CALLS OUR ARMY "MIRACLE MEN"

Lord Northcliffe Praises Fighting Qualities of Our Soldiers

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British Editor Says Boys in Khaki Resemble America's Splendid Sailors

By CHARLES H. GRASTY Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Coppright, 1818, by New York Times Co. Paris, Nov. 8.

Lord Northcliffe has sent met a statement of which the following extracts are

"Revisiting France after an interval of some months, I am asked many questions as to public opinion in Great Britain about the qualities of the 2,000,000 men of the United States army. A portion is fighting finely with the British army in the north. The main force is engaged in a great struggle in the Argonne in a battle of the wilderhose, as it is called, where vast masses

hess, as it is called, where vast masses of Germans are defending Mezieres—the road into Germany by way of Metz.
"I was, therefore, one of the first to have the opportunity of observing the kind of soldier the United States would produce." A good many people, and not a few Americans among them, had got it into their heads that the American soldier would enter into the war in the exuberant spirit of a baseball 'fan.' That was not so in 1915. The boys who have been rushed across the Atlantic in hundreds of thousands, aided, if I may be allowed to say so, by John Bull's navy and transports, are just as quiet and determined, daring, and modest as that portion of the American navy which is working with frictionless and fraternal amity with the British fleet.

Our Draft a Miracle

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"Giancing back to obtain a rough idea of the American effort up to date, as I have seen it in the United States, in Great Britain and in France, one again must place on record one's admiration of the miracle of the instant operation of the selective draft, or conscription as we call it over here. The next miracle ve call it over here. The next miracl

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millions as I witnessed in many parts of your country.

"Coincident with this service to the cause was the United States support of unity of command, by which alone the great recent victories have been made possible.

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"When the history of the war comes to be written, the story of the signal corps of the United States army, under General Russell and Colonel John J. Carty, will read like a page of romance.

"Of the work of the American Red Cross and Y. M. C. A., good as it has been, much more will yet be heard.

"But, perhaps, the greatest achievement of all was the coming to Europe of your army, which arrived at a moment when the Allies, who had been suddenly attacked by an enemy that had been preparing since the reign of Frederick the Great, were feeling the strain and stress of their effort, for beliated preparedness means great losses of blood and material.

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"People who imagine that General Pershing should advance at the rate of so many yards a week should remember the difficulties which the British had at Ypres, where we fought from 1914 to 1918, Many critics wondered when Ypres would be in our hands. Often great impatience was manifested. The American army has a similar task. It is not only fighting superbly, but it is holding up an immense number of Germans who otherwise, perhaps, would have been dis-persed up and down the line or might have concentrated outside of Amiens or

Lille, for example,
"I voice the views of every British
officer with whom I have talked in saying that the great American effort in the Argonne, faced as it was with a large concentration of Germans there. has been one of the finest of the Amer-ican successes since the putting over of the selective draft. General Pershing and his brave boys who are fighting the recognition of history. Her'e to them



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HAIL CLEMENCEAU

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down his rugged countenance which so many violent storms in the past had left impassive. Recovering himself he said: "Gentlemen, I thank you. I did not deserve so much honor as you have done me. Let me tell you that I am proudest that you have associated my

"You are the savior of, France!" cried "No, no," replied the Premier, shrug-ging his shoulders, "It is the country which has done everything itself." "Thanks to you," the Senators re-

"No, I assure you," returned the Pre-mier. "I have done but my simple duty. Any one of you who loves France would have done as much. There are moments when the spirit of itself rises within

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"You are the saylor of France" evisit.

Fully master of himself now, the Pre-mier went on:

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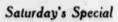
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