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THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1918.

OREGON WEATHER

Today and Friday unsettled.
Probable showers in the west
portion. Gentle southerly winds.

MEETING THEM HALF WAY

Everybody knows how our troops, taken as they came, average bodies of American soldiery with short training and no experience, have been meeting and defeating the best selected German "shock troops." Those shock troops themselves, or rather such of them as are lucky enough to survive, are said to be very indignant at the way the Americans go about it.

The Prussians are accustomed, they say, to have the enemy keep under cover when they charge. That gives them a chance to go forward and gain ground. The Americans, however, are so unkultured as to come right out into the open, charging and meeting them half way with the bayonet. It isn't according to Hoyle. They can't reconcile themselves to it.

"We couldn't take the village," explained a Prussian guardaman captured at Xivray, "because the Americans were where they had no business to be. They came right out through our barrage, and it wasn't right."

He meant it, too. Germans would not go into the open that way, through a heavy curtain of shell fire, to stop a charge before it got under way. They don't leap from their trenches with eager courage. They are brave, but they don't like fighting quite well enough for that.

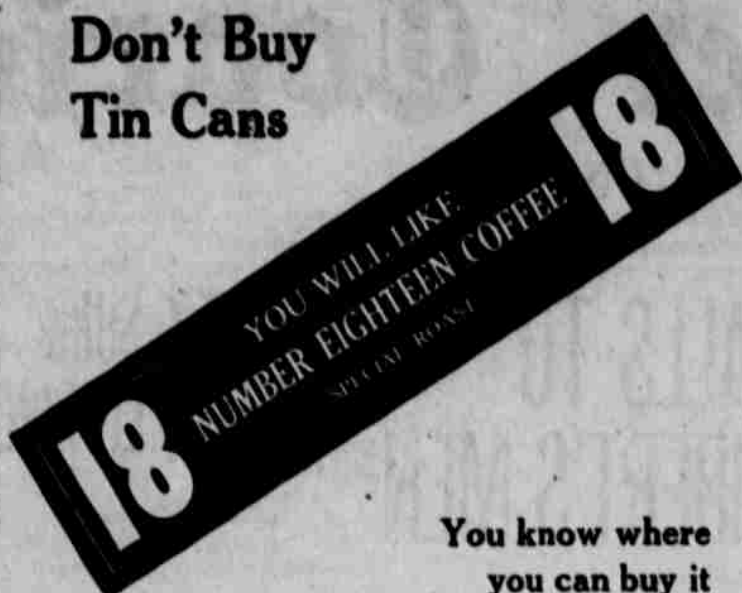
And that is precisely why the Americans are beating them.

ROADBUILDING IN ITALY

The tables are turned. Young Americans are laying ties and building railroads in Italy. It has long been a familiar sight in this country to see the Italian laborer working on American roadbeds and laying the tracks. Frequently his job has been looked down upon, and the worker himself has been called "Tony the Wop" by the thoughtless and unkind. It should never be so again.

The young American engineers who are doing such marvelous work in the war zone have won nothing but praise and glory. Little has been said about their courage and achievement in the light of the more spectacular deeds of the fighting men. But when this war is ended and all the brave participants receive their due, the American engineers will receive great and deserved tribute.

The Tony's who dropped their spikes and shovels in America to go

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back to their native land and fight for liberty appreciate the task of the Americans who are doing reconstruction work behind the lines and keeping the lines of communication open right up to the trenches. There is a mutual appreciation and understanding of the value of the service each is giving that will last long after the victory is won.

HUMAN SIDE OF WAR

What fine human stories are pouring in from the battle front these days.

There is the story, for instance, of the American who, after a victorious charge, was bringing in a squad of prisoners when he discovered his own father among them. It happened that the father, after living for some time in the United States, had returned to Germany several years ago, and when the war began had been forced into the army.

And what was the first thing that young German-American did when he made the discovery? Read his father an instructive lecture, right then and there, on the folly and wickedness of being a German!

With that duty off his chest, the lad threw an arm over the old man's shoulder and invited him to share the hospitality of the American army, promising him "the best in the house." He got it, too.

In such incidents, more than in the official reports and the battle reviews of military experts, we come to understand the war. An eye for "human interest" and the use of a little imagination make it all real and vital.

600 HUNS FAIL IN PLAN

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One machine gun section in the village was reduced to two men. Mon-

fort Wyckoff and John Flynn. Their gun jammed and Flynn kept the Germans off with his revolver, while Whyckoff got the quick-firer going again. They held their ground to the end. Two other men, unable to get a sight at the Germans from their trench climbed the parapet and stood there erect firing their automatics from the shoulder. Two infantrymen crawled out of a shell hole to get a better aim.

The Germans had lost a third of 400 men when growing daylight impaired the effectiveness of their smoke screen and they began to retire. The fifty odd unwounded Americans left out of 225 went over the top after them.

Two hundred is a conservative estimate of the German losses for our men buried 47 of them on the field and there were more corpses in the tall grass facing the positions, out of reach. Thus the Germans lost nearly as many men as they had facing them during the fight.

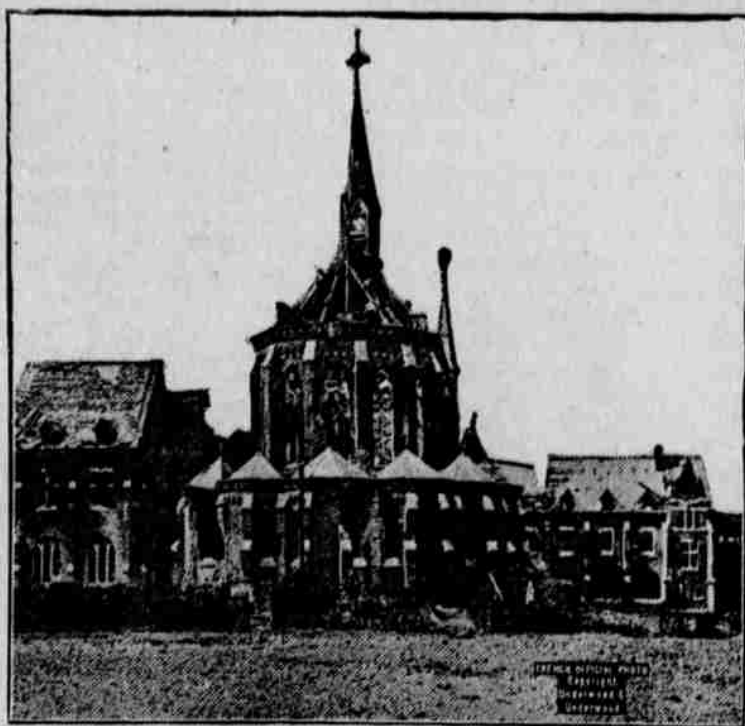
One of the heroes of the day was a cook who had been dismissed from the service on account of loose habits with respect to drink. When sober he was possessed of an astonishing amount of perseverance. He had foiled all efforts of the officers to put him out of the division. He left one regiment to appear in another. He passed from one company to another until he had reached the last one. If he was thrown out of that it was all over with his soldiering. He was one of the volunteers that went through both barrages and he stayed through the fight giving first aid to the wounded under the sharpest fire from the assailants.

Ground in Hamburg.

One of the curious news outcroppings of the war comes from Sheffield, the home of English cutlery. A hollow-ground razor blade was exhibited, and stamped on the shoulder was the mark "Ground in Hamburg."

The explanation was that the British public believed the Germans did better work and demanded the German product, so the altruistic British workman gave the Germans the benefit of his own unrivaled skill, apparently untroubled by the attitude of his own countrymen.

TRAPPIST MONASTERY KAISER WANTS SPARED



An interesting development in connection with the hostile shelling of the territory around Mont des Cats, in the Kemmel region, where the famous Trappist monastery is located, is the fact that the Germans have been bombarding this Flemish elevation heavily and the monks' home has been badly damaged.

The German emperor recently wrote a letter to his commander in that area asking that Mont des Cats be spared because the aged prior of the monastery was the only living person who knew where the emperor's relative, Prince Max of Hesse, had been buried after his death in the monastery in October, 1914. The prince was attached to the cavalry which occupied Mont des Cats after the outbreak of the war.

In an engagement with British cavalry, Prince Max was mortally wounded and was taken to the monastery. While he was being nursed by the monks his comrades were driven from the hill by the British, who occupied it. The prince died and was buried in a certain place, the location of which was not disclosed to the world.

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