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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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Portland, 10/11/17

OCT 13 1917

GEO. L. BAKER
MAYOR

Mayor,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Families of Portland boys now at Camp Green alarmed by report of moral conditions in Charlotte. Please telegraph me what I can say to them.

George L. Baker, Mayor

Charge - Oregon Social Hygiene Society

*Copy for
Mr Baker*

was relief

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INFORMED ONLY ONE CASE VENEREAL DISEASE IN CAMP GREENE TRACEABLE
TO CHARLOTTE MEASURES WELL UNDER WAY FOR MORAL PROTECTION OF
SOLDIERS NO NEED FOR ALARM

SURGEON BROWN

US P H S CHARGE SANITATION CANTONMENT ZONE.

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GEO. L. BAKER
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CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

H. R. ALBEE, COMMISSIONER

WOMEN'S PROTECTIVE DIVISION

MRS. LOLA G. BALDWIN,
SUPERINTENDENT

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

October 13, 1917.

Hon. George L. Baker,
Mayor,
City Hall, City.

SOLDIER'S wife and baby girl want home-like housekeeping rooms, walking distance from Postoffice; price must be moderate. Phone Main 7181, local, city.

Chg. to Women's Div.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the matter of Mrs. Summerville, the wife of a soldier, and Mrs. Babb, a waitress who has been rooming with her, will say that Mr. Lansing accompanied me in the auto, taking the two women back to their quarters at 16th & Yamhill. Mr. Lansing and myself interviewed the landlady, and we found it most difficult to impress either Mrs. Summerville or the landlady that they should not quarrel.

It was arranged that the women were to be allowed to stay there until the next day. Meantime we placed the attached ad in the Oregonian. We received several answers, and selected one that we thought was especially appropriate, notified Mrs. Summerville and asked her to go to see it, but she did not pay any attention to our request. We telephoned several times and I visited Mrs. Babb at her work at the Royal Bakery. Mrs. Babb meanwhile had separated herself from Mrs. Summerville, because Mrs. Summerville insisted upon having a more expensive apartment, while the other girl thought they should have a furnished house-keeping room.

We endeavored in every possible way to be of assistance to these young women. I then conferred with Mr. Lansing, and we both feel that everything has been done that it was possible to do to help them. Should they come back to the department again we will be glad to take the matter up and assist them in any way possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Lola G. Baldwin
Supt. Women's Protective Division.

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was replied

CITY OF CHARLOTTE

MAYOR'S OFFICE

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

F. R. MCNINCH
MAYOR
COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION
AND FINANCE

October 12th, 1917.

Mayor George L. Baker,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Your wire received, stating that the citizens of Portland were alarmed about the moral conditions in Charlotte and I can assure you that no greater surprise has come to me than the information that the moral conditions of Charlotte were anywhere reputed to be bad. When I called your telegram to the attention of Dr. Minor, Federal Health Officer, stationed here with the special duty of investigating and handling the moral conditions as they may effect the health of the soldiers, he promptly requested the privilege of answering your telegram and stated that Charlotte was the cleanest city morally that he knew of anywhere in the country.

How such a grossly erroneous impression should have gained currency in Portland, I am at a complete loss to understand, as our administration in cooperation with the Federal authorities has been constantly alert for the detection and suppression of ~~lewdness~~ and immorality and it is the general comment throughout this entire section that Charlotte is handling the moral problems in the best and most efficient manner of any City its size and particularly of any camp City.

If upon receipt of Dr. Minor's message you or any of your citizens may still entertain any doubt as to the moral conditions here, I urge that you wire General Jervey, Commanding Officer at Camp Greene, or Mr. Wheatley, Secretary of the Fosdick Commission or any Federal Officer at Camp Greene, who may be known to you or any of your citizens personally or by reputation.

In this connection, I want to take occasion to say to the people of Portland through you, that I have personally met many of the Portland boys and have had the privilege of entertaining several of them in my home and that they have made an exceptionally fine impression upon me and our people generally. Their parents and kindred at home may be



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assured that they are now living in as wholesome environment as may be found and that our people feel a very real and genuine interest in their welfare as is evidenced by the opening of our churches, lodge rooms and like places, not only on Sunday, but throughout the week, and by the further fact that they are being received and entertained in our homes on a larger scale than at any other camp city.

Yours very truly,

F. R. McNinch
Mayor.

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