

T O R O N T O F A M I L Y N E W S B U L L E T I N

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Don't be surprised if this issue turns out a very short one. It is 7.40 P. M., and I have raced about all day with a consequent feeling of "all-in-ness". It has been one grand day and I have taken on board enough sunshine to last me all week, I hope. Have been to two different parks and on the lake front. And it has been a day of crowds thousands of people taking advantage of the holiday and fine weather.

Vegetation is very backward though owing to the cold wind that is staying with us. Trees are slowly budding and none of them show any color as yet. Today is the first day that Tulips have broken into bud at least I was told that by one of the caretakers at High Park.

Received a letter from George, written April 8th. At that time he still thought that Ben must be in France as he made following statement--"Guess Ben will not be able to split any of his tobacco with me for I am sure he will not be sent to this front. If I find out where he is before I get my leave I will make it a point to see him instead of going to the American Rest Camp, or England. I am going to try and get permission to go to England but don't know yet whether will be able to do the trick or not."

He writes of the new army regulation as follows,--"There has been a new order issued in regard to packages that you may not know about. I will have to send you a slip with my commanding officer's O. K. for the articles wanted and you will have to put same in box which will be opened at New York and checked? If there is anything in it not asked for, it will not be sent. This applies to everything--big or small. Isn't that the bunk? They are trying to make things as pleasant for us as possible. We certainly appreciate the fact."

He says they are having their rainy season there at the time of writing and that there is plenty of mud--"very nice mud though", just like the kind we used to have at home.

Ben dropped me a post card Fortress Monroe, Hampton Roads, dated April 28th., and stated that he had just enjoyed a fine dinner at the Hotel Chamberlin, which from the picture displayed on the card is a very magnificent hostelry. Ben is having the pleasure of seeing a great many historical spots down there in the Sunny South.

Was surprised to receive a letter from mother written at Vancouver B. C., April 26th. She was up there visiting with Raye, and wrote as follows,--"I came through by boat one week ago today. Was not feeling well and Uncle Doc said that I should go to bed for four or five days but I just believed that I should "get away" for a time and I now feel much better. Audrey is still in the hospital but improving, and on Monday we brought her home. She is now out of immediate danger."

"She seems perfectly well--no pain whatever, but 'some' disposition. Raye and I are sure 'learning our place' in this house."

"Billy and Raye will drive down to Seattle and Tacoma in June. The Commercial Travellers' Convention will be held in Tacoma at that time."

"I missed seeing George Randell--he came home the night before I left and intended to remain a week or ten days."

Also had letters from Mrs Yoe, Portland, and Miss Parker, Chicago. Mrs. Yoe stated that they were all well excepting Lillian who was suffering with a severe cold.

Mabel stated that her nephew had been in Montana one month, putting in their crops. He had mentioned something about enlisting.

From mail received all seems well throughout the entire circle.

Am going to "close up" and try and get this away on tonights mail.

Best wishes to all.

*C.V.*