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PERSHING AND BLISS WILL BE IN RECEPTION PARTY

Col. House Will Board the Liner and Bring President and Mrs. Wilson Ashore.

Brest, France, Dec. 10.—The steamship George Washington, carrying President Wilson and the American delegates to the peace congress at Paris, was reported by the naval wireless as passing the Azores at one o'clock this afternoon. All on board were well after the stormy weather through which the Presidential liner passed.

ALL IN READINESS

Preparations for receiving President Wilson here have been completed.

The progress of each step taken by the American visitors is followed with eager interest. The first plan of sending an American dreadnaught fleet seaward has been changed. According to the new plan the fleet will go out early Friday to meet the American party a short distance off the coast.

French warships also will take Foreign Minister Pichon, Minister of Marine Leygues and André Tardieu, French High Commissioner, to America for the first greetings by an exchange of salutes.

French officers have arrived from Paris to make final reception arrangements.

The George Washington draws too much water to enter the inner harbor, so it will anchor about a mile off shore.

THE AMERICAN PARTY

An American party, consisting of Generals Pershing and Bliss, Admiral Benson, Admiral Henry B. Wilson, and Col. E. M. House then will board the liner and bring the President and Mrs. Wilson ashore aboard a naval yacht.

The French ministers will extend a formal welcome to the American President as he sets foot on French soil.

McAdoo for President Club Formally Organized.

Asheville, Dec. 10.—With over 1,000 charter members the "McAdoo for President" Club has been formally organized to work for the nomination of the President's son-in-law for his father-in-law's job. J. G. Sikkeleather is president of the new organization; H. H. Sullivan, vice-president; Gray Cohan, secretary; B. L. Loda, treasurer. The organization was perfected at a meeting held at the courthouse last night, at which various speeches were made. The club intends to distribute propaganda and hopes to see similar clubs organized in every city

Help Give Christmas Cheer.

The following appeal has been received from John L. Weber, General Camp Secreary Y. M. C. A.

TO THE GOOD PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Christmas is coming and will find a large number of soldiers here in Camp Jackson, many of whom will be lonesome and unhappy. Now, it is my wish to do everything possible to give these men a taste of real Christmas joy. I am appealing to the good people of this State to send for them, through me, whatever they feel that they can contribute to the success of a happy Christmas day.

I will be glad to have smokes, good things to eat, and money to be applied to the purchase of fresh fruits and other delicacies.

In addition to these men in camp we have between five and six hundred Red Cross nurses, the finest in the whole world, and I want to see that they have a happy Christmas, so I am also making an appeal for them.

Whatever is sent by any friend of our great citizen army will be used for the benefit of the men and will contribute much towards giving them a joyous occasion.

Address all communications and packages to Dr. John L. Weber, General Camp Secretary, Y. M. C. A., Camp Jackson, S. C.

Young Womans Missionary Society.

The Young Womans Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. M. C. Pleasants Dec. 11th in a study circle. Our leader not being present, the meeting was conducted by Miss Neva Rowland. The scripture lesson was read by Miss Neva Rowland, taken from I Corinthians, 13th chapter, followed by a prayer by Mrs. M. C. Pleasants.

After a very interesting lesson was discussed the Society adjourned to meet with Miss Lillian High Wednesday evening, Dec. 18, 1918, in a study circle.

Those present were Misses Sue and Hodgie Alston, Susie Meadows, Neva Rowland and Mrs. M. C. Pleasants.

Mrs. Pleasants served delicious refreshments.

LETTERS FROM FRANCE

Somewhere in France,
November 3, 1918.

Dear Mother and Father:

Will try to write you just a few lines to let you know that I am well and in good health.

Listen, Mamma, just think I haven't heard a word from home since the 1st of August. I am so anxious to hear from you all. I have gotten one letter from a girl since I left the States. I have written home several times since I landed in France.

I don' know any news, no more than I am on the front now and of course we are going to win this war, guess we have already learned that.

I'm afraid you and papa are grieving about me. Now listen, it is no use of that, that will shorten your life. Don't worry about me for you know Grandpa was in the war four years and he came home safe. Why can't I do the same, only I will be back so much sooner it will surprise you. We are here to win the war and be done with it; then I will come back to you and stay at home as I have done until I came into the army.

I would be glad to get just one line from home. Will close From

YOUR BOY.

Private J. T. Finch,
C. Battery, 21st F. A.
American Ex. Forces, via New York.

Somewhere in France,
October 25, 1918.

My Dear Daddy

Well, Daddy, how are you all tonight? I am feeling very good tonight. I have been in the hospital. Now on my way back to my Co., and think I will go back tomorrow. Hope so; I want to get back and get my mail as I have not had any for almost thirty days.. I am sure I will have a letter from home when I get back. I wrote you while at the hospital have you gotten it? Well Daddy I have been in one of the largest fights in this war and I sure do feel lucky to be living. I sure do thank my God that he has rated me this long, and I am still living in hope that some bright day I will come back to Home, Sweet Home again. I can see you all just as plain and I am always thinking of you all at home.

I have not seen Joe for thirty days, but the last I heard of him he was all right, and just as soon as I get back I will find out about him and let you know just how he is.

Daddy what is Lee and Mary doing? I sure would be glad to see you all, and heres hoping it wont be long before this war will close and we boys can come back to the good old U. S. A. We have lost lots of our boys and they all were good boys, and our Company will never seem like the same old Company. It seems so sad so many of the boys killed and lots wounded so that they will not come back any more. We are getting lots of new men from the States now to fill up again and they have just been in the army about three months and we will have to train them some too, but we don't mind this as we get to stay out of the lines to do so.

With all my love to all at home.

Your loving son,
DICK.

Corp. Grady P. Bunn,
Co. B, 120th Inf., American E. F.
via New York.

Abroad Somewhere,
October 26, 1918.

Dear Papa:

Have ben writing a few letters to folks at the good old home and of course can never refuse to write a few lines to you all. So will begin by saying have just taken a hearty laugh at a fellow telling his experience as an orderly for one of our lieutenants. Also have just read the program of the Duke Memorial Day you sent. Tell papa to be sure and contribute some to this cause for me, did any of you go? Also read the other clippings, including the little funny jokes. They appeal to me so much as they make me think of the happy moments we spent together by the fireside reading them.

Well, I am glad to hear you all are still doing so fine. Am expecting to hear of you all purchasing an auto, things are selling so high.

You spoke of reading the work of the Americans. You bet your life, fighting has been a common thing with us lately. And wonderful experiences no human being can explain. Have been right over after the Boche several times, and we showed him the meaning of our mission here. And Mother the Lord has so wonderfully cared for me.

It seems the American dough boys are quite a fright to the Boche as the Kaiser's children are continually drifting toward home, and at home we hope he will soon be. And a glorious peace will be extended to all the world once more. Mamma I hope the Lord's will is for me to return and oh, what a happy time it will be.

We regret the loss of our comrades, which has occurred. However, we realize we are in war.

Sherrod is doing fine too. He and Johnnie Pearce were around to see me yesterday. Have seen Johnnie Bowden, Hubert Bergeron and a good many other friends lately, all were well and jolly. Haven't seen any of the other boys around there who left this spring yet, but am going to try and write them.

Say, what is Johnnie having to say now? They say he is just a grand sport. Had a letter from L——, said he was sporting E——ha! wonder if he is driving old Bude.

Well hope they will have a good school this time. As I am sure they have some good teachers. Guess old Charlie D. is laughing some now. Have just been wondering which one him or Roger, will get the most cotton picked by the girls.

Think the way the children started out picking was very good. Tell them to be smart, maybe I can join them again some day.

Tell Papa I would like for him to write me how he came out this year, as prices I hear are real high, Hope you are in good condition now financially, also want to know if any allotments are coming in again.

Am glad Linda went down to Cousin Andrews. Mattie wrote me about it also.

Now I guess I better begin stopping for this time as I shall have to [illegible] her yesterday.

Now I want you all to give my best love and good wishes to all relatives, neighbors and friends, and tell the families that have absent members, I wish them the very best success possible, until our happy return. And hope it wont be long before we can have another neighborhood reunion.

Tell cousin Henry I ate some rabbit today, then pinch Hale Willard Allen's toes for once for me. Tell Fern I am thinking again, and remember them all.

Good night.

Your loving boy,
LEON SPENCER.

Co. F., 119th Inf., A. E. F.
A. P. O. 745.

P. S. I forgot last night. You remember the picture you sent, where the soldier boys were watching the children play. Well thats something to our experience. We are out now on I suppose a good long rest. And we boys are having a nice, joking and jolly time.

Mamma the sweetest experiences we have had yet were to see the dear old women and men shouting and rejoicing as the American dough boys passed by. And they realize the fact that they once more are living on the Allied side of the lines. Don't you know it was beautiful?

Bye bye.
L. S.

France, Nov. 3, 1918.

Dear Home Folks:

Just wrote you all a long letter the other day, but have gotten two from you since then stating you haven't been getting any from me. Well, mother, please don't be troubled, as you will understand, when we are in the lines, it is very inconvenient to write, therefore I had to neglect writing in the past for a week or two, I guess is why the long slip came in. Hope they are coming in again now. So I beg, while I'm here, making the greatest of sacrifices, you all will share with me, and continue to write often. I shall be sure to write you often, at every chance possible.

Was very sorry to hear in your letter today the influenza was raging, and of the serious cases, but hope it is checked and you all will not get it. I'm afraid Lena was sick, as her writing was like Emma's, it was not natural. Know you will be glad to hear I'm getting on fine and am almost as fleshy as I was when at home in February.

Had a letter from Tommie today also. He reports everything going on nice in the church, which sounds good to me. Am in better hope now of returning back to the dear work than ever, as Turkey and Austria have fallen. And I am in hope by the time you get this Germany will be the same thing.

Now I guess I better close, as I am in good health and spirits, and have a good rest, as I stated before, and are located near each other, which enables us to see each other every day or two. We had a divisional field meeting the other day. Prizes were offered for winners in races, relay, horse, and mule riding, boxing and a good many other things.

You can imagine the day was enjoyed by seeing all this. To hear the band play, followed by the good news that Turkey and Austria were out. New spirit seems to be greatly increased throughout all the units.

You know I can almost see the children playing that music, Gee, and hope I will be there before long to join the band.

Tell Linda, Lena, and Jack, I would like to write them separate letters but, it would require much more writing and don't believe they will think hard of me for writing all together.

Their letters are dear to me, and let them continue to write.

Well, I started the letter last night, but didn't finish. So tonight will begin again.

Say, I saw Sherrod again today, also Moses Inscoe and Elwood Sykes and Grady Bunn. Gee, we have some lovely chats when we meet you bet.

Tell Linda was glad to hear of the Red C. organization at the Paths. Be sure to do a lot for it, also hope she gave Mary Etta my address. And to be sure to write Bertie a few words for me.

Now, as I wrote a great deal in the other letter, will make this one short. Am still feeling fine tonight. Now the conclusion of my letter is this:

"A PRAYER FOR HOME"

Dear Heavenly Father, listen to the pleadings of Thy child, give ear to my prayer. Lonely am I in a distant country, away from my beloved home, away from those whom I love and who are near and dear to me. Lonely, but, Heavenly Father, not forsaken. For Thou hast said: "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." "If I ascend up into Heaven, Thou art there. If I take wings of the morning and dwell in the uppermost parts of the sea even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me." For this I thank and praise Thee, for if Thou art with me I shall not want. Therefore I commend my loved ones. Bless all I left at home, send Thy Holy angels to guard and protect them, keep them, I pray Thee in true faith, give them power and strength to resist the temptations of the sinful world and to abide with Thee.

And, Lord, if Thou will, spare me and my loved ones, and grant me a happy return home, above all bring me, together with them to the home which Thou has gone to prepare for Thine own.

Lord Heaven'y Father, hear me, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

I remember you all daily. Good night.

Your loving son and brother
Corporal Leon S. Gay.

By courtesy of H. C. Temple, Cleveland Plain Dealer

"OO! GRAN'PA, WE FORGOT SOMPIN'!"

New Coal Regulations.

Following instructions of the fuel administrator at Washington the following circular has been sent to all district representatives:

"Confirming Order Nine December Fourth: Cancel all outstanding requisitions subject to coal and coke in favor of industrial plants on market basis from this charge. Notify all operators and jobbers that shipments made on requisitions from this office to all other classes of consumers will be entirely at risk of shipper."

On and after this date all North Carolina industries will face the necessity of depending entirely upon their own efforts in securing coal. All dealers, public utilities, hospitals, schools state and municipal agencies will likewise depend upon their own efforts insofar as it is possible for them to do so, only calling upon the Fuel Administration for assistance when their own efforts are entirely unavailing.

Conditions have so nearly approached normal with respect to movement of Bituminous coal that it should not longer be necessary for consumers to call on the Local or State Fuel Administration for assistance in meeting their requirements. However, in emergency cases the Fuel Administration will gladlyrender assistance as formerly.

In this connection it seems advisable to state that conditions with respect to Anthracite have not improved. From present indications there will be no change in Anthracite allotments, and dealers and consumers should not, therefore, entertain the hope of securing this grade of coal.

In view of press reports Dr. Garfield's resignation you will be interested in the following telegram from Dr. Garfield's office:

"Dr. Garfield will continue in direct charge of Fuel Administration as long as there is work to be done and to discharge fully his duty to the public. Relies on your assistance through the winter at least."

Dr. Garfields decision will doubtless find a ready response in the hearts of the patriotic men who have given themselves without reserve to the call of Country, and this office confidently hopes that every member of the State Organization will stand by the Colors until the Fuel Administration comes to a final close.

Yours very truly,
R. C. NORFLEET,
State Fuel Administrator.

A BAR TO BOLSHEVISM—A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Governor Bickett's Address at Charlotte.

Raleigh, Dec 10.—"The best antidote for Bolshevism is an educated Christianized citizenship," declared Governor T. W. Bickett last Sunday afternoon in a big mass meeting in Charlotte in the interest of the Million Dollar Campaign for the Baptist Schools of the State.

Continuing, Governor Bickett said, "Ignorance is the mother of poverty, and the handmaiden of crime. Anarchy and atheism walk hand in hand. I want the men of means to let this statement soak in—Close down either the churches or the schools, and your property will be one to you a liability instead of an asset. In Russia today the naked fact that a man owns property makes him a mark for a firing squad."

Referring to the Million Dollar Campaign the Governor said, "This million dollars will mean much to the State of North Carolina, and I am not sure how I could at this time serve the State better than by urging the people to respond to this call in the same spirit of generosity and self-denial that has characterized their answer to every appeal made for the winning of the war.

"There is no room for reason," the Governor averred, "for equity between the State and the Church school. It would be the acme of unwisdom for the State to undertake the work of the church schools. It would be the height of folly for the church to assume the obligation to educate all the people. The two systems supplement each other and both are vital necessities to a well ordered, well balanced civilization. Training in the three R's, reading, writing and arithmetic is well, but the fourth R, religious education, must be added to give a fine and firm foundation for a prosperous and happy State."

On account of the influenza situation in Greensboro, the Baptist State Convention, which was to have met there Dec. 3-4, has been postponed until Jan. 14-17, and the time limit for completing the million dollar drive for the Baptist Schools has been extended to that time. The campaign is going at a good rate now. The munificent gift last week of $25,000 by the Albritton family, of Calypso, and the $10,000 gift of Hon. J. F. Alder, of Forest City, and the many others that are oversubscribing the allotments have given a great impetus to the movement.

WALTER M. GILB[illegible]
Publicity Dir[illegible]

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the post office at Louisburg, N. C., for the week ending Dec. 13, 1918:

Miss Annie Arrington, Miss Collins, Miss Hattie Davis, Miss Dickerson, Mrs. Lu L. Reith, Miss H. Tea, Miss H. Mae Pearce, Miss Powell, Mrs. Charlie Wilder, Mr. Lee Williams, Boyd Lankford.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please state that they have advertised.

R. H. DAVIS, M.

In Attempt at Suicide Foreman Wounds Man Who Proves Coward.

London, Dec. 10.—William Hohenzollern, the former German emperor, has attempted to commit suicide following mental depression, according to the Leipzig Tageblatt, as quoted in a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. A member of the former Imperial retinue who prevented Herr Hohenzollern from carrying out his intention, received a wound, it is said.

American Troops Arrive at New York

New York, Dec. 10.—The British transport, Empress of Britain, arrived here today with 2,450 American soldiers on board, of whom 400 were wounded.

The wounded included men of the 27th, 30th, 33rd, and 37th divisions. Some had lost arms or legs.

The other troops were from training camps in England and included men of the 307th, 361st, 140th, 357th, 256th and 834th, aero squadrons, and the 10th, 13th, 14th, and 17th air service construction companies.

Invited, But President Will Not Visit

Paris, Dec. 10.—According to a wireless dispatch from the U. S. S. George Washington, says Marcel Hutin, in the Echo de Paris, President Wilson has been informed that Premier Ebert and Foreign Secretary Hase of the Berlin government and Premier Eisner, of Bavaria, were about to make an effort to get him to visit Germany. The President is quoted as having made this reply.

"Only by long years of repentance can Germany atone for her crimes, and show sincerity. No true American could think of visiting Germany unless forced to do so by strictly official obligations.

"That is to say I decline in advance to consider any suggestion of the kind."

Its Kind.

"I would like to have a swell luncheon."

"Why not try one of dried apples and water?"