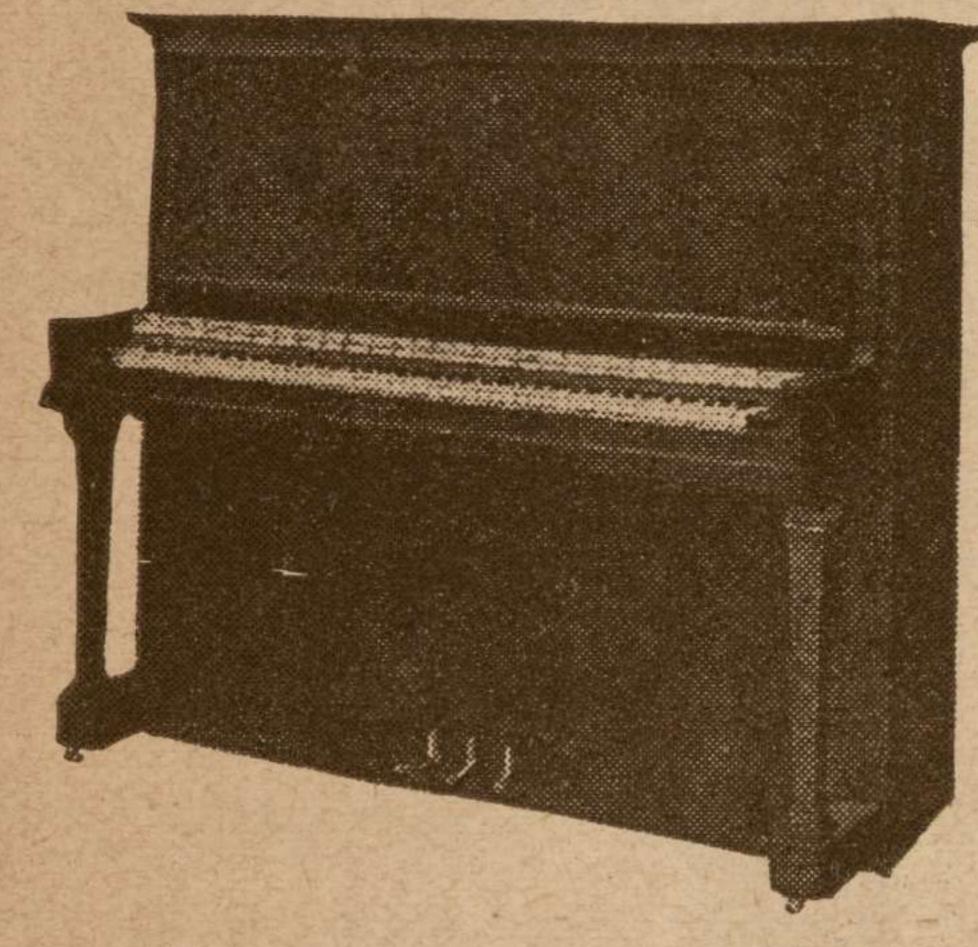


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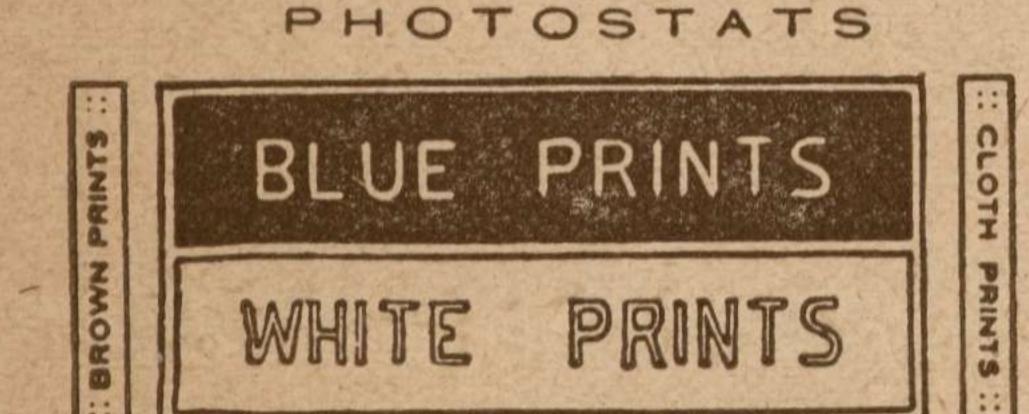
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(Continued from Page 4) ble. This had its effect. We assured the people (these were Kalmikov's own subjects, remember) that we looked upon them all very sympatheticaly, but it was simply their leader whom we could not, as Americans, recognize; that for all purposes except that of direct friendliness we were fighting for the same result as they were—to bring about a peaceful ending of the revolution and to maintain the order of the country and the running of the railroad while that settlement was working itself out; that any accusations against us as being pro-Bolshevik were unfounded.

We told them that we were taking three of their number who were actually in uniform, as hostages, and that we would return them immediately upon receipt of word that the American soldier was within our sector. This all made quite an impression on the people who had been listening to Kalmikov's tirades against the Americans for the effect it had upon them. One unbelievable thing he told his people about the Americans was that those women who were marrying American soldiers or officers were being deceved. He said that they were to be taken to America to be sold into a life of infamous slavery and that those Americans who offered marriage to Russian girls were the agents of a vile traffic. Most of the Russians knew the Americans as gentlemen and knew that this was unjust and false. However, I later learned of several Russians who actually accepted this as the truth.

The outlying troops were called in and loaded onto the train again. It was getting time for the return, so that the American guard might be at their posts along the railroad by nightfall. Suddenly, however:

As the three Kalmikov men were put on the train, the Japanese began to raise a great objection.

"No, no, that must not be done." Obviously they were under some sort of guaranty to the Cossacks to look out for their welfare.

"We will keep these men until the American soldier is returned, that's final - understand'.

"But we, the Japanese, will guarantee his safe return. Can you not trust our word? I shall take this as a personal insult and expression that you do not trust me," yelled the Japanese commandant.

"Look upon it as you wish," calmly replied the American major. "These men go with us. If that is insulting you, all right, then you're insulted by us. If that shows that we do not trust you, all right, then we do not trust you. Look at it any way you wish, but they go with us. We at least are civilized and gentlemen. Good-

Just at that instant Casey blew his whistle as if to make more final and emphate the statements just made.

A man was one the rear car with a machine gun in case of trouble. The Japanese watched us out of sight. Some of the Serbian troops waved to us as we passed out of town.

In two days the American He had corporal returned. been beaten by four Cossack officers who had taken him out of Iman on the train to the north just before we got in. His back and face were badly lacerated from the lashes of the whip. They had taken

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their primitive spite out on him for their personal grievances and whipped him in his freight car until he in supplication had asked them to stop. He stood it until he fainted, over one hundred lashes, a far better example of endurance than ever a Cossack accepted before yelling or fainting Then he dropped unconscious. That had all taken place while we were approaching and entering the town of Iman.

It was lke quelling a riot, to calm the American troops when they saw this. There were two pictures taken of this soldier in his battered condition—one is in the War Department files, the other was over-exposed and turned out

This incident left the American troops unfriendly with the Japanese and the Cossackss, besdes having the ever-present Bolshevik menace on all sides. There was an inquiry in Vladivostok, at which an American General arose, and in most undiplomatic language, threatened a Japanese General with war in case of further Japanesse co-operation with Cossackss against Americans. About a week later another incident occurred that widened the breach even farther between our "Little Brown Brothers" and ourselves. In a town whhere we had one of our outposts on the railroad this startling deed took place. During the last half of August and early September a large force of Japanese with one platoon of Americans (to give them protection against unfriendly Bolsheviks) had made a long march inland from the railroad to a the Ussuri known as Yakoleffka, to which the Bolsheviks had moved their had driven stores after we them out of the country around Uspenka. While there one of the Japanese sentries in cold blood put to death an old woman lying sick in bed This Japanese was searching the house for arms, and as this old creature was unable to roll out of bed to let him examine the mattress, he delberately murdered her. To this we very seriously objected, stating that we would have to leave the expedition if such acts kept on. Orders were published that no Japanese should lay hands on unarmed men or women, unless absolutely necessary in the performance of duties. This means nothing to an unprincipled Japanese. Orders were issued to the American detachment calling upon the men to report any Japanese seen committing astrocties of any kind. Reports came in and Japanese soldierss came in with blackened eyes and cut lips, led by American soldiers who had caught them in the act of wilfully torturing women

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or children or defenseless old men. That is the inherent nature of a Japanese; against defenselesss creatures he shows his fury as do the Cossacks, but when matched by a courageous adversary he loses all nerve and becomes quite docile and meek. One American brought in a Japanese soldier and a very young and tender baby that the Japanese had put to death. This was the last straw and we at once sent out and made preparations to return to the railroad. townspeople were terrified to know that we were going to leave the Japanese there alone. They had come to look upon us as upright and harmless, except when actually giving battle, and they knew that innocent people were safe in our hands. That night a Japanese outpost disappeared and was never heard from. Obviously the natives or the Bolshseviks had crept up on the sentry and murdered and dragged him away.

When our orders came to return to the railroad, the Japanese, to our surprise, prepared to leave also. This was indeed a silent tribute to us. Here they were, at least three battalions and we were less than one company. They had obviously invited us to accompany them on this expedition to the heart of the Bolshevik territory ssimply for the protection and safety our uniform and our reputation as soldiers carried with it. They even had an airplane escort, but on the third day out the pilot killed himself trying to make a landing in a plowed field when there was plenty of smooth flat ground about. think any American infantryman could have made as good a landing as that.



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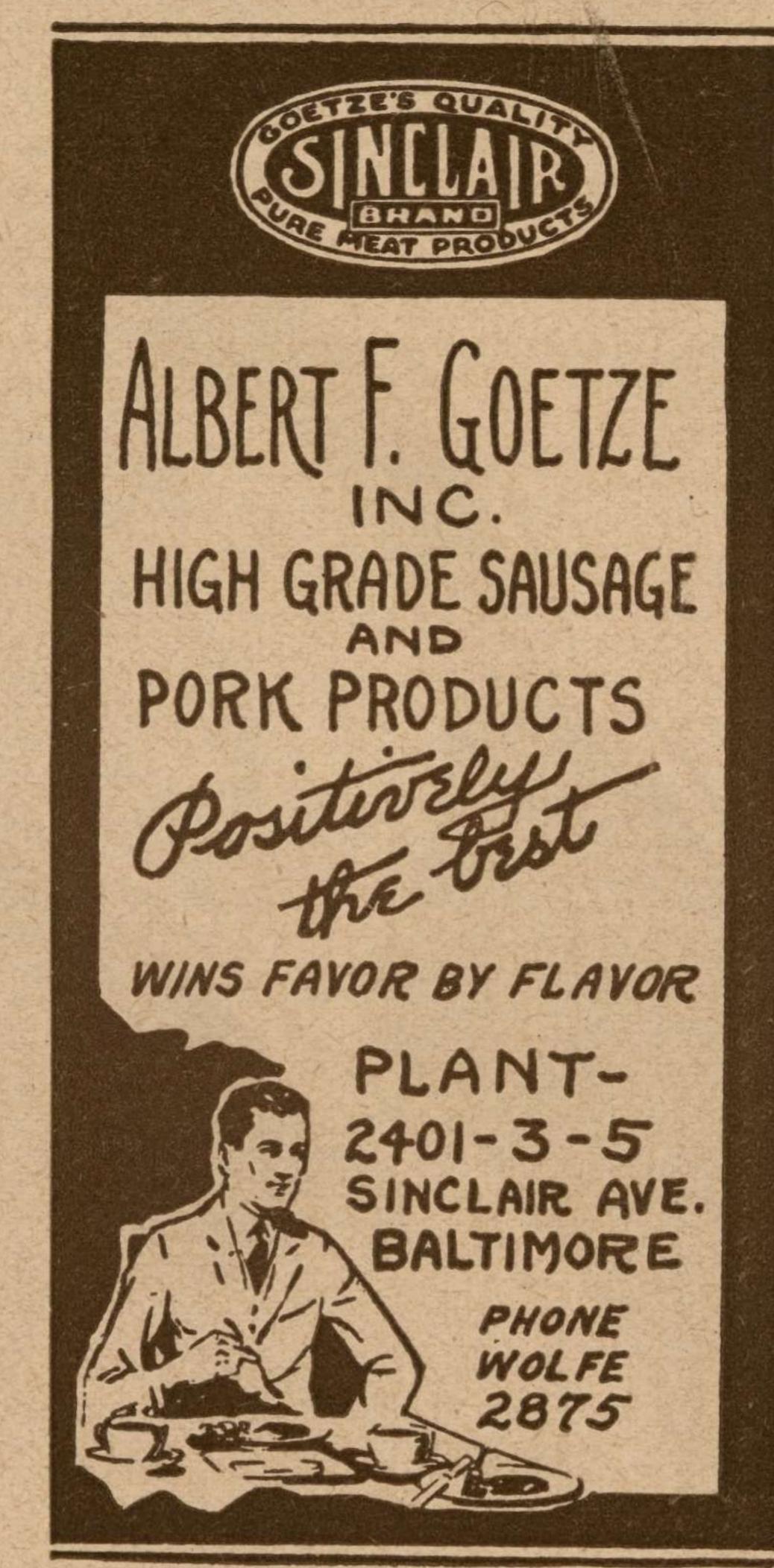
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