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## FROM AN EDENTON BOY IN ENGLAND.

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Dearest Daddy:—

Just a little detail of my trip across the Atlantic Ocean. I sailed on the steamship Colonian on May 5th, 1915. We had aboard 1000 horses, and 100 men to look after them, and feed them and care for them. Among these men I found about half a dozen nice congenial fellows looking for experience like myself. I left America as stated at 4:30 o'clock p.m. with a clear sky and a light south eastwardly wind. I retired early after having watered and fed the horses.

Thursday, May 6—I got up at 5:30 o'clock a. m., a lovely morning, and the old ocean was beautiful. I watered the horses and gave them grain and long feed. I ate breakfast about seven. A dense fog set in about eight a. m. I had nothing to do until lunch. After lunch I watered the horses and fed them about 3 o'clock p. m. Then I had nothing to do until supper time; I strolled around the deck and read when I felt inclined to do so, until supper was announced; after supper I watered the horses and gave them hay. I had to work about three hours a day. The work was very light and easy. When one likes horses the work is not much more than play. This was about the routine of each days work. We had a westerly wind. The fog cleared away about noon.

Friday May 7—I got up at 5:30 a. m. watered and fed the horses. We have on board with us one sparrow hawk, a wren and a large bird, which is very pretty. I am afraid the sparrow hawk will catch our pet sparrow. I see that the birds are fed and scatter food where they can get it. I made friends with the mascot today, a black cat. A wireless message reported that the Lusitania had been torpedoed and sunk. This is a lovely day. The winds are northwardly. I am enjoying the trip very much.

Saturday May 8—The morning is beautiful and bids fair to be a lovely day. The sea air is exhilarating. The winds are north westerly. Later—the wind is rising and causing quite a high sea. Cloudy at noon. Blowing quite a breeze. The wind lulled about 5 o'clock p. m. Still cloudy and very cold. I caught a little bird on deck. I petted him a while and then let him go.

Sunday May 9—We had steak for breakfast and it was very fine, much out of the ordinary. The weather is cloudy. We had plum pudding for dinner. I can tell you much about my experiences, when I see you. We had canned beef for supper and pickles.

Monday, May the 10th. It is raining this morning. We have a west wind. We passed two ships. It rained all day.

Tues. May 11 Westerly winds and cloudy. We sighted a rigger about 8 o'clock a. m. We lost the first horse today. 12 M the sun come out, and showed its face for the first time in several days. We passed a steamer at 4 o'clock, before dark, and another steamer at 9:30 p. m. We passed icebergs and changed our course more southwardly to get

out of the way of the ice.

Wednesday, May 12—Moderate northerly winds. Sun is shining bright and it is a lovely morning. We lost the second horse this morning. We passed a steamship at 12 o'clock. We lost another horse this afternoon. I was put on night watch, tonight, for the rest of the trip. Jack Fitzpatrick went crazy from dope and whiskey and we had to lock him up. He caused some excitement aboard the ship. I am informed that insanity is in his family. Jack's brother was drinking heavily and had a fit tonight.

Thursday, May 13—Wind blowing a gale from the south-east. We lost four horses today. Wind has changed and is now blowing a gale from the north-east. A little rainy.

Friday, May 14—It is raining and stormy. Lost two horses this morning and two this afternoon. Our ship is in total darkness to-night, and will be until we get in harbor, as we are now in the war zone.

Saturday, May 15—A bad, rainy and disagreeable morning. Lost another horse this morning. We passed a troller steamship. We swung out our life boats today. We passed another steamship this morning, and one at 6 o'clock this afternoon. We saw a ship off to the right of some kind. We lost another horse this afternoon.

Sunday, May 16—We passed several boats this morning and we are now in sight of Lundy Island, the first land I have seen in about twelve days. We saw land off to the east of us, lovely Devon, and a beautiful sunset. We are in Bristol Channel. It is too late to go up to night on account of the tide, which is running too strong. We anchored off Clevedon, a summer resort. We can see Walton Castle. I forgot to mention that a pilot came on board early this morning.

Monday morning, May 17—It is raining. In docks at Avonmouth when I got up. About thirty of our men left the ship here to join the army. Twenty of them were Americans. About 7 o'clock we left on high tide.

Thursday, 18th day of May—A foggy day. We are on our way to London. A ship passed us to-night and our Captain followed in his wake. He said, if submarines were out they might get that ship first. The Captain was right about it, for that ship was blown up and sunk about 10 miles ahead of us. We were lucky not to get in with the submarine. The Captain switched off, after hearing the report, and changed his course.

Thursday, May 19—We are passing through the English Channel. We saw the White Chalk Cliffs of Dover. We can hear the cannons roar in the distance. One of the boys lost \$11, a razor, his soap and towels. Things take legs on this ship and walk away. End. The Doctor on the ship says Pocahontas lived in the place he pointed out.

Thursday, May 20—Left the ship this morning sight seeing. Have seen the Bank of England, St. Paul's Cathedral, Hyde Park, St. James Park, House of Lords, the House of Commons, Buckingham Palace, Government Offices, London Bridge, Tower of

London, Mansion House, Smithfield Market, Victorian Monument, Town Bridge, The Strand, The New Front, Southend-on-Sea, The Rose Pergola, New Gardens, Trafalgar Square, London, the Museum, New Gardens, the Queen's Cottage, the Rhododendron Dell, the Cliff Steps, Westcliffe-on-Sea, Thorpe Bay, Westminster Abby &c. &c. Believe me I am seeing things.

Everything is a little different over here. The conveyances go to the left instead of to the right. At railroad crossings they have "Beware of Trains." The cars have side doors, and each door is an entrance to a separate apartment, holding and seating twelve persons. London is certainly a fine city, and the people are the cleverest I ever saw. The cops as we call them are fine and most accommodating. The bars, or saloons, are called Public Houses, and are attended by bar-maids, as the women are called, who stand behind the bars, and these girls hand out the spirits, and the females enter just like the men do, and act like the men. I have several more days mapped out for sight seeing. I am seeing the greatest city in the world. I know that if you have read all I have written, that you must be tired. Goodbye and with love to all, Your affectionate son,  
Wm. J. LEARY, JR

## Exhibit Pleases At Exposition

### Electrical Baby Village Excites Interest at Panama Exposition.

The baby village, a feature of the health exhibit of the North Carolina State Board of Health, which was loaned to the U. S. Children's Bureau to use this year at the International Exposition at San Francisco, is attracting wide interest.

The papers of San Francisco found it an interesting story and played it up accordingly. Under the thrilling headline, "Let Us Live", Cries Kiddies," the San Francisco Bulletin carried the following story: "The lights in a hundred little houses came on suddenly. Then one by one they flickered and died out. No, there was nothing wrong with the current. It was the Infant Mortality Model from North Carolina in the U. S. Children's Bureau in the Palace of Education at the Exposition.

The exhibit centers around the baby death model. One Hundred lights in one hundred homes represent the birth of as many babies. Then a flashing sign proclaims, "End of First Day," and three lights flicker out. "End of First Week" finds four more homes dark and sad; the rest of the first month adds three more: by the end of the second year 29 babies have died for every 100 born. "Most of these deaths were preventable," is flashed by a final sign.

This is the model that has carried to thousands of North Carolina mothers its warning and its message of information. Perhaps there are already North Carolina babies who owe their lives to its twinkling and flickering lights." The physician in charge of the exhibit, writing the State Board

of Health from the exposition, says: "I want to thank you personally for this contribution to our exhibit, which has aroused a great deal of interest among visitors. I consider it one of the most telling features of our display."

## CAMP GLENN MAY HAVE AEROPLANE

### General Young Confirms Report That National Guard is After Aviation Corps.

Adjutant General Laurence W. Young, Monday, confirmed the report circulated in military circles in this State that North Carolina may have an aviation corps.

General Young even declared that if it is possible to secure a machine he will make use of it at the maneuvers at Camp Glenn during this summer. However, these are costly and nothing but a standard army machine could be used.

In the meanwhile, he will make every effort with the War Department to have this made a part of the National Guard work. North Carolina with its nucleus of trained men, is splendidly equipped for the service, for with command of H. M. Chase, of Wilmington, who is the inventor of an aeroplane and an experienced flyer, and Evans Sledge, of New Bern, who attended the Curtis school at Hammondsport, N. Y., General Young stated that there are eight members of the National Guard over the State who are experienced air men and who have been trained at reputable schools receiving diplomas in aeronautics.

"This is a part of the movement stretching over the whole country," said General Young, "to introduce this new feature of warfare into the National Guard."

The present war in the eyes of military authorities in the National Guard and standing army has demonstrated that the air is not to be neglected in the warfare of the future and that airships, particularly the heavier than air machines, will be vital parts of military equipment. The introduction of this into the National Guard is just another step to increase the efficiency of the guard and make it more ready for actual warfare.—News and Observer.

## Warns Against Typhoid Fever.

### State Board of Health Urges Vaccination; Warns Against Flies.

Already a large number of deaths from typhoid have been reported to the State Board of Health. Those reports coming in so early indicate to what extent the disease may be expected to rage when hot weather and fly time are on in full blast. As yet there has been practically no hot weather and consequently not a large number of deaths from the disease should be expected as typhoid rages most when the weather is hottest and the flies are thickest.

This large number of deaths, however, already reported should

be a special warning to the unvaccinated and those who are still tolerating flies and fly-infected food. They should get vaccinated as soon as possible and see that their families and their neighbors are vaccinated. Under such conditions as are likely to exist this summer, no person nor family can afford to run the risk with typhoid.

Wherever the anti-typhoid vaccine treatment has been given to every person in any community, institution or body of people, typhoid fever has there been stamped out. For instance, there has not been a death from typhoid fever in the army since 1912, the year after anti-typhoid vaccination was made compulsory and every soldier was vaccinated.

What vaccination did for the army it will do for the family, the neighborhood or the county. Vaccination and cleaning up, tolerating no flies and breeding places for flies, no open back privies or other places of filth, will drive typhoid out of any community.

The State Board of Health warns especially against flies and open back privies and advises vaccination as soon as possible.

## Winton Ferry Causeway Being Filled.

One of the greatest projects in road construction undertaken by Gates and Hertford counties in recent years is that now under way. A contract was let by the commissioners of the two counties last November to fill in the long causeway leading from the ferry across the Chowan river at Winton out on the Gates side. This piece of road is more than a mile long (2000 yards to be more exact) which is practically always under water averaging in depth from 6 to 10 or 12 inches depending upon the weather and the tide. No foot-way has ever been provided, hence the road is practically impassable for pedestrians. Especially since the popularity of automobiles this road is wont to be much used, being the principal highway from Winton and points south of the ferry to Suffolk, Norfolk and other points north. The purpose is to fill in this road with sand so as to make it higher than the water. The contract specifies that the road shall be filled in to a height of 18 inches, 12 feet wide on top, a wider space being made every 300 yards, thus allowing passing room. As can be figured, this involves the moving of between four and five thousand cubic yards of earth an average distance of more than half a mile. The contract was accepted by the Story Bros., the price paid to be \$2000, the work to be completed by Dec. 1, 1915. During the process of filling this in, nearly all travel has ceased. A railroad is built down the middle of the driveway and a locomotive and four cars are used to transport the sand. The locomotive is made of a small boiler with two hoisting engines on top which drive the wheels by means of a large chain and sprockets, the two pairs of drive wheels also being connected by a chain and sprock-

ets. By moving a lever the engines can be thrown from low to high gears, thus giving the locomotive considerable driving power when needed and more speed when on a level run.

The sand is loaded by hand on flat cars the floors of which are made in two divisions each half the car floor turning on hinges of wood which run the entire length of the car. About 2½ cubic yards of sand are carried on each car. When in the right position the sand can be dumped at will by one man. Four cars are used two being loaded while the other two are gone with the locomotive. These cars and locomotive are the result of the ingenuity of the Messrs. Story Bros. and seem to be well adapted to their needs in this undertaking. Already about two thirds of the distance has been filled in and it is confidently believed the work will be completed by August.

This piece of road was formerly private property being owned by Messrs. Parker and Jordan of Winton, the ferry also belonging to them. A toll ranging from 10c for passengers to 75c for horse and buggy was charged. About 10 or 15 years ago this property including a strip of land 25 yards on either side of the road was purchased by Hertford and Gates counties jointly and the road and ferry made public. When this work is completed no doubt this will be a much used highway.

## Four More Counties Across

### Halifax, Edgecombe, Wayne and Wilson Appropriate for Anti-Typhoid Campaign.

Word has just been received at the State Health offices that four more counties, Halifax, Edgecombe, and Wilson, have made appropriations of \$400 each and Wayne an appropriation of \$350 to hold vigorous anti-typhoid campaigns. Wake, Northampton, Cumberland, Buncombe and Henderson have already made similar appropriations.

Work in Halifax, Edgecombe, Wayne and Wilson will not begin until after the campaigns in the first five counties have been finished. The campaigns in the first five counties will begin Monday, June 21, and last six weeks. The second series of campaigns will begin Monday, August 2, and last six weeks, ending September 11.

Several other counties are known to be contemplating similar campaigns. Men and means, however, prevent the State Board of Health from conducting such campaigns in more than five counties at a time. With four of the second set of counties already in two weeks before the first set of campaigns are begun and a half dozen other counties on the verge of adopting such plans, it begins to look as though there might be more applications from counties than could be filled this year.

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