

Letters From the Front

FRENCH COOKING PLEASURES U. S. OFFICER AT FRONT

Murray H. Spahr Jr., second lieutenant in the United States Army in France, recently wrote a letter home. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and was practicing law in Philadelphia when Uncle Sam called for volunteers and he was among the first to go. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Spahr, of 19 South Market street, Mechanicsburg. In a previous letter, he tells that he is living in a palace in the midst of a beautiful park, with fine driveways, fountains and flowers, until further orders. He was delighted with the reception by the French people.



LIEUT. M. H. SPAHR

Lieutenant Spahr's letter follows: Somewhere in France, September 30, 1917.

Mother dear—The last day of September—seems almost as though there had been no summer this year. Everything has passed so quickly. Little did I think a year ago that I would be here to-day. But here we are, and a beautiful day it has been. It is Sunday and this morning Dave and I took a walk through the forest. We walked out about four miles. The roads are splendid and the highway cut right through the forest. But everything seems so quiet and peaceful! Again this afternoon we walked in another direction and took one of the paths through the forest. We are surrounded on all sides by a wonderful forest and no doubt it will be more beautiful as the fall advances and the leaves turn.

Our meals are very good. There is not so much variety, but the cooking is excellent. To-day, for example, for breakfast we had shirred eggs, brown bread, coffee and butter. For lunch, roast beef, delicious French fried potatoes, brown bread, butter, cheese and tea. For dinner this evening we had soup, cold beef, green beans, brown bread, tea, cheese and a pudding. This gives you a fairly good idea. We have carrots and never have I tasted such delicious ones, with all due respect to Aunt Sara. The French, of course, are noted for their culinary art. Fortunately for me, I am very fond of brown bread, for that is all you see. Then, too, we have good butter.

I understand that it takes several weeks for mail to reach its destination. I sure hope it does not take any longer than that. Upon learning that we could send a cable, I mailed one to Paris at once and addressed it, Father and saying: "Safe; well." I trust you received it.

The children here call to us and

salute us as we pass. It is for them and all the children the world over that we are here. This great struggle is to make the world better for them. It is not for the present generation, but the one to follow, that we of the present are making, if necessary, the supreme sacrifice. And if the time should come and such would be our fate, we are prepared to meet it, knowing full well and realizing that we have not lived in vain. When I see the very old men and women on the street, I often wish I could talk to them about the war of 1870, but I present my French is so limited that I would not attempt a conversation. Next Sunday I think I will hire a bicycle and see more of the country around here. All civilians and soldiers seem to ride bicycles, so we will have to follow in their tracks and hire cycles to visit the neighboring towns. I must close now and hope that in about three or four weeks' time I will be able to see you. With best love, to all. I am very well. Lovingly, MURRAY JR.

BREAD AND JAM BUT NO BUTTER

English Warned to Economize, if U. S. Is to Help Supply Food

London.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—England must husband her food supply if her people expect America to economize in food for their sakes, is to be the plea of a "League of National Safety" which soon will be launched from the headquarters of the Director-General of National Economy. Members of the league will be advised that the people of the United States cannot be expected to save food for the benefit of England unless they

are convinced that the British people are in earnest in adhering to a food ration. "Visitors returning to America from here should have no reason to report anything approaching scenes of luxury or extravagance," is the warning issued to members of the league. The members are urged to observe the following rules: Fresh meat to be served only once a day. No second helpings. Roast meat to be avoided as much as possible; it is wasteful. Bread with the mid-day meal only if specially asked for. One slice less a day to be eaten. One "potato day, a week, to be as nearly as possible a breadless day. No butter with bread and jam. Never more than one egg per head at any meal. No early morning cup of tea. The open sugar bowl at table to be abolished. The league will make a special appeal to those whose wages, or incomes have been increased by the war.

PEOPLE'S FORUM TO OPEN WITH BIG PROGRAM

Prominent Speaker Is Scheduled to Make First Address of Season

The People's Forum will begin this season's sessions Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Wesley A. M. E. Church. The occasion will be a notable one in that the Forum has combined with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in an effort to foster the interest of the

local branch of which the Rev. A. J. Greene, is president. The principal speaker will be James Weldon Johnson, of New York, field secretary of the association, and a speaker and scholar of national repute. Mr. Johnson has been acting secretary of the association since the enlistment of Roy Nash in the Officers Reserve Corps at Plattsburg. Besides serving for a number of years in the U. S. Consular service, Mr. Johnson has done signal service as a Spanish interpreter, has edited and published a number of books, chief among which is "The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man," eliciting much comment from the national press at the time of its appearance. Mr. Johnson has for a number of years been engaged in newspaper work and is at present editor of the New York Age. His talk on Sunday will be in the interest of racial advancement both during and after the war and in fostering the interest of the association. Dr. Crampton, president of the

Forum, has arranged a most pleasing program, a feature of which will be the children's chorus of the Hygienic school of Steelton, under the leadership of Professor Howard. War Work Council in Perry County Organizes Marysville, Pa., Nov. 2.—The War Work Council, of Perry county, is getting right down to business and is now organizing local branches throughout the county. Meetings have been or will be held in the principal towns of the county. The work in the county is under the executive committee which has been attending all meetings thus far held and will be present at all the remaining ones to assist in the organization. This committee includes manager, L. W. Brimmer, of Newport; campaign director, Dr. George

H. Johnston, of Duncannon; Major F. S. Kirk, of Newport, campaign director of War Work for Boys, and Treasurer B. Stiles Duncan, of Duncannon. At Duncannon a local organization was effected with the following officers: William Willis, manager; D. L. Cluck, secretary; L. S. Hart, Jr., treasurer; J. L. L. Bucke, manager of Boys' War Work.

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Washington, Nov. 2.—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has announced the rulings for the collection of the 3 per cent war tax on jewelry. Among the war excise taxes in section 600 of the War Revenue act a tax of 3 per cent is laid on "any article commonly or commercially known as jewelry, whether real or imitation, sold by the manufacturer, producer, or importer thereof." The clause puts a tax on jewelry, but only those which are worn for ornamentation, whether in case, or the exterior jewels set in the case, make it of greater value than the works, are held to be subject to tax. All precious stones, whether cut or uncut, if set and ready to wear, are taxable. Pearls strung on silk threads temporarily without clasps will not be regarded as subject to tax. The ruling follows: 1. All articles which have been specifically classified as jewelry by the Board of Customs Appraisers shall be taxed as jewelry under the present act. 2. All ornaments worn for personal adornment only are classifiable as jewelry. 3. All precious stones and pearls, both real and imitation, whether cut or uncut, which are set and ready to wear in condition sold, are classifiable as jewelry and subject to tax. Precious stones cut but not set will be regarded as subject to tax when sold by the importer, or, if cutting is done in the United States, when sold by the manufacturer or dealer for whom the cutting was done. Pearls matched, drilled, and temporarily strung on silk thread, without clasps, will not be regarded as jewelry when sold to dealers for further manufacture or completion, but will be regarded as jewelry when sold to a customer for personal use, whether with or without a clasp. The same will apply to loose, drilled pearls. 4. All watches not used solely for taxable purposes are considered as

tion 600 of the War Revenue act. This will embrace all watches worn externally for purpose of ornament and all watches intended to be carried in the pocket, the outer case of which is so ornamented by the addition of jewels or other ornamentation that the value of the case is relatively disproportionate to the value of the movement. 5. As to the question of what is a retailer, it is held that a retailer who is not also a wholesaler is one who sells only to personal customers and does not solicit or seek to make sales to other dealers for resale. Any dealer who makes the sale of jewelry to other dealers for resale a substantial part of his business, or who solicits such business, will be regarded as a wholesale dealer. 6. As to the specific articles referred to by the committee, it is held that the following, when made of precious or imitation metals to be carried on the person, shall be considered as jewelry: Dorean (powder) boxes, vanity boxes, stamp boxes, match boxes, cigarette cases, cigar cases, eyeglass cases, eyeglass chains, eyeglass holders, lognettes, lognons, card cases, vinaigrettes, handkerchief holders, garters, suspenders, emblem charms, emblem pins, emblem buttons, mesh bags, memorandum books, lip salve cases, eyebrow pencils, cigar cutters, compasses, key chains, key rings and like articles.

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