

## LETTER WRITTEN BY L. C. MANNING IN FRANCE

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Letter written by Leftridge C Manning in France, to his home folks:

This leaves me all right and I hope it will find you all the same. I am off on my leave now, I started out Wednesday the 12th. I have a seven day leave, not including traveling. It took two nights and a day to get here. I am at Canterets, up in the Pyrennees Mountains. The town is surrounded by some very high peaks.

They say there are over a hundred large hotels here. I haven't rambled around much yet. I just arrived about 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning, and it was snowing and is still snowing. It is about ten or twelve inches deep now I guess. The French men are kept busy shoveling it off the sidewalks.

I have a nice little room on the third floor of the hotel Delions. I can go to bed and get up when I get good and ready. We have breakfast from seven till nine o'clock, dinner from 12 to 1 o'clock, and supper from 6 to 7 o'clock, any time during these hours.

They have a large Y. M. C. A. here furnished with large reading and writing rooms, a dance hall, a canteen, and a big theatre with a seating capacity of five hundred.

March 17, 1919.

I will write a little more today. This leaves me still all right. Everything is still covered with snow, so I have to sit by the fire and read what time I'm not eating or sleeping. I am going to take a trip down the mountains to Lourdes tomorrow, will try and write you all about the trip, if I don't get tipped off the mountains.

March 19, 1919.

I am getting alone fine. The mountains are still covered with snow. It melts a little then freezes over and snows again. It is melting today. I spent an interesting day yesterday in the city of Lourdes. It is called the holy city, because it

is at the foot of Mt. Calvary. I followed the trail around the mountain where they made our Saviour bear his cross, and on up to the top where He was crucified, and then we went down the other side to the tomb where He was placed. They have statues placed along up the mountain side, representing Jesus and His enemies as they went up the mountain. The Y. man explained them to us as we went up.

I am sending two packs, one of postal card souvenirs, and a large view of the city. I sure hope they will get there safe. I don't know whether you will understand them or not, but I hope to be able to explain them when I get back.

Geel there sure is a crowd of soldiers here taking their leave, it looks like a fellow might find some one he knows.

There is a big hot sulphur spring here, and they have a fine swimming pool, and shower baths, and tub baths. I was out and took a plunge in the pool this morning, it sure was fine.

I hope I will find a sack of letters from dear old home when I get back to camp. Well, guess I had as well close for this time. Will write again some time when I have nothing to do and nothing to write.

With love to all.

Private, Leftridge C. Manning.

## NOTICE TO SOLDIERS.

All soldiers, marines, sailors, Confederate Veterans and mothers of the boys, are expected to be here Thursday afternoon to take part in the parade at 5:30 o'clock.

Mrs. J. D. Kerr,  
Mrs. T. G. White,  
Committee on Parade.

## JACK IS DEAD.

Jack, the dog belonging to Annie Hemphill Rogers, died Saturday, the victim of black tongue. Jack was no great shakes in the way of pedigree, being just plain dog, but he was a faithful friend to the little girl, and her heart is sore at his death.

## HOME AGAIN.

Son Bill came in all excitement, one day last week, saying "I've got a piece of news for you, Jimmie Cothran is at home." Jimmie is at home and is back on the job for he knocks off resting every afternoon to take a pretty girl to ride and at night to make love to them.

## EASTER EGG HUNT.

The Sixth Grade of the City School will have an Easter Egg Hunt at Klugh's Park, Friday afternoon at half past four o'clock. The money realized will go towards the support of the French Orphan adopted some time ago by the grade.

## KEEPING THE DAY.

Mrs. Mary Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kennedy and Mrs. Foster McLane went up to Due West Sabbath afternoon and visited friends. They found the people keeping the Sabbath day holy, for most of them were taking an afternoon nap.

## FREE SHOW TO VETERANS.

Glenn Kay, the enterprising manager of the Opera House, will give a free show to the soldiers in town for the celebration Thursday night. This is a nice compliment to the young veterans who will no doubt take advantage of his offer.

## MRS PRESSLY SICK.

Mrs. Tallulah Pressly has been seriously sick at her home at Cedar Springs for the past several days as a result of a fall in which she had the misfortune to break her hip. Her son, Dr. George Pressly, of Charlotte, is with her. The many friends of the family wish for her an early recovery.

## ACCEPTS POSITION WITH BANK

Lieut. J. Roddy Devlin has accepted a position with the Bank of Greenwood and will assume his duties about the 15th, as soon as he is mustered out of the service. Lieut. Devlin is visiting relatives here, at Abbeville and Due West on a furlough. He will return to Camp Jackson next week.—Index-Journal.

## INFANT STATES

## STILL ISOLATED

Restriction on Trade in Force—Censors at Work—Although Blockade Has Been Lifted. Poland and Other Countries Suffer.

Paris, April 11.—Although the blockade has been formally lifted against all enemy countries except Germany and against Bolshevik Russia, restrictions on trade with Poland, Esthonia and Eastern and Southeastern Europe continue to be exercised. There still is censorship of mails and telegrams and an absence of postal communication with the "infant" States and resumption of trade and of business relations is virtually blocked.

The American delegates have been pressing in the interallied council for a modification of the censorship, but the system as regards Europe remains in force. The associated governments therefore remain in the position of giving with one hand by lifting the blockade and with holding with the other by maintaining commercial censorship. It is hoped, nevertheless, that there soon will be relaxations in or a removal of the censorship.

The business situation in Poland, Esthonia and the other new States illustrates the entire dependence of trade on communication. The blockade no longer exists for these countries in theory, but owing to the absence of postal or cable communication business men in Poland for instance, are unable to place orders with the outer world or arrange for a resumption of business relations.

One Pole who reached Paris with the Polish mission this week brought no less than 180 important letters which will reach the United States, thanks only to this special opportunity. Other business interests in Warsaw and Lodz and similar trade and industrial centers of the new state can not even lay the preliminary foundations for business with the United States until a mail route is established and the commercial censorship is modified.

European censorship of mails and

cables to European neutrals continues in full force. Complaints, backed by evidence, are constantly being received in Paris. These are to the effect that the censorship is being utilized not alone for the legitimate purpose of preventing or hampering trade with Germany but also to give the nationals of the country exercising the censorship an unfair advantage over American competitors through information extracted from business correspondent. The assertion that all important business information obtained from American mail was being registered, tabulated and studied for the benefit of British trade, was constantly made in Scandinavia before and after the entry of the United States into the war. American business men who recently have been in Scandinavia assert that they received the distinct impression that this system was still in vogue. In one case an American business man with extensive connections in Europe is said to have found a circular letter to his agents on the business condition in his particular line reproduced in the information service of the censoring government.

## HUNS TO HOLD OUT FOR FOURTEEN POINTS

Berlin, April 10.—Count Von Brockdorf-Rantzau, foreign minister, speaking before the National Assembly at Weimar today said Germany would not sign a peace treaty which deviated in any essential from President Wilson's 'fourteen points.'

"The financial demands to be made in the peace treaty are obviously causing as much difficulty to our opponents as those regarding territory," the foreign minister said. "It is impossible to solve the question of financial claims without negotiating with our experts at the conference table. We will give a clear account to our opponents relative to their demands and our ability to pay."

"Our opponents," continued the minister "cannot dismember and paralyze Germany and at the same time extract from the resources of the country the enormous sums they

expect from them. For that purpose we require the release, industrially and agriculturally, of the important west, which contrary to the armistice terms, is cut off from the rest of Germany.

"We need to have the blockade speedily raised and we require the importation of foodstuffs on condition which will make their purchase possible.

"All the states which participated in this war find themselves in the same distress and hardly a nation is not disappointed by a peace that is a terrible danger because of the encouragement given by it to disruptive forces."

## NOTICE TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

The Regular Spring Teachers' Examination will be held in the County Court House at Abbeville, on Saturday, May 3rd, between the hours of 9 a. m., and 4 p. m.

W. J. EVANS,  
Co. Supt. of Education.

J. F. MILLER

J. M. GAMBRELL

## Insurance Agency

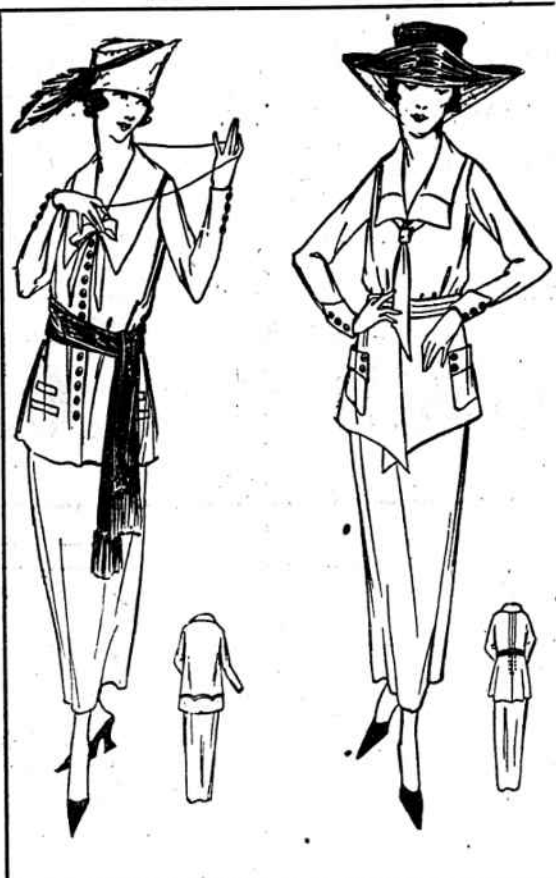
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## The : WEEK : BEFORE : EASTER

Finds this store in splendid shape to thoroughly accommodate the big demands which will fall upon it this week. The best merchandise at the lowest prices will prevail here this week as in the past, and that means if you will get the big dollar's worth you will come to this store—where you can buy it all under one roof.



READY-TO-WEAR, designed by celebrated makers. Now, as in the early part of the season, we are offering a most complete assortment of Suits, Dresses, Capes, Dolmans and in fact, everything to complete the wardrobe of the most particular and hard-to-fit ladies of this community. All are moderately priced and values extraordinary.

## SILK AND MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

By all means visit our store this week and see the wonderful creations we have in silk and muslin underwear for women who care. We hope nothing will interfere with your early attendance.

## EASTER MILLINERY

This will be a busy week in our millinery department. Our display of exclusive and artistic hats will be at its best this week. Dozens of the latest models in dainty, summery hats are being shown for the first time. Included among these smart originations are hats in henna, rust, and many other wanted colorings.



Throughout the store you will find us splendidly prepared to meet your Easter apparel needs. Full assortments of new and exclusive modes in dresses for afternoon wear or dress-up occasions, new things in skirts, blouses and wraps suitable for all occasions.

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