

T. R., JR., WILL BE PRESIDENT, PREDICTS SALVATION PROPHET

Major J. E. Atkins, After Close Association With Colonel Roosevelt, Sure He Will Follow Father's Lead

There were many prophets aboard the United States transport *Grand Northern*, which brought Sergeant Ralph Ebbert, first of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER staff to enlist, back home from France. In addition to Ebbert there were several hundred officers and enlisted men on the ship.

Ebbert, who was a member of Evacuation Hospital No. 3, has always been an advocate of truth, despite the fact that he was endowed with a vivid imagination. Considerable importance must be attached therefore to his discovery of a prophet, who predicted that Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who distinguished himself during many battles in France, would some day be President of the United States.

This prediction was made by Major J. E. Atkins, of the Salvation Army. The major was attached to Company C, Twenty-sixth Infantry, and did valuable work during the war. His opinion of Colonel Roosevelt is told clearly in Ebbert's continued diary. Have a glance at it:

"April 15.—The Roosevelt chaplain, Major J. E. Atkins, Salvation Army, 5222 West Ohio street, Chicago, is not an excellent seaman. He admitted that much while lying on his bunk in his stateroom this afternoon, but if any of the boys of the First Battalion, First Division, were on board they would declare that there was never anything sadder about the way the fighting chaplain acted during the voyage than that of the top. Since October 26, 1917, Atkins, who was a major in the Salvation Army until a short time ago and who is known to his friends by that title, has been connected with Company C, Twenty-sixth Infantry, and in close personal relations with the late Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, lieutenant Colonel Theodore and captain, now major, Archie Roosevelt.

Firm in His Conviction
In the same room with the Salvation Army official were a Red Cross representative and a Knight of Columbus representative. If there had been a fourth bunk it would have been occupied, no doubt, by a representative of the Jewish Welfare Board.

"When I joined the First Division," said the major, Archie was captain of Company B, First Battalion, and Theodore was battalion commander. My relations were close with Colonel Roosevelt for many months, and I have no hesitation in making the prediction that that young man is going to take his father's place in American affairs, and I am of the opinion that he has a wonderful future in politics. Even at the risk of being accused of being a false prophet in this, my first political forecast, I firmly believe that he will some day be President.

"That prediction may seem premature, but you may recall that Roosevelt made a distinct impression when he made his first big speech in New York a short time ago. Besides, I know what the boys who have been through fire with him think of his ability as a leader and of his qualities as a real man. He hates anything yellow, just as his father did. He has his father's good points and in addition lacks some of the impulsiveness, being more inclined to weigh all sides of a proposition before reaching a definite conclusion. But once his mind is made up he is as difficult to change as his father's.

"He never asked one of the men under him to do anything that he would not do himself. One time a lieutenant, whose name I will not disclose, was sent out with eight men to capture a machine gun. When another machine gun opened up with severe crossfire, the lieutenant started back with his men. Instantly, Colonel Roosevelt was in action. Rushing up to the junior officer he rebuked him severely for retreating and then added, 'Come on now, let's get that gun.' He showed the way and the gun was captured. His men were ready to follow him anywhere in battle, and I think doughboys in general are going to follow him in politics.

Won Him Over
"I made a study of Roosevelt. I began the study because I was sent to win him over, as all the Roosevelts were said to be opposed to the Salvation Army. I guess I won him all right, because he soon admitted that his opinion of my organization was incorrect and was based on ignorance of its ideals and practices.

"The major, known in Company C as the 'Little Major,' to distinguish him from Roosevelt, the 'Big Major,' has been connected with the Salvation Army for thirty-seven years, and was stationed in Philadelphia in 1893 on

amount of work and though it was greatly overworked at times, there was never any hesitancy on the part of the staff to meet the emergency.

"I beg that you communicate my sentiments to each officer, soldier and nurse who contributed to the care of our wounded, by whose sacrifices the military operations were brought to a successful conclusion."

"April 16.—What is the status of the stowaway discovered in the engine room this afternoon? He says he is an American, that he enlisted in the French army, before the United States entered the fray, and was wounded several times during many months of active service and then succumbed to an irresistible impulse to return home and smuggled himself aboard the *Grand Northern* in the uniform of an American boy. The stowaway was discovered in the engine room and his lack of industry was the cause of his downfall. An officer, according to deck gossip, was curious to learn why this particular glib did not "fall to," and assist his mates. The inevitable cross-examination of a few minutes led to the transfer of the disguised sailor to the ship's brig, where he will remain until his immediate future is determined.

"The stowaway is protected from unemphatic newspapermen in khaki and an ambitious interviewer can never reach the first line trench of the brig because of the ever-present guard. But the deck rumormongers feel that the French sailor may be returned to France, but will probably be sentenced to *Morocco*.

"Among the passengers are eight wearing the uniform of the French army, including Private Pontif, one of the 'Blue Devils,' who were in Philadelphia last year in the interest of the Liberty Loan. Private Pontif is with Captain Lourdoux in the French courier service and they have started on the first leg of their journey to Siberia. The other Frenchmen are Adjutant Babinon and Sergeant Tour, who will join the French mission in New York. Corporal Lator and Morot, who are assigned to the French legation at Washington, and Corporals Duplais and Roy, who will soon be registered as students in American universities.

SERBIANS VOTE THANKS
Edwin M. Hood, for many years Associated Press correspondent at Washington, is returning after enduring the strain of reporting the Peace Conference for many weeks.

"The heavy sea of last night progressed from the choppy stage to the smashing variety, causing some damage to a lifeboat and rafts on the weather side. It has smashed our speed record.

and now it is not believed that we will dock before Sunday morning.

"April 17.—Major Thomas W. Gilkyson, ordnance department, a lawyer of Philadelphia, who, together with Major A. J. Parsley, New York attorney and Swarthmore graduate, originated the overseas courier service in the American army, is making his last trip as courier. The two lawyers started the courier service one year and three months ago, and the value of their work is demonstrated by the rapid expansion of the service. Major Gilkyson has been all over France, and in addition has been in Germany and Austria, and also spent some time with the Czechs and Slovaks. A short time ago he contributed a series of articles on the Czechs and Slovaks and their problems."

FREIGHT STRIKE LOOMS

Railroad and Pier Handlers of New York Have United

New York, April 23.—(By A. P.) A strike affecting freight handlers at all the railroad stations and piers in this city as a protest against working conditions to which the men object has been authorized by the New York Freight Handlers' Union affiliated with the International Longshoremen's Association.

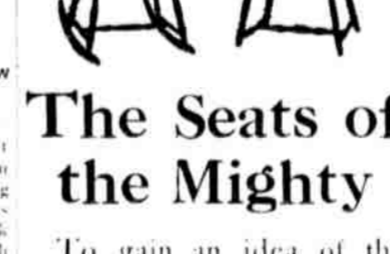
The strike, it was said, would be called soon unless a settlement could be effected at conferences with railroad officials. The time limit to be allowed was left to the discretion of Paul A. Vaccarella, president of the local.

Speakers declared the New York Central Railroad had compelled them to work "shifting" instead of the "straight" hours, which they said had been established by Walker D. Hines, director general of the railroad. Other speakers complained they had been forced to work twenty-four hours at a stretch by the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

Vaccarella, who announced after the meeting that he would attempt to arrange a general settlement with railroad officials, added that if this could not be accomplished the men would strike and would demand fifty cents instead of forty-five an hour.

the fund, presented a report of the success of the recent clothing campaign and appealed for further contributions for the relief of destitute Serbs.

The Philadelphia committee was one of the largest contributors to the "drive," in which several hundred tons of wearing apparel and many gifts of money were received.



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That's why last week's volume of business in the Men's Clothing Store exceeded all expectations—and consequently left us with many depleted lines which we cannot re-order at the same prices. These we have reduced for quick, decisive clearing away—and in consequence, men quick to recognize rare values will be here in force to-morrow. Come as early as possible.

NOTES
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Obtainable in Philadelphia only at this Store. Newly-arrived—water-repellent effects; one- and two-button effects; high, incurved waist-lines; new slanted pockets; new shape "pocket" lapels used by continental makers with straight-line coats. These new evidences will be found among our young men's suits at \$27.50, \$25.50 and \$23.00.

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Young men's Suits which formerly sold at \$20.00, of good dependable fabrics, well-tailored in popular styles.

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THE RUSH FOR DRESSES INCREASES AS DAYS GROW FAIRER

The woman doesn't live (or, at least, we don't believe she does), who is not possessed with longing for new and becoming clothes, when May trips in with her sunny hours and gaily inviting breezes. Just now the lovely tinted crepe silks are being asked for. The Dress sketched is of crepe Georgette in a lovely shell pink, beautifully beaded in white and self-color beads—\$17.50.

Crepe Georgette and Crepe de Chine Dresses in Flesh Color and White
Made in draped, tunic, box-plated and tucked effects, beautifully beaded and embroidered, and priced from \$22.50 to \$45.00.

Silk Dresses in Many Shades
Crepe de chine, taffeta, crepe Georgette and satin, in white, flesh, sunset, gray, taupe, French blue, navy blue and black—beaded, embroidered, plain-tailored and all so distinctive and new. Also in this collection, the lovely printed crepe Georgette and the new foulards.

Street Dresses of Serge in Black and Navy Blue, Special, \$25.00 and \$30.00
Made in various coat and straight-line styles, with a square or round neck, some with serge cow collar, some with embroidered Swiss collar and cuffs; many with girdles or three narrow ties; and some particularly stunning models are buttoned from neck to hem with large bone buttons.



Striped Gingham House Dresses, \$2.15
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Embroidered Petticoats Various flower effects.
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The popular "Jazz" and other styles. Of wool serges and lined throughout. Bound and button trimmed.

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The braided and blouse coat effects. Fine quality serges and poplins—also neat shepherd checks.

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All-wool serges and silk poplin in newest spring styles and colors. Values are double.

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Girls' Rompers & Dresses 69c
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