

TRENCH AND CAMP

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EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

The Red Cross drive is the sort of drive that ought to succeed.

We can see the Blue Devils on Tuesday without having any suspicion cast on our occupation of dry territory.

If Texas yields us the 20,000 Motor Mechanics that newspaper gossip has promised us we do not mind admitting that we consider ourselves fortunate.

Soldiers of Camp Greene, attention! Write home to your parents, friends, and acquaintances and tell them to avail themselves of a great opportunity by subscribing to the Red Cross fund this week.

Charlotte appears to deserve the nice things that are being said nationally and locally about the effort that is being made to provide entertainment for the soldiers who visit the city. The new Soldiers' club is, in the language of Shakespeare, a pippin.

This from The Nashville, Tennessee, Banner, will interest those in the camp who know "Elder Cobb," alias Jesse Gray: "Jesse Gray, Nashville's well known entertainer, now doing duty as jokesmith in the Y. M. C. A. huts at Camp Greene, is at home for a slight operation on his throat. A chestnut bur caused the trouble probably."

Today is a proud anniversary in North Carolina. The young men who are now training for war in these environs should reverence the memory of those Mecklenburg patriots—akin to us in blood and spirit—who showed the world so long ago the stuff that true Americans are made out of.

Thrice welcome to these visiting French "Blue Devils." One of the proudest privileges that American soldiers will ever have will be the honor of standing shoulder to shoulder with such men as these French fighters have proven themselves to be. The example which these wonderful French people have set will be a continual source of inspiration to our soldiers and civilians as well.

The American Red Cross, one of the finest organizations ever perfected by the human brain for the alleviation of human suffering and the extension of Christian mercy, is asking the people of America to contribute \$100,000,000 to its war fund this week. This should be a privilege that every citizen of the United States should feel proud to avail himself of. We are spending billions of dollars in building up an effective fighting machine with which to conquer the enemies of civilization and human freedom. Let us likewise give without stint to the furtherance of the work of this organization, which has for its primary purpose the shedding abroad of mercy in the lives of suffering humanity.

AFFAIRS OF THE WEEK IN CHARLOTTE.

The big event of the week was the dance held Wednesday evening, May 15, at the clubroom, 409 West Seventh street. The hall was handsomely decorated and the people in Charlotte were there in great numbers to welcome and mingle with the men and make them feel thoroughly at home. The refreshments served were especially good and the affair was altogether an enjoyable one. Our two stellar lights Miss Ethel Smith and Corporal Kirschanblott again accommodated with some very pleasing numbers and were heartily applauded. The regular Saturday night smoker and Sunday evening entertainment were both well attended and offered excellent programs to the men.

Program for the Coming Week.
Tuesday, 8 p. m., sociable at camp; Wednesday, 8 p. m., dance in Charlotte; Thursday, 8 p. m., social and educational evening at camp; Friday, 8 p. m., religious evening at camp; Saturday, 8 p. m., smoker in Charlotte; Sunday, 8 p. m., entertainment in Charlotte.

All affairs in camp are held at the temporary quarters of the Jewish Welfare Board between K. of C. No. 1 and Y. M. C. A. 105.

All affairs held in Charlotte will take place in the clubroom at 409 West Seventh street.

MUST REGISTER JUNE 5 FOR MILITARY SERVICE

Every Man Becoming 21 Since Last June 5.

Raleigh, May 19.—The adjutant general's department is spreading throughout the state a special communication from Provost Marshal Crowder stressing the imperative necessity for every young man who has become 21 years of age since June 5 last to register for military service. The communication follows:

"The act providing for the registration of men who have become 21 years of age since June 5 has been passed by Congress and the proclamation by the President will be issued shortly naming June 5 next as the day of registration. Advise all local boards accordingly and have all local arrangements in accordance with letters and registrations completed. Also instruct local boards to give widest publicity through newspapers of the date for registration and start publicity through your own channels. Very important that all newspapers give as much publicity as possible to the fact that June 5, 1918, is the day when all men who have become 21 years of age since last registration day must register."

A MESSAGE TO KAISER BILL.

We are sending you a message,
Kaiser Bill,
That will change your haughty visage,
Kaiser Bill.
You have cut an awful caper—
Calling treaties "scraps of paper."
So we'll quench your little taper,
Kaiser Bill.

Of the world you want it all,
Kaiser Bill,
But we'll prick your bag of gail,
Kaiser Bill;
You'll not even have the half,
For you'll only get the chaff,
Then we'll all give you the laugh,
Kaiser Bill.

We are sending you our laddies,
Kaiser Bill;
And they're backed up by their dad-dies,
Kaiser Bill;
When of you they get a sight,
You will bogn look like a fright,
For our boys know how to fight,
Kaiser Bill.

Yes our boys are going over,
Kaiser Bill;
Soon they'll cross the Straits of Dover,
Kaiser Bill.
When they land in good old Flanders,
They will give your mule the glanders,
And you'll waddle home like ganders,
Kaiser Bill.

Your false creed is "Might makes right,"
Kaiser Bill,
Our creed is "RIGHT MAKES MIGHT,"
Kaiser Bill.
So we'll fight along this line,
Till your hordes have crossed the Rhine,
And the job is done up fine,
Kaiser Bill.

Chorus.

Kaiser Bill, Kaiser Bill,
You must take your bitter pill,
For the world has had sufficient
Of your "KULTUR," Kaiser Bill;
Better hike back to Berlin,
Make atonement for your sin,
FOR WE'RE IN THE FIGHT TO WIN,
Kaiser Bill.
—JOHN A. HAINER.
Tune: "Molly and the Baby."

A LETTER TO YOUR MOTHER.

You may write a thousand letters,
To the sweetheart you adore,
And declare in every letter,
That you love her more and more.

Had you the pen of Byron,
You would use it every day,
In composing written worships,
To your sweetheart far away.

But a much more precious letter,
Bringing more and deeper bliss,
Is the letter to your mother,
From the boy she cannot kiss.

She will read it o'er and o'er,
When the lights are soft and low,
Seated in the same old corner,
Where she held you long ago.

In her old and trembling fingers,
It becomes a work of art,
Stained by tears of joy and sadness,
As she clings it to her heart.

Yes, the letters of all letters,
Wherever you may roam,
Is the letter to your mother,
From the boy away from home.

PRIVATE THOS. McGOVERN,
Headquarters Company, Fourth Regiment Motor Mechanics.

When a man brags that he is slow but sure, the fact of the matter is that the only thing he is sure of is that he is slow.

We do not know much. But we do know that the best way to get rid of an affinity is to marry her.

Any old time a man claims that he was driven to drink you can bet that it was a party named Thirst who handled the reins.



JEWISH WELFARE ACTIVITIES. Shebuoth Festival.

On Thursday night, May 16, the festival of the Shebuoth was appropriately celebrated at the Jewish Welfare quarters.

With the help of the young ladies of Charlotte, the tents were literally bowers of flowers and shrubbery while lanterns and flags lent a sense of festivity entirely in keeping with the occasion.

The service was conducted by Private Jacobson, Q. M. C., and then Mr. Seligman gave a short sermon on the Book of Ruth and on the handing down of the Ten Commandments. He especially emphasized the fact that although Ruth was not an Israelite, an entire book of the Old Testament is devoted to her. "This," Mr. Seligman said, "can only be interpreted as a lesson that no matter of what religion a person may be, he or she deserves our greatest respect and honor if they are good at heart and honest in purpose."

In speaking of the Ten Commandments, Mr. Seligman said, that they were a heritage of the Jewish people and that as it was their gift to the world, he commanded all men not only to live up to them, themselves, but to do all in their power to influence all others to live by these ten simple laws that have been handed down through the centuries and upon which all laws are based.

Short talks were given by Mr. Nabow and Mrs. Malever, both from Charlotte, also from Privates Kerner and Heller. Private Covelman rendered a vocal selection in Yiddish.

Following this, refreshments were served and the sandwiches, cake, and lemonade, all home made, pleased the men very much. Everything tended to make this one of the most enjoyable affairs ever held under the auspices of the Jewish Welfare Board at Camp Greene and the fact that many of the young ladies, most prominent in Jewish society in Charlotte were present, did not detract in the least from the affair and kept the men from their bunks as long as they dared stay.

Mr. Konowitz Leaves Camp Greene.

It was with great regret that the representatives of the Jewish Welfare Board said good bye to Mr. Konowitz when he left for New York on May 15. Mr. Konowitz has been here since the middle of January and at all times has shown himself a zealous and unselfish worker and nothing was ever too much for him to do for any of the men at Camp Greene. Mr. Konowitz will assume charge of a camp of his own and the members of the board here know that he will make a success as a head worker. In

the near future, Rabbi Rabin of Charleston, S. C., will become resident rabbi at Camp Greene and the new building nears completion there will be a force of six or seven men at Camp Greene. At present, Mr. Seligman and Mr. Crossman are the only two workers in camp but with this small number of men at present located in Camp Greene, they feel confident of their ability to handle any situation that may arise.

INSURANCE FIGURES FOR AMERICAN ARM

More Than Sixteen and Half Billion Dollars Worth of Insurance Written by Uncle Sam.

Washington, May 14.—More than two million members of American fighting forces are now insured for more than sixteen and a half billion dollars by the United States government. Secretary McAdoo announced today. Up to the close of business Monday night, 2,029,886 insurance applications aggregating \$16,653,514.99 had been received by the military naval division of the bureau of war risk insurance. The average amount of insurance applied for is \$8,209, the maximum permitted by law being \$10,000.

Approximately 11,000 applications for government insurance are being received daily. In the last two weeks one billion dollars of insurance was written on the lives of soldiers and sailors. This indicates that the men joining the colors are responding to the government insurance offer with great enthusiasm and that America's soldiers and sailors are giving themselves and their families the protection afforded by the United States government.

Men are being urged to insure immediately upon enlistment inasmuch as application must be made within 120 days after joining the service. The insurance is against death and total permanent disability.

The bureau of war-risk insurance of the treasury department has written since the middle of October 1917 more insurance than is on the books today of the twenty largest life insurance companies in the world combined.

The time he turns in has a lot to do with the way a young man turns out.

The poorest men we ever knew were those who relied on Luck for assistance.

"PUTTING THE GRIN INTO THE FIGHT!"



Elmer, who has missed five straight shots: "Say, Herb, wot aze bulle-yu usin?"