

FOURTH OF JULY IN PARIS

The French Celebrated the Anniversary of American Freedom as Though It Were a Sacred Day of Their Own

By HENRI BAZIN

IN THIS war precedent after precedent extraordinary has been created. Many have been horrible, and it is to prevent their repetition that liberty-loving men are banded together to the death.

Returning to the center of the court, the distinguished party stood in a group while the Invalides and eleven legion descendants of Lafayette, Rochambeau and De Grasse presented to General Pershing, in his capacity as commander-in-chief of American forces in France, the two pennants above described, the gift of the donors.

Flats of the red, white and blue, some in the stars and stripes of the United States, and others of France. One was girded at the top with a great blue pennant. One was faded and torn, and to those who knew stained with the blood of men.

At 9 a. m. precisely, through the great doorway, amid a blare of bugles, entered Major General John J. Pershing with General Dubail, military governor of Paris, followed by Marshal Joffre and General Foch, Dupare and Peitler, of the French staff.

At 12:30 a special luncheon of honor was given at the Palais D'Orsay, where 360 men heard Prime Minister Ribot speak upon the union of France and the United States, and eulogize the American Fourth of July in such manner as never had been heard before outside the boundaries of the United States.

In five minutes, amid a blare of presidential trumpets and the cheers of the crowd, Raymond Poincare, President of France, and Paul Painleve, Minister of War, entered the court.

Accompanied by General Pershing, Marshal Joffre and the French generals, the President and Minister inspected the American troops, who stood as men of marble in the July sun, every eye straight ahead, every officer's sword at right angles to the ground.

When President Wilson, in the face of adverse criticism and pressure from all sides, declined Mr. Roosevelt's offer to lead a volunteer army to France, he showed remarkable perspicacity. A very serious blunder was avoided.

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Tom Daly's Column

THE VILLAGE POET

Whenever it's a Saturday an' Mother's work is through She never thinks of Chestnut street or news that's old or new,

Perhaps you care for tennis, or for golf, the same as me, An' pictures on a Saturday are not for you to see;

Oh, never mind the rush for seats, there's time enough for that; But take a look at Mother in her natty actor hat.

Oh, pipe the rosy bloom of youth upon her cheek that lies, An' note the clear, deep azure light in her Madonna eyes.

Oh, keep your old opinion then, an' I will do the same, Unless a blooming thunderstorm should mess the ancient game.

Oh, wonder why I'm not there, too, if I'm so fond of it, Oh, well, you see, I need the golf, the exercise, the air—

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MUST THE ALIENS FIGHT FOR US?

Congress Is Receiving Complaints About the Exemption of Foreign-Born—How the Espionage Law Works

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WASHINGTON, July 28. IF CONGRESS is not always wise in its deliberations, it is not for want of good advice from the voluntary statesmen.

The volume of printed material which comes through the mails, regardless of the high price of paper, adds materially to the postal cost, but it is argued that the people have the right to appeal to their representatives, even though some of the material they send forward might well be handled with tongs.

The Postoffice Department, with its thousands of skilled employes checking up mail matter and parcel-post packages, is said to be of great service to the Administration in discovering enemies of the United States.

Whether the espionage of any of these departments, however, shall be carried to the point of preventing all communication between relatives in the United States and Germany is still being debated.

Such communication is not to be prevented, but it has been out off for some time because we have no official relations with the German Empire.

Such a transition was entertainingly forecast some time ago, when it was the writer's privilege to receive a circular from a firm which advertised to "treat by physical, electrotherapy, mechanotherapy, Christian Science, New Thought, and other methods, the "holiness hour" for being as I recall it, 2:19 a. m. daily.

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THE PRACTICAL ORATOR

Russia has, for all practical purposes at this hour, passed out of the conflict. That tremendous body of people has, virtually left the fighting line—Senator Borah.

Four all practical purposes at this hour—that is, the hour in which the Senator was making a speech—it suited his purposes exactly to present the Russian situation as hopeless.

Virtually, the Russians hold about a thousand miles of zigzagging trench line in Russia, in Rumania, in Austria and in Turkey.

If we are to be very practical we must ask why the Germans have not advanced on the long line from Riga to Galicia, their enemies having "passed out of the conflict."

Russia bristles with "facts" for the pessimist, it is true. But for the optimist one fact also stands out: Germany has not felt strong enough to attempt the conquest of a country which for four months has been as near chaos as it is safe to be.

NO "REGULARS" IN CITY POLITICS

The "reform-within-the-party" Republicans, who are planning to put up a complete ticket against the Organization's slate in the primary, are doing valuable work whether they are destined to win or to lose.

The man who says he votes for Republican Organization Councilmen because he is for a protective tariff is not a regular Republican. He is only "a regular liar."

The favorite method of delaying the Senate is to begin a speech with these off and aptly chosen words: "Mr. President, it is not by desire to delay further consideration of this matter, but—"

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MASTER COG IN THE EFFICIENCY MACHINE. THE general munitions board of the Council of National Defense has issued a statement to the effect that the railroad situation is the weakest link in the storage program.

A railroad can stagger along for a time under a load far heavier than it is designed to bear. But if this goes too far, signs of congestion begin to appear.

In time of stress artificial pressure ceases to exert a decisive influence and natural laws in the transportation field, as elsewhere, insist on recognition.

The Government will not hereafter permit such wholesale wastage of railroad energy as is evident in the haul of foreign shipments through Philadelphia to New York, there to be further handled on barges for distribution.

The necessities of this situation are met by the Philadelphia territory to an exceptional degree. We assert a primacy and there is virtually no second.

THE LEGION OF DEATH. It is recorded that the two German officers and 100 men captured by the Legion of Death were utterly amazed and terrified when they found their captors.

THE Soldier Dreads the Battle. He Begins to Fight. EVERYBODY wonders what are the sensations and emotions of the individual soldier as he waits in the front line.

WHEN FEAR ENDS

The Soldier Dreads the Battle. He Begins to Fight

EVERYBODY wonders what are the sensations and emotions of the individual soldier as he waits in the front line for the order to charge and as he runs across the death-sweat zone toward the enemy.

"You can watch these bombs lobbed up into the air. You see them slowly wobble down to earth there to explode with a terrific detonation that sets every nerve in your body a-jangling.

"But neither is that the fear of death. It is a repulsion which breeds not anger, but a terror that is rendered fear death. The vast majority experience a more or less violent physical shrinking from the pain of death and nothing, especially when they are ordered to charge, is able to overcome this when they have nothing else to think about.

What Do You Know?

- 1. What is a bivouac? 2. Who will head the new industrial board? 3. The sister of a noted British warlord...

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Cavalrymen and artillerymen wear leather breeches. 2. The German Emperor's name is Kaiser Wilhelm II.

RED CROSS WORK IN 1864

THE Sanitary Fair held in Logan Square in the summer of 1864 was not called "Red Cross work," but it accomplished its purpose just as well for all that.

Many of the shops and business houses set aside "one day's receipts" as their contribution toward the erection of the fair buildings. An enormous temporary structure spread out over Logan Square.

President Lincoln could not be present at the opening exercises of June 1. He arrived with his wife for a visit about a week later, on which occasion the cheering crowds were so great that he could hardly pass through the fair grounds.