

# REFORMED ROGUES WHOMADE GALLANT FRENCH SOLDIERS

## Apaches of Paris Redeem Their Part on Field of Battle ARE PATRIOTS ALL Former Enemies of Society Fight Side by Side With Upright Men

That the Frenchman who has long been numbered among the enemies of society can, at his country's call, show as much heroism and as fine a quality of chivalry as his brother who has never sidestepped from the narrow path of rectitude, is the conclusion arrived at by Paul Ayres Rockwell, staff correspondent of the Chicago Daily News, who tells of the exploits of that battalion of men who are wiping out their crimes against the laws of France by heroic fighting for their country.

Rascals, assassins, if you will, but hard fighters, though difficult to handle when not engaged in warfare. Rockwell writes: "Henry de France tells the Excelsior a touching story of the Battalion d'Afrique, that heroic corps of beardless youths who made mistakes in civilian life, but are wiping clean the slate of the past by fighting and dying gallantly for their country. I like this story so well, because it is so true to life, that I translate it here.

"This calm and gentle man, whose young face, smoothly shaved as the visage of a priest, smiles from under snow-white hair; this man, who is a chief, nevertheless, of the fiercest troops, the most terrible to lead that are, spoke of them with pride, a sort of pride of a father.

"Yes; rascals, robbers, assassins, outcasts," he said. "It is a battalion of accursed ones, but a hard-fighting battalion, I assure you. It is difficult to manage them when they are at repose, for when they are not occupied they commit thousands of stupidities. Thus they almost never have a rest. But under fire there are no finer troops in the world, and I love these men, whom I know how to make listen to me."

"The officer, Commandant H—, pointed out the groups. "Look at their faces. Are they badly looking? The uniform, fortunately, sets these heads out a little. But in what state they come back each time from the combat! One would say they have a homesickness to be badly dressed. What's the difference? They have the pride of their poverty. One can depend upon them."

"Listen. This is the latest adventure of the third company. I find it singularly symbolic of the state of mind of these men, and I guarantee the story's authenticity: "This company was in line at forty meters from the German trenches. Often, as you know, the enemy finds it pleasing to put in line troops of the kind that he has before him: dragons against dragons, chasseurs against chasseurs, troupes d'elite against troupes d'elite.

"One morning we relieved the Alpines. It was not long before the enemy found out who was facing him, and my men were not delayed in seeing appear above the enemy trenches, so near, placards with insulting inscriptions written in French:

"Beware of pickpockets!" "And other friendly remarks of this kind exasperated my lads. Therefore, we had a devilish trouble in holding them back, and each night they slept out and prowled around the wire entanglement of the Germans, who dodged showing themselves.

"A new placard notified us: "You will soon have some one to talk to."

"Three days later, surely enough, information was given us that we had facing us a battalion of the guard.

"Acclamations greeted this news. For one time the enemy had sought to pair off his troops with ours.

"In face of the vagabonds, the poverty-stricken, the undesirable, was the fine flower of the Teuton nobility. We were going to laugh. "After several days of calm an inscription appeared above the German trench in red letters, very readable, upon a white board. It bore this stinging phrase:

"We have before us the scum of France. It is not with rifles that we will come to seek you; it will be with lashes."

"My men shrugged their shoulders. But they were nervous. I felt that another provocation of that kind was going to be dearly paid for.

"All the night, from one part to another, the trench engines did not cease firing. Vengeance does not wait long, with the "Joyeux."

"At dawn, suddenly a human form emerged from in front and stood erect in the midst of the wires, with a strange temerity.

"My soldiers did not fire. They wished to see what was coming, to see well.

"It was an officer of the guard, very young, with the face of an adolescent.

silent for an instant. He was living again those poignant moments. "From a neighboring trench," he began once more, "I had witnessed the affair, and I ran over in haste, not having any doubt as to the violent fashion in which my men would avenge themselves for the insult. The occasion was too good. An officer of the guard! "But in what frightful manner were they going to finish him? "Then I saw this strange spectacle, unexpected unforgettable, of which I guarantee to you upon my honor, the authenticity. "The German officer was stretched out, very pale, upon a blanket, in a shelter. "And, bent over him, before an entire circle of comrades, silently, the "Joyeux" were bandaging his wounds. "They were bandaging him with a gentleness, as though he were a child."

### CHARGE INTERNED ALIEN WITH MURDER

#### German in U. S. Accused of Killing Wealthy Chicago Widow

By Courier Leased Wire  
Concord, N.C., May 2.—Otto Schumann, an interned enemy alien, is charged in a warrant just issued here with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, a wealthy Chicago widow, for whose killing at Blackwelder Spring, near here, last August, Gaston B. Means was tried by a jury and acquitted. The warrant was issued on an affidavit by M. N. Caldwell, city prosecuting attorney, who alleges that Schumann shot the woman while trying to kill Means to prevent him from furnishing the American Government information as to the methods Germany had employed to get copper and rubber from the United States before this country entered the war. Means had been an agent for the German Government in such transactions and when he severed his connections with Germany he told her agents that he proposed to lay what information he had before his own Government. According to the affidavit, Schumann "at the direction of German interests," followed Means from New York to North Carolina and trailed him in and near Concord. On the night of the killing, Mr. Caldwell said, Schumann followed Mrs. King and Means to the Spring on a motorcycle. He was seen to leave there by two unnamed witnesses after the latter had heard a shot.

### QUEBEC SEEING NEW LIGHT NOW

#### Liberty a Collective Responsibility Rather Than Individual Right

By Courier Leased Wire  
Montreal, May 2.—Le Soleil of Quebec, speaking of conscription, says: "We have fought as it was our right and as our sincere conception of duty inspired us, in order to prevent the carrying out of what we considered a bad policy to adopt in this country, yet to-day we are in the presence of the inevitable. All we have to do is to do our duty, and all our duty, so let us do it with credit. An example has just been magnificently given by our Quebec youths and already the gallant patriotism of these young French-Canadians has provoked around us well merited expressions of gratitude. They are the custodians of the future and of our race and if the sacrificed to assure the salvation of yet in their double capacity as Catholics and French-Canadians are they not imbued with the splendor of the sacrifice? The whirlwind which for so long a time we hoped to escape, caught us in its eddies and perhaps we ceded too long to the error that we could escape it. If it be true that liberty is not an individual right, but rather a collective responsibility, we should understand that in this formidable conflict which fills Europe with blood, our individual liberty should be sacrificed to assure the salvation of that collective liberty which is the real object of the strife."

### UNKNOWN MAN KILLED.

By Courier Leased Wire  
Chatham, Ont., May 2.—An unidentified man was killed and his body was terribly mutilated last night at 10 o'clock by a westbound express on the C.P.R. tracks, one mile east of Chatham. Blood found on the engine when the train reached the city led to investigation and the finding of the remains. The only mark of identification was "E. D. S." on the shirt band.

### LEGISLATE AGAINST I.W.W.

By Courier Leased Wire  
Washington, May 2.—Legislation aimed at the Industrial Workers of the World and similar organizations advocating force and violence to bring about Government, social and industrial changes was approved today by the Senate judiciary committee. Provisions of the bill include punishment for holding office or membership in the prescribed organizations.

### AVIATORS MEET DEATH.

By Courier Leased Wire  
Beausville, Ont., May 2.—As the result of an airplane accident at Royal Air Force Camp here, this morning when two machines collided in the air, Cadet J. F. Eussen son of William Eussen, Ellentfield, Ontario, Scotland, and Cadet E. W. R. Litchfield, son of H. L. Litchfield, of 1147 Hilda street, Victoria, B.C., were both killed.

Assist Nature. There are times when you should assist nature. It is now under Hood's system—if you will take Hood's Sarsaparilla, the undertaking will be successful. This great medicine purifies the blood up to nothing else does, that they were Socialists.



# THE CRISIS!

JUST an ordinary cup of coffee! Surely nothing could be more commonplace to you. But—

To wounded, broken and exhausted Canadian men staggering out of a furnace of shells, at Vimy Ridge, with nerves torn to pieces, that little refreshment in the moment of crisis—who can measure its significance? For it may mean life itself!

**YMCA**  
**Red Triangle Fund**  
\$2,250,000 May 17, 8, 9  
Canada-Wide Appeal

Here is an officer's picture of the need: "I wish you and the people supplying free hot drinks could see the men coming in after a big action. They would look like grotesque scarecrows if you couldn't see the pathos of it. Their shoulders and heads sag forward and they slouch slowly along with never a glance to left or right. The strangest thing about them is their faces. If the tension is not broken the brain may snap. I certainly believe that in thousands of cases it was that first hot coffee that dragged the man back to life and sanity."

Is there a man, woman or boy in all Canada to whom these heroes would appeal in vain? Will you help the Y.M.C.A. supply the coffee and the thousand and one other needs of body, mind and spirit "over there?"

Can proud Canadians send a more heartening, more practical message to Canadian heroes now amid the perils of the greatest battle in history than this: "that the Canadian people responded to the Call of the Y.M.C.A. with magnificent, abundant whole-hearted Generosity!" Will YOU Help?

Many Give their Lives—All Can Give their Money

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