

LT. WALTON, 15 MIN. IN U. S., DISCHARGED

Prothonotary's Son, Home From France, Tells of "Smith's" Conviction Overseas

HAD THREE RIBS BROKEN

Home from France after fourteen months' service overseas, which he began as a first-class private in the 103d Trench Mortar Battalion, Lieutenant Jack Walton, son of Prothonotary Walton, today celebrated a discharge from the army...

Lieutenant Walton was discharged fifteen minutes after he arrived at Hoboken on the George Washington yesterday. The lieutenant got into Philadelphia with his father, mother and sister late last night.

The officers were nine months a private in Georgia before he was made a first-class private. He saw action with the 103d Trench Mortar Battery in the Flanders sector.

Batteries Charged

"We didn't see anything like what they saw in the Argonne, though," he declared today. "We kept changing batteries frequently, and never even got hold of a machine gun, although we were supposed to have had two. We grabbed some French clams, but they were taken away from us as soon as we had gotten them into working order."

"Coming away from that sector, three other fellows and I picked a truck that was out of luck, and it overturned on us, breaking three of my ribs. I was sent back to Field Hospital 112, about ten kilometers behind the line."

Lieutenant Walton brought back news which to virtually every man who saw overseas duty will be good news. It is of the trial and conviction of "Smith," the "Mystery man of the A. E. F.," who was for a long time in charge of Farm No. 2, a prison camp near Paris, where American prisoners, principally A. W. O. L.'s, were confined.

Persistent rumors about this place forced an investigation, which was commenced early last winter. Details of the findings were for a long time jealously guarded, and not a word about the stories of murders covered up by army paper work, brutal treatment and lack of rations ever found its way across in news dispatches.

Gets Twenty-year Term

Lieutenant Walton believes, however, that there was an upheaval.

It was while he was on temporary duty at St. Aignan-Noyers, where the biggest replacement camp in the A. E. F. was located, that Lieutenant Walton learned of the trial of "Smith," whose name was and is well but not favorably known to virtually every soldier who went overseas.

"It was told," said Lieutenant Walton, "that Smith had been tried on one charge at Tours, and given twenty years. Also, my friend said that he was detained at St. Aignan to appear against him on other charges. I believe they had everything from murder to larceny against him."

Lieutenant Walton expects to take a month's vacation, he says, before going to work. He was formerly connected with a Chestnut street banking firm.

FIRE IN TACONY

Flames Damage Sheds in Rear of Store

Fire due to sparks from a rubbish heap in an adjoining yard did \$700 damage yesterday to sheds in the rear of the store of Myer Pass, 3025 Long-street, Tacony.

Damage also was done to the building at 3023 Longshore street. Mr. Pass's mother-in-law was ill above the store at the time of the fire, but it was not necessary to take her from the house.



LIEUTENANT JACK WALTON SON OF HENRY F. WALTON, PROTHONOTARY, AND MEMBER OF THE OLD CITY TROOP, WHO RETURNED FROM OVERSEAS ON THE TRANSPORT GEORGE WASHINGTON.

2 AUTOS, JEWELRY AND FOOD STOLEN

One Machine Taken From 52d and Locust, Other From 17th and E. Moyamensing Avenue

Two automobiles were reported stolen to the police today. One, a touring car valued at \$400, was stolen from George L. Schall, 1711 East Moyamensing avenue, while it was standing in front of his home yesterday. The second, valued at \$400, was the property of E. S. Folganbe, of Drexel Hill, Pa. It was stolen from Fifty-second and Locust streets, while Mr. Folganbe was in a theatre in that vicinity.

Provisions were reported stolen from Kugler's restaurant, 1412 Chestnut street. An employee of the place, William Jones, colored, twenty-one years old, who gave an address in Ludlow street, near Sixteenth, was arrested, charged with the theft. The provisions included one and one-half dozen eggs, a pound of butter, two tongues and a ham.

The bulk window in the store of Jacob Green, 1213 South street, was broken last night and merchandise valued at \$27 taken.

A snook thief obtained jewelry valued at \$70 from the home of Morris Coe, 5829 Filbert street, last night while the family was asleep. The thief is said to have entered the house through a front door that was left open when the members of the family retired for the night.

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BUSINESS INTERESTS BACK FREE PORT IDEA

Advantages of Concerted Effort Pointed Out by Commercial Body

GERMAN TRADE A PROBLEM

Advantages of concerted effort to create several free ports in America is pointed out by the news service bulletin of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum in commenting on the recent organization of the National Free Port Association. Philadelphia is prominently mentioned as one of the potential free ports.

"The commercial organizations which are affiliated with the movement are representative of the business interests of the leading ports of the country," says the bulletin. "They are understood to approve in general terms the plan for a system of free ports which the tariff commission recommended a few months ago, and which is embodied in a bill now before Congress."

Expressing a hope for an early solution of the question of when trade will be resumed with Germany, the bulletin says in part:

"There is in the United States at the present time, as there is in most of the allied and associated countries

also, a great divergence of opinion as to when it will be possible to resume trade with Germany under the terms of the treaty and of the national legislation. There are some in this country who hold that American trade with Germany can be resumed as soon as Germany has ratified the treaty, in accordance with the resolution of the council of the allied and associated Powers; there are others who hold that trade can be resumed when Germany and three of the principal allied and associated powers have ratified the treaty, as provided in the treaty; while there is a third group which holds that trade cannot be resumed until the Senate has ratified the treaty and the President has issued a proclamation declaring the war between the United States and Germany at an end."

Other subjects discussed by the bulletin include the inauguration by the United States shipping board of the New York-Constantinople-Black Sea service, characterized as "what promises to be the best direct service between American ports and the Black Sea under any flag"; the establishment of a British chamber of commerce at Cologne, Germany; the apparent overloading of Japanese importers by American goods; and the passing of the war trade board as a separate and independent organization.

British Trade Minister Resigns London, July 9. (By A. P.)—Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, head of the department of overseas trade development and intelligence, has resigned owing to his dissatisfaction with the government policy, which, he says, hampers the re-establishment of Great Britain's international trade. His resignation has been accepted.

ARMY'S SUGAR SALE WON'T LOWER PRICE

War Department to Unload 21,000,000 Pounds Surplus on Market Soon

No change in the price of sugar is expected by sugar brokers here as a result of the government's intention to sell 21,000,000 pounds of surplus sugar held by the War Department. Without considering the fact that the price has been fixed at nine cents a pound for the remainder of 1919, brokers said that the supply was so plentiful and 21,000,000 pounds is comparatively so small an amount that the market would not be affected.

The refineries are melting between 90,000 and 100,000 tons a week, according to Charles Wallace, 141 South Front street, who said that there was no shortage. W. T. G. Beiston, Stock Exchange building, agreed that the supply was sufficient to meet all needs.

"We cannot see the reported shortage," said Mr. Wallace. "I am confident that there will be a carry-over at the end of the year. Housewives have gotten it into their heads that there is a shortage and are hoarding sugar."

The sale will be at a minimum price to be fixed by the United States sugar equalization board to cover the cost to the government. The only condition of sale will be that none of this stock may be exported, so that it may serve during the canning season.

How much "Turkish"? 13 100% for one man—none at all for another.

See Thursday's Papers

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- Women's Smart Footwear, Sharply Reduced Turned-Sole Oxfords—\$5.45 White Canvas Oxfords—\$4.95 Turned-Sole Low Shoes—\$3.95 White Canvas Low Shoes—\$2.95

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The recent warm spell brought this admission from many women, who reproached themselves unsparringly for not having a dainty, cool Cotton Frock for the leisure, languid hours, when nothing but the sheaviest of cotton is pleasing to the eye and acceptable to the touch.

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