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### HIGH OFFICERS INSPECTED CAMP

Purpose of Visit to Determine  
Best Use to Make of Camp.

War Secretary Declares It Will  
Be Utilized in Future to  
Extent Yet Undetermined.

After a strenuous day, Hon. Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, and Hon. Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, left Charlotte last night for Washington to resume today their duties as chiefs of the departments controlling the fighting forces of America.

Camp Greene was inspected yesterday by Secretary Baker and three major generals from the war department for the purpose of determining what part this camp shall play in the preparation of American soldiers for service in France in the carrying out of the recently tremendously increased military program. Secretary Baker said: after the inspection trip, that he would not care to forecast what the future might hold for Camp Greene, as he said the high army officers of his party would later make their written reports to the war department and that any action involving the future of the camp would be based upon their recommendations.

During an interview, Secretary Baker said this inspection was made in line with the policy of the war department to inspect all the training camps, with the view of determining what steps should be taken looking to their greatest possible utilization in the government's program for sending increased numbers of troops to France as early as possible. He remarked that already a great army of American soldiers is in France, but that others will be sent overseas as quickly as conditions permit and the men become available.

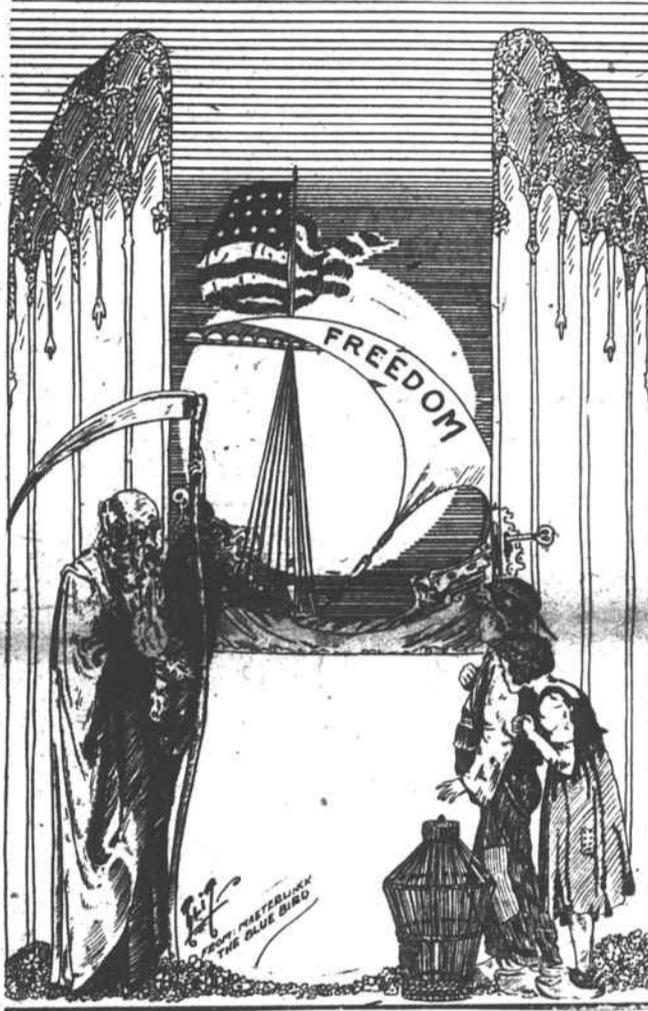
Just what use will be made of Camp Greene the secretary of war said he did not know at present. He declared it certainly would be utilized. Recently, he said, the camps in Georgia were inspected and it was promised that an inspection of Camp Greene would be made. That this trip of his official party was in keeping with that promise, and in line with the policy of his department to gain first-hand knowledge of all the camps on which future plans may be based for the greatest utilization of the facilities now at hand for training large numbers of men for overseas service, was the impression Secretary Baker left with those with whom he talked shortly before he left the city.

The only address made by Secretary Baker during his visit was a brief informal talk at a dinner last night at the Southern Manufacturers' club, given by the chamber of commerce in honor of the distinguished visitors. In this talk the secretary told of some of his experiences on his recent visit to France and the American front, relating especially incidents illustrating the great admiration and affection the French people hold for the American soldier.

Accompanied by Major General Gorgas, surgeon general, Major General William B. Black, chief of engineers, and Major General John L. Chamberlain, inspector general, Secretary Baker made yesterday afternoon an extended tour of the camp, inspecting all the regimental reservations, the roads, the remount station and the base hospital. They arrived in Charlotte from Washington at 10:25 o'clock yesterday morning. Soon after their arrival, they went to Camp Greene, where they had luncheon as guests of Brigadier General E. B. Babbitt, commanding officer of the camp, who was a member of the inspection trip.

Hon. Josephus Daniels, secretary of

THEIR FIRST SIGHT OF HAPPINESS.



The above cartoon was drawn for Camp Greene Trench and Camp by Lieutenant Flitner of the Fourth engineers who is the official cartoonist of The Camp Greene Trench and Camp.

This beautiful cartoon was suggested by a scene from Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird," known as the scene of the "Souls of Unborn Children." You will note that Father Time has drawn back the curtain which covers the future and is inviting these two Belgian children, who are really the hero and heroine of the play, to embark for the journey of life in a ship whose sails are filled by the winds of freedom, and at whose masthead flies the Stars and Stripes of free America.

We submit this cartoon with the prayer that the generations of unborn children of Belgium, England, France, Italy, America and of the whole world may, through the efforts and sacrifices of our generation be enabled to embark for the journey of life upon such a ship as this.

Lieutenant Flitner has entitled this cartoon "Their First Sight of Happiness," and the staff of Trench and Camp, together with the officers and men of Camp Greene are deeply indebted to him for this beautiful pictorial thought and the thought which it suggests.

the navy, arrived in Charlotte yesterday morning at 11:20 o'clock and delivered three addresses during the day, one of which was at the camp. He was the principal speaker at the massing at the city auditorium, and immediately after his arrival in this city he spoke at Trinity Methodist church.

The secretaries of the army and navy, the major generals of the party inspecting the camp, General Babbitt, Lieutenant Bingham, aide de camp to General Babbitt, were entertained at dinner last evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Southern Manufacturers' club by the chamber of commerce. This was the only formal social function of the day incident to the presence of the chiefs of the army and navy departments.

**Daniels at Camp.**  
At the conclusion of the dinner, Secretary Daniels went to Camp Greene, where he delivered a short "Mothers' day" address to the officers and enlisted men of the Fourth ammunition train, speaking at the Y. M. C. A. building near the Dowd house. Secretary Baker and members of his official party were at leisure until they went to the Southern railway station. They returned to Wash-

ington, accompanied by Secretary Daniels, on the train due to leave here at 9 o'clock.

Each of Charlotte's distinguished visitors of yesterday spent a strenuous day, and were thoroughly tired when they boarded their train.

Neither of the three major generals accompanying Secretary Baker would discuss Camp Greene, either as regards its future or their opinion of its physical appearance as they found it during their inspection.

**Baker Interviewed**  
Returning from the camp shortly after 4 o'clock, Secretary Baker received a representative of The Observer in his room at the Southern Manufacturers' club. After the spoken pleasantries incident to the meeting, the secretary was asked to discuss the purpose of the visit of the party and their findings, with respect to the future purpose the war department has or may have for the camp here. This Secretary Baker pleasantly but firmly declined to do, stating that he had "nothing to say." Several times during the interview, however, the secretary of war declared the people of Charlotte should

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### NO SURPRISE TO MOTHER THAT SON ENLISTED

Is Son and Grandson of Confederate Officers—Little Mother Visits Son in Hospital.

A Charlotte visitor this week is Mrs. Sidney Goldsmith, of Baltimore, Md. She has a son, a Camp Greene private, who recently underwent a rather serious operation at the base hospital, hence her presence in Charlotte.

The Trench and Camp man happened in the base hospital "Y" building. He saw a sweet-faced motherly woman writing a letter, and feeling attracted toward her went up and introduced himself. She was Mrs. Goldsmith of the opening paragraph. Mrs. Goldsmith is a Baltimorean, but she and all her folks have not long since been numbered with the true and only F. F. Vs of Virginia. She and the newspaper man found out that they had mutual friends back in old Virginia, and like all good southerners we fell to talking about kin folks and acquaintances.

Naturally we got around to the subject of her soldier son, who is Private John Gray Goldsmith. "He is only 18 years old," the mother said, referring to her son, "but his father was a Confederate soldier, his grandfather was a soldier and why shouldn't he be in this war?"

There was some more conversation between the two of us, all of which was enjoyed by The Trench and Camp editor. And when we left that little mother we couldn't help saying with our South Carolina friends, who always preface the second paragraph of their political speeches with the phrase, "The women, God bless 'em." And we are more impressed as time goes on with these wonderful people—the mothers. The wonder of a mother who can send her young son to the war with a brave face, yea with a great pride in his desire to go and serve his country—is something that will never grow old. And, again, when we see the noble spirit of such women as these we cannot help but have the confident feeling that our men are going to make a magnificent showing when they get to the front line trenches in France. With such women to pray for them, feel proud of them, and believe in them they cannot do otherwise than their whole duty, no matter how difficult it may be.

God bless Mrs. Goldsmith and the like of her! May her son have a fast recovery and be a true representative of his mother when he gets his fair chance "over there."

### TO VOLLEYBALLIZE CAMP GREENE THIS MONTH

In order that every soldier in Camp Greene may enter into some athletic game, and get the corresponding benefit, the whole camp is soon to be volleyballed, according to an announcement made on Saturday by A. E. Bergman, athletic director of the army Y. M. C. A.

Volleyball is one of the most popular and beneficial of the informal games played by the soldiers. It is a game, too, that admits very readily of a large number of participants. It caters to the mass rather than to the few. Mr. Bergman stated that he will soon receive a large ored of volleyballs, and that courts will be erected on every other company street in the camp.

### REMOUNT TAKES ANOTHER GAME

The remount baseball team, which now has an unbroken string of victories to its credit, took the scalp of another victim on Sunday, the 5th. This time they took in Battery E, Thirteenth artillery, by the score of 17 to 10.

All teams wishing to arrange games with the remount team will please call "Jones," telephone No. 16, at the camp.

