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TELLS OF TRIALS FACED BY TROOPS OVERSEAS

Y. M. C. A. Man From Denmark
Discusses Internal Situation in Germany.

The men around the Y. building No. 103 were highly favored by the fine address given them last week by E. G. Wilson, an international Y. M. C. A. worker, direct from Copenhagen, Denmark. He has been in this country a little over a week and is making addresses at different places among the American camps.

Mr. Wilson told the men of many interesting occurrences and held the audience in awe through out. His first words were about the prisoners in Germany today, describing the conditions and attitude of the German people toward them, the camp, the food, the amusements and the general situation. He explained as he saw them. He remarked he had no desire to preach hate among the men as the hatred in Europe today was enough to satisfy him always. He told of the ambitions and hopes of all Germans sharing that the war was their making and their own planning, they are hard pressed for food and raw materials but they are living and fighting on the least they could.

Soldiers have been made from every walk of life and every occupation, men drawn from all walks of life until today the labor is being done entirely by the women of the country, these women have given husbands, sons and all, because the kaiser's ed. Germany primarily is a soldier's country, the officers are little gods holding the community completely in hand.

From childhood the children are taught war, the toys are cannon, guns, and soldiers. Boys of seven are seen going to shoot with their toy hawk on their backs. They go on hikes in the woods, camping or under a commander. This is why the war will be long and hard.

The German statesmen have made statements at different times such as "Permanent peace is beautiful dream, war is essential to God's scheme of the universe," and "Seek to avoid war but keep every state organized, so if war should break out tomorrow they will be prepared." Is there any one who does not see the reason?

Mr. Wilson tells us "Germany is not a state but an army, and it is 55,000,000 people strong." Germany has a dream of world empire and is prepared to obtain it if she can. According to Mr. Wilson Germany would unite certain states of Central Europe, then crush dear France and England, then South America until the world would be German. This theory will cause the downfall of Germany for she has forced the world to fight or be subdued. To give in to Germany we must suffer her, but Poland, Serbia and Belgium will be forced to submit to a rule such as they would give us? I believe not, so let us fight till the end.

Mr. Wilson told the men of the greatest fight they will have to overcome, the great condition of the soul will be the main of the armies in Europe today. This will test every man going to that land no matter what his training at home may have been, he will find things vastly different. The social conditions are striking like those we meet here in this land. Men and women are thrown together in ways that would shun the mind of the home people and only prayer and the holiness of God can keep a man clean and pure. The loneliness and want for some one to speak to is something we are familiar with, may be the cause, but whatever it is, no one can change the results of that few moments in which the boy does his wrong. Mr. Wilson gave warning for all men to get near God, make him a friend, let him guide and direct your steps, so you can re-

AMERICA'S PROGRAM OF PEACE AND WAR

The fourteen specific proposals of America's program of peace and war as set forth in President Wilson's address to Congress are:

No private international understandings; covenants of peace must be reached in the open.

Absolute freedom of the seas in peace or war except as they may be closed by international action.

Removal of economic barriers among nations associating themselves to maintain peace.

Guarantees of the reduction of armaments to the lowest point consistent with domestic safety.

Impartial adjustment of colonial claims, based upon the principle that the peoples concerned have equal rights with the governments.

Evacuation of all Russian territory and opportunity for Russia's political development.

Evacuation and restoration of Belgium.

Evacuation of French territory and righting of the Alsace-Lorraine wrong.

Readjustment of Italy's frontiers along recognizable lines of nationality.

Free opportunity for autonomous development of the peoples of Austria-Hungary.

Evacuation of Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro and guarantees for all the Balkan states.

Sovereignty for Turkey's portion of the Ottoman empire and autonomy for other nationalities.

An independent Poland with access to the sea.

General association of nations for mutual guarantees of independence and territorial integrity to large and small states alike.

Every soldier in Camp Greene should clip the above from the paper and memorize these proposals. Paste the clipping in the Testament or article you always carry with you and read the fourteen proposals daily until you know them. Know why you are fighting before you go "over the top."

turn to the girl at home, clean and pure of soul.

The atmosphere is death, dead and dying are all around. Seen on every side are suffering and disease, until a man becomes calloused to it and finally rejoices in the news of death. The greatest victory is the one in which the greatest number of men are killed.

The address was something out of the ordinary and gives a new light, opening the eyes of many a man who wore the uniform that evening. The plea left with all the men was "Keep clean," "come home with a soul," able to see something besides the trials and troubles undergone.

FROM COMPANY C, EIGHTH M. C. BATTALION

Sergeant Chamberlain is our now sergeant.

Fall in line for trial talcum powder. Thomas M. Holt has decided to transfer from the machine gun outfit to the pill roll outfit.

Private Constantine, our well known wood-cutter, has transferred to the mule skimmers.

Private Carnegie thinks he is now a soldier, for he began to shave last week.

Corporal Morbrey has completed his course of instruction on the gas mask. He is now teaching his squad to fit the mask in four seconds.

Private G. L. Adams went on a 48-hour pass and his watch stopped when he left camp and he stayed 17 days Poor George!

COMPANY I, FORTY-SEVENTH.
Company I, Forty-seventh Infantry, is getting her share of guarding. About every three or four days they go somewhere. Oh well—they are the ones who can do it.

Private Perry received a letter addressed to Sergeant Perry. We wish him success in his quick advance met.

Private Coy was made bread sergeant for a week. He filled his position very well. The boys all called him sergeant, which made him arch his chest.

Corporal De Battemont and McLean Hunt had a checker tournament at the Y. M. C. A. Hunt lost.

Pay day. Private Hudleson treated six boys to a swell supper at the camp lunch room. They were hungry boys, he thought, when they ordered the second course, and when they ordered the third he paid the bill.

Private Bloom has signed for a discharge. The boys in his tent are very sorry that he is going to leave.

The non-commissioned officers all like to go to the school at 7 o'clock because they miss the movies at the Y. M. C. A. (?)

SERGEANT GRAHAM GIVEN TOKENS FROM COMPANY

Bakery Company No. 7 Presents
Remembrances to Newly
Wedded Inspector of Camp's
Bread.

Sergeant William J. Graham, of Bakery Company No. 7, who was married to Miss Nelle Crawford, of Lebanon, Pa., on December 24, 1917, was presented with a carving set and a beautiful clock, by the men of his company.

Corporal William A. Ernst, made the presentation address which was as follows: "Bill, it was not long ago that you had a date with a girl from Lebanon, Pa. On your stay there, you wished yourself on some beloved woman and were united in marriage. You have pleaded guilty, and I now wish to state the sentence which this company has decided to place upon you. For this you never let it happen again, that from now on you shall be a bachelor man. Bill, we congratulate you, we wish you and yours all kinds of good luck, we wish you, the very best of health, enough of wealth, and good true friends where ever you go. Show our appreciation and fond esteem for your marriage. I present to you on behalf of the men of Bakery company No. 7 these presents and earnestly trust they will be of some service to you."

After a loud continued applause, Sergeant Graham thanked the boys in behalf of his wife and self.

Sergeant Graham has done twenty years of active service and all of his discharges have been that of "excellent."

A record to be proud of indeed. His duties at present are that of Chief of Section or Boss bakerhouse during it is to see that the bread baked at the camp, in what it should be. All bread baked must have his O. K.

before it can be issued to the regiments. This means he O. K.'s over 25,000 pounds of bread a day, the job on a whole is one that requires a man of ability and one who can get things done. He is and always has been the idol of his company.

SOLDIERS USE LIBRARY.

The soldiers are wearing a path to the new camp library and are amply rewarded in their quest for good reading. At present 9,000 volumes are in the library. Five thousand volumes—half a carload—arrived last week from Chicago and will soon be ready for circulation, said Camp Librarian F. D. Goodrich.

CLUB FOR SOLDIERS SOON TO BE OPENED

Charlotte People Rent Big Res.
dence to Provide Greater
Comfort for Troops.

The plans of the Charlotte war camp community service, representing the people of the city, for a soldiers' club are rapidly assuming definite form. Doubtless the club will be ready for use within five or six weeks.

A house unusually well adapted to the needs of such a club has been rented. It is the house known as the Scott residence on South Tryon street, a short distance below the Y. M. C. A. building and the postoffice. The building is well located for the purpose, being easily accessible and at the same time being far removed away from the center of the city to make it possible for the club to have plenty of open space about it. This feature will add much to the comfort of the club during the summer months.

The house that has been selected is unusually large and commodious. With a few alterations it will make a most ideal club building. In some cases, perhaps by building an addition to the present house, ample provision will be made for baths. In this way enough shower baths can be installed to accommodate one thousand men in the afternoon and evening. There will also be reading and writing rooms, billiards, pool and other games, shoe shine stand and other conveniences. It is also probable that a lunch counter will be operated at which coffee, coco, sandwiches and the like will be dispensed at cost.

In addition to the club the committee in charge of working out the organization and management has under consideration other provisions for the recreation and comfort of the men which will be announced in due time.

Certainly the porches and yard of the house will be furnished with chairs, benches, sunnocks and the like giving abundant opportunity to enjoy outdoor lounging in the warm weather. The whole object of the committee in charge of the matter will be to make this the most attractive place for the soldier to loaf in during his stay in the city.

The people of Charlotte are greatly interested in the movement and can be counted upon to provide the funds needed to give the club proper equipment and to keep it going. As the club should serve the soldiers for longer than the committee in charge of the matter feels that the soldiers should indicate what features they consider the most desirable. Soldiers are, therefore, invited to express their ideas about the club, either through a visit or through a letter to Mr. W. A. White, secretary of Charlotte war camp community service at his office in the Carnegie library.

From week to week in Trench and Camp announcements regarding the club and the progress being made towards having it ready to begin operation will be made. The work of making the new club international and improvements will be started as soon as possible and pushed to completion as rapidly as may be.

K. OF C. NOTES.

The K. of C. building recently erected at the intersection of General Taylor and the Sixty-first Infantry, an auditorium and the advanced class will be instructed by Private Provencher of the Thirty-eighth Infantry and Professor Boreux of the First New Hampshire.

Private Edward Wilson, contortionist, and Dave Williams, machine gun company of Fifteenth infantry, helped to give the boys a good time.

On January 17 two French classes were organized under the direction of Secretary Marion. About 25 men registered and the advanced class will be instructed by Private Provencher of the Thirty-eighth Infantry and Professor Boreux of the First New Hampshire.

The player piano has been fixed and is now rendering good service.