AMERICAN ARMIES PIONEER IN FRANCE

Huge Force Employed in Digging and Building for 'Lucky 'Lads' at the Front.

BOYS ALL EAGER TO FIGHT

Sometimes Soldier Gets Grouch Because He Isn't Turned Loose for Real Battle, but All Know Their Work Necessary.

BY RHETA CHILDE DORR. (Published by arrangement with the New York Evening Mail.)

The man on sentry duty on that section of the huge unfinished wharf was in a bad humor. He was in a very bad humor. If a stray cat or dog had appeared on the wharf at that moment he would probably have kicked it. As it was a woman in the khaki uniform of a war correspondent the sentry contented himself with roaring a challenge that brought her up standing. Having produced her pass he stood aside with a scowl, shouldered the rifle which had been pointed at her most menacingly, and made a gesture with his head which meant, "Well, then, move on."

But the correspondent—I was the correspondent—did not move on. I

town in western kansas, He had a real estate business in town, but his folks still lived on the big farm which his father had proved up 30 years ago. It was a fine place, yielding a big income, enough to keep the old people in comfort for the rest of their lives, and to support his young family while he was at the war.

in caves and dugouts. They had raised corn that some years they had been forced to burn for fuel because there was no market for it. But they lived, and won out, and built homes for their

are pioneering. They are pioneering in France. They are building an army and doing it, as their fathers before them, from the ground up. "If you were not building these miles of docks and warehouses, if we didn't have hundreds of thousands of men constructing ice plants, storage warehouses, railroads, barracks, bakeries, hangars, hospitals how would the men in the pitals, how would the men in the trenches get food and ammunition and clothes and medical supplies and everything else they have to have before they can win the war." I put it to him straight, and he turned an uncom-

is one company of 250 men, every one a graduate of a university or a technical school? All of those men are in over-ails, doing day labor." alls, doing day labor."

I did know these men. I had seen them, or some of them, the day before at the noon hour smoking short pipes and cigarettes, sitting or sprawling on

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their backs beside the road. And a fine, husky, happy lot they were, too. Nothing in their university careers ever did for them what this rough job

of pioneering was doing.

There was one man there who had put in a magnificent water system in put in a magnificent water system in his home town. When he went to France the newspapers gave him a great sendoff, described his work, and said that no doubt he would be called on to take charge of the water system in one of the large French cities. When I met him he was acting as water boy to a railroad tie-carrying squad.

The engineers in this part of France publish a monthly magazine called "The Spiker." They love to get hold of these newspaper notices and to publish

"The Spiker." They love to get hold of these newspaper notices and to publish them with comments. From a San Francisco paper, they gleaned that "Willie", the cotillion leader of last season's youngest set, leaves for France shortly with the Blankth Engineers to take charge, it is understood, of the construction of a telephone system contemplated by the Government to facilitate the hauling of troops to the front."

The comment records that the erstwhile cotillion leader, Private is now on the business end of a No. 2 shovel.

Engineers Call Themselves "P. G.'s." Well, what of it? The shovel work has to be done just as the prairie sod has to be turned. The men growl about it sometimes, but mostly they grin. They chalk "P. G." on the backs of their jumpers, the same letters appearing in white on the vivid green uniforms of the German captives at work in many camps.

in many camps.

They mean Prisonnier de Guerre, war They mean Prisonnier de Guerre, war prisoner, and when the weather is cold and rainy and letters from home are delayed, and spirits sink, you can hardly blame the men for feeling at times a little like prisoners. They had expected excitement and, perhaps, some glory, and hard work and isolation is their lot.

their lot.

But what they are doing, tedious enough day by day, is in the aggregate splendid and invaluable to the success of our Army. The like of it was never done before by any army in the world. When the Germans see it, as they will some day through their newspapers, they will be aghast at the hugeness of it.

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But the correspondent—I was the correspondent—did not move on. I stopped and said mildly: "You don't seem to be enjoying yourself today. What's the matter?"

"What's the matter?" he repeated furiously. "Every darn thing is the matter. What did I leave my business for, what did I leave my wife and kids for? Why, to come over here and right the boche. And what am I doing? Roustabout work on a blasted line of docks, miles away from the front. Been here five months in this hcle, working like a subway digger.

People Were Pieneers.

"Look at the town back there where we go for a bit of amusement when the day's over. Worse than any slumback home. Talk about Fritz's poison gas. When the wind's right the funes from that picric acid factory up the river blow down and choke the lungs out of us."

"Do you get these spells often?" I asked. Whereupon he grinned a little and relaxed his scowl. I asked him where he lived and he named a triving town in Western Kansas. He had a read estate business in town, but his folks still lived on the big farm which labeled and relaxed his scowl, I asked him where he lived and he named a triving town in Western Kansas. He had a read estate business in town, but his folks still lived on the big farm which labeled and relaxed hyp 30 years are labeled and relaxed he had a read estate business in town, but his folks still lived on the big farm which labeled and relaxed hyp 30 years are labeled and relaxed hyp 30 years are labeled and relaxed his scowl. I asked him where he lived and he named a triving town in Western Kansas. He had a read estate business in town, but his folks still lived on the big farm which labeled and relaxed hyp 30 years are labeled and relaxed hyp 30 years are labeled and relaxed his scowl. I asked him which labeled and relaxed his scowl. I asked him where he lived and he named a triving town in Western Kansas. He had a real estate business in town, but his folks still lived on the big farm which labeled and relaxed his cook. I asked him where he lived a

Conduct of Americans Epic.

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I came from the prairies myself, and I could just see that farm and the old folks who had gone out to Kansas in their lusty youth to take up Government land. They had built a sod house, turned up the tough prairie grass, ploughed and sowed and cultivated under the burning sun, performed terrible labor to get their first meager corn crops.

They had fought drought and grasshoppers, lived through blizzards and cyclones, endured poverty and privations untold. They were pioneers. Of such is the greatness and the virtue of our America.

I sat down on a nail keg and talked to that lonely, homesick, aggrieved soldier about the pioneers. From England first, and later from every other country in the world they had come, moved by the divine unrest of ambitious spirits, to the United States.

Americans Pioneering in France.

They had crossed the plains in rough wagons, daring weather, starvation thirst, hostile Indians. They had leveled forests; they had built homes with no tools but axes and handsaws. They had crossed the plains in rough wagons, daring weather, starvation thirst, hostile Indians. They had leveled forests; they had built homes with no tools but axes and handsaws. They had feared arid lands. They had lived in caves and dugouts. They had raised for that some years they had been forced to burn for fuel because there was an warket for it. But they lived was epic. In describing their work the private for the surface of constructions and solves in the give in the grain of the surface can be busined to the fight the early of the country of the country of the country of the case of the country of the case of the case of the country of the case of the country of the case of the case of the case of the country of the case of the ca

cans. What they did was beyond praise. When I met these men they were When I met these men they were just finishing up a piece of construction work at a camp in Central France. It was not an especially interesting work, just day labor. But when the big push began in March these men, being free to move, were sent up to the front to build more railroads.

Pick Good War Wenpon.

"Aren't they the lucky stiffs" groaned a man in another labor group. "But our turn will come, I'll bet you."
The lucky stiffs agreed that they were lucky, but they refrained out of politeness from saying too much about it. Of course, every man hopes to get up into the big show. But the work behind the lines has to be done. That is the spirit of the Army, except on occasions when the men have to blow off steam.

In my next article I want to tell what these new pioneers, in less than one General, year's time, have built in France.

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Oregon Military Departments May Be Segregated.

OFFICIALS CONSIDER STEP

Business and Professional Men in Home Guard Object to Leaving

> Williams and Maor Deich, of the State Williams and Maor Deich, of the State Greatly in excess of anything heretofore attempted in the state.
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> The money would go toward caring for the Foreign state of the general staff the greatly not for the Home Guards, State Militia, with the general staff the question of segregation of military departments in the state as outlined at the recent war conference in Portland and to submit a report as to the probable effect and feasibility of dividing the departments. The quetsion of particular interest is as to whether or not the Home Guard companies should remain as an integral part of the regular military organiza-tion, or as a part of the militia, coming directly under the control of the Ad-jutant-General's office, or whether the

guard should be directly under to control of the Governor himself with out relation to the Adjutant-General. "Shunting" Objected To. Many members of the Home Guard companies are business and profes-sional men and they have made ob-jection to being part of a military or-ganization that is mobile in its nature

and apt to be shunted from place to place, while they are willing to go the limit for home defense.

So far the Governor is inclined to be favorable to the contention made by these members, and believes that there is considerable merit in it. He declines to take any actual step in that

"Of course, you are right," he said.
"But we have to blow off once in a while. You see we didn't know anything about it before we came. We drew our numbers in the draft, and most of us were mighty glad of it. We had the time of our lives in training camp, and we thought we were going right into the big show.

"We thought the engineers would be right up at the front building railroads for the artillery. Instead of that we are kept down here, hundreds of miles from the fighting, doing the kind of hard labor some of us have money enough to hire done at home."

Laborers All University Students.

"Why, do you know," he continued, "that in ——," naming a nearby ensilineering camp where immense seaplane hangars were being built, "there is one company of 250 men, every one a graduate of a university or a technical school? All of those men are in over
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"Bidding the lucky ones good-by, I expressed a hope that they would be allowed to carry revolvers when next they went near a fighting line. They had the time would be allowed to carry said that they went near a fighting line. They had the time would be allowed to carry said that they went near a fighting line. They had the time would be allowed to carry said that they went near a fighting line. They had

cover all military exigencies arising during the course of the war. It is understood that the council will agree that if it is passed the Legislature will not be asked to pass any appropriations whatsoever for military purposes.

With this end in view it is considered likely that the \$250,000 emergency appropriation deficiency will be hand.

appropriation deficiency will be handled out of that fund and take that burden from the Legislature, which may be somewhat hampered in its appropriations by the 6 per cent limitation amendment. If this is done the deficiency appropriations so far made, as far as the Legislature is concerned, would be cut down to a little over \$50,000.

Military Fund Will Grow. The war tax measure, if it passes, may raise considerably over \$928,000 the second year after its passage, providing the war continues. With the addition of the great shipyards and Home Points—Governor Is

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State Police, State Council of Defense and the allied war labors to come up, such as the Oregon Social Hygiene So-ciety and State Board of Health.

GERMAN LOSSES ARE HUGE

More Than 42,000 Prisoners Employed on British Farms.

LONDON, May 28 .- There are 65,000 German prisoners of war in Britain, it was announced in the House of Commons today by James Ian Mac-Pherson, parliamentary secretary to the War Office.

Of these, he said 42,000 were em-

Problem of Demobilization After War Discussed by Ministers.

LONDON, Via Ottawa, May 28 .- Discussing the problem of demobilization after the war, the Minister of Labor, George H. Roberts, said in a speech today, that 400,000 discharged soldiers had been provided for already.

Of these, 60 per cent have returned to their old employers.

Graduates Forego Expenses.

MUCH LUMBER SOLD TOU.S.

It is understood that Governor Withycombe is considering the advisability of asking the Legislature to provide that the \$250,000 deficiency appropriation made by the Emergency Board for the State Military Police be paid out of the \$928,000 which is to provide that the \$250,000 which is to provide that the \$928,000 which is to provide that the \$100,000 which is to provide that the \$100

Craft Acts Like Any Other Vessel, Captain Says, and Experts Who Studied Stresses Hold

cted just like any other vessel," the way Captain R. E. Connell, c manding the steamer Faith, the largest concrete ship in the world, commented upon the vessel's behavior dur

ing her trial voyage from another Pa-cific port to this port, where she ar-rived today.

"We had some very rough weather and some very good weather, and the Faith certainly stood the test," con-tinued the captain. "She responded readily to her helm throughout the

A detailed story of the voyage, mark ing an epoch in maritime history, will be told in the official report made by the experts of the Emergency Fleet

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Corporation, who made the voyage in
the new type of craft.

The following statement was issued
by F. R. McMillan and H. S. Loeffler,
research engineers of the Emergency
Fleet Corporation, and C. C. Brush, of
the United States Lighthouse Service,
official observers for the fleet corneration:

conditions ordinarily expected in serv-ice. In our opinion, the trip was very successful and the indications are all very favorable toward, the success of \$152.20, concrete ships." concrete ships."

Those who made the voyage seemed unanimously of the opinion that the test conditions were almost ideal, and the Faith had been given a good "shaking down." Storm succeeded calm, and the craft battled her way through stiff gales and heavy seas always "behaving nicely," according to the report.
Sometimes the head winds slowed her down to four miles an hour, but always she kept forging ahead. Early

Officers' Uniforms

-Cotton Gabardine and Khaki Summer Uniforms; Wool Serge, Wool Gabardine and Wool Whipcord Uniforms—Cordovan Put-

tees—Stetson Hats



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front. Permission to go aboard was obtainable only by means of passes.

Lebanon Alds Red Cross.

LEBANON, Or., May 28 .- (Special.)-One of the best money-making under-takings for the Lebanon Red Cross was that given this week by the Lebanon Woman's Civic Club, when they pre-sented the musical farce of "Melinda's Wedding Day" and "Ka Zoo" concert. of these, he said 42,000 were employed in farming and other work of national importance while 10,000 more had been designated for similar employment.

SOLDIERS TO GET BERTHS

official observers for the fleet corporation:

"Continuous stress records at various parts of the ship were taken by means of recording strain guages designed of the leading society ladles of the city took part and appeared in darky cosencountered were very heavy and gave goner, president of the civic club, was a good opportunity to study the action of the reinforced concrete hull under conditions ordinarily expected in serventies. In our opinion, the trip was very the music. The per proceeds turned

> Regimental Bands to Grow. WASHINGTON, May 28.—The Army general staff has ordered, on General Pershing's recommendation, that all regimental bands be increased from I to 50 pieces, a War Department announcement today says. A bugle and drum corps for each infantry regiment will be created.

this morning she entered the straits leading to the local harbor, and at 2 P. M. was warped into a local dock.

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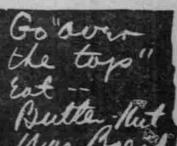
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