

THANK GOD THAT IT'S ALL OVER, SAYS FORMER PRISONER

Some excerpts are given below from an interesting letter received by Mrs. C. W. Howe, 1036 First street, from her husband who has recently reached England, after being a prisoner of war in Germany since September 1917. Private Howe has two months leave of absence and will be home early in the New Year. This gallant soldier has two brothers with the colors, one a prisoner in Germany, not yet repatriated, and the other on duty in France.

"We arrived in England today, and what a welcome we got at Hull. We left Germany Tuesday, November 19th, coming through Holland, where we were supplied with new uniforms and a good supper and bed, and from there we have had all we wanted to eat and good blankets to sleep in. I can hardly realize I am on my way home. No more twelve hours a day and twenty-four every two weeks in a German camp. Thank God that is all over."

PTE. A. E. BAILEY NOW IN CONVALESCENT CAMP

The many friends of Private Ernest A. Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bailey, 634 Franklin street, will be pleased to learn that he has left the 21st General Hospital, Birmingham, England, and is now at the Convalescent Camp at Epsom, England. Private Bailey was a driver for Doak's falcon and went overseas with the unit. He was fourteen months in France and during that time had trench fever, returning to the trenches upon recovery. He was wounded last August during the Battle of Amiens, in the left elbow, with gun shot. He is yet unable to move his left arm, but otherwise is well. He celebrated his twentieth birthday today, overseas. Prior to enlisting, Private Bailey was a driver for Doak's Bakery.

RUSSIA FINANCED HUN REVOLUTION IS LATEST REPORT

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The question of whether the German revolution was financed from Russia is agitating political circles, the imputation being that the Independent Socialists received large sums from Russian sources.

Contributing to this discussion some of the Socialist newspapers have printed what purported to be a wireless dispatch from Adolph Joffe, former Bolshevik representative in Berlin, to Richard Barth and Huga Haase of the German ultra-radical faction, to the effect that while Joffe has not paid the German interests anything directly, they were well aware whence the money had come.

Joffe declared that Oscar Cohen, German under-secretary of justice, had control of 10,000,000 rubles for the furtherance of the German revolution.

HEAVY FINES IMPOSED ON SEVERAL VIOLATORS OF AMERICAN NEUTRALITY

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 24.—C. D. Bunker and R. H. Swayne, shipping men, were fined \$10,000 each by Federal Judge Van Fleet for connection with a conspiracy whereby the steamer Sacramento provisioned German warships at sea, in violation of American neutrality. George and James Flood, shipping men, were fined \$5,000 each; Heinrich Kauffman, chancellor of the former German consulate, \$22,000; and T. W. Anderson, captain of the Sacramento, \$10,000, for their connection with the conspiracy.

Fines of \$100 each were imposed on J. D. Bunker and Company, the Northern and Southern Steamship Company, and the Golden Gate Transportation Company.

ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS ATTEND ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Four Troops of Boy Scouts Took Part in Special Memorial Service on Sunday

A large congregation was present at St. Matthew's Church Sunday evening on the occasion of the special service attended by the Army and Navy Veterans, which took the form of a memorial service for those who had given their lives for their country. Special hymns and Psalms were sung by the choir and congregation under the leadership of Mr. R. C. Macdonald, who presided at the organ. The choir entered the church led by the 1st, 2nd and 4th troops of Boy Scouts, with Assistant Commissioner H. C. L. Broadhurst, and Scoutmaster F. C. L. Broadhurst in command. Those present could not help but be thrilled as they noticed the King's colors and the Troop colors held aloft when the scouts slowly proceeded down the aisle during the singing of the opening hymn, and formed a guard in front of the altar. The members of the choir, before the service, were reserved for them just in front of the veterans. Patrol Leader Ayton carried the King's colors, and Patrol Second Marshall the Troop colors. An impressive part of the service occurred just after the second lesson, when the scouts left their places and stood on guard with colors grounded, as the congregation stood and the names of those who had fallen in the Great War were read. This was followed by prayers of intercession for the departed.

Rev. E. A. Anderson conducted the service and in the course of his sermon said in part:

"It is my very great loss not to have had the opportunity of knowing the men whose names it has been my privilege to read in your hearing and that of Almighty God tonight. Many of you knew them, most of them lived their lives in the parish, others were more recently associated with life in St. Matthews, but all gave their lives for their country, for us, and for mankind."

"There are three simple lines of thought which I would like you to think of tonight. First, the death of these young men leaves us with a sense of loss, of wasted lives. I do not believe there is any waste in God's world. If this were the only life then it would be waste, but there is another. At that great service in London in honor of the Canadians, May 10th, 1915, the Bishop took for his text the fourth verse of the 21st Psalm: 'He asked life of thee, and thou gavest him a long life; even for ever and ever.'"

The man who wrote that Psalm knew that life consisted in what was put into our lives, not quantity by quality. Let us not think the life beyond a poor life. This popular conception should be revised. God created this life, he will not let it cease, it will bear fruit beyond. The earthly body may die but the spiritual body will live and there will be many opportunities to accomplish things. Our life here is but a preliminary to the future. Let us then think of these young men as exercising their powers and still continuing to live in the world beyond. Then there are those who survived the Great War. What a splendid reputation the Canadian army enjoys to day. It stands perhaps the highest in the war. We are proud of what our army has done, but the very fact that our army has that reputation makes it imperative that our returned men should live up to it. We want to think always of our soldiers as we think of them now. Men willing to give up their all for their country. It is hard to live up to this—a big thing. But the Canadian army has been doing big things. Please God they will never cease."

Canadian people, who have not taken part at the front, should remember in their prayers those who laid down their lives and also those returned. We must reap in the future a crop with a soul to it, as a result of the sacrifices of these men. We must live up to the sacrifice, with the same spirit as King David, not drinking of the blood of these men, but making common use of it. We must rise to the sacrifice of Almighty God, there is nothing on earth big enough in recognition of what these men have done. Their memory should be an inspiration to all. God help us to do what in us lies to follow in their footsteps.

BANDITS RUN AWAY WITH CHIEF OF POLICE

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Five automobile bandits Friday robbed the Summit, Ill., state bank of \$7,000 in cash and \$15,000 in Liberty bonds, then kidnapped the chief of police who pursued them, and escaped in the direction of Chicago.

While one of the bandits remained in the car, four entered the bank and forced Cashier W. Keller and an assistant, Miss Sarah Johnson, to open the vault.

As they sped through the streets they were fired on by Robert Allison, chief of police. Returning the fire, the men slowed down, and when Allison reached their machine they grabbed him, loaded him into the automobile, and continued on their way. The same bank was entered and robbed of \$44,000 a year ago.

WILLIAM WILL KEEP AWAY FROM CROWDS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

London, Dec. 24.—William Hohenzollern had arranged for himself a Christmas celebration after the traditional German style, as far as the circumstances will permit, according to advices to the Daily Express from Amsterdam Monday. The arrangements, by the former emperor's insistence, will include elaborate religious ceremonies on Christmas eve. The idea of using the village chapel for these, however, has proved impracticable for various reasons, one of them being the fear of popular hostile demonstrations. The service, accordingly, will be held in the drawing room of Amerongen castle, which will be converted into a chapel.

The former emperor desired to have the court chaplain, Dr. Ernest von Dryander, come from Berlin to preach the sermon at the Christmas Eve ceremony, but the Berlin government, says the dispatch, has refused permission for the chaplain to go to Holland.

WINNIPEG AUDIENCE APPLAUDED PRAISE FOR RUSSIAN SOVIET

Socialists and Pacifists Talk About the Coming Revolution in Canada

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—At the Walker Theatre, Sunday afternoon, supporters of the Socialist party foregathered and sang the praises of the Russian Soviet republic, Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the German extremist party and the "coming revolution of Canada."

Among the speakers were: Alderman John Queen, Chairman; R. J. Russell, Sam Blumhagen, Rev. Wm. Evans, F. J. Dixon, M.P.; W. H. Hoop, George Armstrong and others. Alderman Queen aroused a tremendous burst of enthusiasm when he cried: "Long live the Russian Soviet republic, Karl Liebknecht and the working class."

Resolutions were passed calling for the withdrawal of Allied troops from Russia, the release of all "political prisoners"—these including draft evaders and conscientious objectors—and the repeal of all war orders-in-council.

Rev. William Evans and F. J. Dixon sponsored the last-named resolution, and added a resolve to send cables to the Acting Premier and the Minister of Justice.

A collection was taken for the promotion of similar meetings in future.

JELICOE'S VISIT WAS REQUESTED BY BRITISH COLONIES

Admiralty Representative Will Leave For Australia Early in 1919

London, Dec. 24.—Announcement by the Admiralty of the early departure of Admiral J. Jellicoe to visit the overseas dominions, for the purpose of advising their governments on naval matters, is the result of an understanding arrived at by the representatives of the overseas dominions at their meeting here last August, following the submission to them of a tentative scheme for the naval defense of the empire by chiefs of the Admiralty in conformity with a request to that effect made by the imperial war conference in May, 1917.

The proposal of the Admiralty was considered by representatives of the dominions with the result that a memorandum was drawn up by Sir Robert Borden on behalf of Canada and subscribed to by all the dominions suggesting a permanent overseas naval policy on the basis of navies to be built by and administered by the dominions on a system which would permit close co-operation with the British navy.

At a meeting of the imperial war conference Friday this memorandum was considered. Sir Eric Geddes reported that the Admiralty welcomed this expression of desire on the part of the dominions to secure the greatest measure of uniformity possible in naval organizations, training and types of material throughout the empire. Sir Eric announced that with the approval of the war cabinet, Viscount Jellicoe would be appointed to proceed early in the new year to visit such parts of the empire as express a desire to be included in his mission in order to confer with and advise the overseas dominions authoritatively on naval matters in keeping with the provisions of the memorandum.

All the dominions having through their representatives expressed their satisfaction at the appointment, Viscount Jellicoe will depart early in the new year for Australia. All the dominions and India will be visited in the course of his mission. Viscount Jellicoe will depart early in the new year for Australia. All the dominions and India will be visited in the course of his mission. Viscount Jellicoe will depart early in the new year for Australia. All the dominions and India will be visited in the course of his mission.

CANADA FOOD BOARD HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MILK PRICES

Fair Price or Municipal Councils Can Probe the Cost of Any Necessity

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—With regard to the Winnipeg milk situation, it is stated by an official of the Canada Food Board that the matter is one which no longer falls within the jurisdiction of the board.

It was pointed out that the recent passage of an order-in-council authorizing the appointment by municipal councils of Fair Price Committees to probe the cost of any necessity of life, placed the matter in the hands of the local authorities.

The order provides for the establishment of a Fair Price Committee by the municipal council, which shall report the results of its investigation to the council, and give its opinion as to whether a more extensive inquiry is necessary. If this is recommended, the council may appoint a commission of three members, one a judge to act as chairman, one representative of the consumers and one of the trade which is being investigated.

HOW ABOUT DAD? Verses are written by the score, About mothers, sister, aunts; And the gifts, sent the boy, Doing his bit in France.

But little is heard about Dad
Who, from day to day,
Tolls, for those things, others send,
He must remember to pay.

"Carrying on" in his quiet way,
Seldom a moment to spare;
Ready to help in any cause,
Doing more than his share.

People forget about Dad all alone
At evening, when shadows loom;
Letting his thoughts, roam the sea,
Trying to pierce the gloom.

He remembers his son, a toddler;
The bumps, but seldom a cry.
Of school days that followed after,
How the time did fly.

He dreams of the future,
The job, he saved his son,
Where he'd work beside his father,
Build up, the business begun.

Dreams fly away, and that thought,
Keeps recurring just the same,
The prayer of so many fathers,
Please God, bring him home again.

But someone is always remembering
Dad, Mother and the Aunts.
Tis the boy of whom he's thinking,
In that far away land of France.

TORONTO BOY HELD UP BURGLAR WITH HIS SMALL RIFLE

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Citizens and police are acclaiming 14-year-old James Russell McLeod, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McLeod, of this city, who, although knocked unconscious by a daring burglar Sunday night, recovered himself, and in turn held up the burglar and made him turn over jewelry and other articles of value, and still covering his man with a small rifle, phoned for help.

Before the arrival of a neighbor, however, the burglar made his getaway with about \$20 cash which the boy did not know he had secured. The lad's parents were at church at the time.

UNITED STATES REMOVES SOME RESTRICTIONS ON RESIDENT ENEMY ALIENS

Washington, Dec. 24.—All restrictions on German enemy aliens, except those applying for entry into and departure from the United States and those affecting the power of internment have been ordered removed by Attorney-General Gregory, effective Christmas Day. This action was taken on cables instructions from President Wilson and will affect about 500,000 German men and women.

It was explained that the Department of Justice would continue to exercise the power of internment of dangerous German enemy aliens, and that the order would not affect such aliens already interned.

ARMY HEADQUARTERS: THEN TO ENGLAND

President of the United States to Spend Christmas Day in Paris

Paris, Dec. 24.—President Wilson's plans for visiting the American army headquarters at Chaumont and then proceeding to England are now complete. He will leave Paris late tomorrow night and will not return until New Year's Day.

Remember that the Red Cross is not immobilized, but must continue to alleviate the miseries of war.

What, one vaguely wonders, is a "natural muskrat coat"? It would seem that a natural muskrat would wear its own coat, but then these are revolutionary times!

PT. FRANK LAU DIED OF WOUNDS IN ENGLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Lau, of Justice, Man., have received official notification that their son, Private Frank Lau had succumbed to wounds at the Duchess of

Connaught Hospital, England. The late Private Lau enlisted and went overseas with the 19th Universities Battalion, and was very well known here. A brother, Private John Lau, made the supreme sacrifice April, 1917.

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Consider bodily comfort first; a person is always pleased with such a gift; usefulness next; selecting from things used by both sexes; old and young, gives you a greater chance of being right, and be sure it is as good as it looks.

If the common sense of this appeals to you, come here and you'll see the easy solution of your gift problems, no matter for whom you buy.

HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS — WE SPECIALIZE ON THEM THIS WEEK.

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Bookcases.	and Rockers.	Foot Stools.
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