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## WITH THE SMILE THAT STAYS

NEWTON D. BAKER, secretary of war, was asked on his return from the front lines of the St. Mihiel attack what attracted him most and he answered that it was the smile of the American boy. The smile that does not come off, the smile with which the merry hearted lad was sent away with from his distant home by the heart-grieving mother and dotting sister who smiled as they caught the last endearments from their boy going off to his long voyage. That smile is all enduring. The secretary, whose keen observation was cultivated by years of newspaper work, says the smile is found everywhere. He saw the boys smiling as they went over the top into that salient strewn with death traps, he saw the smile as the boys emerged from the enemy trenches and he watched it as the hosts of Americans sank to rest in their bivouacs at night after chasing Huns all over the landscape of Lorraine. Back in the hospitals there was the ubiquitous smile and the merry quip of the Jads who were not too badly hurt to see the humorous side of the battle. The latest slogan is born of this ineffable spirit of gladness for it is one of the most expressive coinages given the world since the birth of the war. It is "To Heaven, hell or Hoboken by Christmas." There could be nothing more comprehensive or with deeper significance than this phraseology conceived in the trenches and born amid the shriek of shell, the rattle of machine guns and the blinding pungency of mustard gas. The meaning can be grasped at a glance for it carries the assumption that the boys will be back in the old German docking city over from New York to celebrate their Christmas home. Of course this is not likely to happen but the impression is there all the same that the boys mean to make short shrift of this war by losing no time in advancing on Wilhelmstrasse.

The American smile will go down in history much the same way that the fighting faces of our great pugilists have been perpetuated in song and cartoon. It is the smile that doesn't come off, the smile of a radiant nature, the smile of confidence and the smile of the man who knows he is in the right and can afford to be indulgent to his foe, for "A smile for a friend and a sneer for the world is the way to govern mankind."

## HOLDING THE MAJORITY

THE administration is not devoting so much time to war work that it is going to overlook the chance of losing its working majority in congress. The results of the primaries throughout the United States suffice to give the Democratic party cold shivers when it is forced to contemplate the possibility of conducting a war under the close and effective surveillance of Republican control of both houses. With disingenuous freedom the administration declares that it is shocked to hear from the department of justice that those reprehensible reprobates still existing under the banner of Republicanism have been guilty of using funds at the primaries far in excess of what the law contemplates—for Republicans, and therefore hints that a far reaching investigation is about to be instituted. As a Roland for this Oliver the department of justice, which, of course, is not essentially Democratic, but still having enough Bourbon blood in its composition to stain it with partisanship, tries to mask its designs by stating that the investigation will be strictly impartial and that Democrats will suffer in common with Republicans. Of course the latter threat is qualified by the admission "if the evidence is found." Trust the Democrats to see that the evidence is not found when there is every reason for believing the whole deal is a frame-up of the most flimsy character to save the skins of some of the old war horses who have been doing publicity work for administration pets who are incapable of holding office and whose conduct of affairs entrusted to their care has brought about some of the worst scandals in the history of the country.

Republican candidates from Michigan, Illinois and Virginia are the chief objects of this barrage. In Michigan the people defeated the pacifist Ford, whose son was exempted from the draft by the pull of his father. In Illinois Medill McCormick trimmed the disloyal Mayor Thompson and is accused of spending more money than he should have spent when it is a notorious fact that the sentiment against Thompson was so strong at one time that he was threatened with lynching in the city hall of Chicago. McCormick is the man of the hour but his candidacy does not sit well on the capacious stomach of J. Ham Lewis, who would like to see this stalwart war Republican put out of the way as neatly and expeditiously as possible.

The landslide in Michigan is easily explained for it was due to the efforts of a resourceful Hoosier statesman and orator, Senator Watson, who made a personally conducted campaign that reached every household in the Wolverine state. Everybody knows that Henry Ford is a pacifist and they also know in Michigan that his son, Edsel, is at home and undrafted. They also know that the son of another good Democratic publisher hailing from Michigan has a son whose local draft board refused to grant deferred classification and who was given the yellow badge of slackdom through the influence of his father. These two examples are notorious and the fact that both originated in Michigan gave the campaign added brilliancy which was enhanced by Senator Watson who listed all the local casualties in every Michigan town. In every county, town and village the walls were blazoned with the list of men who were wounded or killed in trying to make the world safe. On election day the question will be put to the fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and cousins of these soldiers who will be asked

"Do you want a pacifist to represent you in the United States senate?"

The Indiana man is responsible for this house to house campaign which they believe will be successful in defeating the father of the peace ships.

If you have any doubt of the all pervading humor of the American soldier you will find something to think about on read-

ing this extract from a Nevada boy who is lying in a French hospital recovering from a serious wound. He writes from Cantigny: "This is a great ranching country—plenty of barbwire fences and a great ditch system ready for irrigation." That is the cheerful kind of man venerable St. Peter will gladly welcome to eternal rest when the last trump sounds.

If you have old clothes don't forget that next week is the time for raising 5000 tons of winter clothing for the Belgian refugees. Don't hesitate to give your last year's partly worn clothing to the deserving. Wear old clothing this winter and give the money saved to war stamps.

If you want to be patriotic be patriotic is the slogan appealing to California peach growers and householders to save the pits of peaches for making charcoal used in gas masks.

A billion a month for the war. Are you doing your share of self denial and using your money to help the government look after our boys over there?

Lord Bryce hits the nail on the head when he says: "Vanquish Germany and then talk peace."

# ARTILLERY AND AIRPLANES WILL BE DECISIVE FACTORS OF WAR

(Correspondence Associated Press)

CENTRAL FRANCE, Sept. 4.—Artillery and airplanes are going to be two of the decisive factors in winning the war, according to the military experts, and here at this little interior town can be seen what the ordnance branch of the American army has built up in the last four months to keep up the steady flow of artillery, arms, ammunition, machine guns, tanks, and all the material of combat, toward the fighting front.

It is one of the mammoth institutions which has suddenly sprung up with the coming of the Americans and since April last, it has spread over an area of several miles, with two enormous gunshops, two similar shops for tanks and gun tractors, two more for assembling and repairing artillery of all kinds, another for machine-guns, rifles and small arms, with huge foundries and forges for the casting. Along with these are going up four great warehouses for housing all kind of ordnance material.

The big government arsenal at Rock Island, Mo., is the only thing of the kind that compares in extent with this plant, and yet it is 90 per cent completed after four months of existence.

There are two stages in the steady up-keep of the cannon and all kinds of weapons going forward to the fighting lines. The first stage is in the zone of the advance, along with the army, where a number of ordnance shops are operated to meet immediate requirements in the field, to remount crippled cannon and to

set the guns back into use with the least possible delay. The shops move forward with the troops, with machinery, tools, and all the stock and parts to do quick work.

The larger stage of work, which is not done in the face of the fighting, comes back here to the big shops equipped to do all kinds of extensive ordnance work, such as the re-boring of the heavy guns, the re-mounting of the gun carriages, and all classes of artillery work on a large scale.

In the heavy and constant artillery actions now going on the big guns are put to a severe test and there must be frequent re-boring and re-filing. The bigger a gun is the shorter is its life for effective shooting. The 12-inch gun has a life of 350 shots; the sea-coast 14-inch gun, capable of shooting 21 miles, has a life of about 150 shots. The smaller French 75 is good for some 10,000 rounds. But when the limit is reached the gun must come back here to be made over. Its use as a gun is no way impaired, and with a new cylinder in the barrel, and new spiral rifling to keep the shell whirling, the gun is as good as new.

While this big institution is keeping up the steady supply of guns, large and small, in the fighting now going on, yet the main supply will sooner or later come from America when its vast productive resources get in full operation. There are cheering reports of how this production is fast increasing, particularly in machine guns. But big guns and their mammoth tractors cannot be turned out in a day and after that is the

# IRON MINES OF METZ AND BRIEY COME NEXT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—The American army, led by General Pershing, not only has covered itself with glory in territory taken and prisoners captured in its first independent offensive, but has given the German people an object lesson which must have been a tremendous shock.

The St. Mihiel salient was the creation of German military genius in the early days of the war, four years ago. It withstood all the attempts of the allies to wipe it out and became one of the few fixed and seemingly permanent features of the military maps.

At last, the St. Mihiel salient has been wiped out by none other than

Italy prowess the Prussian war lords have sought to instill into the minds of the German people. The German people now find those negligible Yanks uncomfortably close at hand, for the unknicking of the St. Mihiel salient brings Pershing and his men within striking distance of the German frontier in Lorraine.

The successful achievement of this primary objective marks the beginning of the allied campaign to carry the war to German soil.

The next stage of the allied offensive is calculated to force the enemy back across the frontier, transferring the Lorraine battle ground from French to German soil.

How far Pershing will go in his present drive, staff observers were unwilling to predict. By wiping out the St. Mihiel salient and straightening his line approximately from Priesnes to Pont-a-Mousson, Pershing has greatly strengthened the strategic position of the allied forces.

Staff observers assume he will continue to advance as long as the going is good, consolidating his positions as he advances.

Important objectives lie immediately ahead of Pershing's army, however, which staff officials agree, will be subjected to attack of the American forces either as a continuation of the present offensive or the beginning of Pershing's next smash.

These objectives are the iron fields of Metz and Briey. The Metz field, in German Lorraine, are now virtually within range of the largest American guns. The Briey fields, in French Lorraine, occupied by the Germans early in the war, will be difficult for the Germans to hold and almost impossible for them to work if Pershing makes any further advance in the direction of his present attack.

The Metz and Briey mines furnish

Germany with about 80 per cent of its iron for munitions manufacture. Loss of these iron fields would be a blow seriously menacing Germany munitions supply.

Austrian morale is threatened by the American field army's victory, officials pointed out, because it has developed that Austrian divisions had been brought to the west front by the Germans and placed against the Americans in the St. Mihiel salient. Capture of Austrian prisoners confirmed the opinion officials had held that Germany had called on Austria to hold the then quiet sectors along the east of the line when German divisions were moved west for the series of offensives launched last March.

A ranking artillery officer, just returned from France, explained today that not only were Pershing's plans of attack hedged about with the greatest secrecy, but that a studied campaign was conducted for several weeks before the offensive was launched to throw the Germans off their guard.

No signs of military activity what ever were permitted behind the American lines. The troops in the front line trenches confined their activity solely to small raids. Every effort was made to make the Germans believe that no activity might be expected in the St. Mihiel salient, which had been quiet since the Germans drove this "arrow pointed at the heart of France" in the first plunge into Lorraine.

The concentration of Pershing's field army, by withdrawing troops from the active battle areas to the west, and northwest, was brought about with the greatest secrecy. The Germans, of course, knew that the logic of the situation called for an attempt to reduce the St. Mihiel salient, but it is certain they had no advance information that Pershing planned such an attack in force or they would have been better prepared to defend positions, the loss of which menaces not only their entire left flank but their chief source of munitions supply.

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# BRITISH AIR FORCE IS WONDER OF THE WAR

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Among the many wonders of the war, few things are more striking than the development of the British Royal air forces. Four years ago the British possessed considerably fewer than 100 airplanes. Now the Royal air force alone destroys in an average

## U. S. WILL DOUBLE WAR PRODUCTION

(By Associated Press)

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 13.—A huge war work program has been planned by the army general staff for the next eight months.

"The war department definitely plans to produce twice as much material from now until next June as it has produced since the beginning of the war," was the statement made here by John C. Jones, director of production in this district, in explaining that production in Philadelphia and vicinity will not be cut.

Mr. Jones said all of the plants will be kept running at capacity and that the orders of the general staff of the army that contracts awarded here and in fifty-nine other cities were to be kept at a minimum was really meant to prevent the breaking down of the program of reducing down of the program of reducing material during the next eight months.

One woman seldom calls on another unless she has a secret to tell. How superior a boy feels when he hears some other boy being scolded.

weeks a larger number of enemy airplanes than Britain possessed when the war began.

The officially recorded figures for a single month illustrate the combatant activities of the R. A. F. In the month of June last, the number of enemy aircraft brought down (which means destroyed) by the British alone was 314, while the number driven down out of control was 168. As against that total of 482 enemy machines destroyed or driven down, 168 British machines were reported missing for the same period. Another month shows 518 enemy aircraft accounted for, and only 138 British machines missing.

The bombing planes have been busy also. During one month British airmen dropped 853 tons of bombs over different military objectives, and made no fewer than 74 separate bombing raids over Germany itself, apart from work over the battle area, and engaging nearly 2000 enemy batteries. It is no uncommon thing for British airmen to bomb military objectives in Germany itself three times in one day.

It is announced that the operation on American mules on the western front for the elimination of the "he-haw" has been a success. Thus we note the end of a perfect bray.

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problem of shipping such unwieldy monsters across the Atlantic.

So, for the present at least, much of the vast supply of guns, great and small, moving forward to the firing line is of French pattern or French make. The splendid artillery results in the recent fighting tell how these guns are operated in American batteries. And yet it is only fair to the American fighting force to recognize that they are not yet fully equipped with their own arms, and that from this time forward there will be a steady increase of American metal and American high explosive as well as American airplanes in the crucial phases of the conflict.

An imposing array of all the types of big guns now in use is to be seen in the shops here with 4000 gun-makers advancing them through all stages. On one side are the monster guns mounted on railway trucks with 8-inch, 10-inch and 12-inch rifles and the huge 8-inch and 32 howitzers drawn by tractors. Other forms of this heavy artillery are the 155 millimetre, the 4.7-inch, 5-inch and 6-inch guns; the field guns of the famous French 75 pattern and the 155-millimetre howitzers. They look doubly monstrous in their war paint, with fantastic camouflage smeared over rifles and huge armored trucks.

The smallest field piece in this vast arsenal is the little French 37-millimetre, or one-pounder, which, under the Hague convention, is the minimum gun firing explosive shells. Even in this workshop where the guns are being hurried forward to the front, one observes that the same Hague convention which the enemy ignores is being observed by the allies.

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