

UNITED STATES IN A BARBED WIRE CAGE VAINLY BEATING WINGS FREEDOM AT THE FRONT

Serbian Prisoner With Logical Mind Investigates Stories of Alleged Injustice Told by Fellow Interns in United States Camps and Finds Them Untrue in Every Respect

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**CHAPTER II**  
WHEN I first came to the camp I was almost daily treated to stories of unjust treatment, of unfairness, of cruelty on the part of the guards and officers.

men and good suits of clothes; What's the difference? Buy these blis and cuffs from me at wholesale price and some of my cheap suits and you can make at least \$10 a funeral He closed several deals on that basis and Monschein cleared up more than \$1000, and some of the suits that were left over were sold to Indians on a nearby reservation at 30 per cent profit. I have the stores from Monschein himself, so it must be authentic.

an angry protest against the out-casts was speedily sent off to the States demanding an immediate investigation. I was surprised when I heard the story. To my knowledge American soldiers had never done anything of the sort before. In state of acquiescence and tried to ascertain the facts I found out that those men had not stood quietly and talked; they had indulged in the sport of pelting the sentry with stones. In spite of repeated orders to stop they had continued their pastime and, finally, in accordance with orders, the man had fired in self-defense. At the time of writing an inspector general from Washington is investigating the case at the camp, and every prisoner who hears the incident is permitted to tell the story.

Incidents of that sort have happened repeatedly, and in some instances men who have expressed American views were threatened with injury. In some instances the threats became so violent that certain men had to be separated and now live in another part of the camp to which the other prisoners have no access. It is a dangerous thing that has been the criminal colony, and the barrack which forms its center Villa Crook. I am glad to say that I am one of the inhabitants of this villa as the result of my conviction.

Even if there are some excesses on the part of the guards, even if there are inconveniences and causes for complaint, what, if you please, are the worst features of a prison camp compared with the horrors of the trenches? And it is significant of the German mind that the prisoners here neckle and nag and complain and scheme and plot about their own insignificant personal affairs, while the world is shaking in its very foundation.

In the interval camps the will power required is infinitely larger than in the trenches. Here you are only the germ within but also work against the pernicious influences from without.

It is one of the peculiarities of the prison camp that many of those who claim to be such loyal Germans have almost forgotten the German language. They show how much they really cared for their native land.

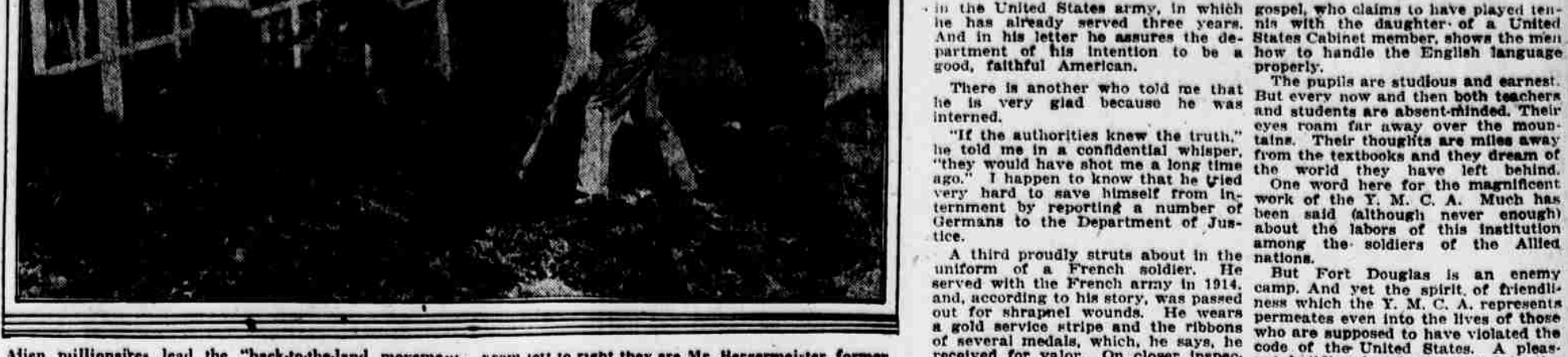
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There were a number of farms, farm-houses and cottages, like "Fargate and Marleau Vert" to the left of the village. Below just below the Valenciennes railway, in which the enemy had organized defenses. Over these places, our barrage fire rolled over the helping machine gunners could not find human targets and were helpless.

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At the southern edge of Valenciennes there was a German field in action firing at close range at this point, but the Canadians around it and captured it.

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Allen millionaires lead the "back-to-the-land movement," from left to right they are Mr. Bergmeister, former confidential secretary to Dr. Albert, paymaster-in-chief of all the German propagandists in this country; J. Zenneck, H. R. Solomon and Adolph Koster

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gospel, who claims to have played tennis with the daughter of a United States Cabinet member, shows the men how to handle the English language properly.

The pupils are studious and earnest. But every now and then both teachers and students are absent-minded. Their eyes come to the blackboards with their thoughts are miles away from the textbooks and they dream of the world they have left behind.

CANADIANS CLOSE ON VALENCIENNES

Abandonment of City by Enemy is Expected in Few Hours

By PHILIP GIBBS  
Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

Valenciennes was apparently closed by the Canadian troops yesterday morning after heavy fighting and the enemy was expected to abandon it within a few hours.

BRITISH PRISONERS VICTIMS OF ABUSE BY RED GUARDS

London Chronicle's Correspondent Writes of Experiences in Russian Prison—Improvement Noted When Only Ten Are Put in Single Cell

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into us from the Dutch embassy. My name was not included in the list and I only got a packet my friends sent me on Sunday morning, by which time many of the others had already departed.

GOURAUD ATTACK HELPS U.S. DRIVE

Undertakes Daring Maneuver West of the Argonne to Aid Americans

By WALTER DURANTY  
Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

attack on the village. With irresistible elan they reached the slopes of the high spur on which Voulog is situated, and by 8:55 the last defender had surrendered.

SERBS REACH BELGRADE

Second Army Twenty-five Miles from Bosnia Frontier

By the Associated Press

Paris, Nov. 2.—An official statement concerning the Balkan front says: "Eastern theatre, Oct. 31: In spite of the difficulties of the ground and the interruption of railways and roads, the Serbian armies are pursuing without cessation the Austro-German forces."

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Burlington Drought Ends

Barrelton, N. J., Nov. 2.—Health officials completely lifted the quarantine which barred all persons who had been in contact with the influenza epidemic, and health officials here today announced that there is no possibility of the disease spreading from Burlington to other parts of the State.

Rabbit Hunter Shot by Friend

Lebanon, Pa., Nov. 2.—Claude Brown, thirty years old, of Myerstown, was accidentally shot in the left hip and arm by Paul Katschinsky, thirteen years old, of Myerstown, while hunting rabbits near Lebanon.

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