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## WITH THE ARMY OF OCCUPATION

Germany, May 20th, 1919. Although the American Army of Occupation has many games and amusements for pastime within its own area, still life here would become monotonous if longer and more general "leaves" were not extended. In consideration of this fact, many leave areas have been opened up all over France, where the American soldier can go and spend several days of rest and recreation, away from the regular army routine.

Perhaps readers of the Journal would be interested in a word regarding these playgrounds of the A. E. F. soldiers.

The writer has just returned from the Savoie Leave Area, Aix les Bains, France, and will now endeavor to give a short description of the points of interest in this region. Although the town, itself, is so small that you will possibly not be able to find its location on the map, still its fame is so wide that its reputation extends all over the world. Until the beginning of the war more than 40,000 tourists from all parts of the globe visited this place annually. It is the favorite summer resort of all the kings and queens of Europe. The town was built up on the reputation of its mineral springs, which are still very famous. It was the first place opened as a leave area for the A. E. F., and by the earnest work of the Y. M. C. A. K. of C., etc. it has been made a real home for the American soldier on pass. More than one hundred large hotels are open, which accommodate five thousand soldiers at a time.

To provide for the entertainment of the men, the Y. M. C. A. has been able to secure the use of the Casino, or Grand Cercle which, up to the beginning of the war, was the largest gambling place in France. Stories are told of many prominent Americans who made and lost fortunes here. Today the Casino is one of the finest buildings in the world. Let us take a look inside this beautiful building. Passing through the entrance and vestibule we find ourselves in the Gallery of Mirrors, from which branch off the other rooms of the first floor. There is a library and reading room, amply supplied with writing tables, a theatre seating a thousand persons, two large halls, with the finest Venetian ceilings, and used by the soldiers for games, concerts or resting; a grand salon, where movies are given every afternoon and evening, an auditorium where the religious services are held; a large and beautiful ball room and a cafe. As many as three kinds of entertainment are kept going at the same time in order that each soldier may find something to his taste. Some of the indoor games are checkers, chess and billiards, while there are outdoor sports such as baseball, tennis, hikes up the mountains, to the Gorges, and to the beautiful homes near the town. One of the interesting houses is the summer home of Queen Victoria standing as it was when she visited Aix. Another home I visited was that of an American sculptor, an old man, who lives with his French wife on Treserve Hill. From Treserve Hill a splendid view can be obtained of Lake Bourget—the largest and prettiest lake in France. It was about this lake that the poem "Le Lac" was written and the inspiration came to the poet while gazing at the lake from Treserve Hill.

I had the pleasure of taking a ride on this lake in a steambot. We got off the boat on the other side of the lake and with our guide, Mrs. Beebe, of Syracuse University, went through Hautecombe Abbey. This is the private property of King

Emanuel III, of Italy. It is kept by fifteen monks of the order of St. Bernard, who have lived in seclusion here for thirty years. Space will not permit a detailed description of what we see inside, but will take a rapid glance. Walking down the right aisle we pass the tomb of William of Savoie (1239) who was poisoned by his enemies; Marguerite, wife of Louis IX of France, and Eleanor, wife of Henry III of England; of Louise, daughter of Duke Charles I who died at the age of thirteen (1499).

Adorning the tombs and in niches about the church are more than five hundred statuettes of weeping women and no two are alike. Some of the statues are of the finest Carrara marble and required eight years to complete. Beautiful paintings, masterpieces of the greatest Italian artists decorate the ceilings.

While this is only a word about so interesting a building, there are many other places of historic interest I should like to mention.

To students of history, one of the most interesting features of this whole region is Hannibal's Pass. We could see this pass from Treserve Hill. Those who are familiar with ancient history know the story. It is the road over which Hannibal, that great Carthaginian general, passed with his army and elephants over the Alps and down into Italy to attack Rome (218 B. C.)

Again there are the old Roman Baths built 122 B. C. and the Roman Arc of Campanus built in 300 A. D.

And now let us take the trip to the top of Mt. Revard which rises majestically back of Aix to a height of 5070 feet. We go on a log railing having a 21 per cent grade. As we go up the mountain the country below spreads out like a beautiful panoramic view. From the summit of the mountain we get a wonderful view of the snow-covered Italian Alps and of Mt. Blanc, the highest mountain in Europe. Apparently, Mt. Blanc is not more than five miles away, though in reality it is a distance of forty-five miles.

Lastly, but not least, we will go into the Aix les Bains Museum, which is located in the ancient Roman Temple of Diana, built 122 B. C. I can mention only a few of the objects to be seen in the museum. There are a great number of old Roman vases; two large pieces of china made in Italy and valued at 40,000 francs each; vases made in Africa; delfware from Germany; Roman lamps and coins; weapons dating back to the bronze and iron ages; a Japanese suit of armor of the eleventh century; a trunk that belonged to Louis XII; and two large, ugly, black horns which were blown to drown out the cries of slaves when they were being beaten by their masters. (They undoubtedly answered the purpose, for I heard one of them blown.) The last thing we will mention is the Egyptian mummy. He is in a glass case with the ankles broken, to prove that it is a real human body. This gentleman has been dead for 5000 years, but on that memorable day of Nov. 11, 1918, a group of American soldiers, who had been in the trenches, but were now on leave at Aix, were in the museum discussing the mummy, when the news reached them that the armistice had been signed. Can you guess what happened? Well, those yanks cheered so long and so loudly that the roof of the Temple came off and the mummy got up and walked. This is the story that was told by our guide. I can't confirm it for I was in the Argonne on that day. However, I put as much faith in that story as in the rumor that the Second Division is going to return to the States in June.

Pvt. BLAINE NICHOLSON,  
15th Field Artillery, 2nd Div.  
Army of Occupation.



WHAT IS LEFT OF THE IMPERIAL GERMAN EMPIRE IN EUROPE IS SHOWN BY THE SOLID BLACK, WHILE THE TERRITORY CUT AWAY UNDER THE PEACE TREATY IS SHADED. Copyright



SCENE IN VOLCANO STRICKEN ISLAND OF JAVA. Photo shows scene of volcano stricken island showing type of inhabitants, peculiar dress, and at extreme right of photo shows a native carrying candle lantern. Copyright

## Memorial Service, For Elsie Dillard, Sylva Baptist Church, Eleven O'clock, Sunday June 15, 1919

Program	
America, The Beautiful	Chorus
Invocation	Pastor
The Call To Service	Chorus
Scripture Reading	Pastor
Duet, O, Morning Land	Mrs. W. C. Hill and Miss Lucie Luck
In Memoriam	Mrs. C. Z. Candler
The Lord Is My Shepherd	Choir
Address and Presentation of Service Flag	Hon. C. C. Cowan
In The Hour Of Trial	Choir
Benediction	

### ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

Miss Dorothy McKee delightfully entertained Thursday afternoon from four to six. After spending an enjoyable hour the guests were taken to the dining room which was artistically decorated in a color scheme of red and white. At each place the guests found cards announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Futh Cooke, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Cooke, of Sylva, to Mr. T. D. Smith, of Greenville, S. C. The wedding will take place June 30.

A delightful salad course was served, in which the color scheme of red and white was carried out.

Mrs. M. B. Fullbright and children, of Clinton, Oklahoma, are visiting her sister, Mrs. C. H. Kitchen, of Beta, and other relatives in Jackson county.

The Act of 1919 increased the sum for which a day's labor upon the public roads of Jackson county might be commuted from \$1.00 to \$2.00

Mr. and Mrs. H. Stein returned Wednesday from a week's visit to Spartanburg and Greenville, S. C.

Mrs. Florence Long and daughter, Annie, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fisher, at Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cunningham of Greenville were here yesterday.

Henry C. Moss was in the city from Greenville Sunday.

W. M. Fowler, of Greenville, was here yesterday, on business.

Mrs. W. A. Henson, of Beta, was shopping in town Thursday.

**FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS**  
FOR RHEUMATISM, KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

## SHOOTING AFFRAY

A little shooting affair took place about one mile from Franklin near the home of Col. A. W. Horn last Saturday morning. From what we could hear, Mr. E. B. Sutton, Mr. Horn's son-in-law had purchased a tract of land from Mr. W. R. Johnston and Mr. Horn had sent some hands out to build a fence on the land, when Phillip Edwards ran them away with his shot gun, claiming he had a lease on the land that had not expired. Then Mr. Horn appeared on the scene and it is said that Phillip Edwards opened fire on him shooting him in the right arm when Mr. Horn fired on Edwards. Edwards dodged behind an apple tree and fired several shots at Mr. Horn. Mr. Horn only had two or three shells and when they gave out he turned to go the other way, when it is said Edward's son was standing off to one side also armed with a shot gun and shot at Mr. Horn several times, a number of loads taking effect in his body. It is said Phillip Edwards was hit by several shot in the stomach and head. It is thought that neither Col. Horn or Edwards are in a serious condition.—Franklin Press.

## CANADA

Mr. John Smith Jr. motored to Wolf Mt. Monday to visit home folks.

Mrs. Elbert Coward of Sylva has returned after visiting relatives for the past week.

Messrs W. Oscar Parker and J. R. Matthews Jr. have safely arrived at Alva, Okla., where they are to assist in the wheat harvest this summer.

Misses Effie Brown and Effie Matthews left today for Cullowhee to attend S. S.

C. E. and G. J. Robinson motored to this place a few days ago from East La Port.

Galloway, Mason and Reed made a raid last week, but didn't get anything. Here's hoping they will make another soon and have better luck.

Gov. Bickett has lately been to the Wolf Mt. Rod and Gun Club on a fishing expedition.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wike and children of East La Port spent the week end with Mrs. Wike's father and mother.

A CANADIAN.

## Notice

I have sold my interest in The Jackson County Journal to Dan Tompkins and all accounts made before the 15th of this month (June) except current subscriptions are due and payable to me.

Yours truly,  
E. E. BROWN, Sylva, N. C.

## NEW TAPRY. WILL OPEN 38,000 ACRES FOR CANTON FIRM

With the completion of a tap railroad now under construction from Ela, N. C., to the New Found Gap of the Smokey mountains, Sevier county, Tennessee, the first step toward the marketing of 38,000 acres of virgin hardwood timber land will have been taken by the Champion Fibre company, of Canton, N. C., in what will be one of the most extensive developments in the history of the lumber industry of East Tennessee.

In the opinion of Herbert E. Holt, head of the Holt Engineer company the consulting engineers of the Champion Fibre company, and who has charge of all the extensive development work, the remaining ten miles of the road yet to be laid will have been completed by autumn, at which time, according to plans, a large double band sawmill, now being erected by the company at Smokemont, N. C., at a cost of \$200,000 will have also been completed and everything will be in readiness to send prepared materials to the pulp factory at Canton.

The 38,000 acres of virgin timber which will be marketed as a result of the building of the road, is almost entirely spruce, a lumber devoted almost entirely to the making of paper, and which, because of its scarcity, has become very valuable. More than 400,000,000 feet of timber will be taken from the forests, and at least twenty-five years will be required for the work, Mr. Holt said, and will involve the expenditure by the Champion Fibre company of more than \$1,000,000 in East Tennessee before the task shall have been completed.

The 38,000 acres of forest land which will be opened, it is stated are the recently acquired property of the Fibre company, having been purchased in two tracts of 13,000 acres and 25,000 acres, respectively at an approximate cost of \$25 per acre. The smaller tract was secured from the Southern Spruce company in 1918, while the larger tract was acquired only recently from the Smith and Sheppard company.

Development of the Fibre land, it is stated, will also mean the development of 125,000 acres of other virgin timber in Sevier county which has not yet been touched. It will also facilitate the work of marketing other timber lands in nearby counties which will probably be exploited within the next few years at the outside.

Work on the railroad was started about twelve months ago, but at first was seriously handicapped because of a war forced labor shortage. The activities are progressing more rapidly at the present time however. The building of the road will have required an expenditure of \$130,000 before it is completed Mr. Holt said.—Asheville Times.

## BOY INJURED BY AUTO

The 12 year old son of Rev. R. U. Dry was run down and dangerously injured by a car driven by William Nicholson, of Caney Fork, near the home of Mr. Dry Tuesday evening. At first the life of the little boy was despaired of but it is now thought that he was not injured as at first believed and that he will recover.

Mr. Nicholson was driving his car just behind another car and the boy evidently failed to notice the second car. Mr. Nicholson cut off his engine and made sure the boy was out of the way before he started again, but in the boy's efforts to get out of the road and Mr. Nicholson's efforts to avoid hitting him the boy got under the car and the wheels passed directly over his body.