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## THE HISTORICAL TRIP OF THE U. S. S. GEORGE WASHINGTON.

On Which President Wilson and His Peace Party Sailed to Attend the Peace Conference.

It is just one year ago that the U. S. S. George Washington left the States on her maiden trip as a naval transport. Also it is three years ago since the Ford party left the States on the Quaker II.

On this trip I have the honor of being one of the crew of the above named vessel to take the first President of the United States (while holding office), across the Great Atlantic, in order to attend the Peace Conference of the Allied Nations.

We have on board besides the President many well known persons of Washington, amongst whom are: President Wilson's wife; the Secretary of State and his wife; French Ambassador to the United States and wife; Italian Ambassador to the United States, wife and two children; American Ambassador to England and wife; Joseph Murphy, Chairman of the Secret Service; George Creel, Chairman of Public Information; Admiral Grayson, Aide to the President; Admiral Knapp; General Churchill and others. The whole peace party consists of one hundred and one persons.

For the entertainment of the peace party we have a band of eighty pieces, two orchestras, some of the best professional talent from Broadway, two hundred reels of motion pictures, and many other kinds of amusements. We have two theaters on board. The "Martha Washington," situated in Officers' dining room, for passengers, and the "Old Salt," situated in Troops large mess hall.

7:35 a. m. President Wilson's train, carrying both President and the peace party enters the army piers at Hoboken, N. J. A regiment of soldiers met the train and fired off a salute of twenty-one guns, in welcoming the President on taking his first step on his trip to Europe. After the salutation the Quartermaster's band played the National anthem of America.

8:05 a. m. The President and his Peace Party were escorted to the United States transport George Washington, where he was met at the gangway by Admiral Gleeves, commander of the cruiser and transport force, Admiral Knapp, Captain Edwin Macaulay, Jr., commanding officer of the above named vessel and Commander Frederick M. Perkins, executive officer.

9:10 a. m. President Wilson steps on board the George Washington, along side of him was his wife, followed by the French and Italian ambassadors and their wives. After which came the rest of the peace party. When President Wilson entered the ship the ship's band began to play the Star Spangled Banner, followed by France and Italy's national anthems.

10:17 a. m. The George Washington left her pier amid shouts and cheers from crowds on the surrounding piers. When we got into the midstream we started firing off twenty-one salutes, which was answered by destroyers standing by as escorts. All kinds of guns up and down the river took up the salutation and started blowing whistles and sirens, while people on the docks and ferryboats cheered and shouted. Here and there you could see on the tall sky-scrapers of New York dotted forms of human bodies waving handkerchiefs and flags. Six aeroplanes flew overhead and around the ship. One went through the masts while another passed near the funnels, almost

## Mrs. Adeline Burckhalter.

Mrs. Adeline Burckhalter died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George M. Bates, in Barnwell, on Thursday, January 16th, after a long illness.

Mrs. Burckhalter was eighty-eight years of age at the time of her death and was loved by all who knew her.

The funeral services were conducted at her residence and her remains were carried to Aiken, laid to rest in the Baptist cemetery.

Of ten children only four survive her. Mrs. George M. Bates and Dr. C. N. Burckhalter, of Barnwell, A. K. Burckhalter, of Alcolu, and Francis Perceival Burckhalter, of Oklawaha.

Mrs. Alma K. Still and Mrs. Maude Kennedy, have returned to their home at Williston after a pleasant visit to relatives and friends in the city.

striking them. President Wilson stood in a fur-lined overcoat on the bridge from the time we left our pier at Hoboken until we passed Sandy Hook.

10:55 a. m. Passed Statue of Liberty and Governor's Island.

11:20 a. m. Passed the U. S. S. Amphitrite who saluted us with twenty-one guns.

11:30 a. m. Met the U. S. S. Pennsylvania, flagship of the Atlantic fleet commanded by Admiral Mayo. She hailed us with the salutation of twenty-one guns.

11:35 a. m. Met our escort: The U. S. S. Pennsylvania and fifteen U. S. destroyers.

2:45 p. m. Mrs. Wilson let go two carrier pigeons, one was to Washington and the other to Admiral Gleeves with a message commending him on the fine condition of the George Washington.

3:20 p. m. Passed an English transport loaded down with American troops on their way back from Europe. They cheered and shouted while the transport blew her siren and whistle.

4:00 p. m. Passed Ambrose Channel lightship.

6:15 p. m. Slowed down to 1-3 speed in order to let the pilot off.

7:30 p. m. Last lighthouse vanishes from sight.

8:45 p. m. Five of the destroyers turn back to the States.

9:00 p. m. Motion pictures in the Matha Washington and Old Salt theaters.

Night: Dark and cloudy. Light showers throughout the night. Sea rough. Speed 17 knots.

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Daybreak: Sun shining bright. Weather cold and windy, Sea rough.

10:20 a. m. Tramp steamer sighted twelve miles off the starboard side, bound for the States.

10:32 a. m. Passed the tramp steamer, which proved to be a Liny.

10:45 a. m. One of the destroyers has engine trouble and has fallen back so far that she is out of sight.

11:00 a. m. The clock is put up thirty-seven minutes.

12:15 p. m. 4-Masted schooner sighted off port side, bound for the States.

1:45 p. m. Executive officer gives instructions to passengers in regard to the use of the life-preservers, and in the art of abandoning the ship. This drill is held nearly every day, even though there be no war going on, because the ship can be mined or have a collision, especially on a dark or foggy night.

3:00 p. m. Abandon ship drill for all hands.

## ALL GLORY TO THE CANNING CLUB.

By DuBois.

The day was Field Day in Barnwell several years ago. The schools from over the county were all represented and this congregation of pupils along with their parents and "kinners" and hundreds of other visitors made a large crowd.

Wagons, buggies, automobiles and trains brought in crowds from all points of the compass. The joyousness of the throng was contagious and the spirit of holiday was all about. Boy and girl sweethearts paraded the streets and much candy and many ice cream cones were made way with between suns that big gala day.

These foregoing lines are but a preface to the relating of an incident of the day and the outcome thereof.

A boy and girl of about the ages of nineteen and sixteen, respectively, were noticeable in the crowd for their "courtship ways." He and she had on ribbon rosettes of the same hue.

She carried his cap in her hand part of the time and once when they were crossing the circle they were holding hands right there in the broad day light. They were just happy children, but on their faces there was a look that seemed to mean business and at that time it did, for late on the afternoon of that holiday these two were overheard talking to their cousins and they were planning for the marriage which was to come off "next fall."

"Next fall" came and then the Christmas holiday season. The girl of this story was seen in a store making some purchases. She was dressed neater than on field day. Her clothes fitted better. Her hair was fixed becomingly. Her shoulders had straightened up. She was not wearing the perfumed pink bauble about her neck that she wore Field day. There was a calm sweet expression on her face in place of the simpering smile that sprung day when she was being courted so ardently.

O what a change there was! A change for the better. Yes, indeed, decidedly better.

What had brought all this about? Had she married that fellow and stepped up a thousand steps in so short a time? Listen to this:

She was asked about the courtship and the fellow she was to marry and she replied: "I ain't goin' to git married; I just rather stay home and raise chickens and b'long to the canning club."

You will now draw your conclusions and conclude at once that all this home work among the people is worth while. Yes, yes, a thousand times, yes.

## ROWELL--BLACK.

Miss Bernice Rowell, daughter of Mr. F. D. Rowell, of Hilda and Mr. Ernest L. Black, son of Mr. Nolton Black, also of Hilda, were married Wednesday, Jan. 1st by Mr. J. O. Sanders, Notary Public.

## DEAD BODIES LAIN IN THE STREETS, PICKED UP BY PUSHED CARTS AND DUMPED IN NEAREST RIVERS.

L. A. Cooper, Southern Divisional Director of the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, who has just returned from a trip in the Southern States, said:

"Owing to the fact that there has been an increase of influenza in the Southern States, the campaign for thirty million dollars for the relief of the starving thousands of the Near East, has been temporarily postponed in many counties.

"If the people of America could picture to themselves a community suffering from the worst epidemic of influenza with thousands of people dying of that disease and from starvation with very little food and less medical aid, in the whole country, they would have some idea of conditions in the Near East. In some of the cities, the people are so desolate and weakened from continued want that they are unable to bury their dead and as many die each night from starvation, they are carried out and their bodies laid on the street to be picked up and loaded on push carts and dumped into the nearest river.

"Dr. Henry Riggs, just as he was preparing to sail from New York on a relief ship for Armenia and Syria, received a cable from that country urging immediate help and telling of conditions that are unprintable. These people have suffered, during the period of the war, agonies that were unknown before to human beings and are still suffering and being persecuted on account of their unshakable faith in Christianity. The Christian people of America have a wonderful opportunity to make themselves Christ's agents to answer the prayers of these people for help."

## Mrs. W. B. Rook.

The death of Mrs. W. B. Rook, which occurred at her home in Barnwell on Saturday evening, January 25th, between eight and nine o'clock was sad and unexpected. She was only sick a few days and it was known that she was in a serious condition until Saturday morning.

Mrs. Rook was a good Christian woman and possessed many splendid accomplishments. She was a true and devoted wife and a kind and affectionate mother, always sacrificing her own comforts and pleasures for that of her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. W. B. Rook, a daughter, Miss Olive Rook, and a son, Edward Rook, of Barnwell, and one sister, Miss Carrie Freer, of Charleston.

Her remains were taken to James Island Monday morning, where the funeral services will be conducted by Dr. Melton Clark, of Charleston, and the interment will take place in the Presbyterian cemetery. The sincere sympathy of many friends is extended to the bereaved family.

## Bogus Heroes.

We are indebted to Dr. J. M. Weekly, of Ulmers, for a copy of "The Stars and Stripes," a newspaper sent him by his son, Augustine Weekly, who is in service overseas, from which we took the following article, entitled "Bogus Heroes:"

"There have been a lot of bogus heroes in America since the army began dispatching men back to the States for sickness, wounds, training and other reasons. Every soldier who has gone back has been a hero until proved otherwise, and the temptation not to prove themselves otherwise has been too much for some.

There is the case of the air service mechanic who went back with heart trouble. His home town newspaper printed his "diary," which recounted several stirring flights over the German lines, all imaginary. The nearest he had been to the front was Issoudun.

There is the case of the sergeant who lectured on the battle of Cantigny for the Fourth Liberty loan (and sold a lot of bonds, too) until he was found to have spent all his stay in France, barring traveling time, at Le Mans.

And there is the case, just to show how hard it was not to be a hero, of the major who returned and merely obeying military regulations, refused to be interviewed. As far as he had got toward gunfire and danger was a training school at Langres. "Modestly declines to speak of his part in Chateau-Thierry fighting," was the second line of the heading over the story about him in the next morning's paper. The fault was the newspaper's, not the major's.

To date, in the eyes of the people back home, every soldier who has been in Europe has undergone the horrors of the front. Private Johnnie Jones of the S. O. S., whose greatest hardship in this war was taps at 9:30, was pictured in his home journal and captioned, "John Jones, of this city, now battling for freedom in the trenches." It is going to be hard to convince the home folks that of the 2,000,000 Americans in France, half of them, through no fault of their own, of course, never got under fire.

But, once the idea is around, and once we get back with our first-hand knowledge of affairs over here, the bogus hero is going to have a pretty thorny trail.

Mr. J. M. Ulmer, a large and prosperous farmer of the Ulmer section, recently purchased a house and lot from Mrs. Cattie I. Richardson just opposite the home of Mr. H. L. O'Bannon. Mr. Ulmer and family moved in on the 23rd inst.

Mrs. J. D. Huggins, of Manning, S. C., is visiting her son, Frank H. Huggins, on Burr St.

Miss Annie Ray, of Barnwell R. F. D., stood the extra examination for teachers at Barnwell Saturday.

Mr. S. W. Blanton, is arranging to move his stock of goods from the Cave building into one of the stores on the Tobin block, where he will continue business.

## DEATHS IN STATE AND COUNTY.

Wayne E. Eaves.

Mr. Wayne E. Eaves died at his home near Williston on the 23rd inst. after a short illness of influenza.

Mr. Eaves was well known in Barnwell County where he was born and reared. He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Clyde Anderson, before her marriage and two children.

The bereaved family has the heartfelt sympathy of many friends.

Frank Hair.

Mr. Frank Hair, the eighteen year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marian S. Hair, of Rosemary, died at his home last Thursday morning after a short illness of pneumonia.

His remains were interred in the family cemetery. His father, one brother and two sisters survive him.

Thompson Baxley.

The sad news of the death of Mr. Thompson Baxley, who died at his home in Edgfield county on Sunday, the 26th inst., was a profound shock to his friends throughout the county.

His remains were brought to Barnwell county and interred in the Long Branch Baptist cemetery.

He leaves surviving him his mother, Mrs. Carrie Baxley, one sister, Mrs. Clyde Boyleson, of Blackville, one brother, Mr. Barney Baxley, of Edgfield, and his wife and two children, who have the sincere sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Walter D. Richardson.

The sad news of the death of Walter D. Richardson which occurred on the 26th of September while aboard a vessel sailing for France, reached Barnwell on the 12th inst. and has cast a gloom over the entire town. Mr. Richardson had not been heard from since the card which was mailed in America was received that his ship had landed safely, and although his friends and relatives made several efforts, they failed to hear from him either direct or indirectly, and no one understands why the news was not dispatched sooner.

Walter was a young man that possessed many splendid qualities and numbered his friends by the score. The grief stricken family have the sympathy of many friends throughout the State and County.

Benj. N. Whaley.

Mr. Benj. N. Whaley died at his home at Dunbarton on the 23rd inst. from pneumonia. His remains were laid to rest in the Joyce Branch cemetery. He leaves a wife and five children surviving him, who have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Macon Bolen.

Mr. Macon Bolen died at his home in Williston on Tuesday, the 21st instant, and leaves surviving him his widow and three children.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Peacock, at Mt. Calvary Baptist church, and his remains were interred in that cemetery.

Dr. and Mrs. Louis Murray, of Columbia, spent last weekend with the latter's mother, Mrs. Kate Patterson, of Barnwell.

The friends of Dr. J. G. Wooley will learn with regret that he is in an Augusta hospital for treatment.