

ARDITI IDOLS OF ITALIAN ARMY

Fantastic Shock Troops Undergo Severe Training for Their Work.

SHAM BATTLE IS VERY REAL

American Red Cross Canteen Workers Are Invited to a "Midnight Party"—Tell How They Enjoyed the Show.

At the front—We were serving cold lemonade to the hot, dusty Arditi in our little Red Cross canteen near the front.

The Arditi are Italy's famous shock troops, young, dashing, fearless volunteers for the assault, who clear the way for their comrades following.

They had been working hard since early dawn and were thirsty.

Leaving to continue on their strenuous way, they shouted an invitation: "Come and see us at midnight; we are going to have a show." We promised to come.

Roar Shakes the Heavens.

Late in the evening we set out up the mountain road. So near the front lines lights are forbidden, and we advanced, slowly in the darkness. Suddenly dim shadows loom ahead, we slam on the brakes, and with a terrible crash the night is startled into brilliance.

Dripping blood, a soldier staggers towards us, and we see in the fitful flare the outlines of crouching figures; behind trees, walls and wagons. A roar as if the heavens are falling; lower and lower we bend as the shells go screaming overhead.

A blinding flash, and we see a curtain of fire dropping on the opposite slope.

With a muffled roar a sea of flame bursts in the valley below. Wave on wave of fire, rolling relentlessly and



Arditi Drill.

breaking on the unturned sand of the trenches. Liquid fire! The men crouching beneath the weight of the projectors look like ants confusedly busy.

A surprising lull, and the storm breaks. The very mountains tremble. The shrill whistle of shells now answered by a spiteful tap of the machine gun. The unmistakable whine of the torpedoes, the whang of bursting shrapnel, the hurrying fury of high explosives. The night is hideous with death and pale star-shells hang in the sky, lighting the fearful scene. The curtain is falling, this time higher up the slope, and under its protection the shock troops are advancing in the face of a withering fire. The steady note of a rifle volley and a man falls here and another there as the machine guns busily spit out death.

Thus Are They Trained.

Again the heavens part and the mountains seem alive. Once more the terrible preparation, the barrage rising higher and higher. The sky is red. The second line is passed—and the third! High on the slope the flag waves in triumph, and a faint hoarse shout steals across the valley. The attack has succeeded! The fighting and the turmoil dies.

On the silence breaks the measured tread of men and in the light of a flickering lantern we see the stretcher-bearers carefully wading up the road.

In wonder we question one another. Simple American Red Cross workers, unfamiliar with the ghastly side of war, we were to attend a party. Where are we? Where are the Austrians? Will they counter-attack? The wounded, the dead?

In the darkness we are halted: "Ah, you Americans—you have found us! How did you enjoy our little show? Austrians? Trenches? Wounded? No—but it was only a sham fight! It is so we train, we Arditi.

Old Soldiers Buy Bonds.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Civil war veterans at the National Soldiers' home at Savelle, near here, pledged themselves to buy \$64,000 worth of War Savings stamps. The soldiers of '61 are now heavy Liberty loan subscribers.

Merchants Mine Coal.

Logan, W. Va.—Twenty-five business men proved their patriotism when they donated overalls and caps half a day in the coal mines near here. They loaned 100 tons of coal and presented their wages to the Red Cross.

Read the Want Ads. Mrs. ... I hate to see my husband kiss me after he comes from the barber's. I detest the odor of that brilliantine on his moustache. —Do you? I rather like it.

AMAZON LEGEND IS GREER

Stories of Wonderful Feats of War-like Women Had Their Origin in That Country.

When Russian women, following the revolution which deposed the czar, took up arms in behalf of their country, it seemed that the ancient Greek myth of the Amazons was close to realization. The legend of the Amazons was a favorite among the Greeks, who loved to weave stories of the wonderful feats of these warlike women.

According to the legend the Amazons, who were irresistible in war, lived on the shores of the Black sea. The first Amazons were women whose husbands had all been killed in war. The widows decided that marriage was a condition of servitude, and determined to have no more of it. So they trained themselves in the use of arms and became the terror of their masculine neighbors, according to an article in the People's Home Journal.

Three famous queens of the Amazons are mentioned—Hippolyte, who was conquered by Hercules; Penthesilea, who was slain by Achilles while aiding the Trojans; Thelstria, who visited Alexander the Great, accompanied by three hundred of her warriors.

The Amazon river was so named because early Spanish explorers who were floating down that great stream believed they saw a race of women warriors on the land bordering the river.

Smoke Wood for Haddocks.

The historic wireworks at Tintern, England, in which Sir Francis Bacon had a share, are being used as a wood-turning factory, and the waste shavings are sent to Scotland to be used for smoking haddock, as the smoke from the locally grown hard wood has a peculiar sweetness which makes it of special value.

Do Not Waste Coal Dust.

Coal dust should not be wasted. Have a special scuttle and mix sufficient water with it to make it quite moist. When the fire is nice and clear bank it up with this mixture.

MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Institution Proposed as Mark of Respect to Col. Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—The great museum proposed by congressman Hicks as a memorial to Colonel Roosevelt in the bill introduced by him in the House of Representatives, January 29, is designed to be a museum of history and the arts—illustrating the history and genius of Americans—two subjects with which Mr. Roosevelt was vitally concerned.

Washington, the nation's capital and the fitting place for all American people, is the logical location for the memorial to this great American.

Such a memorial, while as permanent as bronze, would be a living and enduring tribute that would serve for all time as a real force in the education of all classes of Americans.

It would contain the vast collections already in the National Museum of relics and mementoes of illustrious patriots of our country and of the events conspicuous in its history. These concern not only celebrated warriors and statesmen and important military incidents, but also scientists and inventors and the epoch-making discoveries and inventions produced by their genius, which have advanced the cause of civilization and added lustre to our national fame.

The great collection relating to the world war, now being gathered, would also be installed within its walls.

It would house the National Gallery of Art, in the development of which President Roosevelt took an effective and timely interest. The collections of the National Gallery now approximating \$1,000,000 in value, will rapidly grow as soon as its adequate installation is assured. It is now shown amid inappropriate surroundings in one of the halls of the National History Building.

It is also would be hung the National Portrait Gallery—a collection of portraits of distinguished personages connected with American history.

Exhibits relating to arts and industries would be here, too, showing the development of the electric telegraph and telephone, the phonograph, electric lighting, transportation by land, water and air; photography, from earliest invention to modern moving picture apparatus; printing, illustrating and bookmaking; ores and minerals—these natural occurrences and processes of manufacture; textiles, drugs, foods, and of many other subjects in this important phase of our history.

It would serve to stimulate the historian, artist, designer, manufacturer and artisan and bring to the American people in the most realistic manner an appreciation of the extent and character of their historical and industrial development, and would be a more powerful and practical impetus for good than any other form of memorial to Mr. Roosevelt.

FOR THE SPRING "SEWING", EN?



A NOTE ON THRIFT

Federal Reserve Official Urges Continuance of Good Work.

Vaccinate the nation with thrift as a prophylactic against "Bolshevism" is the appeal of Governor James K. Lynch of the federal reserve bank in a letter sent to all bankers of the Twelfth Federal reserve district, and thanking them for their aid during the war and urging continued support until the "job is finished."

"Wars are generally followed by pestilence," wrote Governor Lynch. "Spanish influenza, starting in Europe, raged a year before we gave it much attention. Working westward, it attacked our physical health and thousands of our people died."

"There is another pestilence raging in Europe which is a menace to our financial and national health. It is called 'Bolshevism.' It has Russia by the throat. Anarchy sits on the throne with a bloody sword in one hand and a flaming torch in the other. This disease is also working westward. Already it is knocking at our doors. No quarantine will keep it out. Our best remedy is the War Savings stamp. Let us vaccinate the whole nation with thrift."

"It is fundamental that no man will seek to overthrow the government that owes him money. Banks should encourage the sale of War Savings stamps. As the heritage of our lives is permanently secure to the American people the blessings of thrift."

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OBITUARY

MRS. GILFILLAN.

Nancy Jane Cromwell, daughter of James and Margaret Cromwell, was born March 3, 1847, in McMinn county, Tenn. With her family she moved to Texas and shortly afterward came to Eugene, Lane county, Ore. After her marriage to Thomas G. Gilfillan, the family resided at Pleasant Hill, Lane county. To this union was born five children, a son and four daughters: Jessie Gilfillan of Oakland, Cal.; the Misses Neva and Leila Gilfillan of La Grande; Mrs. Ben LeRoy Stowell, the other daughter, lives in New York City, and the son, J. A. Gilfillan, in Sacramento, Cal.

Mr. Gilfillan passed on in 1902. A brother, Dr. I. N. Cromwell, preceded her August 7, 1916. Mrs. Gilfillan is the last of a family of ten children, five sons and five daughters.

About two years ago the family moved to La Grande, where they have since resided and where, after a very brief illness, the deceased ended her work January 30, 1919.

Mrs. Gilfillan had always been actively engaged in all departments of the work in the Presbyterian church and was one of the few remaining charter members of the Ladies' Aid society. Her tastes were very quiet and her chief interest and pleasure were her children, her home and her friends. Though a woman of simple life, her influence was wide and her loss will be deeply felt.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. E. Ellis, Monday afternoon, from the Presbyterian church in Union.

With the Colors

FROM HOMER LEFFEL.

November, Nov. 23. Dear Mother: This is one Thanksgiving day when we have something to be thankful for. The war is over and our location is no longer a secret.

We are in the village of Bovingens, in Luxembourg. It is a town of about 400 population and is about fifteen miles from the town of Luxembourg. Some of the boys are getting passes to go there, but my pass to Paris cuts me out of that until the other boys have gone.

We are running a hospital here—just a small one of a dozen beds. I work days as nurse. It is more of a forwarding station than a hospital. The work is not hard and it gives me a good, warm, dry place to spend my days. At night I go over to the house where I have a room and spend the evenings with the family. They speak German and French and as I speak a little of both I manage to make myself understood. My room costs me a mark a day. It has a fine feather bed which is the main feature and the only one I use.

I have this afternoon off and am going to spend the time writing. At 5 o'clock this evening I have arranged for a dinner for six of us. It is going to cost like the dickens, but we must eat and be happy. Your loving son, Homer.

have a Thanksgiving dinner and the army does not provide one for us this year. We expect to be here until the first of the month and then we move on to Coblenz, or Kolb, as the Germans have it.

If you will take a map and trace these places you will know where I have been. From St. Nazaire through Nevers to Mavages to Maxey, Neufchateau, St. Blin, Rolompont, Langus, Longeau; back to Hames, Rolompont, Neufchateau, Chares, Moyon to Luneville, to Baccarat, back through Charnes to Toul, to Chalons, to Stippes, back through Chalons to La Girtle, to Lunauy, to Chateau Thierry, to Fere-en-Tardenois; back to La Girtle, to Paris; back to Chateau Thierry, to Dormans, to Epernay; to Chaumont, to Langres, to Challerdy, Berry to Bourmont, to Chateaufort, to Toul, to Selchprey-Essay; back again through Bar-le-Duc, near Verdun, into the Argonne, near Montfalcon, to Grand Pre, Buzancy and up toward Sedan, then back through Buzancy to Montmedy, across Belgium and here we are in Luxembourg.

The work of the division is history and though our part was small we had that part and are proud of it. I must close, hoping this finds you well and happy. Your loving son, Homer.

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BEWARE OF EXPERTS

Internal Revenue Collector Gives Word of Warning.

In a statement received by the collector of internal revenue, Milton A. Miller, from Commissioner Daniel C. Roper, taxpayers are cautioned against allowing themselves to be imposed upon by strangers who claim to be "income tax experts." They should discriminate carefully between really helpful, authoritative advice in tax matters, and irresponsible advice.

Mr. Roper states further that the bureau is arranging to furnish for the benefit of income tax payers in every city and town in the country, a free advisory service by trained collectors and their deputies and at other central points, free information and advice with respect to filing returns under the new revenue bill may be had up to the final date for filing such returns.

Banks, trust companies and similar responsible institutions have always co-operated in furnishing authentic income tax information, and have generously offered to serve the government and taxpayers in this respect again this year. It is the aim of the bureau to bring its agencies as close as possible to every person and to

make available in official form as necessary information regarding the requirements of the law. The bureau declines aid from every responsible agency in its efforts to enlighten the people on tax matters.

Every taxpayer is assured of a square deal from the government based entirely on the tax laws and regulations and the facts in his case. No other influence is allowed to enter into internal revenue matters and the statement of any firm or individual that they are in a position to exert special influence with internal revenue officers is wholly without foundation in fact. Painstaking and open-minded consideration is given in every case regardless of whether the taxpayer appears in person or by attorney.

Firms or persons who offer to prosecute claims against the government can secure no special consideration beyond the merits of the claims as determined by the facts and the law. Any former government officer or employe is barred by statute from acting as counsel, attorney or agent for prosecuting claims against the United States which were pending while he was an officer or employe; and is also barred from aiding in any manner the prosecution of such claims within two years after leaving the government service.

HERE'S WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT TANLAC

"I Feel Like Going From House to House and Telling Everybody About It," Says A. J. Livingston—People From All Walks of Life Praise Medicine That Has Helped Them.

"I just feel like going from house to house and telling the people about Tanlac."—A. J. Livingston, Ashland City, Tenn.

"This is really the first medicine I have ever taken that does what they say it will do."—J. F. Holley, Lexington, Ky.

"I would not take one thousand dollars for what this wonderful medicine, Tanlac, has done for me."—Mrs. Hattie Lutes, Lexington, Ky.

"We have sold 1180 bottles of Tanlac and have never had a dissatisfied customer."—Smiler Drug Co., Columbia, Tenn.

"For two years before taking Tanlac I had rheumatism so bad I couldn't raise my left hand to my head. I now feel like a new man."—J. B. Woodward, Lexington, Ky.

"I feel so good after taking Tanlac that I told my hands the other day I believed I could beat any of them shucking corn. I meant it, and believe I could have beat 'em all."—J. A. White, R. F. D., Lexington, Ky.

"In my thirty years of active practice as a physician I have never seen anything to equal Tanlac as a medicine to produce results."—Dr. J. T. Edwards, Fayetteville, Ga.

"I would certainly like to shake the hand of the man who discovered Tanlac, and tell him the good it has done my wife."—R. L. Wintor, Macon, Ga.

"I wouldn't take a hundred acres of the best land in Georgia for the good Tanlac has done me."—Z. T. Moody, Greensboro, Ga.

"This medicine is worth its weight in gold, and if the price was fifty dollars a bottle, instead of one dollar I would buy it just the same if I had the money."—Robert Young, Knoxville, Tenn.

"Four bottles of Tanlac helped me more than fifteen years of medical treatment that cost me an average of \$100 a year."—E. B. Hall, Fountain City, Tenn.

"Money couldn't buy the good this Tanlac has done for me."—Ex-Sheriff Archie Anderson, Houston, Texas.

"Tanlac has certainly helped me and I recommend it to others for the good it has done me."—Ex-Sheriff C. W.

Mangum, Atlanta, Ga.

"I would spend the last dollar I had on earth for Tanlac; I have gained nine and a half pounds on one bottle and feel just like a new man."—J. T. Andrews.

"If the people of this town only knew the good Tanlac did me you wouldn't be able to make it fast enough to supply the demand."—Mrs. Mattie C. Bond, Memphis, Tenn.

"Yes, sir, I gained twenty-five pounds by taking Tanlac, and it has been a long time since I felt as well as I do now."—Capt. Jeffe D. Riggs, Vicksburg, Miss.

"Before I took Tanlac I would gladly have given a thousand dollars to have been able to eat the supper I've just finished."—John Farrell, Nashville, Tenn.

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