

WORDS OF CHEER
BROUGHT TO A.E.F.
FROM BACK HOME

Governors and Senators
Send Messages of
Congratulation

STATE IS YOURS, SAYS ONE

Mississippi Statesman Praises the
"Johnny-Yanks of Our Indis-
soluble Union"

A sheaf of letters and telegrams has just arrived in France which were written in America by our governors and senators as messages of congratulation and good cheer to the soldiers from their home States. They will be delivered as occasion offers by Julius Rosenwald of the Council of National Defense, who has come to France on a special mission for the Secretary of War.

These messages, from Maine to California, are of every length and phrase, but they all voice the same glowing pride, the same hearty support, the same hearty and unhesitating welcome ever known when Johnny comes marching home.

"Say to them that when they return, the State will belong to them."

That is what Gov. Holcomb of Connecticut says in so many words, and that is what the National Defense, who here is the message from Senator Borah of Idaho:

On Enemy's Chosen Field

"That men could be taken from the peaceful avocations of a peace-loving nation and in so short a time and with such hurried training, with such endurance, valor and success meet the most thoroughly trained and disciplined soldiers in the annals of war is one of the marvels of warfare. And as that splendid courage has been displayed on the enemy's own chosen battlefield and the news has come back laden with the report of their unmitigated and individual daring, you could feel the bonds of national unity tightening and the spirit of national pride and purpose growing stronger day by day. Please say to them that language is inadequate to express to them our gratitude and our pride."

"Tell the men of Illinois," writes Gov. Lowden, "that we rejoice with solemn pride in their achievement and know that the honor of Illinois is safe in their hands. We shall have a welcome for those who return to us as only a free nation can give to its brave defenders."

"The years that this war takes from your life will not be wasted years." So runs the pledge from Gov. Cappee of Kansas. "We will have a welcome for those who return to us as only a free nation can give to its brave defenders."

New Hampshire's Message

"Tell them, please," says New Hampshire, through Governor Keyes, "that their old home State fully appreciates the magnificent way in which they are upholding her honor—that we at home are not only willing but anxious to do everything we can to aid in accomplishing that grand result in which the final factor will be the American Army, as fine a fighting force as the world ever saw."

"This is from Senator Gore of Oklahoma. The deeds of those who fall in battle, as the deeds of those who survive, will be commemorated by your countrymen so long as valor is sustained a virtue and so long as heroism is honored among the sons of men."

"I am, my Mississippians," writes Senator John Sharp Williams, "that here at home we are holding our hearts up higher for those who are fighting afar, and that such wisdom as lies in our poor gray heads is behind the strong hands and brave hearts of all our boys, whether Johnnies or Yanks—our noblest and most loved and bravest and truest, as they are—the new Johnny-Yanks of our indissoluble union of indestructible States."

"Tell the men," wires Senator Wadsworth of New York, "that we are most proudly proud of them and that the Congress and the country will stand by them through thick and thin. America has just commenced the fight."

Knew Boys Would Make Good

"We knew our boys would make good, and they have fully come up to expectations," says Gov. Burnett of Minnesota. "Tell them that the folks at home will go the limit to back them up."

"The splendid traditions of our State have been nobly upheld by you and a lusty added,"—Gov. McCall of Massachusetts.

"Some day they will return to us as the conquering heroes of the great war of the twentieth century,"—Gov. Goodrich of Indiana.

"Pennsylvania is constantly thinking of her boys,"—Governor Brumbaugh. "Tell the boys from Pennsylvania, let me say that the folks back home are eagerly and fondly watching you at a great distance. Their admiration is supreme,"—Senator Johnson.

"Say to them that every man, woman and child in America is proud beyond all words of the magnificent record they are making,"—Senator Sheppard of Texas.

"Our Everlasting Gratitude"

"Our everlasting gratitude goes out to you, and because of your deeds, we every one are increasingly proud that we are the Americans,"—Senator Lenoir of Wisconsin.

"Tell them that Arkansas has unbounded faith in their ability to lick the Hun and that we know, before they return to us, that the principles and teachings of the Fordham dynasty will have been blotted from the face of the earth,"—Governor Brough.

"Say to our boys that Alabama stands behind their heroic service to the last man and our last dollar,"—Senator Underwood.

BAD MAN, GOOD COOK

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES] AMERICA, Aug. 29.—The terrible scarcity of cooks has impelled a barge captain to plead for the freedom of a cook who went for him with an axe. The captain freely, even eloquently, admits that the cook is a dangerous character, but declares that this is no time to fall cooks for mere trifles.

AT LIEUT. ROOSEVELT'S GRAVE



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IN BILL TO YIELD
EIGHT BILLIONS

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Give \$2,400,000,000
Towards War

FROM SMOKES, \$350,000,000

Uncle Sam Passes \$200,000,000
Around Country in Power
Plant Scheme

BY J. W. MULLER
American Staff Correspondent of THE STARS
AND STRIPES

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES] AMERICA, Aug. 29.—The next big measure to go through Congress after the Army bill will be the revenue bill. The preliminary discussions have been pretty well ended, and the provisions adopted will produce the pin money of eight billions that we want to spend on goodies for you, such as nice little canoes and other toys.

"The Treasury sharply estimates the revenue bill will raise one hundred million more than the eight billion sought, but nobody pays any attention to trifles like that."

The individual and corporation tax is expected to yield \$2,400,000,000; the estate inheritance tax, \$110,000,000; beverages, hard, soft and medium, \$1,100,000,000; smokes, \$350,000,000; automobile manufacturers, \$125,000,000; and automobile and motorcycle users, \$75,000,000. Taxes on luxuries will make up the larger part of the remainder.

\$200,000,000 for Power

Your Uncle's intention of being a good provider for you is indicated in the Army engineer bill just introduced to pass a little handout of \$200,000,000 around the country for the construction and improvement of power plants at industrial centers.

The Philadelphia district is to receive \$15,000,000; the New Jersey district, \$5,500,000; the Pittsburgh district, including Eastern Ohio, \$35,000,000; the tinne district, \$2,900,000; New England district, \$14,000,000; Southern States, particularly North Carolina, Florida and Alabama, \$15,000,000; and the Pacific Slope, \$10,000,000. Scattered territory is to receive \$21,000,000 additional.

A \$5,000,000 power plant is to be constructed immediately in the Allegheny valley by the Government in conjunction with private power interests. This little bit is so petty nowadays that it never carried only small headlines and was shoved away in unimportant corners.

James Douglas, a mining engineer, left a \$20,000,000 estate the other day and the news got less than a stickful.

HORSES WILL WEAR
OWN IDENTITY DISCS

That Is, Those for Hospital
Will—Missouri Meadow
Canary, Too

"Tag day" for the horses, mules, tortoises, hares, and other beasts of burden and expedition in the A.E.F. is about to become a reality. Bulletin 58, G.H.Q., lays down the principles on which it will be worked.

The tagging will apply to animals evacuated from the Zone of the Advance to the Advance Section veterinary hospitals and the intermediate hospitals. The veterinary officer with any mobile organization is charged with the supervision of the job.

He is to see that each animal has tied securely to the hair of his (or her) tail a tag on which appears his (or her) veterinary officer's name, the number of the horse (or Missouri nightingale), the unit, and the reason for evacuation.

On such animals as have no hair on the tail, the tags will be attached to the mane, and in case the animals are totally bald, the tags will be tied around their uncomplaining necks.

The tags will be of a neat and tasty tin—neat, but not edible—and will be furnished to the veterinary officers with suitable stamping outfits, as soon as obtained. Until the issue comes along, they will have to use ordinary linen paper tags, with the notations thereon made by pen or indelible pencil.

CARDINAL FARLEY RALLIES
[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES] AMERICA, Aug. 29.—Cardinal Farley, who is seriously ill at his country home at Orienta Point, near Mamaroneck, N.Y., has rallied somewhat. Physicians say he is improving, but his condition continues critical, owing to his weakness and advanced age.

DUD AT WEST POINT
IS HERO AT FISMES

Lieutenant, Short on Math,
Delivers at Vesle
Bridgehead

A man who was disconsolately flunked out of West Point was graduated *summa cum laude* on the River Vesle.

Born of Army folk and raised as a youngster in a long succession of Army posts, he had seemed destined from the cradle for high command, but at the still school on the Hudson he developed such vagaries in mathematics that he was sent on his way.

Then for a time it seemed as though the Army would see him no more. Just about then, however, America mobilized on the Mexican border, and the ex-West Pointer appeared on the Rio Grande as a private. By the time his outfit reached Fismes, he was a lieutenant.

Beyond Fismes lay Fismettes, the part of Fismes that lies across the river. It used to be reached by an arched bridge of stone and concrete, but the retreating Germans blew that bridge, and it is on the rubble of the bridge that these fragments make that you cross the river now.

The routing of Fismettes into an American bridgehead on the northern bank of the Vesle was an exploit carried out through a violent storm from the massed guns of the enemy, so that the river there looked for a time like the most lurid lithographs of war that imagination ever conceived.

In Charge of the Runners

When the hour came to create that bridgehead, our ex-West Pointer's battalion lay in support in Fismes and below. So he volunteered his services to the battalion that was to lead the way across the river, and the major put him in charge of the runners.

He had five runners in Fismettes and five in Fismes to relay the tidings to the rear. Their path was perilous beyond description, and there came a time when an important message was turned over to him and there was no runner left to carry it. Of the five in Fismettes, two had been killed and three badly hurt.

The lieutenant carried the message himself, that one and several more, making trip after trip through the rain of shells and the easy fire from the machine guns, carrying word across to Fismes, never making the return trip empty-handed. Usually he came back with sorely needed letters.

He came out of the fight unscathed. But not unscathed. All along the line from Fismes southwards, you could hear the song.

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