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2 Bottles White Liniment . . . . .	25c	4 lbs. Pastry Flour . . . . .	25c
3 lbs. Buckwheat Flour . . . . .	25c	6 lbs. Common Cornmeal . . . . .	25c
1 quart White Beans . . . . .	25c	1 pkg. Flaked Wheat . . . . .	25c
1 lb. Bean Pork . . . . .	25c	4 rolls Toilet Paper . . . . .	25c

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## BANQUET TO PRESIDENT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

President of the United States the Guest of Honor at Brilliant Function in the King's Household—Display of Gold Plate Valued at Fifteen Million Dollars—Notable List of Guests—President's Health Proposed by the King.

London, ec. D27—No more regal setting ever has been arranged in Buckingham Palace than that which greeted President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson when they were escorted into the banquet hall tonight for the precedent-breaking state dinner.

Every royal formality which has attended epochal occasions at the palace for two or three hundred years was carried out before and during the banquet. President Wilson with Queen Mary led the procession into the dining hall, preceded by officials of the palace splendidly costumed, bearing wands and walking backwards and making obeisance to the guests. Immediately behind the President and the Queen came King George and Mrs. Wilson. They were followed by members of the royal family.

At the head of the table twelve persons were seated, with King George in the middle. President Wilson sat at the King's right and Mrs. Wilson on the left. To the right of President Wilson was Queen Mary and then the French ambassador; Princess Christian; the Spanish ambassador, and Princess Patricia, daughter of the Duke of Connaught. At Mrs. Wilson's left sat Princess Mary; the Italian ambassador; Princess Beatrice, and the Japanese ambassador in the order named. The American ambassador, John W. Davis, had a first place at a side rectangular table at President Wilson's right.

At the dinner President and Mrs. Wilson were escorted from their apartments to the great white drawing room, where the royal family had gathered with their other guests. These guests were presented to President and Mrs. Wilson and the dinner party immediately proceeded to the dining hall.

The scene as the guests proceeded to the hall was one of magnificent splendor. In the dining saloon was a great collection of solid gold plate and huge gold ornaments valued at \$15,000,000. These had been brought from the vaults for the occasion. One of three buffets contained pieces of plate too large or otherwise too cumbersome for use. These included one piece of great size taken from the wreck of the Spanish Armada.

In the color scheme the gold laden table blended with the decorations in the hall, which are white and gold with crimson carpet and upholstery to match. The crimson effect was further carried out by the exclusive use of poinsettias as floral decorations. In the balcony at the end of the room was a military orchestra. It was hidden from view by floral or other decorations. The attendants were in full state dress, which was heavy with gold lace.

Banquet Hall a Block Long  
The banquet hall which is 200 feet long by seventy-five feet wide, was approached by the guests through a state hallway approximately a block long, richly furnished and decorated with paintings and porcelain. The banquet hall is occasionally used for banquets and other purposes and has a throne at one end.

The main table was arranged so that the backs of President Wilson and King George were toward the

throne.

The permanent decorations seemed strikingly simple when compared with the regal table. The only art on the wall was one Goblin tapestry. On each side six cut glass chandeliers hung from the extremely high ceiling, but for the banquet tonight 128 candles in gold candelabra, each surmounted by a pink silk shade, were used. Other light was obtained from fancy wall fixtures.

The general body of guests preceded the royal family and the presidential and ambassadorial guests into the banquet hall. They rose and remained standing while the main guests and the hosts entered in procession. Heading the procession was the Lord Chamberlain and the Lord Steward and other officials in state regalia. Yeomen of the Guard in red Elizabethan costumes and halberds were in attendance.

Queen Mary wore a cream-colored gown of silk with a long train and a tiara of diamonds and many other jewels. Mrs. Wilson's dress was black with spangles and was made at the White House. She wore very few jewels.

The military and naval officers were in service uniforms and wore their swords. The ambassadors were in full ambassadorial uniform. President Wilson and Ambassador Davis wore the usual formal American evening clothes. The British civilian guests wore court dress and the insignia of many orders.

The health of the President was proposed by His Majesty King George in a speech in which he paid an eloquent tribute to the American people. President Wilson replied in a graceful speech.

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Transferred to St. John.

A pleasant little party met at the Imperial Lunch Rooms last evening, when members of Picardy Chapter, I. O. D. E., gave an oyster supper in honor of their treasurer, Miss Cora Thomas, who has held the position of stenographer in the Dominion Immigration Bureau in this city since its inauguration. Miss Thomas has been transferred to a similar position in the Department at St. John. At the supper last evening the Chapter presented Miss Thomas with a sterling silver cardcase, together with the customary good wishes for success in her new position.

The Despicable Hun  
St. John Globe: With the figure of a snake tattooed on his throat, from ear to ear, a soldier who debarked on Wednesday from the Corsican, en route for Simcoe, Ontario, has, in addition to the memory of his experiences as a prisoner in Germany, visible evidence that he has a right to despise the Hun. Another returned man who had been a prisoner in Germany bore the Huns' mark on his chest in the shape of an eagle.

Mr. T. T. Mann of Campbellton is in the city today and is registered at the Queen Hotel. He is Liquor Inspector for Restigouche County.

## WALTER BURDEN HEARD FROM AFTER LONG SILENCE; THREE AND A HALF YEARS PRISONER OF WAR

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Burden, of Fredericton—One of the First Volunteers from This City—Served in France with 13th Battalion, Royal Highlanders of Canada—Given Extra Punishment for attempting to Escape—Expects to Reach England Early in the New Year.

Mr. Weldon Burden of this city received a letter yesterday from his son Private Walter Burden, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany for over three and a half years. The letter received takes a load of anxiety off the shoulders of his parents and relatives who have been very anxious regarding his fate having had no letters from him recently.

#### An Early Volunteer

Private Burden enlisted on August 10th, 1914, six days after the war broke out at the age of sixteen. He joined the volunteers from the 71st York Regiment and after spending a week in training in this city proceeded to Valcartier. He went overseas about the last of September, the trip over taking about seventeen days. Arriving in England he spent some time there and finally joined a Motor Cyclist Corps. On account of ill health he was forced to leave this corps and later was transferred to the 13th Battalion Royal Highlanders of Canada then in France.

#### Taken Prisoner Near Ypres

He arrived at the trenches in the spring of 1915 and was there but sixteen days when he was taken prisoner. He was wounded on April 24th at the battle of Ypres, receiving shrapnel wounds in the head, leg and arm, and a bayonet thrust in the side. He lay out in No Man's Land for forty hours and was then taken prisoner by the Saxons. After being taken a prisoner gangrene developed in his side and he was kept in a hospital for some time.

#### In Several Prison Camps

He was moved to an internment camp at Giessen and from there to Lichtenhurst. Later he was moved to Poste Bonhte, then to Osnebruke and finally to Soltan, Hanover.

#### Given Extra Punishment

His parents received several letters from him while he was a prisoner and in them his alertness is shown in the fact that he said he was just fifteen miles from his Uncle Holland which

is taken to mean that he was fifteen miles from the Dutch border. Other similar phrases, show the usage he received at the hands of the Germans. After he left Giessen his parents received few letters from him. In one of the last letters received he stated that he had been doing time and that if his parents did not hear from him for a long time they would know it was for the same old offence. His parents take this to mean that he had tried to escape but had been caught and shut up in prison.

#### Latest Letter

His latest letter is dated December 3rd and is postmarked Enschede which is a town in the Dutch Province of Overysell about forty-five miles southeast of Zwolle, a railroad centre near the Dutch border. The letter is as follows:

Dear Parents,—It is a very long time since I heard from you and I was wondering how everything is going with you all. I hope you are all well. This letter will be posted in England or Holland, I don't know which. One of my chums is going away today and will try to get this letter through. At present I am in hospital with inflammation of the lungs. I have been here about a month now and must stay here another twenty days if I wish to pull through well. For the first few days it was a bad case for me and they thought I was just about fit for a coffin but I pulled through. I had been out of bed but two days when I got the grippe and of course that was another set-back for me.

#### Perfect Hell

These last three years have been a perfect Hell for me here. When I wrote to you I always said we were well treated but should I have written anything else you would not have received or read my letters or cards. But then it isn't for a soldier to complain. Turnips and water and a half-

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