecting to see some one, and, again holding up the mirror or globe in one hand and the candle in the other, she takes a few steps backward. When a boy or young man enters by jumping over the light, which gives the appearance of his having fallen from the sky, Halloween looks around, and the boy or man quickly disappears.

All this time the girl stands transfixed with her hands raised and all the fingers spread out in astonishment. She receives the presents, which are given with many nods and gestures.

The Old Witch Enters.
As the maiden then takes up the apple and mirror or globe her hand is stayed by a witch with fowing hair, who has approached unperceived, carrying under one arm a broom and wearing on her head an ordinary hat with a piece of newspaper rolled up and pinned on to form a peaked crown.

The poor girl looks anxiously around and discovers she has been enchanted, for there are three girls instead of one. This effect is produced by two more lighted candles being placed on the floor on either side of the first candle. The candles are removed, and the Old Year, an old man, instantly appears.

Discovering him quickly, the girl runs forward to tell her sorrows and finds that it is only when alone that she is enchanted, for when she attempts to point out her other selves they have disappeared. Making many guesses, she looks here and there for them, but in vain. Then as the Old Year leaves she bids him a sorrowful adieu.

The Little New Year.
Immediately little New Year enters crowned with a paper star and wearing wings of paper. The young girl rushes to meet the New Year with a hearty greeting. She then tells him of her enchantment and kneels down, and the little New Year raises both hands above her head, then, kissing his hand to the maiden, departs.—Nellie F. Morris in Pittsburgh Dispatch.

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