PERSHING'S AIM IS TO MAKE BOYS MEN

American General, Himself in Prime of Life, Feels Responsibility to Mothers.

SOLDIERS EXALT LEADER

Definite Understanding Exists in All Camps That Sole and Only Business of U. S. Troops in Europe Is to Win War.

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If you talk with the American soldiers, as I did, both in their rest billets and their camps, you will find they have the clearest and most definite understanding as to their business in Europe. It is to win the war. I never met a man who had the slightest doubt or hesitation about it. They know it will happen. They say to you: "Why, the General himself says so. 'Germany can and must be beaten.' The General himself said that."

"The General himself" of course means General Pershing. He is to the American soldiers what Foch is to the French poilu—the supreme authority, who cannot be mistaken. And to the French poilu, and to the French public at large, General Pershing, perhaps next to General Foch, is the commanding figure of the war. This in spite of the fact that they know nothing whatever of him as a fighting man. They believe in him, and in my opinion their faith is going to be justified.

Character Will Decide War.

"Character," said General Pershing, "other things being equal, will decide the last battle."

The basis of my confidence in General Pershing is that he has character—strong, original, dynamic. Every word and gesture reveals personality. He is absolutely straightforward and sincere, and his manner is simple and natural. Yet underneath that quiet simplicity you can easily perceive a will of steel and a capacity for great sternness. His first appearance won Paris completely, and before he has had time to fight a battle he has become a military hero in the eyes of the French.

I saw General Pershing first in the reception room of the beautiful Louis XVI mansion in the Rue de Varennes, which has been loaned him for a town house when he goes to Paris. That is seldom. Most of the time he lives in a picturesque town in Eastern France, which is the general headquarters of our army. The name of the town is almost never spoken. It is simply alluded to as G. H. Q. (General headquarters.)

Foch's Selection Satisfactory.

Since the advent of the American forces in France there has been a much closer co-operation among the allies—a co-operation which reached its natural climax in the appointment of General Foch as generalissimo of the allied armies. France has long desired this arrangement, President Wilson desired it and so did Premier Lloyd George. General Pershing, in his swift, clear-minded judgment, declared it inevitable. But difficulties stood in the way of its accomplishment, and it was not until after several meetings of the allied war council at Versailles that the thing began to seem remotely possible.

In the interest of stronger co-operation and as commander-in-chief of the American Army, General Pershing has been a constant attendant of the allied war councils. In a 10-minute interval between luncheon and departure for an afternoon session of the council I had my first conversation with him. As he came into the room it occurred to me instantly that here was the very embodiment of the American Army—the composite, the perfect type. No wonder the French like him. He looks right.

No Greek of old Sparta was ever a more perfect physical specimen. At 54, General Pershing is as straight and slender of waist as when he left West Point. He is tall, powerful of frame, without an ounce of fat anywhere on his body, and as hard as bronze. His eyes are keen and young, although his hair is gray. His face is marked with a few deep scar-like lines, for tragedy has entered his life, as all the world knows. The lines do not suggest age, however. General Pershing looks younger than his years, much younger than most of his published photographs. His voice is that of a young man, and he speaks crisply, without ever hesitating for a word.

Pershing No Poseur.

There is not a particle of pose about Pershing. He has been called cold, but I did not find him so. When I told him that I had a son in the Army he became decidedly cordial. "What was the boy's name? His regiment? When did he reach France? Had I seen him? The Commander-in-Chief of the American Army, on his way to an allied council with men who have the fate of civilization in their hands, had time to ask questions about an enlisted man. Lincoln used to do things like that.

Weeks later I was the guest, with several other correspondents of the intelligence department of the Army in a motor journey into our war zone. Our passes were for three days only and three districts were to be visited. One stopping place was the town alluded to as G. H. Q., the heart of the American expeditionary force in France. We were to meet the Commander-in-Chief informally, but there was to be no interview. The prospect was pleasing, but not particularly exciting, and in that it matched up pretty well with the rest of the trip. When the intelligence department invites correspondents, especially women correspondents, to a party you can be sure that it is a very staid and conservative affair.

Mrs. Dorr Argues With General.

We traveled by train from Paris to our first point, a big camp where our engineers had done some wonders of construction, and which was now a completely equipped school, where thousands of soldiers were being trained in bombing, trench mortar work and other skilled branches. At the station we were met by a handsome and diplomatic young intelligence officer in a big limousine. Under his chaperonage we were to see as much of the war zone as was considered good for us. The second day brought us to G. H. Q. and General Pershing.

Then was I glad that I had seen him in the palace in the Rue de Varennes. Because now I knew something about him. I knew he liked candor and straight talk. I knew also that with an inflexible will he possessed a reasonable mind. You can argue with a man like that. I did argue with General Pershing, on the subject of what women correspondents ought to be permitted to see and to know. I told him what I wanted to take back to the mothers of American soldiers.

I cannot repeat our conversation, because it was confidential. I will simply say that General Pershing proved the reasonableness of his mind by greatly extending our facilities on that trip, and turning our prim little party into an experience wholly worth while from the reporter's point of view. Later I shall go into details about that trip up the line. This article is concerned with General Pershing.

In the plain bare room, which is the commander's private headquarters, and in which the great campaigns which our men will fight are being planned, General Pershing appears even more dynamic and forceful than in his luxurious Parisian home. I have seen generals who wore their uniforms as if they were business clothes, but not so General Pershing. If he wore business clothes he would contrive to make them look like a uniform. His khaki is the most immaculate, the most correct, the most military thing in the way of garments that I have ever beheld. His boots look as though he never wore the same pair a second time. Yet there is nothing stiff or rigid in his appearance. He puts his clothes on a perfect masculine figure, that is all. He holds himself like an absolutely fit and athletic man.

Pershing Exalts Health.

General Pershing exalts health. He takes daily cold baths, one of his young aids told me, and often in the dead of winter runs and exercises in the open air clad only in a thin bathrobe. To bring every man in the army up to his physical standard is the commander's expressed ambition. To make them supremely healthy, efficient fighting men, and to return them to their mothers morally as well as physically sound, is General Pershing's conception of his responsibility as head of the American army.

It is always interesting to know how we appear in the eyes of strangers, and an article published in a well-known French magazine shows the strong appeal that General Pershing has made to the imagination of our allies. According to the French writer, there are two men in the American commander-in-chief, one of them Anglo-Saxon, the other a Frenchman. In 1749 the ancestors of General Pershing emigrated from Alsace to America, and Alsace in the eyes of all Frenchmen is and always will be France.

Frenchman Greatly Impressed.

"If by rare favor you are received by General Pershing in his Paris home you meet the Anglo-Saxon," says this reporter. "There his coldness is positively British. Tall, slender as a sub-lieutenant, well set up in his khaki brown uniform, four stars on the shoulders and on the collar the golden eagle of his supreme rank, General Pershing receives you in a manner courteous but glacial. He is entirely the official, conscious of his great responsibilities, and determined to keep silence concerning official matters. His blue eyes are clear and cold, even hard. Above his strong jaw, indicative of implacable energy, his lips, saber-straight, wear no smile.

"Do not attempt to get from him any details of his mission in France or try to induce him to give you any personal souvenirs or anecdotes of his tour of the French front. His aide-de-camp and interpreter has an invariable reply to all such questions: 'The General has nothing to say.' Above all, never venture to ask a question concerning his private life, his joys or sorrows. Immediately the look in his cold eyes becomes hostile. Before the question is fairly out the answer comes: 'The General does not think that would interest the public.'

"But if by happy circumstance you are privileged to enter the same circle of General Pershing's friends, what a delightful metamorphosis! The man reveals himself simple, charming, pliant, spontaneous. He is the Frenchman, cordial and communicative, ready to lend himself to that juvenile gayety which so much amuses the Anglo-Saxon. The blue eyes that we have seen flash so coldly are now at once mischievous and tender. His features are animated, his smile ready.

Sacrificial Offer Appreciated.

"Everything interests him, science, art, literature. Music he loves almost as well as paintings, and he tells you with what new pleasure every time he visited the Paris of prewar days he went each day to the Louvre galleries. Above all, he tells you how profoundly happy he is to be in the war on our side. Certainly that joy is rooted in the satisfaction of a soldier fulfulling his duty, but General Pershing is more than a soldier. He is an idealist called to accomplish a high mission, to serve an unselfish cause, to help humanity to a secure and happy future."

General Pershing never appeared a bigger man than when he offered to brigade the American forces in with the English and the French, and himself take the subordinate position of a commander without a real command. The offer was made and accepted in the dark and panic-ridden early days of the present German offensive, when it looked as though the allied lines might be broken, and all the man power available had to be mobilized.

That danger is happily past. The Germans have struck and the blow has proved little damaging. The Americans are to be allowed to fight under their own flag and their own officers. They will get full credit for what they do. But the French and English will never forget that General Pershing was unselfishly willing, when necessary, to forego both for himself and the American Army every particle of credit, letting the honors go to the allies. From a man of that character great fighting, splendid victories may be expected. Under such a commander our sons are well secured.

Road Work Is Progressing.

NEWBERG, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—The hard-surfacing of the road to the city limits was finished today by the Huber Paving Company and work will begin on the eight-mile stretch beyond Rex the first of the week. When this is completed the hard-surface from Newberg to Portland and the Columbia Highway will be finished. With favorable weather the work will be completed by July 1.

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Ludendorff's Plans for Big Offensive Knocked Awry by Entente Flying Men.

BOCHES BOMBED FIERCELY

British, French and American Aviators Give Germans No Rest and Teuton Aviators Are Surely Being Driven to Earth.

BY ARTHUR S. DRAJER.

LONDON, May 25.—(Special.)—The attack by German aviators of a British hospital camp emphasizes the fierceness of the aerial fighting in France, where, out of sheer desperation, the Germans have committed crimes as black as any they have been guilty of in this brutal war.

There is no longer any doubt but that the allies are clearly superior to the Germans in the air. Each day this advantage is growing, one in which the American aviators share. At no period of the war has either side enjoyed such an advantage in the air as that held at present by the American, French and British forces.

Boches Driven to Earth.

It is true that the German fliers are exceedingly active and daring, but slowly and surely they are being driven to earth. The British are carrying out their bombing expeditions on a scale which makes previous efforts seem insignificant. With the American forces looming larger day by day, the results seem inevitable. It is highly probable that the allies will have the same supremacy in the air that they enjoy at sea. No leader can estimate the value of bombing. It may be that this great weapon will revolutionize the whole system of land fighting and prove a decisive factor in ending the war.

Even now the allies are bombing the enemy's lines of communication so that Ludendorff's plans are being knocked awry. What is happening at sea is being repeated in the air.

Manufacturers Play Big Part.

The part that manufacturers of war munitions are playing in the struggle is being demonstrated daily. Great as Germany's military organization is, the recent happenings on land and sea show that the manufacturing genius of America, France and Britain exceeds that of the foe.

CONTRACTS ARE DEFERRED

Sales of Dried Fruit Are Again Ordered Postponed.

SALEM, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—W. T. Jenks, who represents the Food Administration here, has just been advised that sale contracts on dried fruit from the crop now coming in must be deferred until July 15.

Under the original order such contracts were forbidden before May 3. The order later was extended until June 1, and now goes over until July 15. Some contracts had been made on the California pruns crop coming in, but these are automatically canceled under the order.

Prunes are the Oregon fruit principally affected, although all dried fruits are touched by the ruling. It is understood that no prune contracts have been attempted in this state.

CLATSOP PASSES $30,000

War Drive Committee Expects to Double Quota by Monday.

ASTORIA, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Astoria and Clatsop County have gone "over the top" in the second Red Cross war fund drive and have set a new goal, which they expect to pass before the campaign closes Monday night.

The county's first quota was $20,000, and this was raised in short order, but owing to a shortage in other sections of the state, Clatsop was asked to take an additional $10,000 quota. The committee accepted this cheerfully, placing Astoria and Clatsop County on their metal to give another illustration of their patriotism. Today that sum was raised and the $30,000 mark was passed, not in promises or pledges, but in actual cash in the hands of the committee.

This morning Chairman McGregor received an appeal direct from the National chairman saying that more money will be required and asking for additional subscriptions from every community. Accordingly, the local committee has set a goal of $40,000, just double the original quota, and is determined to pass even that.

21 TO ENTER MINISTRY

EUGENE BIBLE UNIVERSITY CLOSES SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Members of Graduating Class Will Be Ordained at Eugene Christian Church on Sunday.

EUGENE, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Twenty-one men and women will be ordained in the Christian ministry at a special service to be held in connection with the commencement exercises of the Eugene Bible University, at the First Christian Church, tomorrow morning. The class for ordination is one of the largest in the history of the Northwest.

The members of the class who come from several states and one from Honolulu are as follows:

Neva Elwina Ritchey, Los Angeles; J. Eric Carlson, Portland; Gareld Lee Matlock, Heitz; Lucile Elizabeth Sheafor, Long Beach, Cal.; Milton W. Bower, Corvallis; Ethel Ella Grim, Olympia; Len Bryan Fishback, Monmouth; Goldie Ruth Wells, Halsey; Velma Lee Brunk, Petaluma, Cal.; Violet Irene Bennett, Eugene; Grace Eunice Titus, Santa Rosa, Cal.; Zona Vernon Boyd, Eugene; Mary Withycombe Baney, Yamhill; Ramona Adelphine Stover, Los Angeles; Walter Givens, Portland; Elmer George Boyer, Rickreall, Or.; Laura Drill, Estacada, Or.; Edna Lawrence Burke, Bellingham, Wash.; Marguerite Cooper Dallis, Napa, Cal.; Nancy Swenson Hartley, Centralia, Wash.; Christopher John Benny, Honolulu, Hawaii.

DOG GUIDES SEARCHERS

GRIEVING CANINE SHOWS WHERE MASTER DROWNED.

Body of William Boyle Well-to-Do Farmer, Who Disappeared May 12, Is Found.

SALEM, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—A faithful dog, that persisted in sitting upon the bank of Pudding River, east of Woodburn, and emitting mournful howls, after his master, William Boyle, a wealthy farmer, disappeared, led recently to the recovery of Boyle's body.

Because of the dog's conduct, it was decided to make a thorough search of the river at that spot and the body was found yesterday, according to a report received here by Sheriff Needham today. Boyle disappeared Sunday, May 12.

It is believed by some that Boyle committed suicide. He was a bachelor and owned a large farm and extensive stretches of timber land. Neighbors say that a handsome offer made by the Government for the property unbalanced his mind.

CHILD DROWNS IN DITCH

Frank Ramon, 18 Months Old, Falls Into Water Near Echo.

PENDLETON, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Frank Ramon, 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ramon, of near Echo, drowned in the irrigating ditch at their place last night, according to word reaching here.

The child was in the water but a few minutes, but help arrived too late and the physician was unable to lend any aid.

VANCOUVER GOAL OF SHOWS

Three Circuses Will Visit Washington City During Season.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—All of the shows on the road in the West this year apparently will stop in Vancouver. The Dore musical comedy tent show will close a week's engagement here tomorrow and the Bernardi shows will open for a week beginning May 27, under the auspices of the United Artisans.

Al G. Barnes' animal show will be here June 6, and on June 15 the Sells-Floto circus will be in town. It is reported that Ringling will also show here this year.

Newberg to Observe Day.

NEWBERG, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Memorial day will be appropriately observed in Newberg Thursday, with a big parade of school children and their teachers, the Grand Army of the Republic and other societies. R. R. Butler, of The Dalles, will be orator of the day. Commander-in-Chief Logan's Memorial day order will be read by Commander N. E. Britt. The afternoon programme will be given in the Oddfellow's Hall.

Aviation Forces Arrive Safely.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—T. F. Kennedy, of Salkum, is in receipt of a letter from Kenneth Lewis, a former Silver Creek boy, announcing the latter's safe arrival in France with a detachment of naval aviation forces.

Texas Begins Wheat Harvesting.

FORT WORTH, Tex., May 25.—The harvesting of the 1918 wheat crop began yesterday in parts of Denton, Cook and Wise Counties.

Bucoda Play to Aid Red Cross.

TENINO, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—On June 1 Tono home talent will put on a play in Bucoda for the benefit of the Bucoda branch of the Tenino Red Cross chapter. A dance will follow the play, which has already been staged in Tono and Tenino. The Tenino chapter has just received a call from headquarters for 150 dish towels for Camp Lewis. The towels must be forwarded by June 1.

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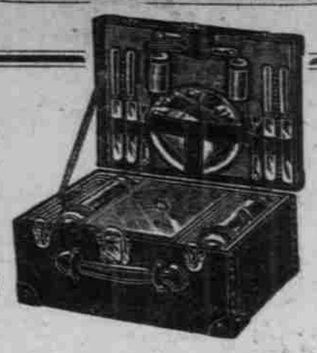

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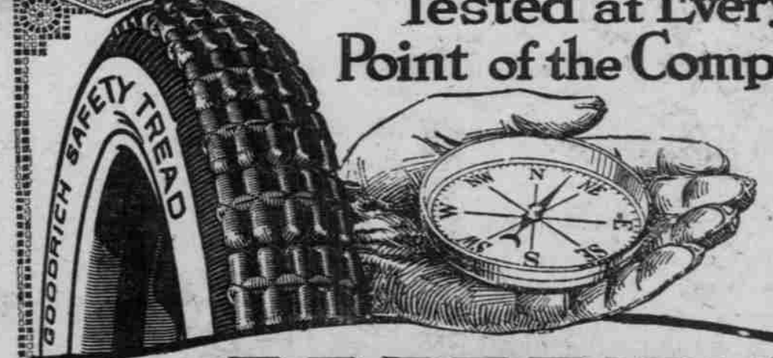

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