

CHAPERONES NOW ESSENTIAL IN WAR NEWS PAPER MEN IN WAR-THEY ARE NUISANCES

Guarded Almost all the Time by Competent Officers— Permitted to See Some Things and Not Others— Quarters Found and Meals Obtained for Them.

By Herbert Corey. (Copyright, 1915, by Herbert Corey.) Berlin, March 12.—Newspaper correspondents do not go to war any more. They are taken to war. Most of their time they spend in sitting about such haunts of luxury as the Adlon at Berlin or the folly of the constituted authorities in refusing to take advantage of the opportunity offered them to mould public opinion. Any correspondent can speak at length on this topic. Then one day they get the order: "The party leaves for the front at midnight."

Ungrateful correspondents call these personally conducted parties "Cook's Tours." The newspaper men are guarded wherever they might almost say—every foot of the way by a very courteous and astoundingly competent officer. They are permitted to see certain things, and other things they are not permitted to see. Quarters are found for them and meals are rustled for them, when such a thing is possible. The ungratefulness of the newspaper men is almost concealed from them.

It may be treason to my profession to say it, but this is about the only possible way the press can be served nowadays. No man can see a battle line 150 miles long. At the best he can see but a mile or half a mile of it in an episode rather than a struggle. The story of the success or failure of a movement must be made up at headquarters by the staff, after they have received reports from all parts of the line. The old style war correspondent is dead, but the new one is not. The new one goes out in an automobile and scores a few news items, and then returns and writes a bully story about it.

"Report at the Friedrichstrasse station at midnight with my baggage." This was the order received. "Take a sleeping bag and a tin tooth comb."

Dead Men All Around. The series of incidents which follow are herein reported not because of their value, but because they show how war corresponding is done nowadays. Edward Lyell Fox and myself were permitted to see quite as much of war's action as any other correspondents have been, perhaps. We broke a world's record by sending reports to our papers from the front, by wireless from Berlin. We saw the backdoor against which a great tragedy was being enacted. We saw dead men and the frightful rattle of machine guns that is created by battle. One day we were so close to the thick of things that gun-firing was all about us. Dead men littered our roadway when we returned. And yet—we had seen but little.

At Koenigsberg we crawled out of the train, stiff from our first night on the road. It is interesting, no doubt, to sit up all night long and watch one heated feeling about the eyes. The waiting room at Koenigsberg was filled with soldiers. Outside the station a company of American soldiers stacked rifles. The men nodded in the frosty air. The officer who chaperoned us ordered butter-bread-must-wurst, that being the standard meal in all these countries, but because they showed "Don't move about too much," he advised, as he left us, "You might be arrested."

So we silently regarded the soldiers between bites of wurst. The possession of the English language, and nothing else, is almost a debit item here nowadays. Once during the night a man in the next compartment had called our officer out. "You ought not to speak English," he had said reproachfully. "We hate the tongue."

A New Jersey Man at the Front. Korchen was our next stop. The Russ had been driven out but a little time before. The blackened walls of the burned city, and the substantial structure of brick and stone, told us this. When we got on the military train which we were to hold for a time a man wearing an unfamiliar band about his arm hailed us. "Haven't I seen you in New York?" he asked.

He was an employee of the P. S. C. at Newark, N. J. An architect by profession, he was in Germany when the war broke out on a vacation. He at once volunteered to see what was to be done of rebuilding after the fleeing Russ.

"It was my duty—but I like New Jersey better," said he. We noted for the thousandth time here a fact which had become familiar to us. The American is not liked by the upper classes, either in Germany or England. The American attitude is resented by both countries. Perhaps he has relatives in America. Often he has spent months or years there. Sometimes, possibly, and in America something he misses under his own form of government—a form which is a hundredfold more efficient than

ours, but which might grow wearing to the man who has had a taste of greater liberty. Troop trains began to hammer by on the way to the front. In the cars would be covered by cheerful legends to the effect that the inmates were on their way to St. Petersburg. The Balkan caricatures of the czar and King George of England. There is none of that now. Four months ago the men sang happily and waved their hands out of the windows when they passed a station. That phase has passed. In England, and France as well as in Germany, war is no longer a summer's outing. It has become an affair of business. The soldiers seem quite confident and serene.

Discipline for Officers, Too. More wurst at Starbuck, where the Mazur takes place to stretch out, gray and shallow, at the left of the road. At 7 o'clock we reached Lutzen, from which place we are to ride to Loyal on a military freight train. Nothing but martial law prevails hereabouts. The man who would ride on a train rides only by virtue of military business. The man who passes through an officer to thrust by a sentry posted at one door of the waiting room. The sentry threw his rifle across the door. "You are a fool!" said the officer angrily.

"You cannot enter without the proper pass," said the sentry. It is all very well to talk of the manner in which German officers treat German privates. I haven't seen as yet to any soldier of thorough discipline, but I have seen plenty of examples of the discipline that counts. In Berlin a few days ago a general officer rode to Loyal on a military freight train, driven by a soldier chauffeur. On his departure he met a party of friends on their way home. He asked them to enter his automobile. "I beg pardon, sir," said the chauffeur, "women are not permitted in the military cars. I have my orders." This same general officer enjoyed a glass of wine with his dinner in the same restaurant. At the end of the dinner the best directed that cognac be served to all. Every one received a glass of brandy, except the general officer.

"There is an order," said the waiter. "Distilled drink is not to be served in a restaurant in the military zone." The general officer went without his cognac. Discipline is discipline in Germany.

RECRUITING POST FOR MECHANICS. London, April 24.—Correspondence of The Associated Press.—A new recruiting poster has made its appearance all over London calling for recruits of "any age, any measurements, any medical qualifications or disqualifications," so long as they are good mechanics or capable of doing any of the work necessary for turning out war munitions.

Men who volunteer for this service will register their names with the recruiting officers, but they will be employed directly by the armaments firms, not by the government. The recruiting officers thus become a sort of labor exchange for the firms which are producing rifles and other necessities of war.

The new poster appeal is headed "The Man the Army Wants Now," and bears a sketch of an artisan at work.

PLEAS FOR DRINKS WITH LESS ALCOHOL. If Prohibition Is Way to Deal With War Inefficiency People will Support it. London, April 24.—Pleas for elder, small beer and drinks of low percentages of alcohol are filling the open forum columns of the newspapers. The director of Exeter college advocates the cause of elder. He says: "If the government determines that total prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcohol is possible and is the only means of dealing with the drink trouble that diminishes our war efficiency, every patriotic citizen will support it. But such a measure, which would bar Devonshire for instance from its innocent and immemorial habit of drinking elder, might produce grave discontent and law breaking."

Another writer in the Times says: "My friends in Scotland have often told me that there was little or no drunkenness in Scotland in the 18th century, before the taxation of the Napoleonic wars had extinguished the custom of drinking small beer. There is surely no reason why the blunder should be repeated as regards this country in these days."

"Have the teetotalers," asks a correspondent, "ever heard of extract of malt as a tonic for invalids? Or of stout to restore health and vigor? Or of stout for invalids? Or of stomach taken in moderation in the shape of beer, and have been used by our working men for 600 years or more. Let Lloyd George reduce the tax on beer to reasonable limits and then call the brewers together and put them on their honor to brew good beer with only malt and hops, and also appoint trustworthy men to see that it is done—any brewer breaking his word to be heavily fined."

All sorts of temperance drinks are being served on the tables at Windsor Castle, now that King George has put into effect his decision that no wine, spirits or beer shall be consumed in any of his houses. The king's favorite drink, it is said, is barley water, made by pouring boiling water on the barley, letting it boil for a short time, and then straining it and adding a little lemon. The king is also fond of home-made lemonade.

Many applications have been received at Lloyds for insurance to cover the risk of the total prohibition of spirituous liquors, but as a rule, the applicants have been unwilling to pay the high rates asked. Such insurance has been written has been at rates of from \$0 to \$5 per cent. Fifty per cent has been paid to cover the risk of an increase in the duty on spirits in the forthcoming budget, and insurance has also been taken against the risk of increased duties on a number of other commodities including tobacco, cocoa, tea and sugar.

Neutrality is almost an anachronism in these war days. It does not cost so much in blood and treasure.

Returning Missionary Blames Germans For Revolt



C. C. Underhill.

San Francisco, April 23.—(Special)—That the mutiny of Indian troops in Singapore, which was followed by a week's fatal reign of terror in February, was engineered by Germans, is the belief of C. C. Underhill, teacher of a mission school in the Orient, who has just returned to the United States. Mr. Underhill is the first eye-witness of the revolt to reach this country.

"There were more than 700 troops in the revolt," said Underhill, "and during the afternoon of February 15 they put all of the officers to death. After this pandemonium ruled the city. The soldiers divided into little groups and went about the city shooting down Europeans."

"Nobody knows how many were killed. I know personally of sixty-four who met death during the two days following their trouble. "Europeans were given arms by the British commander and sent out to combat the mutineers, who were shooting all English and French residents on sight."

"No one knows the real cause of the uprising, but all evidence points that Germans were the instigators of the plot. The strongest proof of this theory is that fifty German bar-facts were held in the British military barracks were liberated and disappeared during the fighting."

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FARGO ACADEMY LOSE IN DEBATE

Fargo, N. D., April 24.—Upholding the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved: That the Government Should Own and Operate All Telephone and Telegraph Lines," the Hannaford high school debating team last night defeated the Fargo college academy team by a decision of 2 to 1 in a contest featured by the remarkable rebuttal work of the visitors and by the exceptionally strong presentation of direct argument by the academy team.

The Hannaford team members are Jeannette Westley, Willard Markeson and Charles Brown; they were trained by Principal Clair Coddling of the Hannaford schools. The academy members are J. H. Jackson, Raymond Shaver and Eric Strohmel, leader. The judges were the Rev. F. H. Tabot of Tower City, the Rev. E. H. Stuckey of Fargo and the Rev. W. J. Hutchison of Fargo.

BISMARCK ELKS PUT ON SUCCESSFUL SHOW

Bismarck, N. D., April 24.—Starting out with a parade in a downpour of rain and finishing by playing to a packed house at the auditorium, the Bismarck Elks last night pulled off their first home talent minstrel show under the direction of Miller and Draper, professional producers. Ralph Bryfield was the director of the Bismarck show and has worked with the principals and chorus for the past ten days, and brought the enterprise to a successful termination.

PROMINENT GRIGGS COUNTY MAN DIES

Fargo, N. D., April 24.—Frederick Hemmingsen, a prominent pioneer farmer and Griggs county, died last night at the St. Luke's hospital. He was born in Moen, Denmark, 70 years ago. At the age of 20 he arrived in this country and settled down on a farm in Griggs county. In 1882, always a liberal contributor to church and schools, St. Luke's hospital and Concordia college are some of the institutions to which he made large donations.

The funeral services will be held at Hannaford Monday, and will be buried Wednesday at Lanesboro, Minn.

FINE NEW CHURCH FOR WILLISTON

Williston, N. D., April 24.—An outline of plans for the new Methodist church building which will probably be built at Williston this summer and fall was adopted by the building committee at a meeting Monday.

The outline of plans which was adopted by the building committee and from which the architect will make the complete building plans calls for a church structure 80 by 50 feet in size, of the library style of architecture, topped with a dome and finished with a porch supported by pillars of the Doric style. It will be of brick.

NEW COMMISSIONERS ASSUME OFFICES

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