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**THE FIRST NIGHT IN
FRONT LINE TRENCH**

What will be the first night in the trenches be, is a question that thousands of American soldiers have faced perhaps with some misgivings, certainly with lively anticipation. The experience of many of them must be like that of a British plow boy soldier described by Lord Dunsany, captain of the Inniskilling fusiliers. "A man's first night in the front lines is an epoch making experience," he writes. "It is like a man's first vote, or his 21st birthday. It is a milestone in his life, making the change from the mimic warfare behind the lines to the grim realities of actual conflict."

"Perhaps I can best explain how this experience affects a soldier by telling you the story of a recruit's first night in the trenches. Dick Cheeser, one of my men, was a plow boy just past 18 when he enlisted, and not yet 19 when he went on his first sentry 'go' in the front line."

"It was a quiet night, and dawn was only an hour or so distant when Cheeser took his post. The corporal told him where to stand, warned him to keep a good lookout, and left him."

"There was Dick Cheeser, alone in the dark, with an army in front of him, 80 yards away, a resourceful, crafty and desperate enemy. The stillness of the night only added to Cheeser's feeling of responsibility. The stillness awoke him. There had not been a shell all night. He put his head over the parapet gingerly and waited. Nobody fired at him. He felt somehow that the night was waiting for him, that something uncanny and unexpected would happen soon. He heard voices in a communication trench somewhere behind him; there were a few sentences of gruff, unintelligible conversation; the voices died away. There was a long silence. Cheeser felt to wondering whether the night was black or gray; he stared hard at the night to study its exact color; the night stared back at him; it was gray, gray and artful, like a cat or a fox."

"It was uncanny, thought Cheeser. If shells would come, or Germans, or anything at all, you would know how to take it; but this deathly quiet—like mist over a huge valley! Anything might happen. Cheeser waited and waited and the night waited, too. He felt that they were watching each other, the night and he, both crouching, ready to spring."

"His mind grew so active that his head throbbed with the physical ex-

ertion of thinking. He was watching with eyes and ears and imagination, hoping to anticipate by a second or two the dread 'something' that he felt was sure to happen soon in the mist of No Man's Land. He thought of throwing a stone out into the blackness, just to see what would happen. Then he began to wish for his boyhood slingshot, so that he could catapult a nice round stone right across the blackness into the German line."

"A little wind blew in the night, too cold for the time of year. It made for a moment a lane in the mist over No Man's Land. Cheeser peered into it, but the mist closed around again. 'No,' the night seemed to say, 'you can't guess my secret.' And the awesome hush intensified. What are they up to now? thought the sentry. What are those crafty enemies planning in all those miles of silence?"

"Even the very lights were few and far between. When one went up, far hills of shadow seemed to sit and brood over the valley; black shapes grew up and vanished in the shadow. The rocket faded and the hills went back into mystery again, and Cheeser still peered level over the ominous valley."

"All the dangers and sinister shapes and evil destinies that the sentry faced that night cannot be pictured or described in mere words. It was only two hours that he stood there, and not a shell fell in all that time, not a German stirred."

"It is a weird and awful experience that first night in the trenches. The next time it is an easy matter."

**THE AUGUST MOTION
PICTURE MAGAZINE**

The August number of the Motion Picture magazine will contain stories about Anita Stewart, Fay Tincher, George M. Cohan, Mary Warren, Lilian and Dorothy Gish, Little Mary McAllister, Edward Earle, and two exquisite Indian Love Lyrics, written by Madame Petrova. There will also be a story of the version of the Fox super-production "Salome," which is Theda Bara's forthcoming screen triumph and a story of the Paramount play "Missing," which features Sylvia Breamer and Robert Gordon, the latter being remembered for his excellent work as Huckleberry Finn in the Tom Sawyer stories.

Bright news notes of the players and their work will run through the various pages, the pages being interspersed with beautiful new pictures of the popular stars. The cover design is pleasing—Douglas Fairbanks thoughtfully gazing at the world.

**RESOURCES OF POWERS
ENGAGED IN CONFLICT**

The entente allies—excluding Russia and including only those British dominions which are self-governing, and only the United States proper—have 11,000,000 square miles of territory, 303,000,000 people and \$495,000,000,000 of national wealth.

The central powers have 1,250,000 square miles of territory, 147,000,000 people, and \$124,000,000,000 of national wealth.

The entente owe an aggregate debt of \$69,000,000,000, which is about 14 per cent of their total assets. The central powers owe \$37,000,000,000, or 28 per cent of their national wealth.



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THE MAN WHO HASN'T GONE

Don't you feel a little lonesome when you walk the village street
And read the sign that's really meant for you?
Don't you feel a little shameful when at every step you meet
A lad that's dressed in khaki eyeing you?

Have you chosen to ignore them—
Have you stopped to count the cost?
In the future years you'll figure up the roll.

You'll have earned the name of slacker,
And the chance that you have lost
Will make the desolation of your soul.

Don't think 'twill be forgotten, no
matter where you are;
The question to be answered first of all

Will be "What was the regiment you served with in the war?"
Can you tell them that you never heard the call?

Why, there's some men who are long-
ing to take the trip to France
But are hampered—age or sick-
ness foils that plan;

I can bring them by the dozens who'll
go with you on the chance.
If 'tis just to help you play the man.

You'll be first to do the shouting
at the finish of the war;
You'll be standing 'mid the women
with a flag;

You'll be cheering for the Union as
you never cheered before,
You'll forget the days your knees
were on the sag.

Then you'll go back to the office, the
workshop or the store,
To find your paycheck waiting
with the "can."

And the smiling boss will tell you,
"you're not wanted any more—
The job you held is handed to a
man."

(The above was printed in the
Ponners Ferry, Idaho, Times. The
author, a young woman, modestly re-
quested that her name be withheld.)

**AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
TO HAVE MILITARY UNIT**

Need of specialized training for prospective soldiers is being emphasized by the government, and young men are being urged to attend college and join military units.

Details of the new plan are set forth by Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, and H. P. McCain, adjutant general in communications received at O. A. C., where a military unit will be established next fall.

The plan, according to details received from H. P. McCain, adjutant general, calls for approximately 653 hours of military work each year on the basis of 33 weeks for the academic year and a six weeks' camp.

"If it is expected," he said, "that this will qualify a considerable percentage of the students to enter officers' training camps on being called to the colors, and a large percentage of the remainder to serve as noncommissioned officers. The number to be certified for training as officers from any institution will not be based on an arbitrary percentage. It will depend on the quality of the men developed at that institution and the necessities of the service at the time."

Not only will there be at least three army officers in charge of the training of the members of the military unit at the O. A. C., but the six or seven officers of the detachment of soldiers receiving training in mechanics and military tactics will be available for this work. Members of the unit will drill while the detachment soldiers are receiving mechanical instruction, and thus the military officers will be released for additional duties.

**KLAMATH FALLS ELKS
AFTER CONVENTION**

Klamath Falls is going after the 1918 Elks state convention.

This was decided at a special meeting of the lodge held last Wednesday, after a committee had interviewed the leading business men of the city, who were enthusiastic in pledging their support in providing entertainment in case the local lodge was successful in securing the convention for a year from August.

According to the Herald Klamath Falls lodge plans to dedicate its new \$50,000 home next year, and it was felt that it would be very appropriate if the state convention could be held there at that time. A general celebration by the whole county is also planned for the occasion.

The first state convention will be held in Portland this year on August 26, 27 and 28, and it is expected that 5,000 Elks will be in attendance. Klamath Falls has elected 34 delegates and alternates to attend this convention, and they are expected to return with the convention for Klamath Falls for next year.

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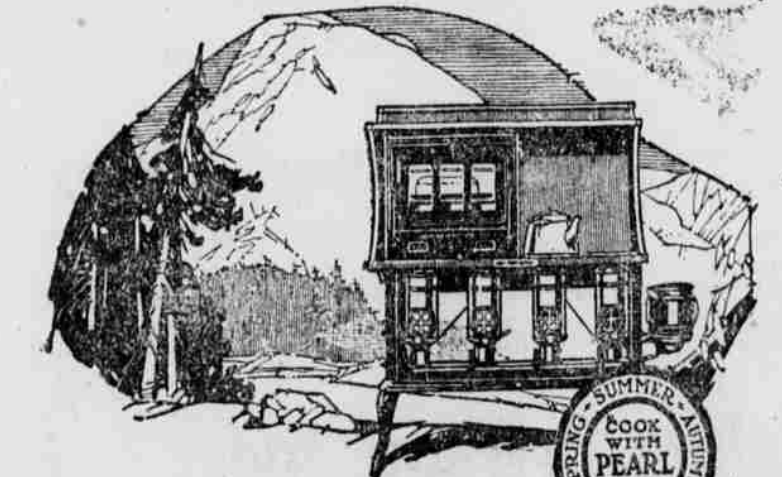
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