

KEEP ON, CRUES DYING OFFICER

They've Got Me," Said Lieutenant Van Dusen, of Germantown

OTHER BRAVE DEEDS

Stories of Courage and Devotion on Field Told by Convalescents at Camp Meade

"Well, boys, at last they've got me. Keen on!"

Then Lieutenant Edwin Thorp Van Dusen, 5131 Morris street, Germantown, mortally wounded by a bursting shell, plunged face forward on the battlefield. The "boys" went on to victory.

This is one of many stories of remarkable bravery told by wounded Philadelphians and Pennsylvanians who have arrived from overseas at the Camp Meade convalescent hospital.

Another story of bravery is told by John Connors, of Pottsville, Pa. It concerns a Catholic chaplain, Lieutenant John P. Mulligan, of the Sixty-first infantry, who went through shrapnel and machine-gun bullets to rescue a wounded soldier.

Here's Mother Located The mother of Robert Billingham, one of the wounded Philadelphians, was located today by the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER.

The youthful soldier used to live at 52nd Addison street, but his family moved and letters sent by him to the Addison street address were returned.

Billingham was in a blue funk when he reached this country, with Christmas near, and found he could not locate his mother and sister.

To be gassed, wounded and shell-shocked and invalidated home and then not find any family waiting for him with open arms was "pretty tough luck," he said.

Mrs. Billingham was located at 221 South Sixth street. When the mother was told her boy was back in this country she dropped into a chair and wept with joy.

Then she telephoned to her daughter, Margaret, who is night supervisor at the Children's Homeopathic Hospital, Franklin and Thompson streets. The daughter left almost immediately for Camp Meade, so that her brother may be home for his Christmas dinner.

Robert's older brother, Arthur, died during the influenza epidemic. The soldier does not know of his brother's death.

Billingham is a member of the 11th Infantry. He was put out of the fighting at Chateau Thierry by gas, shrapnel and a high explosive shell.

Lieutenant Van Dusen was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Van Dusen. He met death on September 30 in the heavy fighting along the Meuse river. He was an officer of the 314th Infantry which received its training at Camp Meade.

William L. Housel, a member of the regiment, was within a few feet of Lieutenant Van Dusen when the officer was killed.

Know He Was Done For Lieutenant Van Dusen was leading his company through a shower of shell and machine-gun bullets, said Housel, "when a shell burst near him. In an instant the lieutenant knew the shell had scored against him. The men knew it, too. He turned and said, 'Well, boys, at last they've got me. Keen on,' and then plunged face forward."

Lieutenant Van Dusen was twenty-four years old. He graduated from the Germantown Academy in 1910, from the Lawrenceville School in 1911 and Princeton University in 1915. He was a member of the Belfry Club, Germantown Academy's dramatic organization, and of the Triangle Club, the Princeton dramatic club. He played on the football and baseball teams at Germantown Academy nine at Princeton.

After graduation he went into the automobile business and later was attached to the treasurer's office of the Electric Storage Battery Company. When this country entered the war he took special training in military drill and went into the first officers' training camp at Fort Niagara, earning a commission as lieutenant. He was sent to Camp Meade and attached to the 314th Infantry. Later he was promoted to the machine-gun company of the regiment and after the unit reached France acted as official interpreter for a while, as he spoke French fluently.

The young officer was a direct descendant of Peter van Dusen, Governor of New Amsterdam (New York city) in 1622. He was a member of the Princeton Club of Philadelphia, the Germantown Cricket Club and the Campus Club of Princeton.

First Never Hesitated Connors, who told the story about Father Mulligan, was wounded, but he has nothing to say about his own part in the war.

"One of the bravest deeds I ever saw," he said, "was performed by Father Mulligan. Father Mulligan saw a soldier lying wounded at a point where shrapnel was dropping all around and machine-gun bullets were whizzing. It was a veritable death spot and the men had to lie low. Father Mulligan, who had been administering absolution to the dying and going about hearing confessions, did not hesitate a minute. He went forward to bring back the wounded officer. As he stooped to lift the man, a shell burst in front of him, killing both him and the officer he tried to save."

It was because he was born in Italy on December 25, twenty-five years ago, that Private Cataldi, one of the wounded soldiers at the base hospital, was christened Christmas Cataldi. Cataldi comes from Connelville, Pa., and is a member of the 160th Infantry. He was hit by a bit of shrapnel in the right leg on October 18. He is one of those who was brought across the ocean on the hospital ship Comfort. Cataldi's Christmas was not so cheerful as other Christmas, because he had all the old folks around him. He is too weak as yet to go home to Connelville, and it is a little too far for his people to make the trip to camp. But he is mighty glad that he got a chance to help his adopted country, and grateful that he escaped death.

Trolley Fares Greatly Reduced Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 21.—The Eastern Pennsylvania Railway announced another big reduction in trolley fares today. The rate to Orwingsburg has been reduced to 30 cents, compared to 43 cents. The rate between Pottsville and Minersville is reduced to 10 cents. The rate from Pottsville to Tanawagona is reduced to 15 cents. From this city to St. Clair the fare has been reduced from 15 to 9 cents, with a minimum of 5 cents on the short line.

LIBERAL SUNDAY WITH FREE MUSIC ADVOCATED BY DR. DAVID M. STEELE

Continued from Page One On Christmas morning looking at a Santa Claus laden with gifts. His action was a scornful shrug; his observation was: 'I don't believe in you any more—but you may leave the things.'

For Those Who Qualify "I am for Sunday concerts, certainly—for people who qualify. They ought to be an incident, however, a mere factor after that day has been earned by its observance as a holy day. They are good in themselves, but they are not a substitute for something better. Music can supplement worship; it can never take its place. Play is an adjunct to prayer; it is not a form of escape from it. A symphony is not a Te Deum. But there is place on the same day for both."

"Moreover, the Sunday we seek nowadays is a twentieth century day. It must be thought of in a twentieth century way. The trouble with the whole matter has been dealt with in a merely negative manner. People are told only more important to find out what they ought to do. People who have positive ideas as to their duty will have little difficulty in knowing what they ought to do. The trouble is that many have a question of detail in conduct. The things for a long time proscribed have been included. To lay emphasis on those alone is to hinder the spirit of the thing involved. It is time to look frankly at this larger principle."

Matters had been moving rapidly enough, the trouble was the breakdown of an old ideal, even before the war came on to throw us into cataclysm. There were readjustments coming to many who were in trouble with too much of the old. The things that had pretended to keep hold on the Puritan Sabbath, in theory; yet, in practice, they found themselves emulating the Continental Sunday. This had already reached the point where the Church was not satisfied with the day, while the world was contemptuous of it. No one, priest or layman, was content with the situation as it was. And no one, Christian or un-Christian, is today exempt from the trammels of our antiquated laws, all shot through as they are with insincerity."

Quickenings of Process "Suddenly came on the quickenings of process of this dissolution. Suppose, in this country, with its hundred millions of population, there were myriads of men and women who were in the region did not give due credit to as still adherent to tenets and practices we thought were obsolete. This will never be again. The Cross, the Flag and Liberty Loan parades had put upon the streets, to march and to look on, the most reticent heretofore home-bodies. "Auntie" had to read reports of their sons' doings overseas has gained admission for the Sunday newspaper into the close-shuttered rooms of every most sequestered hamlet. The exigencies of only a few days furlough home, or the admission as visitors only on Sunday to the cantonments where they were training. And when parents there and brought their boys home visiting, both traveling without compunction on that day where they would not have stirred formerly."

Causes for Sunday Labor The need for workers in munition plants and shipyards, the engagements of time and a half for over pay, the feeling that their work was patriotic, these all have been causes for Sunday labor on the part of multitudes who never had so much before.

All this at home; but more among the men in camp and most among those on the battlefield. Millions of men—and women who return with news that will keep Sunday any more as they had once interpreted that phrase. And they will be the leaders in all lines of conduct. There will be the standard for their fellow imitators. All this was true, in marked degree, after the Civil War. It will be more so this time, and for this reason: those who come home now will come from having seen and lived the continental Sunday."

What Was Origin "But just what was the origin of that drift with those started to drift, half a century ago, who have now arrived? If it was something good in itself, then they are bad; if it was bad, they may have drifted forward—with a tide, although against a current. At the latter of fact, not in any land of any other continent, outside of Scotland and some parts of England, was there ever anything corresponding to a Boston or a Philadelphia or a New England or a Southern Sunday, of the early part of the last century. Those forget this—they forget their negligible number—who upon a so partial a practice, try to find the origin of the principle. And it is these who are trying to prevent such innocent things as Sunday concerts."

Origin of Traditions "The point is that, in the eastern portion of the United States, we have all been living under the domination of a set of traditions which came originally from two sources: the Puritans and Scotch-Irish. Differing widely in many other things, these two were at one in the emphasis they laid upon the Sabbath. They, and they alone, of all the Christian world, called it the Sabbath. This name itself is significant as showing why, it they thought the day to be. Their view of it was greatly different from that ever taken by the Lutheran, the Roman Catholic and the Anglican world. But the Sabbatarian tradition, brought hither by those two groups, with a stern degree of permanency, has become deeply impressed upon the whole of this country. It is this tradition that is every year becoming less and less regarded. Is it not remarkable, in view of this fact, that, in spite of the efforts of the Sabbath Alliance and the other orders of that ilk, the drift of our time has been away from that kind of observance. It never was normal; it always was hybrid."

New Sunday Needed "The thing we need in this connection is a new nomenclature. We need a new name to describe a new thing. But, first, we need the thing. We need a brand new kind of Sunday. I have traveled enough, both at home and abroad, to make comparisons. I have lived long enough to know that the Sabbath is a thing of the past. The Sabbathical gloom-day of boyhood, I have known the Continental Sunday, having been in every European country, Latin and Slav, Norman and Teutonic, I am for it—only where it is. I would not approve it here. But I want something better in its stead. I want an American Sunday."

"It is high time now for this new institution. The land is in need of it. But, quite as much, the Church has need of it. The old kind made churchgoing natural. Indeed, it made it almost compulsory. It did this by a sort of vacuum suction, else to do outside. That time is past. The Church has been in a position of special privilege. It seems not to have merited this. The mistake was in the relation stood now or fall on the strength of its own appeal. And I am glad, for this is natural and wholesome."

Original Errors "In the case of no other institution of such cardinal importance have errors so serious and so continuous been made regarding the grounds of its observance. The most grievous of these errors is that with regard to the ground of compulsion which Sunday observance ever could rest. The mistake was in the relation imagined of the Fourth Commandment to the conscience of the Christian world."

This should present no difficulty, for there is no such relation. "We are not dealing with the Hebrew Sabbath, either the day of the week, which was, and still is, Saturday; not with the mode of that observance, which was first Sabbatical and then, in Protestantism only, and there only in part Puritanical. The early Christians not only changed the day, but they, far more radically, changed its motif."

"If I were going to make Sunday laws, and if I would outline in doing so the right policy for the Church, they would all be positive. Not one should be negative. I would cease to prohibit and begin to provide. Has the Church not too long pursued the opposite practice? Church people have sought to make the day prevail simply by enacting prohibitions against work and play. Is it not incumbent more upon good people to say what ought, than what ought not, to be done? Does not the same obligation lie to provide the right kind of rest as to proscribe the wrong kind? It is they who ought to be encouraging, not discouraging, these Sunday concerts."

"Suppose the whole world took the Church at its word! Suppose everybody—man, woman and child—in this city came to Sunday service one forenoon and then said: 'Now you have us on your hands. We are your guests, your wards, your children. Will you let us go and play, now that we have performed our devotions? If so, where and how? It is strange the Church does not see that the whole problem of amusement comes in under the heading of rest.'

The Great Need "There is need both for a saner conception of rest and for a more cheerful view of religion; that is, far more cheer in the whole observance of this day. There is precedent for this latter to be found, even by those who seek their sanctions in the oldest customs. The old-time spirit of Sabbath, and the early rest aimed at by re-creation. It was the building up, not only of the soul but of the mind and body by pleasure in worship and by play after worship. It ought still to be the same."

"But this means that the whole day is one day. Says your pseudo reformer: 'You may do things that are not hurtful in themselves, that do not cause others to work in ministering to your enjoyment and that do not interrupt seriously the religious observance of the day.' But that treats you as outsiders. This day is your day. Nor does that program take him very far. The Church must do more than merely allow or forbid. It must encourage, provide and enjoy. It is possible in for many, that simply fritter away the day in aimless fashion, through sheer lack of initiative and invention. They need help, not hindrance."

"It is not enough to open the church doors one or two hours a day and say: 'Do thus for this period,' and then, for the rest of the day, provide nothing but a room of ministering to your enjoyment. This is all the strange in view of the Church's aim at social service, so called, all the other days of the week. Why is there not the same enthusiasm for constructive and creative planning and providing for the other six hours as well of this day as on the other six days of the week? Why do they not do for six-sevenths of this day what they do assiduously for six-sevenths of each week? In short, why are they not among the foremost to approve these Sunday concerts by the orchestra?"

Warns Jersey Institutions Trenton, Dec. 21.—Using as an illustration the fact that 110 cases of influenza have developed in two schools in Millville near which there are three State institutions, State Commissioner of Charities and Corrections Burdette H. P. Conroy sent out a warning to the chief executive officers of all institutions under the control of the State.

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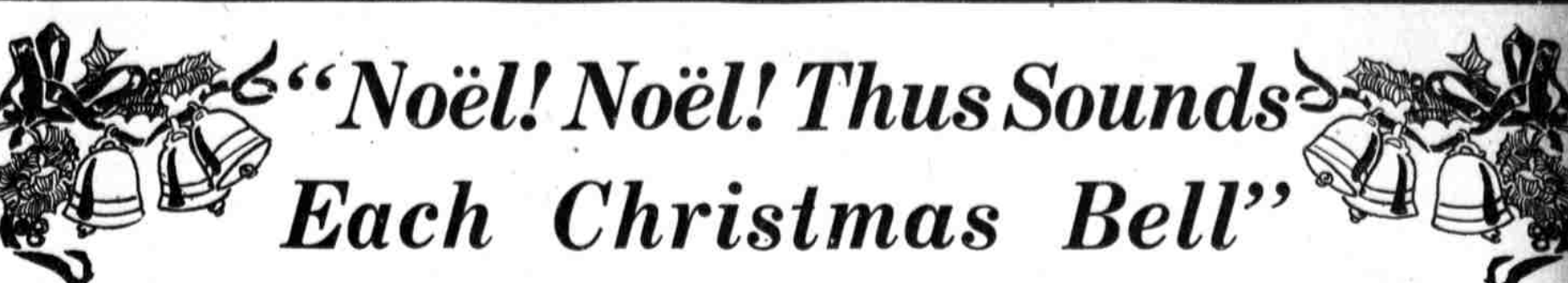
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Last-Minute Shopping Can Be Quickly and Easily Finished in This Big, Bright Down Stairs Store, All on One Floor

Women's Coats Without Fur Trimming Many women with their own furs have found it hard to obtain a coat without fur. Here they will find quite a varied assortment of coats ranging in price from \$16.50 to \$59.75, with excellent choosing in coats of velour and silvertone at \$25 to \$39.75. Many of the coats between these prices are samples and represent extra value.

Black Coats of good materials, cut on conservative lines, are \$13.50 to \$67.50. Fur-Fabric Sports Coats Short coats of silk velour and beaver cloth are \$22.50 to \$85.

Lovely Silken Underthings for Gifts What could delight a woman more than to find some dainty silk underwear among her gifts on Christmas morning? Bits of Satin and Lace of crepe de chine and lace or Georgette crepe make some of the loveliest camisoles in pink or white at \$1 to \$4.50.

Chemise Daintiness comes in either crepe de chine or satin, made in many lovely styles at \$3.85 to \$8.75. Lovely Nighties of crepe de chine or satin are made and trimmed in various ways and are \$5 to \$13.75.

And Pajamas some of the prettiest we've ever seen, are of crepe de chine or satin, at \$9.50 to \$14.50. One particularly lovely one is of pale pink satin with wide bands of Georgette on the coat and trousers. A turquoise blue ribbon goes around the waist and ties in back. (Central)

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Women's Silk Stockings Prettily Embroidered They are of fine black silk with tops and feet of lisle with embroidery showing over the instep. \$1.35 a pair and special. (Central)

100 Serge Frocks at \$7.50 They are mostly in navy blue, made on simple, wearable lines. The bodices of some are embroidered in braid. Sizes are here from 16 to 38. No need to say the price is special.

A Group of Satin Dresses, Special at \$13.75 includes much navy blue and black. Some are combined with Georgette crepe and other models are prettily beaded on the collar.

Jersey Dresses at \$16.75 and \$19.75 A great variety of dresses are embroidered with silk or wool, and some are trimmed with cording or tucks. The colors are rookie, gray, tan, navy blue, plum and Pekin—all good. Of many models you will find but one, two or three dresses, and all are marked at half price or less.

New Spring Models in Taffeta, Special at \$19.75 One of these is sketched. The Georgette vestee is stitched in contrasting color. Other models are made with coat effects and show a good use of tiny tucks and novel buckles. The colors are navy blue, tan, Copenhagen blue and gray.

New Georgette Crepe Frocks would be the most delightful gifts of all for young daughters. In navy blue, rose and gray they are beautifully embroidered in silk and have sashes, or are combined with taffeta bands. \$25, \$32.50 and \$35.

Lovely New Dance Frocks are of fluttering tulle in pastel shades—many made over glittering silver cloth. Others are of taffeta and tulle combined, or of net over satin. In the group are frocks of black net. \$22.75, \$23.75, \$25, \$32.50, \$35 to \$39.75. Amid piles of white tissue, what gift could outshine one of these? (Market)

Lacy Scarfs and Centres Fresh and New These are deeply edged with imitation file lace in old Italian patterns and are ever so decorative.

Velvet Bags are pleasure-giving gifts. They are nicely lined and well fitted with inside purses and mirrors. In black and fashionable shades, prices begin at \$3. (Central)

School Companions at 60c You have two kinds to choose from and one contains a drinking cup. Both are in imitation leather. (Central)

Marquisette Window Panels Special at \$2.50 Each White marquisette window panels, 40 inches wide and 2 1/2 yards long, are edged with insertion and lace. Heavy Door Curtains Special at \$5 a Pair They are formed of olive green rep, with verdure tapestry borders. For Christmas gifts these are excellent. (Cheesnut)

White Gift Frocks for Little Girls They are made of lawn and of voile in dainty styles for wee folk of 2 years to 6. Some are neatly stitched and smocked in color and others are quite frilly and lacy. (Central)

Women's Slippers Juliets of felt, trimmed with fur, are in gray, green, black, wine and blue. Special at \$1.50 the pair. In pink, lavender, blue, old rose, red and taupe there are felt slippers with soft, padded soles at \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2. Gray or black felt slippers with high tongues and padded soles are \$1.25. Comfortable cloth slippers in pink, old rose, blue and lavender are 85c. Slippers of corded material, much like corduroy, are in old rose, pink, light blue and lavender and go very well with corduroy robes. \$1.25. Men's house slippers are \$1.75 to \$2.50 a pair. (Cheesnut)

Rubber Boots Please Little Children and they are practical gifts, too. Their prices vary according to size. Women's Shoes at \$2.85 Special Sturdy black leather shoes with low heels and comfortably rounded toes with double tips. All are in lace style and their price is very low. Children's Button Shoes Good little shoes of dull black leather are in sizes 6 to 2, at \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.25 a pair. Boys' Black Shoes of dull leather have strong, durable soles and are in sizes 10 to 6, at \$3.

600 Suits of Men's Pajamas Special at \$2.15 A collection of pajamas which we have grouped under this one price. They are of striped madras and plain-color mercerized materials. All sizes, but not in every style. Men's Shirts of striped madras, made with soft cuffs, are \$1.75. Men's Shirts of striped, artificial silk are \$3.15. Men's Bathrobes of warm, cotton blanketing are \$5.50. Men's Suspenders are 65c. Men's Neckties, in scores of patterns, are 50c. Men's Reefers of artificial silk, in many colorings, \$1.65. (Galtrey, Market)

A Last-Minute Bulletin About Gloves for Men Gray chamois lisle gloves, silk lined, are \$1.50. Gray duplex chamois lisle gloves are \$1.50. Gray suede gloves with self or contrasting embroidered backs are \$2.25. Silk-lined gray suede gloves are \$2.50. Gray suede gloves with knit wool linings are \$3. Good khaki-color gloves of washable capeskin are \$2.50. Gray capeskin gloves with knit wool linings are \$3.50. (Central)

Men's Hosiery Special Black mercerized cotton stockings, seamless, with split feet, are "seconds," but the imperfections are slight and will not hurt their wear. 30c a pair. (Galtrey, Market)

Some Men Like Colored Border Handkerchiefs New ones have just arrived in time for Christmas presents. They are of Japanese silk at 30c. Or of sheer linen at 55c. (Central)

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL Real Filet Collars Special at \$1.50 Roll collars in many pretty designs—more than a dozen—have just come. They are of regulation lengths and vary in width from 2 1/2 to 4 inches. Most all are neatly mounted on net. (Central)

Bloomers Pink bloomers of silk-and-cotton material have elastic at the waist and ruffles at the knee. \$1.50. White bloomers of crepe-like material, with elastic at the top and knees, are 65c. (Central)

Extra-Size Sateen Petticoats at \$2 Heavy quality black sateen petticoats with elastic at the top and deep ruffled flounces. (Central)

Women's Stockings 35c, Three Pair for \$1, Special They are a good, medium weight, black mercerized cotton, with seams in the back. They have slight imperfections that class them as "seconds." (Central)

Christmas Specials In Skirts Two groups of good skirts that would be much higher in price regularly. At \$5 Skirts of faille poplin in black, taupe, gray and blue, some with deep shirred hip yokes, others plainly gathered. In regular and extra sizes. At \$7.65 They are of Bedford cord, heavy crepe poplin, flannel-finish poplin and cheviot Bedford in black and blue. Well tailored, good-looking skirts. (Market)

Women's Suits Are Reduced Sports suits of tweed, burella and wool poplin now are \$18.75. Suits of wool poplin, jersey, gabardine, serge and a few of silver-tone. You will find many styles represented, with but one or two of a kind. Special at \$29.75. Fine broadcloth suits trimmed with fur and suits of gabardine and velour are excellent value at \$35. (Market)

About the Last Call for Christmas Slippers Women's Slippers Juliets of felt, trimmed with fur, are in gray, green, black, wine and blue. Special at \$1.50 the pair. In pink, lavender, blue, old rose, red and taupe there are felt slippers with soft, padded soles at \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2. Gray or black felt slippers with high tongues and padded soles are \$1.25. Comfortable cloth slippers in pink, old rose, blue and lavender are 85c. Slippers of corded material, much like corduroy, are in old rose, pink, light blue and lavender and go very well with corduroy robes. \$1.25. Men's house slippers are \$1.75 to \$2.50 a pair. (Cheesnut)

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