

WOMEN OF FRANCE SACRIFICE TO WAR

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Who Dudge That Victory
May Be Attained.

FIELDS TILLED BY AGED

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Maid Guides Plow That Prepares
Ground to Grow the Food
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BY WILL G. MAC RAE.
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Yes, "helping" is the word—and this is how they were helping.

Mule or Bullock Her Team-Mate.
Side by side with a tiny mule, scarce larger than a sagebrush jackrabbit; often side by side with a bullock, I saw not once but many times women drawing the crude French plows through the ground, the younger women often guiding.

The grandmothers of 50, or perhaps a grandfather, and the grandchildren of 5 or younger, are along the country lanes herding the pitifully few goats, perhaps a few sheep, and often geese, ducks or chickens.

Here and there I saw the signs that the Poilu appreciated sacrifice. Sometimes there would be in the fields the blue-uniformed soldiers, who leave without exception, they had donned the woman's harness and had taken her place with the mule or the bullock, while she happily guided the plow.

I saw women sweeping streets, doing the hardest of manual labor. If a duty were unpleasant, if it were hard, if it would seem impossible for a woman—these were not the criteria. The only question was: Could a woman release a man to fight for la patrie.

How many times I heard that from the lips of French women. Now it was in the train from the wife of a French soldier; now it was from a woman laying cobble stones in the street between the car tracks.

Sacrifice Is the Greatest.
But the greatest sacrifice the women of France are making? Only mothers could understand that—and you mothers of American soldiers especially.

In the entire six months I was in France, the average child I saw was four or six years old.

I saw a woman with an infant. On but few occasions did I ever see a babe at breast or a babe young enough to be at breast. Women who do manual labor cannot bear children and work at the same time. That is the supreme sacrifice of the French woman!

We think out here that we are self-sacrificing with our war bread and meat restrictions.

In the little town of X—, I was billeted with Madame Bonhomme. One day I took to the kitchen a loaf of our soldier's white bread, thinking Madame Bonhomme would appreciate it after the war bread, which certainly tried their venerable palates.

But they served it as gateau—cake.

Husband's Fate Unknown.
In another city I met the wife of a French soldier from whom she had not heard since 1914. She neither knew whether he was dead or a prisoner in Germany. She was supporting five children, the oldest of which was 12, working in a sausage factory, and despite her poverty, one of the five was a war orphan she had adopted.

The sacrifice she makes by never knowing the fate of her man, is one that will never be borne by American women. The French woman has no American Red Cross to dig out even in the haunts of the Hun the fate of her man. You women will always know the truth. You will not know the long, drawn-out agony of suspense.

But Madame did not let herself be downcast. Monsieur will return "apres la guerre" she told me.

I feel it to be a privilege that I took those five children to the first picture show they had ever seen—a Western melodrama—and they thrilled in very agony as the villain "still pursued her." I paid twelve franc fifty for the first dolly the mother-child ever owned and she christened her "Marche."

Just one more reminiscence of which more than one Oregon and Washington mother must have heard. I saw more than one of our Western boys called "cotton-pickers" and "cotton-pickers," carefully picked out from the seams of French soldiers' uniforms by the women who were doing the washing.

"Cooties" Must Be Judged.
Our boys told them that American soldiers did not have "cooties" because they washed themselves and their clothes. So the women used to stage contests in digging out the biggest from the garments they were washing. M. le soldat américain must be the judge!

Wonderfully volatile, garbed in black because it is economical and not because it is mourning, the women of France are the life, the soul, the very heart of the nation.

Knowing some of the mothers of France is having a wonderfully broadening influence on our soldiers. I am glad to believe that American women will never have to make the sacrifices of the women of France. I am glad to know that, were they ever called on to make them, the sacrifice of our women would cut deeper into the national life of America than the sacrifice of French women has into the national life of France.

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DOUGHBOY TALES TOLD

CAPTAIN W. D. WHITCOMB ENTERTAINS AD CLUB.

Returned Officer, Who Is Past President of Organization, Graphically Describes Experiences.

Two hundred and fifty members of the Portland Ad Club were present at the luncheon given at the Benson Hotel yesterday at noon in honor of Captain Walter D. Whitcomb, past president of the club, who returned to Portland for a short visit after seven months with the overseas forces in France. Mayor Baker, also a past president of the club, made a speech of welcome in behalf of the city. Captain Whitcomb was introduced by W. H. Whitfield.

Captain Whitcomb entertained his old friends with lively descriptions of experiences of the American soldiers in France. The serious phase of war found no place in his stories, and he confined himself to humorous tales of the doughboy at war. He presented the Ad Club with British, French and American silk flags which had been bought abroad.

In connection with his speech, Captain Whitcomb displayed interesting mementoes of the war, including shells, German hand grenades and gas masks. Captain Whitcomb left last night to continue a two months' tour of the United States on work for the Government, after which he will return to France.

HOLTZMAN SEEKS DIVORCE

Religionist Says Wife Throws Bible to the Floor.

Being of a religious mind and eager to read the Bible whenever opportunity afforded, Jacob Holtzman did not take kindly to the actions of his wife when she would seize the Bible from his hands and throw it to the floor. This is one of many numerous complaints made by him in a suit for divorce filed yesterday against Mollie Holtzman.

Mabel and Eugene Thomas were married at Salem May 11 last, but their wedded bliss was short-lived, says the wife, who filed suit for divorce on charges of cruelty. Failure to provide and cruelty are charged against Walter A. Hicks in the divorce suit of Ruth C. Hicks.

School Superintendency Contested.
CHEHALIS, Wash., July 31.—(Special.)—J. T. Sullivan, Silver Creek school teacher, today filed for the Republican nomination for County Superintendent against Miss Z. May Meighen, who filed last week. Henry Rogers is also expected to file.

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CUTICURA HEALS RASH

On baby's body and face. Skin very sore and red. Eruption so bad itched terribly, causing him to scratch and irritate the affected parts. Had to keep mittens on day and night. Very cross and would keep awake. Developed into large sores eruptions and caused disfigurement. Lasted till tried Cuticura. Used