AMERICAN FIELDS OF HONOR OVERSEAS

Romagne, and sometimes to th right of it where units of the 3d had been in and out, and where ahead. And it is on this hillside just east of Romagne, astride the old Cunel road, that the largest American Military Cemetery in France was later established, and here that 30,000 American Legionnaires will come on their sacred pilgrimage this fall to the graves of their comrades in

Probably the artillery support te Third Division laid the lied shell on this hillside, and perhaps the first Americans Third; yet perhaps again they were from the 32nd. It is an odd circumstance that the map of this

89th Division were coming up late | ber. make the final push of the great 45 day battle, the commont frequently was heard among the advancing troops "Those boys certainly built a lot of nice ceme-

ing graves there were, and some ing upon the cross. But the 32nd ad notably neat and orderly litcemeteries, dotting the roadp toward Romagne-Montfaucon those late October days of et an extra slab and mark there- grows lovlier, and at the great and seeing it there you realize it

on that this was a cemetery of the American cemetery there has been is the handsomest flag in all the name of an outfit of "non-combat 32nd Division. Someway the tired, planting and care, and the brown rain-soaked, doggedly faithful living had found a way, at God knows what weariness and risk. to give a little more than the simplest soldiers burial to the glorduring the age long, heavy hiking, as one came up over what they called roads, to take a place in that battered but ever admiring line, to take a place tomorrow maybe, under one of the make-

"Those boys certainly built nice lot of cemeteries."

There was perhaps no real connection between the notable efforts of the boys of the 32nd to Grand-Pre. When they counter individuals. Even the official lists build nice temporary cemeteries attacked he wouldn't leave-last in the rest house are not made up forfilling its promise to those who ter selection of the hillside outside area. When the last shell had few instances of lost contact be- been fired and the last of the battle dead burried, it so happened' and sustained enought to be re- that the crossroads at Romagne was an exceptionally central point. point, of the many miles of area American divisions were reverentlast homeward journey to a final capture o fthat particular terrain. And there fourteen thousand, one Meuse-Argonne battle there was rolling hillside has been made glory enough for all, and those green, and the flag of their counwhich fought there, suffered great and white marble crosses stand row on row in perpetual memory of all which they have given. And there "The Second A. E. F." will pay reverent homage this Septem-

Graves Registration Service cer-

Most people nowadays go to Romagne from Verdun, which head for the Argonne battle was at Bar-le-Duc, southwest of Verand on to Metz is of course restored now, and better traveling than to change and go to Dun Doulcon, which is but six miles from Romagne. Verdun is 20 sort of a cross on each grave, and miles and you can get autos at either place, so why not choose dog tab," and maybe a helmet the storied citidel where the flower of France stood and died in order that "they shall not pass."

ence in the plots. Somebody, cover old ruins. But, as it loses hilltop, it is the first thing you

hillside is green under its white where no trees stood before the shell fire less than a decade ago. It will be a revelation to the visiting Legiannaires.

Many Americans come to the hell in the woods, clear up to him there when we got back into

thousand such tales to be told at Romagne cemetery. They overwhelm you when you stand and look across the old hills, at the green slope and the crosses. Each one of them died for-oh, so many

of honor overseas quite belittles from many miles around. There tery, the guide book facts you only 150 miles from Paris (how in the chapel for those yet "Missthat way) but 72 miles from have divisional numbers, the divis-Rheims and a little farther from ions in the Meuse-Argonne battle from any of these places by rail or motor. There is a nice rest house 37th, 42nd, 77th, 78th, 79th 80th, care to stay the night. Certain mepy and Mont Blanc, to the left stay, wanting to see the sunrise; too, and here and there is the America is under way in the red-coming fifth. California, it is lumber mill in the world. and the sunset, and go out again cross for a long time. Casual toute ists will not stay so long, as there are higher points from which to see the battlefields, and there is a cross-roads farming village. In an M. P. stood at the cross roads. rected traffic, and a rolling kitchen found a little shelter under what was left of the wash house 100f. But it will be different this

Plans of the American Battle to cost \$300,000 and for finishing the stone wall all the way around, and more trees and flowers. It Montfaucon, where they are pur- is already a very sacred place, one posely preserved. The plow is on of the most sacred for American. 18 Somebody, somehow, had the country again, and where it is outside their own country. The and time to collect a little wire not plowed, weeds grow up and Stars and Stripes flies from the mehow, had found ways to the warlike desolation, the land see coming from any direction,

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crosses. The trees will be quite ordered, the graves close together. the crosses in perfect lines, the walks of crushed bright stone. The soon be in place. Meanwhile the final battle of the war. There wooden ones have been kept fresh- were nine American divisions in ly painted. There is no distinc- line at the beginning and several cemetery, especially in the sum- tion of rank among our soldier mer months. Next September the dead, as at Arlington or our other whole American Legion conven- military cemeteries at home. A had proved their mettle were calltion will come there, and men will colonel's cross and a private's ed out and sent up to Flanders to move among the crosses to find a cross are the same, and almost the help the Belgian and French arwell remembered name, and say, first decision of the Battle Monu- mies in the final smash there. 'He was the corporal of my squad, ments Commission was that this And all of these have left their you know. Went through all the should never be changed. There soldiers under the crosses at Rowill be no special monuments for magne. time I saw him he lay back of a by rank. They are alphabetically chose that their beloved dead piece of wall, plugging away at arranged and also by military orem. Sald he was hit in the leg ganizations. From them any grave of glory where they fell. Romagne and couldn't run. Think maybe may easily be found at once. The is hallowed ground, and every care he was just stubborn. We found name, rank, organization, home is being given it. It is a land state and date of death are on of memory and to it many Amerieach cross. And the crosses idenid and not the cross is the marker for those of the Jewish faith.

etery visited by the American Legionnaires this fall, for almost ev- abroad. ery American combat division is represented in those silent ranks. The dead gathered there came Chateau Thierry. You can go being the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, tration Service of the Army, with and units from others. The dead

Romagne will be the chief cem-

The cemetery is plain and well which these men literally ran away that they might go to the front and "join up with the war."

Forty-four German divisions opposed those 21# American outfits permanent marble crosses will at one stage or another of the of them were relieved and then

cans to give their tribute of re-

It is a fitting place for the Legion's pilgrimage.

This is the last of the five ar ticles on American cemeterles

MAJESTIC TREES REMAIN STANDING

woods League is now at work to preserve 15,000 acres of redwood forest in its wild state and is receiving the sympathetic cooperation of timber owners, according to the American Forest Week

tention to the fact that the most

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wood forest, thus assuring the commercial as well as scenic perpetuation of a forest whose enormous area would involve tremenentirely preserved in its primitive

The redwood operators are aidng natural reforestation by plantredwood trees a year. Among the major redwood lumber companies definitely committed to reforestation are the Union, Mendocino, Pacific, Hammond, Glen Blair, Albion, Northern Redwood and Little River Redwood companies.

There are redwoods which have attained a height of from 325 to than 25 feet. They belong to the most ancient species of tree in the world, the Sequoia, being cousins Nevada range which are no longer natural monuments. The age of at which timber grows in the red one of the wonders of the natural world. Some of the big trees are

Although the Pacific Coast forest region is much less in area than the combined area of the other two main forest regions, its timber stands are so dense and so heavy that Oregon, Washington and California hold about half of group engaged in perpetuating French capital. Here the veterans the volume of standing commercial saw timber in the United

The Pacific Coast produces ap proximately 31 per cent of the ture of forest products is steadily increasing as the cut in the south- Washington. This company be-Washington and Oregon lead all gun. The Long-Bell company's extensive and thoroughgoing com- other states in the amount of lum- mill at Longview, Wash., is incimercial reforestation project in ber cut annually with California dentally said to be the

interesting to note, is the largest lumber consuming state in the Union. The per capita consumption of lumber in the Pacific Coast

states as a whole, according to the American Forest Week committee, is around 1000 feet, while in the rest of the United States it averages only 300 feet. This is due principally to the large amount of individual homes built on the In the three Pacific Coast states between 75,000,000 and 80,000,-

000 acres were originally forest land, of which 40,000,000 are still virgin. Twenty million acres have been cut or burned over. On the greater part of the forest production is easy and abundant. mittee says, if fire is excluded young growth protected from inbelt in Oregon and Washington is known to be over four thousand not exceeded in any other portion the Boulevards Madellene; de

It is significant, the American Forest committee feels, that on the largest organized industrial forests, the Western Forestry and | will disband. Conservation association, is at

a southern lumber company only history of national Legion con-

also cooperates with the asso tion and has organized a forestry company of its own to look after

its cut-over lands. Other companies working with vation association, in addition to mentioned include: The Michigan-California, Fruit Growers Supply, Clover Valley, Standard. W. P. Pickering, Red River, Booth-Kelly, Hammond, Chevlin-Hixon, Pondosa Pine, Boise-Payette, West Fork, St. Paul & Tacoma, Clarke County, Polson Logging, Donovan-Corkery, Simpson Logging, Shaefer Broth ers Logging, Northwestern and Clemmons lumber companies.

BIG FRANCE LEGION PARADE PLANS OUT

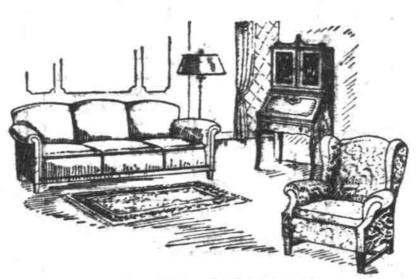
(Continued from page 1.) better portions of the Douglas fir Royale and into the Grand Boulevards. The parade will lead along of the United States, according to Italiens; Poissoniere; past the old stone gate of Port St. Denis and then south along the boulevard des Sebastopol; to the Rue Rivol the Pacific Coast where the orig- and then west to the Jardin des inal timber supply is the greatest, Tuilleres, in the heart of the famous shopping district of the

The great number of musicians and bandsmen that have mad reservations and the international aspect of the parade promise to make it the most colorful in the

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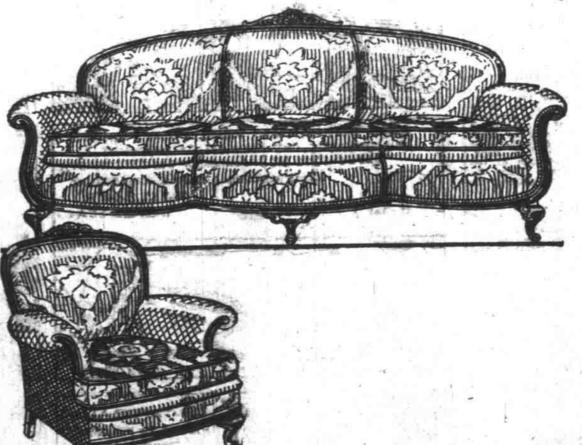
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