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WILL OBSERVE DAY OF PRAYER AT CAMP

President Wilson's Proclamation to Be Followed by Military and Welfare Organizations.

Carrying out President Wilson's desire to have Thursday, May 30, observed all over the country as a day of prayer and fasting, the military and welfare organizations at Camp Greene are planning a number of services which will carry out his purpose.

Religious Work Director Thompson, of the army Y. M. C. A., has announced that there will be services in all of the "Y" buildings on Thursday morning, and it is also probable that the other welfare organizations will have like services. Though no definite announcement has been made, there will be doubtless several regimental services.

The following proclamation, which was issued by President Wilson at the request of Congress, was issued the past week:

"And whereas it has always been the reverent habit of the people of the United States to turn in humble appeal to Almighty God for the guidance in the affairs of their common life;

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Thursday, the thirtieth day of May, a day already freighted with sacred and stimulating memories, a day of public humiliation, prayer, and fasting, and do exhort my fellow citizens of all faiths and creeds to assemble on that day in their several places of worship and there, as well as in their homes, to pray Almighty God that He may forgive our sins and shortcomings as a people and purify our hearts to see and love the truth, to accept and defend all things that are just and right, and to pursue only those righteous acts and judgments which are in conformity with His will; beseeching him that He will give victory to our armies as they fight for freedom, wisdom to those who take counsel on our behalf in these days of dark struggle and perplexity, and steadfastness to our people to make sacrifice to the utmost in support of what is just and true, bringing us at last the peace in which men's hearts can be at rest because it is founded upon mercy, justice, and good will.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done in the District of Columbia this eleventh day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighteen and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-second.

"WOODROW WILSON.

"By the President:
"Robert Lansing, secretary of state."

RED CROSS WORKERS ON LECTURE TOUR IN STATE

During the past week J. H. Branch, associated field director, stationed at Camp Greene, having charge of home service work, has been lecturing in eastern Carolina on Red Cross activities, to help raise \$100,000,000, which is going way "over the top," thanks to the noble generosity of the people.

William Phelps of Binghamton, N. Y., arrived at camp this week and is now engaged in his new work at the base hospital, taking over the correspondence of patients and keeping them in touch with their home people.

The new tennis courts at the base hospital will soon be finished, thanks to Lieutenant Wagner.

It is hoped that the new convalescent home at the base hospital will be under way within the next 10 days, and when completed will be a big help in bringing comfort and cheer to the sick boys.

THE DRIVE TO VICTORY



(Drawn especially for Camp Greene Trench and Camp.)

"MOTHER'S OF FRANCE"

(Editor's Note—This poem presents a scene described by Secretary Baker in his brief address in Charlotte last Sunday night, a scene from his recent experiences in France. The poem is based upon Mr. Baker's story of a funeral of an American soldier which he witnessed and which was attended by great numbers of French women and children, the women in black, who wept over the remains of the dead American hero as if he had been a brother or son of theirs, according to Mr. Baker. After the author had written the poem he presented it to Mr. Baker, who was much pleased with it and sent it to the French ambassador at Washington, who was so favorably impressed by it that he had copies made for private distribution, in addition to having a large engraved copy made and framed to hang on the wall of his office.)

A country road somewhere in France.
A sound of solemn music.

There advance
An army chaplain and a village priest,
Arm linked to arm. Last, but not least
A group of women soberly arrayed.

Between the front and rear of this parade
A file of "Nos amis,"—those Yankee men
Who come to succor France.

And then
The quiet, central figure of the day.

Who was he? Who was this who lay
Upon his comrades' muscles as if borne
In honor from some game where he had torn
A glory from defeat?

Well, so he had,
Though he was but a simple, soldier-lad
Whose game was war, whose goal his nearing grave.

These women of France he came to save
Had never known his face or heard his name,
But when they saw the funeral file, they came,
Dropping their daily tasks, to take the place
Of his own womankind. His mother's face
Shone out from theirs. Almost it seemed that she
Had spirited across the wind-washed sea
And swept through these sad eyes of Picardy.

Great heart of France! which hath withstood so well
The blasts of battles and the hates of hell,
Which yet hath grace to spare thy prayers and flowers
From thy unnumbered dead to one of ours,
Our love is thine!

By heart, by hand, by head
By whatsoever pledge it may be said!
By these—thy women mothering our dead!

EDMUND VANCE COOKE.

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SOLDIERS AT CAMP HEAR MISS MARGARET WILSON

President's Daughter Sings to Four Large Audiences at Y. M. C. A. Buildings.

Four delightful concerts were given at Camp Greene by Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson Friday night and last night. "Y" Building 104 and the base hospital "Y" were packed with soldiers to hear her Friday night, and equally large audiences heard her last night at Buildings 105 and 106.

Miss Wilson has a repertoire of popular and classic songs which she sang in a most pleasing manner. The audiences were composed entirely of soldiers it having been her desire that the audience be made up of the men in khaki.

Miss Wilson, who is making a tour of the military camps in the southeastern departments, arrived in Charlotte Friday, and will leave this morning for Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., where she will sing to the soldiers. With her are Mrs. Ross David, of New York, her accompanist, and A. P. Oakes, publicity director of the army Y. M. C. in the southeastern department.

Long before the hour that Miss Wilson was to have sung at the "Y" buildings the soldiers were on hand eagerly awaiting her. She was heartily cheered by the men, and they listened most attentively.

While in the city Miss Wilson spent her time quietly at her room at the Selwyn hotel.

Some months ago Charlotte had the pleasure of having her sing at the city auditorium. Then she was touring the south and singing to raise funds for war work. Her tour now is merely to cheer the soldiers, and judging from the pleasing appearances of the men last night they were cheered very much by her singing. She already has visited practically all of the camps in the south and has been greeted by large audiences of soldiers whom she pleased by her songs.

THOUSANDS COMING FROM SEVILLE TO CAMP GREENE

Remaining Units of Aviation Mobilization Depot to Be Transferred Here.

Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., May 25.—All remaining units of the aviation mobilization depot here will soon be transferred to Camp Greene, at Charlotte, it has been learned. The exact date of the transfer is not available. Part of the ground now occupied by the depot is to be used by the provisional depot brigade which will care for incoming select men, and these will begin to arrive at once.

The aviation depot has been in existence perhaps four months, and as its name implies is a place where units of aviation troops are mobilized before being sent across. Only troops of the ground branch of the aviation section of the signal corps have been sent here, these being mostly carpenters and mechanics, organized as construction companies, aero squadrons, and provisional service battalions. All of these men possessed the technical qualifications of their trades before entering the service, and in consequence they are given only military training here, the one purpose being to instill into them the spirit of military obedience before sending them to actual service. They will be used to build the hangars, narrow-gauge railway systems, fields, etc., which the American air fleet will require in France.

There have been at times as many as 4,000 men in the depot, but the number now is hardly above 3,000. It is commanded by Major Merchant, signal corps, aviation section, while the organization of the different unit is very irregular.

