

# COLONEL KELLY WRITES HE WILL SOON BE HOME

The following two letters from Lieut. Colonel E. E. Kelly to his wife and family here in Medford will be of great interest to his many friends in the city:

Hd. D. S. O. 80th Div., APO. 756 November 23rd, 1918.

The division has been marching back out of the line the distance being about 150 miles. I came on ahead going by the way of Toul, Neufchateau and Chaumont, where I visited friends. The march will take seven or eight days yet and these headquarters will be at a little town called Ancy Le France, but do not address mail to this place, send it as usual. We are to be in a rest area pending the consummation of the armistice terms. Ten divisions are being sent home. Just when this division will go it is impossible to say. On the way down I visited my old friend, Gen. Gibbs of the signal corps and had a very nice visit. I also visited with one of the big moguls of our organization who said to me that the signal corps appreciated my work in France and that I was to have my choice of assignments that were available. I could go to Germany, or they would secure my appointment as some of the important commissions. I said to him: the war is over and there appears to be no possibility of a resumption of hostilities. I want to remain as long as there is an emergency, but I now feel that my first obligation is to my family and I therefore ask to be sent home at an early date. He said that can be arranged and you will be taken care of at the first opportunity. So it appears that I am to continue in the very fine streak of luck that has characterized my service here. I do not know when it will be that I will start but I am confident that it will not be very long at the most.

Since the conclusion of hostilities the weather has been very fine with heavy frosts every night but the usual thing of bright days. We are in a very pretty part of France (Old Burgundy) and not far from the scene of the surrender of the last Gaul to Caesar. I could have been billeted in a famous French chateau of the 16th century, a wonderful place, but the rooms were so large and cold that I preferred more comfortable but less pretentious quarters. Most anything seems good after the front line experience. I have very little to do just now and having settled will write every day until I am ordered elsewhere. It don't seem possible that I will have a rest I have been so busy since coming to France.

Nov. 24, 1918.

This is Sunday and a rather quiet day in a quiet, quaint old town. We are now getting accustomed to the quiet and can wake in the night without missing the big guns and the other sounds so familiar to the front line. I am doing a little work on a training schedule which will be put into effect when the troops arrive. It will be a simple schedule with close order infantry drill, setting up exercises and some simple technical instruction. I'm also planning a vocational school for any bright lads in the division who want to take up radio, telephony or telegraph. These occupations will keep the boys from getting lonesome, keep them out of mischief, give them good associates and make for better health. A new major is coming to the battalion to relieve the present battalion commander and I should like to see him up before I'm sent away. These men are now veterans, they have done wonderful work in the field, and I should hate to see some new and untried theorist just arrived giving them the worst of it.

I have not had a letter in days and days and while I know that the Mail-Tribune has been mailed daily I have not received more than two copies in three months. Right now with very little doing news of home would be most welcome. Every man, or at least with mighty few exceptions, is anxious to get home and the time from now on will be most trying to lots of them.

We get very little news here. The papers come daily but they are usually two page affairs without much news. It would appear that the terms of the armistice are being carried out with unusual promptitude and it is safe to say that when these become operative there will be little need of American soldiers in France. It is quite interesting now to look at the back date papers and to take note on their views of the duration of the war. Few people here expected it to finish so soon. If I had been strong for letting I could have picked up quite some money with months to spare on the time of the finish. I hit within six days on my guess as to the abdication of the kaiser and place of his refuge in Sweden instead of Holland. It must be said for the Germans that they made a mighty game and masterly fight right up to the last day and that very few guessed how near they were to being all in. In the matter of equipment he had it all over the allies, and his staff officers were far better than ours. His troop dispositions were quite wonderful and he had an intelligence system that let very little escape. To this highly trained and organized staff some of our work must have seemed elementary. But the American infantryman, the lad that packed the



## Festival

Edmund Vance Cooke

I saw three Genii tugging at the Sun,  
Ere History had begun.  
And one cried "Glory!- we have turned his path;"  
And one cried "Peace!- against the winter's wrath;"  
And one cried out "Good will! good will to men!  
For now the earth shall fructify again."

I saw three Angels flying from afar,  
And following a star.  
And one sang "Glory!- to the coming morn;"  
And one sang "Peace!- whose baby Prince is born;"  
And one sang out, "Good will! good will to men!  
Faith, Hope and Love are in the world again."

I saw three Aces winging through the night,  
After the hard-fought fight.  
And one called "Glory! for the war is won;"  
And one called "Peace! the tragedy is done;"  
And one called out "Good will! good will to men!  
Lucifer falls! and Christmas comes again!"

gun and the hand grenade, was the boy that surprised him. These men took as naturally to open war as a duck takes to water and it was just a case of Fritz meeting a better man.

There is much work to be done over here. America has billions of dollars worth of property in France. Great docks, hundreds of miles of buildings, railroads, telegraph and telephone lines and great operating plants that must be disposed of. Much of this will doubtless go to the French in liquidation of the tremendous debt we owe them for ordnance, munitions, equipment and the use of facilities. The French must have smiled some when the sentimental senator suggested a cancellation of their loans? When the final figures in the French cost bill has been reached we will not be embarrassing our other allies by suggestions of this character.

EDWARD E. KELLY.

### U. S. MARINES CITED FOR BRAVERY IN ACTION

PARIS, Monday, Dec. 23.—The names of 185 American soldiers cited for bravery during the fighting of October 3 to October 10 at St. Etienne, Blanc Mont and Medeah farm in the Champagne, are printed in the Journal official. The men belonged to the 5th regiment of marines, the 9th infantry, the 23rd infantry, the fifth regiment of marines, the 6th machine gun battalion, the fifth machine gun battalion, the 4th machine gun battalion, the 2nd regiment of engineers, and the ambulance corps.

### SHARP CALLED HOME BY BROTHER'S ILLNESS

PARIS, Monday, Dec. 23.—William G. Sharp, American ambassador to France, called upon President Wilson this evening to bid good bye as he has been unexpectedly called to America by the severe illness of a brother in Ohio. He leaves tonight. Robert Woods Bliss, counselor of the embassy, will be charge d'affaires during his absence.

## SCHOOL-DAY STRAIN

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### WILSON BANQUET SIMILAR TO ONE FOR DANISH KING

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 23.—Arrangements for the banquet to be given Friday night in honor of President Wilson are similar to those made for the king of Denmark during his recent visit. The banquet room in Buckingham palace is decorated in white and gold and has some of the finest tapestry in existence. It is the largest room in the palace. There is a throne in one end but this probably will be hidden by flowers. In the other end is an organ loft which will accommodate the orchestra.

The substitution of the dinner to be given by Premier Lloyd George for the banquet which was to have been given at Lancaster House on Saturday night means that it will be a much smaller and more intimate assemblage, the president meeting only a small body of men from the imperial war cabinet.

Mr. Wilson will dine with King George at Buckingham palace Monday evening. He will leave the palace at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, pass through lines of troops on his way to the station and take his train for Dover. The reception at Guild Hall Saturday will occur in the great hall instead of the library. This will enable a much larger company to witness the ceremony incident to the presentation of the address to the president.

The "Belgian suite" in Buckingham palace, which the president and Mrs. Wilson will occupy, is on the first floor of the palace, facing the garden. Probably one of the most handsomely furnished of the seven rooms comprising the suite is the "Spanish room" which is intended for a dressing room. On either side of the handsome decorated fire place there stand remarkable Bald cabinets. These and other cabinets in the room of ormolu and silver of antique design, are considered of great value.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Three charges of murder against Edward D. Nolan, co-defendant of Thomas J. Mooney in the preparedness day bomb

murder cases here, were dismissed by Superior Judge Franklin A. Griffin today because of lack of evidence. Judge Griffin is the judge who tried and sentenced Mooney to be hanged following his conviction for one of the bomb murders. Mooney's sentence later was commuted to life imprisonment.

Five charges of murder remain against Nolan in two other counts.

### MORE WOUNDED MEN ARRIVE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Bringing 3,865 officers and men of the American overseas army home from France, the French line steamship France, now an army transport, reached here today. Among them were 214 wounded officers and 1,504 wounded men, of whom 223 were classed as mental cases, suffering from shell shock and nervous troubles.

The Persia Maru also arrived today with 87 officers who have been attending training schools in France and 12 wounded men.

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### BERLIN SOLDIERS ARE BEGGING FOR CHRISTMAS ALMS

BERLIN, Sunday, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—The outlook for Berlin's first revolutionary Christmas appears to be anything but merry. The disposition of the Berliners seems gloomy.

Never before have beggars been so numerous. Three years ago a soldier would not be permitted to walk the streets in uniform and beg. Professional beggars and crippled and invalid soldiers multiply in number daily, augmented by other soldiers who sell cigarettes, soap and sweetmeats brought in from west of the Rhine. An odd holiday spectacle is an able bodied soldier in uniform grinding out Christmas music from a street organ.

The mood of the holiday shopper plants and Friedrichstrasse present an incongruous appearance with street stalls filled with flimsy wares and substitutes for Christmas pastry and wax candles.

There will be little holiday travel as through trains have been withdrawn and local trains have been stripped of ordinary comforts, such as dining facilities, heating and illumination. Trains which ordinarily took 12 hours now take 30. Trains are taken off without notice and printed schedules are worthless. The newspapers are lacking in Christmas cheer.

The mood of the holiday shopper inclines to books although the jewelers are garnering their last war profits.

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