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FLORIS BOY WRITES OF SEAMAN'S LIFE COURIER ICE FUND IS INCREASING

WANDA WALLACE TELLS OF HIS FIRST EXPERIENCE OF SOME REAL SHOOTING. GENEROUS READERS HELP THE CAUSE FOR SICK POOR OF OTTUMWA BY DONATING.

Floris, July 21.—Wanda Wallace has written a second letter telling of some of his experiences as a seaman cruising in southern waters. His letter follows: On board U. S. S. Machias, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, July 5, 1914 E. O. Strickland, Floris, Iowa. Dear Uncle—I suppose you have seen by the papers that things have lived up a bit down here. We would not trade places with any ship in the fleet now. You know Uncle Sam gave both sides orders not to fire any artillery on the town, or we would take a hand. Week ago last Friday in the afternoon the fellows in the hills started firing on the town. It wasn't noticed at first as there was a heavy rifle fire all day. The mail orderly came aboard about supper time with a piece of shrapnel that had burst by the U. S. consul's house. We hadn't noticed him coming aboard with it, so didn't think we would do anything. The bugle sounded general quarters and we broke the record getting to our gun stations. One gun fired a shot to find the range then we turned loose all our four inch guns on their battery. Two broadsides and they quit and took over the hill. We couldn't see the effects of the shells, but the officers who had field glasses, said they never saw such a scared bunch of men. A few days after that they burned the shacks they were living in, so I suppose they moved to a cooler climate. Last Sunday morning they had quite a battle. They began at daylight. We are close to the shore, so we saw pretty plain. The president's forces had captured a trench close to the town during the night so the Puerto Platins made a grand charge on them. They got their trench back but lost sixteen men and a bunch wounded. How did you celebrate the Fourth? We didn't have much of a program. One boat race and a swimming race in the morning. The South Carolina and Machias both fired national salutes at noon. The collier Caesar is here, so all the ships looked pretty nice "full dressed." I suppose you know what that is. A line strung with flags from the bow up over the masts and down to the stern. The band is coming over tonight from the South Carolina. Guess they will bring their "movie" machine with them. Ice cream for refreshments. We coaled ship Thursday. Only takes about 140 tons for this boat. We got another mail the same night we fired on the battery. Was sure glad to get the stamps, for they are scarce here. Got six letters, also the papers. The Algonquin came in last week and took off about fifty refugees all the news. May not mail this for a week. Monday morning I hear mail leaves tomorrow so will finish this. Our entertainment last night was a success. Good music and good pictures. We all threw in towards paying for the cigars and limes so we have \$22 left for another evening. Must close now and write to grandma. Answer soon. Affectionately, Wanda.

The Courier's ice fund that was started for the sick poor of the city unable to purchase ice themselves, is beginning to feel the generosity of the readers and during the past week a number of kindly disposed persons have made donations toward this very worthy cause. The purpose of The Courier ice fund is to procure ice—necessity of all in the summer, but a luxury to many poor people. Into the homes of the poor where there is sickness and no means whereby to purchase it. Especially should there be ice where there are sick persons without comforts and many other necessities because of inability to purchase them. The fact that there is more of the hot weather ahead than has past makes the need for this aid by the more fortunate more apparent. The Courier will gladly give its services in gathering together the money and ice donations for this purpose, announcing the amounts regularly and in the last year by cooperating with charitably disposed readers was able to bring the cooling comforts of ice to many sick rooms. This help to the sick poor is accomplished through the services of three well known Ottumwa women who generously give of their time and efforts to properly dispose of the ice where it is most needed and have thus far accomplished the most good. These women, Mrs. W. A. Starke, Mrs. Geo. Haw and Mrs. E. D. Fowler, have sole charge of the disposition of the ice and persons in need of the aid are supplied by them. Within the past week the fund has shown growth, but more money and ice donations are needed to continue the work begun and to take care of new cases that are sure to need attention before the hot weather is passed. The amount of money and ice books good for various quantities that have been received follows: Previously received \$32 Cash 2 Total \$34

WOULD PROHIBIT SPORT ON SUNDAY

Resolutions disapproving of the practice of keeping stores open, indulgence in sports and otherwise disturbing the quiet of the Sabbath have been adopted by seven of the churches in South Ottumwa. The following bearing the signature of the churches interested was adopted: Whereas, the sacred Lord's day in our midst is fast becoming a day of secular work and money making, pleasure and sport, thus detracting from spiritual growth and civic righteousness, tending to lawlessness and disorder, interfering with the rights of undisturbed worship, and leading our youth astray. Be it resolved that we, the members and friends of the undersigned churches, situated in South Ottumwa, Iowa, do hereby express our vigorous protest and disapproval of this desecration of the Lord's day in our city as seen in all manner of secular toil, opening of places of merchandise, more particularly grocery stores, indulgence in pleasures and sports, disturbing the quietude and peace of the sacred day, and any and all forms of such desecration of the day as would dishonor our Lord, in violating the letter and spirit of the New Testament scriptures, and tending to lead astray our sons and daughters. (Signed) Davis Street Christian church. Willard Street Methodist church. Plymouth Congregational church. South Ottumwa Baptist church. Pentecostal church. The Free Methodist church. Moore Street Brethren church.

RELECT LIBRARIAN. Mount Pleasant, July 21.—At a recent session of the library board Mrs. Florence McKibbin was reelected city librarian with a salary of \$45 per month and Miss Lena Budde as assistant librarian. W. D. Worthington has been reelected president of the board and C. S. Rogers secretary.

BURNS UNDER AUTO. Dubuque, July 21.—A. B. Wheeler, 84 years old was burned to death today when an automobile in which he was riding was struck by a train near Monticello, and caught fire. The driver of the car was slightly injured.

FIRE AT OSCEOLA. Osceola, July 21.—Fire this morning destroyed three buildings in this city doing damage approximately \$3,000 before firemen succeeded in extinguishing the blaze. The places burned were: Eliza F. Mitchell's millinery store, F. L. Childs' restaurant and E. F. Liernan's bakery. The first named had \$1,000 insurance, the second \$700 and the third none at all.

FILE CHARGES OF COURT CONTEMPT

FOUR ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE VIOLATED THEIR PERMANENT INJUNCTIONS.

Four petitions charging contempt of court have been filed with the clerk of the court against Haydon Leonard and Harry Leonard, P. E. True, W. J. Blemmons and James Looker. The information and affidavit for contempt of court in each case states that the defendant has been guilty of this charge by violation of the permanent injunction which had been issued by the court restraining them from selling or keeping for sale intoxicating liquors. The title of the cases are E. D. Fowler, plaintiff, E. D. Fowler, relator vs. James Looker, injunction issued March 11, 1914, charged with selling beer and whisky; state of Iowa, plaintiff, E. D. Fowler, relator vs. Haydon Leonard and Harry Leonard, injunction issued September 3, 1913, charged with selling beer; C. D. Shadford, plaintiff, E. D. Fowler, relator vs. W. J. Blemmons, injunction issued April 27, 1914, charged with selling beer and whisky; state of Iowa, plaintiff, E. D. Fowler relator vs. P. E. True, injunction issued July 8, 1912, charged with selling beer.

Bertha Aldridge vs. Newton Aldridge is the title of a petition for divorce which has been filed with the clerk. The plaintiff states in her petition that the couple were married in Ottumwa in October, 1901. H. J. Kiplinger has filed a petition against Anna E. Gardner and J. J. Gardner to foreclose a mechanic's lien for labor and materials used in painting, lathing, plastering, papering and other mechanic labor. F. B. Fritchle seeks a divorce from his wife Hazel Fritchle according to a petition which he has filed with the clerk of the court. A stipulation with John E. Buedel has been filed in the case of Eva Shay and Otto Heydrick vs. the Wapello Auto Co.

BRITAIN'S FLEET REVIEWED BY KING

Portsmouth, Eng., July 21.—The British home fleet composed of over 200 fighting ships and an equal number of auxiliaries including submarines, torpedo boat destroyers and sea planes was led out to sea by King George yesterday. His majesty was on board the royal yacht accompanied by the Princes of Wales, Winston Spencer Churchill and the other lords of admiralty. At the entrance to the English channel the royal yacht dropped anchor and the ships in line two abreast passed in review before his majesty while a fleet of sea planes from the Calshot airship station flew in pairs above the royal yacht and circled about the slowly moving ships. It took the great fleet two hours to pass before the king.

JONES MAKES HIS REPLY

Washington, D. C., July 21.—The fight over President Wilson's nominations to the federal reserve board took on renewed activity today when Thomas D. Jones of Chicago replied to the adverse report of the senate banking committee on his nomination. The minority, which supports him, today began working on his report. When it is presented to the senate later this week, a vote may be forced. After conference between President Wilson, Postmaster General Burleson, Senator Lea and others today, it was said the administration was sure that Mr. Jones would be confirmed. One member of the cabinet, who has been active in seeking support for Mr. Jones told the president he believed there was absolutely no doubt.

HONOR CONVICT ESCAPES

Illinois State Prisoner Makes Safe Getaway From Camp Where He Was Working on Road. Ottawa, Ill., July 21.—John Wicker of Chicago, an honor convict escaped from Camp Dunne last night and eluded pursuers sent after him. Wickers was a member of the road working detail of convicts from the Joliet penitentiary building a road at the entrance of Starved Rock state park.

PLAN TO CELEBRATE CENTURY OF PEACE

Mackinac Island, Mich. July 21.—The preparation of a program for the celebration by border states and provinces of 100 years of peace between the United States and Great Britain was the principal object of the meeting here today of the American peace century committee. Among other things it was hoped to bring about the organization of an American-Canadian-New Foundland committee to cooperate in arrangements for the placing of international boundary monuments and for maritime pageants.

TRYING TO LEARN REASON FOR UNREST

Chicago, July 21.—The United States commission on Industrial Relations began a five day session here today. The commission is conducting inquiries in different industrial centers to discover the fundamental causes of unrest in the relations between capital and labor. Twenty-nine witnesses have been summoned. They include a number of the largest employers of labor in this field, trades union leaders, open shop advocates and social workers.

MAJOR SPILMAN TELLS OF MEXICO

OTTUMWAN SPENT 8 MONTHS ON FARM NEAR BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS.

ON MEXICAN BORDER

City is Situated on Rio Grande Just Across From Matamoros—Says Community is Very Peaceful and Unwarlike.

Major T. P. Spilman who recently returned from Brownsville, Texas, on the Mexican border, has been in close touch with the Mexican situation for the past eight months. In an interview with The Courier he expressed some interesting views on the subject, some of which differ in many respects from those held by residents of this section. Brownsville, where the major has land holdings, is on the lower point of the pan-handle state—the most southern city in Texas—and is situated directly across the Rio Grande river from Matamoros, Mexico. The population of the place is made up of both Americans and Mexicans, some of the latter being American born and established in business on the American side.

Major Spilman says that the community is very peaceful and quiet, the only thing which might suggest war being the presence of a few stations of troops in the vicinity of the city. Some of the reports of trouble in that locality, he says, are highly exaggerated. He told of reading in a San Antonio paper a dispatch which is supposed to have originated near Brownsville, in which it was stated that about sixty constitutional soldiers swam the Rio Grata—with their arms, invaded Brownsville and shot up the town. "I was present at the time," said Mr. Spilman, "and the 'invasion' was actually perpetrated by six constitutionalists who rowed across the river in a skiff, leaving their arms on the Mexican side, and paid a friendly visit to their friends in the city."

Majority For Carranza. "The majority of both the Mexicans and Americans in that vicinity are in favor of Carranza," he continued, "but all seem to be opposed to intervention on the part of the United States. It is my opinion that if our country should intervene to any great extent, both factions would unite in the opposition of such action. I talked with a Huerta man from the south who expressed the belief that all the trouble originated thirty years back under the Diaz regime, when public education was established. He thought that the Mexicans had received just enough education to make them dissatisfied with the existing conditions, but not enough to render them capable of supplying a satisfactory remedy."

Major Spilman stated that contrary to the belief of many persons in the north, the native Mexicans are very conscientious and honest in all their dealings. "We left our vegetables lying along the fence all winter," said Mr. Spilman, "and although there were native workmen at work on the other side of the fence on another man's property they did not touch that which did not belong to them. If we threw potatoes or other vegetables over to them they thanked us very graciously, but otherwise they subsisted on their corn cakes, and water. We never missed any tools or farm implements, any shovel, wrenches, etc., as when I went there. The workmen occasionally leave their tools in the field, but they can always go back and find them untouched."

GILMORE NAMED ACTING SOLICITOR

Milwaukee, Wis., July 21.—The Rev. Louis R. Patmont "dry" lecturer who disappeared from Detroit over a month ago was located at Rib Lake, Wis., last Saturday was on his way to Detroit this morning via Chicago. Patmont was accompanied by the Rev. Claude F. Witly and A. N. Malcolmson and two other men all of Detroit. It was planned to place him in a sanitarium at Detroit.

ATTORNEY TO SERVE DURING ILLNESS OF L. L. DUKE—CALL FOR SEWER BIDS.

Upon request of Solicitor L. L. Duke who is ill, the commissioners at their meeting Monday appointed M. C. Gilmore acting city solicitor, during the illness of Mr. Duke. Bids were ordered to be advertised for on a number of sewer jobs both new work and several that had been ordered some time ago and advertised previously but for which no bids were received. A resolution ordering weeds cut on vacant lots by July 30, was passed and the property owners instructed that they would be charged with the expense of doing the work which the city will have done if the owners fail to do it. The engineer's estimate in favor of John Quinn for work on the Blake's branch sewer in the sum of \$976.50 was allowed and the poll tax report was received showing \$360 collected, including \$59 worth worked, the balance being cash. In the advertising for bids on the sewer work the time fixed for opening the bids was fixed at August 3.

CABINET DISCUSSES RAILROAD MATTER

Washington, D. C., July 21.—Practically all the time at the cabinet meeting today was devoted to discussion of the government's impending anti-trust suit to dissolve the New Haven railroad merger. Attorney General McReynolds presented a complete statement of the efforts of the department of justice to bring the railroad system within the law without a court fight. Some sort of an official statement was expected later in the day.

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PATMONT NOT IN HIS RIGHT MIND

LONG MISSING "DRY" SPEAKER WILL BE TAKEN TO A SANITARIUM BY HIS FRIENDS.

Milwaukee, Wis., July 21.—Rev. Louis R. Patmont, temperance worker has again disappeared having left the train on the Soo line bound for Chicago sometime after 2 o'clock this morning, according to a telegram received from the Rev. C. L. Witly, dated Lakeville, Ill., by the Rev. C. L. Milton, Milwaukee.

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The Rev. C. L. Milton of Milwaukee, who was with Patmont since Sunday, reached him this morning. "Patmont is a very nervous man and part of the time seems to be demented," said Mr. Milton. "At times he appears to be very irrational and at others seems natural."

"Patmont told me that the cause for his disappearance from Detroit was that he was held up by two men who threatened to kill him if he did not leave the city. The men who threatened him gave him a roll of bills amounting to about \$80. "As to his wanderings, Patmont told me he had been in Kansas City, Denver, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Lady-smith, Wis., and a section of the northern country where sand hills abound presumably, Michigan. His talk at times was very rambling."

TREATING OATS PROVES SUCCESS

FRANK BROWN RAISES 70 BUSHELS PER ACRE—CORN NEVER BETTER.

"I never saw as good prospects for a big corn crop since I began farming a quarter of a century ago." Thus Frank Brown, a farmer residing near Fremont, delivered himself today to a reporter when asked regarding the crop condition in his neighborhood. Mr. Brown is one who knows, too, for

CHICAGO'S VICE SECTION MUST GO

NEW POLICE OFFICIAL PROMISES TO CLEAN UP THE TWENTY-SECOND STREET LEVEE.

Chicago, July 21.—A cleaning out such as the old levee district had never known is promised for Twenty-second street and its environs with the advent of Captain Max Nootbaar as the commanding police officer in the district in the place of Captain Ryan transferred.

"I will clean out the district in thirty days—and may be quicker than that," said Captain Nootbaar as he took up his work today. "The chief's orders are to drive them out and I'm going to keep them moving till the district is clean." That his efforts might be thwarted by aldermanic influence credited to the councilmen from the first ward, Michael P. (Hinkey Dink) Kenna and John (Bath House) Coughlin received little attention from the new police captain of the district. "I do not know anyone who can give me orders but the chief," said Nootbaar when the "outside influence" question was raised.

He is one of the most successful farmers in this vicinity and feeds a few hogs as well as raising grain for a living. Not all of the fair conditions are confined to corn alone, said Mr. Brown, for small grain is doing splendidly and many farmers are enjoying a better harvest of oats and other crops besides corn than they have heretofore. Mr. Brown threshed his oats a week ago and had a yield of about seventy bushels to the acre. Thirty acres of oats yielded 2,070 bushels, according to the machine measurement or just thirty bushels less than seventy to the acre. The big yield is ascribed to the treating and grading of the oats when planting. The treating was along the lines laid down by the state agricultural college at Ames and a quart of formaldehyde was used to forty gallons of water. Forty bushels of oats were thus treated before planting. This treatment kills the smut. In his wheat field he had a much smaller yield, about thirty bushels to the acre on twenty acres of fall wheat. His corn, some ninety acres, never looked more promising and he said that in all the time he has farmed he never saw such a pleasing prospect for the farmer who has much corn planted. Mr. Brown has been offered forty cents per bushel for his oats but has not determined to sell it all at that price.

DRASTIC LAWS ADOPTED

Galesburg, Ill., July 21.—By re-enacting a city ordinance passed nearly fifty years ago forbidding trade, and games on Sunday the Galesburg city council has launched a campaign of liberal law enforcement which will forbid even the sale of newspapers, soft drinks, cigars and candy on the Sabbath. Only drug stores, restaurants, hotels and livery stables will be permitted to do business. Mayor Bradley today ordered Police Chief Dinman to enlarge the police force next Sunday to cope with the situation.

DISCRIMINATION BY ROADS IS ALLEGED

Washington, D. C., July 21.—Investigation of embargoes placed by coal roads alleged to result in discriminations against shippers was ordered today by the interstate commerce commission. All railroads were made respondents to the proceedings which will begin with hearings at places to be later designated.

WILL ELIMINATE "PLUCKING BOARD"

Washington, D. C., July 21.—Secretary Daniels took the first step today in his efforts to eliminate the naval "plucking board" by appointing a commission headed by Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, to investigate and recommend a new law to congress. Serving with Mr. Roosevelt on the commission will be Rear Admiral Victor Blue, chief of the bureau of navigation, naval constructor D. W. Taylor and Lieut. Charles M. Austin.

Obituary

Mrs. George Mann. The remains of Mrs. George Mann, whose death occurred Friday at her home in Anaconda, Mont., will arrive in this city Wednesday at 11 p. m., and will be taken to the Sullivan undertaking establishment. Funeral services will be held from the Sullivan chapel Thursday, the hour not having been decided. Interment will be in Calvary cemetery.

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