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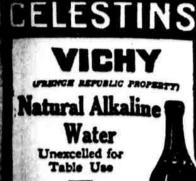
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The Ambassador and Fremer Foin-care together visited the ground where are buried many thousands of French whose valor the medal commemorates, and both spoke under the emotion aroused by the thought of the dead and the sight of the "red zone," so devas-tated that it may never be fit for human

habitation.

Mr. Herrick assured France of the deep friendship of the United States, which though it might not prevent disagreements and misunderstandings, would dissipate and survive them.

"Verdun and valor are forever one and inseparable." said the Ambassador.
"Here blazed the spirit of France.

And so this medal, which I give to this illustrious city, hallowed by the sacrifices and courage of all France, is a tribute from the whole United States to all of France."

Poincare Accepts Medal

Premier Poincare, accepting the medal in behalf of the French Government, made an impassioned speech, in which he spoke of what had been done by the American soldiers to help gain the vic-tory, and defended France's position on

the reparations and army issues.

"Kindly permit the French Prime Minister to recall the fact that he is a citizen of Verdun and to say that nothing could make me feel prouder of that title than the distinction bestowed upon this world-famed strongho'd of Lor-raine today," he declared, "Never have the President and the Congress of the United States of America conferred such an honor on any other city, and of all the decorations received by Verdun none will ever constitute a more honored feature of her armorial bearings than the medal you have just presented to

her.
The tribute of admiration you bring from one hundred million human beings s paid to the unflinching bravery of France as a whole. It was the whole of France that defended Verdun.

Battled for Right and Freedom "Well we know, moreover, that the United States would never have be-United States would never have bestowed such striking proof of its regard
and gratitude upon France had our
countrymen's courage and self-devotion
been displayed in a selfish, ignoble quarrel. If America has seen fit to honor
Verdun it is because the battle and
victory at Verdun were a battle and
victory of right and freedom. It was
to defend the same ideal that the American legions crossed the Atlantic and
shed their blood on our devastated
fields.

"Never shall I forget the morrow of
victory at St. Mihiel, when I spent
two hours with Geheral Pershing in my
own village, upon which shells had just

own village, upon which shells had just ceased to drop. A number of pitiful women were arriving from the com-munes to the north, seeking shelter. They begged me to present them to the gallant soldier, calling him their savior.
"Such memories abide, Mr. Ambassaor; nothing can obliterate them."

The Premier then referred to the ties

which so long bound the two nations together. Divergences of opinion were together. inevitable, but they were not incom-patible with the continued existence of

loyal understanding.
"It is desirable when divergencies occur," he added, "that public opinion in the countries concerned does not grow restive, but retains its composure and patience, not allowing it to be sup-posed that a fleeting difference could shake an unshakable friendship.

Denies Militaristic Designs

"It has been attempted since peace was signed to foist upon America a legend which the common sense or your great people rejects more and more every day, of a militaristic France, an imperialistic France. Such is the slogan of her revilers. I am quite aware that mere denial from the French Government would not avail to put an end to this despicable campaign. The honest teople whose judgment is disconcerted by it require something more than denials to be undeceived.

But we are entitled to request them hefore they condemn us to imagine themselves in the position of France-to recall the dangers to which we have been exposed and remember the suffer-ings we have endured. Then they will see why we are determined never to be subjected again to the same trials. Let them reflect that just compensation promised us has not been paid, and they will grasp the reason why we are maintaining the possibility of force to uphold our just claims.

Would Spare France From War "Assuredly, we are not keeping up armies for the vain purpose of enjoying spectacular displays or to strive after barren glory. It is no pleasure for us to divert the youth of our country for many months from productive labor, it is no pleasure for us to lay upon our countrymen the hurden of military charges. Still less pleasure do we derive from the prospect of fighting, for we know too well the cost of battle, even for the conqueror. There is nothing we can better wish for than to be able to spare the French people forever from the dangers and

corrows of war. used, or appeared desirous of using, force to support unfair, unreasonable claims, oppress nations, extend our territory and reject all peaceful settle-ments. Then the other nations would

be entitled to judge France severely. Germany's Broken Promises 'Is there the smallest indication we have ever cherished such designs? haven't we shown extraordinary mod-eration with regard to Germany? Haven't we paid, instead of her, 80, 000,000,000 france in those unfortunate regions devastated by her and which we have, up to the present, been obliged to reconstruct at our own ex-

pense?
"You have, this very day, Mr. Ambassador, journeyed through the chaotic region that now surrounds Verdun and that goes by the name of Real Zone. Its deserted villages can never be rebuilt, its shell-strewn fields henceforward will be stricken with eternal barrenness; even now belated explo-sions produce mortal accidents. But wherever land remained fit for the plow you have been able to see that it is under cultivation, that crops are be-

ginning to grow.

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