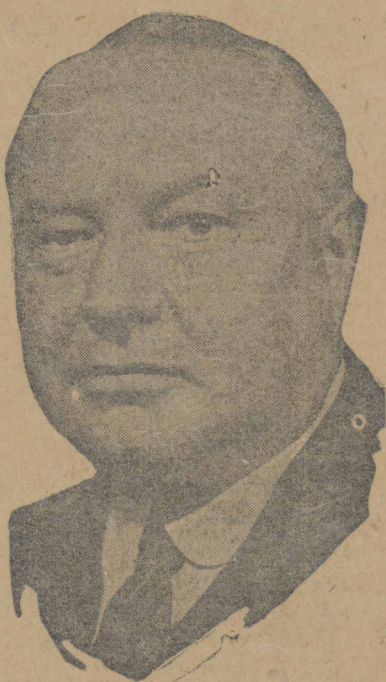


Why These Tribune Men Are in Europe

PERCY HAMMOND

Laurette Taylor says: "The best gift we could send Belgium would be a boatload of Percy Hammonds, a cargo of happy natures. I believe that the unhappy lands he visits will be viewed with a sympathetic heart and described by a pen that can do them justice. Mr. Hammond is of a large and inclusive acreage mentally and physically."

Burton Rascoe, his successor as dramatic critic of The Tribune, says of him: "Were he dependent solely upon the arid soil of the current theater for the fruition of his pen it would never yield that cornucopia of sapient and piquant epigram with which he so delights us. Happily his thought takes root in the subsoil of life, and, seeming to spring from the barren crust, it actually does not. To unscramble the metaphor, he uses criticism of the theater largely as an excuse for talking of more vital things, the while giving the lesser interest the attention it merits and the criticism it deserves. Now comes his opportunity to dispense with the frail pretext and to deal free-handed with a larger theme."



For more than four years men have been fighting and dying—in the trenches, in the sky, in the ocean—dying by millions.

Why?

Civilization has been torn by a war that dwarfs all the wars of history.

For what?

The battles have ceased but the cost will not be paid for generations. You who have paid, you who are paying, you who will pay, want to know what the fruits of the Great War are to be—what benefits are to compensate for the stupendous losses.

These questions are to be answered during this Year of Our Lord 1919. They are to be answered by a group of men gathered in Europe—a Europe half in chaos—a Europe still smoldering from volcanic upheaval—still trembling from earthquakes.

If American public opinion is properly informed it can be the mightiest force in this world to bring from the furnace of war genuine good to humanity.

These clear-headed men, trained reporters, with the sane American viewpoint, will help the American public to form just and worthy conclusions. It is now more important for you to read The Chicago Tribune every day, to study the messages these men send you, to familiarize yourself with the great world problems before the peace conference, than it was to read the news of battles during the war.

OTHER NEWS REPORTS

In addition to its own large foreign news staff, The Tribune offers its readers the daily reports of The Chicago Tribune-New York Times cable service, The Associated Press and The United Press.

The Chicago Tribune-New York Times cable service embraces a large staff of well-known writers at important foreign centers. In these daily cables are the reports of Philip Gibbs, George Renwick, Edwin L. James, Walter Duranty, Charles H. Grasty and others.

The staff of THE ASSOCIATED PRESS at the peace conference will be made up as follows:

Melville E. Stone, general manager; Elmer Roberts, chief of the Paris bureau; Robert M. Collins, chief of the London bureau; Charles T. Thompson, Charles E. Klobner, Salvatore Corti, chief of the Rome bureau; L. C. Probert, chief of the Washington bureau; S. B. Conger, former chief of the Berlin bureau; Edwin M. Hood, Robert Berry, F. B. Grundy, J. A. Bouman, Burge McFall, James P. Howe, Philip M. Powers, Stuart Maroney, S. F. Wader and T. T. Topping.



FLOYD GIBBONS, Director

Fighter and writer in equal proportions, Gibbons has the personality, prestige and the ability to achieve big things for Tribune readers. No newspaper man in the world has won such success in such a short time. When Villa threatened to shoot him on sight he rode alone into Villa's camp, won the friendship of the rebel chief and accompanied him on his campaign. Later he rode with Pershing in pursuit of Villa. His report of the torpedoing of the Laconia won him international fame, and both Foch and Pershing have testified in writing to the remarkable services he rendered on the western front. After being wounded three times at Chateau Thierry he was decorated with the Croix de Guerre. Gibbons will have charge of The Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service—the most remarkable body of American newspaper men in Europe.

JOHN T. McCUTCHEON

Dean of American cartoonists, author, explorer, friend of kings, emperors and presidents; scooped the world on Dewey's victory at Manila Bay; reported Philippine campaigns, Boer war, Mexican revolution, and during The Great War saw fighting in France and the Balkans with German, Belgian, French, English and Italian armies; hunted through Africa with Roosevelt; has toured every continent and the "Seven Seas."

This cosmopolite, with the homely American humor which enabled him to create Bird Center cartoons, is surely fitted to tell the American public the truth about European politics in words and pictures they will understand. McCutcheon is "one of our own people" and is representing the American public in Europe as truly as any delegate accredited by the administration. He is one of the great personalities in American life of this generation, and no circles in Europe will be closed to him. His genius and experience are at your service.



HENRY M. HYDE

"Who's Who in America" states that Henry M. Hyde was born at Freeport, Ill., in 1866, graduated from Beloit college, is author of the following books: "One Hundred and Forty-two," "Confessions of the Reformed Messenger Boy," "Through the Stage Door," "The Buccaneers," "The Upstart"; edited The Technical World magazine for a period of years, and contributed to leading magazines.

"Who's Who" doesn't picture the typically American personality or the fine analytical mind which make Hyde's work so distinctive. He will represent The Chicago Tribune in England and will interpret English occurrences as they affect the United States. Born and reared in the Central West, he will be able to tell people of the Central West precisely what they want to know of English thought and English life.



FREDERICK A. SMITH

Assistant director of The Chicago Tribune's Foreign News Service, stationed in Paris. Veteran reporter and editor with a reputation made on the staffs of great newspapers in New York, St. Louis and Chicago. Left the position of city editor of The Chicago Tribune to become a war correspondent on the western front. Was with the Yanks from Chateau Thierry until the signing of the armistice. His latest exploit—a trip to Berlin by airplane, and return trip involving two weeks' travel in Germany and interview with Field Marshal Hindenburg—is the opening gun of the big stories that are to come from The Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service.



FRAZIER HUNT

Born in Illinois, son of Jasper N. Hunt, author of many school text books; graduate of the University of Illinois; sugar cane planter in Mexico; owner and publisher of newspaper at Alexis, Illinois; star reporter in New York; creator of "Yaphank Bennie," whose adventures at Camp Upton first appeared in the New York Sun magazine and were later published in book form under the title "Blown In by the Draft." Went abroad for the Red Cross Magazine and became war correspondent of The Chicago Tribune, covering United States naval operations with extraordinary success. Now stationed in Russia for The Chicago Tribune's Foreign News Service.



M. F. MURPHY

Born at Wapello, Iowa; reared in Kansas; graduate of Williams College; star writer for The Chicago Tribune for more than twenty years; served as New York correspondent of The Tribune and more recently as editor of the Army Edition of The Chicago Tribune, published in Paris; a man of the Middle West; a trained observer and writer, long in touch with international events. With an unusual entree to foreign news sources gained by his work on the Army Edition of The Chicago Tribune, M. F. Murphy is specially qualified to learn what is happening in Europe, and to tell Tribune readers about it.



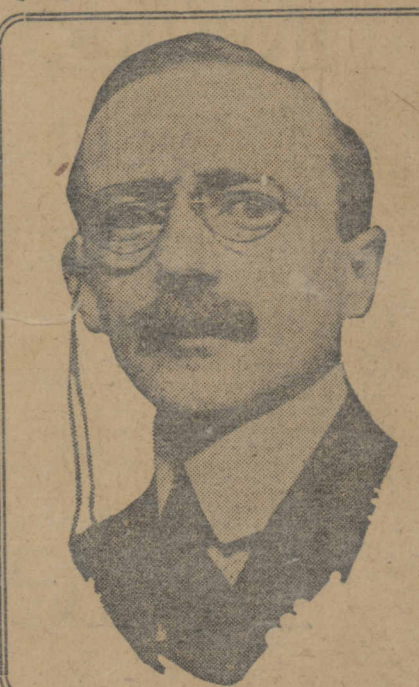
PARKE BROWN

Star reporter of The Chicago Tribune for many years; a forceful writer, with thorough editorial training; graduate of Northwestern University; a young American newspaper man of the very highest type. Now traveling with the American Army of Occupation in Germany.



ARTHUR M. EVANS

Nationally known as a political writer; educated at Lawrence College, Northwestern University and University of Michigan; keen student of economic and political problems; famous for accurate forecasts of election results; made familiar with every corner of the United States by years of work as traveling correspondent; specialist on constitutional problems; possessed of unusual analytical ability. His lucid style of expression makes the most complex situations clear. He is now at the Peace Conference.



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