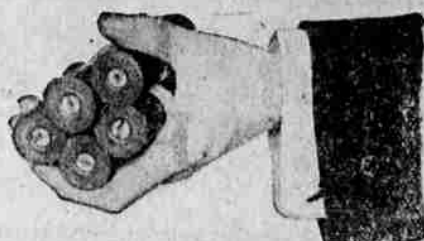


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FRENCH SOLDIERS RELIEVED Men from Indo-China Do Great Deal Necessary Work

FRENCH FRONT, February 20. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Smart little brown men from Annam and other parts of Indo-China have relieved the French troops of the pick and shovel work which is, next to actual fighting, one of the most important duties of a modern army not only in the first-line positions but in the rear of the battle front.

No chore is too difficult or too perilous for them. Unloading and loading from trains daily onto motor lorries and into ammunition wagons millions of shells and rifle cartridges, hand grenades and aerial torpedoes, needed by their white comrades, laying out roads across fields and marshes where no passage formerly existed, digging reserve trenches, building huts, driving ambulances—these heavy labors are executed by them with wonderful celerity and skill.

On one day, during a recent offensive, a battalion of Annamites transferred from an ammunition train to succeeding convoys of motor lorries 228,000 three-inch shells and 99,000 larger projectiles and thus helped the French artillerymen win a decisive victory.

Since February, 1916, these Annamites have been in France, or at least the first detachment of them, and soon after their arrival they were found to be of such immense utility that their numbers have been greatly increased. When volunteers were called for among the existing battalions in the far east virtually every man in the service asked to be taken to Europe. It is regarded as an honor among the natives of the French colony to serve in the army and in the ranks of the native battalions are to be found men from the best families of the country, even princes of the royal blood taking service as privates. Many of the non-commissioned officers are white soldiers who have fought in the colonies and who know thoroughly the language and customs of the natives with whom they live on the best of terms. The natives themselves are in many instances educated and quickly obtain promotion.

Every effort is made to respect the habits and religious practices of the native soldiers, who greatly admire their officers, all of whom have held commands in the colonies. The discipline of the troops is remarkable.

During their leisure hours, the Annamites lead a very active life in playing native games in which great

physical strength is called for and in practicing among themselves military movements and exercises with their weapons. Some of them are real artists in wood carving and in hammering designs on metal and they are very proud of showing their work to visitors to their cantonments.

Since they have been in France they have, contrary to expectations, suffered hardly at all from the change of climate and environment. The average number of sick is only sixteen per thousand.

LOCALS And Advertising in Brief

Big nine reel show, Star, Thursday and Friday. 3-5-2t.

Good candy sold in bulk—candy that is fresh—at Silverthorn's. 3-4-1t.

Illustrated lecture on Odd Fellowship at I. O. O. F. hall, Thursday evening, March 7. All Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and friends of the order are invited.—By order Committee. 3-4-3t.

A shipment of Victor records has arrived. Come in early and take your choice. Newlin Book & Stationery Store. 3-2-3t.

The very choice candy that you like so well is sold at Silverthorn's Family Drug Store. 3-4-1t.

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Save your rubber boots and rubbers. We are prepared to fix them La Grande Tire and Vulcanizing Works, 1406 Jefferson Ave. 3-1-5t.

Don't you need a Kodak? Spring is now upon us and the time for taking pictures of your homes and your friends for the boys in France is here. Drop in and see these Kodaks and cameras at Silverthorn's Family Drug Store. 3-4-1t.

Money to Loan. On improved real property in Union county. No delays. Current rates. La Grande Investment Co.—Adv. 1t.

Better than money because they earn money; buy a WAR-SAVING STAMP TO-DAY.

PERSONAL MENTION

Jimmie Bannon, candy salesman, of Portland is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Church are spending the day in Pendleton.

Engineer Lou Given returned this morning from a business trip to Portland.

Miss Emma Muller, nurse at the O.-W. R. & N. hospital, has returned from a visit in Portland.

Rev. Mr. Phipps of the Presbyterian church will deliver an evangelistic address tonight at the Salvation Army hall at 8:00 o'clock.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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E. P. O. ELKS! Regular meeting, Thursday evening. Initiation, Election of Officers and Lunch. Your attendance in earnestly requested. 3-4-4t.

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Vaudeville, Arcade tomorrow. 3-5-1t.

March Columbia records are here. Come in and hear them. W. H. Bohnenkamp Co. 3-5-3t.

Concrete Elevator Proposed at Alicel

ALICEL, March 4.—(Special.)—The father of J. D. Hudson arrived Saturday from Erie, Kansas. He was accompanied by his son, Joe, who left Sunday evening for his home in Washington.

A. L. Taylor made a business trip to Pendleton last week.

Misses Ina and Minnie Watkins made a trip to Elgin Saturday.

The Epworth League enjoyed a social at the home of Mrs. H. J. Richards Thursday evening. Those present were Misses Margaret Taylor, Ina Watkins, Minnie Watkins, Ona Hudson, Verle Kniel, Violet Rush, Ruth Winters, Florence Thompson and Pansy Van Housen, and Messrs. Clyde Webb, Reed Taylor and Lewis Smith. At ten o'clock light Hooverized refreshments were served and at twelve all departed, conscious of a fine time.

Miss Verle Kniel attended the teachers meeting at La Grande Saturday, as did Ruth Winters, Violet Rush and Vada Smith.

The farmers of the valley are contemplating the building of a concrete grain elevator. Some of the most prominent farmers made a trip through western Oregon and Washington last week on this business.

Mrs. M. R. Thompson who has been in the La Grande hospital the last six weeks arrived at Alicel Monday where she will spend some time with Mrs. H. J. Richards.

Snow Leaving Imbler Section

IMBLER, March 5.—(Special.)—R. S. French who makes his headquarters in La Grande has been in the valley this week buying cows. L. A. Stringham drove a bunch of cattle to Elgin Monday.

Han Westinkow was a business visitor to La Grande Monday.

Jan. Andrews was a La Grande visitor Wednesday.

BORN—Monday, February 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Miller, a nine pound son.

Mrs. Charlotte Day went to La Grande Tuesday evening.

Willie Keown and Jeff Bell went to La Grande Monday afternoon.

Joe Keown has leased the barber shop and from now on he will be found at the chair.

Vivian Wiggins returned from Elgin Monday after visiting several days with friends.

Miss May Firman visited at the home of Sam Hoopors in Elgin this week.

Lawrence Wiggins is spending the week with friends in Elgin. He expects to run the picture show at the city opera house Friday night.

B. F. Webb of Alicel was a business visitor to Imbler Tuesday.

J. N. Chandler, the Elgin stock buyer was in Imbler Wednesday.

Tom Johnson was over from Union Wednesday on a business visit.

Miss Mary Ruckman went to La Grande Wednesday evening.

J. K. Wright of La Grande was in Imbler Wednesday looking after property interests.

Harry Spencer of Elgin returned home Friday having spent several days visiting his daughter, Mrs. Chas. Benschneider.

Mrs. Alice Holder returned Thursday from Moro. She will finish up all business and then make Moro her future home. Her mother, Mrs. McCollum, came back with her; also Mrs. McDonald, of Spokane.

S. L. Brooks was in La Grande Thursday on business.

Mrs. J. P. Werring of Ft. Wayne, Ill., arrived Friday for a visit with her sons, Frank and Ross Miller.

Everett Keown was down from La Grande Friday visiting his mother, Mrs. J. H. Walker.

Mrs. B. W. Gardner of La Grande, visited her daughter, Mrs. C. S. Williams, for several days.

Lawrence Wiggins returned home from Elgin Saturday after a two week's visit with friends.

Wm. Dewey left Friday for Pendleton where he expects to find work.

Lyman Weeks and wife visited in Imbler Sunday at the home of Mrs. Alice Holder.

Mr. Westridge, of Summerville, has purchased the shoe shop.

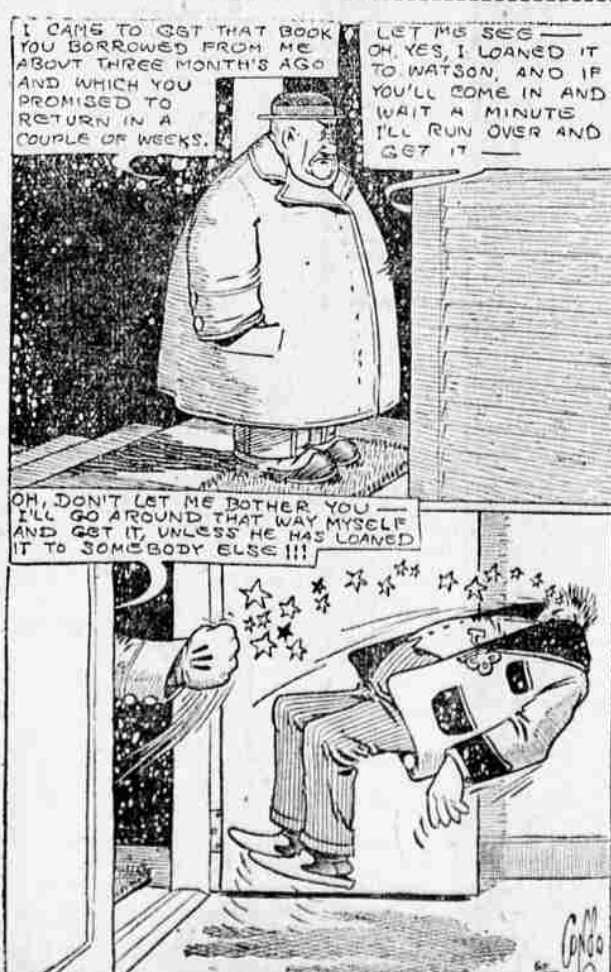
The Misses Newlin of La Grande were down Friday evening and assisted in the Red Cross entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Williams, Miss Effie Solder, Mr. and Mrs. Hurley, Mr. Bellamy, and Miss Edna Billings were among those who took in the entertainment at Summerville Saturday evening.

Jan. Andrews was in La Grande Wednesday on business.

The Amberry Bros. of Elgin sang

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I CAME TO GET THAT BOOK YOU BORROWED FROM ME ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO AND WHICH YOU PROMISED TO RETURN IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS.

LET ME SEE—OH, YES, I LOANED IT TO WATSON, AND IF YOU'LL COME IN AND WAIT A MINUTE I'LL RUN OVER AND GET IT.

OH, DON'T LET ME BOTHER YOU—I'LL GO AROUND THAT WAY MYSELF AND GET IT, UNLESS HE HAS LOANED IT TO SOMEBODY ELSE!!!

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at the movies Saturday evening. Snow is disappearing very fast in the valley and we are in hopes that it will be the last this season. Mrs. Dan Sommer and little granddaughter of Elgin were in Imbler Friday and took in the Red Cross entertainment. Miss Benson and Mrs. Williams went to La Grande on Friday evening's train. The Imbler Summerville Red Cross has made a record for itself during the month of February. Every Wednesday finds the house full of anxious workers who want to do their bit to end the war. Wednesday, February 27, the ladies made a whole bolt of gauze into surgical dressings besides finishing up some pajamas. The report for the month of February as sent out by our society is as follows: 1169 surgical dressings; 58 irrigation pads; 43 pajamas; 22 pair of socks; 7 sweaters; 100 T-bandages; 79 triangle bandages; 62 operating leggings; 24 layettes; 72 three-yard rolls; 5 pillows; a total of 1893 pieces. The following refugee garments were also made: 74 drawers, 59 shirts, 74 union suits, 5 sweaters and caps, 1 small union suit, a total of 184 pieces, making a grand total of 2077 articles, which is a very good showing.

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