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Easter Sunday, and March has "gone out like a lamb" permitting everybody to get out today and show off their new "duds". Not having invested in the new ones, I kept in the background as it were.

Frank Kennedy, our Victor Manager, has a sister visiting him from Crawfordsville, Indian, and to give here good time, and to get in on it ourselves, we hired a car and took a three hours drive in the outskirts of the city. Owing to the delightful day we had a most enjoyable trip, livened up our complexions, and whetted our appetites for dinner.

It would appear that everyone who owns a car in this city were out today--the roads were packed and all seemed to be enjoying themselves. On one side of the city we run into some real hilly country, and it of course made me feel quite at home.

Mr. Whiteacre and Mr. Biggs have been here all the past week, and are leaving for the West tomorrow (lucky "dogs") returning via Chicago. Expect to get back to Winnipeg next Saturday night. I have really had more satisfaction out of their visit than I had anticipated, but will be glad to see them go, as they have taken up a lot of my time, getting me somewhat behind with my work.

Whiteacre says he saw Pha when Pha was last in Vancouver, and that the outside work was making Pha look like a different fellow. That was good news, of course.

Mr. Conley went to New York city last Wednesday--will be back tomorrow. Says he intends going to Chicago this week or next, and wants me to go with him. Well, I hope he means what he says--I'll be glad to take the trip.

Heard from George dated, "France, March 4th, '18", as follows:

"Guess I "crowed" a little too early about our fine weather for we sure "got it in the neck" this past week. Has been snowing now for three days and doesn't show any signs of a let up. But it is not cold with it so that helps a lot."

"Received a pair of wristlets from Marcia and a white knitted washrag from 'little' Hazel, and guess now that I have received all the packages that were intended for me Xmas. Received a carton of Bull Durham from father day before yesterday so was fairly well treated last week."

"I am feeling fine these days and between my work, sleep, and walks, the time goes by very fast. Seems just like yesterday that we landed here. Wish it would all go as fast. The town we are in is fairly large and has some pretty spots to ramble in when the weather is nice. My sleeping quarters are fine. Five of us night nurses have a room to ourselves with regular hospital beds, mattress and all. It goes very good after an all night's session. Macanally uses it at night so that the poor old bed does about 18 hours daily duty."

From Ben, Morrison, Va. March 21st.

"George was lucky wasn't he? Bet every man the 'Tuscania' ever carried is 'shaking hands with himself'. Well--I hope I am as fortunate."

"Again we are on the verge of leaving. I am not excited over it, for have worn that feeling out on the previous occasions that we were all set".

"I have been driving truck for almost two weeks and it is quite a relief from the other stuff."

"Glad to know that George is alright. I have kind of a feeling that I am going to see him over there and look forward to it with much pleasure. I wrote him several days ago and told him to keep his eye peeled for the '670th'."

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From Ben, (Cont'd)

"I am feeling tip-top again. The headache I had when I wrote you last passed away all right. I have had them for ten days at a clip."

"We buried one of our boys, too, so I know how it makes a fellow feel. He was a twenty year old lad from Ithica, N. Y. Pneumonia got him in five days."

"Try and write mother so she wont worry. There is no use of it and I kind of feel that we will all be together fairly soon again. If not--the cause is worth it."

"Hope to hear from you often."

From Raye, Vancouver, March 20th.

"I think I am a pretty 'good sport' to leave a nice fire going in the fire place to come out here and write you a letter, seeing that you have had a nice 8 page letter from Billy. I suppose all my gossip will be stale. No doubt Harry will not want to be outdone by his fat Canadian bro-in-law, and will get in and give you a few lines."

"Had a letter from mother yesterday stating that the kiddies were ever so much better. The poor little baby was so sick, but of course the Doctor said not serious at any time. Still, mother just worries herself sick at such a time. Rita Ann was quite sick but did not give up for any length of time. She and Audrey are afraid they might miss something."

"We seem to have had our winter quite late. Guess we bragged too much as we certainly had ideal weather until a month ago--since then the 'Deevil' has been to pay."

"George's letters sound very bright, and I cannot understand why he wants to be transferred to the transports (I believe that's it). Am glad Ben is not going over for a while."

"We are all feeling fine and Billy says business is good, so we have no 'kick', I guess."

"Pha came in Sunday P. M. and stayed until Tuesday 11 A. M.. He seems to be doing C. K.."

From Father, Seattle, March 20th.

"We are all about the same--none of us seem to feel extra 'Skookum', but are 'all on deck' just the same. Pha's babies are improving now. They had a pretty serious time for several days and for a while some doubt existed regarding their pulling thru. All danger seems past now."

"We had a letter from George last week and with it he enclosed a photo taken over there. He looks fine--fat as a bear. Doesn't look like a very discouraged man, in fact don't write that way either. We don't hear from Ben quite as often as we did, would be glad to hear from him more, but don't want to complain--guess the poor boy has plenty to do and is generally pretty tired when he gets a chance to sit down. We just had a letter from Hazel--they are well."

"Your weekly 'edition' seems to be getting a little more 'weakly', at least we have not enjoyed one this week."

From Aunt Rose, Cromwell, March 24th '18.

"We were surely glad to get your Bulletin with so much news from all the 'bunch' and hope you will continue the good work. Think you are sure having some good times along with your duties. But you know that is what makes people stay young."

"We are having some real spring weather and we aurely appreciate it after such an awfully cold winter. We are having our maple sugar time now and it has been fine business. We did not open our camp, as the renter did not want to do so, and S. W. cannot do these things any-more on account of his rheumatism."

"I want to send George a box of maple candy soon. Have written him."

"S. W. is thinking of making a trip to the Coast some time this year, and it would be fine could you arrange to go at the same time."

"Noble County relatives are fine. Maris finishes her High School work this spring and will be home this summer."