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INTERESTING NEWS FROM SOLDIER BOYS

LETTER FROM EDWIN HARDING

Somewhere in France

Dear Friends:

I am in a signal battalion of a distinguished division—the third—but for my part I haven't seen any active service since the front and am still in a fairly safe location.

Jim Snyder, Muck McCannley and Chap Fritzinger are in the Third too. I bumped into Chap the first day of the war and he was in a stock lot located in this village. Chap has a warm place to work and I can go there to shave and bathe. I tell you it is really the only one I can talk to about old times. I also got some first rate war news as these boys of the Third played a very important part in turning the tide last summer.

This is a one-story village, but unlike the towns in the states, instead of having one straight street, each street follows a curve and nearly round. We do not have corners on either streets or roads in France—they are all curves. The village is set up on a hill in a "U" shape with the "U" facing north. There are mountains on all sides except a little gap to the north. I know its north because the sun came out one day and the shadows were cast to the south. Weather-vans and clocks show the time to be unknown. We have a hard time trying to keep our watches regulated.

The streets are so narrow that when an auto passes in the center of the street it is almost sure to splash and hit the gutters on both sides. The gutters are so close to the sidewalks that the mud and water which are splashed are almost sure to get on the faces of the people.

I suppose you wonder why we do not get the sidewalk and keep out of the mud. It seems that someone took the sidewalks before the war and they never were replaced. The sidewalks are made of one side of French streets and the other side of German streets. It is a real puzzle to see how they were made.

These people have a different kind of dress than our people. They are for more conservative. In the United States we are always in the lead. It is rare for a father to let his children and grandchildren to live in the same town. In France the great opportunity is not to do something different but to continue doing what we have done for more years ago.

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SHOVEL THE SNOW OR PAY THE COSTS

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY LABOR BOARDS

I trust sincerely that no member of a Community Labor Board will fail to appreciate that the cessation of hostilities brings new opportunities for service and imposes new obligations upon the community.

The members of the city council held an indignation meeting on Tuesday evening, their regular meeting night, when the matter of cleaning the sidewalks of snow was discussed in a very thorough manner.

There was all over it was decided that the man in the outskirts of the city must clean the snow from his sidewalk within 24 hours and if he does not do so in that manner, and after that time he will be liable for the cost of having the sidewalk cleaned.

There are many streets in Grand Rapids which are not cleaned unless the wind happens to blow it over or there comes a thaw that releases the snow and there are many of the back streets that are not cleaned. Of course this last snowstorm that opened up winter came as a sort of a surprise and in cleaning their walks as the people about town. In fact they are still about the last unit of our forces overseas.

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SEVERAL IN THIS CITY SUMMONED

DEATH OF MRS. WM. QUINNELL

Mrs. Wm. Quinnell, wife of Minneapolis last Wednesday after an illness of a couple of weeks, cause of death being pneumonia, following an attack of influenza, Mrs. Quinnell went to Minneapolis some time ago to assist in taking care of her daughter-in-law who was sick with influenza.

She is survived by her husband, four sons and one daughter, Arthur and George, who reside in Minneapolis, and also a son, Fred, who is in the United States Army and Roy and Ethel of this city.

The funeral was held from the home in this city on Monday morning at 10 o'clock and was conducted by Rev. Ludwig of the Methodist church.

DEATH OF PETER FROHMAN Peter Frohman, one of the respected residents of the east side, passed away at his home Tuesday morning after an illness of some length, cause of death being pneumonia.

He was a native of Germany, where he was born in 1858, and came to this country in 1880. He was married in 1886, and is survived by his widow.

DEATH OF ANNA LANGER Miss Anna Langer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Langer of this city, died at the home of her parents on Tuesday afternoon, after an illness of some length.

She was a native of Germany, where she was born in 1858, and came to this country in 1880. She was married in 1886, and is survived by her husband.

LOCAL ITEMS

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Colberg, Dec. 3, at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. A. Langer, a visitor in the city on Wednesday.

R. S. Waterman of Bancroft has accepted a position in the Odeon Theatre.

Edw. Smith has gone to Woodstock, Ill., where he will be employed in the lumber business.

George Moulton is in Milwaukee this week where he is attending a course in the study of bricklayers and masons.

Mrs. E. C. Smith returned on Wednesday from a three weeks visit to her sister, Mrs. H. Lord at the Veterans Home at Waukegan, Ill.

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WORK FOR THE BANKS

Very few people appreciate the amount of work that has been thrown onto the banks of the country by the four issues of bonds that have been issued by the government since the commencement of the war.

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PLenty OF SNOW

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