

TRENCH & CAMP

CHEAP THIEVES

The day of reckoning is coming. It is to be hoped that the French mind has turned, as has the Belgian, to that day when the books are to be opened for the final balance.

In that day, the Prussian Crown Prince may be asked to restore that which he stole from the fine homes he defiled by his occupancy.

But there are others than those with fine homes who will have just bills to present. There are the hundreds of small manufacturers whose machinery was stripped and stolen, and whose wherewithal was transported to Germany and made to serve the industrial life of the Empire.

The record would not be complete if it did not catalogue the fact that where these cheap thieves were unable to remove the objects of their desire, they worked havoc and destruction. In France and Belgium today there are hundreds of factories whose equipment has been scrapped because it could not be stolen.

Neither would the record be complete if it did not state that this theft and this petty spoliation were continuing in the face of protestations of a desire for a peace of justice and righteousness.

When Valenciennes was first threatened in the German retreat, observers saw soldiers withdrawing from the city with great loads of loot.

When German officers occupied French chateaux they liked their surroundings so well that they ordered everything sent into Germany that could be removed.

To go even further back, the German forces that took part in the Boxer campaign liked to do some star-gazing through the wonderfully wrought telescopes of the Forbidden City. So while they were engaged in enforcing righteousness, so they said, they shipped the astronomical instruments to the Fatherland.

The Prussian mind does not change. Now that the evacuation of all the occupied territory in France and Belgium seems to be in order the Germans are following the habit of their minds, and looking about them for loot.

The Belgian mind has its peculiarities, too. In a measure it is just as thorough as the German. The Belgian has a genius for accounting, and it is known that a record has been kept of all that the Germans have stolen from the little kingdom.

IT NEVER HAPPENED

Should someone in camp or outside call you aside and tell you that Captain So and So, a medical officer, and Miss So and So, an army nurse, were shot at sunrise yesterday or the day before, after having been found guilty of infecting soldiers under their care with influenza or pneumonia germs, take hold of him by the collar and gently, but with firmness, impress upon him that either unwittingly or designedly he is furthering the cause of Hun propaganda, which is trying to destroy not only the Army's but the civil population's confidence as well in the Army Medical Department.

This is the implied advice in a recent official statement issued by acting Surgeon General Richard to stop a fast-growing crop of rumors, which had sprung up in and around camps to the effect that influenza was being spread by German spies, parading as medical officers. The statement follows:

"There have been no more intentionally false reports come to my attention than those, recently widely spread, to the effect that nurses or medical officers have been executed at the stage hour of sunrise, for spreading influenza or pneumonia germs among soldiers."

"There have been no medical officers, nurses or anyone else executed at any camp in the United States or abroad for any such cause."

"The reports are ridiculous and without the slightest foundation on fact. They have taken many forms, but through them all has run a significant likeness of texture that it is not unlikely that they all originated from the same source, the German propagandist. Unfortunately, as is so frequently the case, those behind the baseless reports have been and are being aided in the notorious dissemination of them by many thoughtful persons who have not taken the time to investigate before passing the reports on."

"At least thought, on the part of those to whom these groundless reports were retailed, would in most instances have been sufficient to kill them. The influenza germ only recently has been isolated and, according to published accounts, still is dodging the eyes of scientists even when investigated under the most powerful microscopes."

"It is hardly possible that the Germans learned all about the influenza germ, especially its control, while the rest of the world was at its mercy, and through underground channels communicated this information to spies in order to cause death and suffering."

"In support of this it is only necessary to take into account that the armies of the Central Powers have, and in all probability still are losing, hundreds of men through this disease in epidemic form. The first task of any general staff is to maintain highest efficiency and man-power among its own forces. The German general staff surely would have done in stopping the spread of influenza at home, had it possessed the means or the knowledge."

A BRIEF STOP-OVER

"Going to France?" asked a traveling man at the station of a negro soldier.

"No, sah! I'm not going to France," replied the dusky warrior. "I've gone to Berlin, but I may stop in France for a short time on my way."

MAKE IT A POINT

To send Trench and Camp to the home folks every week. They want all the news they can get about your life and activities in camp, and putting Trench and Camp into their hands is the best way to give them all the news.

MACOMB AWAITS ORDERS TO DEMOBILIZE TROOPS

While official communications have been received from Washington in reference to the demobilization of troops stationed at Camp Greene, Col. A. C. Macomb commanding, stated last night that no definite orders to undertake this were in his possession. The camp commander expressed deep interest in press dispatches from Washington in which the general order of demobilization of units in this country would be undertaken, especially in view of the fact that development battalions were designated as the first to be disbanded and the members returned to civil life. Several development battalions are quartered at Camp Greene.

Though Col. Macomb did not specifically so state, it was apparent from his discussion of the matter that the troops would be ordered to begin returning to civil life members of development battalions here would not come unexpectedly. Col. Macomb did not discuss the contents of the construction of military forces.

WHY WORRY?

While I sit here thinking of my wheel chair of mine, of mother and my sisters, of working all the time. Here I am in the hospital. As happy as can be. But what makes them worry. Sure seems to get me. But I guess mothers always worry. Especially when in the hospital. With the thoughts that they're alone. But Uncle Sam is with them. Won't he be the best doctors of the land. So no matter you need not worry. When your sons are far from home, for they are well taken care of. While in the hands of Uncle Sam.

S. C. SOLDIERS GO HOME.

Spartanburg, Nov. 28. (AP)—More than 1,000 South Carolinians who arrived in Camp Wadsworth two weeks ago under the last draft call are being discharged from the service and returning to their homes in various parts of the state. Their discharges read, however, that if the terms of the armistice should not be lasting the men may be recalled and again inducted into the service.

Breaking Into the Big League! By CHAPIN



HITS AND MISSES AT CAMP HEADQUARTERS

Now that the stockade has been removed from the vicinity of camp headquarters street, the great white lights will be sorely missed by the New York contingent at headquarters area. With the illumination gone and the street lights out on every night but the one the moon is full, the boys are going to need Jimmy Valentine outfits in order to get around.

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SEALED TIGHT KEPT RIGHT

Chew It After Every Meal

The Flavor Lasts

GO TO QUELL RIOTS.

Just to show how quick the army acts on short notice, the instance of the call Sunday night from Winston-Salem for soldiers to quell the riot there, proves beyond a doubt that things are moving pretty smoothly when 175 men from the provost guard, Forty-first battalion, and other organizations were fully equipped and ready to move within one hour from the time the notice was received by Colonel Macomb. Not only did they carry the regular men for line duty but they had a medical staff and supplies to take care of the "enemy" in case of casualties being inflicted or sustained.

Among recent signs of the times that seem to have been gaily painted are those on the desks of Sergeant Major Schaffer and Corporal David. But we understand they won't have much on some that are shortly to adorn the desks of the officers at headquarters.

for the past two weeks is recovering and his friends are hoping to see him back on the company street in double quick time.

Among the trials and tribulations of the Fightin' Personnel are the worries: How many years later do we get out? When do we get time to shave, chop wood, and write letters? But paramount is the question, will the old home town be wet or dry when I get home?

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Table listing various newspapers and their publishers across different locations, including Camp Meade, Camp Grant, Camp Greene, etc.

GERMANY'S GREATEST BLUNDER

"Suicidal ignorance" reigned in Berlin when the Prussian junkers deliberately forced the United States into the world war. And American humor, sated with cool cynicism, will be the deciding factor in the inevitable destruction of Prussianism which the junkers have brought upon themselves.

This is the view of Captain Bruce Bairnsfather, British soldier-cartoonist, who has just concluded an intensive six months' study of the doughboys. Bairnsfather's drawings, sketched in the trenches of France, have made the British "Tommy" famous throughout the countries that border on the seven seas. In recent months, he has confined the activities of his pencil to the doughboy. His method of cartooning subjects leads him first of all to analyze his subjects as intimately as a woman studies the face of the man she loves.

"Your soldiers and our soldiers," he says, "do for one instant think of the German as an equal; he is just a nuisance that is going to have his head smashed. It will only take time. They haven't a doubt of the victory in

DISCIPLINE

Army discipline has become a by-word. To the man in the street, who has never seen its results, it is something oppressive. To the recruit it is worse than that; it is something tyrannical.

To the soldier who has seen service, the soldier who has found discipline his servant and who has not been crushed by its imperiousness, it is indispensable.

One cannot but think of the days in school when the rules of grammar and syntax were so difficult—and so arbitrary. But if one's memory goes back to those days in school it also spans the intervening years and recalls the fact that very little attention has been paid to those rules since the art of expression was achieved.

The rules and regulations of the army service may seem arbitrary and oppressive at first. But the soldier soon learns that because the rules and regulations are obeyed the mobility of the whole command is insured. If the men in the ranks followed their own inclinations—well they just could not do that, for there would be no army.

It was Lieutenant Colonel George Applin, of the British Army, who gave

depended almost entirely on ball strength and superior physical condition. Their chief sins, in fact, practically all of them, were made by straight old-fashioned line bucking, the kind made famous by Houston at Michican and Dewitt at Princeton in the good old days of the gridiron pasture before the forward pass and "excuse me, sir, did I step in your toe" style of football came into existence. On the other hand the personnel crowd showed a far greater knowledge of the game and a whole bundle of back-swinging plays in their old left leg and several outwitted their opponents on many occasions.

The touchdown, scored by the wearers of the blue, the Remounters, was due to a bad pass by Center Thompson of the Personnel team. After being held for three downs, which being well down in the land of the enemy, "Capt. Dave" of the Marines elected to pass. The signal was given but Thompson threw the ball far over his captain's head. A blue-covered speed machine pounced on the signal, however, and a block-kick just to back from the Personnel goal posts.

The red sweaters, whites, with their back to the wall, held momentarily for three successive downs but the strength of the Personnel Remounters proved too much on the march. Blaine was hit by the line by inches only. On the kick out for the catch and for the distance for the extra point.

This battle was fought on the third quarter, as was also the one looked on by the Personnel organization. A series of eleven successive forward passes bewildered the Remounters, coming so soon after their almost super-human efforts in making their own ten-yard drive. From the men at sword point the Personnel team carried the ball into enemy territory by a series of mystifying forward passes, cross licks and a disconcerting delayed pass, until finally, Blaine was

Ceebynite Compass advertisement with price \$3.50 and \$6.50.

"The Ally of the Allies"

The war has brought out some great little truths. One is that Wrigley's—the lasting, delicious, refreshing, chewing sweet is a mighty aid to men enduring the hardships of rough work, rough weather, long marches and lack of comfort.

Advertisement for Wrigley's Spearmint, Juicy Fruit, Doublemint, and Peppermint chewing gum, including the slogan 'The Ally of the Allies' and 'The Flavor Lasts'.