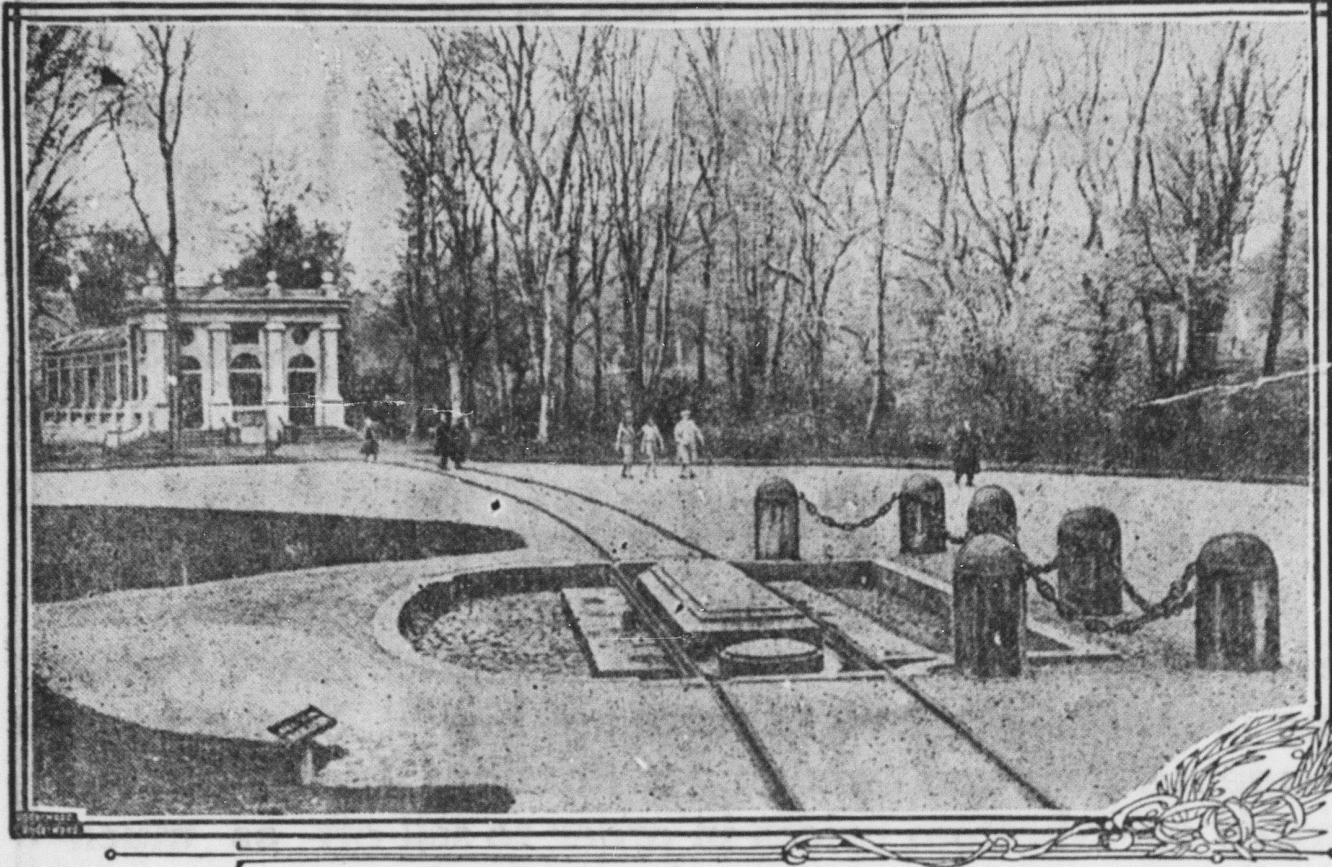


"La Guerre est Fini!"



By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

WASHINGTON, Monday, November 11, 2:43 a. m.—The armistice between Germany, on one hand, and the allied governments and the United States, on the other, has been signed.

The State department announced at 2:45 o'clock this morning that Germany had signed.

The department's announcement at 2:45 o'clock simply said: "The armistice has been signed."

The world will end this morning at six o'clock, Washington time, eleven o'clock Paris time.

The armistice was signed by the German representatives at midnight.

This announcement was made by the State department at 2:50 o'clock this morning.

The announcement was made verbally by an official of the State department in this form:

"The armistice has been signed. It was signed at five o'clock a. m. Paris time (midnight eastern time) and hostilities will cease at eleven o'clock this morning, Paris time. (six o'clock eastern time)."

The terms of the armistice will not be made public until later.

THE PLACE WHERE THE ARMISTICE WAS SIGNED

In the foreground is the memorial stone at Rheims, France, marking the exact spot where stood the railroad car in which Marshal Foch and his staff received the German plenipotentiaries and in which the Armistice, ending the World War, was signed. At the left in the picture is the building in which that car is now housed. It was built with funds given by an American, Arthur H. Fleming of Pasadena, Calif., to provide perpetual shelter for the car and to serve as a museum of the Armistice.

In calm, even tones Marshal Foch asked the Germans, "What is the object of your visit?" Herr Erzberger replied, "We have come to hear proposals for an armistice on land, sea, in the air and in the colonies."

"I have no proposals to make," answered Marshal Foch.

Count Oberndorff then pulled a paper from his pocket and read a statement made by President Wilson concerning the famous fourteen points.

When he had finished Marshal Foch said that if they desired an armistice the terms would be read, and the German delegates having stated that they wished hostilities to cease, General Weygand read out each article, the French interpreter repeating them in German.

What a dramatic picture this made, perhaps can be imagined.

Herr Erzberger, the son of a postman, with his very full face, large double chin and irregular mustache, Count Oberndorff, who had served all his time in the diplomatic service, General Von Winterfeld, the representative of Prussian militarism, though not aggressively mannered, and Captain Von Vanslow, a naval officer, who, although in uniform, looked more like a merchant.

These, together with their two interpreters, formed one group, and the French and British officers in their contrasting uniforms, with firm and calm countenances knowing they held the upper hand, opposite.

As soon as the reading of the terms was completed the Germans, looking very dejected, asked permission to communicate with their government.

Owing to the fact that the Germans had not brought any cipher, Marshal Foch refused to allow wireless to be used and the terms thus made public properly before perusal and consideration and so Captain Von Heildorf was dispatched to German headquarters at Spa with a copy.

General Von Winterfeld then asked the hostilities might cease immediately "so as to avoid useless bloodshed," and, speaking in French, he actually referred to the route—"la route," the actual word used—of the German army.

Marshal Foch, however, would not agree to giving the enemy any breathing space that might allow them to reorganize, and he stated emphatically that fighting should not cease until the terms read out had been definitely accepted and signed.

Independent discussions were continued during the afternoon in the railroad car. The chief matters necessarily being of a naval and military nature, and during these talks the fearful economic condition of Germany was laid bare.

Besides foodstuffs, necessary material for naval and military equipment was in such short supply that the country was very literally at its last gasp.

Another complaint of the Germans was against both the blockade and blacklist continuing after the armistice was signed and it was obvious that both these weapons had had their effect. However, one of the most important concessions of the whole agreement was then added, namely, that the allies would revictual Germany.

Night fell on that fateful spot in the Compiègne forest and looking out of the train the fires of the bivouacs of the sentries and guards could be seen twinkling merrily, while away in the distance the boom of heavy guns told of the bloody work which was still continuing, after more than four fearful years, and, except for a written paper of agreements, sent over by the Germans, Saturday passed without any visible program, awaiting the message of the German government.

It was suggested that the allies should occupy Heligoland, but the German delegates did not think that it would be necessary.

Another question that arose was the altering of the phrase involving the "surrender" of General Von Lettow Verbeck to "evacuation."

That evening a wireless message was received from the German government ordering the signing of the armistice, but to add that Germany would become a prey to bolshevism unless the allies would undertake provisioning.

There was further long discussion, far into the night, concerning Heligoland, as the French and British felt that there must be something to fall back upon, in case the Germans were unable to control their own men, the majority of whom were almost entirely out of hand.

It was finally decided to add an extra stipulation to the agreement, recommending to the German government that the allies occupy Heligoland if the government should be unable to enforce its commands, as if put in stronger terms a long delay would be occasioned through having to refer the matter to Spa, should the allies insist on the occupation in any event.

At 2 a. m. on Monday, November 11, the delegates on both sides assembled for a final conference.

General Weygand read out the armistice agreement, article by article, and as each was read the French interpreter translated it into German and discussion then proceeded until the final form of the article was mutually agreed upon, though, throughout, the Germans kept insisting that the terms were so harsh they would be difficult of fulfillment.

However, all the articles were finally read and discussed, and then Herr Erzberger stood up and read out a statement in German, stating that the government would carry out the terms as far as humanly possible.

At 4:15 a. m. all the delegates signed the momentous document, Marshal Foch being the first to sign, followed by the British Admiral Wemyss.

Orders were immediately issued, all over the world, for hostilities on land, at sea and in the air to cease at 11 a. m. on that day, Monday, November 11, 1918, for a period of 36 days, and it is now a matter of history how this period was later extended until the peace of Versailles of 1919.

Thus ended the most important historical event of all time.

LIFE'S LITTLE JESTS



AN APT PUPIL

After a particularly frightful shot his partner turned to him and inquired:

"How long, may I ask, have you been playing golf?"

"Oh, about five years," was the reply.

"Really," said the first scathingly "I had no idea it was possible to acquire such appalling ignorance of the game in so short a time."

AGAINST THEIR POLICY



Insurance Agent—Madam, is your son engaged in a hazardous occupation?

Lady—Why no indeed, he's a college student.

I. A.—Well, you know this company doesn't pay anything on suicides.

Wrong End

"I'll get a shingle," I heard a paper boy boast. But course I knew 'twouldn't be where she did need it most.

Must Fall to Rise

"Daddy," said his little daughter as they watched an airplane, "do you think they will ever get to heaven flying away up like that?"

"Not by going away up, my dear," was the reply; "they are more likely to do it by coming down."—Vancouver Province.

A Mighty Seat

Two young boys were telling about great deeds when one who was a professor's son spoke up and said his father occupied the chair of applied physics at Cambridge.

"That's nothing," replied the other "mine occupied the seat of applied electricity at Sing Sing."

Making It Up

Customer (to watchmaker)—I told you that my watch lost half an hour every day, and now, that you have repaired it, it gains half an hour every day.

Watchmaker—Well, don't complain. It's only working to catch up lost time.

COMFORT NO OBJECT



"This shoe fits you perfectly, madam. You'll find it very comfortable."

"Then give me a size smaller please."

Correct!

There are meters of voice And meters of tone; But the best of all meters Is meet'er alone!

Going and Coming

The Booking Agent—Did your "Uncle Tom" tent show have a long run on the road?

The Lead—Not a very long run. But we had a nice little hike getting back.

When the Sap Flows

Marks—There are summer, winter and autumn resorts, but never any for spring.

Parks—That's because spring is good enough for anyone anywhere.

The Beginner

Club Pro.—Have you played much golf?

Novice—Well, a fairish bit, of course.

Club Pro.—I'm let's see how you shape up. Take your stance.

Novice—Which club is that?

Subtle Suggestion

Wife—Will you help me with the dishes tonight, John?

John—Yes, but why not tell me you need a new set and be done with it?

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"My little girl, 2½ years old, has trouble with her stomach and bowels. She runs a fever and her passages are green—just acts like a bilious attack. I am thinking of giving her Milk's Emulsion. Please send me special directions for children. March 22, 1925."

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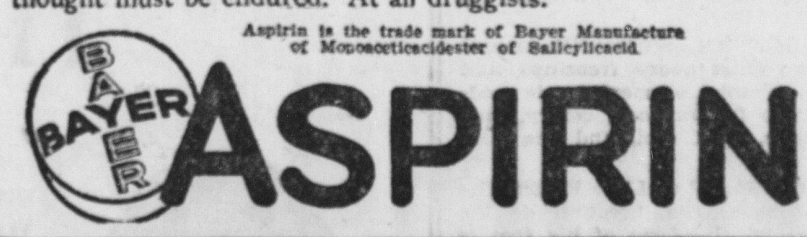
Guaranteed by all druggists to give satisfaction or money refunded. The Milk's Emulsion Co., Terre Haute, Ind.—Adv.

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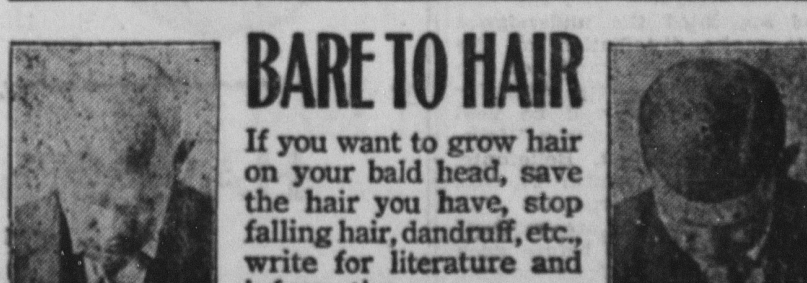
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HUS read the official story

sent out by the Associated Press which told of the end of the greatest war in all history. Does it bring back to you that breathless hour one November morning ten years ago when whistles began to blow, bells were rung, firearms barked and a delirium of joy swept over the whole world? In France there was raised a mighty shout of "La guerre est fini!" Across to England and America that cry swept to be transformed into "The war is over! The war is over!" and there followed the most reckless, unrestrained, spectacular celebration ever recorded.

But although the scenes on that day are unforgettable to anyone who took part in the mad riot of rejoicing, how many of us have now, ten years after, any idea of the scene where took place the momentous event which released all that pandemonium of rejoicing? To how many of us does the name of the little railroad station of Rheims in the forest of Compiègne mean anything more than "Just another town in France?" Yet it was here that the Armistice was signed and on this tenth anniversary of that historic event the following account, taken from official sources, of the meeting of the men whose action ended the World War should have particular interest:

The scene was laid in the middle of the forest of Compiègne where Marshal Foch's train drew up opposite some old heavy gun slings at seven o'clock on the night of Thursday, November 7, 1918.

With Marshal Foch was General Weygand, his chief of staff, some staff officers and British representatives, the latter headed by Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss.

On another set of rails, about a hundred yards away, was another similar train, and on the arrival of the German delegates, in the early hours of Friday morning, after their adventurous journey in automobiles across the fighting front, they were accommodated in this train.

As soon as the German delegates arrived a message was sent them to say that Marshal Foch would be ready to receive them at 9 a. m. the same day, Friday, November 8, and exactly on time, in single file, Herr Erzberger, General Von Winterfeld (whose father was present at the peace of Versailles in 1871) and Captain Von Vanslow, leading, followed by Count Oberndorff, made their appearance, and in addition there were two officer interpreters.

All of the delegates appeared very downcast and ill at ease, and as soon as they had entered the car fitted for the conference, General Weygand reported to Marshal Foch, who immediately entered together with the British representatives.

The Last Salvo

Two minutes before eleven o'clock the last shell shrieked over No Man's Land. Hostilities ended with a tremendous crash of American summer. —Cable Dispatch.

Ghost of Molly Pitcher at Monmouth. Did you hear that last crash of thunder Shaking the hills from the Vosges to the Marne.

And the whole world rocking under? Did you stop as you swabbed the wreath of your gun.

And cooled its hot throat with water. To bark to the Yanks' good-by to the Hun

Across the red fields of slaughter? Seventy-five miles of fire and flame, Volcano and earthquake combining, Trains and shrapnel of shot and shell Roaring and shrieking and whining The ground swung round like a weather vane.

And the rivers heaved that we saw it— Oh, ghost of old mad Anthony Wayne At Stony Point, did you hear it?

Hickory Jackson at New Orleans, In the sand-bagged trenches kneeling, Did it knock your cocked hat from your head?

When you heard our big guns peeling? Shaking the skies with their awful din Like the fourteen demands of Wilson. Smashing the window panes in Berlin And bursting the lungs to Pilsen.

This was the way it came to an end, Thus was the last word spoken From the narrow seas to beyond the Rhine.

As the world lay black and broken; 'Twas thus was said good-by to the Hun, Doomed with their proud commanders, When the hills were rocked from the Yankee guns.

Over the fields of Flanders. —John S. McGraw in the Los Angeles Times.

Preserve Famous Pigeon

Washington.—A request to the War department from Boston that the carrier pigeon, "Cher Ami," which was the only means of communication with the "lost battalion" of the Seventy-seventh division for four days in 1918, be exhibited in the Massachusetts capital, brought a reply that the bird was now among the stuffed trophies on display by the Smithsonian Institution. "Cher Ami" lost an eye and a leg

while carrying messages which resulted in relief reaching the "lost battalion," commanded by the late Maj. Charles W. Whittlesey. The bird brought back to the division a clear message from Whittlesey which enabled his battalion to be found and rescued after it had been surrounded by Germans.

Real Charity

In a recent sermon the pastor tells us that as man grows older he grows more charitable. Let us hope so. If

the added years do not make us more tolerant of the weaknesses of our fellows, more kind and patient, we do not deserve to grow old. If the years are to have no such effect on us we should die young and give room to folks with better hearts and better intention.—Grove Patterson.

Land-Scrape Artists

Doubtless the barber who cuts himself a tonsorial artist does so because like other artists, he works with a brush.—Farm and Fireside.