

PHILADELPHIA SOLDIER LEADS CHEERING FOR PRESIDENT AND KING OUTSIDE PALACE

Louis J. Dillon Climbs Pillar and Electrifies Crowd, Despite the "Bobbies" Protests

Englishmen and Territorials Join Him and Wilson and George Bow Appreciation

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London, Jan. 19.—It remained for a Philadelphia boy to give the dramatic climax to London's tremendous welcome to President Wilson.

The President, riding in the royal carriage with the King and the Duke of Connaught, had made his triumphal way through the city streets and was driving down Constitution Hill to Buckingham Palace when he was almost overwhelmed by a roar of shouts such as could come from the throats of only one nationality on earth.

They were Yankee shouts, and the President's face lighted up with a happy smile of welcome as he saw lined up on both sides of the street as far as his eye could reach two thousand uniformed Americans, all greeting him with a fervor that was unmistakable.

King George himself smiled delightedly at the unexpected demonstration. The Yankees had stood waiting there for three hours just to give Wilson that one roar of welcome.

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SHOWED ENGLISH HOW YANKS CHEER



Louis Dillon, a Philadelphia boy, at the time of President Wilson's tremendous welcome in London led a number of his pals in a snake dance through the crowds toward Buckingham Palace.

The silence of the British crowd began to make Dillon impatient. "Come on, boys," he shouted, "let's start something."

"Get up on that stone pillar," someone suggested daringly, "and start some cheering."

Dillon did not wait for a second invitation. While the English crowd gasped at the irreverence of the proceeding, he climbed up until he stood twenty feet above the sea of heads.

Someone handed him a big American flag, and as soon as he raised it, thousands of Yanks in the crowd burst into a roar of acclamation.

Three Cheers "Three cheers for President Wilson!" Dillon shouted and the crowd cheered. "Now, three cheers for King George!" he cried, and again came a thunderous answer.

After it was all over Dillon was the happiest lad in London. "The President loved to see me, anyway, and that's more than you fellows can say," he declared proudly to a group of his friends who gathered in the Eagle Hut to talk over the incidents of the great day.

Dillon has had a most unusual experience during his efforts to get into the big game of this war. He first joined the First Pennsylvania, being a member of Company H, but was discharged because of defective sight.

He then joined the Canadian army and went to Windsor, Nova Scotia, where he enlisted in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

With them he came across and went into training, but the sight of increasingly large numbers of Yanks in uniform over here made him long to wear one himself and he with his own people.

So, when he was given ten days' leave, he came to London, borrowed a civilian suit, put it on and went to the American recruiting office in the Belgrave Mansions.

But Captain Carr, the recruiting officer, proved shrewd and soon wormed the truth out of him. Together they went to see General Biddle and laid the lad's case before him.

"You go back to your outfit," he said, "and if your record is good for a short time, I will see that you are transferred."

FOE PICKED OFF OFFICERS, SAYS WOUNDED CORPORAL

Gordon Eldredge Maloney, Survivor of Company A, 109th Infantry, Home With Weird Story—Lived Through Many Battles Before Being Shot in Shoulder

One of the thirty survivors of the 109 members of Company A, 109th Infantry, who faced battle at Chateau-Thierry, and one of the ten survivors of the 150 of the same company of the old First Regiment, N. G. P., that served on the Mexican border in 1916.

The corporal enlisted at the age of sixteen for the Mexican border trouble and served until the company's release here in October, 1916, after which he was a member of a local stock company.

When asked who had taken the captain's place, the corporal said: "Lieutenant Hunt, the only commissioned officer of the entire 109th to live through to the armistice. In most of the battles, the snipers picked off the officers first and battalions would come back in charge of sergeants and with corporals at the heads of companies."

Fortune Drops on Road Trunk Containing \$12,000 in Jewels Jolted From Automobile

Atlantic City, Jan. 20.—Somewhere between New York and Atlantic City a trunk containing diamonds and other jewels valued at \$12,000 was shaken loose from the rear of an automobile driven by F. R. Mayer, a wealthy New Yorker, on his way to the shore.

Chartering a taxicab he went slowly over the ground, while the headlights of the machine played on either side of the road. Hope of recovering the trunk was revived at Freehold when the strap by which it was fastened was discovered.

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So Dillon got into his uniform again and went back to Yorkshire. And on July 27 the transfer came.

Dillon is now stationed in the chief engineer's office in Great Fountilly street, London. He is an electrician by trade and in the States is employed as an electrical engineer at the Midvale Steel Works.

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