

## REFUGEES ENRICH INHABITANTS OF TOWNS ON LOIRE

Civilians From Chateau-Thierry, Amiens, Compiègne, War Zone Towns, Crowd Quiet Villages. PARISIANS SEEK SOLITUDE Invaders, Big Guns, Air Raids Drive French Inland; Americans Regarded as Avengers.

*By Sterling Hellig*  
Somewhere in France—in the lounge of a great hotel of Tours, a refined and well-to-do American woman sat, with no luggage but a hand valise and no idea where she would sleep, yet glad to be there—refugee of bombardment and flight.

"America is avenging us!" she said to another woman. They were safe in a luxurious hotel beyond the Loire—but no rooms. This lady sought a room, complaining of little; but the group of rich civilians who, like herself, pleaded and scolded while their valises stood about the floor, are truly refugees. Many will never recover from it.

Some closed all night in the smoking room. Every hotel is packed and all know lodgings are pre-empted. I will tell you how this lady found a room. Because she had friends, Bernard, our dining room waiter, has a sister in a side street, who has a nice, clean bedroom which she lets at \$1.50 per day; and this American with her beautiful flat in Paris was glad to swap it up—and rest, un-luxurious, wash, sit, sleep, in a great peace.

On the packed train from Paris, who rode in a car, carried, seated on the traveling case of a typewriter, but only when she got off, at Tours, did she grasp the situation.

Evacuation is hurried. She met poor, unhappy brethren, close up. It is splendid practice. Hundreds of destitute refugees from Amiens, Compiègne and Chateau-Thierry had arrived safely. They were sitting, standing, wandering about the great depot. Their poor bundles lay on the floor. Are they poor folks? They look it; but so would you, if you had been sitting, standing, wandering about at an hour's notice, with no time to change or pack! Leaving all behind, they wander on railroad, car loads to town, where they are housed, fed, and dressed. She remembered her beautiful flat in Paris. "Me, too," she said.

They have to leave all, the furniture, the linen, the shop stock, the farm implements. A man who owned four houses and a village grocery says that the English came warning them at 4 a. m. "Move your livestock back. It may get thick!" They came again at 7:30 a. m. "Make up your bundles. It is getting ugly!" An hour later, the evacuation automobile trucks arrived. "Hurry!" urged a lieutenant. "We're not ready!" they said. They could not realize it. Now, they rushed about their houses, throwing things into valises.

Thirty Left Behind. The mayor came hurrying. "Into the autos, everybody. No more time to linger!" While the majority were piling in, a group of about 30 refused to budge. "We won't leave all our goods!" they answered doggedly. "Here comes the poison gas!" the British soldiers urged them. "What can I do?" cried the mayor. "Start off!" "Hurry!" urged a lieutenant. "Crash! Sheila began falling. The front trucks started. The mayor waved his arms in despair. If they won't come, they won't. I must be off to get back, if a crowd should overwhelm the trains? He's not wrong. Oh, if I could only have hired a wagon, up there! But there were no wagons. My husband brought \$4000 in cash. It simply melts. When it's gone, I'm not sure where the next is coming from. You can't always say presto! and get cash. Yet what are refugees without cash?"

Delicious Meals Served. Carrying money is a phenomenon of the hour. Even these "poor" folks, huddled among their relics, often have hundreds and up to thousands of francs on them; but they do not show it—it's their remaining fortune, all left of their savings, except the per diem allocation and wrecked home indemnity, when they get it. For the well to do, the shops sell special banknote wallets, made of soft calf skin, with buttons and straps, capable of holding up to \$5,000 francs.

Refugees Eerily Suburban. During all this period, the flood of "rich" refugees from Amiens, Compiègne, Chateau-Thierry, etc., would breed on these golden cities, raise the rates, pack the restaurants, enrich the shops, and fill the pockets of every local family willing to let rooms or put a bed in a parlor. The suburbs across the Loire are packed; and second class village inns get in fine furniture and serve dainty meals. The flood of money works magic.

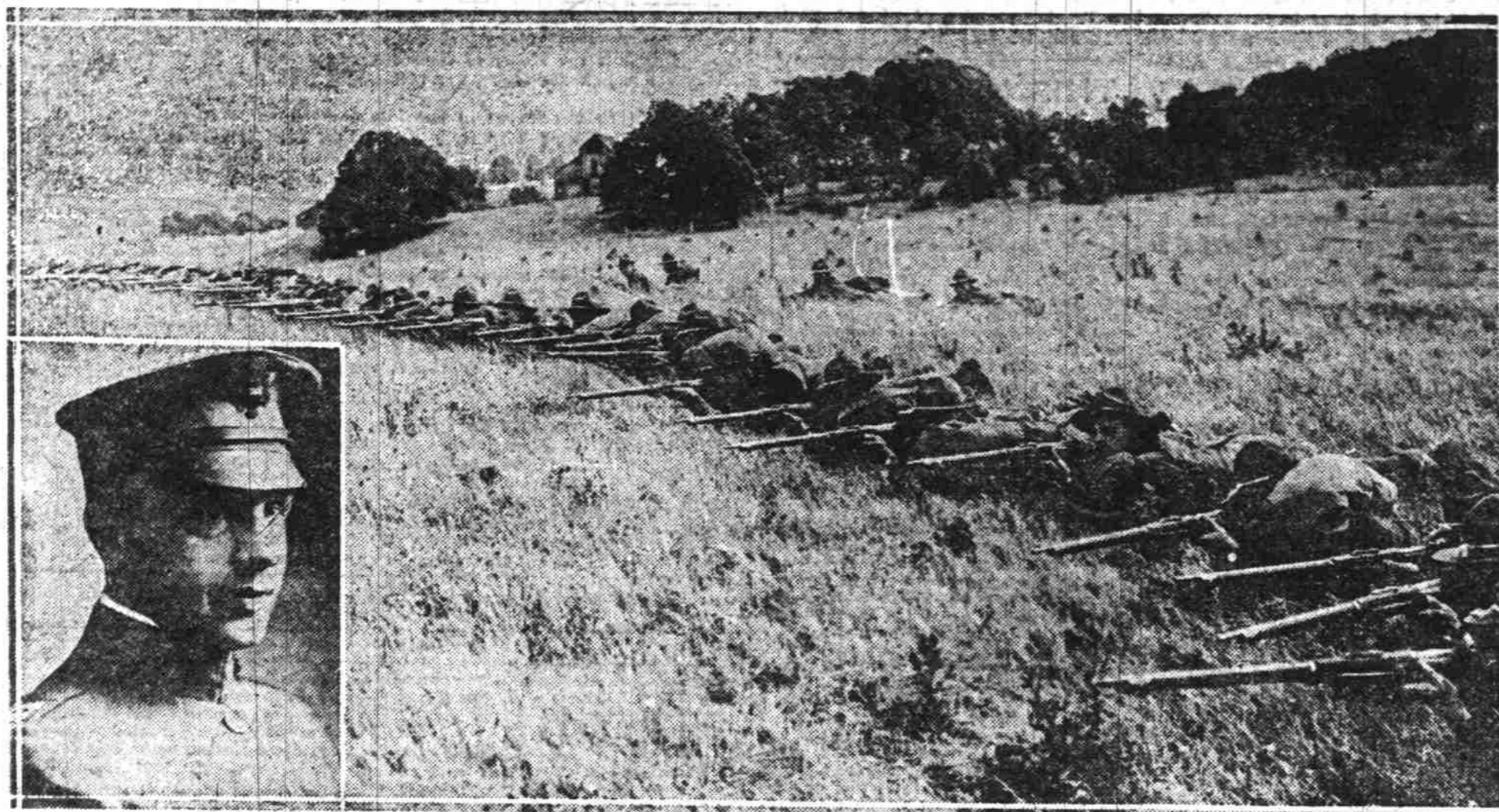
Land Opening Is Favored. Washington, Aug. 3.—Secretary Lane has returned a favorable report to congress on the bill of Congressman Smith of Idaho to permit the sale of 150,000 acres of land, a part of the auxiliary Mindokla reclamation project in Idaho. The plan provides payments extending over three years, to be applied to construction of irrigation works, securing water by pumping from the Mindokla reservoir. Ordinary homestead and cultivation requirements are omitted, marking a departure from reclamation procedure.

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## SOLDIERS OF O. A. C. DETACHMENT AT MILITARY TACTICS



Soldier detachment at Oregon Agricultural college on skirmish line. Insert shows Captain Walter L. L. Tooze Jr., detachment commander.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Aug. 3.—While the government is sending soldier detachments to the Oregon Agricultural college primarily because the institution is peculiarly fitted to give instruction in mechanics, the work in military science and tactics is by no means neglected.

Physical exercise and drill work start long before many citizens of Corvallis are out of bed; and what is more, the men are by no means "sluggish blokes," as the Yankees have been accused of being by Englishmen. They sing as they march. "Good Morning, Mr. Zip, Zip, Zip" and other popular refrains.

The men are put through stiff intensive drill work each day under the direction of Captain Walter L. Tooze Jr. of Dallas, detachment commander. Lieutenant Carlo S. Morbio of San Francisco is in command of the detachment.

Rich Give Out Money. They sit aimlessly under the trees of a beautiful courtyard garden, among an indescribable litter of bundles, bicycles, bird cages, hat boxes, boxes, clocks, silverware, bits of light furniture, bric-a-brac and family treasures. Some of the poor stuff is spread on the lawn, for the would-be vendors sit by it dejectedly.

"I'm a refugee, too," said the Paris clubman's daughter. "Just like you!" She had bought a liberal collection of the deadwood.

"You don't look it!" replied a sour old dame with her head tied up in a handkerchief. "My aunt!" warned a bright girl beside her, all dragged but merry, sewing on a battered blouse. The rich girl's mother was distributing. Forty dollars, in small bills, disappeared as if it were nothing. We walked to the trolley.

"We're as bad off, perhaps, as they," mused the mother in smart clothes. "I have two suits, and my daughter three. The rest is at our country place north-east of Paris, or at our flat in the Champs-Élysées. My husband wanted to go back and pack more trunks. I would let him. How could he be sure to get back, if a crowd should overwhelm the trains? He's not wrong. Oh, if I could only have hired a wagon, up there! But there were no wagons. My husband brought \$4000 in cash. It simply melts. When it's gone, I'm not sure where the next is coming from. You can't always say presto! and get cash. Yet what are refugees without cash?"

There are, however, a growing number of owners of vacant property who are being made familiar with the situation, that a thousand or more moderate priced homes be built in Portland and in the vicinity of the ship-yards and other industrial centers, to build moderate priced homes, as the only sure means of solving the city's housing problem. That building operations of this character are not more extensive is attributed to a lack of faith on the part of property owners in the permanency of the city's present prosperity.

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## BUILDING OF HOUSES ON VACANT PORTLAND PROPERTY IS URGED

Many See Industrial Development of Surpassing Magnitude in Store for City.

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Robinson marched out in the direction of Philomath and represented the enemy. Lieutenant Carlo Morbio and the rest of the detachment proceeded in excellent military formation with the intention of stopping the enemy in their progress towards Corvallis.

Two patrols sent out by Lieutenant Robinson to a wooded hill to the right of the main body of Huns opened fire on the American advance guard and the main body of Yanks, mistaking the patrols for the main enemy force, turned in the direction of the hill and deployed. This gave the enemy a great opportunity to slip up behind the Americans and wipe them out.

As they were advancing over the hill, however, an important personage, the photographer, was ready with his machine and the men halted to be "shot." Then a hot battle was staged, five rounds of blank ammunition having been issued to the men. Smoke bombs helped to give reality to the scene.

When the excitement had subsided, the Germans, under Lieutenant Robinson, "kidded" the Americans. "Great soldiers, you!" they shouted, and the three cheers that were given for Lieutenant Robinson echoed from hill to hill.

"It was a great success from the standpoint of training for the men," commented Captain Tooze, detachment commander. "The men under Lieutenant Morbio advanced in perfect military formation. The detachment as a whole has made rapid progress from a military standpoint, the men showing unusual willingness to learn."

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Camp Lewis Health In Good Condition. Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash., Aug. 3.—Communicable diseases reported as occurring here for the week ending Thursday show the following in a total of 29,987 men:

Chickenpox, 2 cases; diphtheria, 2 cases; influenza, 18 cases; measles, 6 cases; measles, German, 1 case; mumps, 13 cases; pneumonia, 9 cases.

The official statement says: "This week's report shows a decrease in the number of cases of influenza, which has now reached about its normal weekly incidence. Only one case of German measles was reported, the same number of measles and pneumonia being reported as last week. Figures show an increase of mumps over the preceding week. No cases of scarlet fever were reported."

All of the six cases of measles and one case of German measles reported occurred in the depot brigade.

"Nine cases of pneumonia were reported. They originated as follows: Two from the First infantry, two from the quartermaster department, one from the Forty-fourth infantry and four from the depot brigade.

"Two cases of diphtheria were reported. They originated as follows: One from the depot brigade and one from the casual detachment of the Ninety-first division.

"No deaths were reported this week."

Do Poor Work. Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 3.—(I. N. S.)—The work of the German war prisoners recently put on the public roads proved so unsatisfactory they have been replaced by negro laborers. The German prisoners were being paid \$1.25 per day. Taking into consideration better and faster work of the negroes, it has been found that the work can be done cheaper and better with the colored man on the job.

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