

PARIS 'BRIG' HORROR
TOLD BY A. E. F. MEN

Veterans Tell House Committee
of "Hard-Boiled" Smith's
Methods

MEN BEATEN AND ROBBED

Washington, July 16.—Six American young men who had gone to war to help destroy autocracy and its military brutalities yesterday told what happened to them when they unluckily came into contact with the provost marshal guard of the American expeditionary force. It was a tale of horrors, offered as testimony in the continuation of a hearing before a House subcommittee investigating War Department expenditures.

High lights developed were that officers had a sort of gentlemen's agreement to deal mildly with those of their number who got into trouble and faced court-martial trial; and that the War Department may not generally be depended upon to investigate fully in instances of brutality and injustice where enlisted men are victims, nor to punish severely in such cases where officers are offenders.

Just before the hearing was resumed the War Department issued a statement to the effect that the chief of staff has ordered that hereafter the commanding general of territorial departments will refrain from further exercise of the power to order execution of a sentence of death or dismissal. Any record of trial involving execution of such a sentence is to be transmitted to the President for his action.

"In view of changed conditions," the commanding general of the American expeditionary force also will refer such cases to the President.

Witnesses, who said they were victims of official brutality, were Sidney Kemp and Charles Goldberg, of New York city; Paul Boggs, of Baldwin, Long Island; Alvin Bates, of Brooklyn; A. H. Mandelberg, of Baltimore; and George L. Tallito, of Newark, N. J.

"Hard Boiled" Smith Again

All had gone through the provost marshal mill in the Paris district. Goldberg and Boggs had been beaten. All had been robbed. None was guilty of serious breach of military regulations. None was given a hearing with opportunity to clear any possible misunderstanding.

First Lieutenant "Hard Boiled" Smith, (so far as brought out in testimony he had no other first name) was cited as the evil genius of the system. Charles Goldberg, formerly corporal in Company G, 308th Infantry, brigaded with the British, was wounded in the head at Arras and taken to a hospital at Rouen. When he recovered he started from Rouen to St. Aignan, via Paris. He missed the train and five minutes later was arrested and taken to Hotel St. Anne.

Goldberg said: "When I refused to surrender my belt and money, the guard hit me with his fist and knocked out a tooth. I jumped at him to fight back. He pulled a black jack and hit me over the head. Then he beat me on the arms,

until they were paralyzed. He got the money belt.
"I was taken to a cell room. The guards kept looking for trouble. If a prisoner sat down on the floor and stretched out his legs so that the soles of his shoes were not on the floor, the guard would rap the victim on the bottom of the foot with a club. Another form of entertainment in which the guard indulged was to 'part the hair' of a prisoner. That is, he hit the prisoner on the head with his club, cutting the scalp and drawing blood. Then they gave some of the prisoners the 'Swedish' treatment.

Prisoner Grew Desperate

"I was put to work scrubbing a large room. The guard stood over me alternately threatening and prodding me with his club. I got so sick of it all, so sick of life, I said 'to hell with the American army. To hell with everything.'"

"Before I was released and sent on to the replacement camp, I got all my money but a \$10 bill, but they kept my watch."

Boggs, a corporal in Company C, 315th Field Signal Battalion, is a Columbia University alumnus and in civilian life is a telephone engineer. His organization had headquarters at Amiens with the British. He was sent with a detail down to Le Mans and, finishing the work there, started to return to Amiens via Paris. He missed the Amiens train and went at once to the provost marshal office to explain the situation and keep out of trouble. They arrested him. In his testimony to his experience at the farm he said:

"We waded in mud steeped in cobblestones in the rain and were crowded like cattle. Negroes and whites, sick and well, shared vermin-ridden straw ticks as long as the ticks lasted.

Men Fought Over Swill
"Men starved at farm No. 2. We quarreled over scraps of food. Some of us dug into swill barrels for bits of meat and bread, and while doing it we were stoned by the guards."

"Every prisoner was supposed to receive a bath. The men simply stripped off and the guards turned an icy stream of water on them from a hose. Men were beaten for falling to sleep. They were beaten for watching the assaults upon other victims."

Then Boggs told of the suicide of a Polish lad. "The guards constantly beat and kicked this poor fellow," Boggs continued. "Finally, they put him by himself in a 'pup' tent. A little while later, guards found him with his throat cut from ear to ear."

Woodchopper of Amerongen For-
sakes Business Because of Cold
Amerongen, July 16.—(By A. P.)—The former German emperor refrained yesterday from sawing logs for the first time in several months. It is understood that he is suffering from a cold.

The former empress has experienced a recurrence of her heart affection. Both the former emperor and his wife remained in their apartments yesterday. Doctor Forster, the personal physician of the former emperor, was called to the castle late Monday and remained there all night. It is probable that the recent bad weather is responsible for the illness of the Hohenzollerns.

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Roma, 15 luglio.—Il Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri, On. Nitti, nel discorso che ha preceduto il voto di fiducia, ricevendo l'approvazione di tutta la Camera ha deplorato i recenti attacchi contro il Presidente Wilson dicendo che l'America e' quella che ora fornisce l'Italia di quanto necessaria per la vita e che senza l'America l'esistenza dell'Italia sarebbe in pericolo.

"Noi bisogna curiamo che nulla turbi le buone relazioni con gli Alleati, specialmente con l'America"—ha detto l'On. Nitti.

Roma, 15 luglio.—Ieri sera la Camera dei Deputati, in seguito al discorso del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri, On. Nitti, ha approvato con voti 257 favorevoli contro 111 un ordine del giorno che implica fiducia al presente governo.

By the Associated Press
Roma, 14 luglio.—Disordini in con-

sequenza di scioperi si sono verificati oggi in varie città dell'Italia.
A Lucera otto persone sono rimaste uccise e trenta ferite. Vicino a Genova due anarchici furono uccisi durante un conflitto con i carabinieri.

Lo sciopero generale e' stato dichiarato a Caltanissetta, in Sicilia. Il popolo ha marciato lungo le vie gridando: "Viva i soviet!" e forzando i negozianti di viveri e di altri generi a ridurre i prezzi del 50 per cento.

L'On. Nitti ha, oggi, dichiarato alla Camera che il Governo Italiano ha preso ampie misure per assicurare l'ordine pubblico, in vista del minacciato sciopero generale attraverso il paese.

Le truppe—egli ha detto—sono state distribuite in tutte le città e villaggi e sono provvedute di provviste bastevoli per oltre 48 ore, qualora dovessero restare tagliate fuori dalla loro base.

Il Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri ha, inoltre, dichiarato che in Italia non vi e' ragione di sciopero generale. Il governo non vuole spargimento di sangue e perciò "fara' del tutto per prevenire che cio' avvenga. Le linee telegrafiche e radio-telegrafiche sono state assicurate in tutte le parti del Regno, anche in caso di disordini.

Vote for "One Big Union"
Winnipeg, Man., July 16.—(By A. P.)—The Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council voted almost unanimously in favor of the "one big union."

PERSHING DECORATES
BRITISH OFFICIALS

Will Speak in Parliament Tomorrow and Head Parade on Saturday

London, July 16.—(By A. P.)—General Pershing, the American commander-in-chief, who is in London to participate in the victory parade Saturday, went to the British War Office today and presented Distinguished Service Medals to a number of prominent British governmental officers.

Those who received the medals were Viscount Milner, secretary for the colonies; Colonel Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for war; Viscount Peel; Baron Weir, director general of aircraft production; Baron Inverforth (Andrew Weir), former minister of

munitions, and Felix Cassel, judge advocate general.

From the war office General Pershing went to the Hotel Savoy, where he was a guest of the American Luncheon Club. Last night he was entertained at dinner by Ambassador and Mrs. Davis.

Tomorrow General Pershing will deliver an important speech before members of the army committees of both houses of Parliament.

On Saturday he will head a composite regiment of 3400 United States troops, which will lead the victory parade through London. The allied troops will march in alphabetical order as to nations, Americans getting the place of honor.

SHIP EXPLOSION KILLS 12
Gas Causes Fatal Blast on British Tanker at Cardiff

Cardiff, Wales, July 16.—(By A. P.)—Twelve persons were killed in the explosion on board the British tanker steamer Roseleaf here yesterday. The

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