

FRENCH 'GRANNY' FLIES U. S. FLAG

Gratefully Greets Sammees With Ancient Emblem Bearing 13 Stars

GIFT FROM LOST SON Water, Water Everywhere in Land Where American Troops Prepare

By HENRI BAZIN

Staff Correspondent of the Evening Ledger WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Nov. 9.

A peasant with a calculating mind and a passion for figures told me today that it rains in this section of France 190 days a year, and out of the remainder there are sixty days that it snows. Sammees was standing beside me as I listened, and when I had translated he said:

"They don't get that 190 days in bunches of threes. I've been here for something like six weeks and the rain hasn't missed a trick. Whether he was right or not, I do not recall, but certainly for some time past the country around these camps could well be christened "Tinsunny France." Fields and meadows are sodden and water oozes everywhere. Put nothing deters the enthusiasm or the earnestness of these boys "from home" in their aim at soldierly perfection. They are on the job in unflinching regularity. In a ride from one extreme point to another this morning I passed unit after unit working faithfully at bayonet practice, at grenade throwing, at machine-gun fire, at simple drill, standing rigidly in line, while officers inspected rifle and automatic. Every man was wet, but none that I could note seemed to mind it.

In the enlargement of these camps, troops move from place to place. If I were permitted to say how many khaki-clad are here, where they are, and a few other innocent things, the censor will not permit. I could write a few slightly different stories than this particular one. Perhaps I may be allowed to do so some day. There's a rumor to that effect, anyhow—and somebody said somewhere that where there was smoke there must be fire. So I'll be patient—less patient than you who read, perhaps, because I know some things you don't, and so far as my military mind goes think you ought to know also. Be that as it may, I entered a town today that is one of the most picturesque in all France. It is built upon a series of hills so that the roofs of some houses are lower than the foundations of others. Don't try to guess. There are a bunch of such towns in France, some



STUDIES RADIO WORK Joseph Byrne, a linotype operator in the Ledger composing room, who is preparing himself to serve Uncle Sam.

where the rain falls half the time, and some where the sun never fails to shine.

POPULACE TURNS OUT

This town is on the way between points that I visit now and then for camp information, and the only American uniform I had previously seen in it were those of the sergeants driving press cars or our own. But today, to our surprise, the whole populace was expectedly gathered about the public square. Children that are an children of the world over, were crowded in front of their elders, or aiming to get there. And drawn up as for inspection was a squad of American cavalry, regulars, every man of them, hard as nails in appearance, superb physical types of Sammees. They had just arrived in this town from another town and they had a coat of weather tan that they might have secured anywhere in these camps during the last summer, or brought with them from home.

BROWN'S SUGGESTION APPROVED BY JUDGES

Commendation for Attorney General's Plan to Advise Men Taken in Draft

Judges of the Philadelphia courts and representatives of the Federal Government, who have just approved the plan suggested today by Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown to shorten all seasons of the courts and grant continuances in cases where possible to enable lawyers to give assistance to registrants under the National Army draft law.

In a letter to the judges Mr. Brown pointed out that such a course would secure full and efficient legal services to all registrants at all times and thus make the draft the success which all Pennsylvaniaans hope it will be. It is his desire that lawyers have the satisfaction of work well done.

Among others who endorsed the plan was United States Attorney Francis Fisher Kane. "I endorse this plan fully," he said, "and believe it would greatly expedite the important work to come."

THIS IS RED CROSS DAY IN CITY THEATRES

Virtually Every Playhouse Will Turn Over Proceeds to Work of Mercy

KEITH'S UNIQUE SHOW

Performance This Morning Included Many Celebrities and Novel Features

Today in America's Red Cross Theatre Day.

Virtually every playhouse in Philadelphia will turn over the proceeds of its matinee performance to the American Red Cross for the organization's work of mercy on foreign battlefields.

Capping the city-wide patriotic performances, a unique special morning matinee was staged at B. F. Keith's Theatre at 10:30 o'clock. In this mammoth benefit performance E. T. Stotesbury, one of the city's foremost financiers and Red Cross directors, spoke; Miss Ethel DuPre Houston, the original "Madame Butterfly," sang Willard Spencer's new ballad, "Our Sammees Boys," which the American soldiers in the trenches have taken up with a vim; three famous cartoonists—Sykes, of the Evening Public Ledger; De Mar, of the Record and Courier, of the Press; and patriotic sketches, and the United States Marine Band, from League Island, gave a special concert. All this was in addition to the regular performance on the bill this week, which includes Hattie Clayton and company Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Barry, Katherine Dana and company, Venita Gould, Alexander, Sexton and O'Neill, Sports in the Arts, Valentine and Bell and Lyons and Yocco.

Managers, actors and stagehands at the other theatres in the city also volunteered their services for the afternoon. Among the leading features are

MARYLAND BOY KILLED IN WAR ZONE ACCIDENT

Claude Albert Baker, Seaman, Dead, and Gunner's Mate Hurt in Seaplane Mishap

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Vice Admiral Sims has reported to the Navy Department a seaplane accident in the war zone in which one American sailor was killed and a gunner's mate injured.

Seaman Claude Albert Baker was killed and his body has not been recovered. It is assumed the accident occurred at sea, though this was not definitely stated in the dispatch. Baker enlisted at Nashville, Tenn., December 27, 1916. His father is William B. Baker, Sparrows Point, Md.

Richard W. Thompson, first-class gunner's mate, suffered a fracture of the right thigh. He re-enlisted in France August 28, 1917. His father is P. J. Thompson, Sr., Raleigh, N. C.

Former Miss De Janon Asks Divorce Mrs. Stephen W. Glaser, who as the former Miss Roberta De Janon, eloped

John Barrymore, Corinne Collier and Lionel Barrymore, in "Peter Ibbetson," at the Lyric; David Belasco's comedy, "The Boomerang," at the Garrick; William Collier in "Nothing But the Truth," at the Adelphi; Klav and Erlanger and George C. Tyler's production of "Pollyanna," at the Broad; and Arthur Hammerstein's music play, "You're in Love," at the Chestnut Street Opera House.

This country-wide contribution was arranged through a committee of leading managers, headed by Abe L. Erlanger, Samuel F. Nixon, E. F. Albe and others.

The Red Cross drive for 500,000 new members for the southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter by Christmas was mapped out at a luncheon of the campaign committee for Philadelphia, Chester, Montgomery, Berks and Delaware Counties at the Ritz-Carlton at 12:30 o'clock.

The city's financial, industrial, religious, fraternal, labor and social leaders discussed the campaign strategy of Dr. Charles D. Hart, campaign director for southeastern Pennsylvania. The campaign of pledge-taking is under way and will be succeeded by an intensified drive beginning December 17 and ending with a solemn triumphal pageant Christmas Eve.

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