LAST TIDINGS FROM OUR BOYS

Avery Donovan, of St. James church, has received the following interesting letter from Lieut. C. Hastings, a Maryland boy:

I spoke sometime ago in one of my letters home (about 11th of November) of a church that I visited in "Montanville," a village near "Pont-a Mousson."

I'll write you of what I found there—I was waiting for the boy to fix a tire—my motorcycle was stranded near the church. The doors of the church stood ajar. I entered the vestibule, strewn with fallen plaster and stones from the roof. And as I was standing there debating whether it was safe for me to enter or not, (The Germans often place explosives in churches when they leave and have trip wires to set them off) there came to my ears the sound of an organ—I stopped and listened—that hymn sounds strangely familiar "I said it is"? "Oh yes, Silent Night, Holy Night, all is still, all is bright, etc." Well my curiosity got the best of me and turned to the right and started up a narrow, winding stone stairway. Finally I came to the choir loft (all choir lofts and organs that I have seen in France have been in the back of the church—all Catholic Churches) and there at the organ sat an American soldier with his tin helmet on playing to his heart's content. As I entered he ceased playing and got up and saluted. I told him not to stop but to keep on playing. I asked him why he happened to be playing that particular hymn and he said that he was thinking of home and Christmas. I left him playing the organ.

In leaving the choir loft I continued up the winding stairs and the clock (all churches have clocks on them.) The Huns had wrecked the clock and had taken the bell to melt up into brass and make cannon. The Germans were in this town four years. I came down from the belfry and entered the church proper. Several big shells had torn huge holes in the once beautiful arched ceiling. Stones and broken splintered pieces of rafters filled the aisles. I picked my way through the debris and started up the aisle on the extreme right as you enter the church. I do not know whether you have ever been in a Catholic Church or not but in every Catholic Church there are a set of pictures which show in succession the twelve stages in the "Road to the Cross." Every picture in the church had been cut and torn with no other purpose in view but destruction. All the pictures were oil paintings and were real works of art. Every statue and figure had been broken and pulled down off their pedestals.

I went in back of the altar into the rooms on either side. Here also the handiwork of the Hun was also very evident. All the candlesticks, crosses and images of brass had been collected and put into bags to be carried off and melted into brass and made into cannon. But the Hun was run out of this village so fast that he had to abandon all this loot and leave it where he had stolen it. All the robes and different "vestments" of the priest had been torn and strewn on the floor.

I walked back down the aisle on the other side of the church, past the torn and burned oil paintings—past the broken images and came in front of the shattered statute of "Joan of Arc." By this time my anger was rising—I could not help it, but just at that instant the organ peeled forth "Nearer My God to Thee"—my head went down slowly and there in that old shell torn church I uttered a prayer and thanked God that I was a part of a force that had come to establish right and put down wrong and I prayed that my convictions against wrong should be strengthened. As I turned to go my glance rested on another torn picture—I inspected it and my translation was none other than "Forgive them Father for they know not what they do."

NEWS FROM HENRY LAMBERT

My Darling Mother:

Will you try to think of me now, as we are about 200 miles from land on our way to Brest. You do not know how much I hated to leave the State trip, as we had only 7 days in New York and it hardly seemed true that we were there. I hope you received all my letters and let me again, though somewhat late, thank you for your splendid box. You well never know how much I enjoyed it. As I promised you, or rather you asked me to do it, I will write my diary again for you each day. I trust that you find this one as interesting as the last one.

February 21st.—Snowing. Preparations are being made for getting under way. 42 men discharged from service from this ship. Singled the lines at 11 a. m. Took off forward bow at 11.15 a. m. New draft of men came aboard at 11.30 a. m. Left the dock at 1.20 p. m. Snow has turned into a drizzle. Four other ships came out with us, viz: Agememmon, Seattle, America and Finland. Passed the St. Louis coming in at 2.30 p. m. Her mainmast had been carried away in a storm. Sea a bit choppy. Passed two vessels at 6.15 p. m. Passed the wreck of an old merchant vessel outside of the harbor. Raining quite hard. Sighted lights on both bows about 7.30 p. m. Ventilator carried away during the night.

February 22.—Sea choppy. Sky cloudy. Little cold. Rained quite hard in early morning. Cleared off later in the day. Ship stopped for about 20 minutes. Fired 21 salutes at noon in honor of Washington's birthday. Ship pitching a little. Had moving pictures in the afternoon for the crew. Speed 12 knots.

February 23rd.—Sky cloudy. Still little cold. Sea calmed a bit. Ship pitching a little. Speed 12 knots. Church services at 10 a. m. Entered the Gulf Stream. Passed a merchant vessel bound for overseas at 3.34 p. m. Very busy in the office. Wind shifted to the west. Ran into a thunder squall about 10 p. m. Rain very hard for awhile.

February 24th.—Ship started about 4 a. m. Things scattered about the office very much. Ship continued to roll all day long. Crew aired bedding. Speed 12 knots. Crew painting lower decks. Ran into another thunder squall about 11 p. m.

February 25th.—Ship rolling about 22 degrees. Slid off of desk four times last night. Heavy rain squalls all night long. Office looked liked a wreck this morning. Sky cleared later in the day. Seas rather large. Wind very strong. Speed 12 knots. Captain Yeandle sprained his ankle and is unable to be about the decks.

February 26th.—Storm still heavy. Ship rolling quite a little. Speed 12 knots. Rain squalls all day long Very busy in the office. Passed a ship about 6 p. m. Seas quite large. Wind very strong. Ship taking seas over the quarter deck.

February 27th.—Sea still rough. Ship rolling a little. Wind moderated a little. Passed a vessel at daybreak. Very busy in the office. Speed 12 knots. Tested all newly placed guns in the afternoon.

February 28th.—Sea calmed down a great deal. Sky very clear. Ship rolling very little. Captain's inspection of lower decks. Tested out newly placed guns again. Very busy in the office. Toward night both wind and sea started to rise and ship started to roll very heavily. Crew aired their bedding.

March 1st.—Sea little heavy. Ship rolling quite a bit. Wind fair. Speed increased to 14 knots. Sky clear. Very pretty day. Worked on gun deck all afternoon. Ship looks like a palace.

March 2nd.—Sea quite calm. Ship rolling quite heavily for such a calm sea. Speed 13 knots. Sky very clear. A beautifully day. Crew aired their bedding. Quite busy in the office. Captain (Army) held Protestant services in the afternoon.

March 3rd.—Sea calm. Raining all day long. Crew very busy fixing bunks and other ships work. Speed 12 knots. Wind moderate. Ship doing a half roll and a half pitch. Stop several times to take soundings. Somewhat colder.

To Be Continued Next Week

The Ladies Aid desires all having old papers and magazines to leave them at Mr. Parr's shop every Wednesday and Saturday until further notice.

KENNEDYVILLE

Miss Ruth Grantlin, of Wilmington, spent the week-end home with her parents.

Miss Helen Haggerty spent week-end with Miss Martha Caldwell.

Rev. Peter Schauer left Monday for Baltimore where he will attend the M. P. Conference.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Daniel Hill.

Mrs. W. J. Hurlock was called to Millington to attend the funeral of her sister, Miss Harriett Gordon.

Miss Alice O. Walter is visiting Miss Nellie Othoson.

Master William Urie is sick at this writing. We hope soon to see Billie at his post.

Monday night is Young People's night at the Grange. Come one, come all.

Merry Makers will meet in School Hall Thursday evening.

Mrs. Lula Dukes spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. Bonwill, of Still Pond.

Jack Clendaniel, of Wilmington, is spending sometime with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clendaniel.

MILLINGTON

Services tomorrow, April 6, at Asbury M. E. Church, will be as follows: 10.30 a. m. and 8.30 p. m., preaching by the pastor, Rev. D. J. Moore; 2 p. m., Sunday school, subject "God Our Heavenly Father;" 8 p. m., song service. Thursday at 8.30 p. m. Young People's meeting. Friday, 8.30 p. m., prayer meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

Mrs. E. G. Coe and little son, Edmund, are visiting relatives in Richmond, Va.

W. I. Jarvis spent a couple of days last week in New York.

Quite a number from here attended the annual session of Wilmington Conference which was held in Chestertown last week.

Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Dulaney, of Felton, Del., were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hurtt.

Mrs. Lizzie Riley, of Baltimore, visited Mrs. F. C. Numbers this week.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid Society, of Asbury M. E. Church, was held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Joseph Mallalieu.

Misses Marguerite E. Ahern and Esther A. Spear spent the week-end with friends in Philadelphia.

Willard Everett, of near town, was the guest this week of his brother, Earle Everett, near Prices.

Mrs. W. I. Jarvis and little daughter, Mary Virginia, spent the past ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips, near Sudlersville.

Rev. D. J. Moore, pastor of Asbury M. E. Church, and Rev. E. G. Coe, pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, South, who attended their conferences in Chestertown and Staunton, Va., last week have been returned to us for another year. We are glad to welcome these two men and their families back in our midst and hope they will have even a pleasanter and more successful year than last year.

Mrs. Henry Minner and little daughter, Louise, visited her sister, Mrs. Mary Lipscomb, of Kennedyville, last week.

Mrs. D. J. Moore was the guest this week of her mother, Mrs. Kate Casey, of Rock Hall.

Services tomorrow, April 6 at Trinity M. E. Church, South, will be as follows: 2 p. m., Sunday school, subject "God Our Heavenly Father;" 3 p. m., preaching by the pastor, Rev. E. G. Coe; 7.30 p. m. Epworth League; 8 p. m., preaching by the pastor. Thursday 8 p. m., prayer meeting. All are welcome.

STILL POND

Mrs. John Robinson, Jr., spent several days this week in Baltimore.

Rev. and Mrs. Nichols, of Wilmington, spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Medders

Mrs. Ernest Robinson and children have returned home after spending the past week in Baltimore.

Miss Mamie Clayton, of Baltimore, visited her aunt, Mrs. John Robinson, this week.

R. D. Moore has returned home after spending several days in Baltimore.

We are glad to welcome our pastor, Rev. Goodhand, back with us for another year.

Howard Harper, student at Delaware College, spent last Sunday at his home here.

The devotional service of the Epworte will be led tomorrow evening by Mrs. S. B. Parrott. Topic "Our Relation to God, Trusting."

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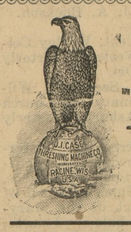

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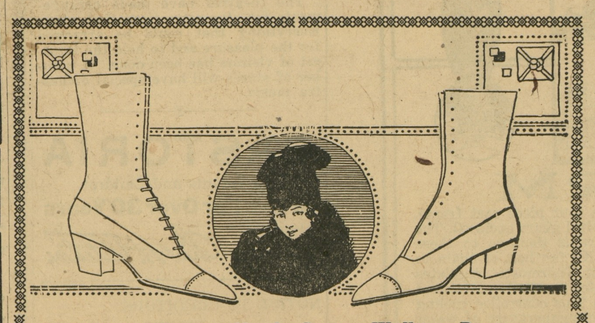

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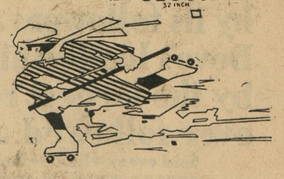

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