

BACK HOME CITIES TO EXHIBIT SPOILS RETRIEVED BY A.E.F. Captured Guns Will Boost Sale of Fifth Liberty Loan Bonds

TOTAL STILL A MYSTERY First of Many Instalments of Material Taken from Enemy Soon to Leave for States

The iron spoils of Chateau-Thierry, St. Mihiel and the Argonne will soon be lining the streets and squares of Washington, "city of magnificent distances" and capital of the United States of America. Guns captured on the battlefield by American troops will also be put on show in public places in other American cities, according to present plans.

For the first instalment of captured enemy material on any scale is about to go to the States. Two hundred and fifty pieces of German artillery are being sent over to help put the next Liberty Loan across. Each one will carry somewhere about its grim bulk a history of itself— who made it, who used it, and who took it, and how. The 250 will include examples of heavy and light artillery of different calibers, anti-aircraft guns, mortars, bomb throwers and minenwerfers.

The showpieces will be followed eventually by the rest of the captured enemy material, for Uncle Sam intends to take it all home with him. Out of that which is classed as serviceable he is going to take a goodly lot of samples for engineering study and tests, from both serviceable and un-serviceable he is going to select numerous pieces for historical value; and from all that is left he will adorn America's public places with laurels of victory.

Still an Unsolved Problem

How much stuff American troops took from the Germans is a question on which the Ordnance Department and the Salvage Service and several others are still working. If one took the figures of each division for the quantity of guns and material it has captured and related upon the old theory that the whole is equal to the sum of all its parts, he would have some very impressive figures. So far as the United States Government actually knows, however, there were in its depots in France the first part of this month the following captured ordnance: 14 pieces of heavy artillery, 217 pieces of light, five anti-aircraft guns, 24 mortars, 74 bomb throwers and minenwerfers, 3,000 machine guns, 26,000 sabers, and 200,000 rifles. It is believed, however, that these figures will rise to something like 4,000 pieces of artillery, 5,000 machine guns, and nobody knows how many sabers and rifles.

The final figures, indeed, depend upon just how far the Ordnance Department can get the different regiments to disgorge. There is a decided tendency on the regiments' part to want to do their own thing. They are naturally very proud of the spoils they are now proudly carrying around in their pockets each a half of the battle flag of the regiment of the Imperial Prussian Guard.

Many of the captured pieces already in the hands of the Ordnance Department have interesting histories. One of these is a Russian gun captured by the Boche and recaptured again by the doughboys. Among them also is one old Turkish gun. The largest captured German gun in hand is a 42-centimeter Krupp.

Under Armistice Terms

The Ordnance Department will probably never get all the captured enemy guns and material, although, in some way or another, most of them will reach America. The Ordnance Department will, however, get quite a nice little bit of material from the Germans under the armistice terms. Under those terms the Allies were to receive from Germany 5,000 large guns, 30,000 machine guns and 4,000 anti-aircraft guns. The United States is to get about 20 per cent of this, all of which will be serviceable. To date the Germans have turned over to the A.E.F. in accordance with the armistice, 152 pieces of artillery, only one of which has been definitely accepted, 72 of which have been conditionally accepted, and the majority of guns rejected were old models or lacked accessory parts. The guns conditionally accepted in most cases lacked some accessories which it is expected will be forthcoming.

There are tremendous quantities of German ammunition in our hands. Every bit of this, except a small amount for each type of gun, is being exploded in the battlefield areas. Gas shells are being disposed of in two ways—either dumped into the sea or else exploded little by little with very much larger quantities of other ammunition. Hundreds of thousands of hand grenades are being destroyed.

The general policy of the Ordnance Department over here will be to classify all captured enemy material as either serviceable or un-serviceable. Included in serviceable will be all that which can be readily repaired for service. No repairs of this kind, except those actually necessary to hold the guns together, will be made on this side, however.

Rest to Be Shown as Trophies

Material will be taken from the serviceable class for engineering study and tests and from both classes for historical purposes. It is considered that a piece is valuable for historical purposes by reason of its "oddy, special circumstances of capture, or value as showing chronological sequence and development." All pieces taken for these purposes will be used as trophies. All the pieces selected for engineering study and tests will go either to Washington or to one of the many arsenals throughout the country. Every machine gun and serviceable rifle will go to the States, as will all trench mortars and all special fire control apparatus. For every serviceable gun will be sent a small amount of ammunition. All serviceable German equipment, and this includes 900 different kinds of field equipment, will be sent across.

FREE CREAM AT NEUWIED

Ice cream and cake and pie... had for the more lining up these days if one is on leave in Neuwied on the Rhine, leave center for the Third Corps. The A.E.F. is making these things in wholesale quantities right in the city. It is a city, for it has 25,000 inhabitants, according to the latest census. Three hundred quarts of cream are manufactured daily, and the capacity is soon to be increased. The army has also taken over a German bakery where bread, rolls, cakes and cakes that are served with the cream, which is distributed free every evening at the Recreation Center building. A new festival hall is being built to accommodate the leave men at Neuwied, as present facilities are overcrowded. It is to be a combination club room and dance hall. Third Corps Engineers are doing the work.

150,000 ENROLL IN A.E.F. POST SCHOOLS

Continued from Page 1 the early signing of the armistice in a shortage of textbooks. These were being printed in the States in large numbers when the fighting ended, however, and are arriving in France in increasing quantities.

Early last fall, when the commission wished to place an order for textbooks, it found that there were not \$50,000 worth of textbooks on the market, the War Industries Board having stopped their publication. The commission succeeded in having the board lift the ban on the manufacture of paper, pulp and white paper, and the printing of the textbooks, and placed an initial order through the Y.M.C.A. for \$2,000,000 worth of books for the A.E.F. in a special order for the A.E.F. The Army Educational Commission, which acts in an advisory capacity to G-5, General Staff, has a personnel of almost 300 men. Its central body consists of 100 American educators, Dr. John Erskine, of Columbia university, chairman; Dr. Frank E. Spaulding, superintendent of public instruction, Ohio; and Dr. L. B. Butterfield, president of Massachusetts Agricultural College. These men were selected last summer as exceptionally well qualified to direct the educational work in the A.E.F., as contemplated in the report of Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes, secretary of Yale university, who made a study of the educational possibilities in the Army last winter.

Work in Districts

Various departments have been established by the commission. Each is headed by specially chosen educators. In different parts of France the commission has representatives whose duty it is to supervise and assist the educational work in their respective districts. There are approximately 150 of these representatives, many of whom were school superintendents or teachers in the States. The commission is charged with mapping out educational programs for the approval of the Army, outlining courses, selecting texts, preparing syllabi and generally acting in an advisory capacity to G.H.Q. Brig. Gen. Robert L. Rees, who had charge of militarizing the colleges and universities of the United States last year, has come to France to forward the work of organizing educational activities in the A.E.F. The members of the Army Educational Commission and personnel were brought to France at the expense of the Y.M.C.A., which is providing funds for their maintenance, furnishing living allowances, office quarters, supplies and the like. The Army, however, is responsible for the organization of the post and other schools. Field representatives of the commission give assistance and advice to Army school instructors and otherwise aid in the general plan.

13,350 STUDENTS IN THIRD ARMY SCHOOL; 960 TEACHERS

With a matriculation of 13,350, and more coming, and a faculty of 960 officers and enlisted men, the Third Army school has shed its pin feathers and leaped swiftly to the fore as America's biggest university in Europe. The school is the largest of the Army of Occupation is going to school, with the percentage rising to 17 in the Coblenz area.

The Yanks along the Rhine are taking full advantage of Training Memorandum No. 7, which provides that each afternoon shall be devoted to athletics or school, and a great majority are foregoing football, baseball and basketball to fit themselves for better jobs than they had before Uncle Sam called them for overseas duty.

One of these is likely to be established in the region of Trier, near Metz and Saarburg, in the 8th and 9th division areas, where already there are German agricultural schools which have been utilized by Yanks from those divisions. These are made up of men from agricultural States.

A.E.F. AMUSEMENTS

The soldiers who gave the show called "Oh, Out!" at Chaumont may not quite be able to use the old billboard boast about playing before the "crowned heads of Europe," but they can come pretty near it, for in the large audience of privates and others who attended a recent performance at G.H.Q., the Prince of Wales and General Pershing were noticed among those present. The climax of the show, which was received with vociferous applause, revealed the New York skyline and soldier-laden ships steaming up the bay.

Just why the mummies of the 35th Division should call themselves the Mo-Kans is not clear until you remember that that division was composed largely of troops from Missouri and Kansas.

The 134th Field Artillery has a great show called "The Buckeye Entertainers." Strangely enough, they do not say so themselves. The word reaches this office from the 112th Infantry.

The 319th Engineers at Pontanezon have just completed their theater there—a fine auditorium seating 1,400 men. Reading and writing rooms form part of the building.

"Gazook's Charge" is one of the most violent musical numbers with which the Headquarters Entertainment of the 6th Division is entertaining Luxembourg these February nights.

This number is descriptive of the famous general's historic charge, the music portraying the successive stages of the operation. In the beginning can be heard the rattle and rattle of moving ammunition, the tramp of many feet, the crack and squeak and whines of big tanks moving up into position. Then comes the momentary lull before the battle and, voila! the bombardment starts, increasing steadily in intensity until the rear of the barrage begins and the troops go over the top.

Above the noise and confusion can be heard the shouts of the gallant general, leading in person his brave men. And suddenly his shouting ceases. He has fallen, wounded! But the battle continues while he refuses aid and stubbornly evinces his refusal to the rear. Gradually the firing ceases until there are only occasional pops from one lone battery. And then silence ensues.

It takes figures to show at what rate the show business is developing in the A.E.F. During the month of January at Aix-les-Bains, the big Casino housed 96 entertainments, 96 movie shows, 62 orchestra concerts, 42 lectures, 21 band concerts, 29 vaudeville performances, 62 dances and 5 stunt programs. Sounds of loud and prolonged applause coming from the theater in which the 119 soldiers shows already in view there, with Dorothy Donnelly very much on the job in Coblenz getting ready an all-star production, with all the stars and actresses must be quite a strain on the versatility of this celebrated graduate from the old Murray Hill Stock in New York, because the play on which she and her O.D. mummies are at work is a rip-roaring farce and she is best known in the States as the exceedingly somber lady who wept one gallon of tears at each performance of "Madame X."

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SENIORITY RIGHTS FOR RAILROADERS

General Principle Laid Down Applies to Men Now in Army

Railroad men in the A.E.F. will have their seniority rights restored and will be given preference in re-employment by the railroads of the United States, according to cable information received at General Headquarters. The statement of the Director General of Railroads is an assurance to railroad men in the service that they will be able to go back to their old work when they are discharged from the service.

Obstacles being met and overcome are the lack of buildings and proper lighting facilities. Electricity and oil lamps are not to be had everywhere in the field.

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NIGHT SCHOOL AT LE MANS DRAWS WAITING SOLDIERS

The Ecole Pratique du Commerce at Le Mans, equipped with desks of the two-seater variety, curved with such inscriptions as "Vive Wilson" and "Vive l'Armee," where several hundred earnest soldiers of the American Embarkation Center nightly go to study, promises to be a growing concern.

Already typewriters are being attacked by erstwhile Hun-hunters, pencils are being pushed through the intricacies of shorthand, and ink is being spread and spilled by prospective penmen, law is being dissected, artists are painting, coming lectures and politicians and plain citizens (later only) are practicing the art of public speaking in the little amphitheatre provided in days gone by for home talent.

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DIVISION MARKINGS BARRED IN STATES

War Department's Order Follows Unlawful Riot of Color

While Congress is considering a bill that would forbid soldiers to wear any service stripes, the War Department has issued an order requiring all returned officers and men of the A.E.F. to remove their divisional shoulder insignia the moment the division is demobilized in the United States.

The order provides furthermore that officers and men arriving at American ports apart from their divisions must remove their shoulder insignia on landing. It also specifies that officers and men who are separated from divisions in the United States before the divisions are demobilized must take off the shoulder insignia at the time they are detached.

The order followed complaints that scores of unauthorized, gaudy shoulder patches were being put on by soldiers after arriving from overseas and that it was impossible for military authorities to determine in individual cases whether the insignia worn was authorized or that, if authorized, the wearer was entitled to display it.

YANKS INSIDE GERMANY

Eighty American officers and 500 enlisted men took charge of posts in the interior of Germany this week. They are numbered in 20 detachments of four officers and 25 men each they are taking over the food administration of Russian prisoners of war camps. Each detachment has one medical officer who will control sanitary conditions.

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