

SAMMEE GETS INITIAL TASTE OF POISON GAS

Takes His Dose Manfully and Says "There's Nothin' to It"

HIS FRIENDS THE KIDS

By HENRI BAZIN

Staff Correspondent of the Evening Ledger with the American Field Headquarters in France, Sept. 28. The other day the septuagenarian force had its first taste of poison gas. Unlike any other gas in use in the war, it did not come out of a clear sky in any way or come down in any form intentionally. Command Sammee took it intentionally. Commanded by company and battalion by battalion as well as regiment by regiment, the men entered rough wooden trenches earth lined and dug out, staying five to ten minutes on the exterior, staying five to ten minutes in the trench that brings death in two. Each man had on his mask, it being carefully adjusted by French and American medical men, as to the simple file khaki clad medical men, as to the simple file khaki clad medical men, as to the simple file khaki clad medical men...

TRENCHES WELL NAMED. All the practice trenches used by the American troops have been dug by the Sammees themselves under French instruction, and every trench has been named. Upon one entraining field where was to be found the trench names are of three men who will go down in American history. One is President of the United States and two are presidents.

Writing of the ex-President brings to mind a story. Among all the accredited correspondents, only three have seen service with other armies and on other fronts in this war. The rest are from home and as yet cannot quite grasp why they cannot have a cup of coffee with their dinner instead of being compelled to take it "tea time" afterward.

At dinner last night, one who has a reputation as a humorist at home and who is spreading that reputation over this piece of somewhere in France, said the following in the paper that Roosevelt had accepted a job as staff member of the Kansas City Star. So I sent a cable to Oyster Bay today, signing "The Accredited Correspondent," and reading as follows: "Congratulations on your advent into newspaper work. We sincerely hope you will advance sufficiently rapidly in your chosen profession so as to join us before the big war is much older." And everybody is wondering if Teddy will answer, and if so, what he will say.

WHERE MONEY TALKS. The villages are visited daily by traveling shops, gypsy-like long wagons with the roll side opening for the display of wares. These shops sell everything from a shoe string to a blanket. They are loaded to the axle with tin snappers and soufieres, perfume, toilet articles, knives, stockings and underwear, and a hundred other articles. Most of the stuff is of poor and ready quality and sold at fancy prices, but a shop in a shop and none of any kind exist in these villages. So Sammee buys what he needs or not. The buyer and seller make each other understand somehow.

"You don't need no language to buy this junk," said a Sammee to me, "because money talks any old kind of lingo." Candy and American tobacco are the two things Sammee craves most. He is supposed to be able to obtain either at the commissary or the Y. M. C. A. tents and shops, and generally can. But just at this time the demand has been greater than the supply, and until the next shipments arrive Sammee will have to do without his confectionery and smoke French tobacco, which he finds too unfavorable and strong for his taste.

GAS DEFENSE SCHOOLS FOR ALL CAMPS IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20. Every man connected with the National Army and National Guard divisions, both officers and privates, will undergo a systematic instruction in gas defense before he will be considered sufficiently trained to join the expeditionary force. Divisional commanders have been instructed to organize in each camp a "school for gas defense," which will include specially constructed houses in which the men will be subjected to the newest forms of poisonous fumes in use by the Belgians. They also will undergo similar tests in specially constructed trenches.

Lecture on Ceylon. Ceylon and Its Forgotten Civilization will be the subject of a lecture to be given this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Commodore Messon by Arthur Stanley Fitzgerald, N. Y.

HENRI BAZIN SENDS PHOTOS OF THE SAMMEES IN FRANCE



The Evening Ledger's war correspondent found the American troops a busy but happy lot. Recently the Sammees got their first taste of poison gas. The pictures show them in their gas masks and emerging from the earth-lined gas chamber.

CHARGES SAMMEES DO NOT GET MAIL

Cablegram Indicates Parcel Post Packages Also Delayed in Transit

CANT LOCATE TROUBLE

Cablegrams and letters received in this city today indicate that parcel-post packages and newspapers are not being delivered to the American soldiers in France. One cablegram sent from France on Monday by one of the Sammees in answer to an inquiry from his mother said: "No packages received. A letter from this same man, dated September 28, said that no member of his battalion had received a single package or newspaper since landing on the other side in the middle of August. This man's family sent five packages to him and subscribed for two daily newspapers for him since he left this country, according to his father. The great package was mailed during the week of Labor Day, more than month and a half ago. "We have no control over the delivery of such packages," said Postmaster Thornton. "We have received directions from the Washington authorities to ship all mail and parcel post for the American expeditionary forces to a certain Atlantic seaport. In following up such shipments, the only thing we can do is to request the Washington authorities for the information desired. We do not know what the trouble is and have no way of finding out." The postoffice has received orders not to register or insure packages sent to the American forces. They are accepted at a flat rate of twelve cents per pound. It has been announced that all packages should be mailed before November 15 for delivery at Christmas.

U. S. to Have Huge Airplane

That the United States may soon have an airplane which will carry twenty passengers, a crew of five, develop 1200 horsepower, with eight propellers and have a flying radius of 1500 miles was revealed last night at a meeting of the Aero Club of Philadelphia in the Bellevue-Stratford by its inventor, George Langley, of New York, who is at present at work perfecting this who is at present at work perfecting this who is at present at work perfecting this

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SAMMEES PLEDGE MILLIONS TO LOAN

Units Keenly Compete for Honor of Subscribing Largest Amount

CAMPAIGN BY PERSHING

By HENRI BAZIN. Staff Correspondent of the Evening Ledger with the American Field Headquarters in France, Oct. 20. The American Sammees in France are willing not only to offer their lives to the nation, if need be; they also are offering their money. They already have pledged several millions for the Second Liberty Loan. Although the total amount of the subscriptions of the American troops "over here" has not been announced as yet, there is every indication that it will be a record-breaker. With the direct sanction of General Pershing, the Liberty Loan campaign has been

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES

- Methodist Episcopal Church: CHESTNUT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, Rev. J. H. JAMES, D. D., Pastor. 10:30 a. m.—Prayer, Bible School, and p. 7:30. 10:30 a. m.—Worship and Sermon by Pastor. 7:30 p. m.—Worship and Sermon by Pastor. 7:30 p. m.—Bible School.
Presbyterian: ARCH STREET, 18th and Arch sts., LARSEN, E. MACARYNEY, D. D., Pastor. 10:45 a. m.—Prayer, Bible School, and p. 7:30. 10:30 a. m.—Second in series of sermons on "The Last Days of Christ." With Music. 7:30 p. m.—Recital on Turner memorial organ. On 25th at 8 p. m., "The Most Foolish Sin."
BETHLEHEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: Broad and Chestnut sts., Rev. JOHN H. DAVIS, D. D., Pastor. 10:30 a. m.—Lutheran and the Reformation. 7:30 p. m.—Sunday School. Graded classes for all ages. 7:45 p. m.—Bible School of the Pastor's Sermon: "Christian Science and the Word of God." Free-will always welcome. Seats free in the Evening Service.
HOPE, 235 and Wharton sts., Rev. J. GRAY BILSON, D. D., Minister. 10:45 a. m., "Two Fundamentals of the Reformation."
Protestant Episcopal: ST. JAMES'S, 22d and Walnut sts., The Rev. JOHN MOCKLEY, D. D., Rector. 8 a. m.—Holy Communion. 10:30 a. m.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion with Sermon. 4 p. m.—Evening Prayer (Choral) with address. 6:45 p. m., Oct. 24-5 p. m., Sunday schools, Wednesday—Holy Communion, Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, 10 a. m., 7:30 p. m., weekly War Service at 12 noon. The church is open from 9:30 a. m. until 4 p. m., Strangers always welcome.
Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany: 12th st., below Spruce, Rev. DAVID M. STEELE, Rector. 8:30 a. m.—Early Communion. 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School. 11:30 a. m.—Morning Prayer and sermon. 4:30 p. m.—Evening Prayer, sermon and address. The pastor will preach at both services.
Unitarian: FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 250 Chestnut st., 11 a. m.—Dr. Griffin will preach on "The Miracles of the Law and the Gospels." The Anthems—Messiah's "How Lovely Are His Messengers" and Chavich's "I Do Not Ask, O Lord."
UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF GERMANTOWN: 11th and Locust sts., Rev. J. H. JAMES, D. D., Minister. 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School. 11:30 a. m.—Morning Prayer and sermon. 4:30 p. m.—Evening Prayer, sermon and address.

of a competition among the various units was started, to see which would raise the largest amount. Needless to say, the Sammees themselves are anxiously awaiting the result.

ORDER IMPORTED LABOR NOT TO CARRY WEAPONS

Wilmington Authorities Take Steps to Prevent Possible Fifth Ward Episode

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 20. When the Seventy-ninth Division starts its big drive on the western front and pushes the Hun a bit nearer Berlin the headquarters company of the 21st Infantry (Philadelphia's Own) will be in on the chase and Harry Weiz, 922 West Arizona street, will be hurling bombs at the fleeing Germans. Weiz, a semiprofessional baseball player, is qualifying as a bomb thrower and is perhaps the first man at Camp Meade who has been given a chance at that service. Weiz will not be the only bomb thrower in the company, but because of his baseball experience is considered the most likely candidate for honors. Baseball players make Class A bomb and grenade throwers and Captain F. A. Awt, commander of the unit, intends to utilize their unique ones in the regiment and has a big task to perform. Its members, or a majority, come from the selective draft district that has its headquarters at Park and Lehigh avenues. Not a man has been rejected on account of physical defects and not a man has been punished for violating the rigid rules of the army. Today it was announced that this organization must learn about everything in the art of war. This includes bombing, engineering, dynamiting, sharpshooting, signaling and the less romantic work of keeping the regimental books. Captain Awt has a versatile crowd to train and a bunch that is willing. Charlie Mitchell, cook for the company, served in the regular army, and Randolph F. Beaumont, 2314 North Twelfth street, who conducted a restaurant in North Philadelphia, is mess sergeant. Every company has a comedian and

Boy Struck by Trolley Car. Struck by a trolley car while crossing Sixth street near Kimball, this morning, Joseph Salara, seven years old, of 527 Washington avenue, was injured about the head and body. The child was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital, where physicians said his condition was not serious.

LITTLE PENN DRILL IN BOMB THROWING

Baseball Player Likely Candidate for Grenade-Hurling Honors

CANTONMENT TIDINGS

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unofficially he is regarded just as essential for the company as the top sergeant. And this unit has for its comedian and star entertainer Raymond Kirk, 918 Arizona street. Charles Kinsler, a real estate man from Truax, is his assistant and has won the distinction of being the chief dispenser of optimism. That the transfer of 6000 men from Camp Meade will delay the departure of the division for France is considered certain by ranking officers at the camp. They express the opinion that in view of the late start which the division has made it will be some time in March before many of the men are sent across the sea. Training is progressing at top-notch speed, but is still confined to fundamentals and but little out of the ordinary routine will be attempted until the men are put in first-class physical condition. At noon today the boys will be excused from drill until Monday morning, and several thousand will leave camp for their homes. A number of regimental football and baseball games are scheduled for this afternoon and tomorrow. Passes will not be required tomorrow and General Kuhn expects a big crowd of visitors. He rather welcomes them, for he is anxious for the "folks back home" to learn, through personal contact with the camp, how the boys live and how they feel.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

Quizzes on Tuesday for Federal Posts in Statistical Bureau

Civil service examinations will be held on the second floor of the Federal Building next Tuesday for the position of senior statistical clerk, at a salary of \$1500 a year; statistical machine operator, grade 1, \$1300 a year, and statistical machine operator, grade 2, \$1200 a year. On the same date examinations will be held for freight rate clerk (male), assistant in foreign marketing of agricultural products (male), and investigator in foreign marketing of agricultural products (male). MAN COMMITS SUICIDE. Constant illness so depressed John McConnell, fifty years old, of 1807 East Flaxwell street, that he committed suicide today by inhaling gas. He was found dead in his bedroom by a member of the family. A physician who was summoned failed to revive him.



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