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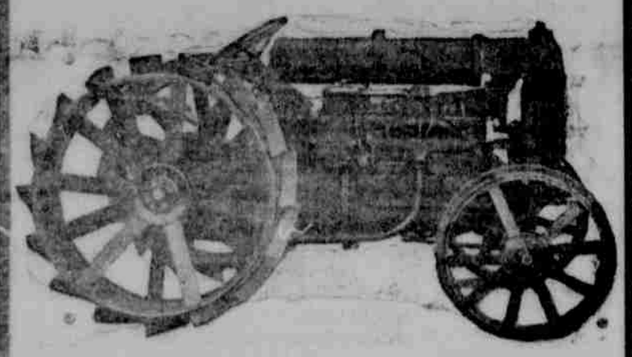

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AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN FRENCH HOSPITALS CHEERFUL IN SPIRIT

Despite Wounds the Lads Evince a Keen Interest in Their Surroundings and Long For the Day When They Can Return to Front

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Carol Corey, in a communication to the National Geographic Society, gives remarkable pictures of the spirit of the wounded soldiers in American Military Hospital No. 1, at Neuilly, a suburb of Paris. A part of the communication, which chronicles a visit to the two wards maintained in this hospital by the members of the Society, is given as a bulletin of the war geography series which the Society has been issuing to the American press from its Washington headquarters for four years.

"'Got any chocolate?' begs one wounded soldier who is able to sit up in bed. He doesn't look more than seventeen but insists that he'll be nineteen next Tuesday. He got what he calls three 'scratches' and throws back the covers to exhibit a leg bound up like a mummy. I can't help thinking that I'd hate to have 'scratches' like his.

"'But, gosh! it was worth it,' asserts he. 'If you'll stay with me a minute I'll tell you about it.

"'I was a motor-cycle despatch bearer, so they let me carry a forty-five. I was pumping up a flat tire when I heard my captain calling to a man in French uniform. Now, you see, I know a lot of German. All of a sudden this bird gets tangled up in his French and begins to fill in with a few Kaiser words.

"'Ha, Ha!' says I to my self, 'so that's the little idea.' I went straight up to him and says, 'You're a spy, that's what you are!' Just like that! And he never denied it, but started to beat it.

"'The captain stood in the middle of the road, with his mouth wide open, as I started to run after the Dutchy. He could run some, let me tell you. When we got to the first turn there was a big military car painted just like a French one. What do you know about that? A man inside throws open the door, and then I got busy. Bing! Bing!' says I, and he went down like a sump o' dough.

"'The fellow in the car jumped out, hooked him in and the chauffeur started on high. The live one stood up in the back seat, and out o' three shots he made three hits. Whoopee! This is the life!'

How the War 'Gets' Some

"'Funny how this war gets you,' soliloquizes a soldier young in years, but old in experience. 'Way, when I was at home I couldn't watch my father kill a chicken. Now? Huh! Once I was racing along with some o' my lads when we saw a mess o' squareheads hiding out in a ditch. "All right," says I. "Take that for the Lusitania, and that for the Tuscania, and that and that and that for them Belgian babies!" And we threw every grenade we had with us.'

"The man from the north of Ireland, who hadn't been an American citizen very long, sighs and says, 'Sure I like to be here and think o' the sea.' And the one who tells me he was born in Damascus and can speak seven languages compares his children to the 'bloomin' roses.' The red faced fat boy yearns, 'Oh for a dip at old Coney,' and a fourth asks the nurse if it's true that only seven died last night.

"Patch Me Up Quick, Doc"

"A shoulder, now almost well, is being dressed and the surgeon's mouth twitches over so little as he hears, 'Patch me up quick, Doc, and get me away from here. I'm needed somewhere else.'

"The funny little Frenchman who answers to the name of 'Bloody' has complete charge of the phonograph. He hardly waits for one record to finish before putting on another. Wondering why he should be here, I am told because he's 'got the habit.' He's been in the hospital so long that no one has the heart to send him away. 'Anyhow, he's such a help. But you ought to see him hum when the major comes around.'

"'Only one thing worries me,' announces a faint voice from the nearest cot. 'The top of my tin hat and the top of my gas sailed away together, and if they don't give me back that helmet I don't care what becomes of me.'

"'You ought to wear your souvenir 'round your neck, like I do,' admonishes another. He beautifully shows us what is left of a button—really only the rim. His tunic was open when Mr. Bullet said 'Howdy!' 'Pretty good work,' he says 'but not good enough.'

"From the pocket of what he calls his 'kimono' a proud owner pulls out a piece of hardtack. In the center is a big chunk of shrapnel and my attention is called to the fact that said hardtack is still intact. 'And then they expect a tooth to crack it,' he snorts.

"Doc, I'm Your Man"

"The two enormous, open-windowed tents are crowded to capacity, and dotted all about the wide immaculate terrace are men in rolling chairs. Only one is in a bed, and the nurse stops before him because she wants me to meet the boy known in all the hospital as the finest soldier in any army.

"'Tell her about yourself,' she orders.

"'Why, there's nothing to tell, except that I was wounded about a month and a half ago,' smiles Arthur. 'They sent me to a French hospital until day before yesterday. They told me there was nothin' doin' so far as I was concerned. I said, "You take me to some one that can talk my talk and then we'll see." So they brought me here and the doctor looks me over and says the reason why they didn't cut mine because the chunk of iron was too close to my heart, and so I couldn't stand to take other. "However," says he, "if you are game enough to let me do it without knockout drops—" So I says, "Doc, I'm your man."

"'And he never wiggled a toe,' volunteers the nurse.

"'But,' says Arthur, 'I didn't care for it much when I heard him saw!'

"As I step into the corridor to go from Geographic Ward No. 1 to Geographic Ward No. 2, I take a few minutes to jot down some of the things I've promised to bring next time. Here are a few of them. One detailed map of the American front, one small comb and mirror, one tin of jam (strawberry), one cheap volume of Shakespeare (any play), two bars of a certain kind of soap, one good lead pencil, and some fancy postcards, one guide book of Paris, and one nail file."

Late Telegraph

HAGUE, Oct. 19.—The United States has offered to place at the disposal of the Dutch government 100,000 tons of coal monthly until the war ends.

The only consideration in the condition is that Holland stop sending food to Germany and that Holland furnish the ships for the transportation of the coal.

BASEBALL FAST GROWING IN POPULARITY WITH THE ALLIED NATIONS ABROAD

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—The popularity of baseball among the allied nations abroad is spreading so rapidly that there is already a demand for simple instructions and rules of the game, printed in the foreign languages. To meet these requirements several baseball experts are collaborating in the preparation of a baseball primer which will be distributed in various sections of Europe.

The pamphlet which will be printed in French, Italian, English and Spanish will carry the rules of the game in the simplest form. In addition there will be pages of explanations and answers to the questions which arise among those who are playing their first contests. These questions and answers will be printed in both English and various foreign languages in parallel columns in order that the American and foreign players or spectators may without being able to speak the language of their opponents or neighbors in the stands a medium of communication is at hand. A glossary of technical and baseball terms is also to be appended.

What is probably one of the last of the special war-time contracts, which star players insisted that the magnate should sign to retain their services during the days when the Federal League was yielding the major circuit, was spread before the public recently. When Jake Daubert, first baseman of the Brooklyn Nationals, carried his appeal to the National Commission for the balance of his salary due under his interpretation of his contract, the special articles in the game were announced as follows:

"The Club agrees to pay the player for the seasons of 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918, beginning on or about the 14th day of April in each of said years, and ending on or about the 14th day of October, in each of said years, a salary at the rate of Nine Thousand ($9,000) Dollars per season." In addition to this contract had eliminated from it the paragraph known as the "ten days notice of release" clause, and also had inserted therein the following:

"It is further understood and agreed that the services of the party of the second part shall not be released, assigned, tendered or transferred without the consent of the party of the second part."

It is very doubtful, according to the baseball magnates, if a contract containing similar clauses favoring the player will receive the signatures of club owners for many years to come. An agreement giving a salary of $9,000 to an athlete for approximately thirty months work, with an annotation which makes it impossible to dispense with his services without the consent of the player, is going to be a rarity, well worth framing in the future, if the baseball club owners are to be believed.

Sport and war were strangely mingled in the recent Seine swim, the big sport event of the year in Paris. The hero of the race down the Seine through Paris, a distance of about 7 1-3 miles, was not the winner, but the man who finished last of all the male competitors. He was Charles Nungesser, the champion aviator who, though still hampered to wounds not completely healed, his left leg in fact because useless, entered the race, persevered to the end and finished in 3 hours and 43 minutes, receiving a greater welcome from the thousands lining the banks than even the winner.

The French are not usually regarded as an athletic nation, but this race, organized every year, attracted thirty-one entries, of whom twenty-eight started and twenty-two (18 men and 4 women) finished; without question the veteran, George Paulin, aged 58, the winner of this event in 1905, who gave an exhibition swim, goaded by sixth. The winner was George Hustin, a gunner in the heavy artillery, whose time was 3 hours and 3 minutes. The first woman to arrive, 20th in. Women came in sixth in 3 hours and 12 minutes, followed by Juliette Gardelle, in 3 hours and 21 minutes. Women took the 12th, 13th, 18th, 20th and 21st places, the last but one being a little girl, Henriette Gardelle, only 13 years old, who with a handicap of half an hour finished in 4 hours and 12 minutes.

Allies Employ Chinese

LONDON, Oct. 19.—The Allies have employed 50,000 Chinese behind the fighting lines in France, principally for road and railway building, blacksmith and carpentry work. Although China declared war on the Central Powers more than a year ago, the Chinese are made to understand that even transported to France they will not be used on the fighting lines.

Coolies are paid about $12.50 per month and pay for other laborers now ranges up to $27 a month for skilled men. In addition they are given $250, a fabulous sum for coolies, as a bonus for embarking for France, $75 in case of injury and $150 is given to the next of kin in case of death.

WILSON ANSWERS PEACE NOTE FROM DUAL MONARCHY

(Continued from Page One)

United States, the government of the United States has recognized that a state of belligerency exists between the Czecho-Slovaks and the German and Austro-Hungarian empires, and that the Czecho-Slovak National Council is a de facto belligerent government competent with proper authority to direct the military and political affairs of the Czecho-Slovaks.

"It has also recognized in fitting manner the justice of the autonomistic aspirations of the Jugo-Slavs for liberty.

"The President is therefore no longer at liberty to accept mere autonomy for these peoples as a basis of peace, but is obliged to insist that they and not he shall be the judges of what action on the part of the Austro-Hungarian government will satisfy these aspirations and their conceptions of their rights as members of the family of nations."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Wilson's rejection of the Austrian note for an armistice apparently contains in the see of another peace note from Germany that have a far-reaching effect upon Austria-Hungary, where the long oppressed peoples are nearly ready to sweep away the hated dual monarchy and Hapsburg dynasty.

Although unmentioned by name, the Poles, Bohemians and other subject races under Austrian domination come under the self determination principles to which the Allies are committed.

Nothing is known here regarding the new German note, but it is conceded here today that nothing but a complete acceptance of Wilson's terms will satisfy America and the Entente Allies.

BASEL, Oct. 19.—A Vienna dispatch says that Hungarian d'partisy in the Austrian parliament have constituted a separate Hungarian National Assembly.

"Classified" Ads inserted in the columns of The Caller bring results.

QUOTA FOR TEXAS UNION WAR FUND CAMPAIGN SET BY GENERAL COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Now that the Fourth Liberty Loan is out of the way, there is just one more big drive for the American people to provide the comforts of life for our boys through the United War Work campaign.

John R. Mott, director general of the campaign, announced the total amount sought is at least $170,500,000, and that the quotas specified for the six states of the Southern military department are as follows:

Texas	$3,039,300
Arizona	398,900
New Mexico	301,600
Oklahoma	1,619,500
Arkansas	969,600
Louisiana	1,812,100
Total for the Southern Department	$8,225,000

The total was fixed by the War Department and approved by the President. It will be administered under government direction for the seven recognized war agencies in this campaign, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, the National Catholic War Council, Knights of Columbus, the Jewish Welfare Board, the War Camp Community Service, the American Library Association and the Salvation Army.

"The amount is the largest ever asked as a gift from any people in the history of the world," said Dr. Mott. "Viewed as a total, it seems enormous, but divide it by the four million men who will be going into the war zone and says the Red Cross, the period it is expected to cover, and you will find that it means less than fifteen cents per day per man to provide for the comforts of the home over there, and his dignity, his character and his chance.

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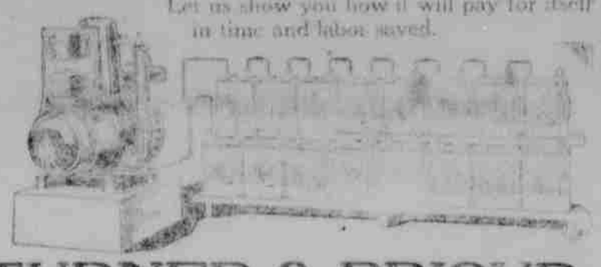

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