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WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THE RETURNING AMERICAN TROOPS.

After a Brief Rest They Will Go to Work.

It has been the experience after all wars that it takes considerable time to weave the soldier back into industrial life. The returning soldier is lionized for weeks. His experiences are matters of deep interest to all persons. He goes about meeting old friends. He is welcome everywhere.

There are three classes of soldiers. One class is the thick of the fight; the ones who got no further than England and the ones who were left in the cantonments—and the best of feelings will prevail. All are entitled to the same consideration.

The returning soldier will be a better worker than before he entered the army. The army has been a wonderful school, the most wonderful in the world. It has raised the standard of the American man. It has taught discipline, system, order to him. It has made him stronger physically and morally.

Many things that are wrong in our system of living he realizes now. He will not be content with our tenement houses or our ramshackle dwellings. He knows the virtue of hygiene. He knows how to take care of himself. He did not before he entered the army. Most of our soldiers have learned more in the army than they did in school.

America is better situated to meet after-the-war needs industrially than any other nation.

THE LARGEST GIFT IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD

North Carolina Among the High Percentage States, Raising 160 Percent.

Total subscriptions to the United War Work campaign were \$203,679,038 in excess of the amount originally asked by the seven war relief organizations for their work during demobilization of the army and navy, according to an official statement by the national campaign committee.

Two States Failed.

This is the largest sum ever raised as an outright gift in the history of the world.

According to the committee every state in the Union, with the exception of Pennsylvania and Minnesota exceeded the quota assigned it.

North Carolina 160 Per Cent.

Fourteen states pledged 150 per cent or more of their quotas, Arizona heading the list with 248 per cent. Percentages of other high states included North Carolina and Alabama each 160; Georgia and Vermont each 150.

TROOPS BEGIN TO RETURN THIS WEEK

Unites of Air Service Training in England Now Homeward Bound—Expected to Land in New York Saturday.

(Washington Special.) First units of the American expeditionary forces to return from overseas are expected to arrive in New York about the end of the present week.

General March, chief of staff, announced that 382 officers and 6,614 men of the air service and other detachments training in England now are homeward bound on the Minnekahda, Lapland and Orca. British liners.

This announcement means that the movement of the American troops now in England, the majority of whom are in air service detachments will continue steadily until all of them, some 20,000 have returned. There are no regiments or other units of line troops in Great Britain. The first movement of the larger units, such as brigades and divisions will come from French ports.

CONVALESCENTS TO BE ASSEMBLED AT 27 CAMPS

Washington, Nov.—Soldiers who have been incapacitated in overseas service and who are convalescent in this country, will be assembled at 27 camps for organization into convalescent detachments. General orders issued by the war department provide for the formation of these detachments and the abandonment of the practice of transferring convalescent men from overseas to development battalions.

THE ADVENT CALL IN ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

These special services begin on Sunday, and continue throughout the week, including the following Sunday.

Holy Eucharist daily at 9 a. m. and Evening Prayer daily at 4 o'clock. All are cordially invited and will be welcome. It is hoped that the evening service will be specially interesting. During the morning service of next Sunday the Messengers will be specially commissioned.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Editor Public Ledger:

I notice it has been suggested that we should build a monument to our boys who fought in the world war. I fully agree with the suggestion; but instead of the marble or granite shaft, as is the usual custom, why not build something that will not only be of value as a memorial but also be a monument that will aid suffering humanity now and for generations to come? Build and endow a Memorial Hospital. This county needs an institution of this kind, and I believe will receive the support of all patriotic citizens of the county.

If you think well of the suggestion, say so in your editorial columns in the next issue of the Public Ledger. Also please publish the above letter.

GRANVILLE CITIZEN.

Mr. R. M. Berry Dead.

Mr. R. M. Berry, superintendent of the Henderson office of the Carolina Power & Light Company, died in Oxford, at the home of his father-in-law, Mr. W. Z. Mitchell at an early hour this Friday morning.

BRITISH LAW OFFICERS CONSIDER EXTRADITION

Are Working in Close Co-Operation With French Authorities on Ex-Kaiser Question.

London, Nov. 27.—It is understood that the question of the extradition of the former German emperor is being considered by British law officers of the crown who are working in close co-operation with the French authorities. Action in the premises was taken immediately after the flight of the former emperor to Holland.

EMPLOYMENT AGENTS TO BE IN ALL ARMY CAMPS

Washington, Nov. 26.—Representatives of the United States employment service are to be stationed in all army camps in this country to assist discharged soldiers in obtaining suitable civilian employment. State directors of the employment service were notified to send competent representatives immediately to the army camps within their jurisdiction.

"WATCH ON THE RHINE"

Who, a couple of years ago, could have believed that some of our Granville county boys would spend this Christmas at guard duty on the banks of the historic Rhine, now the frontier of freedom! The river Rhine, it is well known, Doth wash the city of Cologne.

OVATION FOR WILSON.

Nothing of the King Will Equal It in the History of the World. The London and Paris papers state that President Wilson will receive the greatest reception ever given by any guest. "No emperor or king," says the London News, "ever received such a welcome as awaits Wilson, the savior of the world."

BIG SUPPLIES HELD ON HAND FOR ARMY

Demobilization of the military forces will leave in possession of the government enormous stores of clothing. The amount of clothing on hand on November 1, ten days before hostilities ceased, is shown in a summary made public by a report of Brigadier-General Robert E. Wood, acting quartermaster-general. Included in the list were, in round numbers: Five million cotton coats, 6,000,000 woolen coats, 4,000,000 overcoats and 9,000,000 flannel shirts.

AMERICANS GOING TO KIEL WITH BRITISH SQUADRON

London, Nov. 28.—The British squadron which will go to Kiel and Wilhelmshaven this week, it is understood in naval circles, will be commanded by Vice Admiral Montague Browning, who will be accompanied by American, French and Italian admirals. The purpose of the journey is to see that German vessels in those ports are properly disarmed. The squadron, it is reported, will comprise one battleship and a flotilla of destroyers.

FIFTH WAR LOAN TO BE ASKED IN APRIL

Treasury Calls For \$600,000,000 Certificates of Indebtedness Payable May 6, 1919.

Washington, Nov. 28.—In preparation for the fifth war loan, the Treasury announced the issuance of \$600,000,000 or more of certificates of indebtedness payable May 6, 1919, and debtedness payable May 6, 1919, and the paying 4 1-4 per cent interest. The maturing date of the issue indicates that the fifth loan will be floated in April.

CAROLINA TROOPS WILL PROBABLY EMBARK IN FEW DAYS

Old Hickory and 27th Divisions Seem About to Start Home—Only About 12,500 Men and Officers in Each. (Paris Special.)

The seventy-sixth division of the American army, reduced by replacement drafts to 61 officers and 1,000 men, has arrived at the Port of St. Nazaire, and is embarking for home. The twenty-seventh division (New York troops) totaling 484 officers and 12,681 men, and the thirtieth division (Old Hickory) totaling 488 officers and 12,099, both of which operated on the British front, have been with drawn from the Lemans area and probably will embark in a few days.

The Loyal Thirtieth.

Washington, Nov. 27.—News from France state that the Twenty-seventh and Thirtieth divisions, which have been fighting with the British Fourth army, have been withdrawn with only approximately 12,500 officers and men in each, does not mean that these organizations have been reduced to less than half of their normal strength in the severe fighting on the British front before the signing of the armistice.

The Twenty-seventh division is the New York National guard division commanded by Major General John F. O'Ryan, the only National guard officer to have served through the war with that high rank.

The Thirtieth division was composed of the North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee National guard.

Saw Heavy Actions.

Both these organizations saw heavy actions with the British and were highly commended by British officers for their desperate fighting when Marshal Haig's armies were smashing the Hindenburg line in northern France. Their losses undoubtedly have been heavy, but it is not regarded as probable that half their original strength figured on the casualty lists.

British Will Bring 400,000.

New York, Nov. 27.—Although the British government may be compelled to use virtually all its available transports for the return of its own colonial troops arrangements for the early transportation home of approximately 400,000 American troops on British ships have been affected it was learned tonight in authoritative British quarters. This includes 12,000 who have been training in England and who have already embarked for home on British transports.

BREEZY TIMES AHEAD OF US

Washington Morning Papers Will Reach Oxford Before Breakfast

What will become of the vast fleets of airships when the war hosts are disbanded and the boys come home. Don't you reckon that with so many thousands of the machines on hand, and so many trained aviators, the government will establish air mail routes all over the country, even as they are already established between New York and Chicago and Philadelphia and other points north and west. We should hope to see some of the birds come this way, and help us out with the problem of bad roads. Imagine aerodromes at Oxford, Clarksville, Henderson, Raleigh and Durham, with the Washington, Richmond and Raleigh, Charlotte and Greensboro papers, like the people along the trunk line railways get their papers, only much quicker. And then think of getting aboard the winged creature for a ride to Raleigh or Greensboro in twenty minutes, with no more danger than to go in a car in two or three hours. These things seem impossible; but they are coming, brethren, and the time ain't far off.

NEW BOOKS AT THE OXFORD LIBRARY

A Daughter of the Land—Gene Stratton Porter.
Every Man's Land—C. N. and A. M. Williams.
A Minstrel in France—Harry Lauder.
Tarzan of the Apes—Edgar Rice Burroughs.
The Return of Tarzan—Edgar Rice Burroughs.
The Beasts of Tarzan—Edgar Rice Burroughs.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE.

The Day Was Very Quiet in Oxford.

It rained all day Thursday and as a general thing the people remained at home. The public celebration that was scheduled to come off in front of the postoffice was postponed.

UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN.

With a few districts in the county still unreported, the total amount in cash and pledges secured amounts to \$12,027.95, from the following sources:

Gen. town canvass (wh.)	\$ 3,643.25
Gen. town canvass (col.)	136.91
Corporations	865.00
Factory employes (wh.)	812.35
Factory employes (col.)	429.45
Oxford college students	425.10
Mary Potter school students	312.00
Victory boys and girls clubs	143.00
County subscription to date	3,600.47
Tobacco donations from Co.	1,660.42
Total	\$12,027.95

Owing to several school districts in the county not having yet completed their canvass, returns in full from the county are not yet in, but will be published in detail a little later.

R. H. LEWIS, County Chm'n.

NO CENSORSHIP OF PEACE CONFERENCE

President and Party Will Leave For England Some Time Next Week
Washington, Nov. 27.—President Wilson will sail for Europe next week to attend the opening of the peace conference and he expects to be back in Washington soon after the middle of January.

No Date Made Public Yet.

There has been no indication when the peace conference will assemble but the general belief here is that it will convene immediately after the Christmas holidays. The President goes in advance to confer with the entente statesmen, and it is expected that the broad outline of the treaty will be framed beforehand with a view to its adoption soon after the conference meets.

No Censorship of Reports.

Reports of censorship of the news of the peace conference were met today with the statement that not only would there be no censorship, but that the American newspaper correspondents would be given all facilities possible for transmitting their dispatches.

WILSON TO OCCUPY THE MURAT MANSION AT PARIS

Prince and Princess Murat Have Placed Their House at Disposal of Government.

(Paris Special.)

Prince and Princess Joachim Murat, at the request of the government have placed their town house at 28 Rue De Monceau at the disposal of the French authorities to receive President Wilson during his stay in Paris.

The President will find in the mansion various souvenirs of President Washington, whose niece married Prince Achille Murat. The house, which was noted before the war for the splendid receptions held there, has a large garden.

Prince Murat is a son of Prince Joachim, who was born at Bordentown, N. J., in 1834, and is a descendant of Caroline Bonaparte, sister of the great Napoleon.

BAPTIST CONVENTION POSTPONED BY EPIDEMIC

Influenza Conditions in Greensboro Given as Reason for Calling Off Gathering.

At a meeting of representatives of the several Baptist churches of Greensboro, it was decided that it would be unwise to hold the meeting of the Baptist State Convention, scheduled for the third of December. This decision was based upon the present conditions growing out of the influenza epidemic.

It has not yet been decided when the postponed meeting will be held.

AN ODD CUSTOM

That of Blocking the Street With Second-Hand Articles.

When the people in the good old town of Oxford want to sell a lot of second-hand articles they cart them to the front door of the court house and dump them on the sidewalk and street. We suppose that they procure permission from some one, but nevertheless it is an odd custom and should not prevail. It is all right to sell land in front of the court house door, but to block the sidewalk and street with second-hand articles is a different proposition.

Quite a crowd gathered at one of the sales the other day and blocked traffic for a few minutes, and a lady, attempting to elbow her way through the crowd, found herself in unpleasant quarters. Her dress was bespattered with tobacco juice and profanity smote her ears.

Why not have these sales in front of the Mayor's office or in some vacant lot or store?

Horses and Mules.

The farmers will do well to see the car load of horses and mules received by Lyon-Winston Company this week the announcement of which appears elsewhere in this paper.

IMPORTANT ARREST IS MADE ON TRAIN

John Poythress and Percy Conn, Henderson Men, Captured With Whiskey.

(News and Observer.)

What Federal authorities regard as the most important capture of whiskey and alleged whiskey carriers ever perfected in this section of the State was effected early yesterday morning on a Seaboard Air Line train near Norlina when John Poythress and Percy Conn, of Henderson, were arrested when they found in possession of five suitcases of bottled whiskey—about 75 quarts—the prisoners were brought to Raleigh by Federal officers and December 9 has been set as the date of their hearing before Commissioner Batchelor. Poythress furnished \$1,000 bond but Conn was still in jail.

Poythress, who has figured in Federal and State courts several times is one of the oldest and wisest alleged whiskey transporters who has ever brought whiskey into the State according to revenue officers. For several months, it is said, he has repeatedly transported whiskey from Baltimore into the State in open defiance of Federal and State officers and has always laid his plans carefully enough to evade arrest. Upon one occasion, stated one revenue officer yesterday, he backed four Virginia officers off a train at Richmond by using a knife to good advantage and then succeeded in escaping and saving his whiskey. Poythress is also pardon, it is said. He was saved from a road sentence by Governor Bickett upon condition that he leave the State, when he was convicted in the Durham court of whiskey charges.

NEW GERMAN GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED BY AGREEMENT

An agreement has been reached between the German Soldiers and Workmen's Council and the Government, at it is officially announced in Berlin. The agreements provides:

- 1.—All political power to be in the hands of the German Socialists Republic and the Soldiers and Workmen's Council.
- 2.—Their aim is to defend and develop what has been achieved by the revolution and to suppress all counter-revolutionary activity.
- 3.—Pending the election of representatives of the Soldiers and Workmen's Councils to an executive council of the German republic the executive council in Berlin is to exercise its functions.
- 4.—The appointment and dismissal of all members of the various legislative bodies of the republic, and until the final constitution is established of Prussia are to be made by the Central Executive Council, which also has the right of control.
- 5.—Before the cabinet appoints assistant ministers the executive council must be consulted.
- 6.—A convention of deputies drawn from the Soldiers and Workmen's Council is to be summoned as soon as possible.

HOW PRICES OF FOOD SOARED DURING YEAR

Government Report Shows An Average Increase of 16 Per Cent.

An average increase of 16 per cent in the cost of 22 basic food commodities throughout the United States during the year ending with September was shown in figures made public by the Labor Department's bureau of statistics. The figures are based on price quotations received monthly from more than 2,000 retail stores.

Baltimore led all cities of the country with an increase of 23 per cent while Salt Lake City showed the lowest increase, ten per cent. Other points showing a high increase were Seattle, Wash., 23 per cent; Scranton, Pa., 21.3 per cent; San Francisco, 20.6 per cent; Richmond, Va., 20.6 per cent; Charleston, S. C., 20.3 per cent; Portland, Ore., 20 per cent; Atlanta, Ga., 19.9 per cent; Los Angeles, 19.5 per cent; Washington, D. C., 19.4 per cent and Memphis, Tenn., 19.1 per cent.

GETTING EXPERIENCE.

Will Come to Granville to Get His Wife.

A sailor friend of the Public Ledger, who is now an "old salt," reports progress as follows: "I got sick and tired on that ship for two months, 1 month in the North River and another in dry-dock it was disgusting for I did not get a bit ahead, what I want is some experience on my license, so that I will be able to get my chief Mate's ticket, well I am going to get all the experience I want, for this is a rour masted sailing vessel, I guess we will be away for about four months and when I get back I intend to get married to a little Granville county girl."