

FREED PRISONERS POUR INTO NAMUR

Crowd Meuse Steamboats and All Roads Into British Lines

CAVALRY IN HUY

Germans Turning Over Worn-Out Material to Fill Terms of Armistice

By PHILIP GIBBS Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

By slow trains, leaving a space of six and a half miles or so between them and the retreating enemy, our troops of the Second and Fourth Armies are drawing near to the German frontier.

Remembering the old front lines which were drawn across the infernal ruins of battlefields and where no man showed his body without certain death, this new front line struck me as being very funny.

A Picturesque Old Town

The name of Huy, this charming place on the way to the Rhine, is not famous in world history, as far as I know, but is a picturesque old town of considerable size.

From the ravines between these rocks rise the towers and gables of Belgian chateaux like the castles on the Rhine, and above them are pine woods with tall masts through which there is a red glow of withered undergrowth.

On the broad waters of the Meuse are many barges which pleasure boats used to pass in time of peace, and down the stream from Huy come dozens of those small steamers today, crowded with passengers.

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belonged by their clothes, for many of them were in German prison camp uniforms, with the long black coats and round black caps served out to them after six months' captivity.

Each man had a story to tell which would hold much of the drama of this war and tragedy which would take a year of telling; but those to whom I spoke, the men of the British armies, put it all into a few words of bitterness.

They started us on that we had to slow netting and mangleweirds to keep ourselves alive. Many of us died. They worked us hard to the end, and when we could not work they lashed us.

Two men I met today had been harnessed to carts and made to drag a transport on the German retreat from Guemappe. They were ill and weak-looking fellows, and after that they were afterwards attached to the Sixteenth and Sixty-third Divisions—Shrapnel Lads—both of whom had been captured after March 21.

There were women among these prisoners, some sent to prison in Germany for offenses against German rule or deported from Lille and Douai and other towns for forced labor in the fields.

Why? I asked astounded by his words, and he said: "For smuggling over the frontier to Antwerp what I belong."

Had Lost His Backbone He was carrying a big wooden box and a haversack, and the straps had cut his shoulders, and he had a haggard look, but in his eyes was the stern courage of a man who had won his way through suffering.

All this human traffic pours along the roads, and on the roadsides are unhuman things which tell of the tragedy of an empire and the fall of great nations. They are the material of war left behind by the German army, according to the terms of the armistice.

At Nivelles yesterday I passed hundreds of German guns, limbers, ambulances, airplanes, and transport wagons. One field near Nivelles had been a German airplane and airplane factory, with enormous hangars built of brick and big swastikas.

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Filling Armistice Terms This material, to fulfill the terms of the armistice, is being handed over by German officers, who have a safe conduct into the British lines.

The German officers are polite young men, anxious to please. One of them has an English wife, and another is related to an officer in the French mission, and they are fulfilling the terms of the surrender, as far as they are concerned, with scrupulous accuracy and without a show of rancor.

EXILES RETURN TO STRASBOURG

Rhine Bridges Constantly Filled With People Coming From Germany

MANY ALSACE SOLDIERS

Freed Prisoners of War and Deported Civilians Also Hurrying Into City

By G. H. PERRIS Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

Strasbourg is the Rhine too well to make special pilgrimages to the river-side. Not so the army and many civilian visitors from the west.

Three elements compose it. First there are the released prisoners of war of the Allied nations. Several hundreds of British soldiers are awaiting in Strasbourg the organization of their removal home, and in the meantime are being housed, particularly by the American Y. M. C. A.

Next there are thousands of Alsatian conscripts liberated from the German armies and slowly finding their way back. It is one of the many strange sights of the moment to see these haggard fellows in the shabby gray uniforms of the servitude mixing freely in the street crowds.

Last, there are family groups returning from servitude hardly less real. Why should the civilians of Alsace and Lorraine have been deported across the Rhine? In some cases, perhaps, as punishment for their French sympathies; generally, in the normal course of conscription for war work.

Even more pitiful in some respects, for they included old women and small children, were the groups of civilians freed from internment.

From time to time small ambulance carts came over the river and hour after hour the tide of suffering humanity flowed into Strasbourg and will yet flow for many days to come.

I could have wept for these unfortunates, yet they were not weeping. Some even laughed and talked happily. The black days of bondage are over and Pharaoh has fallen.

FRANCE TO WELCOME WILSON

Americans in Paris, However, Fear He Will Lose Influence

REVOLT SHADOW OVER LUXEMBURG

Presence of American Army Has Quelled Talk for the Present

FUTURE IS UNSETTLED Several Political Parties of Revolutionary Character Striving for Supremacy

RED CROSS JELLY BY TON

Porto Rico Ships 120,000 Glasses Overseas for Soldiers in France

San Juan, Porto Rico, Nov. 29.—Porto Rico has completed the shipment of 120,000 glasses—about thirty-one tons—of guava jelly to the Red Cross in France to be distributed among the hospitals.

Last year the island Red Cross made and sent to France about twelve tons of guava jelly and it was so greatly appreciated that Charles Harzell, chairman of the Porto Rico chapter, recently received a cable from National Red Cross headquarters at Washington saying the supply in France was all gone.

It seems that the sentiment in favor of France has been growing daily since the spell of the Germans was taken away. The duchess, rightly or wrongly, is generally regarded as pro-German, and one hears free talk of a telegram she sent the Kaiser praying for a German victory.

Released prisoners coming through the Rhine valley do not picture food conditions there as being as bad as reports have represented them. Two Tommies told me today that three days ago they bought three steaks in Mainz for ten marks. You can't do that in Luxembourg.

French Honor Guatemala Guatemala City, Nov. 29.—President Cabrera has received the decoration of a grand officer of the Legion of Honor, awarded him last September by the French government. Senor Cabrera immediately declared a legal holiday.

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