

NEGRO WAR UNITS HOME TOMORROW

"Man Who Made President Laugh" Among 200 Returning Philadelphians

WILL LAND AT NEW YORK

Heroes From Here, Debarked From Cruiser Seattle, Go to Camp Dix

Charles Landin, negro drum major of this city, who made President Wilson and all Baltimore laugh at the review of the Liberty Division, in that city last April, will be home tomorrow.

Landin will arrive in New York on the transport Harrisburg and with him will be a bunch of Philadelphia doughboys in the 288th Infantry, the regiment of negroes that trained at Camp Meade.

This regiment distinguished itself in the Argonne sector and among its units that return tomorrow are headquarters company, the medical detachment, supply company and Companies A, B, C, D, E and F.

Landin, formerly a policeman attached to the Fifteenth and Vine streets station, went to Camp Meade in September, 1917, and a month later became the regimental drum major. He developed what the National Army styled "a million-dollar wiggle" when on review before President Wilson in Baltimore on April 8, it was difficult to tell whether the big negro was doing a cake-walk or some mysterious military evolution.

President Wilson enjoyed a good laugh when Landin led his warriors past the reviewing stand.

The "wiggle" became so famous that Landin and his band were in great demand at Liberty Loan and thrift stamp rallies in Baltimore. His colonel, just before the regiment sailed for France, said that Landin had been instrumental in selling \$300,000 worth of Liberty Bonds.

In France he made just as big a hit and when his comrades went into action he acted as a stretcher bearer. He is under fire several times, but is not reported as wounded.

The negro units that arrive tomorrow are more than two hundred men from South Philadelphia. Many of them have been wounded and three men in the party have received war medals.

Returning soldiers who arrived on the cruiser Seattle late yesterday left the ship this morning for Camp Dix. Most of the men are attached to the Forty-first Division, which served as a replacement division near Clermont, Philadelphia in the outfit are glad to be home, but regret that they were unable to get into action.

"Pretty tough," said Raymond Donaldson, of Torresdale, "to get over there and then be denied the fun of getting into action." He is attached to the 163d Infantry Regiment.

Other Philadelphians in that regiment who arrived on the Seattle are Herbert Ogram, 2215 Chestnut avenue; Michael Angarola, 1641 South Fifteenth street, and Paul E. Perca, 406 Culvert street.

The Finland will dock today. Among the troops will be Casual Company No. 482, comprising 151 Pennsylvanians. There are 332 troops aboard the big ship and of that number twenty are color-bearers, thirty-nine are being treated for tuberculosis and nine are listed as mental cases. Eight hundred men and fifty-five officers in this big batch of returning soldiers have been wounded, but require no special medical attention.

DEFECTIVE SHELLS MENACE Several Carloads at Frankford Arsenal to Be Cast Into Ocean

Several carloads of privately manufactured big shell detonators, pronounced defective, are at the Frankford Arsenal awaiting shipment out to sea to be thrown overboard.

Although the detonators were pronounced unfit for the work for which they were manufactured they are "alive" and the danger of an explosion is considered to be great if they are being disassembled to reclaim the good parts.

Four carloads are said to be awaiting shipment to Fort Mifflin, where they will be loaded on to a mine sweeper and taken far out to sea and dumped overboard. Employees of the arsenal who have been asked to make the trip and oversee the dumping say that it will take several days, as the detonators will be thrown overboard in small lots to prevent the dangers of explosion.

The name of the plant which manufactured the detonators has not been made public. The condemned lot is worth thousands of dollars.

Presbyterians Apportion "Drive" Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 14.—The executive commission of the Presbyterian General Assembly has appropriated \$12,023,533.50 for the first year of the "new era" drive which is to continue for five years. Other appropriations included \$500,000 for the relief of French Protestant churches and \$500,000 for the benefit of suffering and needy soldiers and sailors of the Presbyterian faith.

COLONEL ADMITS DOUBLE KISS



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Colonel "Bill" Hayward, of New York's old Fifteenth Regiment (colored), just returned, was kissed by General Le Bonc in full view of a French army division and the colonel's own ebony heroes. The French general decorated the State flag with the Croix de Guerre and then planted a resounding smack on each of Hayward's blushing cheeks. "I didn't glance toward my men," said Hayward, "but I caught the half-audible exclamation, 'Man! Oh, man!'"

DELEGATES PLAN AID FOR BOYS' BRIGADE

Representatives of Six Hundred Lads in City Begin Conference Today

A two-day conference of delegates representing the 600 members of the Boys' Brigade organizations in Philadelphia opened this afternoon in the Oak Park United Presbyterian Church, Fifty-first and Pine streets.

Two hundred delegates are attending the conference, which is being held primarily to develop a manly Christian spirit in young boys of the city.

The meetings will be addressed by prominent Philadelphia ministers and laymen and several national and divisional Boys' Brigade officers are in attendance.

The boys assembled at the Oak Park church this afternoon, received their credentials and listened to several addresses setting forth the purpose of the conference.

The big event will take place this evening, when 1000 boys will march from Broad and Arch streets at 7:15 to Witherspoon Hall, where a concert will be given by the Boys' Brigade band of Baltimore. Talks will be given by Major W. J. Wilcox, of Camp Dix, and Judge Raymond MacNeill. Members from each company will offer some kind of a "stunt."

Tomorrow will be marked by more addresses and several group conferences, including those on religion, camps, athletics and membership. The head of the brigades in this city is Colonel L. L. Parkinson and the adjutant is Captain George Brehm. Among those expected to attend are General P. J. Kress, of Pittsburgh, national commander; and Divisional Commanders Fred W. Gerhard, of Pennsylvania; W. C. Richardson, of New Jersey; J. H. Puditt, of Maryland, and R. L. Hunter, of New York.

LECTURES ABOUT WEATHER

George Bliss, Local Forecaster, Speaks at Engineers' Club

George Bliss, Philadelphia's weather man, at a meeting of the Engineers' Club, last night, spoke on the topic of "Weather." He gave a description of methods of the Weather Bureau in taking observations and making maps of the conditions throughout the country.

Bliss, after his speech, answered many questions of the club members in regard to storms, hot and cold waves, and explained the difference between cyclones, hurricanes and other atmospheric disturbances.

Y. M. C. A. BLAMELESS, SAYS CANTEN AIDE

Miss Sophie Beauveau Norris Says Fault Lies With U. S. Commissary

Miss Sophie Beauveau Norris, for several months active as a canteen worker for the Y. M. C. A. in the Champagne and Toul sectors, defends her organization against attacks made by returned soldiers and civilians. Miss Norris spoke at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Society of New England Women in the Acorn Club yesterday.

"It is extraordinary, to say the least," said Miss Norris, "that the 'Y' should have to be defended at all after the splendid work it has done for the boys in France.

"The trouble is the entire association is being blamed for the mistakes and the little things in bad taste done by a few hundred 'misfits.' These 'misfits,' all the same, did the best they could. They could not help that they were chosen for work they could not perform successfully.

"One of the chief grievances voiced against the 'Y' is the fact articles contributed free to the organization in this not the association's fault. It was the fault of the commissary department of the army, which mixed the cases in such a manner that the 'gift' boxes could not be distinguished from the others when they reached the other side.

"Then there is the complaint that we often failed to provide the men with the comforts they wanted and needed. Again the fault of the army. 'A soldier once came into my hut at Bar-le-Duc and asked for cigarettes. I didn't have them. He answered in the negative. 'What the hell are you here for?' he shouted.

"Well, I remarked, 'how do you expect us to have cigarettes if Uncle Sam does not send you your bullets?' "It was agreed that the commissary department would send us 200 tons of stuff for every 25,000 soldiers in the country were sold in France. That was fielded. At Toul we asked for 100 tons. We got nothing.

Miss Norris also told of her experiences under fire. Miss Latta, of the Plays and Players, presented a series of songs. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. C. Howard Clark, Jr.; first vice president, Mrs. Frederick W. Rockwell; second vice president, Mrs. Frederick H. Gerry; treasurer, Mrs. Clarkson Clothier; recording secretary, Mrs. Thomas H. Fenton; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Charles W. Nevin, Managers—Mrs. Edward Davis, Mrs. Harold Peirce, Mrs. Walter J. Freeman, Mrs. Melvin H. Harrington.

Belfry Club Gives Farce

The twenty-sixth annual performance of the Belfry Club, of the Germantown Academy, was given in the ballroom of the Germantown Cricket Club last night. The farce, "Are You a Mason?" was produced.

Common Councilman Charles H. Von Tegen, leader of the independent members of the committee, said today that "there is no necessity for a permanent headquarters; the bills are listed and may be easily found when wanted."

Should the permanent headquarters idea be abandoned, the committee will keep in touch with legislation, as has been the custom in the past, by sending a representative to Harrisburg when necessary. Several thousand dollars have already been spent by Mr. Morrow and members of the committee for their trips to Harrisburg during the last few weeks.

WILL START SPECIAL TRAINING OFFICE HERE

U. S. Employment Service to Handle Requisitions for Trained Men

The United States employment service is planning to open a professional and special training section office at 1518 Walnut street on Monday. The office will handle all placements and requisitions for professional and skillful men for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland.

I. W. Littenfeld, United States employment service, Department of Labor, is in the city organizing the new department. The United Engineering Societies, composed of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and the American Institute of Mining Engineers, are co-operating with the government labor officials in the establishment of the new office.

The seventeen United States employment service offices in Philadelphia have found work for 1396 returned soldiers during the week ending February 5, and during the same period 871 soldiers were placed in positions throughout the State.

Since the signing of the armistice positions have been obtained for 9000 former service men in Philadelphia and 13,140 in Pennsylvania. Government labor men say that with only few exceptions employers are aiding in the placement of men discharged from the army, the navy and the marine corps.

Men recently discharged from the army, navy and the marine corps are applying at the farm division of the United States employment service, 1519 Arch street, for work as farmhands. Several experienced farm managers and orchardists have also made application for positions.

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Lever had been an attendant in the insane department of the Philadelphia Hospital. On December 19, 1917, he was bitten in the hand while separating two quarreling patients. The referee found that the claimant has already received the equivalent of \$5 weekly for a period of thirty-six and one-half weeks, and ordered similar payments to be continued for an additional period of 138 1/2 weeks, making 175 weeks in all.

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"Hitchy Koo" Company Injured as Car Is Ditched

Franklin, Pa., Feb. 14.—(By A. P.)—Thirteen members of the "Hitchy Koo" theatrical troupe, most of them living in New York city, were injured yesterday afternoon when a Pennsylvania Railroad day express from Pittsburgh to Buffalo was wrecked at St. Georges, near here.

Officials say the accident was the result of a broken flange on the smoking car, which tore up the track and threw the last car off the rails. None of the troupe was seriously hurt.

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