

Many Notables Arrive Here on The Aquitania

Sir Henry Thornton, Former L. I. Railroad Superintendent, Called Home by Illness of His Mother

Could Back as Lieutenant

Rear Admirals Dunn and Niblick and A. C. James and Wife Also Aboard

The Cunard liner Aquitania, which brought home the vanguard of the 77th Division, carried 198 civilian passengers, including steamship men, railroad men and war workers.

Prominent among the travellers was Major General Sir Henry Thornton, K. B. E., former general superintendent of the Long Island Railroad, who went to England in 1914 to assist in the management of the Great Eastern Railway.

Arthur Curtis James, the yachtman who went to Le Havre as a member of the Committee for Relief in the Near East, returned with Mrs. James, who was in charge of the committee's work in Paris.

Mr. Hoover, he said, "has been most generous to the committee in providing food, but he cannot give us money to carry on this enormous task. The job is really too big for his charity and really should be undertaken by our government in conjunction with others."

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77th Wants Parade, Troops Tell Baker: Chicagoans 'No'

Secretary Tests Sentiment of Men on Delay in Demobilization to Take Part in Celebrations: 33d Division Favors Going Home Quickly

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TRIEVES, Germany, April 24.—Secretary Baker is personally testing the sentiment of the American soldiers who are soon to return home regarding their demobilization desires. The majority of the men Mr. Baker has interrogated have expressed keen willingness for immediate freedom when they reach American training camps, as against being held a fortnight longer to participate in functions and parades.

The 77th, New York's Metropolitan Division, is an exception. While General Pershing, accompanied by General Harbord, Crown Prince Leopold of Belgium and others, was making a formal inspection of the ranks of the 33d Illinois National Guard Division near Diekirch, Luxembourg, Tuesday, Secretary Baker, accompanied by Representatives Madden and McKinley, followed behind, mingling with the boys and asking questions. Representatives Madden and McKinley had been rather persistent in asking Secretary Baker's permission to have the Illinois Division, which will soon be on route home, parade as a body in Chicago.

Troops Against Parades "But the boys, nearly every one, are against being held in service longer than the 77th for a parade," said Mr. Baker's equally persistent response. The Secretary had talked informally to scores of men before the 77th's Illinois Representatives on the parade route. Mr. Madden, especially, had to be shown, so the civilian trio started mingling among the 77th's aligned ranks, most of which were in a laughing mood. After interviewing many soldiers singly Secretary Baker began to interview them in groups.

Secretary Baker spent nearly two hours in strolling along the lines of troops, while General Pershing passed from one company to another on his own of men. In his questioning regarding food Mr. Baker received but few complaints, and the men said their letters were coming through from America in better shape than ever. Most of the men with whom the Secretary talked said they preferred immediate demobilization to a wait of two weeks at Camp Grant preparatory to the transfer of the division to the 33d, in Chicago.

It happened that most of the men encountered by Mr. Baker during his tour were nearly six feet tall, and so the Secretary, who is but five feet six, in height, asked for a company of smaller men. Meeting soldiers of his stature and some even smaller, Mr. Baker had some say in the matter, and he was impressed with the soundness of their own sentiments on the eve of their departure.

Reviews Western Troops Secretary Baker again yesterday attended the review of the Eighty-ninth Division of Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, and Nevada. Again by personal interrogation among commissioned officers and men he discovered an overwhelming sentiment for immediate dismissal on reaching home. The Secretary also heard that a number of soldiers from the 33d were taking their brides. There were five weddings in Diekirch and nearby villages Sunday and several others will take place before the division leaves Luxembourg for good.

War Insurance for Soldiers Ready June 1 Conversion of Policies Has Begun by Federal Risk Board; Men Given Ample Time WASHINGTON, April 24.—New life insurance policies which will term life insurance carried by soldiers and sailors may be converted will be ready for issuance about June 1, Director Lindsay says. The War Risk Insurance Bureau, which is now issuing applications, and to encourage discharged soldiers to take the conversion, will be notified by letter when they are financially able, efforts will be made to have soldiers keep in force their term insurance.

Parade on East Side For Jewish Soldiers Committee Sends Wireless Welcomes to Homecoming Members of 77th Division The Welcome Committee for the Jewish Boys Returning from the War yesterday sent a wireless message of greeting to Major General Robert Alexander, at sea in command of the division, to be extended to the Jewish soldiers under his command. It said: "The Committee for the Welcome of the Jewish Boys Returning from the War, formed for the purpose of giving a whole hearted reception to the heroic boys of the 77th Division, extends to you a hearty welcome. Please assure the boys under your command that the Jews of New York look forward to their homecoming and are daunted bravely shown and magnificently on the field of battle under your distinguished leadership."

Extols Attack on I. W. W. Sheriff Knott Congratulates Westerner for Stand Sheriff David H. Knott, of New York County, yesterday extended his congratulations to Sheriff W. H. Jones, of Sioux City, Iowa, who broke up the I. W. W. camp in that city. He sent the following telegram: "Congratulations on your determined stand against the I. W. W. camp. You deserve the praise of every citizen. Your attitude on this form of attacks against law and order is a fine example for all Americans."

Britain and France Agreed to Partition East, Says Educator

Signed Treaty in 1916 to Give Syria and Part of Arabia to Paris, Asserts Protestant College Head

A secret treaty, partitioning Syria, Armenia and Arabia, was signed in 1916 by France and England, Dr. Howard S. Bliss, president of the Syrian Protestant College, who appeared before the Council of Ten in Paris on February 13 as an expert to recommend a course of action for the Allies in Syria, said yesterday.

The treaty, Dr. Bliss said, gave Syria and part of Arabia to France, and assigned spheres of influence to England. It was drawn up, he said, by Sir Mark Sykes, representing England, and Georges Piot, French High Commissioner to Syria. When Dr. Bliss appeared before the Council of Ten he urged that, in spite of this secret treaty, the people of Syria be allowed to select their own government. In support of his contention he quoted a subsequent agreement between France and England, published in Syria last November, promising that the people would be permitted to choose their own government.

Pershing and Baker Give 100 Decorations To Illinois Troops LUXEMBURG, April 23 (By The Associated Press).—Among the interested spectators of the review of the Prairie Division here yesterday were three Illinois Representatives—Martin B. Madden, William B. McKinley and Richard Yates. Warren Pershing, son of the commander in chief, who came to Europe with Secretary of War Baker, was also present.

During the day more than 100 decorations were presented by General Pershing to the 33d Illinois National Guard Division. Among the decorations awarded were five French War crosses and one Belgian Order of the Crown.

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22d to Honor Its Dead Memorial Services of Engineers' Regiment Sunday Afternoon Members of the 22d Engineers, New York State Guard, will participate next Sunday afternoon in memorial services for their comrades who made the supreme sacrifice for their country. The services will be held in the Church of the Intercession, 15th Street and Broadway.

Charles H. Phelps Was Manager of W. H. Vanderbilt's Racers Charles H. Phelps, formerly manager of William H. Vanderbilt's stables, died Wednesday at his residence, 244 Carlton Avenue, Brooklyn, at the age of 73. He was the general manager of the Brooklyn Riding and Driving Academy until fifteen months ago, when he was stricken with paralysis. He was sixty-nine years old.

Sergeant Kehoe Dead Police Sergeant Joseph E. Kehoe, for the past nine years a member of the Edgewater Police Department, died at St. John's Hospital, Long Island City, on Wednesday.

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Darius Cobb Portrait Painter, Dies, Aged 84

Most Widely Known Work Is "The Master," Completed in 34 Years

NEWTON, Mass., April 23.—Darius Cobb, painter of portraits and landscapes, is dead at his home in Newton Upper Falls. He was eighty-four years old. His most widely known painting is "The Master."

Mr. Cobb was born in Malden and was a twin of Cyrus Cobb, who was distinguished as a sculptor. The brothers were inseparable through life. They married sisters and served together in the Civil War.

He completed thirty-four years for Mr. Cobb to complete his painting of Christ. He said that he determined when seventeen years old to paint "The Master" as his greatest contribution to art. He completed it in his eightieth year. Another of his well-known scriptural paintings is "Christ Before Pilate."

Mr. Cobb painted portraits of Charles Sumner, Rufus Choate, Phillips Brooks, John A. Andrew and other leaders of the Civil War period. Among his historical paintings is "Paul Revere's Ride" and "Last Comrade."

Ex-Senator Booms Wood West Declared Overwhelmingly For General for President Special Correspondence COLUMBIA, Mo., April 24.—General Leonard Wood stands head and shoulders above every other Republican for the Presidential nomination among the people of the West, without a doubt.

Dies While Riding Auto Machine Plunges Into Hole When Occupant Succumbs William J. Brickman, forty-six, of 51 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, a contractor and owner of trotting horses, died yesterday at the wheel of his automobile.

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