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CELEBRATIONS EVERY WEEK

All Classes Join in the Demonstrations Which Are Truly Representative of the Alsatian Spirit—New Order of Things Creates Most Difficult Problems in History of Alsace—Economic Question and the German Population Are Most Important Subjects for Consideration.

A tour of this charming little province of Alsace leaves no doubt in one's mind about its utter joy over being once more in the arms of the mother country. Whatever doubt one may have had, a visit to the cities, villages and country districts of Alsace removes this uncertainty, and everywhere the native Alsatian has demonstrated his enthusiasm and ardor for the French republic, writes Carlisle MacDonald in the New York Herald.

Since the armistice many world-wide persons have gone to Alsace to seek proof of their skepticism, only to remain and sing the "Marseillaise" and join in the more or less continuous celebration which has been going on throughout Alsace since the German domination was removed. There is no question about it—the people are genuinely glad to be once more joined to France.

Makes Tour as France's Guest.

I have just completed a comprehensive survey of Alsace in company with a large party of allied correspondents, during which we were the guests of the French government and the chief officials of Alsace. Leaving Paris by special train, we went direct to Strasbourg, where the whole city was beflagged and en fete. A luncheon was tendered by the municipality and later we visited the delightful old Venetian quarter of the city, the cathedral, with its famous clock, and the tomb of Marshal Saxe.

In the evening we were the guests of the French high commissioner, Mr. Maringer, at a large banquet. While the plate still bore the German eagle, the hearts of those present and sentiments expressed by the speakers were unmistakably French. Native Alsatians, who had lived through the entire German occupation, rejoiced that the German menace had been removed and expressed the firm hope that never again would Boche soldiers cross the Rhine. The most prominent men of Strasbourg were present at the banquet and the whole spirit of the event was French.

We were pleasantly surprised to be introduced to a large group of pretty Alsatian girls, members of the best families, who came to the French government building following the banquet. The charm and vivaciousness of the girls, who were attired in the native costume of Alsace, soon made us forget there was such a thing as a peace conference or a council of ten. Later the assembled company joined hands and danced the native farandole revel, the jazz being forgotten in the enthusiasm for the old dance.

Torchlight Parade for Visitors.

Another interesting event of the evening in our honor was a torchlight parade formed by thousands of Strasbourgers and several bands. The procession passed the French building in review and went winding through the quaint old streets of Strasbourg, the marchers singing and shouting. This was no new affair, as I learned later, for ever since the armistice hardly a week has passed that there has not been several of these demonstrations. All classes join in them and they are truly representative of the spirit of the Alsatians.

After the dance the festivities were continued at a kermesse, or large fair, attended by several thousand persons. A tableau, symbolic of the return of Alsace to France, brought forth prolonged applause and cheers.

After this we paid a short visit to Germany, just across the Rhine from Strasbourg. There we saw the German at home, and I must say that there were few who did not seem perfectly well fed and contented under French occupation. When questioned they all ask for "foet." Returning, we inspected the docks at Strasbourg, which the Alsatians hope to develop. Leaving Strasbourg we visited Colmar and Mulhouse, and at both places were enthusiastically welcomed by the citizens.

Considerable ground was covered in an automobile ride through beautiful agricultural districts and picturesque little villages. During the entire trip we were able to meet and talk with many Alsatians in all walks of life, so that the impressions we received were the result of a rather wide range of thought.

Fear Serious Economic Condition.

While all this happiness over the return to France is real and sincere, Alsace is faced with the most difficult questions in her history, created largely because of the new order of things. Ever since Alsace was taken over by Germany, in 1871, virtually all the trade of the province has been to the East, with Germany and her allies. With the stroke of a pen, so to speak, Alsace has terminated these trade re-

HAD ODD TIME MEASURERS

Various Ways by Which the Ancients Kept Some Track of the Fast-Fleeting Hours.

Sacred history furnishes the earliest reference to anything like a fixed and permanent time measurer. Isalah speaks of the dial of Abaz which went ten degrees backward, and this dial, it has been conjectured, was a tall and slender column, which cast a shadow on a series of steps with which it was encircled.

The Egyptians, too, are credited with having used their monoliths, such as Cleopatra's needle, as time measurers. However, the Chaldeans had other methods of measuring time, for they, as well as the contemporary Hindus, and very likely the Egyptians, were acquainted with the water clock, or clepsydra, which measured time after the fashion of the hour glass, water taking the place of sand.

Indeed, it is believed that the Egyptians actually had hour glasses, for upon one of the bas-reliefs which have come to light after their long interment of 3,000 years or more is an object which those learned to such matters assure us can be nothing else than a sand glass.

In principle the clepsydra was nothing but a rod floating upon water, which was slowly dropping from an orifice in the vessel in which it was contained. Certain divisions were marked upon the rod, and a fixed pointer served the purpose of a clock hand.

But the Greeks, who seem to have used them on every possible occasion, expended much labor and artistic skill upon their manufacture. Sometimes they were groups of children, the escaping water representing the falling tears of some of their number, while others pointed out the time with a wand.

MEMORABLE GAME OF CARDS

Said to Have Suggested System of Life Insurance to Eminent French Mathematician.

A game of cards is said to have suggested the system of life insurance now so universal, according to London Answers.

A Flemish nobleman in the seventeenth century tried to divide equitably the cash staked upon an interrupted game of chance. He was helped in his attempt by Pascal, a distinguished French mathematician, who solved the "doctrine of probabilities" or laws governing insurances of all kinds.

The idea can be illustrated by the throwing of a dice, the chance of turning up an ace being one out of six. In a large number of throws the chances are in the same proportion. From this Pascal laid down the proposition that results which have happened in a given number of observed cases will again happen in similar circumstances, provided the numbers be sufficient for the proper working of the law of averages.

The life of a person is one of the greatest uncertainties, but the duration or rate of mortality of a large number of persons may be predicted with the greatest accuracy by comparison with the observed result among a sufficiently large number of persons of similar ages and occupations and subject to similar climatic influences.

Song Inspired by Poster?

It is an interesting bit of history, in view of the importance of posters as an inspiration and interpretation of patriotism, that the Marseillaise was inspired by a contemporary poster. At first thought one might imagine that the art of the poster, as it is now understood, was unknown in 1792, but the proclamation of the mayor of Strasbourg, with its terse, ringing sentences, beginning "To arms, citizens!" was no doubt as effective as the posters produced in 1918. Posted on the city walls, as Jean Richepin of the French academy has just pointed out, the words of the proclamation directly inspired Rouget de Lisle in the composition of the "Marseillaise," as it was first called, "The War Song of the Armies of the Rhine." Later the convention at Paris entitled it the "Hymn of Marseilles," but the public promptly named it "La Marseillaise," and it might almost be said to have set the mayor's poster to music.—Christian Science Monitor.

Red Rag to a Bull.

How many people know the real meaning of the phrase "Like red rag to a bull?" Why should a bull, or any other creature, be enraged when a piece of scarlet cloth is flaunted before them? For bulls are not alone in this. Sheep, usually so meek and gentle, will apparently become transported with rage if they see anything of this color. Geese and turkeys are similarly affected—the former even having been known to attack a scarlet-clad child. The excitement animals display in such circumstances is similar to that caused by the smell of blood. Here is the theory: The color reminds the animals of blood, an association which invariably suggests bodily discomfort and hurt. So they express their terror by the only means they possess.

Weather Talk.

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Columbia County, Columbia River Highway; Paving Rainier to Clatskanie, 11.2 miles in length.

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Grading and macadamizing; Yoncalla Section, 7.7 miles in length; 10,000 cubic yards excavation; 16,000 cubic yards rock surfacing.

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Grading and macadamizing, Roseburg to Willbur, 4.5 miles in length; 19,000 cubic yards excavation; 8,000 cubic yards rock surfacing.

Grading and macadamizing, Roseburg to Dillard, 6.7 miles in length; 52,000 cubic yards excavation; 7,500 cubic yards rock surfacing.

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Salem, Oregon, May 12, 1919. m-21

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