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The Daily Advance

WEATHER Rain tonight, colder. Wednesday much colder and generally fair. Moderate to fresh southeast to south winds, shifting to west and northwest Wednesday. * * * * *

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FORMER ELIZABETH CITY BOY IN DEATHLESS LOST BATTALION

Survives As By Miracle With Clothing All But Shot to Pieces To Tell Story of Hairbreadth Escape

First Lieutenant, Maurice Vaughn Griffin, a former Elizabeth City boy, and brother of Miss Mattie Griffin and W. W. Griffin, who was with the "Lost Battalion" in the Argonne Forest, in a letter to his wife, dated November 7th, and written from hospital in France where he is recovering from his wounds, has the following to say of his experiences on that occasion:

"If you have read anything in the papers about a Battalion being surrounded for several days, you can just think that your hubby was one of them, and believe me I was glad to get out when we were relieved. A Lt. Alexander, who was in the Hospital with me, from Charlotte, N. C., says that some of his people had sent him a clipping of it from one of the Charlotte papers. We were relieved on October 8th. The picture I have of you has a hole in it from a piece of shell, it went in my pocket book but not through it. I have the piece of shell as a souvenir. I have four bullet holes in my overcoat and my breeches were torn to pieces by a grenade, but I only had my knee cut a little and the bullet in my shoulder. Everyone says that I had my "rabbits foot" with me, but I think it was something else that watched out for me so I could come back home.

The strap to my field glasses was cut with a bullet. My gas mask was cut in half by shrapnel and my helmet had a dent from a bullet, but they did not get me. The last seven days we had nothing to eat at all, except tree leaves and roots, and most of our drinking water was rain water from shell holes. I certainly am thankful that I got out of it as I did.

I have some clippings from the London Papers and Paris papers about it but the Censor rules prevent me from sending them home at the present time.

It looks as if the War was nearly over now that Austria has quit. I don't know when I will rejoin my regiment but the Doctor says I will be behind the lines for several months as my nerves are "shot to pieces," but I don't feel so badly, just nervous.

The major in command on the "Hill" was promoted to Colonel, given the D. S. C. and sent home, his name was Major Whittelsey and the Regiment was from New York. I hope I have not violated the Censor rules, but am told I have not.

MILUKOFF HAD TO LEAVE PARIS

(By Associated Press) Paris, Dec. 24.—Paul N. Milukoff, former Russian foreign minister, accused last July of German leanings, has been obliged to leave Paris, according to Le Matin. His presence here was believed to be unnecessary.

NO MORE PAPER UNTIL FRIDAY

There will be no issue of The Advance on Christmas Day, and on Thursday, as The Advance, following its usual custom, will give its force two days off.

RETURNS FROM SAFETY MEETING

Mrs. J. G. Fearing has just returned from Raleigh where she went to be present at a conference of Safety League Workers, called by the Stat Ins. Com. Mrs. Clarence Johnson, President of the Federation of Clubs of North Carolina, has been added to the list. The executive committee is now composed of the State Ins. Com. J. R. Young, Mrs. Hollowell of Goldsboro; Mrs. Cunningham of Durham, Mrs. Alderman of Henderson, Mrs. Johnson of Raleigh and Mrs. J. G. Fearing of Elizabeth City. Mrs. Fearing having charge of Eastern North Carolina. This wonderfully important work has become a part of the educational system of the State and has been endorsed by Supt. J. Y. Joyner, Governor. Every teacher is urged to organize a Safety League in their school. The object of this organization is to help aid in the Prevention of Fires and accidents in North Carolina.

CHRIST CHURCH

There will be a special service held in Christ Church Christmas morning at eleven o'clock to which the public is cordially invited.

The music programme is as follows:

- 1. Prelude—War March of the Priests, Stegall
2. Hymn.
3. "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple."
4. Contra. Schaecker.
5. Gloria Patri, Schaecker. Davidson and Nelson.
6. Festival Te Deum, Dudley Buck
7. Jubilate Deo in E flat, Dudley Buck.
8. Hymn 54.
9. Gloria Tibi, Anon.
10—Hymn 59.
11 "Hark, the Herald Angels sing," Road.
12 Star Spangled Banner.
13 Hymn 58.
14 Postlude, March in G. Raff.

HOHENZOLLERNS ARE NOT PAUPERS

(By Associated Press) Basle, Dec. 24.—The seizure of property owned by the Hohenzollerns would produce immediately nine hundred million marks, according to figures compiled by the Frankfurt Nachrichten.

EAT CORN SAVE WHEAT

COURTESY INDEPENDENT

The Advance begs to acknowledge a debt of appreciation to Editor Saunders of The Independent for the fact that the paper has been able to appear for the last two days.

There was a serious smash-up on The Advance press yesterday before all the papers had been run and without help part of our subscribers would have missed their paper yesterday and all of them would have missed it today.

Editor Saunders and The Independent force came to the rescue under these trying circumstances and at no little inconvenience to themselves enabled The Advance to appear as usual.

We ask the indulgence of our readers for matters in which The Advance to day is not up to the usual standard of the Christmas edition and plead the extraordinary demands upon the time of the editor for the last twenty-four hours.

INVITE WILSON SPEAK AT CHURCH

President To Be Asked to Address Congratulation in England Worshipping in the Church Built by His Grandfather

(By Associated Press) Carlisle, England, Dec. 24.—Rev. Edward Booth, pastor of the Congregational church here which was built by the President's grandfather and where his grandfather was minister for fifteen years, has invited the President to address the congregation during his visit here next Sunday.

NATIONAL GUARD IS WIPED OUT

Opinion of Advocate General, Sustained by Baker, Says Militia Revert to Civilian Status When Discharged

(By Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 24.—The opinion of the Judge Advocate General's office, improved by Secretary of War Baker, holds that officers and enlisted men of the National Guard will revert to civilian status when discharged from Federal service. The effect of the ruling will be to virtually wipe out of existence the National Guard as organized prior to the war.

GENERAL RHODES MUCH IMPROVED

(By Associated Press) Paris, Dec. 24.—The condition of Major-General Charles D. Rhodes, who was injured in an airplane fall at Louvres, northeast of Paris, Monday showed great improvement during the night.

In the accident the pilot of the machine and also a British officer were killed. Rhodes is the head of the American Armistice Commission and was the first American general officer to enter the German lines after the armistice was signed. He was formerly in command of the Rainbow Division.

HINDENBURG RETAINS OFFICE

(By Associated Press) Basle, Dec. 24.—An agreement has been reached between the Berlin government and the German general staff by which Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Groener, Chief Quartermaster, retain their offices, according to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin.

FOR RENT OR LEASE—STORE now occupied by A. F. Tovey & Co., as a wholesale grocery, possession January 1st, 1919. Chas. R. Robinson. D-3-175

WILSON VISITS CLEMENCEAU

Leaves tonight to Spend Christmas Day With American troops, goes Then To England

(By Associated Press) Paris, Dec. 24.—President Wilson this morning visited Premier Clemenceau.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The President's plans for visiting American Army headquarters at Chaumont, then proceeding to England, are now complete.

He will leave Paris late Tuesday night and not return until New Years Day.

DINNER WITH TROOPS

The President will have Christmas dinner with the troops, eating from a mess kit with the soldiers about him. He will have a formal dinner with General Pershing and his officers later.

After receiving the troops, the President will deliver an address, leaving Chaumont late Christmas Day.

He will then go to Calais, arriving next morning. From there he will go to Dover and directly to London.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

President and Mrs. Wilson went Christmas shopping today visiting many of the principal shops during their two hour tour.

Both had been about the city before but this was the first time they had ventured into the shopping district together, as they often do in Washington.

Few Parisians recognized them, but all Americans, with whom the center of Paris now teems, gave greetings, which the President and his wife returned with smiles and bows.

TICKETS ON SALE THURSDAY

Tickets for the Y. M. C. A. Vandeville New Year's Eve on sale on Thursday. Announcement is found in our advertising columns.

The name of the old favorites appearing in the program—Cam Melick, "Bill C." Sawyer and D. Guy Brockert is sufficient guarantee for many a laugh.

Mr. Melick will be heard in the Hebrew Monologue "Izzy's Troubles."

"Bill C." and Guy Brockert have a Yiddish Talkfest ending act with the song "Can You Tame Wild Wimmen?"

Mr. Leslie Waldorf appears in a black face novelty musical sketch ending his act with the song "In no State Land I can't be bothered with no music." Wm. Talmadge Miller will have a clever dancing act and Wesley Woodby will convince the audience in a monologue "The Art of Kissing."

CONFERENCE AT RUSSIAN EMBASSY

(By Associated Press) Paris, Dec. 24.—An important conference in the effort to find ground for co-operation between the Allies and the United States on the one hand and the patriotic elements in Russia on the other, was held yesterday at the Russian Embassy, today's papers reported.

The Entente governments, press accounts declare, are completely in accord in the decision to refuse to undertake a vast military expedition into Russia.

CASUALTY LIST MORNING REPORT

Washington, Dec. 24.—The following casualties are reported by the Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Count. Killed in action: 171; Died of wounds: 69; Died of disease: 143; Wounded severely: 669; Wounded (degree undetermined): 89; Missing in action: 333; Total: 1,474

NORTH CAROLINA CASUALTIES

Table with 2 columns: Name and Status. Eugene Rachel, Spokane, Killed in Action; Died of Disease: Junie Ammons, Clinton; Geter W. Atkins, High Point; John E. Falcloth, Roseboro; Albert F. Jones, Greensboro; Wounded Severely: John Whitlock Wallace, Statesville; George C. Mauney, Murphy; Alex P. Arnold, Wakefield; Dennie Presley, Gastonia; Moody L. Kern, Ether; Raymond Barnes, Taylorsville; Alex C. Brown, East Bend; James E. Lunsford, Elk Port; Willie O'Neal, Selma; Kagle Parnell, Goldsboro; John Henry West, Gastonia; Lonnie C. Millikin, Laurinburg; Solie L. Morris, Aulander; Joseph S. Mozelle, Sunbury; Edgar M. Satterthwaite, Ransomville; Robert J. Batson, Vista; Wounded (Degree Undetermined): Thomas C. Sinclair, Raeford; Erich E. Rector, Crossroads; Missing in Action: James M. Brickhouse, Columbia; Innis Lee Fox, Morgantown; Hubert F. Reddish, Lilesville.

AFTERNOON REPORT

Washington, Dec. 24.—The following casualties are reported by the Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Count. Killed in action: 273; Died of wounds: 206; Died of accident and other causes: 18; Died of airplane accident: 9; Died of disease: 144; Wounded severely: 622; Wounded (degree undetermined): 18; Missing in action: 299; Total: 1,589

NORTH CAROLINA CASUALTIES

Table with 2 columns: Name and Status. Killed in Action: Walter L. Parsons, Rockingham; Thomas H. Speaks, Jennings; Died of Wounds: Edward C. Harris, Wondell; Thomas M. Bulla, Fayetteville; Clark R. Stewart, Middleburg; Carmel Rich, Robinsville; Eddie Parks, Seaboard; Died of Disease: David T. Carroll, Manson; Fred J. Stafford, Ophir; John D. Seagrave, Randolph county; Frederiek Casey, Swen Springs; Claude M. Gaskins, Merritt; Berjis R. Flowers, Taylorsville; Thomas G. Nance, Thomasville; Marshall B. Watson, Darby; Wounded Severely: James A. Lookhart, Wadesboro; Alvin E. Denton, Gastonia; Arthur Odum, Canton; Tom B. Chalmers, Raleigh; William E. Conley, Marion; James F. Radden, Belmont; Willie J. Gardner, Wilson; James F. Itaynes, Ronda; Charles S. Long, Swern; Andrew J. Thompson, Spray; Ode Michael, Greensboro; Lander H. Johnson, Reepsville; Curries R. Metcalf, Pinnacle; Ira S. Carpenter, Wadesboro; James R. Carpenter, Norwood; Emory B. Edwards, Higgins; Missing in Action: Loyd M. Tolpelt, Chinquash.

JIM WILCOX IS NOW BACK HOME

Arrived in City This Afternoon on Train From Norfolk And Given Cordial Welcome

Jim Wilcox is back home for Christmas, a free man. He arrived in the city on the train from Norfolk due at 11:35 but which did not arrive until nearly two o'clock this afternoon.

He was met at the train by members of the family, who through all the years have held to their faith in him, and his reunion with his loved ones at the Norfolk Southern made an affecting scene.

Judging from the general tone of comment heard at the depot today and about the street since news of Welcox's pardon has been received here, the welcome to the pardoned man is felt not only by those are his relatives and friends but also by Elizabeth City people generally. The feeling against him, once so strong here that he was taken to another county for trial, seems to have passed, and the general sentiment seems to be a feeling of satisfaction at the one-time prisoner's pardon and return. Wilcox was convicted on circumstantial evidence and there have always been many who questioned his guilt.

"YOU KNOW HOW WOMEN ARE"

Paris, Nov. 30. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.—He wanted to buy a Christmas present for the girl back home so that she could show it to all the other girls, and destroy their peace of mind because it had come from France? He knew just what he wanted, too, but every time he thought of going into the shop and trying to ask in French for the thing he wanted, he got red behind the ears. He had gone over the top in the past, unafraid, but he couldn't do this.

At last, when his leave was all up, he went into the canteen and asked the Y. M. C. A. woman there to make the purchase for him. He gave her the address, and hoped it wouldn't be too much trouble to send the package.

"Of course it won't," said the Y. M. C. A. woman who buys dozens of such gifts each week. "I'll enjoy it. I'll see that the package goes all right, and, if you like, I'll write her a little note too, telling how well you're looking."

"That will be nice," said the private. He counted out the money, a generous amount. Still he lingered, and it was evident that he had something else on his mind.

"Anything else I can do for you?" asked the woman. "It's like this," began the private, hesitatingly. "He stopped, swallowed and started all over again. "Please be careful what you say in that note, won't you? You see—my girl—she's funny about some things—she might think—well, you know how women are?" finished the private wisely.

"I'll tell you what," said the American woman. "I'll tell her I enjoyed meeting you because I have a son in the army myself. Will that do?"

"That will be fine," said the private heartily. "I wouldn't have mentioned it, only you know how women are!" He smiled at her understandingly, saluted, turned and went out.

AMBASSADOR CALLED HOME

Paris, Dec. 24.—Ambassador Sharop has been called to America by the severe illness of his brother at Ayrin, Ohio. He leaves tonight.