

ANTWERP SEEN BY UNDER GUARD

Kansas Photographer Enlivens Correspondent's Jaunt to German Prison.

BLACKENED FORTS SEEN

Understrappers Take No Chances With Suspected Spies and Men Are Treated With Stern Military Discipline.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—At last we were nearing Antwerp—not as newspaper men, but as prisoners of the Germans.

I observed that it would make a story, and that it was quite interesting thus far.

"Story nothing," he laughed. "You ain't going to write no story."

"No."

"I should a-s-y not! German prison for you till the war is over."

He hit his pipe, threw the match accidentally in the lap of the guard sitting beside him, put on a very serious look, and said:

"You may get out of this, Wheeler, but it looks bad for Topeka, Kan. They've got me spotted. We were tipped off way up the line. Sure thing. Well, kid, if they stand up against the wall we'll show 'em we can take our medicine like true Americans. Never show any fear to these guys. Bluff 'em. They admire nerve. If this is the end, why—it's the end, that's all."

Thompson was a cheerful little traveling companion.

Thompson "Makes His Will."

Then he told me where his trunk and a considerable sum of money was stored and gave me instruction as to how his effects should be gathered up and sent back to Topeka.

This was partly in jest, but not all. There was one rather serious phase of the whole proceeding, which, up to this time, appeared to me in a sort of opera bouffe light.

"I'm not afraid of this bunch," finally the shrimp allowed, "but I don't mind telling you that I don't like this passport business. If I had my passport back I would tell 'em all what I thought of them."

Arrest and Musketeers Forgotten.

As to the whole business appeared to me only as a "story." We forgot about our arrest and the two musketeers beside us and cracked a lot of jokes.

Then we got into the fighting zone—the batteries and the outer ring of forts that was leveled by the 42-centimeter guns.

It was my first view of a real battlefield—water soaked trenches, fields plowed with shells, hedges scorched with rifle fire and shrapnel, stone and brick farmhouses perforated with solid shot or smashed into a mass of debris.

Whole wood lots leveled, acres of barb wire entanglements, swept aside by the invaders like so many cotton strings, and the demolished forts.

Antwerp was supposed to be one of the best fortified cities in Europe. Military experts had considered it practically impregnable and capable of withstanding an indefinite siege.

But the nations quickly demonstrated the uselessness of such fortifications. They turned out to be death traps rather than defenses. They only made good targets for the big howitzers and were blown up as if they had been but small mole hills on the landscape.

We passed within 50 feet of several, both on the outer and inner line of fortifications.

Ruin of Big Ports Seen.

It seemed as if the earth beneath them had been convulsed, eruptions and had shot them into the air to fall in a confused heap of stone, cement, steel and smashed cannon.

We crept along by several of the demolished forts on the side and blackened and scorched walls of buildings on the other, with helmeted soldiers, officers and sentries everywhere.

We were pulling into the Grand Central Station at Antwerp when the guard with the great red beard and the saint eye examined the lock of his rifle. He kept one eye on us while he removed five cartridges from the box and dropped them into the gun pouch.

He let the stock hit the floor with a thud and spoke brusquely in German to the guard who sat between Thompson and the window.

"What did that guy say?" Thompson whispered to me.

"He said," I replied, "that if we started to run we would be shot full of holes." While the translation is somewhat amplified, that, in fact, was the purport of his words.

"I never did like this running business now," smiled Thompson. "I'm the best little walker you ever did see."

We sat in the train for fully half an hour, while they got everybody but the soldiers out of the station. The understrappers were taking no chances with suspected spies, and until we had been turned over to the kommandant, it was their duty to treat us with all the sternness of military discipline.

"Hinaus!" Is Welcome Command.

Now and then an officer wearing the great gray coat, shining military boots, silken spurs, an elaborately mounted sword clanking from his hip strap, a moustache that simulated the design set by the Kaiser, and the long gloves, would walk briskly to our coach, look in with a frigid manner, emit a grunt of satisfaction, with his heel and walk rapidly away.

Finally an officer came to our window and unlocked the door.

CABINET MINISTER'S DAUGHTER AND HER FRIEND, WHO WILL GO ABROAD AS NURSES.



—Photos by Bain News Service. Top—Miss Nora McAdoo. Below—Miss Katherine Britton.

to the officers who swarmed along the platform.

Real Soldiers Take Charge.

There came another signal. He presented arms, took a goose step, and commanded:

"Vorward!" We started to walk right lively, as we were hungry and thirsty, when he turned around, his eyes flashing, and sang out:

"Nicht so sehr! Nicht so sehr!" "What is this guy talking about?" blurted out the photographer.

"He doesn't want us to be in such a hurry," I explained.

"O, very well," smiled Thompson. "Then we were halted again after about a dozen paces, and here we sat on our suitcases for another 15 minutes, smoking our pipes and watching the troop trains load."

Finally a squad of real soldiers—six of them—attired in all the panoply of war, from helmets to hobnaik, seven-league boots, with rifles over their shoulders, marched up to us.

There was a little confab between the officers to one side and a verbal report of the arrest before we were commanded to get up and "vorward" again.

Americans on Way to Prison.

The news that a fresh consignment of spies had been brought in from the frontier apparently had spread through the downtown center during the hour when we were marched out of the depot.

Men and boys and vendors with their dog-driven carts, made up a motley looking crowd. They were roped off at the station entrance, but as we started down the middle of the street, they fell in behind, ran along beside us, or scrambled across the street in front of us.

And thus we hiked down that long walk through the Place de Meir. A mist was falling and the cobblestones were somewhat slippery. Thompson and I stumbled along, carrying our grips and pulling away at the big pipes.

I knew now we were on our way to prison.

Eligibles of Second District Have Chance February 15 at Klamath Falls, Baker and The Dalles.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 27.—Representative Sinnott will make his appointments to the Naval Academy at Annapolis this Spring on the basis of a competitive examination to be held in Klamath Falls, Baker and The Dalles on Monday, February 15.

The examination will be conducted by the Oregon State Civil Service Commission. Any young man between the ages of 16 and 29 years who is an actual resident of the Second Oregon congressional district will be allowed to take this examination.

Those desiring to do so should write at once to N. J. Sinnott, House of Representatives, Washington, so that he can list the candidates and send each one specimen questions. The examination will consist of algebra, geometry and grammar, for which three hours are allowed; and after an intermission of one hour, geography, United States history, February 15. The United States Civil Service Commission will conduct the examination for Mr. Sinnott. Any young man between the ages of 16 and 29 years who is an actual resident of the Second Oregon congressional district will be allowed to take this examination.

The candidate who makes the highest average grade in this competitive examination will be appointed by Mr. Sinnott as principal, and those ranking the next highest will be appointed first, second and third alternates respectively. The official examination (physical or mental) the alternates will be considered in the order of their rank.

Confab on Fishing Requested.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Senate concurrent resolution, providing for the appointment of a committee composed of six members of the House and five of the Senate to confer with a similar committee of the Washington Legislature regarding fishing on the Columbia River, was adopted in the Senate today.

Kelshaker asked if it carried any appropriation. Bingham, replying in the negative, the Portland man supported the resolution.

In an electric gun invented in England, which seems to be successful, a projectile is hurled through a tube by the action of electric magnets on the outside.

BERLIN SOLEMN ON KAISER'S BIRTHDAY

Celebration Takes on Deep Religious Aspect Because of War Conditions.

GIFT SENT BY EMPRESS

Press, of All Shades of Opinion Unites in Expression of Loyalty and in Prediction of Successful Outcome.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Emperor William's birthday was celebrated with enthusiasm in Berlin today, although with a degree of solemnity which would not have been expected in times of peace.

A dispatch by Amsterdam from Berlin describes the celebration. The city was decked with flags. Members of the diplomatic corps, court officials and representatives of the state and municipal governments attended a service at the cathedral.

Son and Daughter Attend.

Crown Princess Cecilie and Prince August William attended the service, and were cheered enthusiastically. A reception was held later in the City Hall.

The Emperor's birthday was celebrated generally in the other cities of the empire.

Religious services were held at the headquarters of Emperor William, where the Emperor delivered an address expressing his satisfaction with the progress of the war and in which he asked his officers to continue to discharge their duty to the Emperor and the fatherland as they hitherto had done.

The Berlin newspapers, including the Socialist organs, publish warm eulogies of the Emperor and predict that he will emerge from the war not only victorious but with his reputation considerably enhanced.

Empress Sends Altar Cover.

Empress Augusta Victoria sent a long, affectionately worded telegram to the Emperor. As a birthday present she forwarded him a cover for a field altar designed by her.

Emperor William received telegrams of congratulation today from Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, and the Sultan of Turkey.

The German Emperor, answering birthday congratulations of the King of Bavaria, has sent the following message:

"Thank you most cordially for your friendly wishes upon my birthday. You brave Bavarians, through their heroic courage have gloriously contributed towards the confidence with which the fatherland hopes for a victorious termination of the struggle for existence forced upon it. May the Lord God continue to stand by our just cause."

"With hearty greetings in thorough friendship and reverence."

"WILHELM"

RADIUM EASIER TO REDUCE Bureau of Mines Simplifies Method, Aiding Cancer Treatment.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Announcement that the Federal Bureau of Mines had worked out a process of reducing radium by simplified methods was made yesterday by Representative Howard A. Kelley of Illinois, who congratulated the country on the discovery.

Members gathered about a Representative Kelley described the present system as unique and differing from any established method of administration.

Regarding the difficulty experienced with radium, Kelley believed there was no remedy except in digging.

"The present settling will continue," he said, "until the material is entirely removed. The only course to be pursued is to deepen the channel as it is filled up from the slides."

LECTURE GIVEN ON SHARPE Miss Farnham, of Pacific University, Speaks in Portland.

Mary F. Farnham, dean of women at the Pacific University, spoke in Library Hall last night on the subject, "William Sharpe, Fiona Macleod, a Dual Personality in English Letters."

Miss Farnham gave a brief sketch of the work of dual personalities in literature, with special reference to Sharpe. She pointed out the effect of Sharpe's work on English literature, saying that it had a tendency to add a charming mysticism to English letters.

As a critic Sharpe wrote under his own name, but it was not until later in his life when he became influenced by the romanticists of his age that he adopted

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\$7.00 genuine leather bags, seal grain, leather lined. \$4.98
\$10.00 heavy cowhide bags, three-piece, heavy frame. \$7.23
\$7.00 brown cowhide bags, stitched edges, leather lined. \$5.68
\$7.50 guaranteed suitcases, of heavy cowhide, straps all around, shirt fold, linen lined. \$5.95

Introducing Some New Spring 1915 Wash Fabrics

Floral Stripe Crepe de Chine Very Special, 59c This is an entirely new fabric in silk and cotton mixed material. 36 inches wide, and about half silk. Showing a broad colored stripe with a floral design, alternated with a white stripe—in the following color combinations: Cadet and pink, navy and pink, black and pink, black and white. This material is exceptionally attractive and can be used for party dresses as well as for waists. Basement

TEMPERANCE WORKER DIES H. L. Sheldon, ex-Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League, Passes.

Harvey L. Sheldon, ex-state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, died last Friday at Pasadena, Cal. He had been suffering from anemia for four years and was given a six months' vacation last May to aid him to recover. Transfusion of blood was attempted last week, his wife furnishing the

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