

POULU APPEALS FOR STATIONERY

In Letter to Missoula Girl Wounded Soldier Tells of Shortage.

FAITH IN WAR'S END

Says "With God's Help and America's" France Will Defeat Foes.

Writing paper and envelopes are sorely needed by wounded soldiers in French hospitals, says a young soldier of France in a letter written to Miss Helen McLeod, 324 East Front street.

Early last fall Miss McLeod sent some comfort kits to France through the Missoula Patriotic association. The other day an answer came from L. Saint Pierre, a wounded soldier, giving thanks for the gift. The letter said:

Will Win Terrible Fight.

"Our little hospital has received your kind gift. It was very welcome. Personally I thank you with all my heart. It is pleasing to know that over there, across the sea, a kind young lady is thinking of the French soldiers.

"The fight in which we are engaged is terrible, but, God and our friends of America aiding us, we will come out conquerors.

Gifts Late for Christmas.

"The nice things which you sent, mademoiselle, did not arrive for Christmas. It is a long way from Missoula to the center of France, and the German submarines keep their sinister eyes open over the sea.

"God bless you, mademoiselle, and give you health and happiness. This, the wish of a poor, wounded French soldier, will carry you good fortune.

"Your friend, sincerely and respectfully,

LEOPOLD SAINT-PIERRE, "Marvejols, France."

Paper and Envelopes Lacking.

"P. S.—I am writing you in French. I hope that you will be able to read it. As for myself, I understand a little American, but I cannot write it. That which we lack most here is writing paper and envelopes. At home they are very expensive and very rare.

"If you wish to be real kind, mademoiselle, ask for a little for us at your patriotic work rooms. We will be in this hospital for more than six months, as we are very seriously wounded, and will have plenty of time to receive it. You can address it to me personally and I will distribute it among my companions."

An attempt will be made at once to answer the request of the wounded soldier. Contributions of paper or cash may be left at the work rooms of the Patriotic association on Higgins avenue, in the First National bank building.

Colonel Roosevelt Goes to Home at Oyster Bay

Oyster Bay, N. Y., March 7.—Colonel Roosevelt returned to his home on Sagamore Hill here this afternoon, after having been for several weeks in New York City, where he underwent operations for ear trouble. Mrs. Roosevelt accompanied him home. The trip from New York to Oyster Bay was made in an automobile and Colonel Roosevelt declared that he felt fine.

Colonel Roosevelt said he expected to regain his strength in a short time. He intends to rest during the next three weeks and then to be in condition to make some speeches which were cancelled by his illness. Very few visitors will be permitted to see Colonel Roosevelt during the period of convalescence. Most of his time will be spent in reading and walking about his estate.

TO OUST TEUTON I. O. O. F.

Denver, Colo.—A demand that German members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows be expelled from that organization will be made at the annual grand lodge meeting in St. Louis next September, according to Grand Sire Frank C. Goudy of this city.

HUSBAND SAVES WIFE

From Suffering by Getting Her Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—"For many months I was not able to do my work owing to a weakness which caused backache and headaches. A friend called my attention to one of your newspaper advertisements and immediately my husband bought three bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for me. After taking two bottles I felt fine and my troubles caused by that weakness are a thing of the past. All women who suffer as I did should try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

Mrs. JAS. ROSENBERG, 620 Knapp St., N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Women who suffer from any form of weakness, as indicated by displacements, inflammation, ulceration, irregularities, backache, headaches, nervousness or "the blues," should accept Mrs. Rosenberg's suggestion and give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a thorough trial.

For over forty years it has been correcting such ailments. If you have mysterious complications write for advice to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

Million Like These in Russia at Present



The Russian moujik, shown above, is the "Great Question" in a land of great questions. There are millions of him. The peasant population forms the great bulk of the Russian people. Most of the moujiks are illiterate, but they take huge interest in governmental affairs and any government that doesn't suit them cannot succeed.

Whatever may be said of some factions in northern Russia there are no pro-Germans or betrayers among the peasant people of the great fertile south Russia where nine-tenths of the Russian wheat is grown.

RAIL BILL READY TO BECOME LAW

Senate and House Finally Reach Agreement After Lengthy Debate.

Washington, March 7.—Final agreement on the administration bill to govern federal control of the railroads, was reached today by the senate and house conferees. Leaders hoped tonight to have the measure ready for the president's signature by Saturday.

With the exception of limiting federal control to 21 months after peace and providing for the taking over of short line railroads, the bill is virtually in the senate form.

The principle dispute between the conferees, was on rate-fixing and the conferees adopted a compromise agreement under which the president is authorized to initiate rates subject to review by the Interstate Commerce commission. The commission is required, in adjusting rates, to consider unified operating control, and that adjustments in rates are to obtain additional revenues.

The house provision bringing under federal control all short lines, which either connect or compete with roads already taken over, was accepted by the conferees, who also inserted into the bill a provision limiting the ratio of taxation of railroad property in the various states to a rate not higher than that for the year previous to taking over the roads.

Dance Halls in Capital Used by War Department

Washington, D. C.—The horrors of war have been brought home to the young people of Washington by the action of the government in taking over the Arcade, the last and largest dance hall in the city. Two other halls, the Coliseum and Convention hall, were taken over some weeks ago and converted into headquarters for government departments. By the latest decree the Arcade and its 60,000 feet of floor space will be turned over to the war department for the use of the signal corps.

Saloons and Roadhouses Forced to Close by Order

Vallejo, Cal., March 7.—Nine restaurants, four social clubs, two hotels, four wholesale liquor houses and four family liquor stores in Vallejo and possibly six roadhouses outside the city limits will be forced to close under the five-mile dry zone ordered established about the Mare Island navy yard, it was said here tonight.

Build Special Submarine Chaser for Son in Navy

Palm Beach, Fla., March 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Stotesbury of Philadelphia, announced here tonight that they had presented the navy department with a submarine chaser specially built for their son, who is an ensign in the navy.

FORM COMMUNITY COUNCILS.

Washington, March 7.—To eliminate lost motion throughout the country and to bring the war home to the people through personal contact, the Council of National Defense has worked out plans for organizing community councils in every hamlet in the United States.

TEACHING BEST OF PROFESSIONS

President Sisson Points Out Opportunity of Schools in New World.

VOCATIONAL CONGRESS

Rural Inspector Asks for Better Support of Work in Country.

"Teaching is the most poorly paid but the most richly rewarded profession that exists today." This extract from the address of President E. O. Sisson of the State University, given last night at the university in connection with the Woman's Vocational congress, serves as the text of his talk.

Dr. Sisson pointed out the responsibility of the teaching profession as a factor in the building of this country, and how the coming of war has increased that responsibility. Teaching, he said, is undergoing changes, corresponding with changes in the life of the nation. There is need among the teachers of America of a greater education in the sciences than would have been necessary several years ago.

Dr. Sisson spoke in the stead of Chancellor E. C. Elliott, who was to have addressed last night's meeting. Dr. Elliott will arrive in Missoula today.

Rural School Important.

Adelaide Ayer, state rural school inspector, spoke briefly concerning the rural school in Montana. She said: "It is the business of everyone to be interested in the rural school, because the rural school problem is one of the biggest that confronts the people of the western states today."

Miss Ayer pointed out the importance of the country school in this state, an importance which is not usually attributed to it. She told how it serves to educate a much larger percentage of the children of the country than is popularly thought. She showed how it is a factor in the building up of the nation by bringing to a stand shifting population. Other points she emphasized to show the importance of the part which the institution plays in the life of America.

The Woman's Glee club of the university gave several numbers.

Congress Program Today.

This morning at 8:45 o'clock Dr. Anna Y. Reed will speak at the high school. In the afternoon at 1:30 she will address the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades in Union hall. At 2:30 in the same place, she will speak to the women of the university and teachers of the public schools. She will address the employees of the Missoula Mercantile company at 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dr. Reed told of further fields open to the young women at the meeting held at the University hall yesterday morning. She said that women might embark on the business ventures that were formerly just for men.

A conference dealing with the concrete in pharmacy and a meeting of the business administration heads were held yesterday afternoon.

Holland Fishermen Now Catch Submarine Wrecks

San Francisco, March 7.—Not only fish, but parts of destroyed German submarines now frequently constitute the catch of Dutch fishermen when they haul up their nets off the coast of Holland, according to H. Veenstra, a dairy expert of Alkmaar, Holland, who arrived here today en route to Canada.

"Floating parts of U-boats, are raising havoc with the nets of our fishermen," Mr. Veenstra said. "In many cases floats and jetsam has been submitted to coast guardsmen and officers of the Dutch navy, and were identified as belonging to submarines that probably had been destroyed by depth charges."

FURS ARE VALUABLE.

Seattle, Wash., March 7.—One hundred and fifty fox furs, valued at \$70,000, arrived here recently from Alaskan fox farms. The shipment, said to be one of the most valuable ever received here, consisted of 50 silver and pure-black fox furs and 100 of various other grades. A special guard was detailed to keep watch on the furs, which were sent to New York.

An electric machine has been invented for surgeons to use in cutting away plaster casts without discomfort to patients.

German? Not Much, Says Missoula Man From Alsace

What is the citizenship of a man born in Alsace, France, in 1868, who left his home while it was still French, hates the Kaiser and is strong for the United States?

L. M. Robertson, chief deputy clerk of the district court, has written to the department of labor, asking for a ruling in such a case. A Missoula county man in those circumstances has asked for citizenship papers. He is a Frenchman, he says, but his home has been ruled by Germany since 1871. If he is a German he cannot now become a citizen. If he is French, he can.

"Well, I'm not German, whatever they say," the patriot declares.

WOMEN TO SEW STARS ON FLAG

Relatives of Men in Service Have First Chance at Privilege.

Work upon Missoula county's huge service flag will be resumed tomorrow morning in the county high school building by relatives of the boys who are at the front or in training for service.

The flag itself has been finished, but the stars have not yet been attached. This privilege has been reserved by the Missoula Women's Council of Defense for the families of the men. A record is to be kept of the soldiers and the women who sew on the stars. This will be kept with the flag as a county war record.

It is important that those who wish to sew on stars for their own soldiers or sailors should report at the high school today after 9 a. m. and before 5 p. m., or make written application to Mrs. E. W. Spotswood or Mrs. M. J. Hutchens for reservation of a star. The work of attaching the stars is so slow that next week other groups of women and children will be allowed to share the privilege which now belongs exclusively to the families of men in service.

School children especially are anxious to help. To them is to be allotted the task of sewing stars on the reverse of the flag, and it is probable that each child will be given some particular soldier.

A charge of five cents is made for each star sewed on the flag, to cover part of the cost of the enormous banner.

Prove That St. Louis Certainly No Hun City

St. Louis, March 7.—The chamber of commerce, with a view of disproving statements that "St. Louis is a German city," today forwarded to authorities at Washington the result of an investigation, which it had made of the percentages of foreign-born persons in each of the several large cities of the United States. These figures show St. Louis has 18 per cent foreign born and is seventh in the list of those cities having the largest population born in Germany.

American Patrol Lost but Finally Gets Back

With the American Troops in France, Wednesday, March 6.—By the Associated Press.—An American patrol, comprising one officer and eight men, which had been missing since last night in the sector northwest of Toul, suddenly emerged from a shell hole close to the German line today and made a dash across No Man's land, without a shot being fired at them. It was noon when the patrol carried out its rush to the American line. The men's comrades, looking on, expected every second to see them wiped out.

WHEN WEAK OR RUN DOWN

by chronic or acute throat and lung troubles which decrease efficiency and menace life itself, try ECKMAN'S ALTERNATIVE. This is a Calcium preparation possessing of marked tonic value in addition to its remedial qualities. Contains no Alcohol, Narcotics or Habit-Forming Drugs. 32 size, now \$1.50. 51 size, now 50c. Price includes war tax. All druggists. Eckman Laboratory, Philadelphia.

THE EASIEST WAY

Famous Play by Eugene Walters.
Played by Mrs. Gilbert Allis
Starring and exceptional local talent.

SAT MCH 16 At MISSOULA THEATER SAT MCH 16

For the Benefit of the Red Cross.
Tickets, \$1.50, \$1.10, 85c, 60c, 35c
Includes War Tax.
At Red Cross Rooms or Any Red Cross Member.

out and their safe return was an agreeable surprise. They explained that they had lost their way in the dark.

MONTANA MAN RELIEVED.

San Francisco, March 7.—The following order was issued by the western department of the army here today:

Captain John T. Grimes, quartermaster reserve corps, is relieved as quartermaster at Fort William Henry Harrison, Montana, and will proceed to Fort Winfield Scott, Cal., for duty.

WOULD AGREE WITH SPAIN.

Washington, March 7.—Negotiations between Spain and the United States, looking to an economic agreement between the two countries, still are in progress and in the meantime the war trade board is dealing with the case of each Spanish ship to sail from this country on its merits.

HOOVER ANNOUNCES STRICTER PROGRAM

Revokes All Exceptions to Using Substitutes.

Washington, March 7.—All exceptions to the food administration rule requiring the purchase of an equal amount of substitutes with each purchase of wheat flour, were revoked today because of the necessity of conserving wheat for the allies.

The entire country thus is put on a parity in regard to buying of wheat flour. Exceptions to the rule had been allowed in certain localities, where substitutes are little known and hard to obtain.

Increased demands for breadstuffs

from the allies were announced several days ago, when the food administration abolished the meatless meal and porkless Saturday, as the consumption of wheat is closely related to the consumption of meat and it is deemed more imperative to save the grain.

Blames Lack of Market for Coal Mine Shutdown

Helena, March 7.—In reply to a request from the Bear Creek local of the United Mine Workers for the causes that resulted in miners working only eleven and a half days last month, State Fuel Administrator W. J. Synge replied the causes were no demand in the state and no out of the state demand, due to high freight rates, high prices at the mines and poor quality of coal.

You may be famous for your cooking, or just a "beginner"

In Either Case

KC BAKING POWDER

will help you. Its goodness recommends it.

Not All the Fighting Is "Over There"

War Saving Stamps FOR SALE HERE

Vacuum Cleaner

It fairly revolutionizes housekeeping. The woman who has never used one in her own home does not, cannot, know this. She can read about it, hear about it, talk about it, but she will never know until she has one in her home.

You intend to decide this question for yourself some day. Well—let us deliver an Electric Vacuum Cleaner to your home without obligation to buy or any charge for the trial. The decision to rest entirely with you. A post card or a phone call is all that is necessary.

Missoula Light and Water Co.