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MR. TURNAGE WRITES INTERESTINGLY OF O-SEA CONDITIONS

Speaks in Greatest Praise of the "Y" and Red Cross, Telling his Mother not to Hesitate in Dividing her Dollar, if need be, with these Worthy Societies, for "they are Everything to us." Uncle Sam, the "Y" and Red Cross will take care of me.

Somewhere in France
Oct. 30, 1918.

Dear Father and Mother:

I have just received your letter written Oct. 9th. I can't think of anything to begin my letters with until I first tell you how yours are appreciated. You say you do not have any news to write. I do not care about the news, it is just hearing from you is what I want.

I am having a very pleasant time. I know you have heard talk of French wine, about how good it was etc. It is just as good as you have heard it was and plenty of it everywhere that I have been. I do not drink much as you know I am strictly temperate and in fact I never did like wine.

Mother, I am glad that you get my letters regularly for I know how anxious you are to hear from me. Father said you thought of me so much, but you cannot think of me any more than I do of you. Do not worry over me, for I am getting along fine. Enjoying the best of health, hardy as a pig, and weigh 180 pounds. Just think I only weighed 160 when I came across.

I am sorry to hear of so much influenza around here. Yes, I think I do know something about that kind of sickness. I think it is everywhere. I have not been sick a day since I have been in the army and I hope I will not. If I do mother, do not worry, for I will be cared for. Uncle Sam, the "Y" and the Red Cross will give me every attention. Do not fail to help these worthy societies whenever you have the chance if you have to spend a part of your last dollar, for they are everything to us.

I have just come from the "Y" where our chaplain had services, and it is useless to say how much I enjoyed it, for I realize the need of our Lord Jesus. I am far from being a Christian but I am going to try to live as near a Christian life as I can. You have no idea what a consolation it is to me when I feel blue and lonely, to know that God is with me, if I only put my trust in him.

Our chaplain told me that Jasper Lewis' death was one of the prettiest deaths that he had ever seen. Said he passed away as quietly and with as much faith and confidence of going to Heaven as any death that he had ever witnessed. He said that he was going to die and he was

ready to go. The Chaplain said that he prayed for him and that Jasper repeated the little prayer that his mother had taught him when he was a child. The one we all have learned, "Now I lay me down to sleep," and then departed. Oh! isn't it a good thing to have the faith of that boy. I sent a note to him by the chaplain and he said it pleased him more than anything that he could have given him.

He said tell me to give his love to his people and that he hoped that they would meet him in Heaven. Will you tell them about it for fear I may not see them.

Mother, I know that your thoughts and prayers are with me and I think of you all and pray that we can meet again while on earth, but mother and father, if we do not, let's put our faith in God, for I feel like my life will be well spent if I should have to go. You just remember that your only son is going to try to do his bit wherever it may be.

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GREAT WORK OF UNCLE SAM'S NAVY

Some idea of the great work confronting the navy when the United States entered the war is set forth in the annual report of Rear Admiral Early, chief of ordnance, made public recently. To this bureau alone fell the task of expending during a single year more than half a billion dollars for guns and equipment.

In discussing seemingly impossible problems Admiral Early disclosed that the navy was called upon not only to arm all American war craft, auxiliaries and the merchant fleet, but to provide armament for British, French, Italian, Belgian and Russian shipping. Guns from three to five inch caliber were at a premium and the demand for them was ten times greater than the existing capacity for manufacture. A total of 957 craft of all kinds, not in the regular navy were armed between July 1, 1917 and July 1, 1918.

Only brief reference was made to two of the most striking accomplishments of the bureau, the designing, building and shipping of the 14-inch rifles on railway mounts which effectively hammered the German rear positions in the closing weeks of the war, and the development of a tractor mount for rifles up to 7-inch caliber from which the guns could be fired.

This letter achievement, never attained by the allied armies, the report said, was hailed in France with even greater satisfaction than was the arrival of the first 14-inch monsters comprising the naval batteries.

Failure to obtain a sufficient supply of depth bombs used by American destroyers hampered efficient operations against enemy submarines. By strenuous efforts, however, the shortage was overcome before the war ended. American destroyers were using depth bombs freely, and this report said, aided in curtailing German submarine operations in the closing months of the war.

The first of the 16-inch, 50-caliber main battery rifles for new dreadnaughts has been tried out, with a success that exceeded expectations, fixing this monster of naval warfare as an exceptionally splendid piece of ordnance. Another new naval weapon, an 8-inch bomb throwing howitzer is being delivered to destroyers of larger craft.

It is to be hoped that the members of Congress will not devote the time of the president's absence to drawing on the blackboard and throwing spitballs at each other.

THE U. S. NAVY WILL BE MADE 2ND TO NONE.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Neither the end of hostilities nor the proposal for a league of nations has changed the policy of the general staff of the navy in regard to making the American navy second to none in the world. Rear Admiral Chester B. Badger, chairman of the executive committee of the navy, today told the House naval affairs committee that the navy should be equal to that of any other nation by 1925.

"Navies must be the principal support of a league of nations and the United States must be called upon to contribute to the maintenance of the peace," the admiral declared.

The duty of the navy in the future, he said, will be not only to guard the country against invasion, but to protect the world's great maritime routes.

"Sea power will always remain a factor of vast importance in international relations," Admiral Badger declared. "The great naval lessons of the war have been that the nation possessing the most powerful navy was able in a few weeks to drive the German merchant fleet from the seas and keep open her own trade routes and yet when the war commenced Germany possessed the second largest navy in the world. It proved to be not good enough. The blockade which she was unable to break was the greatest contributing cause of her ultimate collapse."

Completion of the three-year building program authorized in 1916 and which was halted to build anti-submarine craft, was recommended by Admiral Badger.

Admiral Badger said that before the armistice was signed, the navy was in a position to complete a six-year building program to include 12 super-dreadnaughts and 16 light cruisers, but that the present necessity would be met by the three-year building program recommended by the Secretary of the Navy.

Admiral Badger said that provision for 103 destroyers is made in 1920 by the three-year building program. He said that the type of American battleships compares favorably with those of any other nation, pointing out that the 16-inch battleships soon to be laid down would be of 43,000 ton displacement.

There are now 343 destroyers either built or being built, he said, and in 1925 there will, therefore, be a total of 450 compared with England's 514 at present.

Santa Claus Tele-phones Us to tell all Boys and Girls that he will surely be around to see them again this Christmas Eve Night.

BRING LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE KAISER

According to an Associated Press dispatch from Paris legal action against the former emperor of Germany has been commenced by an organization of Lill's mothers. The demand for prosecution states that the commanders of the Germans in April 1916 directed that minor girls be carried away from their families, when they were submitted to odious treatment and forced into close contact with notorious women. The statement of complaint says that whereas said commanders were thus guilty of the crime of abduction and that they were under the command of the former emperor, prosecution is demanded.

GERMAN DEVILTRY DISPLAYED TO LAST

With the British-American Armies, (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—German deviltry seemed to know no bounds in the last days of the fighting on the British front after the Hindenburg line had been shattered. They stretched grenades to the bodies of dead Huns left behind in the German retreat, so that when the bodies were lifted the grenades exploded, killing or wounding the bearers.

Near the town of La Chateau, a number of Australian stretcher-bearers were killed by these grenades in attempting to remove some German dead from the field in front of an American machine gun position. Thereafter no Australian would put hands on a dead German. In some cases the bodies were dragged to their burial places by means of long ropes which allowed the stretcher-bearers to keep out of range of any exploding hand grenades.

The Americans, on the other hand, hit upon the plan of making the Germans prisoners bury their own dead. In one instance a Boche prisoner was summarily shot because he refused to remove the body of one of his dead companions. An examination of the body later led to the discovery that it was mine. The German was aware of this fact and refused to touch it.

In one small town evacuated by the Germans, many of the beds were found to be mine. An American soldier, fired and worn by long and hard fighting, sought rest on a lounge in a room previously occupied by a German officer. The lounge blew up and he was instantly killed.

Another officer picked up a pair of field glasses left by the Germans and was adjusting the focus when the glasses exploded in his hands and blew away part of his face.

The Huns had become adept in the nefarious business of making infernal machines, mines and time fuses, and there was scarcely an area where the electrical and engineering experts of the Allies did not find some new form of their fiendish ingenuity.

KAISER-BILL HASN'T MUCH TO SAY

According to a London dispatch of recent date William Hohenzollern will not make any statement as to his efforts to prevent the outbreak of the war in 1914.

A correspondent of a London paper has finally succeeded in having submitted to Herr Hohenzollern the question as to his specific attitude before the war and his steps to prevent hostilities. Count von Bentinck, the host of the former emperor, received the

MR. DENVER HUGHES DEAD FROM GUN SHOT BY NEGRO

Was Shot Through Window of His Store at Lizzie, Greene County, Thursday at 12:20 by Jim Henry Warren, Trouble Arose Over a Five Dollar Account, Made Good His Escape and Has Not Yet Been Captured.

correspondent after the question had been laid before Herr Hohenzollern and he is reported to have said: "The Kaiser much appreciates your message and thank you." He says: "Tell him if there is any possibility of my becoming a defendant I prefer postponing anything I have to say until that time. In addition I do not desire to be a prisoner of war. I am a member of the government as it is listed at the outbreak of the war."

The following extract from the Bergische Arbeiterstimme, an independent socialist paper, throws light on this viewpoint: "The same people who two months ago could not find anything more proper than to represent Germany's position—especially the food situation—in its roughest light, now paint it blacker day by day. This talk is directed with the mechanical repetition of the professional brawler in a definite direction—to America, concerning whose democracy and readiness for peace scorn was for years uttered, but which country is now begged and whimpered to in the most pitiful manner by the same people. Dr. Self especially performed this special trick, pointing out in each of his morning, afternoon and evening notes to President Wilson the danger of Bolshevism."

"His intention is clear. The whole bourgeoisie game, inclusive of the government Socialists, has reached the standpoint that communism and socialism must be prevented at all costs, if not otherwise, then by summing an agency country. So, Erzberger, Scheidemann, Ebert, and others, would not have anything against foreigners coming here for the purpose of abolishing the red flag."

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Mr. Denver Hughes, age 42 years, a merchant at Lizzie, Greene county, and a member of one of the county's most prominent families, was shot through the front window of his store Thursday about the noon hour by Jim Henry Warren, a young dark ginger cake colored negro, about 20 years old, weighing around 150 pounds. The load from the gun entered the lower left side of the abdomen. Medical aid was immediately summoned but there proved to be no chance whatever and death soon followed. The negro made good his getaway and up to this writing has not been captured, although a posse of several hundred citizens of that section with the assistance of blood hounds from Raleigh are still in pursuit.

It seems the trouble grew out of an account which the negro owed Mr. Hughes, when he, the negro, sent another negro into the store with a five dollar bill to purchase a pack of cigarettes. Mr. Hughes asked the boy if that wasn't Jim Warren's money, and upon the answer yes, Mr. Hughes told him to tell Jim he would give him credit for that amount. Jim gets mad and goes off and gets his gun, and returning later slips up to the window unaware to Mr. Hughes and proceeds to shoot with the above results.

The remains were buried Friday afternoon in the family burial lot near his old home by the Masons of which order he was a member in good standing. He leaves a wife, who before marriage was Miss Mattie Sumrell, several brothers and sisters and a large number of grief stricken relatives.

MRS. T. B. KING DEAD.

Monday night at 7:45, Mrs. King, wife of Thos. King, died after a short illness of influenza pneumonia and other complications. She is survived by her husband and five children and a host of friends. She was just past 39 years old, a consecrated christian woman, being a member of the Farmville Christian church since early life. Her remains were buried at the family burying ground Tuesday afternoon, W. P. Jordan, her pastor, conducting the burial services.

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