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## PATRIOTIC RALLY

**At Court House Saturday Morning—Teachers Meeting, Brass Band, War Savings and Thrift Stamp Speeches.**

The meeting of the white teachers of Robeson in Lumberton Saturday will be made the occasion of a patriotic rally. At 11 a. m. at the court house there will be speeches on War Savings and Thrift Stamps, and a brass band will furnish music. From this meeting it is expected that War Savings and Thrift stamp societies will be organized in every school in the county.

## WOUNDED SOLDIER

### TO GIVE WAR FACTS

**Captain David Fallon, British Soldier, Will Speak in Lumberton at Court House Monday at 7:30 P. M.**

—Will Reach Many Towns in State.

Captain David Fallon, recently from the trenches in France and Belgium, will tell the people of North Carolina in the next two weeks the story of the world war as seen by one who has been through it, suffered in it, and returned a cripple for life. Captain Fallon is an Australian soldier who served three years with the British forces on the battlefields from Gallipoli peninsula to the Somme front. Having been wounded fifteen times, the fifteenth wound incapacitating him so as to cause his dismissal with the honor of the Military Cross, he has been "invalided home," war-scarred and wounded. Instead of returning to his Australian home at Sydney, he came to America and is lecturing on the war for the purpose of informing Americans as to its true conditions and prospects, as well as to what is expected of them in the line of duty for both civilians and soldiers.

While in North Carolina, Captain Fallon will speak in the interest of War-Savings stamps. His itinerary, which is now being arranged at State headquarters, Winston-Salem, will reach nearly every town in the State. He will speak several times daily and will relate his actual experiences with the Hun. He tells how he threw himself in a shell hole in "No Man's Land" which was filled with mud and water, in which he had to keep himself submerged three nights and three days, only raising his head occasionally to breathe.

Captain Fallon will speak at the court house in Lumberton at 7:30 p. m. next Monday, February 25th. He should be and no doubt will be greeted by a packed house.

## CHAUTAUQUA NEXT YEAR.

It Will Be in a Tent Next Time—

Chautauqua Which Closed—Last

Evening Was Inferior to Former

Chautauquas But Some of the At-

tractions Were Worth While—

Guarantors Had to Make Good

Small Deficiency.

The 3-day Radcliffe Chautauqua which closed at the Pastime theatre last evening was not up to the high mark set by former Chautauquas held here, but some of the attractions were really worth while and were more than worth the price of a season ticket.

Capp's orchestra and Dr. Wm. Rader, the attractions Monday afternoon and evening, were all right. The orchestra gave two worth-while entertainments, and Dr. Rader's two lectures, "Wake Up America" and "The Call of Democracy," were well worth the price of the whole course. Prof. Louis Williams' chemical (afternoon) and electrical (evening) entertainments were delightful and instructive. They were worth while, full of practical instruction about subjects that to most people are as sealed books. Dr. A. W. Hutchins, platform manager, made friends while here and his two lectures were enjoyed. Some stray crumbs might have been picked out of the dreary talk of the so-called domestic science expert, from whom the ladies expected much, also from the lectures of the Red Cross nurse, but they were disappointing; and the entertainments yesterday afternoon and evening decidedly did not measure up to say the least.

But the excellence of a few of the attractions made up for deficiencies and the Chautauqua was worth while. The 25 guarantors had to make up a deficiency of \$63.25. No doubt there would have been no deficiency at all if the Radcliffe company had not absolutely laid down on what it was expected to do in the way of helping to advertise. Two weeks ago today even the guarantors did not know when the Chautauqua would be given, and advertising the Chautauqua should have begun before that time.

A few guarantors have pledged the necessary \$425 to have a Chautauqua here next year in a tent, and it is the purpose to manage it differently. Mr. R. D. Caldwell agreed to stand for 12 of the 25 names required as guarantors. No doubt others will sign later if the Radcliffe company can be gotten to do what it failed so signally to do this time—do a reasonable share toward giving the publicity to the coming of the Chautauqua.

## SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS.

**German Invasion of Russia Continues**

—Recommencement of Hostilities

Unpopular With the Masses—

American Built Airplanes on Way

to France.

The German invasion of Russia continues unimpeded.

Apparently there is to be no cessation in the eastward march of the enemy until the Russian Bolshevik government entirely slakes the thirst of the Teutons for a peace "which corresponds with our interests," as expressed by the German foreign minister.

Southern Estonia has been entered by troops from German warships in the Gulf of Riga or from Moen Island or Oesel islands, lying off the shore, and a base established from which operation may be carried on against Reval, an important port on the Gulf of Finland; northeast east of Dvinsk the penetration of the enemy along the railroad lines leading to Petrograd and Smolensk at last accounts had reached more than twelve miles and thence southward to southern Villhina the invasion was in progress over wide areas with the Germans taking prisoners and guns, rolling stock and other booty in large quantities. The line over which the Germans are operating from southern Estonia to Lutsik is more than 500 miles in length.

Scant heed has been taken by the military authorities of Germany of the frantic announcement of a desire on the part of the Bolshevik government for a peace on Germany's terms.

Not alone in Germany but also in Austria-Hungary the recommencement of hostilities is unpopular with the masses who, tired of the war, had hoped that with the debacle in Russia a general peace was nearer. Prominent newspapers in both Germany and in Austria-Hungary evince disappointment over the new phase of the situation and several of the most influential journals desire to know who was responsible for it. The newspapers in the dual monarchy are unanimous against their country making further war against Russia.

Nevertheless, for the present at least, all seems dark so far as Russia being able to loose herself from the grip of the invader is concerned. Meantime she is still in the throes of civil war, and added to that has another wide-spread anti-Semitic movement to contend with. Swedish advisers are to the effect that there has been a return of the old time practice of carrying out massacres against the Jews. Bloody pogroms are declared to have been committed in Lublin, Raskhoff, Tiraspol and other towns.

On the battle fronts no big engagements have been fought, although in Palestine the British operating against the Turks again have pushed forward their lines on a front of 15 miles east of Jerusalem and secured much desired positions. The advance was to a depth of two miles. On the front in France, Belgium and Italy only bombardments and minor infantry operations are in progress.

British airmen are continuing their intensive operations against German positions behind the battle lines. Naval airmen again have bombed submarine bases, airplane cramps, docks and other military works of the Germans along the North Sea coast.

Secretary of War Baker in an important announcement says the first American built battleplanes are now on their way to France, nearly five months ahead of the original schedule.

The dispatching of the high-powered aircraft, according to Mr. Baker, marks the final overcoming of the many difficulties met with in building up the intricate industry of airplane manufacture in the United States.

## MAKE INCOME RETURNS.

**Income Tax Man Will Be in Lumberton to Assist You February 25 to 28.**

When Deputy Collector N. A. Watson left Lumberton on February 2nd he asked The Robesonian to state that he would return to Lumberton February 25th and be here until the 28th to assist all who care to consult him about figuring income tax. Married persons whose incomes are \$2,000 or more a year, and single persons whose incomes are \$1,000 or more, must make returns. The time for making returns has been extended to April 1st, but this is the last appointment in Robeson of a man from the office of the internal revenue collector to give assistance in making this unaccustomed return, so those who are liable for this tax will not want to miss the opportunity of consulting Deputy Watson in Lumberton from February 25 to 28.

—Miss Byrd Blankenship, Red Cross instructor in surgical dressings from Atlanta, Ga., arrived Tuesday night and gave her first instructions to a class of 20 yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. She will give a lesson each afternoon at 3 o'clock except Sunday for seven days. Members of the class are much pleased with the instructions, which they say are "eye openers." The class meets in the Red Cross rooms in the cotton mill office building, Elm and Second streets. Mrs. L. T. Townsend is superintendent of the surgical dressings committee.

## PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

**First Experience With a Ford—Planting Potatoes—Bold Store Robbery**

—Recital at Lumber Bridge Tomorrow Evening—Church Notes—Personal.

Correspondence of the Robesonian.

Parkton, Feb. 19.—As it is always customary for individuals to put up excuses for procrastination we offer ours for the lapse of a couple of weeks. Not dead, not sleeping in day coaches, neither have we been in an airplane, but have been gradually forming acquaintance with a John Henry car. As our first experience we bounced into the saddle Saturday evening for the first time, and within ten minutes secured a job laying telephone poles for Mr. J. McRainey, but as Mr. McRainey chanced to pass our way by the time we laid the first pole we lost our job, as we failed to meet specification, as he did not want the wires broken. My advice to all is to remove the lights from their cars before taking such a job. However, we have become more intimate with our line of business and all's well, and we wonder why we failed to get acquainted years ago.

Some business going on up our way in the way of carving Irish cobbler. Nine farmers out of every ten are planting more or less potatoes, and never was work more rushing and labor higher and scarcer.

Mr. Chas. Terry commenced grinding corn at his new mill last Saturday and it is said is making the best of men.

Mr. J. C. Webb had the misfortune of losing his fine milk cow, worth \$100, Sunday morning. Mr. A. J. Garris has a very sick horse, one of his finest horses.

Mr. Graham Powers of St. Pauls is with the Parkton Mercantile Co's stores. We gladly welcome Mr. and Mrs. Powers to our town.

The Parkton Mercantile Co's store was broken into and robbed on Thursday night. Entrance was made by breaking the plate glass of the front door and the rear door was then opened and the goods loaded on an automobile truck and \$400 worth or more goods carried away. It is a great pity that the guilty parties cannot be apprehended and punished severely, but no trace of the guilty party has been reported as yet.

Rev. J. K. Hall, pastor of the Presbyterian church, is on the sick list since Sunday.

Mr. Gaston Stanley has accepted a position in Wilmington with the A. C. L. Ry. office. He will be greatly missed from our midst.

Mr. W. J. Council of Red Springs was in town today.

The following from Flora Macdonald college spent Saturday night, Sunday and Monday in town: Misses Ruby Council, Esdale Currie, Marie McMillan.

Miss Fuddie Williamson of Fayetteville, R. F. D. 3, spent Monday night and Tuesday with relatives in town.

Pastmaster Collins Cobb and wife and daughter, Sarah, attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Sarah Hughes, on Thursday, the burial taking place at the McIntosh graveyard above Wagram. The floral offerings were said to be most beautiful and profuse.

Rev. J. L. Jenkins completed a series of sermons last Sunday on the general subject "An Adequate Church for a Changing World in These Times." The topics were, first, "The Kind of Persons We Ought to Be" text 1st Chron. 12:32; third an dlast, "The Church in Armor. The Call of the 1st Chron. 12:32; third and last, "The Church in Armor. The Call of the Hour," 1st Cor. 12:33. We have never heard more forcefully delivered sermons in all our lives. A request has been made for these sermons to be printed in pamphlet form.

Mr. T. G. Balfour of Scotswood farm Lumber Bridge, R. F. D. 3, was in town this afternoon and reports an interesting recital to be given at the auditorium Friday, February 22nd, at 7:30, benefit of the Red Cross. We think it is getting time to hear of something of the kind in our town.

Messrs. H. B. Culbreth and L. B. Johnson left Sunday afternoon for a brief visit, first to Raeford and Fayetteville and thence to McCormick. We fear they exceeded the speed limit. Also Messrs. Alvi Wright, John Currie and Carl Lancaster a trip to Aberdeen and Pinehurst. These trips were made with John Henry F's.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Johnson who spent the winter with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hughes, left this afternoon for a brief visit to Mrs. Johnson's sister, Mrs. Humphrey of St. Pauls.

Mrs. J. P. McMillan and children, Catharine and Robert R., who have been on an extended visit to relatives in town, left this morning to visit relatives in the Edonia section before returning to Perry, Fla.

The subject for the union prayer meeting for Wednesday night of this week is "Business Men's Meeting." Next Wednesday evening will be prayer and praise service, some fine singing will be heard by the large union choir. The public invited.

A large Easter service is assured at the M. E. church on the fifth Sunday.

The railroad companies operating in and through North Carolina filed with the Corporation Commission Tuesday a petition asking permission to abolish the present system of 1,000 mile mileage books at \$20 and the 2,000 mile mileage books at \$40 and substitute therefor a straight 1,000 mile mileage book at \$22.50.

## GLENNWOOD GLEANINGS.

**Epidemic of Roseola—Washington and Thrift Program at School Tomorrow Afternoon—Personal Mention.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Glennwood (Pembroke, R. 1), Feb. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Francis White, who were married in Jacksonville, Fla., February 10th, arrived Sunday morning and are visiting relatives in this community. Mrs. White is pleasantly remembered here as Mrs. Vallie Whipple, having visited Mrs. John T. Culbreth last winter. Mr. and Mrs. White will make their home in Lake City, S. C., where Mr. White is engaged in business.

Mr. Lawrence Buie of Harmony spent Sunday in this community.

Miss Dorothea White returned to Rowland Monday afternoon to resume her studies in the Rowland graded school.

Mr. Sandy McNeill has returned from a short visit in Bladen county.

Miss Louise Hughes, who had been the guest of Miss Maggie McNeill for the past week, left Sunday afternoon for her home near Maxton.

Miss Stella McNeill spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will McNeill.

Miss Harriet McNeill has returned from an extended visit to her brother Mr. Charlie McNeill, in Georgia.

Misses Ivey Lewis, Flora Carlyle, Messrs. Roy Lewis and Rowland Carlyle, Motored to Columbia, S. C., Saturday and spent the week-end with Mr. Zeb Carlyle, who is in training at Camp Jackson.

Several of the pupils have been absent from school for the past few days, (due to roseola).

An open meeting of the Glennwood Literary society will be held Friday afternoon. A George Washington and Thrift program will be given.

## ALONG ROUTE 7.

**Thrift Stamp Campaign—Friday To Be Big Day in School—Epworth**

League Flourishing—Social

and Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. 7, Feb. 20.—Owing to the beautiful weather of last week, farmers through this section remind us that corn planting is near.

We still note a few cases of roseola among the school children.

We are waging a Thrift Stamp campaign in our school this week. Just watch the results.

Friday is North Carolina day in the public schools, also a legal holiday, it being Washington's birthday. Miss Cassidy will be with us on that day and we hope to make the day worth while.

Miss Blanche Thomas spent the week-end visiting in Fayetteville and Parkton.

Several of our younger set enjoyed a sumptuous dinner with Miss Bessie Taylor Sunday, it being her 14th birthday.

Mr. John Herring, who had his tonsils removed at a hospital in Fayetteville sometime ago, has recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham of Raeford spent Sunday here with Mr. N. C. Graham.

The Epworth league here is progressing nicely. Every young boy and girl in the community should join us and attend regularly.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey King spent Sunday at Mr. John Herring's.

Miss Maggie Powers of St. Pauls is the house guest of her sister, Mrs. E. T. Taylor.

Messrs. Harvey King and Donowin Broadwell, and Misses Blanche Thomas, Lulu East and Fannie Britt attended the Epworth league meeting at Red Springs Saturday, 9th. They report a fine trip.

## Items From Singletary's Cross Roads.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Singletary Cross Roads (Lumberton R. 5) Feb. 19.—We have been having some very favorable weather for the last few days. It seems that the farmers are very busy in this section preparing to plant tobacco. Mr. McKay Byrd reported that he has tobacco plants up.

Misses Maude and Eva Byrd entertained a large number of their friends Friday night of last week. It was greatly enjoyed by all.

Miss Viola Boone spent the week-end visiting Misses Eva and Maude Byrd. Mrs. Docia Patton and daughter, Myrtle May, of Ten Mile, are spending this week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Parnell.

Mr. and Mrs. McK. Byrd spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. and Mrs. George Parnell's.

Mr. Casper Sessions of St. Pauls and Mr. Archie Britt, who has been in training camp at Ft. Thomas, Ky., were guests of Misses Eva and Maude Byrd Monday afternoon.

## PROHIBITION RALLY AT

**RED SPRINGS 22ND**

**At Methodist Church Tomorrow Evening—Movements of the People.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Feb. 20.—There will be a prohibition rally at Trinity Methodist church Friday night of more than usual interest. The speaker is Rev. R. L. Davis, secretary of the Anti-Saloon league, to whose efforts the State owes much for being a dry State. As soon as the campaign is ended in North Carolina, which closes with next Sunday, Mr. Davis goes to Alabama as one of the State speakers in a campaign that is being conducted in that State. A little later he will be one of the speakers in the Minnesota campaign, which will last about 5 weeks.

On Friday night a large United States flag, which is now displayed in the window of the Carolina Bank and Trust Co., will be awarded to the grade in our graded school which distributes the largest number of coupons and succeeds in bringing the largest number of folks out to hear Mr. Davis. If you receive a coupon do not lose it, but take it with you to church and present it in person at the door; only in this way will it count in favor of the grade in school which has requested your presence.

This is no time for slackers. The liquor traffic is destroying more grain today than all others put together. Somehow it should be stopped, and the only way to do it is to come to gether in meetings like this and let our representatives at Washington know what our desires are.

The meeting will be under the general supervision of Rev. A. J. Parker, acting for the league.

Mrs. Irvin Grantham of Lumberton has returned to her home after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Lynchburg.

Mr. R. W. Massie of Lynchburg, Va., spent the week-end with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Massie, Jr.

Messrs. Jesse and Angus Byrne of Camp Jackson spent the week-end at home.

Mr. "Denk" Davis is at home for a few days from Camp Wadsworth, Augusta, Ga.

Mrs. A. J. Parker has returned from a visit to her son and daughter-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Parker, at St. Pauls.

Mr. J. D. Callahan is in Highsmith's hospital suffering from a very bad knee, hurt while moving a house about two weeks ago. His friends will be glad to know he is getting along nicely, following an operation Monday.

Mr. McConnell of Graham is holding the "week of prayer" at Flora Macdonald college this week and preaching to the girls morning and night.

Mrs. R. W. Massie, Jr., and Miss Sglie Pearsall are spending today with Mrs. J. J. Godwin in Lumberton.

Judge T. A. McNeill, Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., and little Cora McNeill of Lumberton spent Monday, with Mr. J. T. Williams and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bullock and family have moved into Mrs. Gaddy's house next to the Methodist church. Mrs. N. A. Brown and family who had been living in the house for about a year, have moved into the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Denny.

Rev. Douglas Smith of Fayetteville is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pearsall.

## Indian Red Cross at Reedy Branch

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

McDonald, Feb. 20.—Saturday, the 16th was the Red Cross meeting day at Reedy Branch. There were five new members enrolled, which makes us 46 members. Since Miss Dora Price and Miss Kate McKinzie were with us 2 weeks ago and got us organized, being just started in this great work. Although our ladies are inexperienced in the work at this time, they decided to send a part of their funds to Rowland society to aid them in forwarding the work, on and a part will be kept at Reedy Branch to start our ladies at work, as Miss Price and Miss McKinzie will meet with them and assist them. By order to meet Friday night, the 22nd, then we will report.

W. G. HUNT, Cor. Sec.

## Death of Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Chaffin.

Reported for The Robesonian.

Little Annie Chaffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Jackson of Davidson College and grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Chaffin of Lumberton passed away at the Charlotte sanatorium Tuesday the 19th of February.

She was in her fifth year, a bright, lovely child.

## Back Swamp Red Cross Meets Saturday.

Correspondence of the Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D., Feb. 20.—Back Swamp Red Cross society will meet at Back Swamp church Saturday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock. It is requested for each member to be present and those who will join to come.

QUESSIE PREVATTE, Sec.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McCallum began housekeeping Tuesday in the residence belonging to Mrs. McCallum, Third and Water streets. They had been boarding at the Lorraine hotel.

## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Friday, a legal holiday, the local banks will be closed—Washington's birthday.

—Special meeting I. O. O. F. No. 245 tonight at 8 o'clock. First degree work. All members urged to be present.

—Superior court for the trial of civil cases will convene Monday. Judge Geo. W. Connor of Wilson will preside.

—Miss Josephine Breece left Monday night for Baltimore and New York to buy spring goods for her millinery store.

—The condition of Mrs. Frank Gough, who has been sick for many months, has not been favorable for several days.

—Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Grantham have rented rooms from Mr. F. L. Nash, Sixth street, and have begun light housekeeping.

—Mr. S. T. Caldwell, junior member of the firm of R. D. Caldwell & Son, will leave tonight for the Northern markets to buy spring goods for the Caldwell store.

—Mr. Joe Barrington, one of Robeson's selectmen at Camp Jackson, is spending a few days furlough with relatives near Maxton. He is a Lumberton visitor today.

—Mrs. W. S. Britt has returned home from the Fennell infirmary, Rock Hill, S. C., where she had been a patient since December 20. Her condition is very much improved.

—Mr. F. A. Wishart, county superintendent of roads, left Tuesday evening for Chapel Hill to attend a good roads meeting. The meeting opened Tuesday and will close tomorrow.

—Mrs. Sue I. Blake, and daughter, Miss Lillian, and nephew, Mr. Earle Crump, left Tuesday for Hopewell, Va., where they will make their home. Mr. Paul and Miss Annie Blake, son and daughter of Mrs. Blake, have been at Hopewell for some time.

—Mrs. Lillie Langdon, who has of the millinery department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's department store, left Tuesday night for New York and Baltimore to buy spring millinery for the Caldwell charge of the millinery department of store.

—Mr. A. P. Page, who enlisted in the signal corps of the U. S. army last December, arrived last night from Camp Hancock, Ga., where he has been stationed. He will leave for camp Sunday. Mr. Page was recently transferred to the Third regiment and expects to leave for France in a short time. He is a son of Mr. E. E. Page of Lumberton.

—Miss Lulu M. Cassidy, county home demonstration agent, and Dr. A. H. Kerr, county farm demonstrator, went yesterday to Centenary school house, where Miss Cassidy organized a community club. Dr. Kerr made a very interesting talk on gardening, and Miss Cassidy talked on War Savings and Thrift stamps. Miss Cassidy will go this afternoon to Fairmont to organize a home demonstration club.

—Messrs. Bullock Brothers will resume their jitney service between Lumberton and Fairmont Monday of next week. The service was discontinued some two weeks ago on account of the condition of the roads. They will make two round trips each day. The first car will leave the Lorraine hotel at 8:30 a. m. and returning will leave Fairmont at 10:10 a. m. The second car will leave the Lorraine hotel at 4 p. m. and returning will leave Fairmont at 6:30 p. m.

—"Some Porto Rico yams for you, grown under a Democratic administration—good potatoes but hard to keep," said Mr. J. Odum, who lives near Lowe, as he came into The Robesonian office Tuesday and gave the editor some of the finest potatoes that ever grew under any administration. One of these yams would make more than a meal for a good-sized family and this appreciated gift will be enjoyed right along for some days as the food administration has not decreed potatoless days.

—Warren West, Freddie Britt, Charles Watts, Clyde Britt and Wash Edwards, all small white boys who live at the National cotton mill village, were before Assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson Tuesday on the charge of throwing missiles and brick at residences at the mill village. Warren West pleaded guilty, while the other boys were found not guilty. The judgment of the court was that West be whipped by his parents in the presence of an officer and not be allowed on the streets after night for a year.

—All members of the executive and publicity committees of the Robeson War Savings and Thrift stamp organization are requested to meet with the teachers of Robeson in the court house here Saturday at 11 a. m. As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, the white teachers of the county will meet here Saturday and these committees are requested to meet with them in order that plans may be perfected for organizing War Savings and Thrift stamp societies in all the schools and in each community in the county.

—Mrs. S. E. Townsend of R. 6 from Lumberton is among the visitors in town today. She has just received a letter from her son Mr. Frank Townsend, who is on the U. S. ship Arctus, "somewhere." He writes: "We had a very good trip coming over and this is better than staying out at sea like we had been doing. I don't know when we will go back to the U. S., it will be quite a while, 3 or 4 months, but don't worry, I'm having a very good time and getting on all right. We've been here for about 2 weeks. The letter was dated February 1.