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## STRENUOUS LIFE OF FOREIGN LEGION

### In Trenches With Americans of Famous French Unit.

### READY FOR FEAST OR FIGHT

There Are Men From Every Part of the United States and From the Higher to the Lesser Degrees in the Social Scale—Galveston Negro Serving as Cook Mourned by All When Killed.

London.—Always ready for a feast or a frolic and the greatest fighting unit in the French army is the description applied to the French-American Foreign legion by one of its members, Phil Rader, Chicago writer, artist and soldier.

Back on a furlough from the trenches, where sometimes waist deep in water the troops hide from the terrible artillery fire, the Chicagoan painted an intimate word picture of the type of men who have adopted the tricolor as their flag in the present war.

"There are Americans in the service from every part of the United States and from every walk of life," said Rader. "I think the most interesting of the whole lot that I met was Eugene Jacob, whose wife is running his butcher shop in Pawtucket, R. I., while he fights for France. Both he and his wife were born in Belgium.

"Jacob is the most fervent German hater that I know of. Even during the Christmas truce he refused to lay his feelings aside, and just before we left our trenches to meet the Germans and exchange cigars and greetings he fixed his bayonet and declared that if we brought a single German into the trench he would kill him. And all day Christmas he sulked.

#### Fought, Then Shook Hands.

"Then, later, one day a German who was drunk wandered into our trenches and taunted us, but we respected his bravery and admired him. But not Jacob. He and the German had a dandy fist fight in the trench, but afterward they shook hands and became friends. Jacob told the camp if he had whined he would have killed him, but that he had found that he was a man even though he was a German.

"Bartlett Donnell of Brooklyn was killed by a shell while I was near him. He told me that he came to the war because his girl had told him to go out into the world and accomplish something. I don't know who the girl was, but she lost the coolest, quietest and bravest man in the legion.

"Another American is from St. Louis, John Street, an evangelist. He grew very hopeful that a reconciliation was coming during the Christmas truce, when we smoked, walked arm in arm and played with the Germans. The following day Street got out of his trench in the early morning and waved his hand to a German friend in a trench fifty feet distant. A bullet went through his head and he dropped dead.

#### Missed Negro Singer.

"George Uillard, a Galveston negro, was our cook and a fine one. He was the best singer for hundreds of feet on both lines of trenches, and the Germans loved his songs. He taught them to sing 'Sailing Down Chesapeake Bay,' but one day a shell blew Uillard's trench to pieces and he was killed. Next day the Germans yelled to us to have George sing. When we told them that he was dead they yelled back that they were sorry, as all of the riflemen in the trenches had agreed not to shoot the cheerful black man who sang so well."

Rader was mentioned in dispatches for destroying a straw stack in which four German machine guns had been hidden. Rader and two companions fastened beet leaves to a gunny sack and, shielded by it, crawled to the straw stack through a beet field and set fire to it. For forty-seven days, Rader says, he was in trenches filled with water and mud.

### SHOT, PILOT STUCK TO POST.

Guided British Warship Under Fire in Suez Canal Though Wounded. Cairo.—A striking little story of

heroism displayed during the battle against the Turkish invaders the other day has been told here.

The hero of the incident is a pilot named Carew, who was on board the warship Hardinge, one of the vessels engaged on the canal helping to repel the Ottoman attack.

The ship came under the heaviest fire, and Carew was severely wounded in the arm and leg. He would not, however, leave his post, although suffering terribly. "Bring me a chair and prop me up," he said to one of the crew. "I will see you through." The gallant pilot is now in the hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate his leg. Happily he is making good progress, and his recovery is assured.

#### Dogs Abandoned In London.

London.—The war has caused an unprecedented number of dogs to be abandoned in London, although the penalty for such is a \$100 fine or six months' imprisonment. Appeals are made in the prisons for individuals to ransom the animals and give them to the troops as mascots.

### FILIPINO TREES IN PERIL.

Dean Worcester Asks That They Be Protected From Destruction.

Washington.—Dean C. Worcester, ex-secretary of the interior for the Philippine Islands, in reporting to the American Forestry Association of Washington on forest conditions in the Philippines, says that 40,000,000 acres, or nearly one-half of the land area of the islands, are covered by valuable virgin forests, while second growth forests hold possession of another 20,000,000 acres. He says in part:

"In view of the indifference which we ourselves have shown toward the conservation of our own forest resources in the immediate past we should not wonder that the Filipinos, by which term I designate the Christianized-civilized residents of the archipelago, should still be utterly indifferent to the preservation of their forests as a permanent source of wealth.

"One might suppose that the sparse population of the islands could at the worst make comparatively little impression on their vast forests. Unfortunately this is not the case. For untold centuries there has prevailed the custom of obtaining land for agriculture by felling and burning the forest trees. Newly cleared lands have been abandoned as soon as cogon made its appearance. This pest is more than capable of holding its own against all comers. Its wide spreading and sharply pointed roots not only make the soil acid, but bore through any moderately soft obstacles which they encounter. Furthermore, cogon burns readily and fiercely during the dry season, destroying any young trees which may have established themselves, with the result that a deforested area which becomes a cogonal remains a cogonal unless man intervenes."

## AUSTRALIANS HUNT KANGAROO BY AUTO

### Novel Sport a New Diversion With Fast Cars.

Sydney, Australia.—A new form of real sport has been discovered in Australia—hunting kangaroos by motorcar.

The mere chase alone is said to be productive of many thrills, calling for a fast car guided by an adept hand. To pilot a motorcar through the open country, over fields dotted with rabbit warrens and bunch grass bunkers at a speed of forty or forty-five miles an hour calls for steady nerves, a cool head and consummate skill.

As the shooting is done over the side of the car the man at the wheel is forced to maneuver his craft much after the fashion of a man-o'-war in order to give the rifles a chance. The hunters shoot from a bumping, swaying seat at a target which moves as fast if not faster than the car. The range varies from fifty to 100 yards.

The fact that a prolonged drought had made the kangaroos a pest in the vicinity of water places caused the automobile owners to offer their services and their cars toward ridding the country of numbers of the troublesome animals. Heretofore it had been

found exceedingly difficult to bag the creatures without persistent and expert stalking. Kangaroos will run forty-five miles an hour with injuries that would stop a human being in his tracks. A wounded roo can easily outdistance the fleetest horse.

### CREW STARVED SIX DAYS.

Terrible Experience of Shipwrecked Sailors—Two Women With Them.

Santiago, Cuba.—The Ward liner Manzanillo, which arrived here, brought the shipwrecked crew of the British bark Ethel V. Berinton, a lumber laden vessel from Mobile for Genoa.

A storm struck the Berinton, dismantling her completely, most of the vessel being submerged. Finally an immense wave broke the vessel in two.

Captain Waldemar, his wife and niece, and the crew of nine men, huddling in part of the prow which continued afloat, remained thus for six days without food or water until they were rescued by the Manzanillo. They were taken to a hospital under the care of the British consul. Their condition is serious, but all will probably recover.

### SHOVELS COAL IN SLEEP.

Somnambulist Gets Up at 2 A. M. and Unloads Eight Tons.

Lake Odessa, Mich.—In a most remarkable case of sleepwalking Jacob Herrington, a laborer, arose at 2 o'clock in the morning and shoveled eight tons of coal out of a car on the siding into a bin belonging to Smith Bros., Velte & Co. David Leak, an employee of the firm, found him the next morning and awoke him, when he relapsed into a state of physical exhaustion.

Herrington had worked at the same task the day before, and it is thought that an anxiety to complete it so that he could help his brother dig a well, preyed upon his mind until it induced sleepwalking.

#### Old Mortar Captured.

Paris.—When a company of French infantry captured a German trench it found a French mortar which had been captured in 1870 and was still doing good work.

### SAYS IT WASN'T FAIR

We received a letter from city attorney Tooze relative the article, "Council Meeting," in last week's News. Mr. Tooze appears to be a little sore about the way we 'joshed' him of being Mr. Dooley's attorney as well as acting in that capacity for the city; also stating that in his argument he quoted more "Dallas Club" than law. We certainly have no desire to injure Mr. Tooze in any way in his professional career, nor do we believe that anyone has taken a serious view of that phase of the matter except Mr. Tooze, himself. Technically, no doubt, Mr. Tooze is correct, and honest in his opinion; but morally he was wrong in his stand. We give Mr. Tooze credit of being a very astute young lawyer, above the average, therefore we are constrained to believe that he could not but have seen through Mr. Dooley's scheme to evade the law. The Dallas Observer saw through it, and published an article under the caption, "BOYS FOOL POOL HALL LAW." While Mr. Tooze has taken a view of the matter under the law prohibiting minors playing pool in public places, we view the matter in a different light—the obvious intent of the promoter.

His article is too long to give in full, but in justice to him we publish the most salient features:

Dallas, Oregon, March 9, 1915

To the Editor:

In the article headed "Council Meeting" in the last issue of the News you in effect stated that I tried to side-step the issue of whether or not minors could be prevented from joining the proposed club at Falls City and playing pool and billiards in the club rooms, fearing to take a stand in the matter owing to the



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AT  
OUR  
NEW  
HATS

WHEN YOU MEET ANYBODY THE FIRST THING HE SEES IS YOUR HAT- NO MAN CAN AFFORD NOT TO WEAR A CLEAN, NEW HAT. WE'VE GOT JUST WHAT YOU NEED. COME, GET IT.

A MAN SHOULD ALSO BE ON GOOD TERMS WITH HIMSELF. NOTHING GIVES A MAN MORE SELF-CONFIDENCE THAN WEARING GOOD CLOTHES NEXT TO HIMSELF. COME IN AND LET US SHOW YOU SOME NEW UNDERWEAR, SHIRTS AND HOSE. THIS MEANS WE WILL SELL THEM TO YOU.

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fact that if I took one stand I got in wrong with Mr. Dooley, and if I took the other stand I got in wrong with the city. This assertion, or impression as might be conveyed by this article, does me an injustice and is most unfair to me and my record as city attorney for Falls City. I have always prided myself upon the fact that never have I subordinated my legal opinion upon any matter presented to me to public clamor, nor to the wishes of the city council, citizens of the city, or to any sect, class, or creed. I have always rendered my opinion strictly as I believe the law to be. I shall continue to so render my opinion, and when the time comes that I cannot act independently in matters of this kind, but must govern my opinion according to what the people want rather than according to what the law actually is, then I am ready to quit. If I conducted myself in any other manner, I would be violating my contract with the city, would be doing an injustice to myself and to the people of Falls City who have a right to rely upon me to tell them the actual truth as I understand it with reference to matters demanding a legal opinion. With your broad experience in the newspaper field, and with the knowledge you have attained by considerable travel, you should know that a lawyer must depend entirely for his success upon being impartial, and upon never, under any circumstances whatsoever, betraying the trust and confidence placed in him by his clients. In matters affecting the interests of the city, the city

(and when I say city I mean the citizens of Falls City) is my client; not any particular set of people in the city, but the whole city. There are always two sides to every public question, and the law cannot always be made to fit both sides. It is not for me to make laws for Falls City, but only to give you the law as I view it upon matters coming to my attention as city attorney. This I try to do with fairness and impartiality, and regardless of what may be involved, or what the public sentiment may be. Upon matters of this kind I sit in the position of a judge, and it is my sworn duty to tell you what the law is as I view it. I would be false to my trust if I let my judgement be swayed by public sentiment. A judge or a lawyer who renders his decisions accordingly as the public sentiment demands will soon lose the respect and confidence of those even for whose benefit his decision is rendered. I have always had the best interests of Falls City at heart, and have worked hard and faithfully as city attorney, doing my best to keep things right for the city.

Your article was written in a sort of joking manner, but some people might not take it that way. You know, as does every one who was present there, that I did not side-step the issue, but upon the contrary was very emphatic in my statement as to what the law is with reference to the matter.

He uses considerable space in explaining his stand on the question, law, etc and winds up as follows:

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