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RALPH I. CORYELL

A Birmingham Boy, Son of R. J. Coryell, Writes us a Fine Letter From Somewhere in France.

2nd Aviation Instruction Center,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, via New York,
December. 25, 1917.

Mr. A. Whitehead,
Birmingham, Mich., U. S. A.

My dear Mr. Whitehead:

Your interesting letter of November 19, has just arrived. It may interest you to know that it was the second letter to reach me from the States, the other arriving yesterday. Speaking of Christmas bells in Birmingham, I believe your letter just about got here before they rang at home, allowing for difference of time etc.

Last night we heard the Christmas chimes of all the bells inside of five miles of here.

We have been here about a month now and are busy making ourselves at home. I must say they have picked out a pretty location for our contingent and our present quarters and meals are all we could hope for. There are a nice bunch of fellows here and a newly opened Y. M. C. A., which furnishes us reading matter (what they could get) and operate a canteen, selling coffee, chocolate bars, bread and jam, tobacco, etc.

The principal newspapers sold here are the London Daily Mail, New York Herald and Chicago Tribune, all of them have the war editions printed in Paris. A four page daily is the limit over here, but they sure do condense the news. Our contingent was very lucky in the boat assigned to us on the voyage across the pond and were not crowded in the least. We travelled 2nd class and fared sumptuously. Looking back, however, we feel our entertainment was skimped, since we were not afforded the excitment of seeing a submarine rammed as some of the other fellows did. However, at the time we had no desire to see anything of the sort.

One thing that impressed me was the way in which our companions in arms treated the Sammies. Some of the Canadian boys seem to look upon us as long lost brothers and the French and British have often been considesate in showing us around.

We have had for a couple of weeks what the French seem to think is cold weather. The damp climate makes it seem a good deal colder than it is.

However, they have more rain than snow here in the winter time. Of course, the aviator students prefer to see the sun shine every day, but the weatherman is crouchy at times.

The boys are getting a regular turkey dinner to-day. Yours truly is marooned in the hospital for time being, but as long as they bring in regular rations I am having it pretty soft. They thought I had the mumps. It hasn't materialized yet, but probably will in time. Flanked on one side by a French Dictionary and on the other side by a "Histoire Illustree de la guerre," I am whiling away the hours very readily.

Remember we look forward to mail day more eagerly than pay day.

As ever yours,
(RALPH I. CORYELL.

P. S. All the boys received Red Cross comfort kits and tobacco packages today.

Was Feeling All Run Down.

Louis Buckner, Somerset, Virginia, writes: "I was feeling all run down; tired, with pains in my back. After taking Foley Kidney Pills I felt like a new man." Backache, rheumatic pains, stiff joints, sore muscles, swollen ankles, and sleep-disturbing bladder ailments yield quickly to this time-tried remedy. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

GREEN & HEACOCK'S SPRING ANNOUNCEMENT.

We hereby announce to the public that we have taken the Agency for the Dow Lime and Sulphur Solution and also the Arsenate of Lead. These goods are made by the Dow Chemical Co., of Midland, our own State, and are not new to this locality, having been handled for the past 6 years by our friend Mr. Charles A. Bingham, Pres. of State Horticulture Society. Therefore these goods need no introduction to the general public. We wish also to say at this time that we who have any fruit of any kind should this year of all years do our best to protect it and save it for home use so as to release grains and other articles of food for the use of our Allies, and in that way do our bit toward winning the War.

Owing to the congested condition of the railroads, we expect to have difficulties in getting our Spring goods and in order that no one will be disappointed in getting their order filled, we respectfully ask that they file their order with us at once and be protected as we will have a limited amount and when that is gone it will be doubtful if we will be able to get any more, so we urge upon you to place your order early.

Mrs. Benjamin King, daughter Marjorie and son Chester, have gone to visit relatives at Buffalo, N. Y.

In the Ranks.

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The American House Manager is today a member of the army that is fighting to save democracy in the world. More than 11,000,000 managers of American homes have enlisted for the duration of the war and pledged themselves to support the fighting men by the way they buy, cook and serve food. Food will win the war, and these women will help to win it. America must send food to Europe. The armies cannot hold out if we fail to send it. Only certain foods can be shipped—those that pack the most food value into the smallest shipping space. These foods are wheat, meat, fats, sugar. We cannot eat them and send them too. We cannot eat them and send others. We must send these foods, and in order to do that we must eat other foods ourselves. The American House Manager will see to it that no food comes into her home that does not do its full duty under her management in winning the war.

A NEW SCHEDULE

Due to War Economies and Government Orders to Conserve Coal, D. U. R. Runs Less Cars.

Important changes were made in the schedule of the Pontiac division on the Detroit United Lines Thursday, January 24. War conditions were largely responsible. Due to war economies which have affected business conditions and therefore have reduced inter-city traffic and also because of government orders for the conservation of coal and also for the prevention of waste the Detroit United Lines found it necessary to intrench by reducing service in many instances. The company officials declare that business on the Pontiac line is below that of last year.

Under the new schedule there will be a new car, a limited, leaving Pontiac at 6:39 a. m. and Birmingham at 6:55 a. m for Detroit. Express cars will leave Birmingham for Detroit at 5:30 a. m. and hourly to 6:30 p. m. Locals for Detroit at 4:55 a. m. 5:20 a. m. 5:40 a. m. 5:55 a. m. 6:05 a. m. 6:15 a. m. 6:40 a. m. 7: a. m. 7.20 a. m. 7;55 a. m. and hourly to 1:55 p. m. 2 45 p. m. 3 p. m. 3:15 p. m. 3;35 p. m. 4:05 p. m. 4;55 p. m. 5:55 p. m. 7:30 p. m. and hourly to 11:30 p. m.

Express cars will leave Birmingham for Pontiac at 6:52 a. m. and hourly to 4:52 p. m., then half hourly to 6:52 p. m. then 7:52 p. m. 8:52 p. m. and hourly to 11:52 p. m. and then 12:42 p. m.

Out of Detroit the 12:10 a. m. is cancelled. Express cars will leave Detroit for Birmingham at 5:50 a. m. and hourly to 3:50 p. m. and then half hourly to 5:50 p. m. then 6-50 p. m. Locals will leave Detroit for Birmingham at 6:20 a. m, and half hourly to 3:20 p. m. then 4:05 p. m. and half hourly to 5.35 p. m. There is also a car at 5 p. m. Other locals at 6:20 p. m. 7:20 p. m. 7:50 p. m. and hourly to 10:50 p. m. then 11:40 p. m., this being the last car out of Detroit for Birmingham.

Our Jitney Offer—This and $2.

Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, inclose 5 cents to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

REV. P. M. MACKAY, PASTOR.

10:30 Divine worship. Dr. H. W. Pilot of Cleveland will be the speaker.

11:45 Sunday School. We have a class for you and yours.

6:30 Young People's meeting.

7:30 Evening worship. Good singing led by a large chorus. Sermon "Message to Men."

Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:45 p. m.

The Home-like Church with a welcome for all.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marble of White Lake, a son. Mr. Marble was formerly of this place.

Mrs. John Gooley of Washington, is spending a month at the home of her son, A. J. Gooley on Watkins Street.

FATHER AND SON

Week of the Y. M. C. A. to be Observed in Most Places Lincoln's Birthday February 12.

The County Y. M. C. A. is co-operating with a National Movement not directly connected with Y. M. C. A. work, for the purpose of the above celebration.

Father-and-son week has for its purpose a challenging of boys and men to come together in closer fellowship in their common service to the country and the awakening of parents in the communities to the importance of boy life. In smaller communities this creates a union community affair and larger cities observe it in each local church, club, etc.

The Father-and-son supper will probably be observed in most places on Lincoln's birthday, February 12, and has the endorsement of Herbert Hoover, National Food Administrator, who speaks of it as "A movement in the right direction, having for its object the unifying of the family, and it is my hope that out of this unity will come a nation having but a single purpose, with every effort made to uphold the hands of our President.

It is not the purpose of this observance to create a new organization but rather develope publicity on the importance of co-operation between the Fathers and Sons toward community betterring.

The County Y. M. C. A. office will gladly furnish detailed information as to how this celebration may be successfully promoted.

All the men of the County will be interested in knowing that the date for the annual County Older Boys' Conference has been set for February 22 and 23, at Birmingham, where the meetings will be held at the new High School just recently opened. Details of the program and local arrangements for accommodations will appear in a later issue.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at Birmingham, Michigan Postoffice on January 19.

Allen, Alfred W.
Brown, Miss Dorothy
Dutch, Mrs. Anna
Faggett, Mr. Albert
Krans, Mrs. C. W.
Knowles, Charlie E.
Kelly, Jack
Mason, J. A.
O'Brien, Mrs. E. G.
Basey, Marie
Snook, Mrs. C. G.
Harp, Mrs. Leonard, New Haven, Mich., held for postage
Dunston, Rev. Jas. H. held for postage.

POST CARDS

Knowles, Charles E. (2)
McDonald, Geo. L.
Ross, Vern
Wellings, Ford
West, Mrs. Charles
Hilaird, Neil N.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

A GOOD ROPPHECY

The Following Prophecy Written in 1701 Foretells the Great World War and America's Entry.

Copenhagen—In the raising of the old monastery of the Holy Ghost, in Wismar, Mecklenberg, an old Bible was found which contained a remarkable prophecy regarding the present world war It was written in 1701 by one of the monks on parchment that is now on exhibiton in a glass case in the city hall of Wismar. So much publicity has been given to the prophecy in the papers of Germany that thousands have flocked to Wismar to see it.

The prophecy not only gives the cause of the war, but also indicates the countries engaged. Up to the present it has been amazingly accurate. It does not exactly state that Germany will be victorious, but indicates how long the war will last, when the decisive battle will be fought, and where and when peace will come, and adds that Germany will continue to exist as a power for many years. A translation of the writing on the parchment is as follows;

"Lord, have merey on thy people despite the fact that they are turning more and more away from thee; that they are destroying thy monasteries and cloisters and forgetting thee, a time will come in Europe when these people will feel the weight of thy hand, when malignity and hatred will rule. It will be at a time when the papal seat will be vacant, and the conflagration will come as the result of the murder of a prince. Seven nations will rise against the eagle with one head and the eagle with two heads. The birds will defend themselves furiously and viciously with their talons, and their wings will protect their peoples. A prince from their very midst, a sovereign who mounts his horse from the wrong side, will be encompassed by a wall of enemies. His slogan will be "Onward with God!" The Almighty God will lead him from victory to victory and many will meet their death.

There will be wagons without horses and fiery dragons flying through the air dropping fire and sulphur and destroying cities and villages. The people will turn to God. The terrible war will last three years and five months. The time will come when food can neither be sold nor bought, and bread will be carefully distributed. The seas will be tinged with blood and men will lie in wait under the waves for their prey."

Here follows a reference to America, which was in those times often referred to as the "Country of the Seven Stars."

The people of the Seven Stars will attack the ring of steel and suddenly fall upon the bearded nation in the rear and rend it in twain. The whole of the Rhine will tremble, but nevertheless will endure to the end.

The land to the west will be one vast desolation, and the land in the ocean will, with its king be crushed and suffer all the pangs of hunger. The land of the bearded people will still endure for a long time to come, and following the war the world will be united in one great brotherhood.

The victor will carry a cross, and between four small cities, and four steeples of equal height the decisive battle will be fought. Between two linden trees the victor will fall upon his knees before his army, lift his hands to heaven and thank God. Following this all ungodliness will disappear; the indecent dances that prevailed before the war will be seen no more, and God will reign in church, state and family.

The war will commence when the grain is ripening and will reach its height when the cherries bloom for the third time. Peace will be consummated by the prince in time for the Christmas mass.

All German newspapers have commented on this amazing prophecy.

"It is remarkable," says one paper, "how accurately this monk has predicted events as they have thus far occurred. We sincerely hope that the longed for peace will come, as he says, in order that we may breath freely again."

TO REV. REID'S MANY FRIENDS.

The following lines from Rev. Wilson Reid, former pastor of the United Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, will be read with pleasure by the many friends here of that gentleman and his good wife.

228 Reed Ave., Monessen Pa.
January 9, 1918.

Dear friend:

Enclosed find $1 as subscription to paper for 1918. We are glad to hear of the Birmingham people. We have not forgotten our friends. I would like to have a little talk with you about some of them, especially our old friend Codnor. I would be very glad to see him again especially if he had a few hundred pounds of sugar to deliver to his good customers. What is he doing now? He must have gone to assist the Kaiser, or to be a figure head in some of the big stores, but if possible convey my best wishes to him. Remember me to Mr. Mitchell, and wishing you all a Prosperous and Happy New Year. I am, your sincere friend,

WILSON REID.

Phone 38 CALL Phone 65

We are squared away from holiday cheer and interference with the normal conduct of business, and are off in a bunch on the first quarter of 1918.

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"Oh, Boy," by Guy Bolton and P. G. Wodehouse with a musical score by Jerome Kern, declared by the critics of New York, Boston, Chicago and everywhere to be the greatest and cleanest hit in the past 25 years, will play a return engagement at the Garrick Theater, Monday evening, January 28, under the management of Messrs. Comstock and Elliott.

"Oh, Boy," when seen here last year was presented with the New York company. This season the play goers will have the pleasure of witnessing the special Chicago company which played the La Salle Theater for more than six months and has for its particular star Joseph Santley. In the part of George Budd, Joseph Santley has never appeared so attractively, and has never had such a splendid opportunity for the display of real acting combined with real singing and clever dancing.

Supporting Joseph Santley are Ivy Sawyer, Dorothy Maynard, Laurance Wheat, Hugh Cameron, James Bradbuay, Lenore Chippennale, Lillian Brennard, Henry Dornton, and forty others.

Had the Grip Three Weeks.

With January comes la grippe. Lingering colds seem to settle in the system, causing one to ache all over, feel feverish and chilly, tired, heavy and drooping. Mrs. Lizzie Tyles, Henderson, Kentucky, writes: "My daughter had la grippe for three weeks. I gave her Foley's Honey and Tar, and now she is all right. Sold everywhere.—Ad.

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Congregational Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7 45 p. m. Come in and spend an hour apart from the cares of the daily tasks.

The Church where you may enter as a stranger but will leave as a friend, and where you will be helped, helpful, and happy.

Her Trouble is Gone.

Mrs. Thomas H. Davis, Montgomery, Indiana, says she had trouble with her bladder and had doctored for several months without relief, when Foley Kidney Pills were recommended and she commenced using them and got relief. They relieve backache, rheumatic pains, stiff, swollen joints, and kidney troubles. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

A line from G. William Craig from Tampa, Florida, tells us of his and his family's arrival there and all well and happy. He has already met Eugene Brooks, Peter Kerr, the Baileys and Phillips. Temperature 60 and that is some cool in Tampa. Success Will, in your new quarters.

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