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### SAYS NEXT GENERATION MUST BE GIVEN CHANGE

Laprade Tells Soldiers Germany  
"Mussed Up" World, Stopping  
Its Advance for Generation.

"How Germany became what she is and what our attitude toward her should be" was the subject of an analytical address by Prof. W. T. Laprade of Trinity college, Thursday night, before a large audience of soldiers.

To obtain an understanding of the German nation, he said, a study of the past is necessary. He explained that Germany is governed by a ruling family, which boasts that each ruling member leaves at his death an empire greater in territory, and that the basic principles of the German government are that it is right to take any territory thought essential to the aggrandizement of the realm, and that the end justifies the means, or, in other words, atrocities are right and proper when atrocities will aid in the accomplishment of the purpose in view. A. Napoleon limited the size of the Prussian army, said the speaker, and the German pride was keenly wounded, and this resulted in the Prussians joining the British at Waterloo in the successful effort to overthrow the Napoleonic rule.

Then came the confederacy of Prussia and Austria. Prussians came to the realization that their strength lay in their army. The advent of Bismarck was followed by the taking of Schleswig-Holstein, and later Austria said, "Prussian desires included the rich territories of northern France, and the war of 1870 resulted, which brought under German rule Alsace and Lorraine," he continued. Then had Prussia become the leading power of continental Europe.

Professor Laprade declared two facts contributed to make Germany a dominating power. The first, he said, was her army, and the second was the scheming of the ruling family. He explained that the ruling family, through Bismarck, accomplished the greatness of Germany as a military power, and that the "play" which resulted in only a small result which resulted in the ruling class becoming magnified in the eyes of the people.

In Germany, said the speaker, the individual is not in the interest of the state and the government is organized to present this theory, with its propaganda of a multitude of branches.

"There are three attitudes which we can take toward Germany," declared Professor Laprade. First, that the strongest nation ought to dominate, therefore, the Germans being the strongest nation of continental Europe, ought to rule. Of course, we cannot accept this declared. "Secondly, we can make a compromise, and if Germany gives up Belgium, we can let things go on as they were before," he continued. "But, Germany and her allies separate Europe, shutting off new Russia (now disorganized but later to be reorganized) from England and France. What would be the result? The Russian inevitably would be brought under the domination of the central powers, whether the Slavs like it or not. This would mean that the 120,000,000 of people in the central empires would be increased to more than 300,000,000 people. It also means Germany would have unlimited supplies of oil, food and other essentials.

"Greater than this, though," continued the speaker, "it would mean another war in a few years, and that a war ten times more terrible than this, with ten times as much preparation."

The third attitude we can assume toward Germany and her allies, he pointed out, is to fight it out now, whatever the cost. Either the German people must have a change of heart or a check must disarm them and they must be disarmed, if the peace, prosperity and safety of the world is to be assured.



(Drawn especially for Camp Greene Trench and Camp.)

### BOSTON OPERA STAR TO SING AT THIS CAMP

Mrs. Margaret Chapman, Noted  
Singer, Has a Week's Engage-  
ment to Give Programs.

Mrs. Margaret Chapman, who for a number of years was a leading soprano of the Boston Opera Company and a singer of great charm, will sing to the Camp Greene soldiers during this week. This announcement comes from the office of Mr. J. T. Mangum, social secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Mrs. Chapman will give her first program in "Y" building 105 on Monday evening. On Tuesday evening she will be at 102, on Wednesday at 103, on Thursday at the base hospital, Friday night at 105, and on Saturday night she will sing at 104.

The fact that Mrs. Chapman is a singer of exceptional ability has been vouched for by the Y. M. C. A. officials who have booked her for this series of concerts, and the soldiers of Camp Greene can count themselves fortunate that they will have this opportunity to hear this talented artist. Mrs. Chapman is said to be not only a talented singer but a woman of fine character and attractive personality. Her visit this week has been looked forward to, and her presence among the soldiers will be appreciated.

It was stated in the last issue of Trench and Camp that Mrs. Chapman would begin her concerts on Thursday night of the past week, but on account of sickness the date had to be moved forward to Monday night of this week.

In the future, Professor Laprade declared, "Germany has 'mussed up' things for the world in this generation. We cannot do the things we had planned to do, but we must give the next generation a chance, and only the greatest sacrifices now will bring about a world condition that will permit the continued advance of the human race."

### BRIG. GEN. M'RAE IS NOW 78TH COMMANDER

Former Camp Greene Officer Has  
Recently Been Given Com-  
mand of Division at Camp  
Dix.

The following items taken from The Camp Dix Times will be of interest to a number of readers of Trench and Camp:

"Brig. Gen. James H. McRae has arrived at Camp Dix and has taken charge of the 78th Division, in training here.

"General McRae came here from Camp Greene, N. C., where he was in command of the Ninth Infantry Brigade.

"He is a veteran of 30 years' service. He was in the Spanish-American and Philippine wars. He was a member of the Army General Staff from 1905 until 1908, and graduated from the War College in 1911.

"The first order of the new commander was to name First Lieutenant Lowell M. Riley, of the Sixth Infantry, and First Lieutenant Carl E. Holmes, Infantry, N. A., as his aides-de-camp.

"Brig. Gen. J. P. Dean, who has been acting as commander of the division, will continue as commander of the 15th Brigade.

### CAMP HEADQUARTERS NOW AT ALEXANDER HOUSE

Headquarters of Camp Greene was moved the past week from the Berry hill house to the Alexander house. The commanding general, the camp adjutant and a few other officers of this headquarters have established themselves in the building, but the removal is not yet complete. Several months ago camp headquarters was removed from the Alexander house.

### CAMP GREENE LIBRARY GIVES FINE SERVICE

Soldiers Stationed at This Camp  
Read Books of Serious Nature  
as Well as Fiction.

The camp library, which is easily one of the busiest and most interesting spots at Camp Greene, is doing a service the nature and extent of which has hardly been appreciated. From the standpoint of service, efficiency of administration, and equipment, the local library ranks with the best in the country. In a recent pamphlet issued and widely distributed by the American Library Association a picture of the Camp Greene building adorned the first page, which may give some hint of the pride with which the association regards the local equipment.

A large use is made of the library by the soldiers in camp. This is indicated by circulation figures for the month of April. During this time 7,718 books were taken out of the library by the officers and men. In addition to this, the building has a large number of visitors each day. This number is made up of men who come for the purpose of looking up reference books, reading the current papers and magazines, etc. During the month of April an average of 250 books a day were taken out, the largest number for any single day being 490.

What sort of books do the men read? It may surprise some Trench and Camp readers to learn that at present only about 20 per cent is fiction. Books of a technical and serious nature are read in much larger numbers than one might suppose. The motor mechanics who are stationed near the library, want to read books that have to do with gas engines, automobiles, construction of aircraft, canvas, testing and instruction used in flying. War books are likewise popular. Text books for the study of the French language have been prescribed by the library, and have had a good circulation of them.

One feature of the library's work that has proved very effective is the providing of books for the men going overseas. As each unit leaves Camp Greene it is provided with a library about one book to each three men. This library, of course, is made up largely of fiction, as the books are to be read by the men on the trip over and in spare moments "over there," and consequently are intended mostly for entertainment. The volume for these libraries were obtained in a recent nation-wide campaign for gifts which netted some 299,000 books. Those collected in North Carolina, 7,185, were sent directly to Camp Greene.

A branch library which is soon to be opened at the Base Hospital will be of fine service. A competent woman librarian will be in charge of this branch, and will see that the hospital patients and convalescents are provided with sufficient reading material.

The local library is in charge of Mr. F. L. D. Goodrich, of Ann Arbor, Mich., former librarian of the University of Michigan. His staff is composed of Messrs. J. R. Johnson and R. Miller Karper, together with a detail of two soldiers. Mr. Goodrich is a very efficient director, and works untiringly to make the library of the largest possible service to the soldiers.

In addition to the books which are distributed through the library direct there are a large number which are gotten into the hands of the readers through the agency of the Y. M. C. A. and K. of C. Each building has a library of its own, supplied by Mr. Goodrich.

