

TOMMY ATKINS' GRIN.

(Frederic William Wile, in New York Tribune.)

I am in tonight from a day in the trenches. It rained all the time. The trenches were gluey and sticky, and the "duck-boards" along which we traveled were afloat a good share of the day. But the only people who used really strong language about having to eat, sleep and navigate in such soggy territory was our party of civilian tenderfoots. The coveys often wringing wet, they looked up from whatever happened to be their tasks and grinned as we passed.

Our chief and always dominating impression was of their grim and snarled more broadly than usual soldiers who can laugh in such weather cannot be overcome by anything, not even the Prussian military machine. Perhaps Tommy smiled more broadly than usual today at our expense, for during our hike from a certain quarry to a certain front line "Fritz" sent over white-bangs which caused us armchair warriors from home to duck and dodge in the most un-Napoleonic fashion, even though our gratitudes were in obedience to nature's first law—self-preservation.

Yes, it is the invincible grin of Tommy Atkins in abominable atmospheric surroundings and in the omnipresent shadow of death that has photographed itself most indelibly on my memory today. But next to that I am struck by his amazing good health as mirrored by his ruddy cheeks and bright eyes. Certainly the strapping young fellows whom I have seen are a vastly finer, sturdier lot, physically viewed, than any set of men now running around the streets of London in citizens' clothes. It is manifestly "the life," this endless sojourn of theirs on the edge of No Man's Land, with the enemy a rifle-shot away.

You ask their officers what explains this hygienic phenomenon—this ability to keep at the top note of "fitness" amid privations almost unimaginable. You will be told that it is the remorselessly "regular life" the men lead for one thing, and the liberal supply of fresh air, for another. Then it is the simple food they eat and the never-ending exercise they get for their legs and arms and muscles. They sleep when and where they can, in their clothes for weeks on end, never saying "How-do-you-do?" to a bath-tub sometimes for many days, though they shave each morning with religious punctuality, even in the midst of a mighty "push." Cleanliness of physiognomy is as much of a passion with Mr. Atkins as his daily ablutions are to a pious Turk. You will go far before you will find a cleaner-faced aggregation of young men than the British army in the field.

"Just so we keep on livin'—that's all we ask," was the sententious observation of a mud-cloaked Yorkshireman who backed against the slimy wall of a trench to let us pass. We had asked him the stereotyped question—"Well, Tommy, how goes it?" His answer was unmistakably typical of the spirit which dominates the whole army. The men are not happy to be there. They long for the war to end. They do not put in their time in the shuck and rain cheerily, and singing. They hanker for "slightly." They want to go home. But not until the grim business that brought

them to France is satisfactorily finished. They want no Stockholm-made peace. They are fighting for a knockout. I felt behind me in London a lot of dismal, gloomy, and down-hearted friends, candidates all for the Pessimists' Club. I wish they could have hiked through the trenches with me. It is the finest cure in the world for the blues. It may thunder and pour day and night in Trenchland, and the country may be a

moorass for miles in every direction, but the sun of optimism and confidence is always shining in the British army's heart. CANADIAN WHEAT IN THE UNITED STATES The report of the U. S. Department of Commerce of November 27 has the following:

Since April of this year wheat and wheat flour have been imported in greatly increased quantities from Canada. This is attributed principally to the fact that on April 16 Canada removed the duty on wheat imported into that country. The Dominion's action automatically admitted Canadian wheat free of duty into the United States under the provisions of the tariff law of 1918.

According to new statistics compiled by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, 840,981 bushels of wheat were imported from Canada in September, 1917, compared with 8,669,007 bushels for the whole nine months ended with September, 1916. For the nine months ended with September, 1917, we imported wheat from Canada to the extent of 21,460,269 bushels, more than 14,000,000 bushels of which came in free

after April 16. The imports of wheat flour during these nine months totaled 468,270 barrels, of which 297,032 barrels came in free of duty. For the corresponding nine months in 1916 the total imports were 157,269 barrels and in 1915 only 90,489 barrels. This Canadian wheat and flour are being received through every customs district on the northern border from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Buffalo led in September with 285,149 bushels of wheat

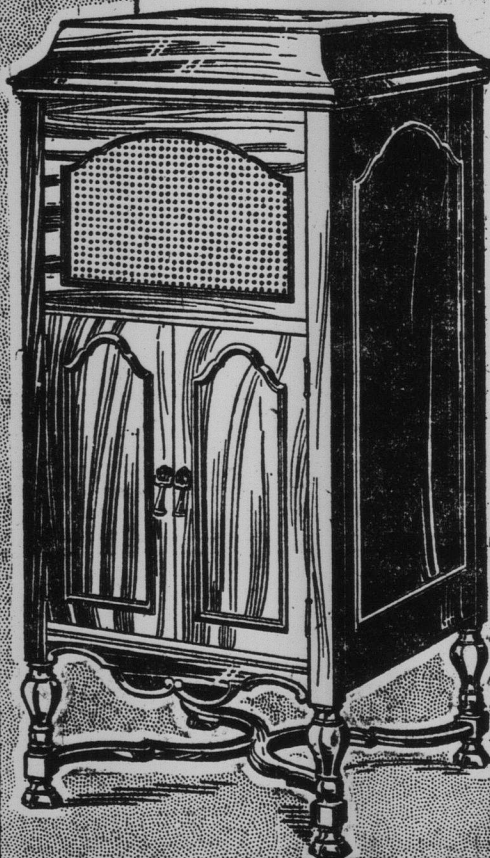
and 51,596 barrels of flour; followed by Duluth and Superior with 228,838 bushels of wheat and 18,761 barrels of flour; Michigan with 188,881 bushels of wheat and 1,589 barrels of flour; Ohio, with 114,096 bushels of wheat; Minnesota, with 12,145 bushels of wheat; and New York, Rochester, Vermont, Dakota, Montana and Washington, with varying amounts. There is also a noticeable movement of Canadian flour to the West Coast.

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