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NIGHT SCHOOL IN A RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION CAMP

Few frontier works of any kind are now composed only of English-speaking or French-speaking men. Foreign-born of one nationality or another constitute to-day the big proportion of bunkhouse men. The following gives in brief what was attempted for a summer by a camp instructor at a railway construction camp. The men were English, French, and foreign-born. It is an attempt which is interesting particularly in relation to the foreign-born as pupils.

A reading room was operated and a night school conducted. Five daily papers were received (1 French), 3 weeklies (one an illustrated weekly), 8 monthly magazines, 2 French papers.

School started May 23rd; closed Sept. 5th.

In June there were enrolled: 5 Italians, 4 Chinamen, 1 Frenchman learning English; 1 Englishman learning French.

In July: 13 Italians, 4 Chinamen (3 left the camp on July 7th), 1 Pole learning English; 1 Englishman learning French.