

ASK STATE TO FORCE PERE MARQUETTE TO PUT ON TRAINS

MANY TOWNS APPEAL TO RAILROAD COMMISSION; MAY CUT SERVICE MORE BECAUSE OF COAL.

Lansing—State Railroad Commissioner Charles S. Cunningham is of the opinion that it may be necessary to further curtail service on the Pere Marquette, which has already taken off forty trains, unless Federal Coal Administrator Garfield can compel Ohio and Kentucky mine operators to fill their contracts and supply the Pere Marquette with the necessary fuel.

Following the notice that train service had been temporarily discontinued, many towns where service had been eliminated have appealed to the state railway commission. Manistee asked for a hearing to compel the Pere Marquette to resume operations. Manistee was informed that a hearing would be granted unless service is resumed within a couple of days. The same answer was made to Sandusky, which is without railroad service except local freights.

Urgent appeals to the Pere Marquette to resume operations on certain lines elicited replies that it is impossible to run trains without fuel. One round trip has been discontinued daily from Port Huron to Saginaw, Grand Ledge to Big Rapids and Grand Ledge to Ionia. This leaves only one round trip daily Grand Ledge to Ionia and Grand Ledge to Big Rapids.

Two trains have been taking off the line from Stanton to Hayneor and all trains discontinued from Freepoot to Edmore except one trip every other day. One round trip Walhalla to Manistee has been discontinued, same from Ludington via Walhalla. This leaves one train a day into Manistee and Ludington.

Passengers leaving Detroit, Lansing or any other intermediate point or any other point east, south or west of Grand Rapids cannot get to Ludington or Manistee in a single day. All passenger train service from Toledo to Plymouth via the Pere Marquette has been discontinued. One round trip has been discontinued from Traverse City to Petoskey and White Cloud. All service except night every other day has been discontinued on the Pere Marquette.

U. S. DOES NOT PLAN TO FIX BEAN PRICE

Detroit—The government does not intend to take any action toward fixing the prices to be paid bean growers and there is no reason why Michigan elevators should close. This is the substance of a telegram received by W. J. Orr of Saginaw, chairman of the bean committee of the war industries board, from National Food Administrator Hoover.

"Tell elevators," the telegram read "to trade as usual until receipt of license which will not materially affect conditions. The only object is to prevent speculation and not to fix prices. We will assist growers to get just prices for products."

More than 300 bean buying stations in the state would have been affected by the fixing of prices, it is understood.

ACCUSED OF DISLOYALTY, TARRED AND FEATHERED

Lansing—After being given a mock trial at which he was accused of pro-Germanism, Walter Saire, 56 years old, well known citizen here, was tarred and feathered Friday night by a group of more than 25 men clad in white robes. Saire was seized about 2 blocks from his home by six men, who pushed him into an automobile and drove to a golf links two miles west of the city, where a score or more men were waiting. After the assault Saire was driven back to within a block of his home and deposited on the sidewalk.

The police have located several persons who saw the kidnaping, but have no clue to the identity of the band. Saire himself refused to make any statement even to the police.

STATE SELLS 11,369 POUNDS OF LAKE FISH

Lansing—During the last two weeks 11,369 pounds of fish have been sold under the direction of State Game Warden Baird. Lansing has received 7,665 pounds of fresh lake trout and 950 pounds of fresh herring. Saginaw has received 5,100 pounds of trout, Flint, 2,291 lbs. of trout and Owosso 965 pounds of trout. The state trout are sold at 13 cents per pound, while the herring bring 7 cents. More cities will receive the state fish as soon as arrangements can be made between the state department and the commercial fishermen.

NO DESERTERS AMONG 18,500 AT CAMP CUSTER

Camp Custer—Of the 18,500 men sent to Camp Custer army records show that none was charged with desertion. Sixty of the 18,500 were sent on by local boards and the civil officers, but in no case did the army authorities find evidence that justified an accusation of desertion and every one of the sixty men was given a clean record.

DRAFTED MAN TAKES CHILD TO ARMY CAMP

Battle Creek—John Leayan, an ironworker who registered at Port Huron, but later went to Wisconsin to work, arrived in camp late Thursday, bringing with him a two-year-old child. He explained it was his desire to keep the child with him as his wife was unable to care for more than the one younger child left with her. Her case probably will be investigated.

STATE WILL PROBE ALL COAL SHORTAGE REPORTS

Lansing—State Fuel Administrator W. K. Prudden asked authority of the state war board to appoint a man who will go direct to the mines and see that shipments are dispatched promptly and he wants to send personal investigators into the various cities where shortage of coal is reported to make sure that conditions are as represented. The war board authorized Mr. Prudden to spend not to exceed \$1,200 per month to pay his clerical force and the expense of personal investigators.

FRIEDA HEMPEL MUST LEARN NATIONAL HYMN

Providence, R. I.—The police commission has withheld the granting of a license for a concert here Sunday by Frieda Hempel, pending a promise by the singer that she will sing "The Star Spangled Banner." While in the city last spring Mme. Hempel refused to include the national anthem in her program, claiming she did not know it.

"If she does not know it she must learn it by Sunday if she hopes to appear then," the chairman of the commission stated when application was made for license.

STATE GRANGE TO MEET IN JACKSON DEC. 11-14

Lansing—The annual meeting of the Michigan State grange will be held in Jackson Dec. 11, 12, 13 and 14 and from all indications the annual gathering of the farmers will be extremely harmonious this year. Only three members of the executive committee are to be elected. The other officers, elected for a two-year period, were chosen at Lansing last December. No opposition to the reelection of any members of the executive committee has developed at the grange primaries.

SOO RUSSIAN SLAIN WITH MEAT CLEAVER

Sault Ste. Marie—Sam Stepec, a Russian, is dying as the result of an altercation between the two men over the war. A meat cleaver was used in the fight. Tommac is in the city hospital with his throat slashed from ear to ear and with no chance for recovery. The men fought in an Austrian boarding house while four other male boarders looked on.

THOUSAND CITY RESIDENTS TO HELP HARVEST CROPS

Kalamazoo—One thousand Kalamazoo citizens are being mobilized for service in the potato and bean fields of Kalamazoo county. Crops valued at more than \$1,000,000 are still unharvested in the county and the farmers have appealed to the patriotism of city dwellers to assist them in the emergency.

CONCRETE ROAD TO CUSTER WILL BE READY THIS MONTH

Battle Creek—Camp Custer will be open to motor vehicles in two weeks. The contract for a paved road between city and camp was let to Baker Bros. Wednesday. This will provide a solid stretch of eleven miles of concrete road from Battle Creek to the west end of Camp Custer.

MANISTEE WOMAN, AGED 98 YEARS, EXPIRES

Manistee—Mrs. Catherine Borucki, aged ninety-eight, survived by thirty grandchildren and thirty-seven great grandchildren, four sons and one daughter, who died at her home yesterday, was buried in Mount Carmel cemetery today.

COAL SHORTAGE CLOSES SCHOOLS AT CORUNNA

Corunna—The Corunna schools are closed pending the arrival of coal. The city is facing a serious shortage. It is feared that the city water plant may have to be closed.

STATE BREVITIES

Charlotte—The corner building in the Bailey row has been torn down, leaving a clean stretch to the Chinese laundry. This marks the passing of the old row which was condemned some time ago by the state fire marshal.

Lansing—According to a new federal law it will be unlawful after Nov. 15, for any person to buy, sell or manufacture explosives without a special permit from the government and a record of every sale must be forwarded by the inspector of explosives.

Belding—Canadian officers have sent M. L. Willoughby, a local jeweler, an invitation to come over and join the Canadian army, as they have learned from the registration record which Willoughby made out on June 5 that he was born in Canada and that he has never been naturalized and is therefore a subject of Canada.

Ann Arbor—The student council of the University of Michigan has passed resolutions recommending that the annual "J" hop be given in a much expurgated form this year.

Ann Arbor—Military training will be instituted for the women students of the University of Michigan next month. The course will include military drill and setting-up exercises. Nearly 100 co-eds have already registered for the course.

Olivet—Olivet college coal in transit has been confiscated by the Louisville and Nashville railroad. Accordingly a coal famine at the college is threatened. An appeal has been made to William K. Prudden of Lansing, state fuel administrator.

Frankfort—Four boys, the youngest nine and the oldest thirteen, are under arrest here, charged with robbing two stores, various porches and several summer cottages here and at Crystal Lake resort. They are said to have confessed.

Holland—J. H. Messinger, of Syracuse, N. Y., and L. E. Ireland of Plainwell met last week at the latter's home for the first time in forty six years. They were boyhood friends and schoolmates and enlisted in the Civil war at the same time in 1864.

Petoskey—More than a hundred members of the Chippewa tribe of Indians held a meeting near Charlevoix and made plans to send a delegation to Washington to ask for \$200,000 alleged due them under treaties signed during the Civil war.

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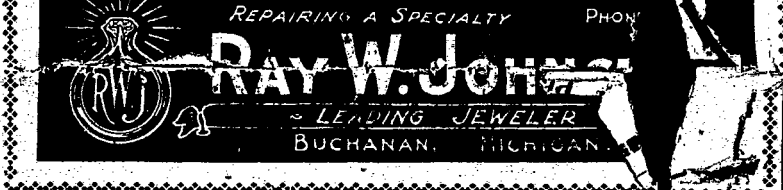
Suggestions for Soldiers' Xmas Gifts

Gifts for soldiers in France must be mailed from Buchanan this week.

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KHAKI TRENCH MIRRORS
KHAKI MONEY BELTS
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It is none too early to make selection of Xmas gifts NOW. It will be extremely difficult later to get a good selection, because of shortage of labor, metals, etc.

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Advertisement for Ellsworth's of South Bend, featuring an 'EXTRAORDINARY SALE OF FINE COATS for women and misses'. Lists various coat prices and waists.

Advertisement for Home Lumber and Coal Co., Buchanan, Mich. Promotes roofing materials like shingles and Adamite for leaky roofs.

Advertisement for Portz' Model Bakery, featuring 'War Conditions Bring Out These Delicious War Foods' like Bran Bread, Graham Bread, Rye Bread, and Rye Bread Buns.



## HOW TO SEND XMAS PACKAGES TO FRANCE

Recognizing the unusual significance of the coming Christmas to our military, naval and civilian forces who will undoubtedly be the recipient of numerous gifts from friends and relatives at home, the Post Office Department, with the co-operation of other Governmental Departments interested in the welfare and comfort of the men on foreign soil, has made special arrangements to effect timely delivery of all "Christmas" parcels addressed to the American Expeditionary Forces overseas.

In order that the Department may realize its cherished purpose to place in the hands of the absent ones these tokens of friendship and esteem on Christmas morning patrons of the postal service are requested to faithfully comply with the simple postal requirements outlined hereafter. Without the hearty co-operation of mailers this extraordinary service cannot be adequately carried out.

**Preparation of Parcels for Mailing.**—Owing to the unusual distance the mail must be transported, the handling and the storage it must undergo, it is absolutely necessary that all parcels be covered with wrappers of sufficient strength not only to resist pressure of other mail contained in the sacks in which they will be inclosed, but to withstand the weight of other sacks of mail, which in the long transit may be piled thereon. Furthermore, owing to the fact that the contents of each parcel must be scrutinized before leaving the United States, to obviate delay, due to censorship, the covering thereof should be so secured as to admit of ready inspection of the contents of the parcels.

Many combination packages will probably be made up, including miscellaneous toilet articles, candies, soaps, etc. The contents of such packages should be tightly bound, in order that the several articles may not be loosened in transit, damaging the parcel itself or causing damage to the covering of the parcel. Soldiers' Christmas boxes should be inclosed in substantial containers. Candies in thin pasteboard boxes should be inclosed in wood, tin or corrugated pasteboard. Sealed packages of candy, cigars, tobacco and toilet articles in simplest mercantile form may be inclosed within parcels without affecting the parcel-post classification of such packages. Sharp-pointed or sharp-edged instruments, such as razors, knives, etc., must have their points or edges protected so they cannot cut through their coverings and damage other mail or injure postal employees. Cakes, plum puddings, similar delicacies should be packed in substantial tin containers, or equally resistant receptacles, whether sent as separate packages or inclosed with other matters in a combination package.

**How to Address Parcels.**—Parcels should be correctly and legibly and conspicuously marked "MAIL" on the address, and the name of the Expeditionary Forces, should appear in the address. In the upper left corner the name and address of the sender must be placed. The superscription should be written in ink. In case a tag is used, the name and address of the sender and addresses of the parcel for use, should the tag become detached.

**Postage.**—All parcels must be fully prepaid by stamps affixed, at the 8th zone rate of postage, or 12 cents for each pound or fraction. Patrons are cautioned against placing RED CROSS stamps or stickers, other than postage stamps, on the address side of mail matter, as such matter is thereby rendered unmailable. In the use of Christmas stickers care should be taken not to seal the parcels therewith, as sealed parcels are unmailable

at the fourth-class rate of postage, which necessitates their being returned or held for postage, thus causing delay and possible disappointment. Pastors or stickers which resemble postage stamps are not permissible on the outside of any mail matter.

**Permissible Additions.**—In addition to the name and address of the sender, which is required it is permissible to write or print on the covering of a parcel of fourth-class matter, or on a tag, or label attached thereto, the occupation of the sender, and to indicate in a small space by means of marks, letters, numbers names, of other brief description, the character of the parcel, but ample space must be left for the full address and for the necessary postage stamps. Inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas," "Please do not Open Until Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With Best Wishes" and the like may be placed on the covering of the parcel in such manner as not to interfere with the address, or a card inclosed therein. Books may bear similar decorative inscriptions not of a nature of personal correspondence.

**Mailing of Books.**—The rate of postage on parcels of printed books weighing 2 ounces or less is 1 cent for each 2 ounces or fraction thereof. Parcels of books weighing more than 2 ounces are subject to the parcel-post rate of 12 cents per pound or fraction.

**Perishable Matter.**—Parcels containing perishable matter should be withheld from the mails unless it is absolutely certain that the contents will not be deteriorate within six weeks from the date of mailing.

**Prohibited Articles.**—The principal articles classed as unmailable are, intoxicants of all kinds, poisons, inflammable materials (including friction matches,) or compositions which may kill or injure another, or damage the mails. As all contents of parcels will be carefully examined, mailers will refrain from inclosing in parcels any intoxicating liquors or other articles classed as unmailable.

**Parcels for the Expeditionary Forces** abroad may not be registered or insured.

**Make Small Parcels.**—Owing to the great demand on transportation space, patrons are urgently requested to make their packages as small as possible—preferably not to exceed 10 pounds in weight—as smaller parcels will have to be given preference in shipment, in order to accommodate the greatest number of persons.

Additional information concern-

## OUR SOLDIER BOYS.

Mrs. Noah Canfield is in receipt of the following letter from Francis G. Fuhrman, who made his home with them and attended school in Buchanan, and who is now one of Uncle Sam's soldiers in the canal zone:

For Rudolf, esp. Oct. 16, '17  
Mr. and Mrs. Noah Canfield,  
Buchanan, Mich.,  
Dear Uncle and Aunt:

I received your most welcome letter today and will try and answer it right away as I have a few minutes to spare. I am very glad to hear from you and to know that you and uncle are both well.

I see that you still have the same old mail box number; how well I remember it.

I am glad that Uncle Noah is able to work.

I sure would like to make you all a visit. Maybe some day when this awful war is over I will be able to come and see you again.

So Harold Wilson has joined the army too! I would like to see Harold; he and I always got along so well.

My work is a little of everything, guard duty, kitchen help, drills and

ing the preparation and mailing of parcels may be obtained from local postmasters who should be consulted when patrons are in doubt.

Otto Prager,  
Second Ass't P. M. Gen.

dozens of other things that come along in the way of soldiering; and as far as liking it, I have to say by joining when I did, I have a fair chance of getting back home for you see it is not likely that they will send any of the boys over to France and then eight other boys here in my all from Joliet, and I knew before I joined. It makes for us all. There were 56 Joliet boys sent down here at the same time but were sent to this fort and part to three other ports.

Eight of my best friends are with me here.

When I want any fruit, such as coconuts, all I have to do is to go out in the jungles and get any kind I want. Oranges, lemons, pine apples, mangoes and several other kinds I do not know the names of grow here.

The weather is always hot, all the way from 90 to 120, but used to it. We go swimming in the ocean nearly every day; fun. I could not swim at first but came down here; but now I am all go in, hence I learn to swim.

I enjoy it very much.

Oh yes, tell sister Roxa that I will write them a letter but I am not very good at writing so they cannot expect a very handsome letter.

Well, it is getting dark for retreat so I will close for this time.

Tell all my old friends I say hello.

Write soon. May God bless you both.

in your old age and keep you from all harm.

I am as ever,  
Francis G. Fuhrman.

HOW ABOUT YOUR CHILD?

Many children suffer from malnutrition; that is, they fail to secure the food materials they need for development and growth, and consequently they are undersized, pale, often slow and listless, and do not show the eager, alert habits of healthy children. Malnutrition may be due to lack of sufficient food of any kind, to improper food, bad cooking, or to some fault of digestion, or to illness, which makes it impossible for the child properly to utilize the food he eats. It is a wise precaution, therefore, if children are out of sorts, have decayed teeth, bad breath, or seem tired or disinclined to play, to have them examined by a good doctor and to take all the trouble necessary to get them into sound eating habits. The neglect of these early day symptoms may mean a lifetime of only partial health and efficiency.

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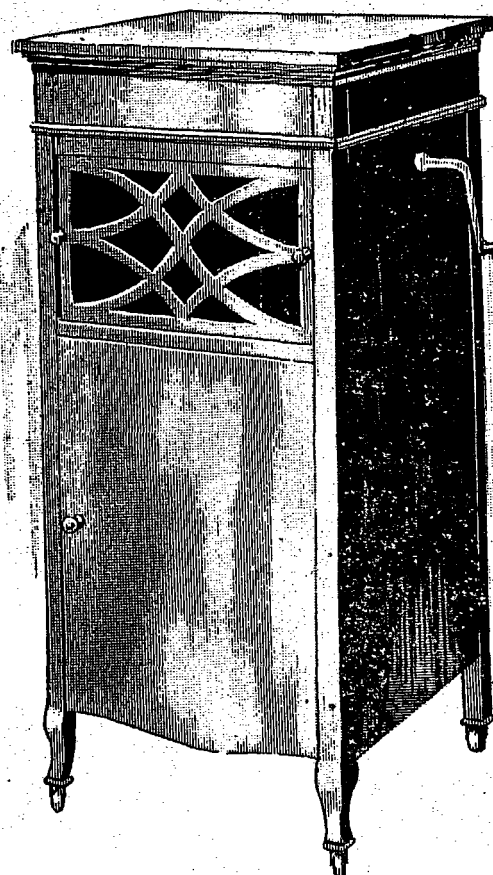
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