LIVELY HAPPENINGS STIR "WINDY CITY"

Somewhere in France the Sammees Are Getting Plenty of Real Excitement

BOMBED BY THE BOCHES

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There's a town Somewhere in France that the censor is going to let me specify, because I won't give its real name; only the cognomen given it by a regiment of engineers. It's well and truly named, too, I can personally testify—for I spent a recent night in an Adrian barracks within its borders and seven times before reveille I thought I would be blown out of my bunk. They call it the "Windy City."

One of the officers compiled the following, has typewritten it in a number of copies, and posted these copies all about the town, I mean city. It's good enough to give verbatim:

WINDY CITY
SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE
CONVENIENT TO HILL 13
THE HOME OF THE HAIRTRIGGER
—TH ENGINEERS
Population, including rats, rabbits and three dogs, 7000.
One Well Paved Street.
Water (Plain, Fancy, River and Rain).
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If you wish to live where things are pretty Just make your home in the Windy City.

WRITING DURING AN AIR RAID

One becomes calloused to that which at first one might become excited about. As I began copying these Windy City Notes from my memorandum book a bugle sounded under my window, the alarm for a Boche airplane raid. I immediately closed my shutters as is the custom and kept on writing. In a few minutes the bugle sounded again, and in the next interval of twenty minutes four times additional. As only a ray of light could be possibly visible through the slat of my shutters I concluded that I had done all I could, despite the raid seemed more thoroughly announced than ever before in this camp.

Presently there came a knock on my door. "Entree!" I said, keeping right on with my typing. As the door opened there entered a big Sammee M. P., or of the military police, and a French gendarme with him.

"Excuse me, sir," said the Sammee, with the "billy" in his hand, "you'll have to put out your light. There's a raid on, and we can see the glare of your lamp through the chinks of the shutters."

"Listen," I replied in true American fashion, "I want to work. Give me a hand while I thumbtack these two blankets over the windows."

The Sammee laid down his "billy" and held one end of each blanket while I mounted a chair and tacked them over the casement. And then he went away with the gendarme, who had looked on without a word. In a minutes the Sammee sang out from the street:

"All right, sir. No light visible."

"Right-O," I answered. And I kept on with my typing. If I finish this story and get in the post it'll be because nothing in the way of a bomb from Bocheland dropped through my ceiling.

These Boches with their airplane raids are a plagued nuisance. My room is as hot as an oven without the usual bit of fresh air. They are a nuisance, I say. The other night at a certain point a hundred kilometers from here I was compelled to take refuge in a thirty-foot abri just because the barbarian was out on his barbarian errand, he and all his evil kind from over the Rhine are a plagued nuisance.

BOMB AIMED AT HOSPITAL

A few evenings ago a Boche plane dropped an incendiary bomb in Windy City. He aimed at the hospital there, where some hundreds of French wounded lie, missing it by a mile and landing upon a building occupied by permissionaires en route for ten days' leave at home. Immediately there was a fire. A certain American battalion of construction engineers were quartered in the town. What they did is more genuinely reported in a citation from the Armee du Nord et Nord-Est of France, which I here translate:

"To Colonel ——, of the ——th Engineers, American army:

"But for the quick and efficient intervention of the troops under your command the fire caused by a German incendiary bomb at —— on the night of December 26, 1917, would have extended greatly. I desire to thank you, sir, and the men under you, individually and collectively, for their courageous attitude, many of them not hesitating at risking their lives to aid sleeping men from the burning building. I should be grateful for the names and rank of particularly six whom it would be my pleasure to recommend for meritorious decoration, and it will be my pleasure as well to recommend your entire battalion for the general service rendered as entitled to a joint acknowledgment of thanks from the French army.

"——, General Commanding."

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles Bauer, 3304 B st., and Sarah McGovern, 2304 B st.
Henry L. Hatton, 1521 Dyre st., and Blanche W. Moyer, 4832 Frankford ave.
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Samuel B. Klinger, 309 N. 9th st., and Edna R. Walcott, Jersey City, N. J.
Frank J. O'Neill, Jr., 2508 E. Dauphin st., and Pauline Bolay, 40 W. Washington lane.
Otto G. Becker, 263 N. 12th st., and Marie Dalton, 263 N. 12th st.
Russell Baxton, 830 N. 16th st., and Daisy D. Young, 830 N. 16th st.
Reuben A. Bingham, U. S. A., Frankford Arsenal, and Sara Wolf, 2520 Sepviva st.
Frederick Baker, 1817 S. Lee st., and Lena Sornek, 1204 Frankford ave.
William A. Kirkpatrick, 1729 N. Park ave., and Margaret Aldrich, 4220 Osage ave.
Gerard J. Seidler, 2518 N. Orianna st., and Celina Watkins, 2518 N. Orianna st.
William Morris, Camp Dix, New Jersey, and Emma Warrington, 2345 No. 30th st.
William Fabbo, 1538 S. 15th st., and Margaret Rosney, 732 S. 21st st.
Charles E. Myers, 2026 S. 10th st., and Douglas Ziehler, 1309 N. Randolph st.
Frederick A. Bristol, Fargo, N. D., and Catherine L. Wheelock, Narberth.
Joseph L. Green, 615 Kater st., and Pauline Galetic, 437 Fulton st.
Samuel Shipe, Salem, N. J., and Lillie M. Fox, Rochester, Pa.
John Kessler, 2046 Berks st., and Rose Grant, 4146 Girard ave.
Harry O. Broderick, 429 N. 62d st., and Mary Meyer, 127 N. Redfield st.
Joseph L. Kincaid, 1111 Rodman st., and Grace E. Thompson, 1111 Rodman st.
Charles A. Schaeffer, 1626 N. Sydenham st., and Gertrude Goldsmith, 1733 N. 20th st.
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Joseph Mount, 2228 N. 8th st., and Clara Lange, 426 Fitzwater st.
Harry Cook, 6027 Walnut st., and Helen Cook, 1240 Spruce st.

SENATE BILL CALLS YOUTHS REACHING 21

Committee Favors Drafting Men Who Passed Majority Since June 5, 1917

WILL INCREASE CLASS 1

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.

The Chamberlain bill providing for the registration for men who have attained their twenty-first year since June 5 last, the date of the first registration, has been reported to the Senate. The bill was amended so as to exempt divinity students.

In a report the Senate Committee on Military Affairs sets forth that men becoming twenty-one years of age since the first registration should not be given a different status than those who are now in the nation's service.

"The new classification plan of the department," the report says, "will segregate in Class I those registrants who can serve the nation with the least possible disturbance, economic and domestic conditions. Persons who have attained the age of twenty-one since registration day should not be in any different status than those who attained the age of twenty-one before or on registration day.

"There is thought to be no objection to including those who have attained the age of twenty-one since registration day, and as to the advantage of including them it may be said that among these young men will be found a great proportion who will fall into Class I; thus Class I will be recruited to a point which it is hoped and believed by the provost marshal general will furnish all men needed for any purpose in immediate prospect, with the result that we shall be well fortified in our effort to raise our armies without going beyond Class I.

"This proposed recruitment of Class I is needed to accomplish this purpose—a purpose in support of which there is scarcely need for argument.

"It might be suggested that persons who have attained the age of thirty-one since registration day should be removed from the list. This does not follow. We have classified registrants in the order of their availability for military service, and those who have attained the age of thirty-one since registration day should not be removed from the list because only those who are in Class 1 will be called for military service, and they are, by the terms of the classification, persons whose services can better be spared than can younger persons in more deferred classes. This argument might be carried to the extent of including older men, up to the age of, let us say, forty-five, but the answering argument is that the effort of classification is so great and so expensive, and the persons past the age of thirty-one who would fall in Class 1 are of such relatively small number that the effort is not worth the result.

"As to persons who have attained the age of thirty-one since registration day the effort has already been made, and there seems to be no plausible argument for removing them from the lists."

AMERICANS DIE IN ACTION

Canadian Casualty List Mentions Three Sons of Uncle Sam

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 14.—The following Americans are mentioned in today's Canadian casualty list issued by the records office here:

Killed in action—G. H. MARSH, Parkton, N. C.

Believed killed—SERGEANT J. S. WOOD, Ravenna, O.

Wounded—J. P. LEVERING, Baltimore, Md.

ADVERTISING AND SALESMANSHIP CLASS OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

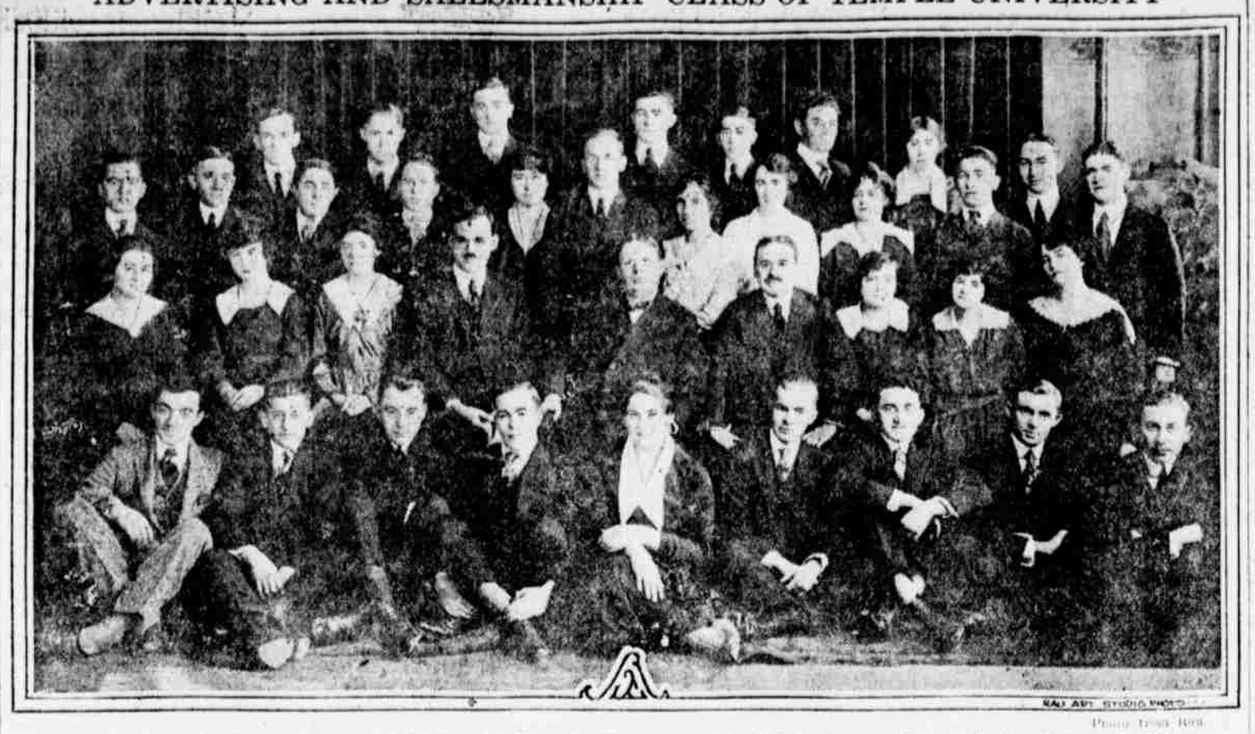

Photo from Red Art Studio Photo

The class is under the direction of Harry R. Whitcraft, who is the fifth figure to the left in the second row. In the photograph, left to right, are: Front row—Abraham Hockbau, Louis Markransky, William J. Craig, Joseph Hood, Elanore Cherry, Edgar M. Luttgen, Benjamin Rosenberg, Edward Jenkins and James F. Barrett. Second row—Grace L. Garner, Estelle Levy, Ada Hahs, William J. de Grouchy, H. R. Whitcraft, B. J. Munchweiler, Mary Boduff, B. Altender and Alma von Goglon. Third row—Neil Brown, Don Brooke, Isadore Estrein, Herbert Shantz, Edwardine Walsh, S. J. Hermann, Emly Smith, Marie McCormick, Elizabeth Winger, Harry Segal and Thomas Burke. Fourth row—Clinton D. Draper, Fred Durn, Harry Yankeloff, Edward Sharp, Louis Dolin, William Cherry, Alice M. Lee, and John McLaughlin.

RAILROADS EXTEND NO HOPE TO LUMBER

B. and O. Traffic Manager Tells Dealers of Government-Imposed Burdens

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 14.—Pointing out the heavy burdens placed upon the Eastern railroads by the Government since the beginning of the war and promising little or no relief from the congested transportation situation, even after the weather opens up, J. C. Kines, traffic manager of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, submitted an exhaustive report on the railroad in wartime before the delegates to the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Retail Lumber Dealers' Association, in session here. B. W. Simpson, of Indiana, the president, is presiding.

Inadequate transportation facilities are greatly hampering the retail lumber business, Mr. Simpson said, in responding to an address of welcome by Mayor Babcock. He added that it is virtually impossible to get supplies from mills and that unless the situation is altered many of the smaller dealers will be forced out of the field.

The report of Mr. Kines on railroad conditions included the statement that more than 100,000 carloads of war materials have been transported with approximately 2,000,000 soldiers, and that the railroads had spent millions of dollars in improvements to handle the Government's business.

PLEA FOR JOY SETTLEMENT

Children's Institution Asks Aid on Donation Day

Because of the many appeals made these days for all kinds of humane endeavor the Joy Settlement, a nonsectarian kindergarten and day nursery at Sixth and Brown streets, is fearful that it may be forgotten and overlooked by former benefactors. Its officers and directors cannot afford to send out personal appeals this year, they say, for contributions to continue the work of caring for children whose widowed mothers must seek employment away from their homes, and so dependence is placed upon the personal knowledge of those who know of the good work to send contributions.

For a number of years February 14 has been donation day for this children's charitable institution and a sincere welcome will await food, books, clothing, toys, etc., or checks sent payable to the Joy Settlement. At the present time there are sixty-five children in the nursery and thirty-five in the kindergarten.

Greet Scout a Bridegroom

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 14.—When Arthur A. Schuck, Boy Scout executive of the local council, returned last night from Newark, N. J., his home town, with his bride of a day, he was surrounded by 500 yelling, singing scouts who were armed with horns and tin pans. He was later presented with a gift by the combined troops. Mrs. Schuck was Miss Olive Muller, of Newark.

PROBE COST OF SHORE HOTEL AS HOSPITAL

Excessive Rental for Cape May Building Charged in House Measure

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.

Investigation into the facts leading up to the rental of the hotel at Cape May by the surgeon general of the army is provided in a resolution introduced in the House by Congressman Bacharach, of Atlantic City. The terms of the lease provide that an annual rental of $96 a bed with possible provision of 1100 beds be paid the owners of the hotel for the period of the war and one year thereafter, making a total cost of $99,000 a year rental for the structure without furnishings. Land adjoining the hotel is included in the lease.

The resolution provides that:

Whereas, the reported terms agreed upon for the lease of this hotel appears to be exorbitant, excessive and greatly in advance of the value of real estate in that locality and a wasteful expenditure of public moneys; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Committee on Military Affairs of the House of Representatives be, and it is hereby directed to at once make inquiry and investigate,

First, as to the terms of the lease for the Hotel Cape May as entered into between the War Department, acting for the United States Government, and the owners of the said hotel and the amount of rental agreed upon.

Second, if the lease includes the use of the furnishings or other appurtenances.

Third, the names of those acting in behalf of and for the hotel.

Fourth, by what method those acting on behalf of the War Department arrived at the fairness of the amount of rental to be paid for the use of the hotel.

Resolved further, that the said committee make such investigation and report thereon to the House of Representatives at the earliest practicable time.

The high rental of the hotel, according to the offers of the surgeon general, was not based on the value of the property, but on its value "as a place for the treatment of sick and wounded soldiers."

Figuring the cost as per bed, the price is within what it would cost the Government to get the provision in any other way.

Congressman Bacharach says he will push this investigation to ascertain the true facts as to the lease.

Gives Opinion of Appraiser

READING, Pa., Feb. 14.—"Mean and contemptible" criticism was the gist of a reply filed in City Council by City Planner Alexander Smith to Councilman John K. Stauffer. Smith, an architect, appraised traction company realty for six-cent fare campaign purposes while serving as city planner, Stauffer objecting.

Smokes in Bed; Starts Fire

SHAMOKIN, Dec. 14.—Going to bed with a lighted cigarette, Leo Mahon fell asleep in a local hotel, the cigarette fell from his lips and set fire to the mattress. The bed was in flames when Mahon awoke and managed to escape from the room. Bed and bedclothing were consumed and the hotel damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars.

"GET-TOGETHER" PLAN TO AROUSE CONGRESS

President's Program of White House Conferences Wins Favor of Leaders

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.

President Wilson's plan for regular "get-together" meetings with members of the House and Senate is making a "hit" at the Capital.

Republicans and Democrats alike see in the President's new program probability of much better understanding between the legislative and executive branches of the Government, and all believe it will serve to speed legislation now stalled in both Houses.

"Any course on the part of the Administration," said Senator Simmons, chairman of the Finance Committee, "which tends to remove any possible objection based on political considerations should be pursued."

"The President's course will result in better comprehension generally of general war legislation and will thereby eliminate much delay, part of which is based on camouflage and part on serious misunderstandings on the floor of the Senate," declared Senator John Sharp Williams.

Senator Gallinger, minority leader in the Senate, also thought it would make better understanding of war legislation and would eliminate some delay. "But," he added, "Congress is not going to be forced into speeding up legislation at the expense of proper consideration of such legislation."

Senator Dillingham, Republican, believed that the President could obviate the necessity of such conferences by transmitting more messages on the subject to the Senate.

"If the President would send a message explaining the necessity for urgent legislation sought," said Dillingham, "he would save his own time and that of the Senators. By that course he would give the American public, as well as Congress, a better understanding of existing conditions. Except on foreign relations we've had very few messages on the necessity for war legislation."

Senator Gore declared that any measures which would make for a common understanding on the war problems would materially aid the war legislation program.

Senator McCumber, Republican, also approving the effort at mutual understanding, declared that heretofore the "President had been too far from the Capitol."

PROTECTORY BOYS JAILED

Held on Charge of Homicide Following Verdict on Fatland Tragedy

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Feb. 14.—Following the verdict of the coroner's jury holding Daniel Donahue, of Phoenixville, and William Saxton and Thomas Kelly, of Philadelphia, responsible for the death of Patrick McGorry, night watchman at the Philadelphia protectory at Fatland, "in furthering a conspiracy to escape from the institution," Magistrate Clark, of Norristown, committed the three boys to the Montgomery County Jail to answer at court the charge of homicide.

District Attorney Anderson and Assistant District Attorney Hendricks were both at the coroner's inquest. The boys, who were described by Brother Philip as a "bad lot," beat the watchman to death last Saturday night in trying to get away from the place. Plans for the escape had been previously made by the boys.

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