

FOOD EXPERTS WILL SPEAK IN WINNETKA

Dan A. Reed and Dr. H. C. Culbertson Will Speak at Community House Sunday Afternoon.

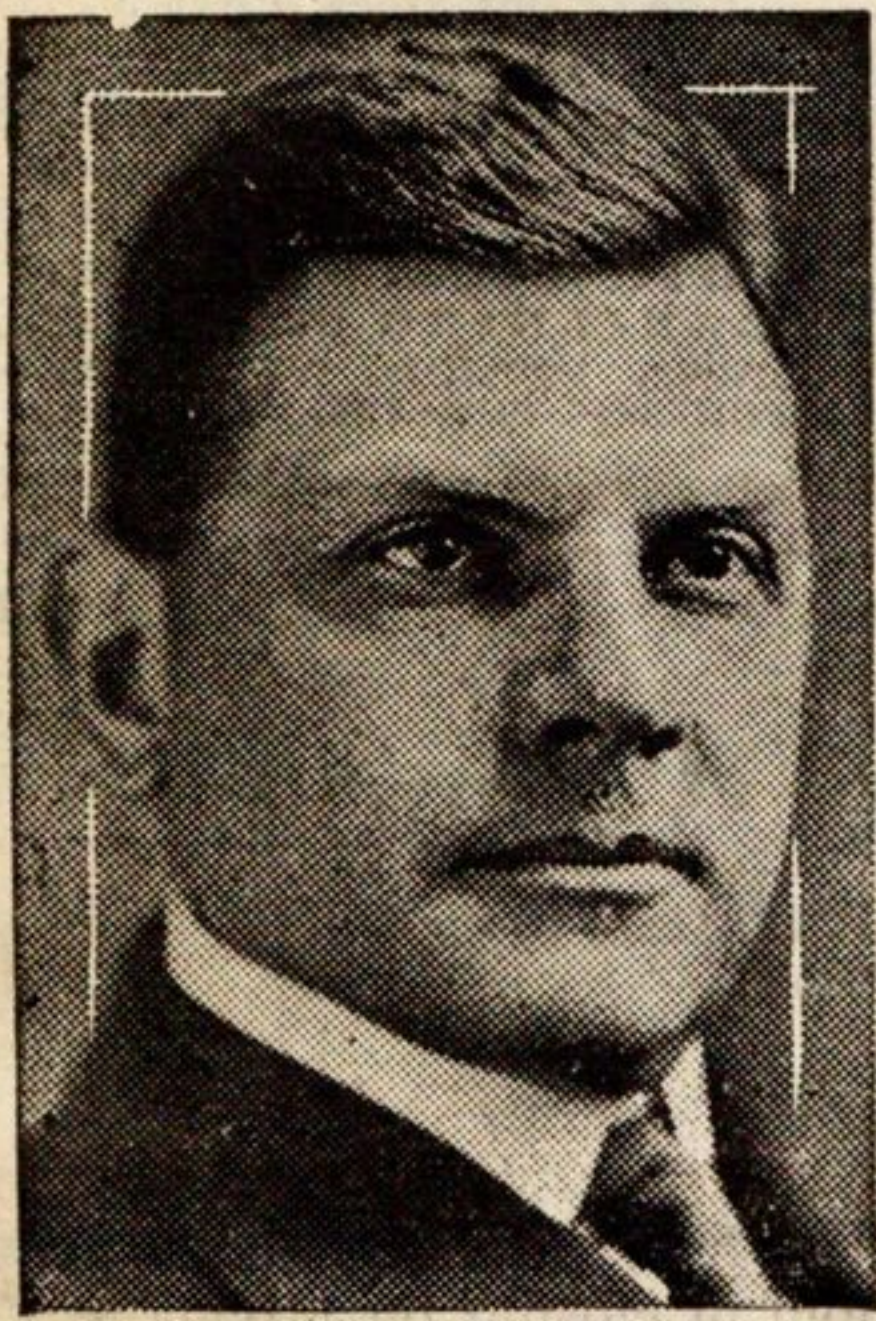
BACK FROM THE TRENCHES

Mr. Reed Will Tell of His Experiences In French Army Camps.

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Daniel Reed, Cornell graduate of the law class of 1899, and well known to many American business men for his campaigns for city development, took an active part in governmental work immediately after the war started by assisting in the national Red Cross drive and later acting as western director for the food-pledge campaign.

After leaving Cornell, Reed was admitted to the bar and practiced law in Dunkirk, N. Y. Four or five years ago he joined the staff of the American Cities Bureau and soon



H. C. CULBERTSON.

gained a national reputation in the field of community betterment.

He is an effective speaker and has become well acquainted with dozens of the food problems that now confront Europe. Having just completed a trip through England and France as a member of the U. S. Food Administration's commission to France, Mr. Reed is able to tell immense importance of America's obligation to feed the allied nations.

He knows to what extent famine threatens Europe. He has had lengthy conferences with the British food controller, and the French food ministry. Many of the conversations he has had with officials and with soldiers abroad, will prove to be unusually interesting to American audiences.

With the commission, Mr. Reed visited the battle front in France, spending several days in each of the three armies there—the English, French and American.

Dr. Culbertson.

Dr. Culbertson has been an extensive traveler in Europe and Asia minor and has a competent knowledge of the European situation from first hand observation. He was in Holland when the war began and knows intimately the condition of all the warring peoples. He is an able speaker and handles his big subject with the power of a master.

Winnetka has been exceptionally fortunate in securing Mr. Reed, one of the U. S. Government's commission to France, for an address here. The importance of this meeting, and the rare opportunity offered our citizens, is plainly indicated in the following telegram sent by the United States Food Administration to every state administrator in the middle west, a few days after the return of the six men from a two months' study of conditions "Over There":

"The six United States Food Administration commissioners have arrived from France and have submitted their messages, the latest, most eloquent and most authoritative that has reached this country through Washington. They are strong and thrilling, giving a graphic picture of France and England and a clear good argument, throwing the entire responsibility for winning this war upon the American people. It is of the utmost importance that they reach the maximum number of people on their tours through the middle west."

Arrangements for the meeting here are in the hands of the War Emergency Union. Mr. Horace K. Tenny will preside.

Two reels of "The Battle of Arras" and pictures of Winnetka boys will be shown by Mr. Davies.

Dr. Brown Writes of Christmas Tree Celebration for Children in France

In a recent letter to friends in Winnetka, Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown, who is in charge of the relief work in two French villages, describes the Christmas celebration given for the children in the various villages by the relief workers. Her letter reads as follows:

"December 30, 1917.

"Dear Family:

"Last Sunday afternoon we were the guests of M. et Mme. Jalard at a matinee performance given by the Poilus for the Poilus, after which we walked to their home for a cup of tea, and then were sent in M. Jalard's carriage back to our home in Nancy. On arriving there we learned that there had been an air raid, and there has been one every night since, except on Christmas night, which was cloudy. It began to snow on Christmas Eve, so that we had a white Christmas, and there have been many snowy days since, and much suffering from the cold in the homes which have no coal and little wood.

"You know we had been preparing for a Christmas tree for all our family of children, and Tuesday morning we had our first celebration at Jarville.

"We had planned for 175 children, and 250 were present. Of course it would be my luck not to have the car run on Christmas day. At 9 o'clock Miss Mitchell came to tell me that she could not start the car so I hastened to see Mr. Morrison, who has charge of the Red Cross garage, and asked him to help us out, which he very promptly and willingly did. I did not want to disappoint all those kiddies so I sent Mme. Delebecque and Miss Van Aken ahead to tell them we were coming. Mme. Delebecque amused and interested them by telling stories until we arrived. What a cry of delight when Mr. Garret carried the tree in, and Mme. Delebecque and Miss Van Aken hung the trimmings on. The presents had all been purchased by Miss de Schweintz, who at one time had been an instructor at Girton school, with money sent from America to the A. F. F. W. We had furnished her with a list of our children of all ages. She had wrapped the gifts nicely and pinned on each parcel a small American flag.

Suffering From Cold.

"The teacher of the kindergarten who has been such a help to us in this village had taken our list and mailed to each child a paper which would entitle him to a present. I had provided for any extra ones with some money sent by Mrs. Benjamin Carpenter. Every child was also given an apple, no oranges being possible. Every little boy and girl went away from the beautiful tree smiling and happy, with a horn, soldiers, gun, doll, games, scarfs or mittens.

"These children do not know what it is to wear gloves or mittens, and have chilblains on their hands as well as their feet. Everyone should have a scarf. I know of nothing that adds more to their comfort and warmth than a scarf.

Aviators Attend.

"In the afternoon we went to Toul, where the children's home is and where we had been invited for Christmas dinner, and the Christmas tree in the evening. On entering the dining room we found the table so tastefully arranged in horseshoe-fashion by Miss Jeanne Neilson who is in charge of the staff dining room. Places were laid for 22 guests, all coming from various cities and counties, and doing various kinds of work. Among them was Captain Stevens of the Royal English Flying Corps, who has brought down many German aeroplanes, and who was equally skillful in directing and taking care of the children. We were glad the evening was cloudy so that he and his men could enjoy their dinner and their evening off. They gave the children a happy evening and many gifts.

"Wednesday morning was the only time that we did not have two celebrations with our tree, which the Secretary-General's wife had secured for us. It was a nice one and she had it well mounted so that we could carry it around with its trimmings. The days were cold and there were not many children at first to receive us, but later they would come in. At one town when we were packing up to leave two children came in with red noses.

"What's the matter?" I asked. "He have a bad cold." "Is your cold better?" I asked, after giving them a present. "Oui, merci," and off they went. Poor little things, and all the woolen

gloves that I had bought for them were too small. It makes your heart ache to see those hands so cold and full of chilblains. I have chilblains on my fingers even when wearing gloves, which were sent to me, to say nothing about my feet. They are so bad some mornings that I wonder if I can ever put my shoes on, and walk in them, but I do, and realize that they are nothing to compare with what the Poilus, the Tommies, and our boys are enduring from the cold. As I came past their barracks, I wondered how warm they were, and if the boys slept warm enough with only two blankets. They say they are doing finely, and surely they have the right spirit.

"Wednesday after Christmas, I took some cigarettes to seven ambulance boys who are assigned to the French at the front. They were so delighted to get some American tobacco.

"So the Christmas festivities are over, and now for a Happy New Year to everyone in dear old Winnetka.

"DR. ALICE BARLOW-BROWN."

Lauds Dr. Brown.

Mme. Henri Delebecque, who is assisting Dr. Brown in her work among the women and children of the northern districts of France, in a recent letter writes of the great work Dr. Brown has accomplished, and of the many friends she is making while looking after the needs of the women and children. Her letter reads as follows:

"Dear Mrs. Goodchild:—

"Well, Dr. Brown says if numbers mean success we are having success; but she fails to say what brings us success—it is certainly her kind and valuable manner with these poor sick people and children.

"In one place where we go, the Maire said, 'Doctor does not only care for them but also brings happiness and joy to their aching hearts—for days they talk about it!' These people knew that 'Uncle Sam' had come, but they did not know that the American women and daughters were right there to help along. One old lady 65 years old, cried out when she saw Dr. Brown come in, 'Vive l'Amerique! Vive Mr. Wilson!' In this same town doctor had an old grandmother 82 year old, and Dr. Brown was the first doctor she ever went to consult, in all these years she had never been sick, but the war was more than she could pull through without being a little nervous.

"I know you have all given up a great deal by letting doctor go, but when I see how much she is needed here,—if you could only be afly and see her at work I know you would feel greatly compensated. The Prefect General's secretary said to me the other night, our work surely was a success and they marveled at the great number of people that doctor takes care of, you know the doctor sees 300 patients and most of them twice in the same week. Of course I hear all they say in French. One old woman and her daughter went to see doctor and the daughter said, 'My, oh my! How patient and kind La Doctoresse is!' Of course we all know that, but I want Winnetka to be sure and feel that they have one fine representative of their so many great women! I really am proud to work with her, and our nurse, Miss Van Aken, is surely doing her share of the work under all these difficulties. The people like her and it is amusing when she tries out her French on them, it goes something like this, 'La c'est soies non non ca ne fait pas mal c'est fini, etc.' I am sometimes stunned at the way doctor handles all these people. I tell you we are proud of Winnetka, it surely does all it can to help this big calamity, and I tell all the people how keenly you all feel for them, three years of war is a long time, but they stand it bravely and it makes one feel very humble. We all love our work and will do our best to do Winnetka credit.

"Well, Mrs. Goodchild, I can just close my eyes and see you in your eighth grade with all our nice boys and girls. My, I often think of my own baby girl, but I know she is well and has good care which is more than any of these hundreds of mothers can feel. So I cheerfully give her up for this work where I am trying to help as much as I can.

"Our candles are getting low and I must close for tonight. Please Mrs. Goodchild, excuse my poor English but I knew you would like to hear all this about your, or rather our Doctor Alice Barlow-Brown.

"I am respectfully yours,

"HELENE M. DELEBECQUE."

Measles Prevail.

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