

DON'T FORGET FRANCE, PLEA OF WOMAN WRITER

By Mary Roberts Rinehart (Written Especially for Universal Service) (Copyright, 1921, by Universal Service, Inc.) Washington, Nov. 18.—I met Marshal Foch again Wednesday night after six years. In that first dramatic winter of the war, when Paris and London motor buses, roughly coated with gray paint, were still carrying soldiers to the front, when the French army was still wearing its old field uniform of blue and brilliant red, when German observation planes sailed without opposition from the air over the allied lines, when the first wave of the German advance had just been checked at Ypres and the Marne—I met General Foch.

FOUND ON HIS KNEES

Into a town near Ypres one day a motor carried an American woman with a letter to General Foch. The town was old and paved with cobblestones and fronting the open square was a small double house, General Foch's headquarters. Sentries stood at the door. Uncarpeted stairs led up to the offices and the noise of typewriters indubitably connected now with military operations, came through the open door.

General Foch was not there, he had gone out for a few moments. The American woman, her letter in her hand, wandered around the town and ended at the church, a very humble church. She pushed open the door and went in to find the heavy doors were saved for a uniformed figure on his knees near the altar.

The uniformed figure was General Foch. The American woman slipped away and later, and in due form, presented her letter.

The general's office was a small bare upper room overlooking the square. A desk near the front windows, a great map on the wall, a mantel with a clock, three or four chairs—that was all. Except for the general himself, however, not a young man even then, but the tragedies of those later years had not yet written the lines on his face that are there now. The smiling and genial marshal of France, who stood Wednesday night in a corner of the French embassy building holding a general court of his own line while the line pressed and surged to clasp his hand, is older, very tired and tragically marked by the years since that winter of 1914.

He was very kind to the American woman. For three days she remained at the small hotel as his guest, spending the days in the Ypres salient and dining with the general and his staff in the evenings.

FORESAW LONG WAR

At a time when Kitchener was discredited for prophesying at least three years of war, Foch put it rather longer. He was supporting the British against Kitchener in the fight for high explosives, and he spoke almost with awe of the French 75s. He declared that the Germans were already defeated, since they had planned for a brief war, but that it would take time to convince them they were beaten and drive them out; that the Germans were not fighting against an army, but against nations, to

destroy their past, their present, even their future. Those dinners were the high points in the American woman's day. She could not dress for them, but she could be punctual and ceremonious. And since anything about the world's greatest soldier interested her, she would take the place to reconstruct one of those evenings.

The general was living in a small house down the street from his quarters. Some 10 minutes before the dinner hour his staff gathered in the little dining room, where a long table was set for 12 and a small table by the window was laid for one. For the American woman made an unlucky thirteenth and the zone officer was detached to eat in lonely state.

The staff remained at ease until General Foch appeared. At the sound of his approach it stiffened and so remained while he entered, went around the table and took his seat. Then a buzz of conversation, food and a little laughter. Not much laughter.

ATE AMERICAN "FUDGE" There was at that time one very important movement toward the end of the dinner, a ceremonial movement heralded by a slight hush. This was when the soldier-servant entered, carrying a large American paper box on a tray. The top of the box had been taken off, and revealed to the eyes was—blocks of American "fudge." Each person present solemnly took one piece and the servant returned.

An American girl, unknown to the general, had sent it to him. Miraculously it had survived the mails and had been received intact.

No doubt he has eaten most of our native delicacies since he reached our shores, but I sometimes wonder if anyone has thought to give him "fudge."

Dinner over, and accompanied by such members of his staff as were on duty for the evening, he walked back over the rough cobblestones for the street rather than the narrow pavement to his quarters. Almost always it was raining. The streets were dark and the wind raw with the damp cold of France in winter. His progress back to his quarters was silent for already his mind had traveled ahead of him to the work that was to be done. His big blue cap was the only thing that followed in silence and Foch, hecd down, went to the business of winning the war.

CASE TO BE OFFERED

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Marshal Fox Is Not Kleagle Lardner Likes Indian Rites

By Ring W. Lardner (Copyright, 1921, by The Bell Syndicate) Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—While the regular delegates to the conference is still engaged in secret practice the rest of the young visitors in Washington is spending the most of their time getting honored.

Like for inst the commander in chief of the French army, who my elevator boy has nicknamed Marshall Fox, picked up a couple more degrees Wednesday and it now looks like he had pretty near enough to start a fever. Mr. Fox got one of his new ones from Georgetown and the other from Howard University where the colored boys goes to school. Georgetown also presented him with a slight token of their esteem in the form of a sword.

FOX NOT A KLEAGLE "Just what I needed," was the Marshall's delighted comment. The Howard students might give him a razor for all I know. Marshall Fox is now practically everything which the United States can make him except a Kleagle. No foreigner has ever been given such a welcome as Ferdinand and he says there must be more than 10,000,000 people in this country as he has shook hands with twice that amount. He also says he wishes some American hero would visit France so as the French people could return some of the compliments that has been showered on him. But it would be well for our heroes to remember that over there they will kiss you instead of shaking hands, but maybe the experience would be ok for Mr. Hughes, as he is well protected on both cheeks.

The Crow Indian tribe honored General Diaz of sunny Italy by making him a member of the tribe and the chief of the tribe also give him his own name which is supposed to be the highest honor that can be bestowed on anybody. Though personally I named one of my kids after his old man but he insists on

being called Bill. The Crow chiefs name, which is now jointly held by General Diaz, is plenty coups so when this conference has made war impossible, the General can open up a chicken ranch.

The above ceremony was pulled off right here in the Hotel and started with a hymn sang by two Crow named Redneck and Whitesided Bear. How would it be if we was like the Indians and gave ourselves names that you could tell what we looked like from hearing them. For inst, I might have lunch with some friend of mine and he could go home and tell his wife that he just had lunch with Plenty Moles or my Mrs might ask me who I played poker with last night and I would say I played with Prominent Gums and Lengthy Adams Apple.

NEED SHARK BONES After Red Neck and White Faced Bear finished their duet Gen Diaz was presented with a necklace of shark bones and like Marshall Fox he remarked that it was just what he needed.

Personally I went out to the Robert Dawkins home on 15th Street and they give me simple honors, a couple times but no sword or fish bone necklace.

I am not being took into the secrets of the different committee meetings which is going on around town, but the boys is still said to be arguing over the far eastern situation which near as I can make out, the crux of the situation is that America wants the open door to China while Japan wants the door shut and not even let nobody but themselves pekin at the Chinks. That is what I been doing all week is thinking up that gag, but now I have thought it up it don't read so good.

Well, the ain't no more news except that a young man from George Washington University called and wanted to ask me a few questions and I told him to go ahead, and his first question was What did I think of College students of the present day as compared with college students of the last generation. I suppose everybody is crazy to know what answer I give him but if the conference delegates is going to be so doggone secret why two can play at that game. However, I am going to call on the Chinese minister Mr. See tomorrow and try to find out how to pronounce his name and I will let you know what he sez.

While Kato declined to designate just

what type of "strictly defensive vessels" he referred to, inquiry elsewhere brought the belief that he referred to light cruisers, such as are used by the United States and Great Britain on trade routes, and possibly destroyers. It is in this type of vessels that the United States has an enormous superiority over Japan at the present time. It was believed by some authorities that Japan, in taking this attitude toward the Hughes program, may be putting forward her two Reservations in the hope of having one of them accepted. American authorities contend that with Japan's superiority over the United States in battle cruisers, proposed by Hughes, this government could not reduce its superiority in light cruisers. And on top of the revealed staid of Japan came official word from British spokesmen that the British would make a very urgent effort to bring about the complete abolition of the submarine, because of the barbarous practices involved in its use.

AIRPLANES BROUGHT IN "Might not this same objection be applied to the use of airplanes?" the British spokesman was asked. "Not to such an extent," he replied. "The airplane can be effectively used in bombing capitals, war offices, etc., to throw fear into an enemy. Occasionally, of course, there is an unintended victim." But if the British stand seems to be strengthening in the matter of submarine curtailment, far below, if not entirely wiping out, the proportions set by Hughes—she does not still adhere to a proposal, at first put out from British quarters, that shipyards should be retained by England and the United States sufficient to build at least one ship a year. This proposal has been modified, it would seem, to assume merely work and training for those experts that develop the essential parts of capital ships.

In other words, the British idea would seem to conform strictly with Hughes' desire in effecting a complete 10-year naval holiday, with no laying down of vessels, but enough work on parts in one or more shipyards to keep in training men later to be called upon for the building of replacement vessels.

Body of Watchman Is Found in Lake The body of J. A. Austin, age 64, watchman on Savy's island duck lakes, was found Thursday afternoon lying in about six inches of water, by Ray R. King, owner of the lakes, and Ross Duncan, a companion. Coroner's deputies believe his death was due to natural causes. An autopsy will be held today. Austin lived at 216 1/2 First street, and had been employed on the island since Tuesday.

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Man Found Pinned Under Wrecked Auto C. L. Ward, 323 1/2 Morrison street, was found pinned under an overturned automobile on Turwilliger boulevard late Thursday afternoon by John Cronan, 307 United States bank building. Cronan took the injured man to the Good Samaritan hospital, Ward's right arm was broken and he was bruised about the head. He was in a delirious condition Thursday night and unable to tell how the accident occurred.

JAPANESE EAGER FOR BIGGER NAVY THAN IS PROPOSED By Robert J. Bessler United News Staff Correspondent (Copyright, 1921, by United News) Washington, Nov. 18.—Secretary Hughes' plan for limiting naval armaments is now being subjected to its first definite bombardment from Japanese and British quarters. Admiral Kato has served notice that Japan "deems it only fair" that her general naval tonnage allotment be of "slightly greater" proportion to that of England and the United States than the 60 per cent set forth in the Hughes program. Japan also suggests that in the matter of "strictly defensive" craft—not submarines, but light cruisers and destroyers—she be given an allotment approximately that of the greater powers. England, through her spokesmen, has advocated the complete abolition of submarines and submarine construction, on the ground that this type of craft is too easily used for barbaric practices, rather than for strict offensive or defensive warfare. England also takes the position that the fleets of France and Italy must be brought into the American program before there can be any final settlement. And, further, England believes there must be some binding interpretation made designating definitely the term of the naval agreement finally entered into. Admiral Kato Thursday revealed definitely for the first time the amendments to the Hughes program advocated by Japan. "Because of her geographical position," Kato declared, "Japan deems it only fair at this time that the other interested countries should agree that she maintain a proportion in general tonnage slightly greater than 60 per cent, and in type of strictly defensive character she might even desire to approximate that of the greater navies. This type of defensive vessel does not include submarines." While Kato declined to designate just

Left Wife to Roam But World Was Cold; Jail Is Now Home For a long while Mrs. Perry Jasper had been a dutiful wife, but her patience at length reached its final limits. So she gave her husband \$20 when he promised her to leave town, never to return, and was well satisfied with her bargain. But soon Jasper and his money proverbially parted, and with hunger staring him in the face he forgot his bargain and again returned to his wife for protection. But Mrs. Jasper appealed to the police. Thursday afternoon Judge Rossman asked Jasper why he returned. "I got hungry so I came back to my wife," he replied. Judge Rossman gave him 30 days for vagrancy.

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