

American Boys In The European War

Have Taught The Tommies To Sing American Songs And To Eat Pork and Beans

By LORD NORTHCLIFFE

HEADQUARTERS OF THE CANADIAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Jan 29.—Embedded in the heart of the great Canadian army in France is a body of American citizens in khaki who have already succeeded in effecting another of several revolutions produced in warfare by the United States.

The first and most important was the aeroplane, invented by the Wrights; the second is the machine gun, originally designed by Hudson Maxim, with the newer Lewis Light machine gun, easily carried or for use on aeroplanes. The third revolution is one I would hardly believe had I not had ocular demonstration. It is the conversion of the British Tommy to faith in pork and beans instead of beef on which he has fought since the time of the Norman conquest of England.

Sing American Songs.

These Americans in the British army with whom I have spent a day are a part of the topsy-turvydom in which we are living, and when I saw them marching back from the trenches to such tunes as 'My Country 'Tis of Thee' and the 'Star Spangled Banner' with less classical and more modern rag time music, I wondered what the small American boys who have so often tested me on the Fourth of July celebration in your country would have thought of this factor in the war that is not sufficiently known in the United States.

I suppose telling you what the American soldiers in the British and French trenches are doing, where they come from; how they live and why the Germans are particularly bitter towards them and why that these splendid Americans were hired by the Allies. From the German point of view the pay of Americans who are fighting against Prussianism is doubtless princely. It amounts to exactly a dollar and a quarter a day. I leave people in the United States to judge whether that would be the sort of remuneration calculated to draw American University graduates, some with considerable private fortunes, business men, real estate men, clerks, lumbermen, ginners—across the Atlantic.

The falsehood is one of the bits of German boomerang propaganda with which neutrals are becoming acquainted.

Enlisted in Diverse Ways.

The Americans in the British and French armies enlisted in diverse ways. In the first few months of the war many came to England direct and entered the British army. Those who were resident in Europe at the outbreak of the war formed a union with British residents in France and joined the French. Others came over later and entered the flying service, where they have done splendid work.

Early in the war during the battle of the Marne I was billeted with a number of our dispatch riders and was surprised to find the particular company which I was spending the night with were almost entirely from the United States.

It is almost impossible to estimate the number of Americans in these two armies, but including those engaged in the noble work of the American ambulance corps in Paris and its numerous automobiles and convoys it has been estimated at quite a significant number to have made the American language,

American music and Boston baked beans familiar.

Day and Night Raids.

A great feature of the war at the moment on the western front is the day and night raids. This dash and desperate form of individual fighting is encouraged by the British leader, Sir Douglas Haig and it is in this that the Canadians and the British who have considerable forces of Americans with them are adepts.

Each one of these raids is a miniature battle and it was in studying this form of warfare that I had the pleasure of seeing Americans who are serving with a Canadian regiment reviewed by a General on their return from the firing line for rest and a festal dinner.

By a curious coincidence, the setting of the scene was that of a thousand such in American and Canadian lumber camps—even down to the log house. We were just out of a shell range of the German guns, though the British artillery were talking all the time. As the men came down the hillside through tall pine trees, it did not take long for one who has visited most of the States of the Union to detect despite the mud and fatigue from which of the world's continents they came.

High Spirits in Camp.

They were in high spirits. Released from the cramped tension of always-shelled trenches they came tumbling over each other like school boys. All are in a pleasant and happy relation with their Canadian and British officers—which makes for good fighting and does not derogate from exact discipline.

They were paraded for a moment or two for inspection and as company after company formed into line I could not help but admire the quickness—encumbered as they were with all sorts of equipment and an extra suit of caked mud—with which they came to attention and 'eyes right.'

If I had any doubt as to the home of these stalwart fighters for freedom, it would have been settled by the steady movement of their jaws, betokening a habit which is rapidly spreading among the English and French, and which is said by the doctors to be quite a useful relaxation when under the fire of trench mortars and new weapons.

Before each company was dismissed I was allowed to make them a short speech and to mix and mingle with them as freely as I chose. I had brought with me newspaper clippings from a German source in which it was said that the Americans complained of their treatment. I had only to read it to the first group to have it hotly denied.

All Good Sports.

'We are having a perfectly corking time, despite the mud' voiced a Californian with a tall figure and a voice as resonant as Roosevelt's. 'You'll not find a grouch in the whole outfit, except that we had not expected to have to learn mud-swimming and that we don't see enough home newspapers.'

'As for that,' replied another 'I don't want to see mine. The folks sent it along at first, but I stopped it for it gave only Fritz's side of the case.' I find lack of home newspapers to be a general complaint, and any American who sympathizes with

MEXICANS REFUSE TO TAKE BATHS

SHOW THEIR NATURAL DISLIKE OF SANITARY MEASURES WHEN QUARANTINE MEASURES ARE FORCED UPON THEM

(By United Press)

El Paso, Jan. 29.—Serious rioting by Mexicans at the Juarez end of the international bridge was resumed this morning.

The crowd of five hundred Mexicans, incensed because they were not allowed to cross the bridge until they had bathed, began throwing stones and bottles at the American soldiers on duty as customs guards. Two guards were injured as the mob advanced to cross the bridge, the soldiers charged with clubbed rifles, driving them back.

The order forbidding the Mexicans to cross was issued as a quarantine against typhus fever.

WANTED. Copies of The Semi-Weekly Advance of the following dates: April, 18, July 29, Aug 24, 1916; January 2, 1917.

These fine boys fighting out here might do worse than mail a newspaper every week—preferably not one giving the German side. Such newspapers should be addressed American Soldiers, Care Commanding Officer, Royal Canadian Regiment, British Expeditionary Force, in France.

I should say that chewing gum, magazines, woolen comforts, tobacco, cigarettes and any portable and preservable little luxuries would be welcomed—though there is no lack of anything except, as I have said, of home papers.

These American boys are proud and rightly proud of the deeds of their own American men and officers. In the midst of this vast army the British army in France has now been publicly stated to occupy an anomalous if a proud position. Among the heroic dead there is no greater story than that of a gallant officer for twelve years in the American cavalry who joined in the great Canadian town of Regina. Though not engaged in that particular occupation, he could not resist the temptation to dash over the parapet with the cry of 'come on, boys.' Terribly wounded, he endeavored to struggle forward against the Germans, but was carried back and then killed.

He was one of many Americans whose heroism has endeared them to their Canadian and British associates.

While most newspaper dispatches from Washington which reach the French and English newspapers are full of the word peace these husky young American citizens will not hear to it.

'To hell with peace talk,' said a bright eyed boy from Kansas City. 'While these slant heads across the line there are enslaving French and Belgian women and children. There would be none of this peace business at home if the people there knew the facts.'

On New Year's day Boche soldiers put out boards saying 'why not have a peace talk?' the reply of the whole Allied line was an artillery bombardment which clinched the question.

A blue eyed American from Wisconsin with, I should think, Swedish blood in his veins, said 'our people at home do not seem to realize that talking peace with the Germans still in France means a German victory. The home folks do not know what we know. In the matter of a fight, the Russians, brave as they are, are down and out.'

The German Government is crying 'peace' added a hat-ted eyed Yankee who had gone out West as a boy and made good, later throwing up all for the war because the German army and German people know we have got them where we want them.

(A second Northcliffe article will be printed tomorrow.)

MANY SHIFTS IN THE CABINET

BELIEVED THAT CHANGES WILL EFFECT TREASURY, AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE AND PROBABLY STATE DEPARTMENT

(By United Press)

Washington, Jan. 29.—Besides the diplomatic shake up contemplated about March fourth, there will be a big cabinet shift early in the President's second term. It is stated that all resignations will be made voluntarily. The contemplated changes will effect that treasury, agriculture, commerce and probably the state department.

LIBERALS TO KIDNAP HOUSE Taking the bit in their teeth the Republican "liberals" in Congress will meet tonight to plan an open kidnapping of the next house of representatives.

The plot is to be formulated at a dinner given by Medill McCormick of Chicago, the millionaire elected to Congress last fall.

When the matter leaked out, it was explained that it was not a Progressive affair but a matter in which "liberals" from both houses and perhaps both parties will participate.

The Republican liberals expect to take the fullest advantage of the fact that the House is evenly divided and hope so to organize that they will force not only their own organization on the lower house but also put through their own legislative program.

FIRST SHAD RECEIVED

The first shad of the season were shipped to Elizabeth City this week arriving here Saturday morning early from Manns Harbor. They were received by the Globe Fish Company.

MRS. GLOVER ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Duekworth Glover entertained at bridge whist Saturday evening in honor of Mrs. E. R. Outlaw's guests, Miss Marie Burwell and Mrs. Janie Landis Hunt of Oxford.

WILL LEAVE FEBRUARY 3RD FOR SOUTH AMERICA

Mr. T. P. Sullivan, known in the baseball world as 'Ted' Sullivan, who after retiring from baseball life in Chicago came to Camden County to make his home, was in the city Saturday and stated to a reporter for this newspaper that he would leave on February 3rd for South America to make arrangements for the next season's baseball tour of that country.

Mr. Sullivan said that he had been delayed in starting one his trip by the German raider's activities, his friends and family being unwilling for him to set out during the exciting period just passed in the South Atlantic.

While on his South American trip Mr. Sullivan will write a number of interesting articles for The Advance.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Ford Touring car; used only few days; am going to change my position and don't need it; will take \$365.00 cash; hasn't run more than 100 miles; will do live anywhere in Elizabeth City. SPEAK QUICK. Drop postal; Box 254; has run just enough to crank easy. Jan 29-30.

WEDS BRIDE OF SIXTEEN

Mr. Ivorn Ives and Miss Ethel Leo Brothers were married by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden Thursday. The bride was not quite seventeen years old, but had the written consent of her father, Mr. C. E. Price, to the marriage. Both bride and groom are of the Brothers schoolhouse community in Nixon township.

Fiske Denies Leak Charge

(By United Press)

New York, Jan. 29.—Phny Fiske, the Wall Street financier named in Lawson's leak testimony as boasting control over McAdoo, today denied ever making such a boast. He also denied improper relations or receipt of advance information from McAdoo.

Counties Are Quarantine

Raleigh, Jan. 26.—In order to aid in the control and eradication of hog cholera in the counties of Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Currituck and Gates, the following order has been issued by the State Department of Agriculture effective January 25:

No hog, or hogs, shall be moved or allowed to move into Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Currituck or Gates counties from any part of this State, or from any other State, unless accompanied by a health certificate, issued by a qualified veterinarian, the same approved by the State veterinarian of the state or origin, or by the State veterinarian of North Carolina. The health certificate must show that the hog or hogs are free from hog cholera and have not been exposed to hog cholera infection and that anti-hog cholera serum has been administered within thirty days or that hog cholera serum and virus not less than thirty days.

DANCING CLASS

Dancing Class will be held in the Robinson Building on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights of this week. Special music has been secured and as this is the last week of the class for the season a large crowd is expected.

Committees For Community Service

The last meeting of this month will be held on February 3rd. The subject of this address was: 'How to Preventable Social Defects, and the committee in charge of this department of Community Service work is:

Mrs. C. W. Melick, Elizabeth City, Chairman.  
Mrs. M. P. Jennings, Route No. three.

Mrs. J. L. Palmer, Route, No. 1  
Miss Margaret Hollowell, Route No. 2.

Mr. A. L. Stafford, Route No. 4.  
Mr. A. H. Winslow, Route No. 5.

The Committee appointed on Better Production and Better Marketing are:

A. B. Houtz, Elizabeth City chairman.  
S. M. Brothers, Route No. 1  
J. W. Perry, Route No. 5

M. P. Jennings, Route No. 3.  
W. J. Williams, Route No. 6  
J. C. James, Jr., Weeksville.

The committee on Preventable disease is:

J. H. Winslow, Elizabeth City, chairman.  
R. H. Pritchard, Route No. 2  
J. R. Brite, Route No. 5

W. C. Riggs, Route No. 3.  
Elisha Brite, Route No. 6.  
S. W. Scott, Weeksville, N. C.

The Educational

Committee is as follows:

J. G. Fearing, Elizabeth City, chairman.  
A. S. Morgan, Route No. 2.  
O. L. Bundy, Route No. 5  
W. S. Stafford, Route No. 3.  
W. N. Brothers, Route No. 4.  
B. T. James, Weeksville N. C.

WANTED Copies of The Daily Advance of the following dates: June 15, August 4, 1915.

MORE ARMAMENT ON BRITISH SHIPS

BRINGS UP NEW QUESTIONS FOR STATE DEPARTMENT REGARDING GERMAN SUBMARINE QUESTION AND PORT REGULATIONS

(By United Press)

Washington, Jan 29.—The further armament of British merchant ships including guns forward, will not subject them necessarily to submarine attack without warning, it is said at the State Department today.

'For the time being' said the Department this government will stand pat on its pronouncement regarding armed ships published last winter just before Germany announced that she would attack all merchant ships regardless of armament, purpose or intent, as well as character of armament, having been considered in each case.

It is understood that the Department consider the whole armed ship question an open one and if a change in the character of merchant armament is made the Department may issue new port regulations.

A new element in the question, it is said, is the fact that German submarines now carry powerful deck guns, a feature, not in evidence when the submarine controversy first opened. This increased offensive power of the submarine might warrant a change in the legal defensive armament of merchantmen it is said.

Officials privately admit that the following questions are pertinent to the latest developments: Shall all entente merchantmen be denied entrance and exit to American ports? Shall Americans be warned to keep off such ships?

Shall German land submarines warfare be freed from the binding pledges regarding submarine cruise warfare?

URGES GERMANY TO STEEL HERSELF

COURT PREACHER WHO LAST YEAR PLEADED FOR PEACE NOW MAKES MILITANT PLEA FOR FIGHTING

(By United Press)

Berlin, Jan. 29.—Whereas one year ago the court preacher, Dr. Dryander, pleaded for peace in the religious services marking the Kaiser's birthday, this year his sermon was a fiery defense of Germany's cause and a militant plea for Germany to steel herself for the decisive battle which every one believes is coming.

His change in spirit reflects the sentiment of the German people and the sermon evoked the deepest approval everywhere.

OFFICERS ELECTED

A stockholders meeting of the C. W. Stevens Company, wholesale grocers, was held Friday, Jan. 26th, in the office of George J. Spence, Spence, and the following officers were elected for 1917: C. H. Brock, president; W. A. Brock, Vice-President; Geo. J. Spence, Secretary; C. W. Stevens, Treasurer and Manager; C. H. Brock, W. A. Brock, E. S. Scott, Geo. J. Spence, P. E. Stevens, C. W. Stevens, and C. W. Stevens, Jr. Directors.

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