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ON THEIR WAY TO CHINA.

Farewell Scenes in San Francisco and Start of Long Voyage Across the Pacific.

With the publication of the following letter the "Watchman" will begin a series of communications from Dr. and Mrs. W. R. North, who sailed from San Francisco in November for Chengtu, Sezechuan, West China, where they will engage in educational and missionary work at a Methodist college.

At Sea, about five hundred miles northeast of Honolulu, September 22nd, 1923.

Dear Home Folks: Before we reach Honolulu, we are trying to get off these letters so that they may be mailed there.

We arrived in Oakland only an hour or so behind scheduled time. Our first glimpse of San Francisco was from the deck of the ferry boat at Oakland.

We obtained our steamship ticket the next day; then we made the rounds of the Japanese and Chinese Consulates, to get our passports vised.

Sunday morning the four of us attended a patriotic service at the First Congregational church. It was very appropriate for Americans about to leave home.

On Monday we met Mr. and Mrs. Havermale, our other traveling companions. In this connection it will not do to omit Master Jerrold, who bears his sixteen weeks of life very gracefully.

We boarded the good ship "Tenyo," or as the Japanese say, the "Tenyo Maru," about eight o'clock Monday night, for we were to sail at seven in the morning.

One trait I have discovered in the Japanese is that they consider promptness a virtue. In accordance with that trait the ship left the pier almost on time.

case, the parting scene was touching and impressive. Narrow streamers of colored paper held at one end by a friend ashore and at the other by a friend on board gave color to the picture.

A majority of the first cabin passengers seem to be Japanese, while almost all the second and third class passengers, I believe, are from the Sunrise Kingdom.

We have some notables on ship-board. These include Senator White-side, of the Union of South Africa; Sir Theodore G. Chambers and Lady Chambers, of whom I know nothing except that they are delightful Britishers, and some Japanese of prominence.

Our menus are varied and appetizing. Aside from our cabin all appointments seem to be very carefully provided for. The decks are as clean as a kitchen table, being swabbed every morning.

We are not at a loss for diversion. I have tried my hand at shuffle-board, deck tennis, deck golf, and ping pong.

Aside from the water, sky, clouds, sun, moon and stars, the only objects we have seen since we left America are flying fish and the S. S. President Pierce, which passed us yesterday morning on its way from Honolulu to San Francisco.

There are many other details interesting to us which perhaps would be boring to you. I see that my letter grows rather long.

Remember Yeager's \$5.85 sale. 50-1t

551 Bucks Killed in Centre County. According to a record completed by game protector Thomas A. Mosier, of Bellefonte, from reports given him by the various game wardens, just 551 legal bucks were killed in Centre county during the thirteen days of the hunting season, which closed last Saturday.

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Ladies' \$6 buckle arctics \$3.50. Yeager's. 50-1t

MCGINLEY.—John A. McGinley, a life-long and well known resident of Bellefonte, died at the Bellefonte hospital at five o'clock last Saturday morning.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McGinley and was born in Bellefonte on December 25rd, 1860, hence was almost 63 years of age.

He was affiliated with the Methodist church, was a member of the Bellefonte Lodge of Moose and for a number of years had been judge of election in the West ward.

Funeral services were held at the Payne home on east Linn street at 2:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon by Rev. E. E. McKelvey.

MITCHELL.—Bruce Mitchell, a member of one of the oldest and best known families in College township, died on Saturday afternoon at the home of his brother, John Mitchell, at Lemont, following an illness of more than two years with pernicious anemia.

He was a son of J. Hutchinson and Nancy Johnson Mitchell and was born near Lemont on August 24th, 1868, making his age 55 years, 3 months and 19 days.

He never married but is survived by three brothers and two sisters, namely: James, John, George and Miss Maude Mitchell, all of Lemont, and Mrs. Henry Thompson, of Kelton, Chester county.

BARGER.—Albert Barger, a native of Centre county, died in the Altoona hospital last Friday night as the result of a fractured skull sustained in an automobile accident the Tuesday previous.

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PENNINGTON.—Henry Clay Pennington, a veteran of the Civil war, died last Saturday at the home of his nephew Mordecai Miller, at the old toll gate house, as the result of a sudden attack of heart failure.

2nd regiment Penna Vols. He married Catherine Miller who, with seven children, preceded him to the grave.

BROOKS.—Jasper N. Brooks, for many years a well known resident of Pleasant Gap, died quite unexpectedly at his home in Altoona on Sunday evening.

He was a son of Richardson and Jane E. Brooks and was born at Pleasant Gap on May 26th, 1845, hence was 78 years, 6 months and 20 days old.

In October, 1872, he married Miss Sarah C. Watson who survives with three children, Mrs. Harry S. Gentzel and Mrs. W. Ross Boyles, of Juniata; and Paul P., at home. He also leaves two brothers and three sisters, Mrs. Henry Twitmore, of Pleasant Gap; William S., of Centre Hall; Mrs. John Showers, living in New York State; Mrs. Coke Bell, of Coatesville, and Lemuel Brooks, in West Virginia.

Funeral services were held at his late home at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Simonton, of the Lutheran church, after which burial was made in the Fairview cemetery, Altoona.

ESTERLINE.—Mrs. Louise Miner-va Esterline died on Monday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William H. Bair, of Altoona, following an illness of nine weeks.

Miss Thomas Writes from California. Norwalk, California, Dec. 11, 1923. Editor "Watchman", Bellefonte, Pa.

I enclose a check to pay the expenses of the friendly visitor that comes periodically to relate to me the happenings of the home-land.

What impresses one most on coming here is the wonderful enterprise and ingenuity of the people, who by sheer determination and application have literally forced the desert to "blossom as the rose."

Before I got off the train a resident of the State directed my attention to the largest olive orchard in the world.

Returning from Los Angeles one day I noticed some fine young orange trees which seemed to be blighted.

While I was typing the preceding paragraph the table, the chairs, and even the room began acting in a very unseemly manner—swaying to and fro.

The shock was of comparatively short duration and very slight; but it caused an uncomfortable feeling, a sense of utter helplessness in the presence of active unseen forces.

Many of the "Watchman" readers will recall that Miss Thomas formerly lived in Milesburg and was a frequent contributor of both prose and verse to the columns of this paper.

Misses' \$5 buckle arctics, \$3.—Yeager's. 50-1t

Word has been received in Centre county of the marriage of Miss Mary Russell Griest and Robert L. Midget, the wedding having taken place at the Griest winter home in Florida, on the 8th of December.

A very delightful dance was given by the Academy students in the Academy gymnasium, Tuesday night, before leaving on their holiday vacation.



Another Story Related to the Christmas Seal.

Two years ago, a member of the tuberculosis committee, visiting the schools, noticed a boy, emaciated, pale, dark circles under his eyes and with a distressing cough.

Reference to the medical examination records disclosed symptoms of tuberculosis. The boy was taken out of school and kept at home until arrangements were completed to take him to Cresson sanatorium.

Lying on his back, where he had been for six months; since the effort of getting out would bring on hemorrhages, frequent paroxysms of coughing interrupting his spirited conversation, gay and interested, he turned his eyes towards the window and remarked, "I have seen only the tops of those dead trees since last September but would be willing to live on this way indefinitely just to live."

It was stated at a recent meeting of tuberculosis experts in Philadelphia, that 90 per cent. of the cases are not reported due either to indifference on the part of physicians or reticence on the part of the family.

If you had been the visitor who sat beside two Bellefonte boys in the sanatorium, sports both of them, wanting to live yet, knowing they were dying; doing their cheerfulest-best to make you believe they weren't, I wonder whether you wouldn't have left them resolved to do your utmost to help wipe out tuberculosis?

The best shoe in Yeager's store, \$5.85. 50-1t

Martin-Fromm.—John H. Martin, of State College, and Miss Mary Fromm, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fromm, of Bellefonte, were married at the Reformed parsonage on Tuesday evening by the pastor, Rev. Dr. A. M. Schmidt.

Bradley-Shaffer.—Paul D. Bradley, of Altoona, but who is a student at State College, and Miss Vada I. Shaffer, also of Altoona, were married at the Methodist parsonage on Howard street, last Saturday morning, by the pastor, Rev. E. E. McKelvey.

On Monday sheriff Harry Dukeman took John Kelly, of Howard, and Henry Vogel, of State College, to the western penitentiary at Pittsburgh, each man having been sentenced to serve from one to two years.

Ladies' slippers, all colors, \$1.25.—Yeager's. 50-1t

A check kiter plied his operations in Bellefonte and State College last week, catching one Bellefonte merchant for a small amount but succeeding at passing several bogus checks in State College.

Until Christmas, all shoes reduced.—Yeager's. 50-1t

A Convenient Fire. "I think I heard an alarm of fire," he said, as they were seated in the theatre stalls, "and I must go out and see about it."

Returning after fifteen minutes, he remarked, "It wasn't a fire." "And it wasn't water!" she said, still more briefly.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

Miss Mattie Evey left Monday to spend the remainder of the winter with her son Richard, in Jersey City.

Miss Alice Wilson, who has been ill at her home on Allegheny street during the past week, is slowly recovering.

Miss Blanche Poorman, of Windber, is coming to Bellefonte to spend next week at the Flack home on Reynolds avenue.

John Love will be here from Altoona to celebrate Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Love, of Reynolds avenue.

J. Harris Hoy, of Wilmington, Del., will be a Christmas guest at the home of his sisters, the Misses Anna and Mary Hoy.

Mrs. Willard left Tuesday with her daughter, Mrs. Kirk, to be with the latter at her home at Grindstone, Pa., for the holidays.

Miss Anne Keichline entertained at dinner last night in compliment to Miss Florence Lamb, who will be an early January bride.

The family of Mrs. William Hart will celebrate Christmas together; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hart coming here for the occasion, from Toronto, Canada.

Spencer Garman, with the state highway department in Clearfield county, will spend next week in Bellefonte with his father, William Garman and the family.

The Misses Annie, Emily and Elizabeth Parker are arranging to leave Bellefonte shortly after the New Year, to spend the remainder of the winter in Florida.

Mrs. Clayton Heckman is anticipating having her daughter, Miss Elizabeth, with her for the holidays. Miss Heckman is doing stenographic work in Philadelphia.

Miss Nora Reynolds, of New York city, is expected in Bellefonte next week to be the Christmas honor guest of her uncle and aunt, Col. and Mrs. W. F. Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Johnston's entire family will be together next week; Mr. and Mrs. Stitzinger and their two children coming from New Castle to complete the party.

Mrs. R. S. Brouse is arranging for her winter visit in Brooklyn; expecting to leave after the part of next week to spend several weeks with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Topel.

Byron Blackford returned home from Lock Haven yesterday, to join his aunt, Mrs. Sidney Keefer and her daughter, Lucille, to spend Christmas at Huntingdon, where they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Linn Blackford.

John Sommerville has resigned his position as general manager of the Rock Hill Coal Co., of Robertsdale, and with Mrs. Sommerville, will leave the first of the year to spend the remainder of the winter in New York city.

Dr. Getty, a well known eye specialist of Philadelphia, was in Bellefonte with friends for two days of the week; bringing up with her Kenneth Doversox, who had been under observation at the Jefferson hospital for the past month.

Mrs. Edward Foye, of Bloomsburg, and her two children are already in Bellefonte and will be joined here by Martha Hunter, to have Christmas together at the home of Mrs. Foye's and Martha's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Bingham and their family will go back home the early part of the week to spend Christmas at Norristown. Mr. Bingham will be there until the day after only, while Mrs. Bingham and the children will remain for the week.

George P. Bible returned home this week to spend the holiday season with Mrs. Bible and the family; intending to leave to resume his lecture work immediately after the new year. Mr. Bible left here in September, his Chautauque engagements filling his entire time during the whole year.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lose and their son, Joseph Jr., have all been in Bellefonte recently; Mrs. Lose remaining for a visit with her sisters, the Misses Curry and Mrs. Gross. Mr. and Mrs. Lose are locating permanently in Altoona, to which place Mr. Lose was transferred from Philadelphia by the P. R. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Cruse III, spent Wednesday here with Mr. Cruse's grandmother, Mrs. A. J. Cruse, at Mrs. Kline Woodrings; leaving the same night, accompanied by Virginia Cruse, for New York city. Mr. Cruse, with his wife and sister, are planning to spend Christmas with their father, at their home in Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Witmer McCormick, of Columbia, S. C., have been in Tyrone for a week or more, for a visit with Mrs. McCormick's mother and brother, Mrs. D. J. Meyer and her son, John D. The McCormicks went there from Baltimore, where they had been on business; expecting to take Mrs. Meyer south for the rest of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shilling, of Howard street, are receiving congratulations on the birth of their first son; the little lad having been born last week.

FROM BEYOND.

(Published by request.) "You think of the dead on Christmas Eve Wherever the dead are sleeping. And we, from a land where we may not grieve Look tenderly down on your weeping.

You think of us far, we are very near, From you and the earth, though parted We sing tonight to console and cheer The hearts of the broken hearted.

The earth watches o'er the lifeless clay Of each of its countless sleepers, And the sleepless spirits, that passed away Watch over all earthly weepers.

We shall meet again in a brighter land Where farewell is never spoken; We shall clasp each other, hand in hand And the clasp shall not be broken.

We shall meet again in a light calm climate, Where we'll never know a sadness, And our lives shall be filled with a Christmas chime.

With rapture and with gladness, The snows shall pass from our graves away.

And you from the earth remember; And the flowers of a light eternal May Shall follow each earth's December.

When you think of us, think not of the Tomb Where you laid us down in sorrow; But look aloft, and beyond earth's gloom And wait for the great Tomorrow."