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FRENCH ARMY BAND SOLDIER MUSICIANS TO TOUR AMERICA

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—The French army band is about to tour America. Everyone of its 61 soldier musicians has been decorated for bravery under fire. Many have been "gassed" or wounded.

At Chateau-Thierry on June 6, members of this band found themselves under fire in the thick of the fighting when the German troops tried to break thru the line. The musicians threw away their instruments, seized rifles, lined up with the troops to which they were attached, and went thru the day's fighting.

The concert master, Roger Villate, a pupil of M. Pares, former conductor of the 28th regiment infantry band, has taken part in the battles of Charleroi, Guise, the Marne, Rheims, and Berry-au-Bac. Leon Le Leroy, virtuoso clarionet of the band, was for a time in charge of the concerts for the wounded at Rouen. Georges Mager, cornet and trumpet, has been at the front since the outbreak of war in 1914. He was taken prisoner and exchanged in July, 1915. Emile Stievenard, clarionet, was wounded at the battle of Ypres.

Charles Houvenaghel, clarionet, is one of the heroes of Verdun. Robert Caron, cornet, was wounded at Champagne, where he was cited for bravery. George True, pianist, was wounded at Verdun. Alexandre Debruille, violinst, has been three times "gassed." Captain Pares, former conductor of the famous "Gardes Republicaine," toured America before the war.

The tour of this group of musicians is for the benefit of "du Foyer Soldat"—the French Red Cross. The band was brought over under the auspices of the war work council, by request of Secretary of War Baker, and will visit all the U. S. army cantonments in the United States.

YANKS AT REST GUY HUN OFFICERS

SOUTHAMPTON, Sept. 18.—A party of twenty German officers, prisoners of war, found an unusual reception awaiting them in Southampton. An American regiment was resting by the avenue on its march from the ship to camp when the German officers were escorted past. Their progress thru a half mile of Yankees was embarrassing.

"Is this the road to Paris?" shouted one American.

"Have you any message for the kaiser and the crown prince when we get to Berlin?" was another jibe from the Americans.

The Germans plodded steadily on in silence, keeping their eyes on the ground.

PROGRESS OF THE BATTLE.

SO RAPID has been the allied progress since Foch assumed the offensive and we have become so accustomed to measuring the advance by miles that the present creeping progress seems by contrast disappointing. The fighting, however, is of the most intense character and over the strongest fortified region in the world, against positions pronounced by Germans impregnable.

The fighting is no longer in the open, over the devastated Somme battlefield or against hastily improvised lines of denfense, but over a difficult terrain, swept by the big guns of the Hun, and every foot won is by hand-to-hand fighting. The enemy is no longer in retreat, but in strength in his own chosen positions and literally has to be blasted out. Counter attacks are numerous, but yard-by-yard the German is being driven backward.

The celebrated Hindenburg line, on which the Germans are standing, was believed impregnable to assault, a second Chinese Wall. But the British broke it in 1917, when they seized Vimy ridge and in recent assaults have broken it again as well as the Queant-Drocourt switch or Wotan line, and are advancing on Cambrai. The French are well across it above Soissons and are slowly advancing to its southern bastion. Laon. British and French armies at their junction, are attacking the line at St. Quentin.

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The Hindenburg line proper extends from Lens south across the plains of Picardy to Laon, a distance of 60 miles, passing west of Cambrai and St. Quentin, the industrial railway centers which are routes for supplying the German forces in France. The defenses from Laon for 45 miles southeast are also sometimes called the Hindenburg line, but more commonly the Alberich line, making its total length over 100 miles. From Laon it follows the Chemin des Dames to above Rheims and thence southeast to the Lorraine border. The Americans in the St. Mihiel advance have reached the southern portion of this line.

The Hindenburg line is not a trench but a system of field fortifications. In places it is ten miles deep, consisting not only of the trench system but of multiple lines of barbed wire entanglements, concrete positions for artillery, deep dugouts capable of housing a battalion of troops, numerous pill boxes for machine guns and, in fact, every device the Germans have been able to assemble.

Near Bullecourt was a formidable underground fortification known as the "Tunnel Trench" which the Germans believed to be impregnable. This tunnel connecting the trenches was more than a mile long and was mined for its whole length, lighted with electricity and had entrances at short intervals. It was reinforced by concrete pill boxes and support trenches.

Below Graincourt are great catacombs, elaborately fitted up as battalion headquarters, electrically lighted and protected by concrete trenches. In front of Cambrai, the villages, behind the line have beneath them great chambers, like hotels, fitted with electricity, water, sewers, drying rooms and kitchens, shell proof and bomb proof. The trenches there are built along the banks of the Canal Du Nord which runs north and south near Havrincourt.

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Important German strong holds protect the southern section of the line near La Fere. The forest of St. Gobain, presents an almost insuperable obstacle in attacking this end of the line.

Laon, lying within the "Big Corner" where the line turns eastward along the Chamin des Dames is regarded as the keystone of the whole German system. Hundreds of German batteries were installed in the screened revines around that city and in the forests of St. Gobain.

Southwest of Laon the town was protected by the Massif of Monampteuil behind whose crest are huge underground ravines and shelters, some big enough to hold a whole regiment. The forest west of Laon was crammed with a vast store of munitions and materials. Divisions of troops could concentrate in it unseen.

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These are the vital defenses the allies are attacking and capturing. Small wonder that the progress is slow but each mile of advance scored is more fatal to Germany than the entire devasted battlefield over which Foch drove the Germans so rapidly and brilliantly. With the fall of Cambrai, of St. Quentin and Laon, the Hindenburg line is shattered, because its bases of supplies are gone and its strongest citadels fallen—and an extended retreat, from the Belgian Sea to Lorraine is enforced on the Hun—who must fall back on his next line of defense, loosing troops, supplies and morale as he retreats.

If the kaiser has enough reserves left to hold these all important positions, until winter ends the fighting six weeks hence, he will be able to make the retreat at his own leisure, devastating the country as he goes, as Hindenburg did in Picardy in the spring of 1917, and with a vastly shortened line and a desert in front, will make the advance costly to the allies.

The next few weeks are the most critical in the history of the war—for upon them depends the crowning success of the allies, for which all recent victories were but preliminaries.

WAR PROFITS TAX VOTED BY HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—With less than an hour's discussion and without amendment, the house today adopted the general plan and rates in the war revenue bill for taxation of war and excess tax profits, estimated to yield $2,200,000,000 in revenue.

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The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces:

Killed in action, 74; missing in action, 19; wounded severely, 145; died of wounds, 27; wounded slightly, 1; died of disease, 1; wounded, degree undetermined, 6. Total, 273.

The following are marine casualties:

Killed in action, 3; died of wounds received in action, 3; wounded in action (severely), 6; missing in action, 10. Total, 22.

The following are from Pacific coast states:

Killed in action: Privates Mike Coringello, Tacoma, Wash.; Angel Solari, Naps, Cal.

Wounded severely: Private Floyd L. Daly, Portland.

Missing in action: Sgt. E. W. Roberts, Shale, Calif.; Privates Edward Gowan, San Francisco; Henry Market, Bay Point, Cal.; Edw. A. Mitchell, San Francisco.

Missing in action: Lieut. Payson G. Gates, Los Angeles; Private Lorance Dunn, Los Angeles.

Marine corps casualties: Wounded severely in action, Private Joseph W. Roop, Los Angeles.

Theaters and Movies

MADGE KENNEDY AT RIALTO THEATER

Madge Kennedy sparkles and shines in her own individual way in her latest Goldwyn picture, "Friend Husband," at the Rialto theater tonight and tomorrow. She is a different sort of heroine who finds herself in a complication as different as it is alarming.

Madge Kennedy is Dorothy, a girl who considers her sister a slave to tie herself down to domestic drudgery. Dorothy is strong for the freedom of her sex, but when her grandmother's will is read she learns that she must marry in order to inherit the fortune. Accordingly, her lawyer is instructed to advertise for a young man willing to enter into a marriage in name only for a monetary consideration.

Visiting the lawyer's office Dorothy meets a young man who, she assumes, is an applicant. He is really a man of fortune, the son of the lawyer's friend. Don falls in love with Dorothy's plan and they are married. His rich gift to her proves that he isn't poor after all. The deception angers Dorothy, and on the honeymoon—which he insists on beginning—she tries to escape, but Don assures sympathetic bystanders that his wife is insane and he is regarded with pity.

Don takes her by force to an island where the trembling bride is compelled to remain. She is bitter against her husband and treats him with contempt and frozen indifference—when she is not violently angry. He decides to leave her alone that she may come to her senses.

In his absence Dorothy meets with an adventure so terrible that she can only think it is a ruse on the part of Don to win her. So she flirts with danger, in ignorance of what her peril is. In the nick of time Don returns, however, and in a flash Dorothy realizes the gravity of the situation. He proves himself a hero and wins her love.

DOUBLE BILL AT PAGE TODAY

"Old Wives for New," the latest Cecil B. De Mille special picture production for Artcraft, will be the great feature at the Page theatre today and Thursday.

This remarkable photoplay is a picturization by Jeanie Macpherson of David Graham Phillips' celebrated novel of the same name which scored so decided a success several years ago and which is still popular as being one of the strongest expositions of contemporary American life and manners ever produced by any writer.

In this story, Mr. Phillips has taken up for discussion the lives of a man and woman who marry young in the heat of youthful passion and who rue it bitterly later when the wife becomes slovenly and obese, while the man gains rather than loses in every way. They are wealthy, but this does not stay the march of events which in the end result in divorce. Another woman, who is really noble, enters into the life of the man, and thus the eternal triangle is established with happy results.

This picture is a remarkable one in every respect and in the development of the story, elegant stylish gowns, valued at $75,000, are worn by the women in the cast. The support is practically all-star, with the result that the characterizations are of artistic power seldom seen in a motion picture.

On the same bill the late Mack Sennett comedy scream Friend Husband, with Charles Murray, the Great Dane dog and Pepper, the house cat as stars will be shown.

PERSHING'S MEDICINE MAKES GEORGE WELL

LONDON, Sept. 18.—In reply to the message sent by Premier Lloyd George to General Pershing congratulating him on the American victory in Lorraine in which the premier, who received the news on his sick bed, declared it was "better and infinitely more palatable than any physic," the American commander has sent the following telegram:

"Your congratulations are deeply appreciated. It shall be the endeavor of the American army to supply you with occasional doses of the same sort of medicine as needed from now until the final victory has been attained. I trust this will find you fully recovered from your illness."

CREW OF AMERICAN STEAMER IS LANDED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Members of the crew of the American steamship Dora, torpedoed and sunk September 1, were landed at an Irish port on Tuesday by an American store ship.

BOWLBY TO RAISE NEW FORESTY UNIT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17—Colonel Henry L. Bowlby, recently returned from France, expects to proceed in a few days with plans for the officering of a new foresters' unit of 10,000 or 12,000 men. The final decision on the manner in which commissions shall be granted is under consideration by the general staff.

Colonel Bowlby formerly was state highway engineer of Oregon and was returned from France for the organization of additional engineers, expected to include 20 battalions.

35 YEARS IN PRISON SENTENCE FOR SLACKER

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 18.—A sentence of 35 years' imprisonment on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco bay and dishonorable discharge from the army has been given Joseph James Donahue, unassigned, for refusal to serve in the army or wear a uniform, the western department of the army announced here today.

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