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DOING THEIR BEST

We have a homely proverb, "Half a loaf is better than no bread." There are a great many people, apparently, who do not believe it. If they can't get just what they want they won't take anything. Very seldom in dealing with the problems of life can we get just what we want. We have to do the best we can. And surely if we have common sense we will accept the half a loaf, for the time being anyway, and make the best of it.

There has been much dissatisfaction and condemnation dealt out to President Wilson because he hasn't carried the League of Nations and the Peace Terms through to a successful issue as formulated by the United States and approved by the Allies. When it comes to any kind of a league, or any kind of a conference, you have got to take into consideration the other fellow; what he wants, and what he will do if he doesn't get it, and the best out-

come that you can expect is a compromise between your demands and his concessions.

That the President formulates a demand, and even delivers an ultimatum, and then finally accepts something much less satisfactory, simply means that he has had—like all the rest—to yield more or less to the inevitable and take the best he could get.

We who stand on the outside, and know little or nothing of what is going on; We are not in any position to know what can and what cannot be done. We would do well to heed the impatient response of Lloyd George—"Let us alone, we are doing the best we can!"

* LETTERS FROM OVER THERE *

IN REGARD TO REVOLVERS

There have been two particularly shocking and unprovoked murder cases lately, the fatal outcome of which was contingent on the handy reach to a near revolver. In both cases there was a sudden flaring up of an ungovernable passion, with no adequate justification—and because a deadly

weapon was immediately available, the deed was committed. Had there been no such weapon close at hand, the flood of passion would have abated in a few minutes, and the criminal outcome avoided.

Is there no way by which these primitive, savage races, who have no power of self control, can be deprived of these most effective deadly weapons?

It would be a blessing to them, as well as to the community around them if they and their quarters could be searched and everything in the shape of a fire-arm taken away from them.

The following is the second of series of letters from the Dole boys in France:

France, Aug. 30, 1918.

At last we have reached our permanent billets, which will be headquarters as long as we are in France, as I understand it. When we are called up for a butch at the front, we go di-

rectly from here and will return here when our period there is over. We are very lucky in our selection of our billet as we have the most attractive town around here. We were a day and a half on the train coming here, which was a very tiresome ride due to the nature of the train. The men had ordinary box cars, while the officers had second class compartment cars, with five in a compartment which gave us very little chance to lie down.

The country surely is interesting as we go through it. The people here are nowhere near as depressed as are the English, from what we saw of them, and they are overjoyed that the Americans are here. They will do anything for us in their power. We are the first American troops that have been to this section, so it is up to us to make a good impression, and not take too much advantage of the good will of the people. The men are quartered in barns or other similar buildings around in the village, in detachments, depending upon the size of the accommodations, while the officers are taken, as a rule, into private families, usually only one to a place. I am in the house of Madame Gerigny. As near as I can make out, the family consists of the Madame, her mother and two girls about twelve and fourteen (Madelene and Susanne) and a boy about eighteen that I don't think belongs to the immediate family. He speaks a little English which he learned in school, as he had planned before the war to go to America. None of the others speak a bit of English, so a fellow can't help but learn a little French. The Madam's husband may have been killed in the war. I have not learned that yet. Nearly everyone in town is in mourning for some one.

You should see the beds they have here. They are simply a mass of feathers. Mattress and covers are stuffed with feathers. A fellow needs a step-ladder to get into them in the first place, and then he sinks way out of sight. They sure are a joy to our bones after sleeping on so many different kinds of beds, etc. My room is very nice except that there is no place to hang my clothes. None of the houses seem to have bathrooms, but there are some very nice baths in town where we go. It is funny to me that a people who are, with hardly an exception, neat and clean, have no bathrooms. Few even have running water. But the people certainly are neat and the children are the most attractive as a whole that I have seen anywhere.

We learn more French from the children than from the older folk, as they all are anxious to talk to us, and are quick to get the meaning of our attempts. Last night I went calling on a couple of young ladies, of from twenty to twenty-three years of age. Guess I'm getting along, don't you think so? By the use of conversation books, we had little trouble in making ourselves understood. They had a brother who had been killed. They had his picture and the Croix de Guerre which he won.

We haven't received any mail yet but I suppose that we can look for it any time, maybe tomorrow and maybe in a month, as mail coming this way is very irregular. I am awfully anxious to hear what unit Kenneth was assigned to, and whether he has come across yet, and also the same concerning Jack.

Major Stewart Edward White is our District Billeting officer, and he ate dinner with us yesterday and today, so I suppose we will see quite a little of him until we get well onto the ropes, at least.

The thing that seems most out of place in the French towns is the open sewers. Otherwise they are almost spotless. They have some queer little shops. You go into one and may find most anything in it. You can't tell from the outside as a rule just what is sold.

The people think we are crazy because we ask for water to drink. They drink only wine here and they laugh to beat the band when we insist on water. It usually takes about three tries before they are really convinced that it is water we want. A fellow has almost got to drink wine with them in their homes, or they are greatly insulted if we don't. I can't say that I like the stuff though, and get along with as little as possible. The officers, at present, all eat at the Hotel de France, but soon we will have a regular officers' mess which will be much cheaper, and probably more to our style, though we sure get good meals. They seem to have an abundance of meat here, while in England there was practically none. They have their regular rations for the people in the towns, but they have a sufficiency of everything but bread and sugar. We furnish that ourselves from our rations. A few of the officers arranged to eat with the families with whom they are staying, but in that case, they have to replace the food they eat as the family is allowed to buy only so much.

We are having lovely weather at present, warm and bright. We sure will be lucky if we should be left here till next Spring, but I guess we'll be called to the front long before that, at least as part of our training.

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