

SOLDIERS BRUTALLY TREATED IN CHARGE

Terrible Stories Told by Sergeant Beckman of New York.

CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE

Enlisted Man Beaten and Put in Solitary Confinement Cuts Throat. "Died From Other Causes."

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 19.—Terrible stories of brutality practiced against United States soldiers by the American troops... The letter is from James W. Beckman of New York, a sergeant in the American expeditionary force...

"A most horrible incident was the case of a soldier who could not speak English very well, much less understand it thoroughly. He was struck and beaten for not snapping to a minor command. He cried, 'This is terrible. We'll show you how terrible it is,' replied those who were beating him, and he was taken before the personnel officer and two sergeants. A lieutenant beat him again and put him in a cell on bread and water. Evidently they considered this too good for him, so he was placed in a pup tent for solitary confinement."

Soldier Cuts His Throat. "During the afternoon his quietness was noticed, and when they went over and tore his tent down he was lying on his back with his throat cut. It was about an hour before the ambulance arrived and the silent form borne off to the hospital. And thousands of miles across the sea and land, perhaps there awaited a gray-haired mother, with a service star in the window of her humble home, who received word from the war department that General Pershing had reported her son among those who 'died from other causes.'"

"An the chosen representatives of 100,000,000 free people," said Representative Dullinger, "we cannot sit idly while stories of torture such as these are told. They must be proven false or true, and if true every officer and every enlisted man who was in any way responsible for such conditions, either directly or indirectly to blame, must suffer a proper punishment. Democrat and republican must stand together to institute such reforms in our army and our war department that in the future, if it be necessary, we can send our sons and loved ones away again to fight in the company with the assurance that each soldier will be treated as a free man until he is found guilty by a proper court for an infraction of military law."

"Hard-Bolled Smith" in Charge. After describing the military prison and the alleged inhuman conduct of the guards, Mr. Beckman in his letter gives many instances of alleged cruelties. One typical statement in the letter follows: "Farm No. 2 was then run by company K, 15th infantry, of the company in our division. Lieutenant Smith was the officer in charge. This lieutenant was known as 'Hard-Bolled Smith'; in fact, he boasted of it before the men when giving special exhibitions of his criminal brutality."

"Farm No. 2 was a French farm outside of Paris used by the American army as a prison camp. There were many stables, three-quarters of which were used by the men of company K, which numbered about 250 men; the other quarter of the stables was used for the prisoners, who sometimes numbered as high as 1500 men. These men were quartered in something like ten stalls, each about the size of a two-horse stall, and a loft just above these stalls. The overflow was put in pup tents in a small yard. About 16 men slept in a single stall. The unsanitary conditions were frightful."

"When soldiers arrived at this farm from the Paris prison they were taken two at a time, to an upper floor of the building usually by a wooden ladder, and placed in their quarters. Here they were thoroughly searched by two sergeants in the presence of an officer. If the personal belongings of an officer, the men had been returned to them before they left the Paris prison they were taken away from them here. A big box was placed in the center of the room. As the men's belongings were taken from them they were tossed into this box."

Lieutenant Hepstein sat beside the box and immediately took charge of anything that was valuable. Money was thrown into the box, and there was no way of identifying to whom it belonged. In some cases the men were given receipts for their money, but in others they were not. It all seemed to depend upon the whim of the officer."

Brutality Is Horrible. "It was a common thing to see a sergeant knock or beat a man, or both, upon the slightest provocation. One morning as the men fell in line for breakfast one man was slightly out of line. Sergeant Ball went to him, and punched him in the face six times."

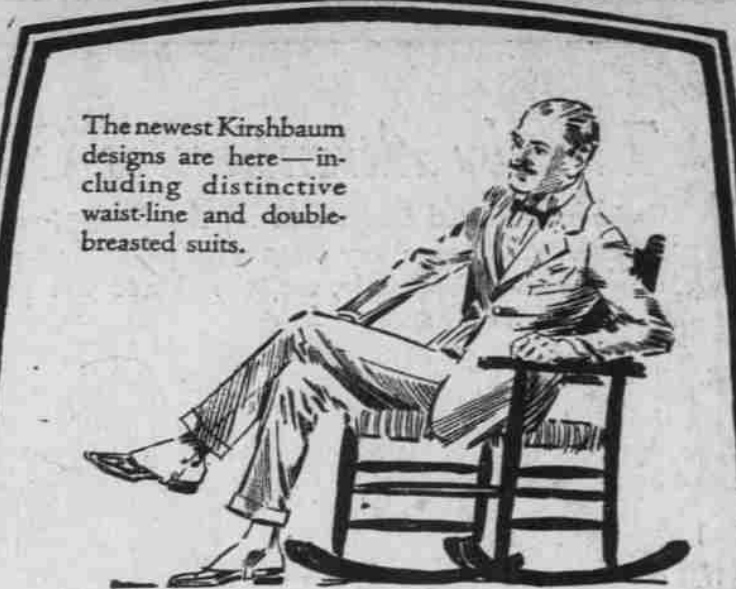
"One morning about 9 o'clock four men were taken into one of the stables in the stable and beaten with blackjacks for 20 minutes. When they came out the blood was streaming from their faces and they were in a horrible condition. Lieutenant Hepstein, Sergeant Ball, a duty sergeant of Company K, 15th infantry, together with three general prisoners, entered the stall with these four men who were beaten up. A guard with a rifle on his shoulder stood at the door. After the men came out Lieutenant Hepstein and another stood in the door examining their fists. The men were taken over to wash off the blood, and one man, a little weaker than the others, lingered behind. Sergeant Ball punched him in the ear from behind and kicked him into line with the other three. These men were put on bread and water."

"The incidents that I have related in this letter I can substantiate in an official report from the inspector-general of the army corps to general headquarters, American expeditionary forces, and represent only a few of the atrocities committed at these places."

"Newly returned soldiers, whom I know personally, and on whom I rely, inform me that conditions I have described still exist and that there seems to have been no improvements."

"HART."

First Post-War Baby Born in Rhemes. PARIS, July 19.—Little Catherine Victoire Boudian has achieved renown by being the first baby born in Rhemes since the armistice. The American Red Cross has taken a lively interest in "the" Rhemes baby, whose mother is Miss Catherine Biddle Porter of Philadelphia. Thanks to material comfort supplied without stint by her American friends, the "victory" baby is thriving.



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SUGAR NOW PLENTIFUL

MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM IS ONE OF DISTRIBUTION.

European Housekeeper Is Paying More at Retail Than the Women of America.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Herbert Hoover, director-general of relief has called the American relief administration, 42 Broadway, the European housekeeper is paying more for sugar than her American sisters whose anxious eyes are turned toward the canning season. In England sugar at retail is 14 cents a pound, in France 15 cents, Italy, 16 cents, and Switzerland, 12 2-3 cents per pound.

Discussing recent reports of a possible future sugar shortage and the increased buying which resulted, those conversant with the sugar situation point out that there will be no sugar shortage in this country, if hoarding and hysterical buying are avoided. The most serious problem in the present sugar situation is one of distribution and this is being solved rapidly.

During the last five weeks there has been a great increase in purchases of the manufacturers and housewives brought about, no doubt, by newspaper reports encouraging people to buy sugar. The invisible supply was depleted and naturally, with this great increase in buying, the refiners were not able to cope with the situation. A similar situation could happen at any time that, if people would hold off buying for a given period and then all buy at once it would result inevitably in conditions similar to the one we are facing. By "invisible supply" is meant the reserve stocks in the hands of manufacturers, jobbers, retailers and even the housewives.

This shortage can be developed at any time by hysterical buying and hoarding, and can be avoided if the consumers confine themselves to their normal purchases. Wholesale grocers can aid greatly in this situation by having their salesmen explain matters to the retailers and request the retailers in turn to explain conditions to the housewives, at the same time counseling the housewives to purchase in normal quantities.

MEXICAN POLITICS LIVELY

Although Presidential Election Is Year Away Alignments Forming.

MEXICO CITY, July 19.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Although the presidential election in Mexico is not scheduled to be held until July of next year, political alignments are taking form. The newspaper Excelsior, in a recent issue, reviewing the political situation, declared that a canvass of the governors of the various states showed these chiefs to have the following preferences: Ten for General Alvaro Obregon, five for General Fabio Gonzalez, one for Luis Cabrera, secretary of the treasury, one for Aguirre Berlanga, secretary of the interior, one for a civilian candidate as yet unnamed and seven undecided. These varied selections give some hint, at least, as to what men are being considered for the honor. General Obregon at present is not in active army service, being engaged in private business in Sonora. General Gonzalez is at the head of government forces in the state of Oaxaca, follow-

ING HIS PACIFICATION OF THE STATE OF MORELOS, culminating in the death of Zapata. He has not openly pronounced himself a candidate, but has issued several letters in which he challenged statements credited to General Obregon and in one asked the latter to sign a pact with him that, in any event, the election of the polls would be final. General Obregon as yet has not replied.

It is rumored in the capital that several generals now in the field have presidential ambitions. El Heraldo de Mexico, a newcomer in the journalistic field here, is attempting to unite the various factions in Mexico into one political party which, agreeing in matters of governmental policy, shall determine upon a candidate and elect him. To date none of the leading newspapers of the capital has publicly pledged its support to any avowed or potential candidate.

LINN CANNERY PROSPERS

BUSINESS OF BROWNVILLE CONCERN GROWS.

Branch Plant at Corvallis, to Cost \$40,000, Soon Will Be Ready for Operation.

BROWNVILLE, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—One of the most flourishing canneries in the state is located at Brownville. It is owned and controlled largely by two Portland men—H. A. Lewis, head of the Russellville Nursery company of Portland, and C. D. Minton, well-known livestock owner and fancier. The former is the president of the company, the latter a director. Mr. Minton is in charge of the Multnomah county fair, which is to be held at Gresham, September 15 to 20. The last few years the cannery at Brownville has been prosperous. Additions to the building were made and modern machinery installed. The volume of business was so large that the company decided to build a cannery at Corvallis.

The Corvallis branch will soon be ready for use. It cost \$40,000. The building is 60 feet wide and 250 feet long. The main offices of the Brownville cannery are now located at Corvallis. Manager Ira Hutchins is in charge. The new plant has been contracted for about 40 acres of beans this season and these will be canned at Corvallis.

The Brownville branch this season has handled cherries, loganberries and raspberries. The following figures show receipts for this season up to July 12:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Pounds. Items include Raspberries, Logberries, Cherries, Royal Anne, Kentish, Black, Bing, and Total.

MONTANA TO VOTE SEPT. 2

Proposition Up to Alter Present Primary Law. HELENA, Mont., July 19.—Registration for the special election of September 2, next, at which two referendum measures are to be voted upon by the people, closed today throughout the state. One of the measures to be submitted

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would alter the present primary law so that an elector would be obliged to declare his party affiliation before voting, and so that candidates for state and national offices would be chosen in convention, delegates to which would be elected in the primary. The other would legalize 12-round boxing bouts, under supervision of a state commission. Much interest has been aroused over the state concerning the primary measure especially, with considerable opposition evident among the members of all parties. Advocates of the measure declare it will prevent the nomination of a party candidate for any office of a person not actually a member of that party.

Japan to Build Submarines. TOKIO, July 19.—Japan will make serious efforts to improve her navy by building seven submarines of 1000 tons each. Several German submarines

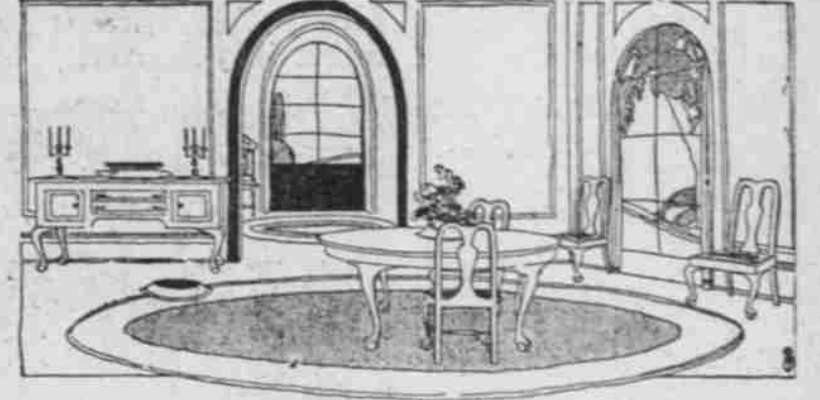
have fallen to Japan as a result of the peace arrangements and are expected soon to arrive in Japanese ports. Vocational Training Promoted. HOZEMAN, Mont., July 19.—Regional directors of vocational education in Montana will meet here next Wednesday to discuss operation of the Smith-Hughes act for the promotion of vocational training. Under a law passed by the last legislature, the six school districts of the first class in this state must conduct part time night schools and give vocational instruction. Preparations of vocational education in Montana will meet here next Wednesday to discuss operation of the Smith-Hughes act for the promotion of vocational training. Under a law passed by the last legislature, the six school districts of the first class in this state must conduct part time night schools and give vocational instruction. Preparations of vocational education in Montana will meet here next Wednesday to discuss operation of the Smith-Hughes act for the promotion of vocational training. Under a law passed by the last legislature, the six school districts of the first class in this state must conduct part time night schools and give vocational instruction.

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2 33x4 Republic plain.
4 33x4 Goodrich plain.
6 32x3 1/2 Firestone N. S.
18 32x3 1/2 U. S. plain.
10 32x3 1/2 Republic Staggard.
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\$2.00 Curtains; pair....\$1.35
\$2.65 Curtains; pair....\$1.85
\$3.25 Curtains; pair....\$2.25
\$3.75 Curtains; pair....\$2.50
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