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HEROIC BELGIUM, HONORED BY CITY, SENDS NOTE HERE

First Letter Comes Since Nation Is Freed From Foe's Yoke

SCHOOLS OBSERVE DAY Public Gives Money and Clothing for People Germany Could Not Ruin

The first letter to reach this city from Belgium since the German evacuation began was received today as Philadelphia was observing "Belgian Day" and honoring King Albert, who returns to his restored country after four years of war.

The letter, from a high Belgian official, addressed to Monsignor Carton de Wiart, briefly describes conditions in Bruges and Ostend and announces that the Belgian Government will be moved next week to Bruges.

In Bruges, according to the writer, the houses of a few traitors in that city were destroyed by the people, the avenging crowds being made up of all classes of the populace.

Passages From Letter: "What an emotion and what a joy to see again the country liberated and to be a witness of the enthusiasm which is shared by all our soldiers, the towns and villages are decorated; everywhere flags and improvised arches of triumph. Never has Bruges, which is virtually intact, appeared in so more beautiful a way."

After we had crossed the battlefield we went into the town to see our relations, who have aged very much; the children look miserably, the women and young girls are very pale, a few are in bed, for the Germans have caused every possible kind of vexation, but all the suffering seemed to be forgotten. There were no more interviews against the Germans and very few people who had not been loyal to their country.

At the direction of Superintendent of Schools Garber, Belgian Day is being observed in all the high and elementary schools of the city. Addresses were made on the heroic part played by Belgium in the great war and the Belgian national anthem was sung.

Emergency Aid societies are in charge of booths in front of the Girard Trust Building, 315 Chestnut street, where thousands of persons today are making thank offerings for peace by helping the Belgians.

At the general direction of the Emergency Aid, headquarters were being made today in the heroic little nation. The Belgian relief committee decided that the best expression would be in the form of gifts for the relief of the millions of women and children now desperately in need of food and clothing.

Four-Minute Men, under the direction of Chairman Lincoln, today are collecting Belgium's achievements and her needs in every theatre in the city. All the stores are observing the day. The Belgians color are Friday and Saturday morning, happening to answer

BELGIAN DAY IN CITY



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SOLDIER AT HOME HEARS HE'S DEAD

Philadelphian Is Handed Official Communication by Postman

Reading an official communication from the War Department telling how and where you were killed in action is a rather novel experience for any man. But Private Myers Stone, of the marine corps, invaded home after being severely wounded at the battle of Chateau-Thierry, not only did not, but he took the letter from the postman when the mailman called at the Stone home, 4612 Fairmount avenue, and he and the letter carrier, an old friend, had a hearty laugh over Private Stone's obituary.

There are 1045 names on the combined casualty lists today, including 123 Pennsylvanians. The total for Philadelphia and district is seventy-seven, of which number five have been killed in action, nine have died of disease, five have been wounded severely and twenty-three less seriously injured. Thirty-two are reported missing, one of the largest totals of the nature ever received here.

Wounded in Three Places: Private Stone enlisted in May of last year and went to France in May of this year. He was wounded in three places during the gallant stand of the marines at Chateau-Thierry and when ordered to the rear had to walk three miles, helping to carry a wounded comrade, though his own left arm was useless.

At a little railroad station he and his injured comrades found a French hospital train waiting, were bundled in and sent off to a French base hospital. His recovery was slow, as he had lost most blood during the long trip from the front to the railroad station and his arm refused to respond to treatment very quickly.

Finally, however, he was well enough to be transferred to an American hospital, and eventually to be sent home, landing in this country three weeks ago. He had written to his family, and though they had never heard from the War Department, their minds were relieved as to his condition.

On reaching New York he was taken to a convalescent hospital, but last Saturday was allowed to come to his home in this city for a brief visit. He had to return to New York on Thursday of last week to have his injured dressed, and while he was away a telegram came from the War Department stating that he had been killed in action. He returned to his home on Friday and on Saturday morning, happening to answer

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THE WEATHER VANE: Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, somewhat warmer tonight and fair; same on Saturday; westerly winds.

PEACE PROGRAM NOW HINGES ON BRITISH BALLOTS

Labor Victory May Take Control From Present Entente Premiers

WILSON PLAN WILL WIN

By CLINTON W. GILBERT: The peace conference is likely to turn largely on the British Parliamentary election, which is to be held early in December. Dispatches from abroad say that the convening of the conference will follow the British election. But much more than the date of the conference waits upon the British election, which is to be held early in December. Dispatches from abroad say that the convening of the conference will follow the British election.

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By JULIAN GRANDE: Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger: The danger of Prussian militarism has lately absorbed the people's thoughts so that they have failed to realize the existence and steady growth of another danger, which eventually may become far more serious. This danger is Bolshevism.

England's Problem: No one knows what England, suddenly released from the iron discipline of the war, will do. Has the radicalism which is suddenly revealed in Central Europe made progress in England? Or is the British election has come at an unfavorable time for the peace program, reacting from outbreak of revolutionary spirit in Central Europe? Is England, with its mind suddenly set free, radical at this moment or conservative?

One Only Parcel For Each: Every soldier in the American expeditionary force will be permitted to receive one Christmas parcel from the United States, through the Red Cross. The parcel may be a relative who is in the army, but it may be a person not in the army, but in the service on duty abroad to receive holiday boxes.

Peace Plan Still Wins: The Peace Conference group maintains that the peace program of the Wilson program will go through, because the Conservatives, and slightly more than that, for they do not stand with him on the freedom of the sea. If the conference is broken by a British election, the Wilson program, somewhat more liberally interpreted, will probably represent the minimum position of the peace program.

Red Cross Handles All: The Red Cross has entire charge of all packages except those sent to men in the navy. Prospective senders must file an application with the nearest Red Cross office, which will be contacted by a person duly authorized by the chapter. Upon presentation of a properly approved application, the holder thereof, without fee, may send a parcel to be carried by the Red Cross and instructions for packing it.

When packed, the cartons should be taken, unsealed and unwrapped, to the nearest friction matches, and any composition likely to ignite or explode (cigarette lighters come under this classification), liquids and fragile articles improperly packed.

Under the postal regulations no note or message or written matter of any kind will be permitted to remain in the boxes. In addition to the foregoing list of prohibited articles, relatives and friends of the soldiers are urged to bear these facts in mind when preparing Christmas parcels. Do not put anything in the package which will not keep fresh until Christmas.

Pack dried fruits and other food products in airtight or wooden boxes. Give preference to hard candy over chocolate, unless the latter are enclosed in heavy wrappers. Soft chocolates are easily crushed and may spoil the other contents. Do not put articles packed in glass in the package. Gifts should be wrapped in thick-colored bookbinding paper, twenty-seven by inches.

14 LOST WHEN U. S. DESTROYER WAS WRECKED

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Twenty-five members of the crew of the United States destroyer Shaw, wrecked in collision with the transport Aquitania off the English coast October 9, arrived here today on the Canadian Pacific liner Melita. They reported that fourteen men, including two officers, were lost in the accident.

U. S. OFFICIALLY ENDS PRESS CENSORSHIP: WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The "press censorship in connection with cable, postal and land lines," was discontinued today the censorship board announced.

DECIDE TO FORM INDEPENDENT BALTIC STATE: COPENHAGEN, Nov. 15.—Estonia, Livonia, Courland and Oesel Island have decided to join in the formation of an independent Baltic State, according to advices received here today.

POTTER TO CURB COAL PROFITTEERS: NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—The spread of Bolshevism in Central Europe and in central countries, like Holland and Switzerland, has become alarming.

GHENT CITIZENS HAIL LIBERATORS: The Belgians last night in Ghent and saw the joy of this city of Belgium after its liberation. It was the last Belgian town to be received before the armistice.

State Fuel Chief Declares He'll Punish Illegal Extra Charges: HINGES ON MINING DATE: FUELS TO BE BURNED: The New York company, one of the largest of the city dealers, stated that their supply of fuel for the month of November 1 had been exhausted.

POLES SEIZE WARSAW PALACE: Army Officers Direct Demolition of German Forces: BERNE, Nov. 15.—The Polish soldiers have occupied the town palace and Bellevue at Warsaw and have ordered the demolition of the German military automobile and arms depots.

LOSSES \$45 IN TURKEY SUIT: Bucks County Farmer Pays for Entertaining Neighbor's Birds: A turkey fiddler, three fat turkeys and a pair of geese were the property of a Bucks County farmer who was sued for the cost of their destruction.

VICTORY PARADE AT WAYNE: Suburb Plans Big Peace Celebration for Tomorrow: Wayne is going to hold over a big victory celebration tomorrow.

PROTEST SEATING 2 SENATORS: Contests of Election of Newberry and Moses Forecast: By the Associated Press: Washington, Nov. 15.—Contests of the election of Newberry and Moses, of the Senate, will be held tomorrow.

SKIP-STOPS CAUSE DEATHS; END THEM, SAYS CORONER: Knight, After Inquest in Another Crossing Accident, Tells P. R. T. War Necessity Is Over—More Deaths in Three Months Than Last Year: Coronar Knight today requested the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to discontinue its skip-stop system.

BAKER CONGRATULATES ARMY: Promises to Expedite Return of Expeditionary Force: By the Associated Press: Washington, Nov. 15.—Congratulations and expressions of the nation's proud esteem were called to General Pershing for the American army in France today by Secretary Baker.

REPORT ANOTHER VICTIM OF SUNKEN SHIP: By the Associated Press: Washington, Nov. 15.—The name of a victim of the sinking of the steamship, the Irish coast in a collision last month.

PEACE PUZZLES FOR ALLIED HEADS LURK IN UNREST

Must Determine Who Represents Beaten Peoples Before Envoys Can Meet

ISSUE FOR WAR COUNCIL: German Papers Fail to Print Provision for Ending Famine

By the Associated Press: Washington, Nov. 15. In advance of the meeting of the Supreme War Council, soon to be held at Versailles, officials here decline to change the approaching peace conference or to indicate any views the Government may have as to the time or place of its assembly. American suggestions on these subjects probably will be presented to the council itself by Colonel E. M. House, the Government's special representative in Europe.

Must Determine Who Represents Beaten Peoples Before Envoys Can Meet: Much of the real work of the peace conference, it is believed, has already been done by the Supreme War Council. As a preliminary to the meeting of the conference, however, it will be necessary for the Allied and American Governments to decide to what extent and by what route the provisional arrangements which are possible, that steps be taken to avoid any recognition as might afterward prove embarrassing.

Development of the separate movement in Austria and Germany, resulting in the forming of so-called independent republics on the basis of former German and Austrian provinces, may present much difficulty to the further progress of peace negotiations. Each of these States wishes to be represented independently of the peace table and representatives of all these States are one of the tasks devolving on the Supreme War Council.

Relief, Keep Control: In some quarters today, it was suggested that the Supreme War Council should be authorized to take some of the protests made by the defeated Central Powers or their component States against certain features of the armistice, which they regard as inequitable, that steps be taken to create serious conditions among the distressed civilian population. Should the Supreme War Council decide that some of these arrangements are so important that they should be granted, in no event, however, would any change that would in any way jeopardize the maintenance by the Allies of all their present military domination over the defeated foe be made.

By the Associated Press: Washington, Nov. 15. Versailles, although not formally chosen as the meeting place of the peace negotiations, is regarded as most certain to be the place selected for the final peace conference. The Allied cabinet members today are expected to meet in Paris, where it is probable that steps taken from all the countries will be reported to the Supreme War Council. The Allies will meet in Paris, where it is probable that steps taken from all the countries will be reported to the Supreme War Council.

FOCH SENDS U. S. MISSION TO SPA ON TRUCE ERRAND: Americans Leave Tomorrow for German Headquarters—Yankees Reconquering Alsace: By the Associated Press: London, Nov. 15. An American mission, accompanied by Major General Hodges, will leave Saturday for Spa, German headquarters. Marshal Foch announced by a wireless message to the French high command that the mission will consist of six officers and thirteen soldiers. The German command is asked to give instructions to allow the mission to pass.

PORT RICHMOND "GASSED": Residents Seek Safety in Streets When Main Breaks: A gas attack was reported over a small area of the port of Richmond, Va., today. The gas was identified as chlorine gas.

WANT PEACE TABLE OPEN: Borah to Call Subject Up in Senate Soon: Washington, Nov. 15. The question of whether the forthcoming peace conference should be open, so that the people whose fate is being settled can be kept informed regarding the discussions, will be discussed thoroughly in the Senate with the next few days.

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