

MOTHERS RECEIVE LETTERS FROM THEIR SONS

PLATTSMOUTH BOYS WITH THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES WRITE HOME.

Tell of Trip Overseas and Impressions of England, Where They Were Camped.

From Thursday's Daily.
Somewhere in England, Dec. 3.
Mrs. M. B. Allen,
Plattsmouth, Neb.

Dear Mother:
I expect you are wondering where I am, and why I have not written. We landed in England safe and sound after eighteen days on the ocean. I cannot tell you where we landed from, that is the port we were in, or where we landed, or the camp we are in now. So will say we left the United States on November 14th and arrived in England on December 2nd. Our trip is not yet completed, as this is only a resting camp. It is not so very cold here. There has been no snow as yet. We can understand the English pretty good, and they are glad to see the American soldiers come over. The country here is about as hilly as it is there at Plattsmouth. We made the trip in good shape and were lucky—only had six men for the hospital when we arrived here, some with the measles and others with scarlet fever. One man died on the boat two days before we landed, he was poisoned in some way. He was a member of company K from Corning, Iowa. That is all the bad luck we had so do not believe anything else. The men were paid \$100.00 for the first which I bought a submarine, but none of us saw one.

We took a hike into the country this morning for exercise, and when we passed the farm houses, the people came out and yelled till they were hoarse. We soldiers over here in foreign countries do not have to pay any postage on mail to the U. S. and it is a pretty good thing.

We are all shy on money, but will have a pay day soon. I sent you \$30 just before we sailed. I suppose you received it all right. I sent it in form of post office money order. I also made an allotment for twelve months for you. We get twenty per cent more while in a foreign land.

Where is Wayne now? I have not heard from him for some time. There are eight of us boys from Plattsmouth. The clipping which was sent did not have Ralph Lair's name on it. We all think we have it over the rest of the boys, for we will be among the first to go to France. When we first enlisted they called us Rookies, but it goes to show now that we are better trained men than they, for we are leaving them behind. Well I will close for this time. Hope this finds you all well. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

RALPH.
My address is Ralph H. Allen, Co. I, 168th U. S. Infantry, A. E. F., in France, via New York.

Somewhere in England, Dec. 3.
Mrs. J. D. Lair,
Plattsmouth, Neb.

Dear Mother:
I went to town yesterday, and went through the cathedral. Sure was some trip, too. The building is 560 feet long, and is certainly a fine one. I saw King Arthur's casket and round table. It is worth a dollar of any one's money to go through the cathedral. I sure would like to see you folks, and slip in on you and eat Christmas dinner with you at home. Tell Gordon and Donnie hello and give them a kiss for me. I will send them some Christmas remembrance if we get paid by Christmas. Did my allotment get home all right? If so use it for whatever you wish. I am going to try and lay away five dollars per month with Captain Dunn from now on. This will be all for this time.

PRIVATE RALPH C. LAIR.
Co. I, 168th U. S. Inf., A. E. F., via New York

For Sale—A number of white Brahma Cotkerels. Mrs. C. E. Heebner, Nehawka.

CONDUCTOR MISSED HIM.

From Friday's Daily.
Corporal Farrough, who is located at Ft. Crook, has been on a furlough at Minneapolis for the past week, came back last evening, and in taking the train at Omaha for Ft. Crook, purchased a ticket for the Fort Crook, and took the midnight Missouri Pacific train for that place. The train being crowded, the conductor did not get around to take up his ticket until they had passed the Fort, and then did not take it at all. Corporal Farrough had to be at the Fort by six o'clock this morning and being carried to this city did not feel justified in attempting to walk to Fort Crook, and stayed here until this morning, telephoning the company clerk regarding the matter, and going on the early train of the Burlington.

CHRISTMAS WITH OUR SOLDIER BOYS AT DEMING, N. M.

From Saturday's Daily.
Camp Cody, N. M., Dec. 25, 1917.
Editor Journal:

Christmas this year to the boys from Nebraska and Iowa who are members of Co. C, 126 MG Bn, was a decided novelty, being some 1,500 miles from home, and instead of the usual snow and snappy cold weather of the northland, the day was warm and pleasant and one could leave off their coat with comfort. Even here in an army camp where men are being trained for the stern realities of warfare in the most modern methods, the spirit of Christmas was felt as strongly as at home and the camp filled with thousands of packages and remembrances from the folks at home. That no one was allowed to pass the great festival of the Christian world without some remembrance, was due to the National Red Cross society, which had provided a Christmas box for every soldier of the United States, whether in this country or abroad, and the contents of the different packages came from all over the United States, although in this camp a large part of the packages were supplied by the California and Arizona state chapters. In these packages were fruit cakes, candies, nuts, tobacco, playing cards, cigarettes, handkerchiefs, writing paper, chewing gum, books and other similar articles that brought joy to the hearts of the boys in this organization. The packages were distributed through every company in camp through the company organization. There were also Christmas trees at the various Y. M. C. A. buildings where Christmas treats were given out to the boys.

Church services were held in the camp Christmas eve, the Episcopal service being held at the tent of the 135 Inf while the Catholic church service was held at the Knights of Columbus hall, Henry R. Gerlag of Omaha, displayed his thoughtfulness of the Cass county members of the 126 battalion by sending each one a card of greeting to show that they were not forgotten and Henry Soenichsen also remembered the company with cards. Almost everyone received at least one or two packages from the home folks and those who did not were shared with by their comrades in arms in the presents and good things from Nebraska and Iowa.

The Plattsmouth and Cass county members of Co. C are all getting along very nicely and fast developing into real warriors for Uncle Sam as well as assimilating the New Mexico sand and dust. One of the popular non-commissioned officers of the company is Matt Jirousek, former deputy county clerk of Cass county, who has had splendid success in his handling of the men of his squad. The friends of Maldon Brown would hardly recognize in the tanned and bronzed soldier, the former jeweler, and "Brownie" has the war game down from squads right to the latest methods of warfare on the European front. Dan Cooney is still keeping in shape at his trade as barber and ye scribe still has the pleasure of his shaving in the days when Dan was busy with his dry of "next" at the shops of Ward Clark and "Rosy". John Palacek, who was a member of the Fifth Nebraska when leaving the home state is now located in the 127 Field Artillery and holds the rank of sergeant and has learned the handling of the big guns in fine shape. Life in camp is enlivened by songs and selections on

RAILROAD EXECUTIVES SAY ACTION IS NO SURPRISE

PRESIDENT CALVIN OF UNION PACIFIC AT LOSS TO KNOW HOW GOVERNMENT CONTROL WILL OPERATE.

From Thursday's Daily.
With the exception of Hale Holden, president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, the executives of rail lines centering in Omaha shied perceptibly at giving out statements concerning the momentous step taken by the president of the United States in placing the roads under government control.

View of Mr. Calvin.
E. E. Calvin, president of the Union Pacific system, the only railroad executive residing in Omaha, at first declined to comment upon President Wilson's action. Later he made this brief statement to The Bee:

"There is not much to be said. The step taken by the president was not at all unexpected. We have believed for some time that something of the kind would be done, but we had no means of knowing what form it would take. What effect it will have or how it will operate I cannot at this time attempt to say."

B. F. Bush, president of the Missouri Pacific railroad, said at St. Louis:

"I believe the situation will be clarified, but I do not believe the rank and file of the people realize what the railroads have had to contend with during the last few months."

Burlington President Talks.

Hale Holden, president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad and a member of the railway board of the National Council of Defense, in Chicago last night said:

"President Wilson indicated the possibility of such action as he has taken at a conference with railroad men several weeks ago. I believe the president has a deep sense of his responsibility to the people and to the railroads."

"He realizes the difficulties of the railway heads in securing capital under the present war conditions. The railroad men will co-operate with him to the fullest in solving the problems of transportation presented by the unusual conditions."

Mr. Holden added that he would leave in the morning for Washington for a conference with Mr. McAdoo and other officials.

Mr. Holden added:
"The practical effect that the public is likely to feel probably will be an increase in railroad rates. In England there was a 50 per cent increase in passenger schedules, necessitated by the change in the conduct of affairs. There has been talk of a 3-cent rate in the United States."

Hughitt and Aishton Interviewed.

Marvin Hughitt, chairman of the board of directors of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad when informed in Chicago of the order of President Wilson said:

"We will co-operate with the president to the fullest extent."

Richard A. Aishton, president of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad said:

"Since the beginning of the war the railroad men of the country have co-operated with the government in every way. They will continue to do so."

different musical instruments and in this line Lloyd Gilmore, Harry Johnson and Otto Lutz are there and over and especially Otto who has acquired a swell tenor voice since coming here and one that is the envy of the company. The tent of Matt Jirousek is one of the feature spots of the whole company street as the squad has a Victrola, the property of John G. Fisher, son of Hon. Allen G. Fisher, of Chadron, and since John has joined the bunch there has been plenty of the latest rag time to help make the routine of camp a little more pleasant.

The Journal is also a welcome visitor at Co. C, quarters and when they arrive and are distributed everything is stopped to look over the news from home.

FRANK H. SMITH.

YOUTH, TRAPPING, FINDS A LOOTED MAIL SACK

From Thursday's Daily.
Willie Linder, who makes his home with his grandfather, Neb Beckman, and with his stepfather, Louis Rheinackle, south of this city, is doing some trapping this winter and is keeping a very close watch on his traps at about eleven o'clock finding everything all right, and in the afternoon made another trip of inspection. It was at this time he discovered in a ditch where had once run a small creek, near to one of his traps, a mail sack with torn wrapping papers strewn around and three automobile number plates. One wrapper had the name of Frank Givan on it, but contained no address. The numbers on the plates were all Nebraska 1917 and were 144,225, 33,329 and 96,339. All of the plates were more or less battered up. Young Linder picked up all he could of the things lying about and placed them in the sack, delivering it to the rural mail carrier, Mr. Herman Hough, who brought them to the city and delivered them to the postmaster.

Where the sack came from is a mystery. If there was a label on the sack, it had been removed, as it was without any identification when found. Whether it was stolen from some office, a mail car, or lost, is not known at this time. It looks like some people had use for a good many auto numbers, and as they got away old ones, it looks all the more strange.

OPERATED UPON YESTERDAY.

From Friday's Daily.
Yesterday morning J. W. Tulene and wife were to Omaha taking with them their daughter Miss Ada, who has been having trouble with adenoids, and at the Clarkson hospital, had them removed as well as the tonsils. Last evening Mr. Tulene returned leaving Mrs. Tulene there with the little girl, whom it was thought had not better leave the hospital for a few days.

FRED W. NOLTING INJURED.

From Saturday's Daily.
Yesterday afternoon while Fred W. Nolting was attempting to get into his wagon just after having passed through a gate, the team which he was driving started to run throwing him to the ground on his head stunning him and injuring him in the back. Just immediately he did not feel the injury to its fullest extent, but in a short time began to be worse, and was taken to the physician, who treated him and made examinations. He was taken home, this morning and was reported to be feeling some better, but still very sore and stiff from his experience, with his head still hurting, as well as the back. Mrs. Nolting was just starting for Blair for a visit and had gotten as far as Omaha, but on account of the lateness of the connecting train, had to return.

RECEIVES FINE FOR SELLING BOOZE

From Friday's Daily.
Yesterday Howard Newton received a fine of two hundred dollars for violation of the prohibitory law. A few days since Frank Steppat had been arrested for being intoxicated, and when he was charged with the crime he reported where he had gotten the goods, and was released, this was done in the case of the man through whom he had gotten the stuff, he having gotten it from Fred Haffke, who in turn, said he had received it of Howard Newton, who pleaded not guilty, and day before yesterday secured bonds for his appearance at the trial yesterday, and when arraigned had secured the council of M. Gering, who defended him.

At the trial he was found guilty and assessed a fine on two counts, one for having intoxicating liquor in his possession and the other for selling same. Making his fine \$200. This was in the county court when he appealed, and was placed under bonds of five hundred dollars to appear at the first day of the next term of district court, which meets on January 27th.

"The Red Cross may bring him back to you."

You will find a few choice New Year cards at the Journal office.

RED CROSS DRIVE TO END JANUARY 1

TWO LADIES SECURE 250 MEMBERS—SHOP TEAM HAS 300 TO ITS CREDIT

THOUSAND MEMBERS SECURED

A Shipment of Various Articles is About Ready to Be Forwarded by Local Chapter.

From Thursday's Daily.
The Red Cross drive, which has been in progress for some time past was very successful in that the work was done by but so few workers, who devoted all their time to the enterprise. During the whole of the campaign, Miss Mathilda Vallery and Mrs. Henry F. Goos contributed almost their whole time to the soliciting of the sale of memberships. They were very successful and secured upwards of 250 members. At the shops of the Burlington railway company, four of the men were successful in getting memberships, and they have 300 to their credit, while working at their usual labor, as well. The men making up this team were R. B. Hayes, Joseph Sabatka, George I. Luchinsky and W. H. B. Perie. In all there were one thousand memberships sold. While this seems a lot with this city of 5,000 population, it does not compare with Nehawka, where there were sold 620 memberships, while the population of the precinct is about 700. We can take a lesson from this little neighboring town and precinct and get a hustle on us. The city of Pender has 100 per cent credited to its name on the role as there are many members there as there are people in the city. The Elks lodge in York is in the same category, having 100 per cent.

South Dakota, as a state, has one out of every three of its population belonging to the organization.

Now this membership campaign will be kept up until the first of the year, and when opportunity is presented to you to join, if you have not yet done so, enroll your name on the list of members. It will be one of the best acts in your life. The Red Cross is not a fighting body but an organization dealing with mercy, and their mission is to build up the wounded and care for them, which they are doing. We all deplore war, but it is here and we, as members of this humane family, the Red Cross, should welcome the opportunity afforded us to help care for the wounded and suffering. The more liberally we subscribe the more we are showing ourselves true Americans and entitled to that name.

The local Red Cross chapter is about to send forward several hundred knitted articles of various kinds, and those who would like to see them before they are sent, by way of obtaining some ideas of how to make themselves useful by doing some knitting too, are invited to call at the rooms and view them before they are sent. The goods which are now at the rooms represent the patient labor of many hands, and are for the purpose of doing what the donors can for the cause of liberty and humanity.

JUDGE M. ARCHER SOME BETTER

From Saturday's Daily.
Judge M. Archer who is sick at his home in the city, is reported as being a little better, and rests easier, though still very sick and weak. He gains but slowly, and with his advanced age, has not the power combatting the illness as if he was younger. He will not be able to be out for some little time, but his improvement though slight will be good news for his many friends.

How to Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

GIVES TELEPHONE GIRLS TREAT.

From Thursday's Daily.
Mrs. Q. K. Parmele, who has in mind the pleasure and happiness of her friends, a number of whom are operators at the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co. office in this city, baked some extra nice mince pies and popped a quantity of corn, placing these together with some delicious apples, and taking them to the office of the telephone company, last evening and giving them to the girls who work for the company for a fine Christmas lunch. The girls surely appreciate the treat and they prize more the spirit and friendship which prompted Mrs. Parmele to furnish this treat for them.

ELKS TO AID IN THE REBUILDING OF HUMAN WAR WRECKS

The Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Elks Work in Line With Name.—Are Doing Valuable Reclamation Work.

From Saturday's Daily.

In line with their name, working to the intent and purpose of what the organizers of the order intended the Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Elks and furnishing the "Government of the United States with a hospital at Boston costing \$250,000, and are in all raising one million dollars, for the purpose of aiding the government in reclaiming and rebuilding into serviceable citizenry, those who have been disabled, in the war which the soldiers of the United States are fighting for the Liberty of the World. There are just about 500,000 members of this order in the United States, and by each one paying two dollars, they are able to furnish this amount to the government. The local lodge at Plattsmouth have contributed \$450.00, which is paid by its 225 members of this lodge. When the order tendered this donation to the United States, they graciously accepted the gift, and thanked them for their kindness and patriotism.

The Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Elks have the honor of being the order to build the first American Reclamation hospital in which the work of rebuilding human wrecks will be done.

The Order have placed the matter in the hands of a commission of the members who will construct the hospital, which is to be built on Parker Hill, Boston and is contiguous to the Robert Brigham hospital. It will consist of a complete unit of twin ward hospital buildings, vocational workshops, barracks, mess hall, and post exchange.

QUESTIONNAIRES FOR TODAY.

From Saturday's Daily.
Slowly the number of names of the registrants are being consumed by the board in their sending out the questionnaires for their fling and later classification. Today there were sent out the daily eighty-one questionnaires. They being from 970 to 1050 inclusive.

CELEBRATE ST. JOHN'S DAY HERE LAST EVENING

LARGE CROWD PRESENT AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY EVERYONE.

An Excellent Program Was Rnedered and Refreshments Served by the O. E. S.

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening at the Masonic temple was gathered the membership of the local Masonic lodge, augmented by visiting members of that order from out of the city. The occasion was the celebration of St. John's day and was one causing forth the membership in large number despite the inclement weather. The gathering was addressed by Worshipful Master W. J. Streight, who in a few well chosen words made all appreciate the hearty welcome which he on behalf of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, extended to visiting brethren and their friends. Mr. Streight touched upon the spirit of New Year and the things which it brings to us in the way of advancement and opportunities to be of service to mankind. Every one present enjoyed Mrs. H. F. Goos's work at the piano, as they did also the masterful style with which Mrs. Wm. Baird gave the readings which comprised her part of the program.

Miss Mathilda Vallery, in her solo was most pleasing and captivated the entire assemblage, receiving enthusiastic accolades. Mrs. Robertson in her whistling solo, with which she played her own accompaniment on the piano, was unique in that it was different from the others and was greatly enjoyed.

Dr. and Mrs. Caldwell were excellent in their musical duet and shared the applause and praise of the gathering.

C. A. Rawls, in speaking, touched upon the questionnaire and the four-minute talks, saying they were educators as well as obtainers of facts which the government desires and must have. He spoke largely along patriotic lines and was followed by Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott and the entire gathering in some patriotic songs, which stirred the souls of all those present. Last but not least, was the eats, served by the O. E. S., and which were greatly enjoyed by all present.

GET YOUR SKATES ON THE SKATING IS FINE

From Saturday's Daily.
The court at the Air dome has been transferred into a skating rink and has a good coating of fine ice, where all who desire can find an opportunity to skate, without going to the river. This is well protected from winds, by the string of buildings on the north and also by the high board fences which surround the place, and will make an ideal place for the amusement of those desiring to skate.

How Does It Benefit You?

Business men believe in the Federal Reserve System, but many of them know very little about it or how it operates.

To tell our community how the system benefits them and how the can contribute directly to its support, we have prepared a short pamphlet.

If you haven't seen it we will be glad either to mail it to you or give it to you if you will call.

First National Bank

Send for Booklet, "How Does It Benefit Me?"