

IN THREE YEARS SAYS HE LIKES IT

Lieutenant John Wood Pleased With Work That Gives Him Opportunity to See World While Serving Country

At least one Elizabeth City boy refuses to knock the military service of Uncle Sam. Lieutenant John E. Wood has seen service for over three years and "ain't got weary yet." He even says he likes it.

When trouble with Mexico was threatened in June, 1916, Lieutenant Wood was a student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston. He volunteered at once and has been in the service ever since. For the last ten days he has been at home with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. A. Wood, on leave; but left Thursday night for Camp Humphreys, where he is now to be stationed.

When Lieutenant Wood enlisted he was a pale faced student. After three years in the army he is a rugged, ruddy-faced man. "You've improved so much since you have been in the service that I hardly know you," half jokingly remarked a friend in speaking to Lieutenant Wood at the Shriners' banquet the other week. But Wood's improvement is no joke.

Asked how long he expected to remain in service, he replied that his absence in Germany had made him somewhat a stranger to conditions here, and it would take time to get adjusted and locate himself.

Wood saw active service in France, going over with the 26th Division in September, 1917. He doesn't talk much about the war, but does talk freely and most entertainingly about conditions in Germany as he has seen them at first hand.

The thing that seems to have impressed him most about the German people is the way they work. "The people of no other nation today, in my opinion," he says, "are working as hard as the German people. They don't strike. And though their government in the zone of occupation is a headless affair, they seem to be co-operating along all lines. They have, of course, their class jealousies and prejudices, just as other people; but there seems to be a sort of understanding among them that they will put these things by until the nation is once more on its feet. From the way they are working and the progress they are making that time would not seem to be many years off—fifteen or such a matter."

Questioned about his statement that government in the zone of occupation is a headless affair, Lieutenant Wood explains that the German authorities take their orders from the Allies and see that they are executed.

"Government in Germany," he continues, "has always been a centralized affair. Every city, official from the burgomaster down to the street sweeper is what we would call a 'Federal employe.'"

"We are not supposed to have gone into the part of Germany that is not occupied by the Allies; though we are given leave to travel in other European countries and the man who does not spend his pay by the time he gets his hands on it has really splendid opportunities to see the world. I have been across the Alps to Italy, and have visited several cities in Switzerland, Holland, Southern France, Belgium, England and Scotland.

"There is one thing to keep us out of Switzerland. In almost any other European country American money is worth above par, twenty for one in Germany and three for one in France. But Swiss money has practically the same relative value to American money as before the war.

"From what I can gather about conditions in Germany outside the occupied area," he said when pressed on this point, "they are much the same as in the occupied zone itself. There do not seem to be the disputes between capital and labor that exist in England and other European countries. The people seem somehow or other to have got together and to have agreed to build up their country before wasting their energies in such disputes. You don't see beggars on the streets. The Germans have always been a hardy people and they appear vigorous and well nourished. There is a scarcity of men of military age to be observed; but in the occupied zone you see no mourning. It is not allowed.

"There is some hardship, it is true

Bestcity Defeats Washington Highs

Home Team Outclassed Visitors Throughout the Entire Game—Score 25 to 0

In the football game between Washington and Elizabeth City Highs here Friday afternoon the score was 25 to 0 in favor of Elizabeth City.

Grice McMullan and A. Jones starred for the home team. McMullan ran 70 yards at one time and 95 at another for touchdowns, both times after an intercepted forward pass.

The Elizabeth City Highs had the Washington team outclassed throughout the game. Only by forward passes could the Washington team gain at all. In this respect they played brilliantly at times, especially in the second quarter. Only once, however did they threaten to score, in the third quarter, when they attempted a forward pass from Elizabeth City's ten yard line. But McMullan intercepted this and ran 95 yards through the entire Washington line for a touchdown.

and the poor are under considerable strain. They are accustomed to discipline, however, and to obeying those in authority without question and I have heard of very little evidence of unrest.

"Technically we are still at war with Germany and our troops can't seem to show favor. They are there, with the other allied troops, to see that rules and terms imposed by the Allies are enforced. If our army should be withdrawn French and British troops would take their place. My particular unit during this last term of duty was intended for service in Poland, but these plans were changed when the Senate failed to ratify the League of Nations. Had we been sent to Poland, however, we should have been used as a police force to see that the terms of the treaty between Germany and Poland were observed and not in the war between Poland and Russia.

"The American Army of Occupation numbers about 14,000—just a sufficient force to be a good field unit in case it should be called into active service. It is made up of the best trained men in the army and is kept in fighting trim at all times. Every man in it is fit and ready for active duty. Inspectors pronounce it the finest body of troops they have ever seen."

"I was telling a friend the other day about starting out on three weeks maneuvers, and that on the second day we were out it rained and kept it up for most of the three weeks and we had to bivouac in the rain. 'Wasn't it a shame for them to treat you that way,' said the friend. But what else could you expect. The American army of occupation could not be turned back by a little rain.

"The Army of Occupation gets out its own daily paper, the Am-ar-oc, and as every man in the army, practically, reads it, the Am-ar-oc enjoys quite a large circulation.

"Germany is a vineyard country and the climate is free of the sudden changes that we have in this country. Neither do they ever have the semi-tropical heat that we have in this part of the country in summer. Last winter, with the exception of November, when there was a good deal of snow, was very pleasant. It was good overcoat weather, but nothing worse. The seasons, too, seem to change more gradually than they do in this country.

"In December, 1919, the Rhine rose over twenty feet, the highest level it had reached in forty years. Fields and towns were inundated and near the river the water was up to the second story of the houses and the people had to get about in boats. They suffered heavy property loss in this flood, of course.

"The land is intensively cultivated as is all Europe. The Rhine-land is very favorable to vineyards and the farmers build massive stone walls on the hillside to hold back the soil and give them a level spot to plant the vines. The vines clamber up the wall and the whole country side is dotted with these vine clad walls. The farmers live in villages, as they do in all Europe.

"All Switzerland is like one great park. I was there in April when foliage is at its best. Two hours later I was crossing the Alps above the snow."

U. S. MISSION IN SOVIET HANDS

Says Wireless Message to London From Russia—Mission Was Headed by General Morel

London, Nov. 6.—The American Mission in South Russia has fallen into Soviet hands, a Moscow paper, Pravda, says, according to a wireless message received here.

The Mission, says the paper, was headed by General Morel.

WILSON NOT TO PARDON DEBS

Believes Executive Clemency Encourages Others Work Against Government

Washington, Nov. 6.—President Wilson is understood to have no intention of pardoning Eugene V. Debs, serving ten years in Atlanta prison for violating the espionage act.

Those professing to know say that the President believes executive clemency would set a bad precedent and encourage others to oppose the government in the event of another war.

D'ANNUNZIO HAS MADE NEW MOVE

Occupied Promontory of San Marco in Protest Against Alleged Firing on Italian Steamer By Serbs

Triest, Nov. 6 (By The Associated Press)—Gabriele D'Annunzio has occupied the promontory of San Marco as a protest against alleged firing by Serbian coast guards on the Italian steamer.

D'Annunzio's troops are now facing the Jugo-Slav frontier.

SIX INJURED; TRAIN DERAILED

This Is the Plan of Bankers Meeting at New Orleans Today

Raleigh, Nov. 6.—Five passengers and an express messenger were injured in the derailment of the Seaboard train at Apex today. Five express cars left the rails.

Dean a Good Sport; He Paid His Bet

Wilfred Dean is a good sport. He pays his bets.

Dean was strong for Cox and he had up an election bet with H. A. Brownly.

Dean lost, and Saturday at noon he started out to pay his bet. It took him an hour and three quarters and attracted a crowd.

Dean's payment was to roll a peanut with a crowbar from the Southern Hotel to the water and overboard.

NOT AGGRESSIVE TOWARD RUSSIA

Representatives of Japanese Military Mission to Siberia Give Assurance That This Is True

London, Nov. 6.—Representatives of the Japanese military mission in Siberia have given assurances to the leaders of the Far Eastern Republic in Siberia that Japan has no aggressive intentions at the present time toward Russia, but desires to live in close neighborly relations with that country, says an official Bolshevik wireless message from Moscow. The announcement of Japan's pacific attitude was made at a gala banquet at the Verkhné-Udinsk in honor of the anniversary of the organization of the People's Revolutionary Army by the aid of which the Far Eastern Republic was established.

The Moscow wireless states also that Chinese representatives at the banquet expressed friendship toward Russia.

Mrs. H. G. Etheridge, of Asheville, has returned to Camden after spending several days in this city.

GEN. WRANGEL NEEDS SUPPORT

Soviet Forces Pressing Hard— French and British Ask If They Must Go to His Assist- ance

Constantinople, Nov. 6.—French and British representatives here today asked their governments if their warships in the Black Sea should support General Wrangel at Perekop and Selkova, where Soviet forces are pressing on the Crimean peninsula. In the meanwhile fresh supplies of rifles and cartridges are being hurried to Sebastopol.

Red Cross Meets Sunday Afternoon

There will be a meeting of the Elizabeth City Chapter A. R. C. at the court house in Elizabeth City Sunday, November 7th, at four o'clock P. M. for the election of officers for the coming year and for other important matters. It is earnestly desired that all who are interested in the work of the Red Cross be present.

President-Elect Starts On Vacation

On Board Harding's Special Train, Nov. 6.—President-elect Harding today began his vacation trip to Southern Texas and Panama.

His mind is already at work on his plan for a new association of nations. Cabinet appointments will not be given consideration during his outing.

To Market South's Products In Europe

New Orleans, Nov. 6.—Bankers are here today from all over the South to plan the organization of a \$12,000,000 foreign trading corporation to establish banking facilities to market products of the South in Europe.

ARRIVE MONDAY SCHOOL SURVEY

Government Specialists In Edu- cational Work Will Be Here to Help Bestcity Help Her- self to Better Schools

Secretary L. D. Case, of the Chamber of Commerce, today received a letter from Washington, D. C., that the following members of the School Survey Commission will arrive in Elizabeth City at 11:35 Monday.

Walter S. Deffenbaugh, specialist in education in villages and towns, of the U. S. Bureau of Education at Washington.

Dr. Thomas Alexander, professor of elementary education at Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville.

Dr. William T. Bawden, specialist in industrial education and assistant to the commission Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C., who is in charge of the survey.

On Wednesday morning Miss Julia Wade Abbott, specialist in kindergarten education, of the Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C., will arrive.

On Saturday morning Dr. Charles G. Maphis, professor of education, University of Virginia, will arrive.

At an early date Arthur W. Dunn, specialist in civic education, Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C., will also arrive.

Indemnity Decision Be Easily Reached

Paris, Nov. 6.—The Paris newspaper, Matin, says that it is believed that the decision as to the amount of the German indemnity will be easily reached and that Great Britain and France differ only on minor details.

MRS. BOOTH TAKES OATH AS JUSTICE OF PEACE

London, Nov. 6.—Mrs. Florence Bramwell Booth, wife of General Bramwell Booth, of the Salvation Army, has taken oath as a Justice of the Peace for London.

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Three Districts Still In Doubt

And New York Republicans Not Accepting Harding's Statement About League Without Reser- vations And Interpretations

New York, Nov. 6.—The results of the election in three of the nation's 345 Congressional Districts remained undetermined as the fifth day of tabulating the tremendous Republican sweep began today.

The districts still in doubt are: The Twenty-eighth New York; the Eighth Minnesota, and the Fifth Missouri.

NEW BOOKLET FOR PUBLICITY

Bestcity Will Send Out Attractive Literature to Inquirers —Chamber of Commerce Did It

Elizabeth City will soon have a beautifully illustrated booklet for publicity purposes. It will contain pages of matter descriptive of the advantages and opportunities offered by the city and its wonderful surrounding country, and carry cuts of public buildings, etc. The front page will be done in three colors.

The contents of the booklet will appear in a special Elizabeth City National Edition of the Southern Motorist, the official organ of the Tidewater Automobile Association. The magazine has a nation-wide circulation, and goes to clubs and homes throughout the country.

Elizabeth City has long needed an up-to-date publicity booklet. The local Chamber of Commerce has been seriously handicapped in its work because it has had no literature to send inquirers. The cost of a satisfactory booklet has been prohibitive. But with the co-operation of the Southern Motorist and public-spirited local business men, an illustrated and descriptive folder will be ready for distribution by the first of January.

Besides the booklet and special edition of the Southern Motorist, the Chamber of Commerce is preparing the matter for an envelope publicity folder. It will contain condensed statements concerning the community, and will be of a size to easily slip into ordinary business envelopes. Such folders are used extensively throughout the country. They will be furnished to every resident of Elizabeth City who wishes to help advertise this community.

CIRCLES MEET MONDAY

The circle meetings of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will meet Monday evening as follows:

The J. F. Love circle with Mrs. A. J. Scott; the Kathleen Mallory circle with Mrs. W. T. Jackson; the King circle with Mrs. Claude Bailey, the Fannie E. S. Heck circle with Mrs. W. T. Love, Jr.; the Anne Haseltine circle with Mrs. J. Walter Brothers; the Lake circle with Mrs. George Whitehurst.

BREAD IN AUSTRIA CAUSING PELLAGRA

Extraordinary Increase In In- testinal Affections and Skin Eruptions T here In Past Weeks—Doctors Distressed

Vienna, Nov. 6.—The poor quality of the bread which the people have at present to eat is stated to be the cause of extraordinary increase of intestinal affections in the last weeks, and over which the medical faculty here is very much concerned.

A peculiar feature of the epidemic is that it is accompanied by skin eruptions similar to those caused by pellagra.

Pellagra is generally believed to be caused by eating a poor grade of corn and the bread as baked at present in Vienna contains 40 per cent corn flour and 20 per cent potato flour.

Republican circles here don't believe that Harding's declaration cabled from Marion that the League of Nations is dead means literally what it says; but is interpreted as meaning that the covenant drawn at Versailles is dead and that something different must take its place.

The French Government is ready to co-operate with Washington to that effect, it is declared.

FORMULATE PLAN OF REPATRIATION

American Minister at Monte- video Negotiating With Urugu- ayan Foreign Office For Humanitarian Service

Montevideo, Nov. 6.—Robert E. Jeffery, the American Minister here, is negotiating with the Uruguayan foreign office for a reciprocal convention for humanitarian services to be given to persons leaving jail in both countries after completing their terms of imprisonment, in accordance with a project formulated by the National Prisons Committee of New York.

Under this convention the Uruguayan authorities would communicate to the United States Immigration Department the egress from Uruguayan prisons of all American citizens and the Prisons Committee of New York would procure their repatriation and obtain work for them so they can be reformed.

When an Uruguayan citizen left a United States prison, a similar notice would be addressed to the "Patronato de Delinquentes del Uruguay," so that that institution might take measures for his repatriation and procure him an honest way of making his living.

TWO-STATE DIRECTORY INCLUDES BESTCITY

Clarence B. Trower, of Norfolk, arrived here Saturday, representing the Two-State Business Directory of Virginia and North Carolina.

He will begin work here Monday. The directory will be ready for delivery the first of the year and will be of interest and value, giving information in regard to the leading towns of the two states.

IN POLICE COURT

In police court Wednesday Fleetwood Whitley, colored, was before the recorder on the charge of abandonment. Fleetwood and his wife, Mabel, were married at the ages of 16 and 14, respectively. The defendant was taxed with the costs provided that he return to his wife and make proper provision for her support.

Claim Japanese Consul Had Part In Campaign

Los Angeles, Nov. 6.—Officials of the Los Angeles County Anti-Assiatic Association announced today that affidavits are being prepared for presentation to the State Department supporting the charge U. Oyama, Japanese Consul at Los Angeles, participated in a campaign to defeat the Allen Land Bill.