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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING  
PORTLAND, OREGON

Portland, Ore., Nov. 12, 1918.

Hon. Geo. L. Baker,  
Mayor, City of Portland,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

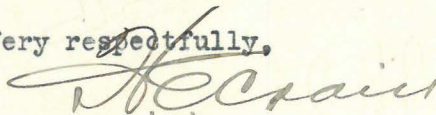
From accounts in the press I understand there is to be a formal jollification Saturday night account the recent good news from the front in Europe.

The jollification last night certainly was an informal one. I refer in particular to the leather-necked practice of knocking hats off. I like to have fun and like to see others enjoy themselves, but it certainly goes against the grain for some ill-bred, rough-neck freshy to biff you on the side of the head resulting in your hat sailing off several feet away to be trampled (and more often lost) by the merry-makers. Confetti, serpentine, horns, bells is alright and I like a little of that myself, but hat-knocking is just one step too far. Neither do I approve of dashing talcum powder, or flour, or whatever it was, in the faces of people.

I noticed in particular that one lady had on a rather tight-fitting turban hat and it took an extra gouge to knock it off. A man (old enough to know better) after 3 or 4 attempts to knock her hat off finally misdirected his aim and struck her in the temple barely missing the eye, which, if it had struck the eye, most certainly would have destroyed the eyesight. It just happened that that same freshy later attempted to knock my hat off and I took it upon myself to retaliate in a way that I am sure he will remember for a while.

I was not in the crowd because I wanted to be but had to go through it to reach my destination.

Very respectfully,



PS-The above is not a criticism but a suggestion that a ban be put on the practice of hat-knocking.

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GEO. L. BAKER  
MAYOR

*Celebrations*

November 13, 1918.

Mr. H. C. Grain,  
c/o Hartman & Thompson,  
Chamber of Commerce Building,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 12th, will say that it is not the intention of the city to have another celebration such as that of a few days ago, but to have a celebration of a more orderly nature. It was unfortunate that the doings you mentioned happened but there was no way of stopping it, as you may well realize.

Yours very truly,

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MAYOR