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## SHORTY DUBOIS READY TO HIT HUN HARD

Says Soldiers Realize War Depends on U. S.

### ALL WORK CHEERFULLY

Snow, Rain and Mud Do Not Daunt Intrepidity of American Fighting Men.

Today's installment of letters received by President Richmond from Union men in the service of Uncle Sam includes one letter received from Don Price, '17, written just before he sailed for France. Last week a letter received from him after landing in France was printed. The other letter in today's installment is dated from "An Artillery Camp" in France and is from Albert W. Dubois, '18, who is with the 151st Regulars, Field Artillery.

Don Price's letter is from Camp Merritt, Tenaflly, N. J. It was written on January 27 and reads as follows:

"I arrived here from Washington Thursday morning and am to sail on the first transport for France. It will probably leave within the next two days.

"The orders came very suddenly from the office of the Secretary of War and I was sent here as quickly as possible from the Radio School at College Park, Md. When I arrive in France I am to be assigned to duty with the aviation section of our expeditionary forces. I will probably be located at an aerodome and have charge of the radio apparatus on the airplanes. It is possible, however, that I may have to act as instructor.

"We had some very interesting work at the school and I enjoyed my stay there very much. College Park is only eight miles from Washington and we were allowed to go into the city over the week-end. I became acquainted with some fine people there and of course found many things to interest me in the city.

"Tom Rogers, Clifton Vrooman, Robert Clapp and 'Bill' Schauer, all members of my class, were at the school. Howard Purdy, who is a member of the 1915 class at Union, I believe, was one of the officers who were taking the course there.

"A number of the boys at the school  
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### CALENDAR.

#### Tonight.

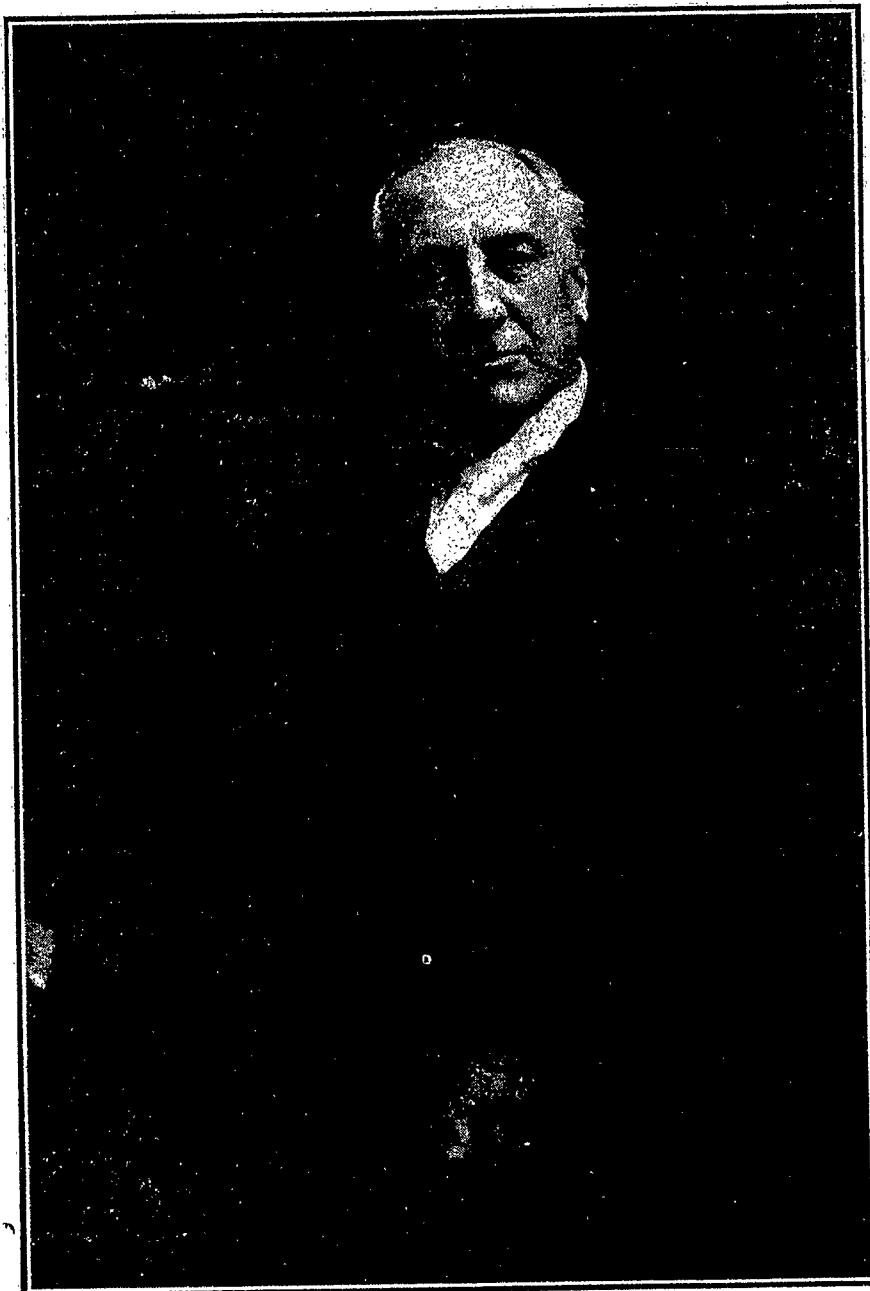
8:00—Prof. Hoernle lectures in Chapel. Subject, Truth and Error—The Response of Coherence and Theories.

#### Tuesday.

7:00 P. M.—Election of Y. M. C. A. officers in Silliman Hall.

8:00 P. M.—Prof. Hoernle lectures in chapel. Subject, Truth and Error (Continued). Comparison of These Theories. Pragmatism and the Will to Believe.

## ALUMNUS, PRESIDENT OF COLLEGE FOR THIRTEEN YEARS, DIES SUDDENLY



Dr. Andrew Van Vranken Raymond.

## FORMER PRESIDENT OF UNION IS DEAD

Dr. A. V. V. Raymond Expires Suddenly in South.

### SAVIOUR OF THE COLLEGE

Rescued Union From Misfortune and Restored Her Reputation.

Dr. Andrew Van Vranken Raymond, President of Union from 1894 to 1907 and a graduate of the college in the class of 1875, died suddenly at Spartanburg, South Carolina, on Friday morning, April 5. Dr. Raymond left Buffalo, where he has resided since resigning the presidency of the college, on March 19 to go South for his health. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Miriam Raymond, and as his son, Lieut. A. V. V. Raymond, Jr., Union '08, was at Camp Wadsworth and expected soon to leave for France, Dr. Raymond stopped at Spartanburg to pay him a farewell visit. The end came suddenly, following an acute attack of pleurisy. One other son survives him, Morris T. Raymond, Union '05, at present connected with the Intelligence Department of the navy. Mrs. Raymond died in 1907.

Funeral services were held in Buffalo today and the body will be brought to Albany tomorrow where interment will be made in the Albany Rural Cemetery.

Dr. Raymond was born at Vischer's Ferry, August 8, 1854, and therefore was in his sixty-fourth year. His father was Rev. Henry A. Raymond. After receiving his A. B. degree at Union in 1875 he attended the New Brunswick Theological Seminary and in 1878 was ordained in the Dutch Reformed Church. In the same year he received his Master's degree from Union. In 1887 he received his Doctor's degree from Union and in 1894 Williams conferred the degree of LL.D. upon him. He was a member of Alpha Delta Phi.

In 1879 Dr. Raymond was married at Middleville to Margaret M. Thomas.

After being ordained Dr. Raymond was called to the First Reformed Church at Paterson, N. J., where he remained three years, leaving that charge to become pastor of Trinity Reformed Church at Plainfield, N. J.

After six years spent at Plainfield, Dr. Raymond came to Albany in 1887 to occupy the pulpit of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, which he held until he accepted the presidency of Union in 1894. Dr. Raymond was well known and had a high reputation as a clergyman and frequently preached at various churches during his life in Schenectady. The pastorate was congenial to him and he felt himself best fitted to perform its

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## DIAMOND TO BE READY FOR MID-WEEK PRACTICE

Thirteen Candidates for Pitcher Twirled and Batted Saturday.

The baseball squad was unable to hold the intended five-inning game Saturday as per schedule, due to the condition of the field, but three and a half hours were well spent in practice in all positions. It is anticipated that all work relative to laying out the diamond will have been finished in time for the mid-week practice and from then on the training will not be interrupted.

Nearly all of the thirteen candidates for the mound pitched to batters and each of the pitchers took a swing at the ball. Two of the twirlers hit so well that Coach Tamsett is considering giving them positions in the outfield.

Some time was also devoted to infield coaching. The veterans, Captain Peaslee, Fancher and Collins, were at hand. George Brucker, Mallory and Neville also showed some promise of inner defense. Jamieson, Jones and Schamberger each caught behind the be filled by new men.

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## TRAINING CAMPS TURN OUT REAL AMERICANS

Instill Pride, Self-Respect and Patriotism in All Who Enter Them.

The chapel speaker this noon was Rev. Mr. Landis, who has been engaged in organizing Bible study work in the training camps. The camps are the great American universities of the present day, Mr. Landis declared, and he described with boundless enthusiasm the transformation and Americanization that the army training brings about in the drafted man.

"The camps are not merely barracks," he said. "They are places where great things are happening. They are the schools of the democracy of tomorrow. They form a great educational force which cannot be estimated. Men come to them who cannot speak English, who do not know their right foot from their left, who care nothing for their country nor for anything else—regular bums. There also come men who never put their own shoes on before. In a few brief weeks they are all changed.

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Love for the college and devoted assistance to her are commonly found among Union alumni. Yet time was when the fire of enthusiasm for their Alma Mater, of pride and faith and devotion, burned feebly in the breasts of many Union men and was wholly extinct in others. An example of devotion to the college which did not fail at such a time elicits unbounded praise. That with such devotion should be given service which cost weary toil carried on amid almost hopeless adversity, and a separation from pursuits more suited to one's heart, inspires renewed devotion in others. So praiseworthy and inspiring was the example of Andrew V. V. Raymond.

The position to which he restored Union justified his faith in her and his labors made easier the attainment of her later flourishing prosperity. For this Union men owe gratitude to his memory but more valuable to the college was the proof his deeds gave of the wisdom of steadfast devotion to Old Union.

As long as the present heads of the college continue to direct its affairs no one fears that the dark days of '94 may recur. Although the war may still further diminish our numbers and embarrass Union's welfare, the interests of the college will be well conserved. But no matter how depressing conditions might become, the example Dr. Raymond gave would fire faint hearts and give the lie to croakers.

## CHEMICAL SOCIETY HEARS LECTURE ON WAR BREADS

Potato, Bran, Peanut, Cotton-Seed and Banana Flours Substitutes for Wheat.

The sixty-ninth regular meeting of the Section of Eastern New York of the American Chemical Society was held in the chemistry lecture room, Friday evening, April 5th. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

President, Dr. Arthur Knudson, assistant professor of Biological Chemistry in Albany Medical College; Vice-President, Dr. Willis G. Tucker, Dean of the Albany College of Pharmacy; Secretary-Treasurer, Harrison H. Van Cott, Schenectady High School; Councilor, Saul Dushman, Research Laboratory, General Electric Co.; Advisory Committee: Dr. Edward Ellery, Union College, Frank D. Easterbrooks, Albany, Alvin C. Goetz, Amsterdam. The outgoing officers were as follows: President, W. C. Arsem; Vice-President, M. A. Hunter; secretary-treasurer, A. J. Salathe; Councilor, W. D. Coolidge; Advisory Committee: Edward Ellery, G. R. Fonda, S. Dushman.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Charles Hoffman, chemist with the Ward Baking Company of New York. He claimed that this large baking company shares its secrets with smaller competitors and tried to show in his lecture how the company is trying to help win the war. He showed by chart and talk the relative food values of all cereals. The United States will be tens of millions of barrels of wheat short this year and that is the reason why we are all asked to save wheat. Saving is effected as we all know by mixing our wheat with 20 per cent corn, rye, barley or rice. This diluting will go on undoubtedly, until our bread is less than half wheat.

Substitute flours were shown. Notable among these were potato, bran, peanut, cotton-seed, banana flours. A sample of canned bread from Germany, bought in New York in 1915, was exhibited. It was made from potatoes and rye flour. It was very dark and was said to have sold for 1 cent a slice. This kind of bread was in use on the submarine Deutschland. Germany has abundance of potatoes and rye and not much wheat; therefore German bread is black bread.

A dozen different loaves of bread were displayed and passed around. They were tasted critically by members of Women's Clubs present and by chemists also. Point was made of the fact that gluten is equally responsible for raising of bread, with carbon dioxide. Samples of gluten swollen by warming, were exhibited.

The lecture was well attended except that only one student was observed to be present.

## DIAMOND TO BE READY FOR MID-WEEK PRACTICE

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The question of Wittner's eligibility will in all probability be settled next week. If things turn out well, another valuable asset will be added to the infield, leaving only the position of pitcher and the three outfield jobs to bat.

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## SINGED SPLOTCHES CLEAR WAY FOR GREEN GRASS.

A force of men has been at work with garden rakes the past week furishing up the campus. The lawns have been freed of the dead leaves which long lay beneath the winter's snow. Many a bonfire has been kindled and the fire allowed to spread through the brown grass so that the tender shoots of green grass which will soon appear may not be hindered by the dead blades, and where now are spacious singed splotches the green grass will soon grow all around, 'round, 'round.

The Harvard R. O. T. C. is to hold a regimental field day in May. In the day's program there will be a ceremonial review in the stadium, which will be followed by intercompany sports. Among the contests to be included in the list will be those in bayonet fencing, tent pitching, hand grenade throwing, and competitions in the manual of arms and in company and squad drills, and running races.

Some time in May the Harvard Battalion is to camp out at Wakefield, the Massachusetts State Range, and have a day's practice in shooting.

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The ordinary actual disbursements for the corresponding period of the fiscal year of 1917 were \$683,969,000.

These figures show that the war has added practically three and a half billion to the expenses of the Government for the time between the two dates named, eight and a half months. This means an expenditure for war purposes, for America's part in the war, of about \$400,000,000 a month or over \$13,000,000 a day.

The above figures, however, do not include the \$3,621,830,000 loaned to our Allies in the period dealt with. These are good and secure investments which will ultimately be repaid the United States. The total loans to our Allies to date aggregate practically \$5,000,000,000. Nor is the \$22,000,000 used to purchase Farm Loan Bonds included, another investment rather than an expense.

The total disbursements of the Treasury from July 1 last to March 16 were \$11,274,575,000. This sum includes the ordinary actual disbursements which comprise the usual civil expenses of the government and the cost of the war as above set out, the amount loaned our Allies, and bonds, notes, and certificates of indebtedness retired. Most of this last item is made up of payments of the short-term interim certificates issued last fall.

The total receipts of the Government in the period named were \$11,017,257,000, against total receipts for the corresponding period of the fiscal year of 1917 of \$540,217,000.

Three Juniors and nine Seniors have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Amherst.

#### COLUMBIA CLAIMS 10,000 IN MILITARY SERVICE

According to figures recently published by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia, over ten thousand Columbia alumni are engaged in some form of military work. As the detailed figures for those in the army and navy total 2,524 it is judged that some latitude of meaning is assigned to the term "form of military service."

Columbia has furnished to the army 12 lieutenant-colonels, 119 majors, 309 captains, 1,045 lieutenants, 511 non-commissioned officers or privates and 224 officers whose rank is not known. The navy has also received its share of the graduates and undergraduates of Columbia. The men in this form of service include 12 lieutenant commanders, 41 lieutenants, 63 ensigns, 137 non-commissioned officers and privates, and 51 officers whose ranks was not given.

Columbia has established a United States School of Military Cinematography, a Navy Gas Engine School, and a Government Ordnance School at the college itself, and the students at the University are drilling in the Columbia Battalion.

The faculty has been called upon for its share of work and it is estimated that 322 of its members are in service. Of these the rank of 37 is unknown, but there are 29 majors, 48 lieutenants, 41 captains, and 9 naval lieutenants among the number.

Due to efforts of the Harvard fencing squad, a bayonet team will be formed to represent the University in outside matches with other schools.

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#### SHORTY Du BOIS READY TO HIT HUN HARD

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will receive commissions and of course I hated to leave without one. . . . I am the first one from the school to be sent to France. There should be some advantage in being the first one over and I don't believe they are sending me because I was the poorest one of the bunch at the school. At any rate I'm glad I'm going and am expecting a promotion of some sort soon after I arrive in France.

" . . . Douglass Wilson is here at Camp Merritt. He thinks he may be sent across with the men on the next transport.

"Union is having a very successful basketball season according to the reports of the games which appear in the papers. That fact is especially gratifying when one considers that there was some very good material lost to the team this year as well as a good coach.

"I have been assigned to Casual Company 33 here. We received our full equipment yesterday and are ready to sail now.

"After I arrive in France I'll write and tell you as much as possible about my experiences, which, of course, won't be a great deal. I shall also be hoping to hear about yourself and affairs at Union. . . ."

"Shorty" Du Bois's letter from France was dated January 22. It reads:

"My dear Dr. Richmond:

"I wish to thank you with all my heart for your kind Christmas letter. If anything cheers us up and helps us to 'carry on,' it is a letter from home like that. We have some rather blue days over here, but when we realize that our friends are still thinking of us, why we just sail into our work with renewed vigor.

"There is not much that I can tell you about conditions here. We are in comfortable quarters and are well taken care of. The morale of the men is wonderful. They perform their duties faithfully and cheerfully, no matter how hard it rains or snows or how deep the mud may be. When one sees under what conditions they have to work and with what interest they do their work, there can be no doubt of an early victory.

"I think that the officers and the men feel the same way about the situation—the harder we work, the harder we hit the enemy and the sooner the mess will be over. We all realize that the outcome of the war depends upon the United States.

"The army is going into action well prepared. Our country has profited by the experiences of England and France and has trained her armies not to make mistakes. No man has gone to the front who did not know his business. The French and English have given us all the help and instruction possible and with unlimited patience.

"The only Union man that I've met here was Louis De La Vergne. He was at the Field Artillery School of Instruction a short while but was later transferred to a school for heavy artillery.

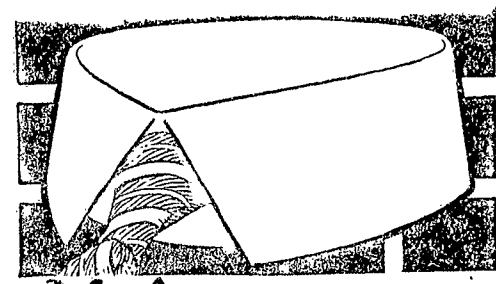
"Was mighty glad to have the information concerning the American University Union, but I have been too busy to get Paris leave. I really don't expect it until the regiment gets its rest leave from the front."

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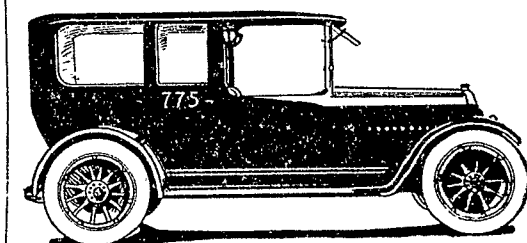
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duties. Such considerations impelled him in 1907 finally to accept the overtures of the First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo, which for more than two years sought him as its rector.

Dr. Raymond might justly be called the saviour of Union College. In January, 1894, when he was inaugurated as President, the college was in the dismals. It was forsaken by the alumni, who despaired of their Alma Mater and were sending their sons to other colleges. It was deeply in debt. It had no benefactors. Attendance had diminished. Little revenue was derived from tuition, as most of the few students held scholarships. The grounds and buildings had been allowed to fall into neglect. Only a few devoted members of the faculty were left. The name and fame of Union was in eclipse. Such was the unhappy and discouraging condition of affairs when Dr. Raymond consented to put aside his life-work, and the work most suited to his tastes, to attempt the resuscitation of his Alma Mater. His success was signal. He restored to the college the interest of its alumni; he won for it the support of generous friends; he rehabilitated its disordered finances; he increased the size of the faculty and improved the curriculum; and he gave to the name of Union College the high repute which it had been in danger of losing. A prominent alumnus writing in the Alumni Monthly for November, 1917, said of Dr. Raymond: "He started the college on its road to new prosperity, rekindled the sadly shattered hope and faith and enthusiasm of its alumni, and in all probability saved Union from extinction."

It was during Dr. Raymond's administration that the valuable Long Island City tract of land, which had been acquired by the prudent Eliphalet Nott, was sold, and thus the restoration of the college's finances was begun, a work carried on and completed by the present treasurer, Frank Bailey '85, of New York, whom Dr. Raymond induced to succeed Mr. Harroun, whose term of office ended with his death in 1901. Besides securing substantial financial assistance for various purposes connected with the college, Dr. Raymond brought about the erection of Silliman Hall, in 1900, and of the Elec-

trical Laboratory, in 1906. Indeed it was also by his efforts that the Electrical Engineering School was established on the foundation which has enabled it to reach its present renown. Besides the erection of new buildings, under Dr. Raymond's administration the other college buildings were repaired and rescued from incipient decay. The library was put in its present condition at a cost of forty thousand dollars, North and South Colleges received modern improvements, laboratories and class rooms were refitted.

That one phase of the college's present good fortune may be attributed to a degree to the efforts of Dr. Raymond is shown by the following extract from his letter of resignation: "It may not be unseemly in me to say that I have tried to cultivate more cordial relations between the city and the college. Certainly my personal relations with the citizens of Schenectady have been most friendly and I am confident that among our citizens interest in the college is today more general and more practically helpful than it has been for many years."

In 1907 Dr. Raymond came to feel that his labors on behalf of the college had borne fruit, sufficient to warrant his resigning the presidency. He was actuated to this decision by other considerations, which he mentioned in his letter of resignation to the Board of Trustees: the extensive travelling required of the President broke up his home life, the task of raising money was distasteful to him, and he felt that he was best fitted for pastoral duties. In this letter he said: "While the college was passing through its dark days I believed it to be my duty to remain at my post, whatever the personal sacrifice involved, since to leave would have been taken as evidence of discouragement and would have made the general situation still more depressing. Now, however, conditions are so essentially different, that no interpretation of my action can be unfavorable to the college."

In accepting his resignation the Board of Trustees passed resolutions laudatory of Dr. Raymond's achievements as President, in which they said, "Since his election in 1894 President Raymond has served his Alma Mater with distinguished ability, devotion and success and under his administration the college has steadily developed and advanced in influence and strength and is now in a most prosperous condition."

Dr. George Alexander '66 succeeded Dr. Raymond, as President ad interim, and he held office until Dr. Richmond's accession.

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Nine out of ten men who are recommended for officers' schools are college men, said Mr. Landis. The college man soon rises to a place of leadership in the training camps, he further said, because he has been trained to think and act. He takes an interest in things from the start and he puts "pep" into all he does. In short, he carries his college spirit into his military work.

### THREE FORMER STUDENTS ADDRESS CHAPEL MEETING

Three alumni were present and spoke in chapel, this noon: "Pete" Starbuck, captain of the 1914 football team, "Wally" Girling '17 and Harry Calkins '18, U. S. N. Girling is going into the Y. M. C. A. army work, in the athletic department. He will be stationed at Camp Merritt, N. J. Calkins has just returned from an 18-day visit to France, where he went on board an ammunition transport. The vessel is now in dry dock at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. When repairs are completed on her, she will be retained in the transport service, carrying troops instead of ammunition.

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