

FIRST IN BATTLE  
Commander Felicitates Battery C Men

COLONEL RESPONDS  
Faired Irish Gunner Who Opened Shot Also Hopes to Fire Last

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FRANCE, Nov. 27.—The battery of the American Field Artillery that fired the first shot upon invading France on a recent October morning was being withdrawn from the front for retraining, in order that with other units it might make place for the following fellows, Major C commanding the group of the 1st Regiment of French artillery, under whose command and instruction the batteries had been placed, delivered an address to the boys from the U. S. A. Major C speaks and writes English, and, after his spoken words, he handed a copy of his statement to the captain commanding the battery. The captain's English is here quoted verbatim: "His tournure de phrase" being almost literally translated French and showing the thought in native tongue transcribed to foreign. His statement:

On the instant that Battery C of the American Field Artillery, commanded by the group of the 1st Regiment of French artillery, who had the honor to be the first to fire in the very happy in addressing his felicitations to the battery commander, his officers and his crew. This battery fired the first American shot at the enemy on Oct. 17, 1917, which is celebrated in history. The fact of staying in this exceptional quiet sector has allowed the commander and his crew to carry out very quickly important maintenance and repair work. The energy, activity, vigilance shown by the battery men for the undoubted certitude and guarantee of the good results that will come in every emergency and give the credit that will come the day the big armies of the United States will join the armies of the Allies to give together the last stroke to the common foe and give certain final victory.

Major Commanding SAMMEES STAND IN RAIN

It rains most of the time in this sector and in this entrancing portion of France at this season of the year. This address was delivered in a steady down-pour, with the Sammees growing up in the rain, as many a possible holding their hands lovingly upon it. And all the way back to the training camp with its adjoining artillery, the rain fell over again. "The rain it rained every day."

Begin an equal downpour the regiment to which Battery C belongs was swung into a sudden field and drawn up in its position formation, guns, limbers, caissons, men and mules. Directly in front of the formation, Battery C was given the individual place of honor, its crew centered around it. Every civilian in the village adjoining was there, the very very old, the merely old and the children. Nothing in youth and young manhood save the French in front of the line or under her sod.

Major C's address was then repeated; and the chaplain of the regiment blessed about the muzzle of the guns a great wreath of leaves—oak leaves for victory, laurel leaves for strength, rose leaves for sentiment, all intertwined, and about the guns, partially covering six figures in sections of two with hyphens between—the month, the day and the year, American numerical fashion, painted upon the piece.

AMERICAN COLONEL RESPONDS  
The colonel commanding the regiment responded in an appropriate speech full of patriotism, fervor, and quality. To be a modest man and requested it be not reproduced, saying it was but an intimate talk to the boys under him, "except for his wishes except it there be one from this story."

This Battery C of this regiment has just added new honors to its record in firing this first shot. How they blasted the gun by maneuvering through the mud to take position has been told in a previous story. But also the battery's record shows service in the Mexican War under General Scott. In the Civil War, when the entire battery was killed in action; in the Philippines, where it fired the first shot on land against the insurgents. It was the first American battery of field artillery to set foot in France a short time ago, and it has the unique distinction of being the only battery in the American army that has a man for man, sing the "Marseillaise" in French.

"There's just one more thing we want," said the red-headed general, "the American sergeant who pulled that historic lanyard stroke, as the ceremony was over and the men returned to quarters; that's to fire the last American shot in the war, too. And make us all try to try for it one of these days."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
WORK FOR WAR FUND

Local Chapters Seek \$150,000 as Their Part of Task  
A hundred and fifty thousand dollars is the goal set by the Knights of Columbus in Philadelphia in the \$5,000,000 war fund of the organization which will provide recreation centers for each of the camps in the United States and in the camps of American soldiers abroad. The campaign, which opened last Sunday, will close with a mass-meeting in the Grand Opera House next Sunday afternoon. The fund stood at approximately \$100,000 this morning. It is being collected in the churches and several large donations. Charles Drueiding and Harry Devoe, manufacturers, headed the list with \$10,000 each given through the "Flahty" Club, a Knight of Columbus in the United States. City Solicitor John P. Connelly contributed \$250 to the fund and Elmer Ames, chief clerk of the P. R. T. Co., a contribution of \$25 and a letter from A. Flaherty congratulating him on the splendid work being done.

1st Stars in Service Flag  
The service flag containing 317 stars, representing the number of employees of John Wanamaker stores in Philadelphia and New York who are in the service, was presented at exercises by the John Wanamaker Institute.

NEW TEMPLE DEDICATED BY READING SHRINERS

Prominent Masons Are Present at the Conclusion of the 25th Anniversary Celebration  
READING, Pa., Dec. 5.—Rajah Temple of Mystic Shrine dedicated its new home here yesterday afternoon in connection with the twenty-fifth anniversary jubilee. The dedication was presided over by Imperial Potentate Charles E. Ovenshire, of Minneapolis, to whom a silk flag sent to Rajah Temple's potentate, George F. Eisenbourn, by General Pershing from France, was presented. Mr. Ovenshire was assisted by a staff of officers from all over the eastern section of the United States. A service flag, in honor of seventy-five local Shriners in the army, was unveiled. Last night a ball, attended by 4000 persons, was held for visiting Shriners and their wives, as a finale to the anniversary celebration. William A. Sharp and George A. Ravel have bought the old home of the temple for \$36,500, it was announced.

WOMEN RAP PRESIDENT FOR SUFFRAGE SILENCE

Criticize Him for Not Mentioning Issue in His Message—Admit Disappointment  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—A large group of suffrage pickets waited vainly in the House gallery for the President to mention suffrage in his address. A score of them had just been released from jail, where they served sentences for urging him to recommend the passage of the Federal amendment that would give the women admitted themselves. Mrs. John Rogers, Jr., of New York, who will preside at the conference of National Women's party officers this week, said: "I think it is nothing less than an insult to the women of the whole nation that the President, who bowed by the champion of world democracy, should fail to earnestly recommend to Congress the submission of the vote and suffrage amendment. As a woman citizen in New York I recommend him to ponder the words in his message, as always the right will prove to be expedient."

JERSEY ROAD MUST HONOR SCHOOL TICKET

State Board Refuses to Permit Withdrawal in Any Zone  
TRENTON, Dec. 5.—The State Board of Public Utility Commissioners today rendered a decision that, if the Public Service Railroad Company continued to sell school tickets at ninety cents per book containing thirty tickets, each good for a five-cent ride for pupils going to or from school, the board would dismiss a complaint against the refusal to accept such tickets from pupils traveling on the Mount Pleasant and other lines in North Jersey to the high school at Plainfield.

Take Oath of Allegiance

Members of the motor messenger service of the Emergency Aid of Pennsylvania have taken the oath of allegiance in the presence of Brigadier General Walter A. Gurnea and his staff, organized last summer by Miss McKim.

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SAMMEES PLEASE BLISS AND BENSON

Soldiers in France Go Through Maneuvers for U. S. Mission

SHOW PLENTY OF SNAP

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 5.—"I am highly pleased with the efficiency shown by the Americans," said General Tasker H. Bliss, chief of staff of the United States army, who accompanied the American mission to field headquarters of the American army in France to view the men at work. General Bliss and others of the American mission had just watched the Americans go through a series of stiff war exercises, in which they showed keenness, determination and spirit. General Bliss continued:

"Personally, I knew the men were in splendid shape, but I wanted the mission to see them."  
Admiral W. S. Benson, chief of American naval operations, made a similar statement. Lord Northcliffe, who accompanied the Americans, said he was very much pleased with the impression his first visit to the American camp had given him. "But you must excuse me from further comment," added the British peer. "You see I am the guest of General Pershing."  
These remarks were given to the day when American artillerymen who were working a battery of French seventy-five (three-inch) guns began throwing shells over the heads of the visitors. There was not the slightest danger, but some of the members of the party, especially the wives of some of the commissioners, were palpably nervous at first, as the screaming shells swept through the sky. All of the members of the American mission save Vance McCormick and Dr. Alton Taylor were in the visiting party. Extensive regimental maneuvers were staged for the benefit of the visitors, all of whom showed the keenest interest. Both airplanes and artillery took part in the "war game" and, in addition, there were exhibitions of bayoneting, mortar firing, sniping and theatrical attacks.

General Pershing, the American commander, conducted the visitors. After the "show," the party returned to Paris. Colonel E. M. House, head of the American mission, was very enthusiastic over the fitness of the American troops. "I shall tell President Wilson on my arrival home that I was greatly pleased by the enthusiasm of the men and highly pleased over their exhibition," said Colonel House. "I hope our boys realize that the future of our country for centuries depends on them."

Coal Scarcity Closes Shops

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RECEIVERS FOR FORD TRACTOR CO. ASKED

Stockholder Alleges Concern Is Unable to Obtain Sufficient Capital—Not Henry Ford Concern

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Appointment of a receiver for the Ford Tractor Company, Inc. of Minneapolis, was asked in a stockholder suit filed in the Federal court by Louis B. Oliver, holder of 450 shares of the preferred. The corporation, which manufactured tractors and kindred articles, was indicted together with Nicholas F. Wilson, Robert B. Matthes and William H. Paving, by a Federal Grand Jury in August, and this action is still pending, the three individual defendants having pleaded not guilty. Oliver's complaint alleges the company has been unable to obtain sufficient capital to warrant continuation of its business, and that it is unable to meet these and that stockholders and creditors will suffer irreparably unless the receivers are appointed.

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GLI ITALIANI SALDI NELLE LORO LINEE

Tutti gli Attacchi degli Austro-Tedeschi Sono Stati Respinti

ROMA, 5 dicembre.  
Notizie dalla fronte di battaglia segnalano che tutti gli attacchi operati dagli austro-tedeschi contro le posizioni degli Italiani durante la giornata di ieri, sono stati respinti. I tentativi teutonici per guadagnare terreno fallirono completamente contro le fiera resistenza degli Italiani ed il nemico fu costretto a ritirarsi sempre con perdite abbastanza rilevanti. Lunedi' nella regione Giudicaria, sulla fronte del Trentino, contingenti austro-tedeschi, dopo violento bombardamento, tentarono di attaccare le linee avanzate italiane ed alcuni meridionali della Doane, ma furono prontamente respinti e rimandarono ad ulteriori tentativi. Inesistenti azioni di artiglieria si verificarono sull'altipiano di Asiago a precipitosa tra Monte Sisoni e Monte Castiglione. Riparti Italiani in ricognizione sopra detto altipiano riuscirono a raggiungere i loro obiettivi ed a fare dei prigionieri. Le batterie italiane, con formidabili colpi concentrati, bombardarono i depositi di truppe tedesche nel bosco di Gallo, a sud-ovest di Asiago ed a nord di Monte Tondarecar. Gli aviatori italiani furono attivissimi ed efficacemente bombardarono truppe ed accampamenti nemici nella Valle Gattinara e nelle zone circovicine. Un attacco da parte delle fanterie austro-tedesche venne operato ad ovest del Monte Badeneche, ma venne laceramente arrestato dal fuoco dei fucili e delle artiglierie italiane. Inesistenti azioni di artiglieria del comando supremo italiano, pubblicate ieri dal Ministero della Guerra in Roma: Sulla fronte del Trentino, nella regione di Montebelluna, vennero respinti i riparti nemici dopo preparazione di artiglierie anticarro e le nostre linee avanzate sui declivi meridionali della Valle Doane, ma furono respinti. Sull'altipiano di Asiago l'artiglieria nemica fu violentemente attiva tra Monte Sisoni e Monte Castiglione. I nostri riparti di ricognizione tornarono con dei prigionieri e le nostre fanterie effettuarono potenti fuochi con-

ALLIES ORGANIZE SHIPPING COUNCIL

New Board to Free Tonnage Available for Transport of American Troops

PARIS, Dec. 5.  
An Inter-Allied Shipping Council was announced today as in process of formation, following deliberations of committees of the recent Inter-Allied Council. The board's object is to co-ordinate the Allies' action as to shipping, to establish a common program, to free tonnage available for transport of American troops and to make blockades effective. The Inter-Allied Council, it is announced, has through its blockade committee approved unanimously the proposal for an American-Swiss agreement on exports and imports. The United States will appoint delegates to participate in the deliberations of an international permanent commission meeting at Bern, and the Inter-Allied Council will name delegates. They will meet at Bern. Announcement is also made that a meeting of the newly-constituted Inter-Allied Naval Council is being held in Europe. Chiefs of the marine staffs of the United States and Japan will be represented by appointed general officers. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Crosby, one of the American mission, and M. Klotz, French Finance Minister, indicated today there would be regular meetings of their committee of the Inter-Allied Council, to prepare solutions relative to payment of credits and exchange. A permanent organization of this committee will be effected.

LA MORTE DI NICOLA MARINELLI

Foto presa in ora 9 di ieri mattina, nella sua residenza al 1029 So. 8th Street, dopo breve malattia cessava di vivere il signor Nicola A. Marinelli, uno dei più noti e stimati commercianti italiani di questa città, e proprietario della più grande panetteria nella "Fiscosa Italia". Il Marinelli aveva appena cinquantunni ed era nato in Italia, nella Provincia di Campobasso. Venne in Philadelphia quindici anni or sono e si mise in affari nel 1898. Persona onestissima ed affabile, godeva le generali simpatie e l'ammirazione della sua gente. Ha vivamente adorato la Colonia Italiana. Oltre alla vedova, piangono la irreparabile perdita due figli, del quali uno recentemente laureatosi in legge, quattro figlie ed un fratello a nome Camillo. Nautical Training Bill July  
John Frederick Lewis, section chief of District No. 2, United States Shipping Board recruiting service, has received a telegram from Director Housard authorizing him to announce that, free nautical and marine engineering schools throughout the country will be

VOLUNTEER TRIES TO DIE

Sayre Man, Slated for Fort Slocum, Swallows Poison

SAYRE, Pa., Dec. 5.—William English, of Moweton, attempted to commit suicide here by swallowing poison. He recovered at a hospital. He applied to the Sayre recruiting office on Thanksgiving Day and was accepted. He reported at Sayre Monday to be sent to Fort Slocum. Just before starting on the trip, he went to a relative's home and tried to end his life. English now renounces his act, and wants to go to Fort Slocum.

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Money belts, 85c and \$1.25. Money bags, 50c.  
Folding rubber wash basins, \$2.50.  
Gillette service razor, \$5.  
Woolen mufflers, \$2 to \$5.  
Olive drab flannel shirts, \$4.  
Woolen pajamas, \$1.50 to \$7.  
Woolen 1/2 Hose at 65c to \$2.50.  
Wool blousette, to wear under service coats, \$6.50 and \$8.50.  
Woolen helmets, \$2.50.  
Special putties, \$4 and \$5.  
Leather putties, imitation pigskin or calf, \$6. Cordovan, \$10 and \$16.  
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Woolen blankets, \$10.50.  
Handy kits, \$3.50.  
Rain covers for caps, \$1.  
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