

TRIPLE HONOR TO P.S. BUSH, YALE '17

Yale Man, In Remarkable Exploit, Averts Danger to Foch, Haig and Pershing

New Haven, Aug. 15—International honors, perhaps unprecedented in the life of an American soldier have been conferred upon Captain Prescott Sheldon Bush, Yale 1917, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Bush, of Columbus, according to the Ohio State Journal of August 8. Bush while in college here was well and favorably known and had many local friends. The State Journal says:

Upon young Bush, who has been serving in France as a member of the staff of Brigadier General Fleming, recently were conferred:

Cross of the Legion of Honor, by the French government

Victoria Cross, by the English government.

Distinguished Service Cross, by the American government

Possession of any one of the three is in itself considered a notable distinction. Conferring of the three decorations upon one man at one time implies recognition of a deed of rare valor and probably of great military importance as well.

From word which has reached Columbus during the last few days, it appears as if the achievements of Captain Bush well measure up to both these requirements.

The incident occurred on the western front, about the time the Germans were launching their great offensive of July 13, which was promptly turned into a disaster for them. The history of the remarkable victory scored later by the Allies conceivably might have been written in another vein but for the heroic and quick action of Captain Bush.

The lives of three Allied leaders, General Foch, Sir Douglas Haig and General Pershing were momentarily endangered by a German shell. They were making an inspection of American positions. General Fleming had sent for Captain Bush to guide them about one sector.

As they approached a certain battery, it was evident that the place was being shelled by the German 77s, but the general proceeded.

It is possible a German field glass perceived their movements, for a shell lit 20 yards in front of them. None were injured, although a fragment tore the boot of Captain Bush.

The party then moved along more rapidly. Suddenly Captain Bush noticed a shell coming directly for them. He shouted a warning, suddenly drew his bolt knife, stuck it up as he would a baseball bat, and parried the blow, causing the shell to glance off to the right.

The three generals marvelled at the exploit. Apparently they couldn't believe their eyes. They immediately took shelter and waited for the shelling to stop.

Within 24 hours young Bush was notified of the signal recognition that was to be accorded him—the three Allied commanders had recommended him for practically the highest honors within their gift.

On the following day there was a parade in Paris of soldiers to be decorated. As he was the only one to receive three honors, Captain Bush was placed at the head of the procession.

Captain Bush is 23 years old. He was one of Yale's athletes for four years, ranking high in scholarship, was leader of the Glee club and president of the Musical club, and in his senior year was elected to the famous Skull and Bones society. During the summer of 1916 he camped with the Yale artillery battalion at Tobyhanna, Pa. At the first officers' training school at Fort Benning, Harrison, he was made a captain of artillery. During the second school there he was an instructor. Subsequently, he was at Camp Sherman with the 224 Field Artillery and before going to Europe attended the school of fire at Fort Hill, Okla., commanded by Brigadier General Fleming, who later placed him upon his staff and assigned him to the 15th Brigade of Field Artillery.

Captain Bush is a grandson of the late Robert B. Shelden. He is a nephew of Colonel Harold M. Bush, who is in France with the 37th Ohio division, and of Thomas H. Shelden, chairman of the Columbus area sales committee for Liberty loans.

MRS. L. P. MORTON DIES IN RHINECLIFF

Poughkeepsie, Aug. 15—Mrs. Levi P. Morton, wife of former Vice-President Levi P. Morton, died last night in her home at Ellerslie, Rhinecliff. Mrs. Morton had been seriously ill for a month from valvular heart trouble. Three children survive, Mrs. William G. Busch of Washington and Miss Elsie Morton and Miss Mary Morton of Ellerslie. The funeral will be held Saturday in the Church of the Messiah, Rhinebeck.

For many years Mrs. Morton occupied a unique social position which made her at varying times a leader socially not only in this city and state but in Washington and in Paris. Her career in the French capital was particularly brilliant.

TWO KILLED IN URUGUAY RIOTS

Montevideo, Uruguay, Tuesday, Aug. 14—Two persons were killed today and more than 50 were wounded yesterday in clashes between troops and workers growing out of the general strike in progress here, according to statements from strike headquarters tonight.

Heavy cavalry detachments are patrolling the city tonight and the government is expected to proclaim martial law.

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SEVERE RELATION WITH BOLSHEVIKI

American Consul Destroys Records and Turns Over Office to Care of Sweden

Washington, Aug. 15—New light on the crisis that has arisen between the Bolsheviki and the representatives of the American and Entente governments and is fast coming to a climax, is furnished by a series of dispatches which the State Department received yesterday from DeWitt C. Poole, Jr., the United States Consul at Moscow.

After the arrest of the Consul General of Great Britain and France, Mr. Poole, fearful that his own consulate would be violated, destroyed all his code books and records and turned over the care of American interests to the Swedish Consul General. The arrested Consul was subsequently released through the good offices of the Swedish Consul General.

It was on July 29, Mr. Poole's dispatches say, that Lenin declared repeatedly before an official gathering of the Soviet that a state of war existed between the Russian republic and the Allied powers. The Allied consular body asked Foreign Minister Tchitcherin for an explanation. He told the Consuls that the declaration should not be taken literally. What Lenin meant, he said, was that a state of defense rather than a state of war existed. The government desired to continue its relations with the Entente. The Consuls called for a public announcement to that effect. Tchitcherin's response was unsatisfactory.

The arrests of British and French citizens in Moscow brought a protest from the Allied Consuls, and assurances were received from the Bolsheviki authorities that Allied persons having diplomatic or official status would not be molested. Tchitcherin explained that the civilians had been arrested as hostages, because Great Britain and France had attacked Archangel.

Consul Poole told Tchitcherin that the peoples of the Allied nations would not be intimidated and that such practices would only result in the Allies holding members of the Soviet government personally responsible.

The consuls had asked for safe conducts and were preparing for departure from Moscow, probably by way of Petrograd and Stockholm. The German embassy had recommended that the safe conducts be granted.

Secretaries and other officers of the Allied embassies at Yologra, from which their Ambassadors departed on account of Bolsheviki threats, were still in that city on Aug. 6, the date of Mr. Poole's last message.

The American Minister to Sweden has reported to the Department of State that he had been informed by the Swedish Foreign Office that on Aug. 5 the Swedish Consul General at Moscow took temporary charge of American as well as English and Japanese interests.

1000 FOR 1 OUTLINE OF AIR QUIZ REPORT IS GIVEN PRESIDENT

Washington, Aug. 15—President Wilson received a brief outline of developments in the aircraft investigation of the Department of Justice from Attorney-General Gregory following the Cabinet meeting. The report of the investigation probably will be placed in the President's hands before the end of the month, the Attorney-General stated after the meeting. He would not disclose the details of the investigation, particularly those which kept the investigators at the Curtiss plant for ten days or more longer than the scheduled time. It was reported that facts of sensational interest had been developed there, but these reports are without official confirmation.

Mr. Hughes returned here last night and hearings will be resumed at the Department of Justice today. A great array of witnesses are still to be questioned but it is hoped to close up the taking of testimony within a week so that the report can be prepared for the President. No statements with respect to developments or the findings will be made until the President sees fit to give them out. He instructed the Department of Justice to make inquiry into allegations of malfeasance of funds or other law violations, and the report will be as confidential as the proceedings.

It is pointed out that if the investigation should result in any criminal action that there was no possibility of the escape of any guilty man. It is known that secret agents of the government have had a number of men connected with the Curtiss work under constant surveillance for many weeks. Any man whom the evidence indicates the government might want, as a witness or otherwise, is certain to be available.

Policemen Before Board on Charges

Patrolmen Eugene L. Cassidy, Bernard Reynolds and Patrick Sheehy, will be arraigned before the Police Commissioners this evening to answer charges which led to their suspension early in the week by Superintendent of Police John H. Redgate.

It was further announced that a representative of the Jitney Drivers' association will appear before the commissioners and ask that Captain Wheeler of the Traffic Squad be allowed to address a meeting of jitney owners and explain to them the traffic rules which must hereafter be observed by them.

Much interest surrounds the trial of the suspended policemen and it is expected that quite a large crowd will attend the hearing. The accused officers, however, are confident of being able to clear themselves of the charges.

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AMERICAN TROOPS IN TOUL SAY THERE HAS BEEN BUT ONE FIGHT

With the American Troops in France, June 29—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Though the American troops have had three engagements in the Toul sector during the past three months men in the division say "there has been just one fight."

The big raid on Apremont in April they call "the Apremont affair"; they refer to the attack on Seicheprey, ten days later, as "the Seicheprey thing"; but, the morning of June 16 at Xivray," they say, "there was a fight."

This distinction does no wrong to the defenders of Apremont and Seicheprey. The men did their best there, and that best was as good as could be expected under the circumstances but their best was not so good as their best at Xivray. That is the significance given to the distinction by French officers. They say that it was at Xivray the men holding the sector showed they had learned how to do what must be done in the front line.

Xivray has a similar meaning to the Germans in that sector if the evidence of prisoners may be trusted. The men captured there showed increased respect for the fighting qualities of the Americans and betray a deeper awe of the American machine gun.

It is no disparagement of the work the ordinary rifle did there to say that the quick-firers decided the issue. Two companies of infantry, without doubt, to shelter them, held their ground on the right of the position through a heavy artillery preparation and kept the enemy from bringing up reinforcements throughout the fight. Meanwhile, in the center at Xivray and on the left, the machine gunners did the rest.

The enemy's plan, according to prisoners, was to force the village, destroy the defence works, make the place untenable and take prisoners. The effort was well organized and might have succeeded but for the

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ing them during the fight. One of the heroes of the day was a cook who had been dismissed from the service on account of loose habits with respect to drink. When sober he was possessed of an astonishing amount of perseverance. He had followed all efforts of the officers to put him out of the division. He left one regiment to appear in another. He passed from one company to another until he had reached the last one. If he was thrown out of that it was all over with his soldiering. He was one of the volunteers that went through both barrages and he stayed

BUY HALF BILLION STAMPS. Washington, Aug. 15—The American people have bought \$580,000,000 of war savings and thrift stamps, according to treasury reports issued yesterday. CELERY PLANTS \$1.50 PER 100. JOHN RECK & SON.

Goodman to Speak At Newfield Church

Early in September the city of Bridgeport will again have opportunity of listening to the wonderful story of Frank Goodman, the fire-brand, trail-blitter of the Billy Sunday campaign, in connection with evangelistic services to be held at Newfield M. E. church, corner Stratford and Central avenues.

The Men's League of the church are to have charge of the campaign and it is expected that a great many people will take advantage of the opportunities offered. The services are to be held for about ten days and besides Mr. Goodman—one time gambler of international reputation—there will be many other speakers, among them Major J. B. Raymond, U. S. A., a strong speaker who has taken active part in settling labor disputes for the government, "Jimmy Cannon," Dr. W. W. Colby, the Preaching Physician, who has a way of telling the spiritual truths that comes only from his knowledge and experience as a physician.

These men come from the William A. Sunday Evangelistic Association of New York, an outgrowth of the "Billy Sunday" campaign in that city, and are all men of deep religious convictions and their message at this time will have a strong patriotic and religious appeal.

DRANK UNFILTERED WATER Asheville, N. C., Aug. 14—Half a dozen German civilians interned at Hot Springs, N. C., are reported dead of typhoid fever and 165 ill, as a result of drinking unfiltered water from French Broad River, with the hope that their illness would prevent the War department from transferring them to the military prison camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

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