

"COWBOYLAND" WAS FOUND BY THE LATE COL. ROOSEVELT TO BE PEOPLED BY MEN WHO WERE BRAVE

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whining and raving, striking through among the straight trunks, made a gray twilight in which objects at a distance glimmered indistinctly. There was nothing to break the ghostly stillness which, when there is no breeze, always broods over these sombre primeval forests.

At last he came to the edge of the little glade where the camp lay, and shouted as he approached it, but got no answer. The camp fire had gone out though the thin blue smoke was still curling upward. Near it lay the packs, wrapped and arranged. At first Bauman could see nobody; nor did he receive an answer to his call. Stopping forward he again shouted, and as he did so his eye fell on the body of his friend, stretched beside the trunk of a great fallen spruce. Rushing toward it the horrified trapper found that the body was still warm, but that the neck was broken, while there were four great fang-marks in the throat.

The footprints of the unknown beast-creature, printed deep in the soft soil, told the whole story.

The unfortunate man, having finished his packing, had sat down on the spruce log with his face to the fire, and his back to the dense woods, to wait for his companion. While thus waiting, his monstrous assailant, which must have been lurking nearby in the woods, waiting for a chance to catch one of the adventurers unprepared, came silently up from behind, walking with long, noiseless steps, and seemingly still on two legs. Evidently unheard, it reached the man, and broke his neck by wrenching his head back with his forepaws while it buried its teeth in his throat. It had not eaten the body, but apparently had rumped and rambled round it in unconscious, ferocious glee, occasionally rolling over and over it; and had then fled back into the soundless depths of the woods.

Bauman, utterly unnerved, and believing that the creature with which he had to deal was something either half human or half devil, some great goblin-beast, abandoned everything but his rifle and struck off at speed down the pass, not halting until he

reached the beaver meadows where the nibbled ponies were still grazing. Morning he rode onward through the night, until far beyond the reach of pursuit.

GOVERNMENT PRISONS FILLED WITH SLACKERS

BY THOMAS WRIGLEY, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Sept. 22.—The "slackers" of the world war are soon to receive the inevitable sentences that military justice demands.

Eight men, who were convicted of draft evasion and who hail from all sections of the central west, are now serving time at the disciplinary barracks at Leavenworth. These eight men are the first of a long list who are expected to be punished.

The sentences of the men range from one to five years at hard labor.

The court martial awards are being carried out to the "letter." In regard to the imprisoned slackers, some are working on the prison farm; others are building roads, and the rest are laboring in the barracks shops.

"By the latter part of September," one officer said, "we expect to be receiving a steady stream of convicted draft evaders from all parts of the United States east of the Rocky mountains."

Names appearing on the lists of draft dodgers which are being issued by various army posts throughout the country, are being carefully checked by government agents who are working in conjunction with army officers to put the army slackers in "the city of silent men." That a steady stream of convicted slackers will be flowing into the United States disciplinary barracks at Leavenworth, Kan., and to Alcatraz, California, by the latter part of September, was the prediction of army officers gathered at the Officers' Club here.

Caution is exercised. The necessity for carefulness in

checking the war department's list of draft dodgers explains the numerous delays in the prosecution of certain cases, according to barracks officers.

"Although we exercise extreme care in checking these lists, we oftentimes make mistakes," one officer said. "Already several names of war heroes have crept into the lists through errors."

Although the "red tape" connected with the prosecution of slackers sometimes makes the cases "drag," their conviction is certain. The draft evader

is given no loopholes to escape. His record is investigated thoroughly and he is brought before a court-martial or into a federal court, according to circumstances under which he evaded service. Convicted, he is sentenced usually to a term of from one to five years at hard labor at one of the disciplinary barracks or a federal penitentiary.

Generally speaking, men who evaded registration during the draft period, or otherwise proved themselves legal slackers before induction into the army, face federal charges, it was explained. Those registered for the draft who failed to appear for service when summoned must stand court-martial.

Numerous lists of slackers in the southwest have been issued from Fort Crook, Omaha, Nebraska headquarters for the Seventh Corps Area of the United States army, and Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

500 Prisoners at Fort Jay. Word has been received by the officer commanding the Leavenworth disciplinary barracks that 500 military prisoners from the army of occupation in Germany from various parts of the United States and possessions are being held at Fort Jay, Governors Island, New York, awaiting transportation to serve sentences in the military prisons throughout the country. Many will be received at the Leavenworth barracks, it was said.

Although no official classification of the offenses of the men at Fort Jay has been received, it is believed several are draft dodgers.

Public sentiment is growing steadily in favor of the drastic measures taken against the slackers, according to army officers and officials of the American Legion. The American Legion has voiced itself as willing to have the complete list of evaders published, in spite of the temporary embarrassment which occasionally occurs through errors in this particular.

STRAPPED TO WING OF PLANE MAN DYING IN JUNGLE REACHES SAFETY

Transportation of Sick and Wounded by Air is Common Thing in Haiti Island.

WASHINGTON.—(U. N. S.)—One of the most unusual cases on record of transportation of an injured man by airplane has just come to light in a report to the Navy Department from the commander of the Fourth Air Squadron, Marine Corps, in Haiti.

Recently an urgent call was received in Port au Prince, Haiti, requesting aerial transportation for a case at Malssade, in the inland jungle of that island, to the hospital at Port au Prince, on the coast.

Lieutenant Kenneth B. Collins, a Marine flying officer, at once started for Malssade in a DH-4B plane. On his arrival, however, he was met with a problem. Transportation of wounded and sick by air is a common thing in the island, where roads are rudimentary and at times bandit-infested but this case was special. The injured man was badly mangled so that he had to be put in splints from head to foot and accordingly could not be carried in the usual way, upright, in the cockpit of the machine. His condition was critical and hospital attention was urgent.

The injured man accordingly was bandaged to the eyes, given a special face mask, wrapped securely to a six-foot plank, with a blanket, given a helmet and goggles, and lashed to the wing of the machine, close to the fuselage or "body."

The man was given a morphine injection and, unconscious most of the time, "stood the trip better than expected," according to the report.

The bulk of this bundle on the wings made the flying "rather difficult," the report commented. It required thirty-five minutes to make a trip that otherwise would have taken hours, or even days, of jolting and travel.

In forwarding the report it was urged that the service be speedily equipped with a type of plane fitted to carry patients in a prone position, as they are now compelled to carry all cases in an upright position in the machine.

Vincent Astor Enjoys a Smoke



The first picture in many months of Vincent Astor, bonaire, snuffed while enjoying a cigar at the tennis matches.



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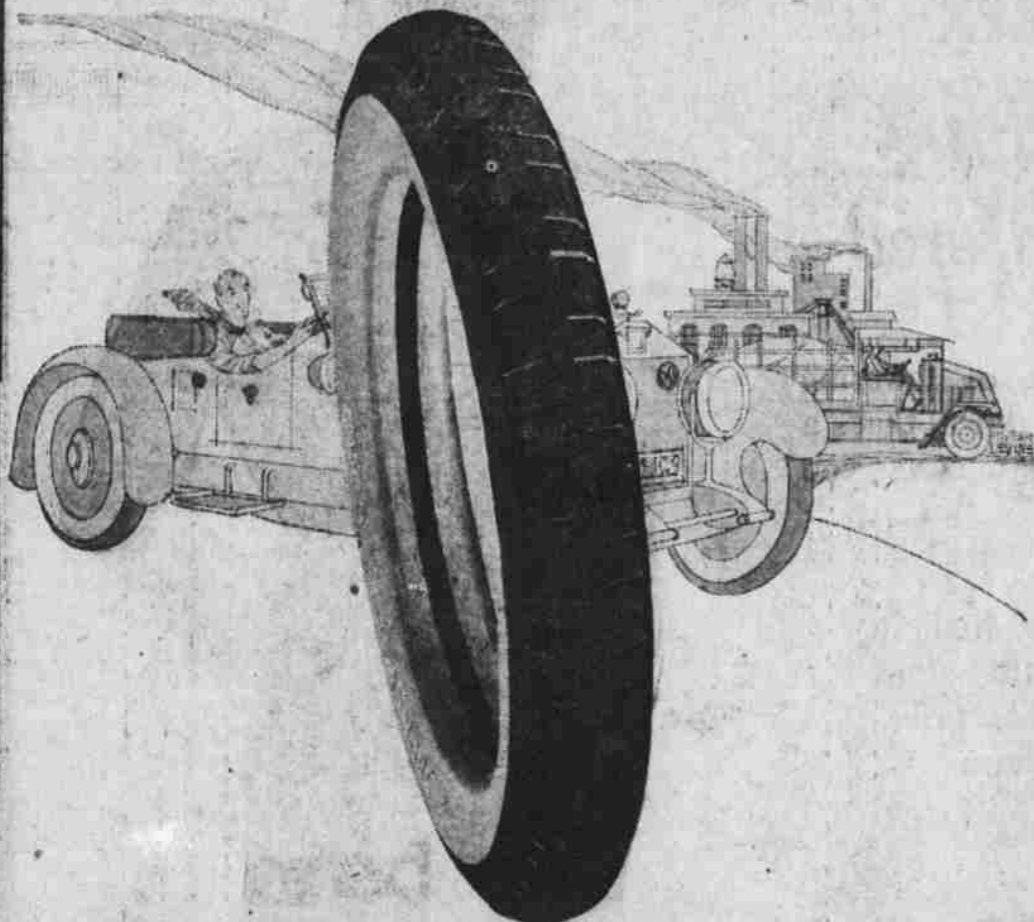
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