

CAMP MEADE CHEERS OVER AVIATOR'S FEAT

Clergyman's Son Tells in Letter of Downing German Plane

TRY FOR COMMISSIONS

Several Men Given Opportunity to Win Shoulder Straps at Training Schools

Camp Meade, Admiral, Md., May 22

The Rev. G. T. Wilson, executive secretary of the Y. M. C. A., but in the "O" section, was putting things in shape for the day's business. "Letter for you," said the mail orderly, "and it's from France."

"That's from my boy Joe," said the clergyman-secretary. A half minute later and the militant preacher was jumping with joy. "My Joe has downed a Hun plane." In the opposite end of the big recreation hall was the Rev. P. R. Harvey, religious director of the work in this section, and a son-in-law of Doctor Wilson. He heard the exultant cry of his father-in-law and rushed over to the counter. "What's up, father?" he inquired.

Doctor Wilson's eyes glistened and happy as a schoolboy who has pitched his team to victory, he produced the letter. "Joe had a battle in the clouds," he began. "Seconds, thousand feet above the earth and he downed the Hun. From his letter I gather that he was in a bombing plane and ran afoul of one of the Kaiser's aérostats. But Joe won or helped to so it's all the same."

The story of Camp Meade centers around its personalities and Joe's letter from far-off France revealed a tale that is unique in National Army annals. It discloses that the Wilson family is a family of fighting persons, for Joe was preparing for the ministry up to a year and a half ago when he joined the French army. When America entered the struggle Joe was transferred to the Pershing army. And two months later his brother, R. R. Wilson, left a divan to enter the ranks of the American army. He, too, is in France, and just beginning to do his bit in an observation plane.

A camp newspaper correspondent remarked that the Wilson family was doing its bit and had certainly put a number of clergymen into the service. "Four of us," responded Doctor Wilson, "or at least there would be four if my two boys were ordained, which they will be when the war is over." Then the militant clergyman, who hailed from Wheeling, W. Va., but who is a native of Pennsylvania, expressed his opinion in regard to the war. "There is but one issue to this war," he said, "and that is the issue of victory. It's up to us to give our sons—give our money and their lives—sacrifices. Will I go into active service? Say, if one of the Hun airmen downed a son of mine I'll take a gun if I have to join the British or French army."

News that one of Doctor Wilson's boys had downed a Hun plane spread rapidly over the camp and for the next two hours the preacher was kept busy receiving the congratulations of soldier friends. Down here at Camp Meade, where two-fisted and red-blooded men are training for the big struggle to come, Doctor Wilson is called a militant Presbyterian preacher and there is not the slightest doubt that he is.

Back in Wheeling, Mrs. Wilson is one of the home front burning. She will not permit her husband to go to France until—well, if Joe or his brother are drowned, then she will consent for the first time, she is willing to make any sacrifice in order to defeat Germany.

The following soldiers at Little Penn have been given an opportunity to win shoulder straps and have been sent to the following officers' training schools: To Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., Sergeant Karl J. Birmbeaver, 204th Ammunition Train; Sergeant Donald N. Mitchell and Sergeant A. A. Robinson, Battery D, 212th Field Artillery.

To Camp Lee, Sergeant Milton W. St. John, 210th Machine Gun Battalion; Sergeant Major A. J. Charter, T. H. Bassett, Jr., Paul M. Flagg and Sergeant Joseph S. Goodall, 304th Engineers; Arthur M. Landy, 315th Infantry; Sergeant D. W. Wirtzel and George W. Young, 216th Infantry.

Chaplains Charles H. Fitch and Charles Gruber, of the 151st Depot Brigade, have left the camp to attend a course of instruction in the training school for chaplains at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky.

The following transfers were made today:

Private Harry R. Noel, 184th Depot Brigade to 204th Engineers; Thomas E. Steele, Headquarters Troop to 204th Artillery Train; Howard A. Achenbach and Howard R. Musselman from Headquarters Troop to the Quartermaster's Detachment.

EXEMPTED FROM DRAFT BY GOVERNMENT JOBS

Congressmen Charge 2000 in Agriculture Department, Shielded From Service in Army

Washington, May 22.—The charge that thousands of men of draft age are enjoying freedom from military duty through exemptions obtained for them by executives of Federal departments, is made by Congressmen who have been investigating the subject. This situation was uncovered during the discussion of the food production bill, when it was shown that the Secretary of Agriculture had 2000 men exempted from military service. It was asserted that if the same proportion of exemptions prevailed in other Government departments more than 10,000 so-called "Government slackers" would be found in Washington.

WORE PRIVATE'S UNIFORM

But Former Hospital Orderly Posed as an Officer

New York, May 22.—"Captain Vanderbilt Styles Reed," of the United States medical corps, alias Edward B. Reed, a former Coney Island hospital orderly, was found in the Federal grand jury by Commissioner Samuel M. Hittchock yesterday for impersonating an army officer and lives in Newark. He lived for two weeks in an apartment in this city, according to the charge, and wore the United States uniform. He was taken in tow by a woman detective to whom he asserted he had served in France, and exhibited a service stripe. Although he said he was an officer, his uniform was that of a private. In default of bail he was committed to the Tombs.

NEW PHILLIPSBURG MAYOR

Phillipsburg, N. J., May 22.—The new town Council was sworn into office yesterday afternoon. It elected Councilman Joseph H. Firth as Mayor. He succeeds Frank W. Kneeder, defeated for reelection. Robert P. Howell, town engineer for years, sought reelection, offering to fill the office at a salary of \$1220 a year. The Council elected C. E. Tilton, who was Howell's assistant, and gave him a salary of \$1200.



TEACHES FOOD SAVING. Miss Pearl McDonald, director of home economy at State College, who is in charge of the women instructors conducting a food conservation campaign in Philadelphia

U. S. CONSIDERS BUYING OF RUSSIAN SUPPLIES

Transaction Would Involve Millions and Give Country Definite Aid

Washington, May 22

The State Department has under consideration a definite plan of aid for Russia.

It became known today that this country contemplates a form of financial assistance which, while helping Russia to struggle back to a place in the sun, would also foil Germany's grasping machinations.

In brief, the department plan is to furnish a vast quantity of money with which to buy up supplies in Russia, including cotton and other commodities much desired by Germany. Its value amounts into millions. And Germany will seize it without pay if America does not step into the breach, according to proponents of the measure.

With the money which America would lay out for these supplies Russia would have an opportunity to do much toward rehabilitation, it is argued. Germany worked her will in Russia largely through liberal use of money distributed judiciously by a group of her agents, it is pointed out.

And with Russia manifesting an increasing animosity for Germany, this financial aid might be the turning point in the situation, it is held.

The plan has been given careful consideration, but has not yet been approved by Secretary Lansing. However, there is a possibility that, with some modifications, it will be put into effect.

The sentiment for some form of assistance to Russia at this time is strong. The Japanese-Chinese defensive agreement apparently is held in abeyance, but many authorities predict intervention in Siberia will come if the situation is allowed to drag. England and France are known to be imparting recent press articles favoring the intervention.

1000 GERMAN PLANES DOWNED IN 2 MONTHS

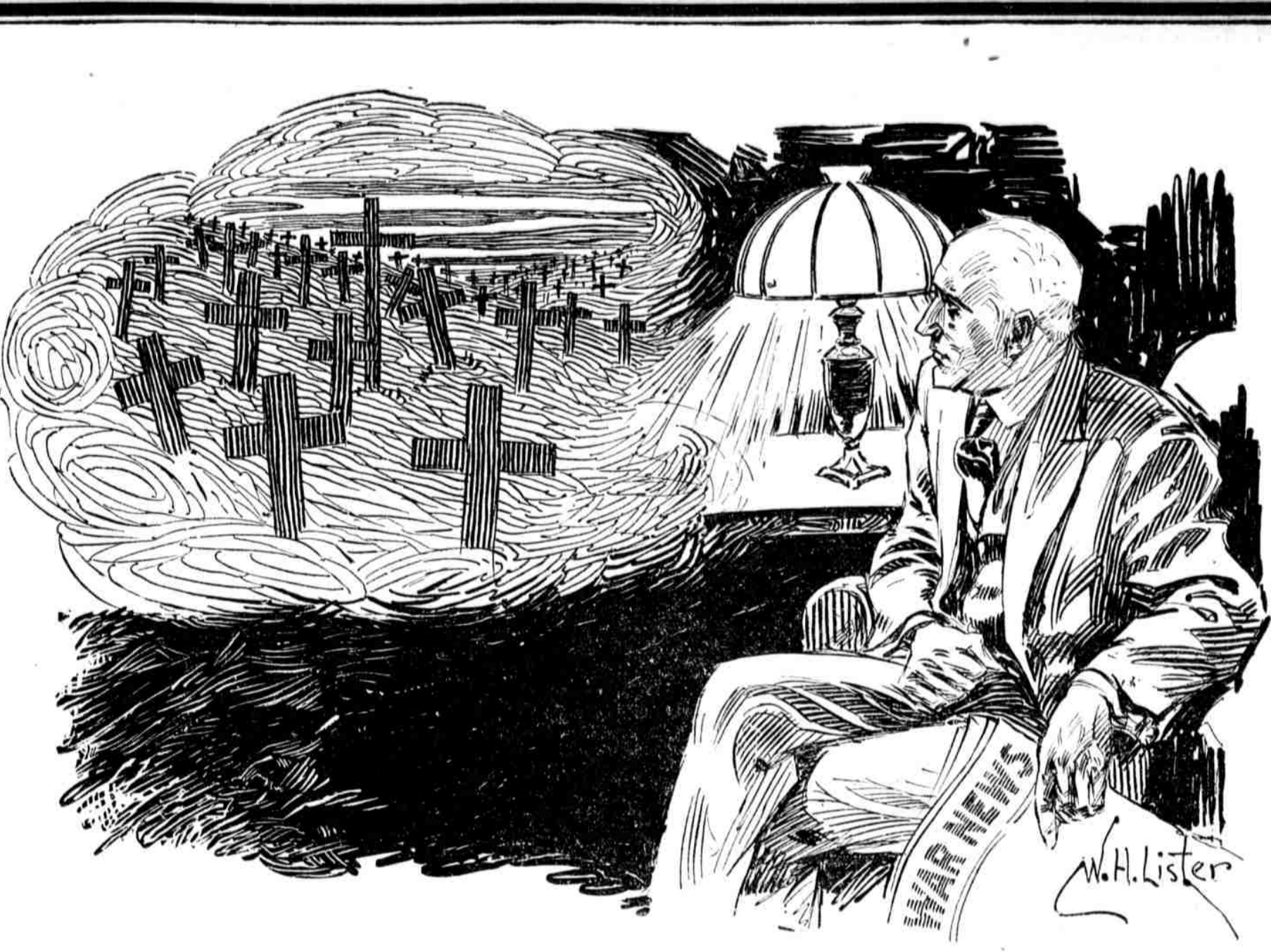
Allied Airmen Drop Thousand Tons of Bombs Behind Trench Lines in France

London, May 22.—One thousand German airplanes have been brought down or driven out of control since the German offensive began two months ago today, the War Office announced today.

More than 1000 tons of air bombs have been dropped on and behind the German lines in that period.

The forests of Metz, in Lorraine, and the city of Valenciennes on the Rhine, were bombed by British aviators this morning. Fifteen German machines were brought down by the British yesterday.

Thirty-five tons of bombs were dropped on the battle area. Five British machines are missing; the War Office reported last night.



THEY AND YOU

Compared to what our boys are doing over there, how small is our part here! He is in a hell of fire. We are safe at home. All we can do is to back him up—back him to the limit. He's in it. He'll fight. Let us give. It is all that we can do. But let us do that. Give until it hurts. He'll fight until it hurts, God knows: until he lies under the cross. Let us fill up the War Chest to the brim! That's our part; our only part. But let us do that job. He is doing his.



You Pay So Much a Month You're Through For a Year No More Constant Appeals

Takes the Place of "Drives" All the War Reliefs In One Takes In the Five Counties

(Philadelphia, Montgomery, Delaware, Chester and Bucks)

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A Series of Eye Talks No. 153. Our Next Talk, Wed., June 5. By Joseph C. Ferguson, Jr. H. E. Director of Health of Philadelphia—Dr. Krusen—in his weekly health bulletin warns of the serious consequences that may ensue because of neglect to place drops of an anti-septic solution in infants' eyes. He says "It is estimated that one out of every twelve among the blind of this country can attribute loss of sight to lack of care at the time of birth. Blindness from any cause is a tragedy, but blindness caused by either inattention or ignorance on the part of another is a crime. Give the babies every opportunity to grow normally and when they are three or four years old take them to an oculist for an examination of their eyes. Most other troubles are earliest corrected when the eyes are first examined. Whenever glasses are needed have the Oculist's prescription filled by a competent Prescription Optician." J. G. Ferguson, Jr. Prescription Optician, 6, 8 & 10 South 15th St. We Do NOT Examine Eyes. "This Talk" from a copyrighted series, all rights reserved.