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EM-TEES

Laughter fills a large part of the soldiers' lives, despite the tremendous strain under which they live and labor. There are humorists in the trenches, and further back where the giant 75s are demolishing whole villages on the German front.

There's the story of the New Zealander who forgot to salute an officer, and was hailed up before the regimental commander.

"Don't you know a soldier would salute?" the colonel asked him.

"I'm a fighter, not a soldier," was the Anzac's reply.

The outraged colonel spluttered. "I don't like your impudence," he snarled.

"You New Zealanders give us more trouble than all the rest of the British army!"

"That's what the Germans say, sir," the New Zealander replied.

There was the sentry who heard two Australians talking, and reported excitedly that he had discovered two German spies.

"There they are," the sentry told him. "Keep quiet and listen and you can hear them talking German!"

The subaltern listened, and heard one of the suspected men say:

"Got some bonza news; no fuffie; dinkum all! We've inkished the Huns and not 50, who say they've had no mafeesh tuckled for two days."

The subaltern laughed. "That's bushland slang," he told the sentry.

"One Australian is saying he's got good news; no rumor; the real goods. They've scattered the Germans and captured fifty, who say they've had little to eat for two days."

A wounded "tommy" awoke on his stretcher as a surgeon was probing his wounded leg for a bullet.

"Leggo my leg!" he said.

"But I'm looking for the bullet," the doctor answered.

"It's in my mouth," the soldier replied. "I wanted it for a souvenir, so I dug it out with my pocket knife. And I didn't have any pockets, so here it is—and he held it between his teeth."

A Middlesex sergeant was describing an encounter with the enemy.

"Our bayonets are better than the Germans' or else we know how to use them better. In the third trench we just stood up and went through the bayonet exercise, they used to give us at home. I found myself parrying and thrusting just as if I'd been on the parade ground."

When a shell burst in a British trench the platoon was shouted:

"Give the gun a clear; he nearly won a watch that time!"

Perhaps you've heard of the general who saw a Scotch soldier acting queerly.

"Who are you?" asked the general. The Scot turned and smiled.

"Fine! How's yerseel?"

DISCHARGE CADY AS HEAD OF STATE FLAX FARM

SAL-EM, Ore., Aug. 2.—Sessions of J. C. Cady as superintendent of the Oregon penitentiary flax plant were terminated here today by the state board of control, over the protest of Governor Withycombe.

A STRADDLE OF GENERALITIES

JUSTICE HUGHES acceptance speech consisted mainly of criticism and generalities. No constructive program is outlined and no definite policy set forth.

It is easy to consult last year's stock market and tell how a fortune could have been made. It is another problem to create a fortune from tomorrow's market.

Criticism of the Mexican situation forms the bulk of Mr. Hughes' speech. The president is censured for not recognizing Huerta.

Would Mr. Hughes have intervened with the army and navy to prevent the violation of Belgium and involved the United States in the European war?

What would Mr. Hughes have done to suppress foreign plots to destroy munition plants other than has been done—the arrest and imprisonment of the perpetrators and the dismissal of guilty envoys?

Mr. Hughes wants national preparedness for war—but he does not tell how to secure it. He censures the president for calling out the militia to guard the border.

Mr. Hughes acceptance speech is remarkable for its lack of constructive suggestions—a straddle of generalities, the plea of a politician without an issue seeking office.

A BRITISH BLUNDER

THE execution of Sir Roger Casement adds another serious blunder to Great Britain's long list of cabinet mistakes. The people of England were not at all clamorous for the execution of Casement.

By a strange coincidence Dr. Liebnicht, a social democrat, was on trial in Berlin, also on a charge of high treason. Liebnicht was found guilty and although the death penalty might have been inflicted, Liebnicht was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment.

England has lost her opportunity to make the most of Pryatt's unwarranted execution by a German court martial. She has alienated the sympathy of a large and influential party in America without reason.

Casement's crime was political and due to a mental condition. It was a character of felony that might have been punished by imprisonment, certainly magnanimity on the part of a British cabinet would not have been a political mistake at this most critical period.

EDITORS EXPECT RECORD CROWD

E. E. Brodie, editor of the Oregon City Enterprise and President of the State Editorial Association, arrived in Medford late last evening to attend the coming convention of that association.

SPOKANE HOTEL MAN FINED FOR ILLEGAL SALES BOOZE

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 2.—William E. Norman, president of the Norman hotel, limited, today was found guilty of bootlegging of permitting the illegal sale of liquor in the Hotel Spokane and soliciting orders for liquor at the hotel and fined a total of \$750 and costs and given jail sentences aggregating sixty days.

HINDENBURG GIVEN CONTROL ALL ARMIES EAST FRONT

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 2.—All the German and Austrian armies on the eastern front have been placed under the supreme command of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, according to a dispatch quoting a Berlin official announcement.

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GENERAL STRIKE ON TRAFFIC LINES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Despite the efforts of Mayor Mitchell and the public service commission to prevent a general strike on all the transit lines of this city the danger of a tieup is regarded today as imminent.

Officials of the city, the New York Railways Company and the labor union said that by tomorrow a strike probably would be started affecting every surface line in the boroughs of Manhattan and Queens.

Prior to the hour set for the meeting between representatives of the traction companies and union heads at Mayor Mitchell's office, William B. Fitzgerald, general organizer of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railroad Employees, announced that demands in behalf of the employees of the New York Street Railways Company and the New York and Queens Railroad Company will be presented to the companies today and that they would be given until 6 p. m. tomorrow to give their answers.

TWO MORE BRITISH SHIPS SUNK BY SUBMARINES

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The W. H. Cockerill and company steamship Britanic of 3,487 tons, gross, has been sunk. It was announced at Lloyd's shipping agency. She was unarmed.

The British sailing vessel, Margaret Sutton, 197 tons gross, also has been sunk.

FRENCH SMASH GERMAN LINES

exploded a small mine near Souchez. It caused no casualties and did little damage.

Poison Gas Used.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 2.—"On the night of August 2 in the region of Smorgon," says the official Russian statement issued today, the enemy launched gas attacks on both sides of the railway.

"The use of gas was discovered in good time with the result that the Germans who were following the gas attacks, on attempting to advance, met with rifle and machine gun fire and suffered severe losses.

"The enemy did not even succeed in getting out side of his own wire entanglements and rapidly returned to his trenches.

"Caustic front: In the direction of Karput near the village of Narik, our detachments made an advance and forced back the enemy from his fortified position on the right bank of the river Emprates at Mariel-elaha."

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OREGON BOY ENJOYS CAMP LIFE ON BORDER

Robert H. Kreuter, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Kreuter of the Rose orchards, who attended one term of high school here, graduating recently at Knox, Indiana, with the highest honor of the class, he joined the 16th Indiana regiment and

writes from Mercedes, Texas: "I have received a promotion to first sergeant. Am the youngest first sergeant in the regiment. A good many men in our company, H, are homesick and dissatisfied. I made up my mind to like camp life and enjoy it. Went swimming twice in the lake, 3 miles towards Rio Grande. We go in armed parties. I carry a .45 automatic Colt's pistol; some gun. It's a hot place. About 15,000 men in our camp. When we get discharged from service I will sure visit you in Oregon."

PRESIDENT OBJECTS TO SHIELDS POWER BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Senator Shields and President Wilson conferred today on the bills to control development of water power on navigable streams, which have passed the senate and house and are now in conference. The president objects to some features of both bills.

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