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VACATION AS ALWAYS.

The arrival of vacation time this year finds a meagre and unthinking minority advising the American people to forego their rest and renewal that the nation may throw its whole available strength into the War for Liberty. This is poor advice.

In the vacation regions the slogan should be: "Business as usual." The Federal Government itself, speaking through Secretary Lane, has directed attention anew to its national parks and the opportunities they afford for recreation and health-building.

This nation has acquired a world-wide reputation for creative energy because its people have jealously guarded and steadily increased their individual power. They are an out-door people with the exploring instinct and of adventurous habit.

An exhausted or sluggish worker is the most inefficient type of worker. He owes it as much to his country as to his employer and himself to rebuild his depleted strength and freshen his interest in his labor.

Let the people come again into communion with Nature and Nature will imbue them with a new willingness to face

increased responsibilities and give them strength to achieve a new record for work.

Vacation as always! Get into the mountains and the woods. There health and inspiration await you. Do not destroy your capacity for work by doing nothing but work. To rest and rebuild for the great work ahead of us is the policy of sanity.

THE FOOD BILL.

Some things are so obvious and so necessary that one often cannot understand the reason why other persons do not see the necessity for action. For instance there are two things necessary to win this war: The Allies must be fed; Germany must suffer hunger.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Pleased With Baker's Hospitality.

The thousands who participated in Baker's Fourth returned to their homes more than satisfied with the entertainment given them and the good time they enjoyed. It was in every sense a county-wide and in some sense an inland empire wide celebration.

FRENCH CIVILIAN TELLS OF LIFE IN CAPTURED TERRITORY

Extracts From Diary of Frenchman Who Lived At Savy - The Arrival of the Germans - Looting Begins - Inhabitants Forced to Work - Germans Demand Money and Food - All Pigeons Ordered Killed - Arms, Cartridges, Wine or Money Demanded.

(The following is a letter by WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, United Press Staff Correspondent, telling the story of a French civilian who remained in the village of Savy during the war and whose diary was given to SIMMS when he entered the village with the British troops when they retook it from the Germans.)

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS. (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, June 25.-(By Mail)-

Here are a few extracts from the diary of a French civilian who remained in Savy, a village just east of St. Quentin, throughout the war and who was the first to welcome the British troops when they retook the place from the Germans. Rumors of war are chronicled during the last days of July, 1914. Great apprehension among the inhabitants. At the beginning of August men of military age depart. After eight or nine days some of these are sent back as unfit.

August 24: More British cavalry. With the rest they leave in the direction of Etreillers. Cannon are heard booming.

August 27: Cannon thundering always nearer. A great number of Belgian refugees pass, on foot, in carts and wagons and on horseback. They said they did not know where they were going: "We are flying from the Germans; that is all we know."

August 28: About 200 of the people of Savy imitate the Belgians but before night 60 come back. Mme. Chain back from St. Quentin said the Germans had entered the city. Nobody would believe her.

August 29: Germans enter Savy, the first at 10 a. m. They pass through towards Etreillers. The people shut their doors and windows and remained inside. The men of a convoy of small baggage carts break Mlle. Roulangers shop window (she having left Savy) and pillaged the store.

Sept. 1: A convoy of wagons arrive and install themselves along the whole street leading to the Bergerie. At Carpentiers they drank up all his liquor and played music all afternoon.

Sept. 23: The Germans leave Savy after looting every house the owner of which had left the village.

Sept. 25: Wounded in carts and on foot pass through towards St. Quentin. Inhabitants of Savy who have horses are ordered to report at Colombin to fetch flour from St. Quentin. Of 67 inhabitants of Maquigny who passed through Savy yesterday being taken to St. Quentin, four returned this afternoon. The rest were conducted to Germany.

Sept. 29: 15 cwt. oats are to be delivered over to the Germans by 11 a. m. Carts came today requisitioning 22 cwt. oats.

Oct. 3: The Germans have demanded 16,000 francs in taxes from Savy. Corn, clover and oats must be supplied also. M. Granier reports from St. Quentin that the French army has been cut in two.

Oct. 19: All bicycles, guns and blankets must be collected and taken to Vimand by tomorrow. The Germans also require eggs. Roads will have to be kept in condition or a fine of 3,000 francs will be levied.

Oct. 20: All pigeons have to be killed.

Oct. 22: A German officer says the war will be over by end of October.

Oct. 23: All males, 16 to 60 must report to town hall. Nobody allowed in streets between 6 p. m. and 8 a. m. Laissez-passers required.

Oct. 31: Rumored that French have taken Lille, Liege, etc.; that Belgian army has been reformed; that Russians have entered Berlin. Sound of guns continually heard. Constant traffic through village. (Note: Curiously enough the diary contains no rumors of a battle on the Marne, proving the German soldiers on one spot were kept in utter ignorance of what was going on in another.)

Nov. 10: Notice served that all French, English or Belgian soldiers hidden away must be reported under severe penalty.

Nov. 19: Three Germans came to my door to ask if I had any arms. They said that America is declaring war on England.

Dec. 7: All telephones must be deposited at Town Hall.

Dec. 19: We received a visit from four Germans who demanded if we had any arms, cartridges, wine or money. On leaving they marked an X on our door.

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