

Soldiers are Often too Brave in Battle

A Difficult Task to Keep Men at Front from Being Carried Away By Their Valor; Recklessness Not Wanted, But Caution

(By George Minor)
New York, Aug. 15.—When I was a small boy we were all taught to sing in school.
"My Country, 'tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty, etc."
Somehow or other I got the idea in my head before I could read that the words were:
"My Country, Tears of Thee."
And that's the way I sang it for years. Nobody noticed it, so I was not corrected. I remember how surprised I was some years later on reading the hymn in print to discover my mistake. It gave my tender intellect a genuine shock. Still, perhaps, my reading would not be so far wrong to-day. There will be plenty of tears shed in this country ere long.
For one of the most difficult things that our boys who go to the front in France will have to overcome will be to keep from being brave. That seems a rather singular statement to make in connection with warfare, but it is true all the same.
A distinguished French officer who is now in this country, tells me that the hardest job they have with new troops is to keep the men from letting their courage and valor have the upper hand. They are constantly impressing the men with the necessity of keeping under cover and not exposing themselves. Reckless daring is just what is not wanted. It is the soul trying patience that will keep men hidden while in the trenches that is in demand. Of course that takes courage, but a different kind from that which inspires one to make a headlong charge against the enemy.

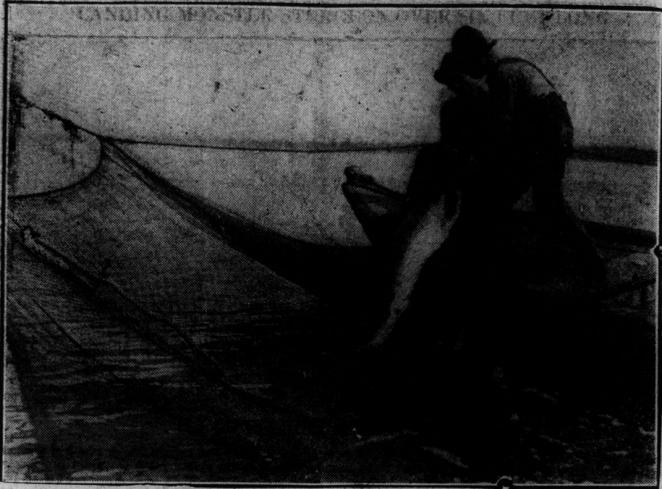
Almost Too Brave
Probably this is the first war in history where new troops are almost reprimanded for being too brave. Caution, not daring, is the guiding idea of each battle. Whenever a charge is made the artillery is supposed to have pretty well cleared out the trenches to be taken and the troops advance shielded by a curtain of fire which the batteries drop between the advancing force and the enemy's second line to protect them from machine gun fire. To be sure this rarely works out in practice as it does in theory. The trenches are not always cleared of the enemy when the attack is made, and the attacking force is mercilessly cut up as soon as it "goes over the top."
Then again, even when the trenches to be captured have been cleared of the foe, the curtain of fire is not always effectual as a shield from the fire of the second line. Consequently the troops are "heavily" attacked very often despite all the scientific schemes to prevent it.
This war is different in nearly all respects from all former wars. It is almost entirely devoid of spectacular

heroism. There is no opportunity for it. There is nothing splendid or impressive about grovelling in trenches but that is the way this war has to be fought, thanks to the despatch of modern ordnance. It is all siege warfare, which is the meanest and most heartbreaking warfare that can be imagined. It has none of the elements of dash and glory about it which inspire men to the highest pitch. Consequently it takes more good, solid nerve and staying valor to fight this war than any other.

Is Slowest Branch
Cavalry work is the slowest branch of any army's manoeuvres, but, except in the very beginning of the war, there have been no cavalry operations at all. The German uhlans and the French cuirassiers did more or less sweeping over the country in the campaign when the advance was made on Paris, but since the contending armies have settled down into the trenches cavalry work has been almost entirely abandoned. That picturesque element has been eliminated.
Apparently the Americans are not counting on doing any cavalry work of any consequence either, for I notice that in giving out the bases that have been established by General Pershing the war department makes no reference whatever to a cavalry base. All other branches of the service, infantry, artillery, flying and hospital have had bases established, but none for the cavalry.
The amount of money that England is pouring into this country every month is almost unbelievable. I have it on the very highest authority, although I am naturally not permitted to mention the name of my informant, that England is now spending in the United States close to \$70,000,000 each month. The English government has a force of more than 6000 men employed here. The majority of these employes are in one way or another connected with the purchasing of supplies. By supplies I mean everything from beans to batteries.

Many Englishmen
There are also a good many Englishmen here engaged in the recruiting propaganda which is being carried out with very satisfactory results. These recruiting agents have gone in for a campaign of publicity that seems to be both identified and effective, a combination that is by no means easy to achieve. I notice that they have got out some very striking posters, of which all you can see a few feet off is a draped Union Jack and the word "Britishers." The posters are "Britishers" all right, and in the war it is permissible for any of our allies to recruit in the United States. There are a good many thousand subjects of King

LANDING MONSTER STURGEON OVER SIX FEET LONG



Haul away boys. A rather ticklish job is the handling of a monster sturgeon. This photo was taken on Lake Huron. The sturgeon is frequently caught in pound nets and the fisherman first hits the great fish a whack on the head with a big hammer before attempting to get him into the boat.

George now living under the Stars and Stripes who did not have an opportunity to enlist before, mainly because they did not have the means to pay their passage to Canada or England to do so.

Naturally the same is true to a certain extent of citizens of other countries with which we are allied. It is believed that within a few months this scattering material will be gathered up and make a very respectable force. Every thousand helps in the grand total needed to break the Prussian lines and bring the end of the war nearer.

Vermont is Puzzle.
Speaking of recruiting, I cannot understand the reports from Vermont. The Little Green Mountain state has always been noted for its fervent patriotism and loyalty. Since the days of Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys the Vermonters have always been at the very forefront whenever there was any fighting to be done. It was Vermont troops that won the crucial battle of Lundy's Lane in the war of 1812, when their commander was asked if he could take a certain almost impregnable position, and answered, "I will try it!" It was a Vermont regiment that followed Ben Roberts up the steep steps of Chapultepec and captured the capital of Mexico. In the civil war, Vermont sent more men to the front in proportion to her population than any other state in the union, and it was the Old Vermont brigade that was so conspicuous in the battle of Gettysburg. Also it was a Vermontier that won the battle of Manila Bay, one George Dewey by name.

And now when the president is calling for soldiers to save democracy for the world, Vermont is credited with an enrollment of seventy men!
Perhaps they don't know that we are at war yet. That would not surprise me, for when I was in Vermont a few days ago I heard a dispute about this war in the general store in a little village. One farmer said to another:
"What do you know about the war anyway? Why, you don't know the Civil War is over yet!"
"I do so," replied the other. "I knew that five years ago."
2,000,000 Abroad in Year
One of our leading generals told me that he expected that we would have 2,000,000 men in France in a year. That seems very optimistic at first blush, but after all it is not so incredible when you come to think of the figures. We now have 750,000 men in the regular army and National Guard. A million and a quarter men is not a very big draft from our enormous population. That they could be trained and put into France inside of a year is not to be doubted, so I guess that the general was about right. In a military way we are now in just about the same condition that England was when she "went in" in the regular army and trained his millions without much difficulty.
Speaking about Englishmen who were working for their government here, I forgot to mention the great recent increase in their secret service force in this country. These confidential agents have been coming over in shoals lately, probably to try to counteract the great number of German spies who are undoubtedly still operating from New York to San Francisco. In the Waldorf cafe yesterday I saw three English secret service agents at one time, but they were not together, by any means. They had picked out a good field to work in anyway.

for the service of her country and in her hike will stop long enough to speak to those who look like good material for the army or the navy.

Among recent visitors to Universal City was the famous Irvin S. Cobb. He was shown, among other things, a jungle play in the projection room, in which Charlie, the elephant, had a very important role. As he left the theatre the humorist remarked Cobbishly: "Well, I must say the elephant was well supported by the company." Charlie made a bit and is now working in another leading theatre under Universal's veteran director, Henry McRae, who says that he acts almost like a human being.

Crane Wilbur says he can stand almost anything, but when people tell him "how pretty" he is, he wants to haul off and let them have what's coming to them.
Frank Goldsmith is a great lover of astrology. He says that this month the stars are saying just what they've been saying for several months past—"I want a larger salary."

Stuart Holmes says that one advantage of being a villain is that he can always get a seat in the subway. As soon as people recognize him, they get right out of his way.

MINISTER TO MEXICO.
(Associated Press.)
Mexico City, Aug. 14.—Baron Fujitaro Otari has been named as Japanese minister to Mexico. Baron Otari formerly was Secretary to the Japanese embassy in Rome and it is expected that he will make a journey to Tokio before coming to Mexico.

NUTRITION BETTER.
(Associated Press.)
London, Aug. 14.—Nutrition of school children has been better since the beginning of the war than before, asserts the school medical officer of the London County Council. Infectious diseases among school children decreased last year.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Music and Drama
Filmiets.
All the while she was acting in "Little Lost Sister," Vivian Reed was suffering from a severely bruised foot. But though she was under the doctor's care, she refused to hold up work on the production, and went through the scenes without even limping, registering joy and sorrow. You may rest assured, however, that whenever she expressed pain, it was the real article.

Universal City is having an epidemic of patriotism. The men have formed a military body for use of their country in case of war, and the women, not to be outdone, have organized a Red Cross service. Every screen actress at the city can spare the time to take a course in "First Aid" in order to be ready to care for the wounded and sick, if her services are needed.

Five Hudson River boats have been named for the five Goldwyn stars—Max Marsh, Maxine Elliott, Mary Garden, Jane Cowell and Marie Kennedy. Mary Garden's last act before sailing from New York for Vigo, Spain, was to order a gold monogram plate to be put on her name-plate, which was formerly "City of Plainfield."

FILMILETS
Gladys Hulette star of "The Candy Girl," a new Thanhouser play by Philip Lonergan, says that there is one element which has much to do with the success of the play. "It's the candy," Miss Hulette declared. "Pounds and pounds of candy were used in this play. The children devoured it eagerly, and the grown-ups were just as bad. Ill-tempered children and grouchy grown men brightened at once as soon as they munch-ed a few mouthfuls of candy. I'm supposed to be the one who cheered them up, but it was really the candy."

Aided by a nation-wide campaign of publicity, Dora Rodriguez, "The Universal Girl," started on a trans-Continental recruiting hike to Universal City. The start was made from in front of Loew's New York Theater, and she was escorted by boy scouts as well as several U.S. officers. Miss Rodriguez wants "40,000 men

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I'm doing one good deed sometimes do half a dozen. There are some people to so lacking in decency that accept a kindness in one bit in the next refuse to do on these are the exception. The decent human being is dispassion on a kind act. Shame him to take with the right and withhold with the left. If you will pardon me I'll personal illustration.
One of the kindest things Done For Me.
One day early this summer I did one of the kindest ever had done for me. I had an oil stove for our summer. It had not come and I had to use but a little ornery alcohol that leaked. I was desperate an oil stove in a barn appearing in use. I immediately inquired the owner, searched he introduced myself, explained and asked if I might rent few days.
"Why yes," she said, after a moment's thought, "you may though you needn't talk about it was going to send the stove down for it to-day to use in rooms so that we can let it fire out, but I think you it more than I do."
Many People Wouldn't Let Them Weren't Using
Now how many women would have done that? Mighty few.

SUBTERRANEAN CITIES ON THE FRENCH FRONT

French Front, Aug. 16.—(London)—Dozens of divisions of the French army now sleep in comparative comfort in the front lines when the are hurling tons of thousands of shells on the ground them, thanks to the work of panies of excavators forming the beginning of the war. They are constructing formidable shelters to construct these which have preserved so many thousands of lives, are soldiers varies between forty-five and a hundred feet in length. The part in the active operations modern battles, where quick movement and liveness of absolute necessities. No matter the nature of the soil, whether rock, quicksand, chalk or sand, these veterans have all the difficulties and have in constructing formidable shelters all along the front from the North Sea to the Swiss frontier until at the moment any fighting unit almost any part of the line. The shelter is dug out awaiting the correspondent of The United Press has seen and been dozens of these subterranean shelters. For such they may be in many places, and even when natural conditions are difficult the shelters commodified and well ventilated.

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The usual order is reverse "good-looking" frock for the No. 8,576, for the back has which the lower part is gathered the front has no fullness which long vest with the wide collar to the inset section is the character in the front. There are also except that marked by crossed belts, which button of the pockets. The long stashed in the material, and pockets are underneath. St. of nautiche braid make a trimming on collar, cuffs, pockets. The dress is to be over the head. The sleeves length—short ones for the and long ones for the serge. The dress pattern, No. 837, sizes 16, 18 and 20 years. The lower edge of skirt is 2 1/2 inches the figure, the 16 year is 35 yards 36 inch material, 35 yards 36 inch material, 35 yards 36 inch material. To obtain this pattern send the office of this publication