

STOCK-REDUCING SALE!

We are going to reduce our stock of Winter Goods and to do this we are going to close it out at the very Lowest Prices possible. We are not going to put on a regular sale, but you know that when J. H. RIGBY says that he is going to reduce the price on goods there is a reduction going on.

Winter Clothing

Consisting of a big line of Men's Suits, Boys' Suits, Pants, Hats and Caps, will go at tremendous Reductions

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You know that we have always carried the best line of Comforts and Blankets in Clarendon county. They are all of the very best make, and to close them out quick, we are going to let them go cheap.

Shoes

We have an extra large lot of Shoes. We are able to fit every member of the family with the very best Shoes made. These Shoes are going off our shelves at prices you never heard of before.

Silks

We have a heavy stock of Silks. All kinds and patterns. Silks suitable for skirts in stripes and plaids that sell for \$2.50, will go at \$1.78. All our other Silks will be Reduced in the same proportion.

Ladies' and Children's Cloaks

We have a big stock of Ladies' and Children's Cloaks--All of the very best materials and latest models. We are going to close them out at once

At Cost!

We want you to come in and look over our stock. We have a store that is crammed full of the very best goods made, and goods that we always have sold at reasonable prices. We stand back of all our goods, and when we say that an article is good, it is good.

J. H. RIGBY,

The Young Reliable,
Manning, S. C.

S. C. BOYS RETURNING HOME

Transports Reach New York with Two Pametto Officers

IN ALL 4,992 MEN RETURN

Capt. Hudgens of Laurens, and Lieut. Jos. F. Smith, Waterloo, Among Them.

New York, Jan. 20.—Four steamships, their decks crowded with American fighting men, hundreds of whom gazed upon the home shores from cots and convalescent chairs, passed the Statue of Liberty today amid a din from harbor craft bringing home 4,992 heroes.

The climax of the demonstration came when the hospital ship Comfort, bringing 371 sick and wounded, entered the upper bay and was hailed by cheers from the throngs on shore and the strains of "Home, Sweet Home," from a band on board a vessel carrying Mayor Hylan's committee of welcome. As the Comfort came abreast the Statue of Liberty a great shout arose from her deck, crowded to the rails with soldiers in bandages, supported by crutches and canes or seated in easy chairs. Through the port holes of the hospital ship glimpses were caught of the more seriously wounded.

The other steamships were transports—the Lapland, which brought 2,065 soldiers, the Sierra, with 1,115, and the Wilhelmina, with 1,041 aboard. Of the sick and wounded brought back by the Comfort 129 were naval men and four were marines.

Mostly Casuals.

The troops of the Lapland for the most part were casual companies made up of men from base hospitals in France and England and most of whom were convalescent. One other detachment, the 114th trench mortar battery, which had not seen service at the front, was on its way back to Camp Beauregard, La. The casual companies and their destinations are:

Numbers 211, 212, 213, Camp Dix; 214 Upton; 215, 216, 338, 419, Mead; 417, Gordon. The Lapland also carried 56 casual officers.

Among the troops on the Sierra were the 337th regiment of field artillery and 237 casual officers and enlisted men, the latter from hospitals

in France. The artillery regiment was trained at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, and comprises selected men from Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, and Missouri. It had been in the Clarendon sector of France.

"Sparks" and "Brd Men." Of the men on the Wilhelmina, 405 were from the radio station near Bordeaux, where they were engaged in constructing four radio towers. There were also 200 men of the naval aero squadron, with a base in Northern France. Also on board were the 334th and 336th divisions of the medical supply unit, the 311th sanitary train of the Eighty-sixth division, the headquarters field hospital and three hospital units and 172 wounded.

Among the wounded officers on the Comfort were Lieuts. Joseph F. Smith, Waterloo, S. C., and Benjamin F. Malone, Monticello, Ga.

The Comfort left Plymouth January fifth and five days later put into the Azores after a stormy passage. A Turkey dinner was served the wounded before the ship put to sea again and the trip from the Azores was in smooth seas.

Huns in Dire Straits.

Germany was in dire straits when the war ended, according to Capt. Robert W. Hudgens, of Laurens, S. C., who arrived on the Comfort. He was attached to the 118th infantry, Thirtieth infantry, Thirtieth division, and when the town of Bellecourt was captured the captain said the Americans found the bodies of German soldiers being prepared to be rendered into fats. A complete rendering plant was found in a tunnel beside the Bellecourt canal, Capt. Hudgens said.

Three wounded heroines also were aboard the Comfort. All were nurses and one of them, Miss Marie Smith, of Berkeley, Cal., was wounded in the foot by shrapnel at Chateau-Thierry while attached to a medical unit with one of the sixteen inch naval gun crews. Members of the gun crew declared she kept on attending to the wounded until ordered from the field by an officer.

Two Other Heroes.

Two others on the Comfort were A. J. Tobin, of Austin, Texas, a boilermaker on the United States steamship Olympia, who served at Archangel, Russia, and Bo: l M. Hemp, of Des Moines, a radio operator on the Jacob Jones, when that craft was sunk by a torpedo on December 6.

All branches of the service were represented aboard the Lapland, including women nurses and war workers. The Lapland met heavy weather

on the trip and this was responsible for the death on board of Capt. John R. Buckingham, of this city, attached to the ordnance department. Col. Watson of the ordnance department was aboard the Lapland and he said the rigors of the voyage aggravated a stomach ailment of Capt. Buckingham.

Premier Mine Laying.

Rear Admiral Jos. Strauss and commander Wm. Glassford, who won distinction with the American naval forces abroad, arrived on the Lapland. Admiral Strauss was the head of the greatest mine laying expedition ever attempted when an American and British fleet working under his orders, spread 70,000 mines across the North sea from the Scottish coast to Norway, 245 miles, and virtually bottled up the German submarine operations out of Helligoland and Kiel.

Lieut. Geoffrey Edgar Duveen, of the British navy arrived too late to see his father, Henry J. Duveen, the art connoisseur, who died last Thursday, Lieut. Daveen, who knew that his father was ill did not learn of his death until the Lapland arrived in quarantine.

Trans-Atlantic Flight.

Sir Charles C. Allon, head of the Gosport Aircraft Co., Yachtsman, who arrived, said that had the British Government allowed the use of an aircraft engine that had been developed, the Atlantic would have been crossed by an aircraft at least four times by now.

"It is logical that a flying boat must be the craft to make the trans-Atlantic trip," said Sir Charles. "We are building the largest flying boat in the world at the present time, which can make the trip and return at an economical speed of 75 miles an hour if necessary. It would be a sportsman game to cross by airplane at high speed, but it is the flying boat that will be selected to make the voyage an undoubted success. It is doubtful if any crossing will be made before next year."

Aboard the Lapland also were several men, casuals from the 27th division commanded by Major General John F. O'Ryan. Captain Clifford B. Harmon, a pioneer in aviation, who has been acting as an instructor for American flyers at the front returned to this country.

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