Omahan Finds Citizens of Shattered Rheims Bent by Sorrow But 'Carrying On

Sobered and Saddened by Devastation of Their City They are Erecting Homes and Buildings from Ruins-Workers Busy Cleaning Up Wreckage in Hindenburg Line.

(Editor's Note: This is a letter written to The Bee by Robert Cowell, who is touring in Europe.) By ROBERT COWELL.

Paris, May 3.-It was a real joy to get into Switzerland after Italy, notwithstanding the fact that we had much snow while there, and, indeed, more winter weather than we have seen since January, 1920, when we left Omaha for California. We first stopped at Geneva, on beautiful Lake Leman. To Omaha friends who have never been there, and who may go, I would say, "Stop at the Beau Rivage hotel." The hotel faces the lake, and if a front room is selected the view will be found to be superb.

As a background for the beautiful lake the view of the Jura mountains, with Mont Blanc in the background.
35 or 40 miles away, is a sight to
gaze upon and wonder at. The tops
of the higher mountains are always snow-capped. While we were ther they were covered down to the foot hills, and indeed for a short time w had snow on the lowlands and in the city itself. The city and the people were scrupulously clean.

People Are Charming.

One goes, of course, to see the homes of Rosseau and Cilvin. I have never been an admirer of the latter, but I am sure that the example of his life and the effect of his teachings have had a good effect on the people, tending to make them more serious and stimulating them for the life that now is, rather than having them glory in the past. At

and the people are charming.

From Geneva we went to Berne, an interesting and prosperous city.

Everyone goes to see the old church with its quaint old clock, where figures march around when the clock strikes. Then, too, you must see the Ogre fountain, with its figures of the Jew eating Christian children, having the head of one in his mouth and a number of others tied around his waist, to be feasted upon later. This is interesting as showing what the people in their simplicity were made to believe in the days that are

Goes to Rheims.

Beautiful Lucerne we enjoyed immensely. The lion cut out of and into the mountain rock is worth going to see. Then the work of the glaciers of millions of years ago is an education. With Swiss thoroughness everything is splendidly arranged and enjoyable, from the wonderful mystic maze to the Alpine climbers.

British Charged

But I must get to Rheims. The Verdun battlefields saw perhaps the most stubborn fighting of the war. One visits Rheims perhaps mainly to see the Hindenburg line and the fa-mous cathedral. We left Paris at 7:30 a. m. for the city famous for so many things, first for its magnificent cathedral and also, before the war, as being the center of the champagne trade. The cathedral was started in 400 B. C. and has been the scene of the consecrations of nearly every French king from Clovis.

We walked and rode over the city and when we stopped in front of the ruins of the cathedral and walked within its broken and crumbled walls we did not wonder that the whole civilized world has been shocked at the story and the destruction. One does not feel like singing hymn of hate; it is not hate that fills one's breast, but contempt, You despise the men who ordered such insane havoc. I cannot believe that the German common people would have wished such destruction. A

Lack Understanding.

whole people does not lose its soul.

If such a thing were possible, that people would die or become like beasts of the field. The leaders had some senseless motive, evidently, that they would strike terror into the hearts of the French people and break the spirit of the nation. They seemed to lack understanding of other civilized people. Somehow one would wish to have the ruins remain as they are for all time to tell the world, as in no other such effective way, how debased a people may become through war.

Far more eloquent pens than mine have drawn the picture and told the story, so I will not attempt description. The sight filled me with sadness; it was frightfully depressing. Thank heavens, there is some-thing stimulating also; you are impressed as in no other way by the courage of the French people.

Broken by Sorrow.

Everywhere, all over Rheims, one sees men and women, bent with years and almost broken by sorrow, patching, building, digging, still carrying on. I have a greater admiration for them than ever before. They are not so volatile as they once were; more sober, everywhere, but still filled with indomitable spirit and patriotism.

We left the city by automobile by way of the ancient Porte de Mars, which was just behind the line from 1914 to 1916. We saw the Aisne canal which connects the Aisne and Marne rivers. We visited the Berryau-Bac in the Aisne valley and saw what was known as the cholera farm, where the Germans built a strong fortress. We motored to Craonne and crossed the Hindenburg line, visiting the extreme east of Chemin des Dames.

Once Beautiful Avenues.

We motored through what were once beautiful avenues where before the war thousands of trees cast their shade on each side of the roads. Now as far as the eye can see, there is nothing but desolation. Thousands of stumps remain of charred, broken or mangled trees, inexpressably sad to every lover of

We stood on top of what had once been a high hill at Berryau-Bac. Opposite was the German army for many months during the war. Nieville's men facing them. The French attack. The Germans had improved the time by placing mines under the bill that the French were to climb, bill that the French were to climb, thought to take the Germans by sur-



Robert Cowell.

and just when they had reached the top, the mines, were exploded and in the twinkling of an eye 2,000 French soldiers were numbered among the dead. Five craters testify to the effects of the explosions. Here also men are working and cleaning up, finding constantly bones of the brave attackers, to gather them and place them in the simple boxes which one sees everywhere in the many cemeteries throughout this district.

Grave of Unknown Soldier. We passed through Craonelle, Pontavert and Cormicy, where we observed ruins everywhere. Towns that had been prominent and historic before the war had been entirely wiped away. Not one of the original buildings left standing. At Craonne I was walking over what once was a street with curbing and I saw a large stone which had bee the base a public buildig or moumet.

I have just returned from a ride over the Champs Elysee and the Bois du Bologne. We drove past the Arch de Triumphe. Beneath the arch I saw the flower-bedecked grave of the unknown soldier and I came back filled with admiration for this

British Charged With Publishing Sinn Fein Organ

With Confiscated Plant "Irish Bulletin" Being Issued To Discredit Move-

ment.

By JOHN S. STEELE. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee News Service.

London, May 14.-The Irish war s full of humorous incidents, and one of the most humorous is the publication by the British government of fake revolutionary newspaper more violent than anything Sinn Fein ever roduced.

When the open publication of Sinn Fein newspapers in Ireland became impossible Desmond Fitzgerald, the Sinn Fein minister of propagands. established a secret press. The press moves through a circle of 15,000,000 was a mimeograph machine and a. turned out the Irish Bulletin, which was produced in large quantities and mailed to newspapers and individuals throughout the world. It was fair and moderate in tone and careful never to exceed the exact facts and it proved a most useful organ of

propaganda. At first the British ignored both it and Fitzgerald, but soon they began to realize that his work was effective and Fitzgerald had to go "on the run." He managed to evade arrest until a couple of months ago, when he was taken and joined Ar-thur Griffith, John MacNeil, and other leaders of Sinn Fein in Mountjoy prison. For a time, however, the British were unable to locate his secret press. Finally they found it hidden away in a building occu-pied by Irish Protestant church so-

cieties-the last place in the world in which one would look for the home of a seditious publication. The seizure of the plant and the arrest of part of the staff did not put an end to the Bulletin, however. It began at once to produce twice as many numbers as before and some of more violent tone than anything that had preceded them. In common with many other recipients I thought that the new editor lacked Fitzgerald's discretion, but now I learn that the

violent numbers have been prepared and circulated by government agents with the aid of the seized that captured in the raid. The object, of course, is to discredit Sinn Fein. The fake Bulletin

makes a false statement which is at adjustin'?' once nailed and disproved by the government publicity department makes the whole Sinn Fein propaganda seem ridiculous. The trouble the real and which is the false Bulle- slow and risk pickin' a better one!"

This is not the first venture of the British secret service in spurious not involved at all?" publications. Some time ago it was admitted in Parliament that the sethe bolshevik official organ, which you know, that's flatterin' to a girl were printed in London and smug-like me." gled into Russia for distribution. The doctrine preached in the fake Prayda

Letters From a Home-Made Father To His Son

Theories on the Einstein Theory.

I been interested laterly in a felto this country about six weeks ago round is discouragin'.

on it's as clear as spring water to have his theory examined. No- It don't care how light the years 'em, an' the truest thing in the world.

Einstein calls it the Theory of I study it the more I realize what a great mind he must have cause I can't discover what it does deal with. Needless to say everybody else is in the same boat, yet everybody has

their theory about it.

Most folks claim that what he's tryin' to say is that vilent motion changes the shape of things. Ezra Peabody holds to have proved this by experiments. Ten years ago Ezra's feet passed out o' sight over his horizon like a couple o' settin' suns. He had to wear a circingle fer a belt cause nothin' else would

Then he heard about the Einstein theory an' started vilent motion round the block every mornin' be-fore breakfast. It's changed his shape so there ain't a boot-black in town today what can kid him he needs a shoe shine when he don't.

An' Ez points out that if you want more proof just watch the change in the shape of an egg dropped out a window, or in a tomato throwed against a stone wall, or a hat movin' swiftly in a strong wind.

Pooch Frisbee holds the same

idear. He had it reasoned out that if you drove a runabout automobile fast enough it would get so stretched it would look like an eight-cylinder tourin' car. Havin' worked this out very careful on paper he drove down Main street as tight as he could go in his Ford to try an' fool the boys into thinkin' he'd bought a new machine. It cost him \$10 in fines an' didn't fool nobody. But he claims it was Ford's fault rather than Einstein's cause the car wouldn't go fast enough.

Proves Lots of Things.

Then of course there's other theories. Henry Peters insists that Einstein is tryin' to prove the stars is crooked. As I tell your mother, though, I think Henry's been readin' so much about the crime wave in the But as I say, who wants to.

matter up in the Worlds Almanac. "The iron curved gracefully down Now I'm more mixed up than ever. go racin' over the same course again.

no such thing as unlimited space. seen it all.



"Started vilent motion round the block every mornin' before breakfast."

sistem of which this world is a part ight years an' at the end of that time t recommences its long journey an' epeats it over again.'

pressin'. Life always seemed mo- you're talkin' about they'll find otonous enough before what with outtin' on your clothes an' takin' 'em liar. off again, washin' your hands an'

brought me any comfort was the he's wrong, but as soon as they make thought that through it all we must sure nobody else understands him be gettin' somewhere. Now to find ow called Einstein. He came over we're just revolvin' like a merry-go-

to have his theory examined. No-body's been able to diagnose it yet, is, goin' round an' round past the Pooch Frisbe says the Einstein but that makes it all the handier fer same old suns is monotonous. theory is the greatest invention since discussion. "There's old Jupiter! How've you lke Newton discovered the apple. Einstein calls it the Theory of Relativity, though it don't deal much with family affairs. In fact the more leading with a go. Well, I got to be movin'. chance to get used to 'em, but I

any better than they do, they'll let

on it's as clear as spring water to



papers lately that it's unbalanced him a little. An' then Squire Freeman makes me punch a time clock now trouble puttin' 'em across as Einclaims the theory proves you can't every time I come round. Labor stein is havin'. hit a table twice in the same place. ain't got no rights at all these days.

See you when I go by again.' None of these things seemed to To me it sort of takes the pleasure me quite reasonable so I looked the out of dyin'. There's no fun just to ow I'm more mixed up than ever. The almanac says:

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"Accordin' to Einstein there ain't you've taken the trip once you've vigerous woman, "An' if you don't

Unearned Increment.

"Furthermore," says Einstein; "if the earth was to run off its track an' go cruisin' round through space fer 1,000 years, when it finally got tired gallyvantin' an' come back to work none of the folks what had been sittin' on it durin' the trip would know they'd been away. The minit it ran off the track everybody'd stop. When it got back on again we'd finish kick-in' the dog or fallin' out of the window or whatever we happened to be doin' at the minit.'

I don't say Einstein is right about this, mind you. He may be, an' then again he mayn't. All I say is that if it's true it would be an inexpensive way of passin' 1,000 years till prices settle down a bit. An' if a man had sense enough to strick somethin' in the bank beforehand they'd owe him a tidy bit of interest besides.

On the other hand it would be im baressin' to have the lan'lord tryin' to collect 1,000 years' back rem all at once. An' suppose you was caught in the dentist chair with that buzzer business in your mouth. That would be a fine way of passin' 1,000 years. Worse still, suppose you was caught listenin' to Mr. Einstein explain his

It strikes me that the secret of a successful theory is not lettin' anybody understand it I've had some good theories myself durin' my life, but the trouble was that I always tried so hard to expiain 'em to tolks that they never did me any good. I can't think of anythin' more de- Just as soon as people know what plenty of ways of provin' you a

It's hard to argue with a man, 'em dirty, goin' to bed an' though, when you don't know what up. The only thing that he's drivin' at. Folks can't prove

Twin Discoveries.

"Look what I found," says Newton, bustin' in excitedly on his family. "This apple, havin' detached "This apple, havin' detached from the branch, struck me

quit lyin' on your back watchin' the apples you'll find this flat iron on ward an' struck him in the chest." bein' released from my hand'll do the same thing." The great man sacrificed hisself to

the experiment an' discovered another thing. Flatirons don't travel in a straight line through the air Startin' in the general direction of his head the iron curved gracefully downward an' struck him in the chest.

After a life time of further ob servation Newton announced two facts to the astonished world: (1) An apple released from a height seldom rises into the air, Exhaustin' experiments proved the same to be true of rocks, dead cats, window weights, an' babies.

(2) Flatirons travellin' horizontally don't keep goin' that way fer ever but tend to sink to the floor. On this theory in dealin' with flatirons it is a fatal mistake to try an' duck 'em. This last discovery alone caused a tremendous savin' of life. An' now after we'd got comfortably settled in Newton's way, along comes Einstein an' upsets the whole

"The docterin' of the conversation of energy becomes merged in the conversation of mass," says he. Talk like that makes me cinical.

There was enough confusion without his sayin' that. The very apples, havin' been seperated from their branches, hesitate, not knowin' what to do under the new rulin'. It's a Minton Pebble says the Einstein

theory is just a question of mind an Nobody minds an' it doesn't Perhaps he's right. yours sientifically

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Heart Secrets of a Fortune Teller

By RACHEL MACK. Shattering the Dream.

The last visitor on my list today this high ideal stuff, but I'm sick of eyes were as wide and as clear blue words and say it with flowers!' as an infant's. "Too good to be true!" I murinurs

to myself on looking her over. "If heart to match her hair." She begins to shake my sweet il-

usions by parking several cakes of gum comfortably in her mouth. Then she takes out a near-silver vanity and engages in a few moments of cheerplant. Even the paper used was ful reflections in a two by two mir-

> "Well, girlie," I opens, "do you seem to have a heartstring that needs

"You said it!" she responds in the kayest of slang. "I've got a chance about it expressin' his perefet love, and the violence of the language at the orange blossoms crownin' a wedding veil, but I'm standin' off little on account of the groom. I is that the fake is so clever that it don't know whether he's worth tyin' is sometimes hard to tell which is to for life, or whether I'd better go "Sounds rather cold and calculating," I says. "Then your heart's

"Oh, hardly," she demurs, yawnin' between words, "but he's a good cret service was responsible for a lookin' chap and he'll stand for a number of forged issues of Prayda, lot. He's got that dog-like devotion

"Thinks you're beautiful, I sup-

"aside from my chewin' gum and World."

usin' slang, he thinks I'm just about away before I can find words to experiect. He's all carried away with press myself!"

had about 19 years to her credit and it. I've posed as the perfect lady of tomed to gettin three dozen carnathe face and form of a 20th century his dreams until I'm bored stiff. And Venus. In other words, she was de- yesterday she goes on, warmin' up lightfully yong and ravishin' to the to her subject, "when he starts the eyes. Her hair was the spun-gold regular spiel about my beauty and kind that's marcelled by nature, in-stead of depending on the curling sort 'er thing, I just lifts my eyeirons or the patent crimpers, and her brows and murmurs: 'Aw, save your

"He did take offense?" I enquires.
"No," she replys, "he didn't. I've
got to hand it to him on his good she's as pretty on the inside as she temper. He merely remarks that exis on the out. I hope she's got a pressin' your love with flowers is a the senses of an artist and the soul beautiful idea, and changes the sub-

"But the big joke happened last night," she says, "when he arrives on the scene bearin' one rose in his hand, Imagine it!" she raves on. "The big boob havin' the nerve to hand me one bud,-and not an American Beauty at that! 'Just a common garden variety that he'd probably picked in his mother's back yard! He hands me that, and says a line Then he kisses my hand and melts

Professor Predicts U. S. A.

the 13th annual Bahai congress, returning from tours of Europe, Asia. Africa and South America, told of the spread of the Bahai movement. "Through Bahaism," said Dr Jenabi Fazel Mazandarani, formerly professor in the Imperial university of Teheran, Persia, "racial, national and religious prejudices will be wiped away. Instead of the United States of America there will

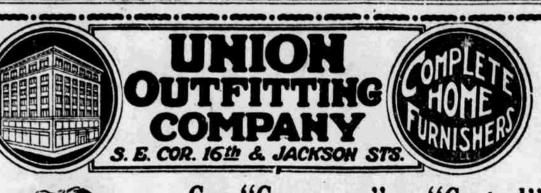
like me," she explains, "that's accustions at a swat. And the more I think about it the wilder I get. So I rushed in here today to ask advice about ditchin' him and startin' the look-out for another beau. I never could stand a guy that's not willin' to pay the price of a paste-board box with a florist's name on the Well, as soon as I see she's fin-

shed the story, I begin mentally re-

viewin' the facts in the case and this of a poet worshippin' a little com-mon clay image and thinkin' it's Because her face and form are beautiful he's got the idea that her soul matches them, and accordin' to my ideas, the quicker he meets the big disallusionment the less he'll suffer in the long run. In fact, they claim surgery's the surest cure! I says after a few moments of deliberation, "you're entirely too classy to tie up with a slow skate like this one you've just been tellin' me about. And the sooner you let him know it the better. What you ought to do, is to get him in a

crowd and give him the merry ha, Will Become U. S. of World ha on this one rose start the inerty ha, ha on this one rose start them the Chicago, May 14.—Leceuhes at all enjoy it, see! And don't don't have all enjoy it, see! And don't don't have a see this if he's cicked any don't have a see this if he's cicked any don't have the see that the see th to ask him if he's picked any dandelions this year, get me?"
"Good idea!" she giggles raptur-"Just leave it to me! I'll tell him and the world that when it comes to posies, I'm in the seven dollar corsage class. And maybe that won't open his eyes to a few

things!" "Yes," I says with a deep and idden meaning, "it ought to! At least such are my plans, Goldilocks!" Next week: Manners and the Man.



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