

An feeling just as fine as I did when I closed up my last Bulletin, but think I had better make myself a little clearer on the subject mentioned in the last paragraph of the last Bulletin, when I stated that I could "lick anybody of my weight and age". Of course I want to eliminate soldiers and good "huskies" who are in trim. I would particularly like to take on people with "broken arms"--Billy, and Harry, for instance, site of course, I don't intend to mention any names.

This has been just the same kind of an old week as any other old week--it just went by so quickly that I hardly knew it was even on the way.

Last Wednesday I went down to Hamilton with Mr. Conley, and was there all day, getting back into Toronto at 8.30 P. M., and after supper went to the "Strand Theatre" and saw Wm. Farnum in the "Conquerer"--a pretty good movie.

Went to bed Thursday night at 8.30. No! Was not sick, but the day had been a close, tiresome one, and I just was too tired or lazy to stay up and start anything. Everyone else in town was in about the same mood I guess. You know, some of these tail-end winter days do about take all the "pep" out of you. Friday night I went to the Arena and saw a championship hockey game between a Toronto team and a team from Kitchener, and it was "some" game, about the fastest skating I have ever seen.

Tomorrow we have Jascha Heifetz, the wonderful violinist, here in concert at Massey Hall, and I intend to hear him. On Thursday night the Toronto Symphony Orchestra give a concert at the same hall and I expect to attend. Expect also to "sandwich" another hockey game in to help fill out the week. And I am invited out to dinner at the home of my old Chicago friend, Henry Bernson. Will have to dress my window twice this week to keep up with the attractions, and all this along with a bunch of ads to write will, as you can readily see, keep me pretty busy. And---I may have to take time off to answer all those letters from Harry and Billy. Gee, some job!

Have had letters from Ben, George, and mother. Will give you some excerpts from their letters--

George, dated Feb 2nd... France.

"Had another letter from Raye dated Dec. 16., but have heard from no one else since the first bunch of letters."

"Our hospital has at last started to do business and we are all on regular routine. I am night nurse--hours 7 P. M., to 7 A. M., so am staying in evenings. Some different from the old hours."

"Would sure like to drop in on the folks this evening and say, 'Hello'. The next best thing to being there is to have them in your thoughts, and they are in mine all the time."

"Haven't received any of the packages that are on the way, but have hopes. Guess they are as slow as the mail. That's sure slow enough."

"I suppose you are having regular blizzards about now. We are sure having nice weather here and guess that we can look for it regularly now, at least as far as snow is concerned. The natives say that the snow is over."

"Hope to get some of your Bulletins soon that must be on the way. I sure miss them as they carried the news of the whole bunch." 163rd Field Hospital, 118th Sanitary Train, A. P. O. 714. A. E. F., via New York.

Ben, dated Feb 25th Morrison, Va.

"Well, we are on the verge of going so will say my farwell. We will leave here some day this week, which day, I cannot say, as I do not know."

"Am all ready, fully equipped and ready to go. Have enough

to last me a month. Rather imagine I'll sell part of it after I get over, or split with George if I can locate him. I dropped him a line and told him to keep his eye peeled for me."

"Took some snap shots a few days ago and just got the films. Am enclosing them and will ask you to do this favor for me. Have some prints made up and see that all the folks get those that you think might care to have them."

"Had a very enjoyable time the last two Sundays. Sunday-a-week I went down to Richmond and visited some friends I know in Yorkers. He took me all around and I saw some very interesting things. Richmond is rich in historical lore, besides being a very beautiful and substantial city in itself."

"Last Sunday I was up to Williamsburg, the capitol of Virginia during colonial days. Attended services at Breton(?) Parish Church where Washington, Patrick Henry, John Randolph, John Tyler, and many other notables of olden days worshipped. It is considered to be the most historical church in the country."

"Besides this I was all through the State Hospital for insane which left a bad taste in my mouth. Also stood on the exact spot that Patrick Henry stood when he delivered his famous speech about, 'Give me Liberty, or give me death'. I sure enjoy rambles like that and they provide memories that will last a lifetime. I could go some where like that every Sunday if we were to be here for most all those little places are connected more or less with our country's history."

"Not much more to say except that our weather has been sublime lately. Warm and sunny days, and evenings and nights as soft as silk."

"When you hear from me next, C. V., it will tell you if I received O. K. or not. Good bye--I hope to hear from you often."
670th Aero Squadron, U. S. Army.

Mother. Feb 24th 1918 Seattle.

"Oh dear, why don't you all come home--I just can't write letters to everyone."

"I sent George another box last week, hope it will get to him this time. It seems very strange that he didn't get one package. Aunt Emma Randell sent the helmet, Doris Wiley the box of candy, Hazel a box of candy, and I have sent two large boxes besides the one last week. I only put cake and chocolate in, as that seemed to be all he craved."

"Have had six letters from him this last week. He seems to be very well and speaks of getting to be a heavyweight and is trying to work it off. I imagine from now on he will be kept very busy, as in his last letter he said they had begun to receive the wounded--that it was a sad sight."

"We have had no word from Ben since the first of February."

"Pha and Bess were in for few minutes this P. M.. Pha is leaving in the morning for Walla Walla--he will be gone for two or three weeks. He is looking fine--I never saw such a change in anybody. Such good color, and a real 'heavy-weight'. He hates very much to leave his little family, but they so far have done fine. I think Dorothy will be with them this week."

"Raye and Audrey will get here tomorrow morning by boat. Billy is on the Island trip--will be over next Saturday. I am real hungry to see them."

"Had a nice letter from Aunt Rose. Shelly is going to visit us this year. How nice it would be if he would come through with you."

"We are now having our winter. Last night it snowed two inches in less than half-an-hour. Everyone says they never saw such a heavy fall in such a short time, but thanks, it has all disappeared in about same length of time--about 10.30 A. M.. We are hoping it will be the last."