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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

FRIENDSHIPS IN WAR THAT WILL LAST

During the war, many warm-hearted persons and many generous-spirited clubs and associations "adopted" French and Belgian war orphans. This was done by contributing enough money for the children's support and schooling. In comparatively few cases did the adopted little folks actually come to this country, although there was a general exchange of pictures and friendly letters.

Civilians back home, however, were not the only ones who took up this happy idea. The American expeditionary force, in companies, smaller groups and as individuals, became responsible for more than 3500 French war waifs. The doughboys adopted their proteges for a year only, but it is more than likely that in many cases the time will be extended indefinitely.

"The Home Sector," an ex-soldier publication which is a continuation of "The Stars and Stripes," the official publication of the A. E. F., is now conducting a department for the purpose of helping these godfathers and their little charges to keep in touch

with each other. There has necessarily been a vast amount of changing of addresses as the American boys came home and as the people of the war area returned to their homes or to new ones. Many letters are now going back and forth through the so-called dead letter office of the magazine between grateful French children and their "godfathers" over the ocean. Some day when the confusion and discontent and grumbling and unrest of after-war days die away, we shall begin to see some of the good and beautiful things which came out of the war. This friendship between the fighting men of America and the helpless little folks of France and Belgium will not be least among them.

HOW FRANCE IS FINDING HERSELF

Speaking with authority, Andre Tardieu gives an account of French reconstruction work which shames the Paris pessimists.

A million acres of devastated land—an area greater than Rhode Island and nearly one-quarter of the whole—have been returned to farmers for tillage. Of 2015 miles of destroyed railroad, 1250 miles have been repaired; of 1040 miles of blocked canals, 414 miles are again in commission. As to government finance, where France has been most harshly and unjustly criticized, a nation that has lost 2,000,000 workers and one-fifth of its productive resources can hardly be called negligent when it raises taxation during a wasting war from \$1,000,000,000 a year to \$2,400,000,000.

Supplementing Commissioner Tardieu's statements, Professor Bruhl, editor of the Revue Philosophique, tells a New York audience how France, lacking coal and labor, is harnessing the water power of the Alps and Pyrenees; how industries are organizing in groups and increasing production by standardization; how an "intense industrial development" is seen in some provinces, and how the colonies are sources of raw material. A strategic position behind a table on the boulevards is not the best from which to gauge the progress of regeneration in France—New York World.

FORUM OUR COUNTY'S GREATEST SIDE-STEPPER

Editor Observer: I take my hat off to the Cove correspondent of the Oregonian who has the temerity to send to that paper the

following report which the Oregonian prints under the heading "Protest Proves a Boomerang," in its issue of Wednesday, as follows: "Cove, Or., Oct. 15. (Special.)—State Senator Walter M. Pierce's vigorous protest against being Union county to the sum of \$1,498,000 for road construction seven broadcast throughout Cove precinct at the last moment is believed to have been the determining factor in Cove's vote last Saturday for the measure."

May I express the humble opinion that Walter Pierce has the faculty of getting off wrong more radically and more frequently than any other man we have who assumes to lead in public affairs. He is, in my opinion, utterly dominated by his own interests and his own political aspirations; always ready to receive but never to give, and that is the main reason, I think, why he almost always gets off wrong. The vote shows that while the majority in La Grande was strong for bonds, the vote was almost equally as largely in favor of the road question in other parts of the county with a few minor exceptions, in spite of Walter Pierce's protest. Now, what will Walter do in the next campaign in which he is morally certain to be on the ticket? He is the county's greatest side-stepper and his ally will be something like this:

"Dear Friends: One of the proposed hard-surfaced roads will run right by my door. It will give direct access to my 2500 acres of land, the best farming ground in the valley, which I am proud to own. I could not, my dear friends, work for such a proposition that would be of such palpable benefit to my own interests. I therefore, as you know, opposed the plan which I thought at the time would bring such a heavy burden on my neighbors and friends. I could not be neutral (here will follow a general exhortation of the man who does not take a decided stand, the molly-coddle, etc.) but now that the people have so decidedly spoken, I am most heartily in favor of good roads. They are our greatest blessing. I want to see all the prosperous towns of the valley connected up with a link of highways. I want to see every farm road and by-path a boulevard and to this end my life's energies will be forever devoted, etc."

It is a mighty small hole that our present state senator cannot find some way to crawl out of.

A ROAD BOOSTER. Return vaudeville at Sherry's Sunday and Monday, the latest thing in movies. 10-17-21

The Cult of Fashion. Young lady at the theater to friend: "What do you think of this play, my dear?" "Why, it's absurd! Three months are supposed to pass between the first and second acts, and the heroine's still got the same hat on!"

Not Enough. "Swept by saline breezes and washed by the waves of the sea. That's our town." "Any other street-cleaning facilities?" Inquired the old grinch.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Astronomical Phenomenon. Marjorie, three, was watching the sunset: "Daddy, she called, 'come and see the sun getting ready to be a moon!'"

Depository and Depositary. The dictionary defines depository as a warehouse, a depository for goods; a clerk's office for records; a warehouse for stores, etc. A depositary is a person with whom anything is left for lodging or trust; as a trustee; a guardian; one to whom a thing is left for safe keeping. All national banks in the United States that are designated by the government for deposits are entered as depositories, and the government invariably uses the word (depository) for my money, bonds, etc., deposited.

Production of Jade. Practically all the jade now mined comes from Burma, though New Zealand is a producer of some jade. China takes practically the entire output. In Burma the privilege of mining it has been held by the same Indian or Shan tribes for many generations.

Card and Dance Money Tainted. LONDON, Sept. 16.—The bishop of Chelmsford has barred money raised from "whist drives and dances" from

being used for church extension. The bishop declared: "Both may be legitimate forms of recreation but they are not methods of the church for raising money. I have never heard of either being opened or closed with prayer."

Wanted the Old One. Julia was watching her mother pack her father's lunch and kept teasing for a piece of bread and butter. Mother was in a great hurry and told her to run and play; she didn't have time to wait on her. So Julia counted the slices of bread on the table—there were five—and said: "Mother, give me this one without any partner."

Virginia Dare. Virginia Dare, the first child of English parentage born in America, first saw the light of day on Aug. 18, 1587. Her native place was on the island of Roanoke, Virginia, now North Carolina. Her father was William Dare and her mother Eleanor, the daughter of John White, governor of the second agricultural colony sent by Sir Walter Raleigh to the Carolinas.

Scotland Yard. Scotland Yard, so often mentioned in connection with London police items, was a building at the southeastern corner of Charing Cross, long famous as the headquarters of the metropolitan police force. It was so called because it was once a palace set apart from the time of Henry II (1154) as the residence of Scottish kings on visits. New Scotland Yard is on the Thames embankment.

Human Nature. Modern thinking, proposing to found morality solely upon the principles of human nature, will have to take account of all there is in human nature. And one of the first things we meet there is the necessity, in order that man may come to his true self, that he is possessed by something, some one beyond himself.—Jonathan Brierley.

Oldtime Mirrors. Mirrors were used by Anglo-Saxon women slung to their girdles. The same custom prevailed in the time of Elizabeth and James I. They formed the center of many fads at that period and later. Before glass was invented horn and metal were used.

WHEN ROOSEVELT WRESTLED CALVES

That Theodore Roosevelt was a real ranchman and not an onlooker during the days when he punched cattle along the Little Missouri River is proved by A. W. Merrifield, who was Roosevelt's ranch partner in the Bad Lands during the years that the future President was in the cattle business in what was then the territory of Dakota. This was thirty-three years ago but Mr. Merrifield's impression of Roosevelt are still quite vivid.

There is nothing in Roosevelt's own book, "Hunting Trips of a Ranchman," that gives such a vivid impression of the Roosevelt of those cowpunching days as Mr. Merrifield's graphic description of a big round-up that lasted three weeks and in which Roosevelt did his share at the hard work without complaint.

"We would ride as much as fifty miles in the morning up and down the coulees, where the cows and calves would hide in the underbrush, and across the open country over the divide, getting to the new camp for dinner at nine or ten o'clock, says Mr. Merrifield.

"Roosevelt never did any cutting out because of his defective eye sight. While some of us were cutting out the calves, it was his work to hold the herd; to ride around and around the cattle, keeping them together and cutting off

Authentic Styles FOR AUTUMN. Every woman knows that we have at all times the largest assortment of apparel and accessories in these parts. We are proud of that reputation, but the maintenance of our leadership in this particular, although a matter of the utmost concern, is of no greater importance than the upholding of quality standards and style standards, which have always been the bulwarks of this business. These new Coats, Suits and Dresses presented this Fall represent one of the largest and most varied assortments we are able to show. La Vogue. Suits and Coats are standards of style and quality. Each model is distinct, and you may be assured when you buy a garment with the La Vogue label in it, you are getting the best in style, quality and tailoring. The dresses this season are beautiful, both silk and wool. Embroidery is a prominent feature in both. The lines are straight, some have blouse back effects and silky rope grilles. We invite inspection of our ready-to-wear at any time.

SPECIAL UNDERWEAR SALE. Ladies' fleeced lined vests and pants in all sizes—exceptional values—50c Garment. Ladies' Mercerized Cotton PANTS AND VESTS. Best quality and at less than present wholesale cost—all sizes—25c Garment.

Ladies' and Misses' KNIT BLOOMERS. You know we've been telling you how nearly impossible it was to get these flesh-colored knit bloomers for some time past. We've received them at last and they're going mighty fast. If you want them you'd better be on hand to get them tomorrow. Ladies' 85c; Misses' 70c.

Children's Black Hose 35c. A big chance to secure a supply for school wear. There are all sizes in black only. The color is fast. Length and sizes up to standard—excellent values now at nearly wholesale cost. Some are fine ribbed, some coarse—a slight difference in weights. While any remain at—35c.

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Imperfect Vision In A School Child. often entails more than mere eyestrain. It must be remembered that trouble from imperfect seeing school work, comes not only from seeing words and figures wrongly but also from fatigue of the brain caused by eyestrain. Twenty-five per cent of children have defective vision. Frequently a bashful child fails to tell the teacher he cannot see the blackboard easily and so is unable to do his work—is accused of neglect and falls behind in classes—all because of lack of proper eye care. If your child has defective vision have it corrected by an Optometrist. Our equipment is the most modern in the optical Science. J. H. PEARE & SON Optometrists.

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any stray steer or calf that tried to break out. "Cutting out the calves, we worked in pairs; that is, one man would work a cow out to one side and the other would work the calf that was running by her, out on the other side. Then we would rope the calf and drag it off to one side, herding the calves together until all had been cut out and we were ready to brand.

"Roosevelt used to take his trick at anything he could do. He knew his limitations; he wouldn't attempt to undertake anything for which he was not fitted. But when it came to the plain, hard chores that he knew required nothing but hard work, he was always there among the first. He was one of the best hands I ever saw at 'wrestling' calves, grabbing a calf when it was roped and dragging it to the fire to be branded. Wrestling calves is no easy job. Roosevelt used to be dirt and blood all over from head to foot. But he didn't seem to mind that. Hard work never worried him. He took his trick at anything that other men did during those three weeks.

Wash-Day on the Deep. On her first trip to Nantasket, little Bess remarked as she looked over the side of the steamer: "Mamma, they put too much bling in this water. Which reminds us of another lot who exclaimed on seeing the water of a steamer: "Oh, look, mother, that boat is losing all its soap."—Boston Transcript.

Hanging Too Good for This Man. The meanest man has been found. He was in Philadelphia the other day. He robbed an old woman, at the entrance of the receiver of taxes office in the city hall, of her pocket book, which contained her tax bill and \$73 with which to pay it; and two hours later mailed her the bill, after writing on it: "Ha! Ha! Pay your taxes."

Poor Advice. "Don't marry the first girl you fall in love with; wait until you've seen the rest," advises the Multnomah Advertiser. Yes, and by the time you've seen the rest someone will have carried off the one you were in love with.

Experience. "Simple Simon went a-bathing in his mother's pail." "Not so simple, as that," declared an auditor "simple man." "I've spent time and money getting to a place where the likelihood of catching fish was no greater!"

Another of the Mysteries. "One of the mysteries of life is how a foolish man can keep others so long in the dark of his own stupidity and never acquire any of them for his self."—Detroit Free Press.

State News. Forty-two students are registered in the Bend night school. Many orchards in Wasco county next season will be planted with almond trees. The Buxton home of 100 acres at Troutdale has been sold to William Spence for \$30,000. Unless more refrigerator cars are received soon, warehouses will be forced to close down in Hood River. A new theatre costing \$50,000 is to be built in Astoria at an early date by a company headed by J. D. Straus.

Receipts at Astoria of the 1919 crop of wheat total to date 247 cars, 141 cars of bulk and 196 of sack of grain. Abraham Pinkney has been certified by the civic service commission as eligible for postmaster at Cove Orchard in Yamhill county.

J. W. Daniel, an automobile salesman, was held up on a dark corner in Pendleton and robbed of his gold watch, chain and \$42 in money. Glenn Wilhelm of Roseburg was instantly killed at the Ruben sawmill when a donkey cable broke. Both legs were broken and his body badly lacerated.

While cranking his machine, W. L. Howard, one of the early pioneers of Stanfield, was suddenly taken with apoplexy and passed away in a few hours. Since 1914 the sum of \$485,390.55 has been expended on the good work in Placitas county. Return vaudeville at Sherry's Sunday and Monday, the latest thing in movies. 10-17-21

Statement of Sun and Moon. Both sun and moon move about the earth from east to west. In paths which are fixed. The moon revolves from east to west around the earth as its axis, and both earth and moon revolve in common around the sun which is the center of the earth about which it makes the sun appear to move about the earth from east to west.