

VILLAGERS OF FRANCE KILLED TO CREATE FEAR

Many Tales of German Outrages Were Not Exaggerated, Captain Lear Tells Roentgen Ray Society.

"There are graveyards in France containing as many as 200 bodies of residents of a village, shot by Germans to put fear into the people," declared Capt. C. N. O. Lear of Des Moines speaking before the Roentgen Ray society convention last night at the Hotel Fontenelle.

"Tales of German atrocities may have been overdrawn, but there were plenty that were not exaggerated," continued the captain. "When we arrived in France the allied troops were at their lowest morale. They told us that the war was as good as lost, and that we could only prolong it."

Captain Lear served with the 42d division, 168th regiment, in the medical corps in the front line trenches. He saw service overseas from December, 1917, till the end of the war. Friends of the captain tell of how he went over the top with the men, in spite of orders of a superior officer to remain behind.

Lost Patient. Among the many personal anecdotes told by Captain Lear his tale of two stretcher bearers and a lost patient found special favor. The captain saw two stretcher bearers wandering about aimlessly. He inquired what they were looking for and was informed that a badly wounded man that they were carrying was missing.

"You see," volunteered one of the bearers, "a shell exploded near us, and the man jumped off the stretcher and ran so fast we lost him."

Capt. N. C. Prince of Omaha told of the work of the Mobile X-ray unit on the west front.

The third speaker of the evening was Col. E. A. Merritt of Council Bluffs, inventor of the portable dark room adopted by the American army in France, and highest ranking officer in the X-ray division of the American army. Colonel Merritt gave a cinema demonstration of the United States Roentgen field apparatus, and a comparison with the apparatus of the enemy.

The meeting at the Hotel Fontenelle last night, which was preceded by a banquet, was the last of the annual meeting of the Omaha Roentgen Ray society. Over 200 X-ray specialists registered for the convention, many being from other towns and cities.

An exhibition of X-ray plates was shown contributed by Omaha and out-of-town physicians. A program committee for the convention was C. H. Ballard, R. L. Smith and N. C. Prince.

Says He Bought Whisky to Regain Love of His Estranged Dad; Fined

Whisky as a peace offering for an estranged father is the newest story of the "prodigal son" which came to light in the federal court yesterday when Alfred Levey was brought before Judge Woodrough, charged with carrying nine quarts of whisky from Berkeley, Cal., to Omaha.

Alfred and his father were estranged since the boy joined the marines a year ago.

He pleaded before Judge Woodrough that he brought the liquor for religious purposes only, in order that his father might have liquor for the passover season.

"I intended this as a reconciliation between myself and father," he said.

Judge Woodrough, hesitating to completely dampen the ardor of a newly united family leniently fined him but \$25.

Exploit Omaha Clay Banks, Mayor Urges Brick Manufacturers

Mayor Smith announces that he intends to do all that he can to encourage the manufacture of building brick in Omaha. He believes that competition would tend to reduce the current price of \$15.25 per thousand.

He is scanning all the ordinances on the subject and finds that present restriction are unnecessarily severe.

"My idea is to let the bars down to the extent of authorizing the city council to approve or disapprove of locations upon applications filed by the manufacturers," said the mayor. "We have a lot of clay banks in Omaha and I see no reason why we should not be converting them into brick and thus help out the building situation to that extent."

Scout Masters Spend Night in Wilds Near Albright

Fifty scout masters spent last night at Camp Gifford on their first week-end camping party of the year. Scout Executive G. M. Hoyt conducted the camp.

Thirty other scout masters will leave the end of the Albright street car line this morning and hike three miles to the camp under the leadership of Mrs. Hoyt.

Last night's session was intended to demonstrate to new scout masters just how the boy scout conducts himself in camp. Another overnight visit to Camp Gifford is planned for next Saturday and Sunday, for both scouts and scout masters.

Mrs. Hoyt expects several groups of boy scouts and their friends to accompany this morning's exodus of scout masters to camp.

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Vesle, Proud Property of Jealous War Correspondents, Leaps from Homeless Waif to Celebrated Yankee Mascot

By BERT FORD.
Staff Correspondent of the International News Service

With the American Army of Occupation, Coblenz, Germany, March 15.—(By Mail.)—No fair-minded person could blame Vesle if he had wagged his tail off its hinges. It was some honor to be the first American mascot to cross the Rhine and Vesle seemed to appreciate the distinction.

Vesle is no ordinary dog. He trotted proudly at the heels of his master across the pontoon bridge in front of the Coblenz hotel, with the fortress at Ehrenbrietstein rising majestically on the left.

Did I say master? That was an error. He has two, and they make more fuss over him than two old maids over a cat. They are jealous of his affection.

If you knew Vesle as we do you wouldn't blame his masters at all. He is the best natured pup in the world and about the most famous that the war has produced.

In that he has hobnobbed with most of the allied generals and dignitaries. He has ridden on General Pershing's train. He has attended vital war conferences where officers of high rank spilled strategic secrets that the hordes would have given worlds to know, when Vesle and we war correspondents heard them in confidence.

At these sessions Vesle would glance inquisitively at the officers, who, with riding crops, traced coming battles on wall maps. At these times Vesle seemed bored and snoozed between the hobbled boots of one of his masters.

There are dog mascots with Yankee outfits just as brave as Vesle, but they have had a drab existence compared to the hero of the Press section. His breakfast costs \$2.50 in Luxembourg, and his dinner came higher, taking a lot of Heine currency that looked like tobacco coupons. He has eaten in Maxim's and the most fashionable hotels in Paris and Bordeaux and Brest and elsewhere, and he has been just as thankful for handouts in the trenches.

He is grateful for any kind of "chow." That's what we like about him, and his patience, too. He is as fat as butter. No wonder. Every body in the press gang feeds him. He knows those at table who slip dainty morsels on the sly. You feel his warm nose against your knee. When we were fortunate enough to rustle ducks or chickens we saved the scraps and bones for Vesle.

He was at the front the day the armistice was signed. He has had experiences and adventures galore, but perhaps his proudest achievement, at least the one that will be longest recorded, was the day he sat for his life size painting at Versailles.

Vesle is at the left of a war council grouping painted by Dana Pond, official artist for the United States government. Pond thought the press mascot would give tone to the painting, which shows a conference of General Drobilant, of the Italian army; General Belin, of the French army; Gen. Sackville West, of the British army; and General Bliss of the United States army. The studio is in the chamber of



Marie Antoinette in the old palace. Some climb for a stray mongrel—a war refugee, for that's what Vesle is, or was. He looks a mixture of Newfoundland and Spaniel with the black, curly coat of the former and the size of the latter. He was born about the outbreak of the war in a farm community near Fismes, close to the Vesle, for which he was named by his American masters.

There was no way to find out his French name, because his original owners had evacuated or been killed. Apparently he had been held captive by the German troops, because he was thin and hungry, and awfully frightened when Julius B. Wood, of the Chicago News, and Raymond G. Carroll, of the Philadelphia Ledger, found him.

The Yanks were fighting at the Vesle. Artillery action was heavy. It was raining and muddy, as usual. Shells were dropping close. The correspondents had to take cover. When Wood and Carroll returned to their automobile in the road one door was open. Wood tripped over something in the bottom of the car. He thought somebody had left a fur coat.

"I'll be damned, Ray, if it isn't a stray pup," drawled Junius.

"What is he doing out here? Well, stranger, here's where you transfer, because we're not going your way, and it's a long spin to the censor." Wood lifted Vesle out by the scruff of the neck and the dog climbed right in again and looked so cold, and cowed and helpless that both Wood and Carroll were touched and adopted him on the spot and had their first row over possession and where to seat him and what to wrap him up with.

That is how Vesle became re-christened and transformed from a war waif to a celebrated American mascot whose picture will go down to posterity in an allied war council picture to be hung in the main conference room of the War Department in Washington.

But peace has complicated the problem of dual ownership. It was not so difficult to carry out a partnership while fighting was in progress, but there is a grave question where Vesle will make his home in America.

"Let's do what the probate and divorce courts do," suggested Carroll. "Split custodianship. Vesle can live one month with you in Chicago and the next with me in Philadelphia, and keep it up."

"Where would I come in if you take that trip to Japan?" Besides, Mrs. Carroll may not like him."

"Mrs. Wood may not either," retorted Carroll, beaming.

"She's got to. Who could help it? Anyway, Vesle thinks more of me than he does of you since you slapped his nose in front of all those newspaper guys who came over on the Noahs Ark to cover the peace conference. I've got a plan. Ray, just before we sail for home I'll have a French coiffeur clip Vesle and make a pillow of his fur and that will be your half of him."

Alleged Car Robber Bound Over to District Court

Frank Delbridge, 1522 North Twenty-fourth street, arrested last Tuesday on a charge of robbing freight cars of more than \$5,000 worth of merchandise, was bound over to district court this morning under \$1,000 bond.

Charles Diggs, negro, 116 North Ninth street, alleged accomplice of Delbridge, was sentenced to 60 days in jail on the charge of vagrancy. Both men confessed to police to being "dope" heads.

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