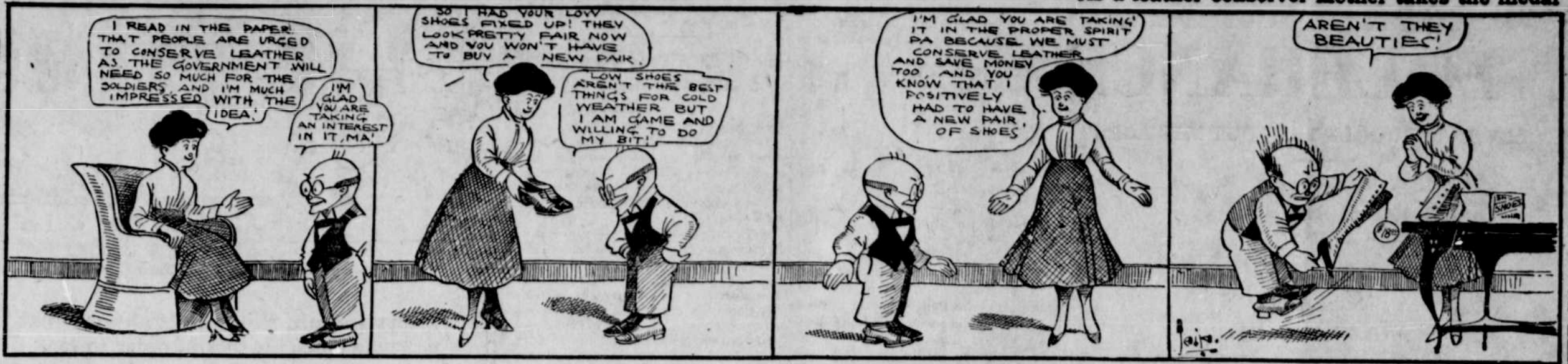


DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS



As a leather conserver Mother takes the medal

The Confessions of a German Deserter

Written by a Prussian Officer Who Participated in the Ravaging and Pillaging of Belgium.

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(Continued from Tuesday)

On our way to Vitry we had begged some bread, but we were still hungry and our field kitchens were nowhere in sight. The crews of our field kitchens as well as our forage officers and non-commissioned officers prefer to defend their fatherland many kilometers behind the battle fronts. They did not care about us as long as they were not obliged to go within range of the artillery fire. Comradeship has its limitations with them.

Other field kitchens were near by. They had prepared more food than their companies needed. Many for whom they had cooked will never eat again. We were invited to come and get whatever we wanted.

We had scarcely finished eating when we had to march on. Presently we were joined by more members of our company. Our captain appeared. One of our officers reported to him the number missing. He stepped in front of the company and said cheerfully, "Good morning, men," although it was seven o'clock in the evening. A growl was the only response. We were then ordered to go to the wagons standing at the north side of the town, where each man was to supply himself with cartridges and three hand grenades. We gathered at the wagons at 9:30 o'clock and each man took 500 cartridges, his three grenades and matches to light them. On the way to the wagons we saw everywhere formations being hastily organized from stray soldiers and we received the impression of some great activity in preparation.

The rain had begun to fall in torrents. As we took our places we saw the streets filled with troops wearing special uniforms to protect them against the weather. These uniforms consisted of a suit of weatherproof clothing, a cap, such baggage as must be taken on a march, a tent cloth, tent sticks, dishes and, with the pioneers, trench tools. Thus equipped, we stood in the rain and waited, ignorant of what lay before us.

We were ordered to take the breech locks out of the guns and put them in our bread bags. The guns now were no good for shooting. We now began to understand what lay before us. A night attack was planned with bayonets and hand grenades, and the measures which had been taken were taken so that we would not shoot at one another in the darkness.

We stood and waited until eleven o'clock, when the order suddenly came to go into quarters. We did not know what to make of this after all the preparations. We could tell from the drum fire and the red glare in the sky that the battle had not lessened in violence. The sky glowed, illumined by the burning villages and farms.

On the way to our quarters we heard the officers saying among themselves that a final trial had been intended to defeat the French. This had been the reason behind the preparations for the night attack which had now been called off.

Headquarters apparently had decided otherwise. Perhaps it was known there that nothing could be accomplished by attacking and the order was given to begin the retreat which was put into effect the next morning at six o'clock. We did not realize then that this was to be our last night in Vitry.

We were sheltered in a shed for the night. As we were very tired, we soon were fast asleep. We were aroused at four o'clock in the morning, everyone was given a loaf of bread and ordered to fill his canteen with water, after which the march began. Although we were ignorant of our destination, the inhabitants of Vitry seemed to understand where we were going and they stood on the streets throwing us significant glances.

Everywhere the feverish movement was on. We stopped in front of the town hall. Here the captain told us that because of difficulty in the terrain our troops had to vacate their positions upon heavy trucks. Some of us were anxious to go ahead at whatever cost. They feared the fate which would befall them should they fall into the hands of their merciless enemy, which would show them the same consideration which they themselves had



Field Kitchens Were Near By.

and retire to nearby heights and occupy new defenses. With that he turned around and pointed to a ridge on the horizon.

"There we shall make a stand and wait for the enemy," he said. "No reinforcements will arrive today and in a few days we may send picture postal cards to your homes from Paris."

CHAPTER IX.

I must confess that most of us believed in this at the time that we would soon be in Paris. Other bodies of troops arrived from all sides. We had marched several hours when news came to us that Vitry had been retaken by the French and that they had seized a tremendous amount of military stores, captured the hospitals, together with their medical units and patients and that the sanitary companies also had been made prisoners. At about two o'clock in the afternoon we arrived at the heights which had been pointed out to us early in the march by our captain.

We now began to understand that something had gone wrong. Streets were filled with troops from all branches of service, trying to use the road along which we were marching. Being outnumbered, we were crowded backward. Empty munition columns raced by us in no order whatever. They were followed by canteen and other supply wagons. The greatest confusion reigned everywhere. Every minute added to the congestion until finally there was a dead halt. The drivers of some wagons left the road and tried to pass around the congested portions by traversing the fields, which had been soaked by heavy rains. Several wagons turned over and other became imbedded in the mud. The horses were unhitched from these and the wagons left behind. The wagons mounted these horses and drove on, forgetting everything in one wild panic-stricken race for safety.

An officer rode up and handed an order to our captain. We were halted at a field close to the road. There we were permitted to stack our guns and rest. As we lay at this point we watched the passing columns, field kitchens, munition trains, sanitary columns and field postal wagons racing by in one grand carnival of confusion.

Every wagon carried wounded men. Their faces indicated clearly what tortures they were enduring as they were bumped along over the unpassable

temporary defense as possible in the time permitted. Our position was established behind a cemetery wall. New troops continued to arrive, but all were badly disorganized. Cavalry, mounted artillery and machine-gun detachments followed. There had some sort of formation and while there was some disorder the panic, which characterized the other units, was missing here. They also showed evidences of having suffered losses, but nothing in comparison to ours.

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"GRANDPA" HARVEY COLE DIES WHILE VISITING

"Grandpa" Harvey H. Cole died suddenly at the home of a daughter in Washington last Saturday night where he was visiting. He had been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Ed Prather of Buena Vista and was 89 years of age at the time of his death.

The funeral and interment took place at Jefferson.

THREE BLUSHING GROOMS LED TO HYMEN'S ALTAR

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(Lt.) R. A. FLOYD.

John Mason, formerly of Independence, and Miss Viola Parsons of Kelso, Wash., went to Vancouver last Friday and in a few moments were made man and wife.

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LT. FLOYD IN FLYING GAME

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equipped with camera guns; each in turn takes pictures of the other in straight flight thus getting used to the sights and the deflection thereof. The camera gun practice consists of diving at a target placed on the ground taking a picture each dive. Then balloons are sent up and we chase them all over the sky taking pictures of them from various angles. Finally the balloon comes down; we note the landing place and return reporting its location to headquarters. It is picked up later by the motorcycle patrol to be used again the next day.

Lieutenant Fouk, the greatest of all living French aces (whose record shows that he brought down six German planes in less than two hours) paid the camp a visit today. We were all very much pleased to see him. A ball game was in progress at the time. He was very much interested in the game. You know base ball is quite a new thing to the French.

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WIGRICH ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Plant accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Stratton visited Dallas Sunday.

Miss Mildred Manning of Independence was a week end visitor with Evelyn Tobey.

Mrs. Grant McLaughlin visited her sister, Mrs. Ralph Porterfield, on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Plant and children attended the Sells Photo shows in Salem Thursday.

Mrs. Rose combined business with pleasure in Portland Thursday.

There is to be a big entertainment at Wigrich soon. Watch for the date. It is for the Red Cross.

Miss Leana Tobey and Mildred and Beatrice Morse, who have been visiting Evelyn Tobey, returned to their home in Albany on Monday.

Miss Hale of Cashmere, Idaho, arrived here last week to spend her vacation with her mother. It is her first time in Oregon and she is very much pleased with the country. Her brother and mother will be remembered as the parties who bought the S. W. Leonard farm.

Flag Day at Buena Vista on Friday, June 14, 1918

A large gathering assembled at Buena Vista on Friday last when a beautiful Banner Flag was presented by the Women's Council of Defense to the Home Guard B Company, Buena Vista, Ore. After all the ladies had been lined up the Company under the command of Major Rose was marched into position for this impressive ceremony.

Mrs. Rose, Local Chairman Women's stirring and patriotic speech, en's Council of Defense then gave the flag was then presented by Mrs. M. N. Prather president of the Red Cross, with very appropriate words fitting the occasion. The flag was received by Mr. M. N. Prather, chairman of the Guard, on behalf of the Company and responded by thanking the ladies for their magnificent gift. The flag was given in charge of the Color Sergeant of the Guards and two privates. The National Anthem was then sung and the flag saluted in proper form. Mr. J. K. Neal officiated as Chaplain to the Company, who gave a very impressive address on a d prayer. The Color Guard then marched to their proper position for inspection of the Company which was inspected by the following gentlemen from Independence: Judge Swope, Verd Hill, Dr. Butler and ex-Mayor Walker. The Company then marched past in review order and the above gentlemen acknowledging the Salute and also complemented the Company on their smart appearance and drill.

The Company was then dismissed thus ending a day never to be forgotten in Buena Vista

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS COMES IN "WILD AND WOOLLY"

In accordance with their policy of presenting "the biggest and best" in motion pictures, the managers of the Isis theatre, announce the engagement of the second Douglas Fairbanks pictures released by Artcraft, "Wild and Woolly."

The story has to do with a city youth whose wild fancies of the great West eventually get the better of him. Clad in an immaculate cowboy attire such as one might wear at a masquerade ball, he travels to the land of his dreams only to find that his outfit is as unique as it appeared to be to the inhabitants of New York's Fifth Avenue on the morning that he set out on his journey. Many incidents of typical Fairbanks variety occur with thrilling situations.

WOOD SAWING PRICES

Hereafter the following prices will be charged for cutting wood. Ash, Maple and Fir, one cut 60c., 2 cuts 75c., 3 cuts \$1; Slabs and Oak, 1 cut 60c., 2 cuts 85c., 3 cuts \$1; By the hour \$2.

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