

# SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE WITH EMPEY

By Arthur Guy Empey

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A Bit of German Shell  
We were sitting on a fire-step in the Front Line Trench. It was bright and sunny and we were bubbling over with good humor. There were two reasons for this: First—our battalion was to be relieved at nine that night and we were going back for a two weeks' rest. Second—it was spring. We could smell it in the air. Even the wind blowing from the German trenches in our direction had a sweet and "springy" smell.

About thirty yards down a communication trench to the left was an orchard. The trees were scarred from bullets and fragments of shell; but even these battered trunks could not resist the feel of spring, because here and there on the twigs and branches could be seen bursting buds. Pitting around were numerous birds, chirping, and sometimes wrangling among themselves.

To me it seemed odd that birds could accustom themselves to war. Occasionally a German shell, or perhaps one of ours, would go screaming over the orchard. The birds did not seem to mind the noise—just carried on with their nest-building.

In our company was an American named Alexander Stewart. Naturally he and I were very chummy. Stewart and I were the chief "Amusement Promoters" in the company, the Tommies constantly looking to us for some new diversion.

In the English Army a Tommy seems to have the idea that an American's chief vocation in the United States is to invent and to keep on inventing. Of course, Stewart and I did not in any way try to dissipate this idea; in fact, we encouraged it, and took great pride in being looked up to in this way; but, believe me, it kept us hustling to keep the Tommies amused.

It was getting too warm for Soccer Football, and we knew as soon as we got into rest billets that the issue would be put right up to us: "How are you going to amuse us while behind the lines?"

We were Americans, and red-blooded spring was in the air, and our thoughts turned to what every American boy is thinking of upon the arrival of spring—baseball.

I turned my eyes to the muddy parapets (read trench) and fixed my gaze on a fragment of German shell imbedded in the mud. Pretty soon this fragment seemed to change into a baseball player, with mask, protector and catcher's mitt. He was crouching behind the home plate and signaling to the pitcher. Just then Stewart said: "Say, Empey, I wonder if we could teach the Tommies how to play baseball?"

Immediately turned in his direction. He was staring at that fragment of shell.

I answered: "Did you ever try to teach a Chinaman how to speak French?"

He got it right away and a dejected look spread over his countenance, and he let out a long-drawn sigh.

Tommy sitting on my right butted in with: "Did you see base-ball, Yank? Why, I saw a game in London, and it is absurdly easy to play, but I can't see I fancy it."

With a look of disgust Stewart turned to me and said: "I guess you're right, Empey, it would be easier to teach the Chinaman French."

That night we were relieved and went behind the lines.

The next afternoon, after parade, we were sitting in an orchard drinking tea. About a month before, Stewart and I had taught the Tommies how to pitch horseshoes. There was great rivalry among the different squads, each squad having a team.

Just then Corporal Watkins came over to us and asked: "Where are the 'orse shoes? I can't find 'em."

Another Tommy answered: "Strafe me pink, where are your 'lveys? Cawn't you 'blome, well see the 'loffers usin' 'em beind that billet over ther? Blime me, they're alw's 'ugginnin' the gyme."

Stewart, with a look of depression on his face, turned to me and said: "Well, here goes, Empey. Steve Brodie took a chance, so I might be able to get away with this."

Then, turning to the Tommies, he said: "Did you know, Empey, I blokes ever hear of John McGraw?"

Three of the Tommies answered: "Yes."

A sunny smile and a look of hope flitted across Stewart's face, and he breathlessly asked: "Who is he?"

The three started to answer at once, but Stewart, majestically extending his hand, palm forward, said: "Get in line, one at a time. Now, Perkins, who is John McGraw?"

Perkins answered: "Why, 'e's a lawnce corporal in the Royal Irish Rifles."

According to Stewart's look, that Tommy should have immediately dropped dead.

Turning to the next, he said: "Curly, for the love o' Mike, who is he?"

Curly, with a knowing look, answered: "E runs the King's Arms Public house, down Eye Lane."

With a piteous look, Stewart glanced my way and I jerked my thumb in the direction of the other Tommy, who seemed to be bursting with suppressed eagerness. Stewart, looking at him, ejaculated: "Spit it out before you choke."

This fellow, with a superior air, turned in the direction of the two rejected Tommies, and answered: "John McGraw, why everybody know's 'im; 'e was the fellow in the London Scottish who elicked 'crucifixion' for stealing the rum issue at 'Wipers.' 'E was a lad, not 'art he weren't."

A hissing noise issued from Stewart's lips, and he seemed to collapse like a punctured toy balloon. After a few seconds he straightened up and a look of determination came into his eyes. Addressing the Tommies, he exploded: "You blokes are enough to make Billy Sunday take

to drink. Now, listen here, and let it sink in deep, John McGraw is the manager of the New York Giants. He is a baseball player; get it? A baseball player. A guy what manages a baseball team. And any fellows who can't make good on his team, or in the bush leagues, he sends 'em a cricket bat with their name inscribed on it and pays their passage to England. Get me?"

Several Tommies took exception to this, and said that they had followed cricket all their lives, but had never heard of any American cricketers being sent over by a Mr. McGraw. At this I exploded, and Stewart went up in the air. Standing up and turning to the bunch under the trees, pointing his finger in their direction, he let out:

"Now listen, this is good. I'm going to send down to the Ordnance Corps and get a dozen gimlets and some funnels. With these gimlets I'm going to bore holes in your 'nap-

pers,' and using the funnel I'm going to pour into these garrets of yours a little brains. Then, after you've acquired gray matter, I'm going to teach you the great American game of baseball; and then when through teaching you, I'm going to retire to the Old Soldiers' Home as physically and mentally unfit, because I know the job will put me there."

The Tommies did not take exception to his pointed remarks about their lack of brains. They overlooked this because they were very eager to learn how to play baseball. A chorus of, "Go to 'it, Yank, that's what we want, something new out 'ere in this bloody mess of mud and 'cooties!'"

Stewart said that we would have to talk the matter over, and beckoning to me, went in the direction of the billet. I followed. He then outlined his scheme.

[To be Continued.]

## Many Hear Evangelist at Ridge Avenue M. E.

The Rev. David Hughes, Welsh evangelist, was greeted by a big audience last night at the Ridge Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, of which the Rev. H. R. Bender is pastor. It was the opening night of a revival to be conducted by Mr. Mr. Hughes who will preach every evening of the week at 7:45 o'clock. Splendid results are expected from this series of services, for as a speaker and singer the Rev. Mr. Hughes proved last night that he has wonderful gifts. His first evening was devoted in great part to a narrative of his life as a physically and mentally handicapped man who through the aid of a countr y church some years ago and sweet all over Wales. Mr. Hughes at that time was a singing comedian on the stage and became converted. In a short time he has developed a fine choir in the Ridge Avenue Church which adds much to the services.

### ACTION HELD UP

Action on the revision of the city school board rules will probably be postponed until the meeting January 18. At the regular session tomorrow committee reports will be presented and routine business will be transacted.

## MORE TRUCKS ARE TO PASS THROUGH

### Commissioner O'Neil Hears From Western Cities About Some Big Trains

J. Denny O'Neil, State Highway Commissioner, is in receipt of a telegram from Washington, stating that six truck companies will leave Detroit, Michigan, on or about January 12 and requesting the co-operation of the State Highway Department. The telegram stated that this truck train will operate on an eight or nine-day schedule from Detroit to the seaboard.

A letter was also received from the Highways Transport Committee of the Council of National Defense, in which it is suggested to the State Highway Department officials that two or three minor changes be made

in bridges in Beaver and Bedford counties. The State Highway Department immediately took this matter up with the officials of the respective counties and will endeavor to have the changes made as recommended.

### TO EXHIBIT FOOD

Turkegee, Ala., Jan. 3.—"Meeting the Needs of the War Situation" will be the topic for discussion at the annual Tuskegee Negro Conference which convenes at Tuskegee Institute, Wednesday and Thursday, January 16 and 17. In the first day's session, emphasis will be given to the problems of food and farming which have become especially important and urgent since this country has entered the war.

## Colored People to Observe Emancipation Anniversary

W. Ashbie Hawkins, of Baltimore, will speak before a mass meeting of colored people in the Technical High School Auditorium this evening, under the auspices of the Harrisburg branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The occasion is the celebration of the anniversary of the Emancipation and of the Supreme Court ruling on the proclamation. Mr. Hawkins is a forceful and eloquent speaker, and it is anticipated that a large crowd will be present to hear him. The program will open at 8:15 o'clock. The People's Forum is co-operating with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in making this the largest meeting ever held under association auspices.

## Druggist Charged With Operation of Slot Machines

P. G. Leidich, proprietor of a drug store at Front and Vine streets, is

being heard in police court this afternoon on the charge of operating games of chance in his store. Leidich was arrested by George Shuler when he was discovered operating a "penny drop" and "nickel slot" machine. Leidich's principal patrons, it was said, are school children, who invest their spare pennies and nickels in his store in their effort to get something for nothing.

The arrest of Leidich is the fourth of the same nature since the declaration of the Mayor that he would not tolerate gambling devices in stores and poolrooms.

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### A Waist Sale Tomorrow Morning at 10 O'clock

This sale of waists will take place on one of the street floor bargain tables. They're made of white voile and come in a wide variety of styles—some are hand embroidered—others finished with tucks and various kinds of laces. **Friday Sale.**  
**\$1.29**  
BOWMAN'S—Main Floor.

### Wash Fabrics

27 and 36-inch eider-downs—floral designs for kimonos, and kindergarten designs for children. **Friday Sale, yard.**

**15c**

27-inch dress ginghams—fine quality. **Friday Sale, yard.**

**15c**

36-inch silk and wool striped crepes. **Friday Sale, yard.**

**29c**

32-inch fine quality madras for shirts. **Friday Sale, yard.**

**29c**

BOWMAN'S—Main Floor

### Silks

36-inch black satin mes-saline—firm quality. **Friday Sale, yard.**

**\$1.00**

36-inch cotton back satins—two season guarantee. **Friday Sale, yard.**

**89c**

36-inch black velvet plush—for coats or suits. **Friday Sale, yard.**

**\$1.45**

BOWMAN'S—Main Floor

### Men's Underwear

Heavy natural wool mixed union suits. **Friday Sale.**

**\$2.25**

BOWMAN'S—Main Floor

### Friday Sale of Men's Shirts

A finely assorted quantity of men's high grade percale and madras shirts—full sizes, well made—soft cuffs. **Friday Sale.**  
**79c**  
BOWMAN'S—Main Floor.

### In the White Goods Section

White voile—a very desirable quality—27 inches wide. **Friday Sale, yard.**

**12 1/2c**

White voile—38 inches wide—suitable for curtains. **Friday Sale, yard.**

**15c**

Remnants of white goods—comprising fancy white voiles, skirtings, madras, etc., in a wide variety, all going at half price. **Friday Sale.**

**\$2.79**

BOWMAN'S—Second Floor

### Kimonos

Flannelette kimonos in various colors and designs—well made—warm and comfortable for these cool days. **Friday Sale.**

**89c**

BOWMAN'S—Main Floor

### Women's Bathrobes

Corduroy bath and breakfast robes in rose, Copen, pink and lavender—well made. **Friday Sale.**

**\$2.79**

BOWMAN'S—Third Floor

## Women's Shoes

Clean-up of lines in which the size range is broken.

Women's patent colt and gun metal button shoes, regular height—a clean up lot comprised of but a few pairs of a kind. **Friday Sale, pair.**

**\$1.98**

Women's button and lace boots of excellent quality in various black leathers—regular and high cut—sizes incomplete. **Friday Sale, pair.**

**\$2.98**

Women's spats—a clean-up lot of extra high cut overgaiters or spats—not exchangeable. **Friday Sale, pair.**

**\$1.00**

BOWMAN'S—Main Floor.

# Each One of This Store's Friday Bargain Specials

is the barometer that indicates the lowest register of price-reductions

It's the store's rule that all tail ends of merchandise lines—all remnants—all slow movers and surplus lots be reduced to the minimum in price Fridays to keep stocks in good order and well balanced.

### For it's prudent to be rid of such merchandise for what it will bring, and invest the proceeds in new goods.

### And so--this business law creates the savings herewith enumerated

### Dinner Set

100 piece American porcelain dinner set with neat gold band decoration. **Friday Sale.**

**\$14.98**

BOWMAN'S—Basement

### Children's Scarfs

Closing out small lot of children's scarfs in combinations of gray and white and white and gray, with fringe at both ends. **Friday Sale.**

**25c**

BOWMAN'S—Second Floor

### Dinner Sets

100 pieces—made of American porcelain with neat decoration and gilt edge—two decorations to select from—rose and forget-me-not. **Friday Sale.**

**\$11.98**

BOWMAN'S—Basement

### Dress Goods

54-inch all wool Winter coatings, plaids, mixtures and zibelines. **Friday Sale, yard.**

**\$1.50**

40-inch silk and wool poplins in a good line of colors. **Friday Sale, yard.**

**\$1.39**

50-inch broadcloth, in navy, cardinal and black. **Friday Sale, yard.**

**\$1.69**

Decorated Japanese base with large hat box shade to match. **Friday Sale.**

**\$4.98**

BOWMAN'S—Basement

### Children's Sweaters

Made of worsted yarns in plain and fancy weaves—colors are brown, rose, green, Copenhagen and gray—closing out broken lots in sizes 2 to 10 years. **Friday Sale.**

**\$1.95**

BOWMAN'S—Second Floor

### Baby Novelties

Clean up lot of pin boxes, rattles, brushes, powder puffs, small baskets, teething rings, etc.—slightly soiled from handling. **Friday Sale.**

**15c**

BOWMAN'S—Second Floor

### Electric Lamps

Decorated Japanese base with large hat box shade to match. **Friday Sale.**

**\$4.98**

BOWMAN'S—Basement

# 50 Women's Coats

In a Friday Clean-up Sale at **\$10.95**

Old Boreas has temporarily let up with his coldest blows but there's plenty of real coat weather ahead and you'll find plenty of days which will make you want to dress up snug and warm.

And here's where you can get a good, stylish, serviceable coat for little.

—They are perfectly tailored, come in colors navy, brown and green, in a good range of sizes.

—Trimmings consist of plush, self materials and some furs.

### Immediate buying is advised---come early tomorrow morning to get a first choice



BOWMAN'S—Third Floor.

## Women's Sample Neckwear at One-Half Price

—Included are collars, collar sets and jabots of organdy, georgette and satin—  
—Not an old style among the lot but every piece stylish and desirable—  
Four attractive groups at  
**25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00**  
BOWMAN'S—Main Floor.

### Towels

Turkish towels—counter soiled—balance from our Christmas display—**Friday Sale, one-third off regular price.**

Huck towels with red border — Honeycomb weave. **Friday Sale, dozen.**

**\$1.00**

Face cloths — Honeycomb weave—overstitched edge—pink and blue. **Friday Sale.**

**6 for 25c**

BOWMAN'S—Second Floor

### Women's Gloves

An unusual sale of women's kid, cape and mocha gloves in brown, tan, gray, white, black, black with white stitching, and white with black stitching—taken from our regular stock and—not every size of a kind but all sizes represented in the lot. **Friday Sale, pair.**

**\$1.87**

BOWMAN'S—Main Floor

### Clothes Baskets

Made of willow—good size—oval shape. **Friday Sale.**

**\$1.49**

BOWMAN'S—Basement

### Angora Scarfs

White with colored borders — 1 3/4 yards long —soft and fleecy. **Friday Sale.**

**69c**

BOWMAN'S—Main Floor

### Tar Bags

Protect "his" clothes while he is at the front. Size 30x40 inches, for blankets, 50c; size 30x50 inches, for overcoats, 90c; size 30x60 inches, for ulsters, \$1.10.

**\$2.95**

BOWMAN'S—Basement

### Coney Collars

Black and brown, nicely lined—excellent for use on any coat. **Friday Sale.**

**\$2.95**

BOWMAN'S—Main Floor

### Corsets

Front lace Lestelle corsets, made of pink novelty stripe material—medium low bust, long hip, elastic at back. **Friday Sale.**

**\$1.69**

BOWMAN'S—Second Floor

### Children's Underwear

Bleached cotton waist union suits—some counter soiled. **Friday Sale.**

**59c**

BOWMAN'S—Main Floor

### Brassieres

Bandeau brassieres in front and back closing models—all sizes in the lot. **Friday Sale.**

**39c**

BOWMAN'S—Second Floor

### Boys' Union Suits

Heavy cotton fleece lined union suits. **Friday Sale.**

**69c**

BOWMAN'S—Main Floor

## Curtains and Curtain Materials

English madras in white and ecru—36 inches wide—neat designs. **Friday Sale, yard.**

**19c**

Marquisette in white and ecru, with one-inch band border—36 inches wide. **Friday Sale, yard.**

**18c**

BOWMAN'S—Second Floor

Filet and fish net in ecru—desirable patterns—40 inches wide. **Friday Sale, yard.**

**28c**

Plain hemstitched scrim and marquisette curtains in white and ecru. **Friday Sale, pair.**

**\$1.19**

BOWMAN'S—Second Floor

## AUTO TUBE SALE

We are closing out our stock of High Grade Tubes at reduced prices.

**Front-Market Motor Supply Co.**  
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