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JOHNSTON LETTER.

W. C. T. U. Held Meeting. Miss Finnstrom Present. Two Freight Trains Collide. Mr. Clark Ill.

The December meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held on Friday afternoon, and was one that enlisted the sympathy of every one present, not only the members, but the visitors as well.

A public meeting in one of the churches had been planned, but owing to the very disagreeable weather the meeting was had in one of the homes of the members, Mrs. J. H. White, as this was most centrally located for the majority of the members.

The subject for the meeting was "Rescue Work," or "Moral Education," as it is now termed, and Miss Anna Finnstrom, superintendent of the Door Hope, Columbia, had been invited by the union to be present at this meeting, as she was nearby, for a short business visit.

The work of the union is well furthered by departments, and in the department of moral education, the local superintendents, are Mesdames J. H. White and Mamie A. Huiet. Miss Payne stated that only a short business session would be had, as all the time was needed for the talk of Miss Finnstrom.

Mrs. Huiet conducted the devotional, using the sixth chapter of Galatians.

The treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Marsh, reported \$27.98 cleared from the Rummage sale.

Superintendent of Soldiers and Sailors, Mrs. A. P. Lott, reported forty arm rests, and a bushel of clippings, the latter for the children of the children of the director Mrs. L. C. Latic member. Some of the State Sailors were laid especially that cheer at Christmas suggestions will be at the next meeting.

The matter of the "Hostess House," as presented by the State president, Mrs. Sprout, was presented, and the union most heartily endorsed her plan, and will contribute to this.

Mrs. J. H. White introduced Miss Finnstrom at the time, telling what she had meant to this good work she has in charge.

Miss Finnstrom talked for about an hour, and the work was discussed with her.

The work appealed to every one, and all present were so glad that they could aid her by the shower box they were filling that afternoon for the Door of Hope.

One of the visitors was so interested and moved to help, that as soon as the meeting was over she went to a nearby store and ordered more to add to the gift from her.

A committee was appointed to further canvass, that every one might have an opportunity to help in this most appealing need.

A pleasant incident of the meeting to Miss Finnstrom was in meeting one of her native land, and even from the same town.

Mrs. Alfred Hutto, learning that Mrs. Finnstrom was a Swede, came to the meeting, because she had a desire just to see some one of her own country, not having resided in Johnston so long.

After the meeting, in conversation, they found that they were even from the same town.

It seemed a great pleasure and comfort to each, and every one was glad that this little kindred touch should come to these two so far from their own.

On the farm of Mr. A. P. Lott the colored people have erected a small church, with the aid of Mr. and Mrs. Lott and some white friends. These colored people have taken up a collection, and turning it over to Mrs. Lott has had her to purchase testaments to send to the colored soldiers that they knew that are in the army. They lacked a few Bibles and the local W. C. T. U. has supplied the deficiency. Mrs. Lott has had charge of the local department of soldiers and sailors, and as she has helped them at their Sunday school in the afternoon, had presented this matter to them, and of their own will they

undertook the providing of the Bibles.

On last Wednesday evening there was a collision of freights on the shifting track on the northern side of town.

The engineer, Capt. Littlejohn, of the south-bound freight had expected the freight to be on the other track, and as the standing freight was minus the caboose and lights, he did not see it in time to prevent the crash, as the track curved at that point. As soon as he saw the track was obstructed he applied breaks, but too late. Two freight cars were smashed, the third and fourth being steel, but the fifth was torn up also. The engine was jammed into the second car, standing upright.

The train crew jumped as the crash came, and only the conductor was hurt very much.

The cars caught fire, and an immense gasoline tank a short distance away caused much concern, and the fire alarm was sounded.

Both passenger trains arrived in about a half hour, but the passengers had to be transferred, as the track was so torn up.

The falling sleet and snow made the work of clearing the debris very slow, and especially as the night was very dark.

The National League for Woman's Service is, this week, getting ready to send Christmas gifts to the soldiers. Each member is asked to fix the following package:

A large khaki handkerchief is used, and a tablet is placed in the center. On this tablet is placed any kind of gifts that one wishes, and then the four ends are drawn up and tied. Several have already completed their package.

RED OAK GROVE

Y. W. A. Met With Miss Mamie Timmerman. Social Circle Met at Mrs. Dow's Sunday Afternoon.

That which is the most beautiful is the most noble subject, therefore, meditation on the creation of this world, serves to give us due sentiments of the wisdom and goodness of the Sovereign Disposer of all things. In giving us the Sabbath as day of rest. God knew our weakness. We are robbing ourselves of indescribable good not to utilize it, as the Lord's day. How to spend it as a day of worship and in gratitude to God. Our own conscience is a safe guide, and when that directs us, we had better beware of a compromise. The example for us to remember and keep before us, is the life of our Saviour.

Much is being said in regard to the attitude of our beloved America. Demands keep coming to us in defense of her safety—our means, many are giving; our lands; the soil is being utilized as never before, our labor is needed, everything we possess is at stake for her safety, last, but not least, the young manhood of our land stands bravely to combat the great enemy, who greedily and brutally demands our liberty! Oh, the Soldier Boys! Our heart goes out to them, for they must win the victory. In the sentiment of the splendid poem, "God bless our Boys."

We spoke some time ago of the great leadership in Bible history, and as we studied it, we learned to appreciate with gratitude to God, for the leadership and wisdom

NORTHERN TRIP

Miss Sue Sloan Gives Graphic Description of Her Trip to New York and Boston.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

After our return to New York we were entertained in the home of Mrs. Hall with an enjoyable musical and delicious refreshments. She is a charming hostess. We were also invited to dine with Mrs. Allen. I shall never forget her lovely children. They reminded me of Raphael's cherubs.

Another evening Mrs. Vince invited friends to enjoy social games and refreshments. She has inherited a streak of humor from Judge Baker, her father, and all were delighted to be with her. Mr. Vince carried me on an instructive ride. He is a close observer, and gives you valuable information connected with the places you pass.

Another day I went with a friend on an observation bus, and passed many places of note.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor invited us to join them for a picnic on the sound, where I took my first swimming lesson in the surf.

Another day Mr. Ashton invited us to join him on a picnic. The valuable feature of this day was his intellectual conversation, as he has travelled extensively in Europe, and has extraordinary conversational powers.

We were also invited to join Mrs. Ransom on a picnic. She resides at Newark, N. J. We went a considerable distance out of the city, passing through north, east, south and

Viviani and numbers of the French War Commission and the hero of the Marne and his compatriots, the French and British commissioners. The party arrived on the Jersey City side, boarded private yachts, were conveyed to the Battery, met by Mayor Mitchell, were given a reception, with committee protected by a special guard, mounted police and squadron and National guard from the Battery. From this they went to the City Hall. City Hall Park was elaborately decorated as court of Honor, several military and semi-military organizations in uniform as additional guards, lent brilliancy to the affair.

Mayor Mitchell welcomed the visitors to the city, the reception being given in the Governor's room. Thence they went to Grant's tomb. Marshall Joffre placed a wreath on its sarcophagus. The Frenchmen passed Union Square to see the statue of LaFayette. This faces a statue of George Washington. The distinguished guests visited Columbia University, where President Butler conferred degrees on Marshall Joffre and Viviani.

In Prospect Park, Brooklyn, the Frenchmen unveiled a new statue of LaFayette, and a reception was given at the public library, where Marshall Joffre met widows of French soldiers who have died in the trenches, their orphans and wounded soldiers fighting for France.

Secretary of War Baker, Marshall Joffre and others of military distinction went to West Point, Viviani remained in the city to attend a luncheon given in their honor by the lawyers of the city. The British commissioners were

HARDY'S HAPPENINGS

Wood in Great Demand at High Prices Extreme Cold Weather Causes Sickness.

Dear Advertiser: Oh, how bitter cold it has been for more than a week, and no prospects for better, for several days yet.

If the sun doesn't come out and warm up things, there will be many children, and grown ups, disappointed by not being able to go to town to see Santa.

This has been one week past that travel has been scarce, even the wood wagons having had to suspend operations, although wood was at such a demand. The teams could not pull up the slick glassy hills, would slip down so, the drivers had to leave the wagons and go back home. Wood was selling on Monday and Tuesday of last week before the snow and sleet, of Tuesday night, at the highest prices I have ever heard of in Augusta.

A little one horse wagon load of stove wood cut up, brought \$2.25, and that not cut up was selling at \$8.00 per cord. When a load of wood reached North Augusta, the people would flock around it bidding for it. They even write to beg that you bring a cord of wood to them at once, or if you can't haul it, let them know, and they will do the hauling.

It is pitiful that there is such a wood famine, now in this extremely cold spell. We had wood but ran low in cut up, and the engine was frozen up so they could not saw, until Friday, then we were

resting by Miss Deadis Dow. Social Circle No. 2 was largely attended at Mrs. Minnie Dow's. The meeting was made one of unusual interest by the presence of Mrs. W. O. Whatley, who in her sweet and attractive manner made report of the Y. W. C. A. at Edgefield. After which a subscription was taken, amounting to several dollars.

Others not present have contributed so we are sure when the amount from each circle is reported it will be gratifying and encouraging. The spirit of willingness, to do, was evident by the cheerful giving. We felt like exclaiming, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," for each gift is precious in his sight, and will redound to our good and His glory.

Mrs. Lizzie Shelton will lead next meeting Jan. 9th, 1918 at Mrs. Lamb's. Programme may be given later.

Mrs. Trapp McManus has been at bedside of her aged mother, Mrs. Maggie Griffin who is still confined to bed. Loving hands are ever ready to relieve the suffering caused by the fall Mrs. Griffin sustained several days ago.

We had such a very happy surprise last week to find our dear good friend Mrs. Thersa Adams able to answer door call. She, too, had a fall from the door steps some time ago, which caused her many friends anxiety about her, she being nearly eighty-five years of age.

The splendid home of Mrs. G. O. Bunch and the unbounded hospitality extended made a "way farer" feel that life is worth the living, deeming it quite a privilege to be their guest.

Mr. Mealing Bunch of North Augusta and his sister Miss Theresa Bunch, student at Limestone, were guests Thanksgiving of their brother Dr. G. Nixon Bunch of Spartanburg.

Misses Mamie Holmes, Mamie Bussey and Katherine Kenrick return 20th from Limestone to spend Christmas. Miss Ruth Timmerman from Tubman is to be with home-folks for the holidays. Miss Effie Wates is with her sister Mrs. Eva Bussey.

Messrs. Bruce and Henry Timmerman and Frank Kenrick leave Tuesday for pleasure trip to Greenwood. Prof. Tucker, principal of Red

magnificence of Bell Haven Park and millionaire mansions of Greenwich, going beyond its limits in every direction. We were amazed when we heard of the exorbitant amount it had required to add to nature's beauties on these vast estates, with palatial residences demonstrating both the greatness of God and man.

We took quite a number of kodak pictures, and I have a collection of post cards. If any of my friends would like to see them, I will put them in my electric picture machine and on the canvass they will see the picturesque panorama with sloping hills covered with mansions as handsome as ever were seen. And we were in a position to sympathize with them when time came to leave. The Prince of Peace had given them the possession of a Paradise in the Garden of Eden, as He has given man in the world to-day. They were dissatisfied by one privilege being withheld, and their first sin has multiplied to make it necessary for the United States to train 2,000,000 men. I beheld in New York City one of the grandest military parades in the history of the world, 35,000 soldiers with fifteen bands of music. When they ceased, the quietude reminded one of a wonderful funeral procession in Washington, D. C., as one of the members of the cabinet was being carried to his last resting place. The multitudes stood with tear-dimmed eyes, and all nature seemed as still as death, save the soldiers,

"Tramp, tramp, tramp, The boys are marching. Cheer up, comrades, they will come, And beneath the starry flag Breathe the air again Of our free land in our beloved home."

Three days previous to this parade New York did everything to express their appreciation of their service and to divert them, Joffre of France, Hill school, was guest of Mr. Perry Hamilton last week-end and enjoyed a big opossum hunt, given by the boys in the neighborhood. Mr. O'Neal Timmerman was given credit for best 'possum dog in the race. Mr. T. W. Lamb will go to Brunswick last of December on business and pleasure trip also, will probably be away the month of January.

when members of both commissions were honored guests at a banquet at the Waldorf. The French commissioners left the city before the British, as the latter remained to attend a reception at the Chamber of Commerce.

The New York City troops had a send-off dinner before leaving for Spartanburg, S. C. Mayor Mitchell made an announcement of a committee composed of almost every prominent hotel and restaurant man in the city the eve of the soldiers departure. The provisions used were voluntary gifts by wholesale merchants of the city. The supplies were assembled at a central base, and from there taken to several encampments and armories. The chief feature of the menu was turkey, 40,000 pounds having been contributed.

A committee of ladies, under the direction of Mrs. Nelson Henry, assisted at the ceremonies.

The Lambs arranged what is known as a "Little Gambel" for each encampment and armory.

While troops were enjoying their meal a formal dinner was enjoyed at the Baltimore to Major-General John F. D. Bryan and officers of his staff. Each soldier was given three special printed cards for use of closest relatives or friends. These tied to the honored person was the only thing that would admit them. Stands were built from which Governor Whitman, Mayor Mitchell and mayors of up-state cities saw the parade. Another stand from which civil-war veterans and other guests of honor viewed the greatest parade in the history of New York to mark the departure of the New York National Guardsmen for Spartanburg.

Immediately after the marches the soldiers left for their trains.

They first thought of sending 35,000 to Spartanburg training camp, but later divided with Virginia, Pennsylvania and District of Columbia.

While at the Clove a young man called. Being a stranger there, I was perplexed to know who knew me. My hostess told me he was the pride of the Clove, Mr. Sidney Clark, as he had made himself quite distinguished by accepting advantage of a scholarship, graduating with distinction. He was a son of

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one has already moved off, and the other one, preparing to go, so went help at all.

One of the children now, has grippe, and we fear the others will take it, as I think it is contagious.

What a pity it is that so many of the soldiers were not trust worthy. It throws a bad light on those who are all right.

One of them from Camp Hancock came out last Friday and asked for a night's lodging at Mr. Hallman's. I am told and said he was looking for an escaped soldier, to take him back. So he was taken care of, and when Mr. Hallman started back to his business Saturday morning, he went back to report and later, walked on back up the Martintown road, and went into Mr. Hallman's house, and took his little girls red knit cap and put it on and took Mr. Hallman's gun and belt of cartridges, and dog and came on up to Mr. Harry Bunch's, and went in there to warm and get dinner. Then went on up the road. Mr. Hallman went up on Sunday looking for him, but don't think he found him.

We can't tell who of them can be trusted, as they all have on the same kind of clothes.

Sunday was such an awful day, we did not go to church, so don't know whether there were services there, or not. Messrs. Frank and Hall Townes have been sick the past week with colds, but are better now. Messrs. George McKie, James H. Adams, and George McKie, Jr. have returned from their hunting trip to Florida, and much enjoyment.

HARDYS.

Deserve Good Patronage.

An entertainment will be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wells Friday night, December 28, for the benefit of the Horn's Creek cemetery. All young ladies are requested to carry boxes of lunch that will be sold at auction to the highest bidder. However, no box will be allowed to bring more than \$1.50, which will protect the purses of the young men that have been somewhat strained or drained by the Christmas season. Besides the boxes of lunch, plates will be served at a reasonable price. Nobody will be allowed to leave hungry. The occasion will be one of unusual merriment for the young folk, and old ones, too, for that matter.