

Letters From the Front

HARRISBURG MEMBER OF AMBULANCE CORPS OFF AGAIN FOR FRONT

Just before his departure back to the front, B. Franklin Etter, of this city, who is serving in the American Ambulance unit in France, wrote home, telling of his experiences. He is finding the excitement delightful and writes that he considers staying longer than he first intended. His description of an escadrille is very interesting. His letter follows:

August 17, 1917. Dear Family: Well, at last we have moved. We're off for the front again after over three weeks of repose. I can say, however, that I more enjoyable three weeks in my life than the three just passed. Think of it! Every day two automobiles full of fellows go to the canal so we can swim. We have a baseball game every day in which all the fellows play. We can walk to all the nearby towns and once a week we can ride into the big town near which we are located. Our meals, mighty good ones too, are cooked for us by our "Christos" who used to be head chef at the Grand Hotel in Paris. The villagers invite us to their houses to tea and we talk with them and since I am beginning to understand French fairly well I enjoy myself. Of course we sleep in our car and like to. It is just like camping out and a thing hundreds of Americans would like to do—pay good money to do—go camping three weeks in France.

Every two or three days we give a concert in the evening, to which we invite the villagers. One fellow is a bear on the flute, another very good on the guitar, and a third plays the mandolin. Besides that, there are several good voices in the crowd and sometimes we all sing. We have the concert in an "Epicure," or little grocery store. Every little village has a couple. The villagers are just tickled to death to come and listen and it helps pass the time away.

Last Sunday I went to church in the little Catholic church of the village. The thing that struck me most was the fact that out of a congregation of about 150, all the men were either soldiers in uniform or very old men and the rest were women and children and every woman except two and every man except the soldiers wore black attire. You can see by this how hard the war has hit France. Practically everybody has had some close relative killed in the war.

Decorate Cars. The night before we left, the vil-

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KING WHO LOST HIS JOB IS GROWING FAT AND HAPPY



Ex-King Constantine of Greece, who lost his throne largely because the queen, a sister of Kaiser Wilhelm, made him unpopular, is here shown with his children in the garden of the Palace Hotel at Lugano, Switzerland. The king has taken on weight, and the lines have all been ironed from his face since he arrived in Switzerland. He looks happy and contented. At his right is Princess Helena, and at the left Princess Irene and Crown Prince George. The king at the time of his abdication also abdicated for the crown prince, leaving a younger son on the throne, and this young man is having his own troubles with the allies.

and do what I want. My railroad fare is paid to any place in France and return. I've just found out that we are being paid by the French government 5 cents a day. Think of it! But we never get it as we put it in what we call the "po-pot," i. e. it goes to buy butter or extra food.

Doesn't Want to Leave. Mother, I am seriously considering staying over here longer than I expected. It's all so wonderful and I am enjoying it so much that I don't want to leave. Since I can't do any good in America I want to stay here and do something. What do you think about it?

I haven't received a letter from you all for about two weeks, but I suppose it's on account of the irregular boat service. Have you received any from me since the last time you wrote? I hope you have for I have written at least once a week and even oftener.

By the way, my box hasn't come yet. I hope you have sent it, as I am waiting for it. I saw a bunch of American soldiers again and already they seem to be quite at home. Everybody in France is practically sure of victory now, since our army has arrived. They

are all so patriotic, so hopeful and so brave that we can't help but admire and like them. I certainly hope that our army will come through soon and end the war and am sorry that I can't be in it to help more.

Must close now and get ready for supper. I also must look over my car to get it in good running order for our trip to-morrow. Will write soon again and hope to hear from you all soon.

Lots of love, FRANKLIN.

BRAZIL SENDS OUT LESS CRUDE RUBBER

The exports of crude rubber from the Amazon district to the United States for the month of July, 1917, amounted to 2,154,715 pounds, compared with 2,319,315 pounds during the corresponding month last year. There were no exports to Europe in July, 1917, although there were 1,667,760 pounds during July, 1916. No shipments were made from Iquitos, Brazil, and Iquitos, Peru, either to the United States or to Europe.

BIG INCREASE IN NUMBER KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

Insurance Study Shows Increasing Menace; Children the Main Victims

The startling fact that the death rate from automobile accidents has more than tripled since 1911 is disclosed by a study of the deaths among the industrial policyholders of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. In 1911 the death rate from this cause was 2.3 per 100,000; in 1916 it had increased to 7.4. During this period the rate for each year was markedly higher than the rate for the year before, and that for 1916 showed an increase of more than 37 per cent. over the figure for 1915.

The steadily climbing death rate from automobile accidents among the families of the country's wage earners is due, very largely, to fatalities among little children. This investigation has developed the fact that of the 2,507 policyholders who were killed by automobiles during the six years 1911-1916 no less than 790, or about a quarter, were children under ten years of age, and 1,125, or over 44 per cent., were children under 15 years of age. Unless something is done to check automobile fatalities, the time is approaching when the automobile as an instrument of death among children will become as serious and dreaded a factor as some of the deadly epidemic diseases upon which the attention of health authorities has long been centered. There has been in recent years a marked decrease in the death rate from such diseases as measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough and diphtheria, but the rate for automobile accidents (surely as preventable a cause of death as any of these) is increasing by leaps and bounds.

Another conclusion developed by this study is the fact that as far as the industrial population is concerned, more deaths are caused by automobiles than by surface cars, subway trains, elevated trains, bicycles and horse-drawn vehicles combined. Indeed, in 1916 the 756 deaths caused by automobiles approaches very closely the 739 persons insured in the company killed on steam railroads.

SYSTEM OF SUSPENDING CARS DISSIPATES SHOCKS

Entirely obviating, says the Popular Mechanics Magazine, the need of shock absorbers, a new sort of spring has been developed which is suited alike for pleasure cars and trucks. It replaces the ordinary type of spring and is purported to carry a vehicle over rough roads smoothly and without the usual vibrations and rebounds. In one form it consists of a wedge, supported on the axle, that works between two spring-controlled rollers mounted in a frame attached to the body. In another instance the sides of the wedge are toothed bars against which cogs, instead of rollers, operate. The principle of the device is the same in each case. Coil springs, held horizontally, are employed. Their recoil after sudden compression, is exerted against the wedge instead of upwardly against the body. This causes the latter to return gradually and without jolting to its normal riding position.

FLORIDA TO HAVE MINISTERS' HOME

Eustis, Fla.—This city has been selected as a location for an international and interdenominational home for retired ministers, a decision to this effect being announced by a committee of ministers and wealthy men who met recently at Cincinnati for the purpose of considering the advantage-offerings of municipalities in various sections of the Union. The home is expected to be the largest of the kind in the world, and the first that is interdenominational in character. It will be located on a 100-acre tract overlooking two beautiful lakes. It was given by the people of Eustis, and is within a ten-minute walk of the business center of the city. In addition to the home and administration buildings, many cottages will be erected on the grounds.

A New War Map in Five Colors

will be issued as a special supplement with the Philadelphia Public Ledger for next Sunday, September 23.

It is printed on heavy paper, showing in great detail the cities, towns, railroads, canals, mountains, etc., of the

Western Front

in France and Belgium, the territory in which our U. S. soldiers will soon be fighting. This map will enable you to keep up with their movements, as reported in news dispatches.

The supply of these maps is limited, and in order to be sure of obtaining one notify your newsdealer TODAY to reserve a copy of Sunday's Public Ledger for you. You will find in it—in addition to the war map—a number of notable news features.

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Of finest quality Broadcloth—finely tailored and handsomely lined—Misses' and Women's sizes—in all the popular shades. A most exceptional value at \$29.50; worth to \$35.00.

Other Smart, Stylish Suits at \$16.50, \$19.50 and \$22.50

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Already with the beginning of the new season, ASTRICH'S Coats are the topic of conversation in the best-dressed circles. The styles—the colors and the materials are shown in the largest variety in the city and make selecting a truly exclusive garment here an easy matter. Regardless of the amount of money you intend to spend we assure you of the greatest possible value. Every Coat must be the best, whether low or high in price, in value your money can buy.

Many new Coats are arriving daily, among them—Velours, Patagonia cloths, Pompom and Bolivias—in Taupe, Beetroot, Black, Green, Brown, Navy and Jade. Prices range from

\$12.50 to \$85.00

The New Dresses... New Fall Sweaters...

As in every other line of Women's Apparel, you will find the new things shown here—every day brings something new—many new Serge Dresses have just arrived and are priced \$12.50, \$16.50, \$19.50, \$25.00

To-day we show for the first time a host of new weaves and colors—no matter how critical you may be, you'll find a Sweater here to your liking. See Our Wonderful Display of Children's Knit Goods

A Special Sale of

Newest Trimmed Hats at \$4.98

To make up Trimmed Hats to sell at the above price and yet to be up to the standard Hats our patrons are accustomed to secure seems next to impossible under the present conditions of the high cost of materials, labor and uncertain express deliveries. See these Hats, they will speak for themselves. The shapes were bought before the last increase in prices and trimmed in our own workrooms and represent a greater value than any other store offers at \$4.98

Second Floor

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The most popular shoe of the season for women is the African Brown Kid Shoe. To-day we feature three numbers that will appeal to the most fastidious dressers and are priced at

\$7.50, \$8.50 & \$9.00

All Goodyear welted soles, leather Louis heels, imitation tips, circular and straight foxed vamps, with or without perforation—new 9-inch models—long receding toes. See these, they are wonderful values indeed.



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