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ROBERT MAJOR TELLS OF EXPERIENCES WHILE WITH AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE

Robert W. Major, who saw service in France and published one of the army overseas papers, on his return home gave the Standard the following intimate sketch of life in France as he saw it:

"The folks at home see only the military side of the American soldiers' accomplishments in France, but one who studied the gradual drifting of the Yankee into the French home life, detects an effort on the part of the world far greater than that of our victories on the battlefields.

"While the daily bulletins were telling of the growing American strength on the front, the little black-haired girl at the 'depot' was watching the wondering stare at this big, curious stranger of whom she had heard much but seen little. When he awkwardly offered her a package of chewing gum to be followed next day by a bar of Hershey's she was lost in the mental confusion of custom and reality. Why should he give her those dainties which she didn't know what it was to have plain sugar even in peace times? He couldn't talk to her and she couldn't talk to him. Nevertheless, side by side, they could be seen strolling every Sunday down the long shady lanes.

"The 'pollux' returning on a furlough from the front, found his sweetheart and sister entertaining a different view of life than before he left. They expected and demanded certain courtesies which French antiquated customs granted only to the military.

"In short, the American soldier, big and free, had, by his actions, revealed to the French girls that the great ideal which has made America what it is, is reverence for womanhood.

"The American treated the little French girl just as he had treated the American girls. She, instead of expecting more and more consideration, was awed and delighted to think that somewhere in the world she was actually appreciated.

"The climax came when Americans learned to speak understandable French and told what their actions had indicated.

"I remember last St. Patrick's day in Dax, a pretty little town 60 miles south of Bordeaux, two companies of the 20th engineers were waiting for their string of cars to take them to Bordeaux for embarkation. They were the first Americans to arrive in this little town and to show them a place in the hearts of the people, more than 900 girls, old women and children gathered at the depot to say a last farewell to those who had been so odd and interesting but a few months previous.

"I saw a corporal from Michigan leaning against a tree. Clinging to his arm was a little dark-eyed, fair-skinned girl of 17, her eyes swollen from weeping. There was no noise except the audible sound of sobbing. All around were similar sights.

"I was in this same village three months later. All animation so prevalent when we were there was dead. The same silent solemnity which has marked the town for several hundreds of years had again assumed control. But nearly every girl I met, whether I knew her or not, ran to me with a letter she had received from the one who had made one year of her life mean so much more.

"The almost unparadise mistake some of the soldiers make is circulating the story that all French girls are bad. Were the conditions reversed and French soldiers brought to America we would be very indignant if the French judged all our girls by those on the streets of New York. There are more than one hundred and sixty thousand girls on the streets of Paris alone. They are not there because wantonly bad. I have talked to many and in every case they have lost a father, brother or a husband and have no home or position.

"During the last four months in France I attended the University of Poitiers and lived in the home of a professor of science in that institution. When the 250 American students had finished their schooling and on July 1 were preparing to leave, the professor's two-year-old girl made this remark at the dinner table: 'Well, mother, it is good to be good times now. No more dances, no more parties; with the Americans goes all the animation and pleasure.'

"A peculiar change in feeling among the men was here shown. At the depot scores of young French soldiers and university students crowded around the Americans, as did the girls and wished them Godspeed. The same to our lances, etc., and earned our idea of innocent enjoyment. They, too, were converted and desired to see us go. This was one of twelve big French universities which opened its doors to American soldier-students after the armistice.

ceptible to propaganda than the Americans, by far.

"While in historical Sedan, I was in a barber shop, the aged proprietor of which had remained there during the entire German occupation. In answer to an inquiry, 'How did the Germans treat you?' he replied, 'Fine. They were polite and considerate.' I learned later most of his customers were German and he made a great deal of money from their patronage.

"Just across the street I went into another barber shop and made the same inquiry. The shop proprietor flew into a furious outburst of slanderous characterizations of the Germans during their occupation. I learned later from men who knew and were more sober in their thoughts that he had been jailed for two months because he refused to pay the customary war tax levied by the Hun commander.

"A strike at the pocketbook seemed to decide the attitude of those in the occupied towns which were not destroyed.

"In Coblenz, Germany, I strolled past a group of little German children playing something that resembled 'ring around the roses.' I stopped to watch them and before I knew it three tiny girls were pulling on my arms to get me to join in the circumnavigation of their ring. I witnessed an war back to childhood days at the height of my enjoyment when a big American military policeman, with a luxurious grin on his face, touched me on the shoulder and said, 'Buddy, guess you'll have to cut that out, that's orders.'

"'Cut what out?' I asked.

"'Praternizing with the enemy!'

"It was hard to think of those little children as my enemies but I had to leave them. And the look they gave my informer of the law in the occupied territory was not friendly. While the Germans were shouting of their republic, I strolled into a barber shop in Coblenz. On the wall facing the door hung a huge picture of the kaiser in full armor. Before the door paced an American military policeman heavily armed. As long as he paces there, they will continue to shout the virtues of their republic.

"But from my observations in all the bridgeheads, I fear the result when France and England, Germany will turn towards building up industrially instead of militarily because she is afraid of America but not of France and England. She fears to tamper with American public opinion.

"On the other hand, should the U. S. refuse to lend her moral strength to an alliance, she is sure to have to lend her military strength again in the near future. I had a long talk with a German sergeant-major who was a prisoner of war in Pere-en-Tardenois. He talked pathetically of the condition to which the Allies had reduced his country and prophesied that if America would 'lend to her own business' and stay out of Europe, there would never be peace. His hatred for France and England was bitter, but either his discretion, (my being an American) or his observation in battle, prevented his nasty views of America gaining utterance.

"With a party of 200 American newspapermen, I traveled for six days over the battlefields where the Americans distinguished themselves. At Romagne, the largest American cemetery, where some 10,000 or 15,000 Americans are buried, I ran across the grave of an Englishman who had crossed the ocean on the same transport and I remembered the then simple incident when he remarked as we took our last look at the statue of Liberty, 'Wonder if I'll ever see that again?' He never did.

"I was in Suresnes cemetery just outside of Paris on last Decoration day and heard President Wilson deliver the memorial address. Before him a civil war veteran of 74 years, came to a trembling salute as the president mounted the stand. Mr. Wilson was visibly moved and returned the salute.

"At the close of his address, a French mother, with tears streaming down her face, handed him a wreath of flowers and asked him, in the name of the mothers of two million French boys who died on the battlefield to place it on the grave of some 'simple soldier' American whose aid saved their boys from dying in vain.

"Another impressive incident of this historical occasion was when Marshal Foch, also affected by this mother's words, gripped President Wilson's hand and said:

"'Mr. President, permit me also to pay my humble tribute to the great soldiers of your country without whose hard fighting and sacrifice we could never have won.'

"Several thousand American soldiers were standing with bare heads and those nearest the President and Marshal Foch though their faces were tanned and hardened, could not keep back the tears when they saw their 'buddies' who could never go back home with them and receive the welcome of a grateful nation to her victorious soldiers.

"The peasants and common people of France worship President Wilson. In him they see the first man since



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SENATE DEBATES HIGH COST OF LIVING IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Discussion of the high cost of living was resumed in the senate today. Chairman Gronna of the agriculture committee announced that he had called a committee meeting for tomorrow to discuss measures for reduction in the cost of living. He said he had no remedy to offer, but declared that increase of wages and decrease of working hours was not a panacea nor would government ownership or control of utilities solve the problem.

Relation of the price of wheat to the cost of living was debated by several senators. Mr. Gronna denied that the government's wheat price guarantee causes undue prices for bread. He was supported by Senators Kellogg and Nelson, Republicans of Minnesota who said wheat was being sold far above the government's guarantee at the principal terminals.

Senator Gronna declared that the packers and all dealers in food products "never made higher profits" than they did under the food administration's licensing plan during the war.

Senator Kirby, Democrat of Arkansas, asked if the government grain corporation was not now regulating prices.

"What is this man Barnes doing?" he asked.

"Mr. Barnes has been criticized in all the wheat states," Senator Gronna answered, "for bearing down the price. He has made every possible effort to reduce prices."

Senator Smith said if there was profiteering, the Sherman act afforded an opportunity to break it up. He added that extravagance by most persons was one cause of present conditions.

Senator McCumber, Republican of North Dakota, said flour at \$14 a barrel was the "cheapest thing on earth today."

Senator Pittman, Democrat, Nevada, told the senate wheat and flour prices could not be blamed on the present administration. He pointed out that President Wilson had vetoed a bill to

fix wheat at \$2.50 a bushel, forcing the \$2.26 guarantee and declared the administration had opposed the wheat-fixing legislation.

Senator Thomas, Democrat, Colorado, observed that the high cost of living was world-wide and asked if any senator could suggest how one nation alone could change conditions.

Senator Sherman, Republican, Illinois, said the meat packers were not responsible for high meat prices.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—All railroad officials now in Washington were asked by Director General Hines to meet with him at noon today for a conference on the high cost of living.

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JAPAN TO MAKE AN EXPLANATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Information reached Washington today that a formal statement from the Japanese government on its intentions regarding the final disposition of the Shantung, China, peninsula, will be made public very soon. The substance of the statement has not been disclosed.

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Day of Peace.

"I was in Paris on June 28, the day peace was signed. The population of the great city turned out en masse, and danced and celebrated until 6 next morning.

"For the first time since I had been in France, I saw Americans, French and British arm-in-arm marching along the boulevards singing 'Madelon de la Victoire.'

With a Lorraine Girl.

"'Peculiarly, the American voices were easily distinguishable.

"A United States marine secured a tattooed American flag that started along the grand boulevard. His forces, augmented to several hundred men and girls. As we marched through the singing masses, the fellows would pull different girls into our ranks. I marched beside a girl in a Lorraine costume who could not speak a word of French but spoke good English and German. When asked if she was glad Lorraine was French again, she replied with that innate elevation of the eyebrows that revealed her French ancestry. 'Oh, a little!'

Her lack of enthusiasm is very representative of the spirit of the population of Metz, despite the general belief that they are overjoyed at their return to France. It is unfortunate, but according to French traditions with whom I talked in Metz, Germany lavished favors on the two provinces in an attempt to win their good will and almost succeeded.

The French people are more sus-

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Hot Springs Are To Be Kept Open During the Winter

The Utah Hot Springs resort will not close on the first of September as in former years, but will remain open during the entire winter period. A roller skating rink and other changes will be made in the entertainment program.

The resort is now being conducted under the management of the Utah-Idaho Central Railroad company. As the inside pools may be used at any time of year, the bathing feature will not be eliminated from the winter plans. It is stated that the roller skating rink will be opened this fall and that special train service will be maintained.

In addition to the skating, two dances a week will be given and other forms of entertainment provided. Yesterday was reported to have been a record day in the number of bathers who visited the resort.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 3.—Brand Whitlock, United States minister to Belgium, left today for the United States by way of Rotterdam. The newspaper today expressed the hope that Mr. Whitlock will not be transferred to the embassy in Rome.

CATTLE LOSSES ON THE FOREST RANGES NOT LARGE

There has been very few losses of cattle or sheep on the national forests within this district of the forest service, from hot weather and drought, according to District Forester L. F. Kneipp. The cattle, especially, are holding up nicely, under present conditions. The sheep are suffering slightly because of the fact that many of the weeds which they feed upon were injured by the early frosts.

It has been noticed, stated Mr. Kneipp, that cattle during dry years, hold up exceedingly well until the grazing material is entirely exhausted. Cattle are principally feeding on dry weeds and weeds in the extreme dry areas, he said.

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Scowcrofts Are to Build Warehouse At Idaho Falls

Branching out with warehouse and wholesale grocery stock, John Scowcroft & Sons company of Ogden, is to erect a \$50,000 building at Idaho Falls.

The Post of Idaho Falls contains this description of the expanding enterprise of the big Ogden company:

Plans for the erection of a \$50,000 warehouse in Idaho Falls to house a \$100,000 wholesale grocery stock to be brought here by the firm of John Scowcroft & Sons of Ogden, were announced Friday by Heber-Scowcroft, vice president of the organization, who has been in Idaho Falls the past few days making final arrangements.

Plans had been completed by this firm for a warehouse building to be erected on the property next to the best seed company's warehouse, but later developments made this location undesirable. An option was then secured for property on Eastern avenue and plans will be made immediately for building operations to start.

The present plans include a building to be 100x100x140 feet, the building to be strictly fire-proof, with sprinkler systems throughout and capable of housing a \$100,000 stock of groceries, to be completed in November or December.

This firm will then be instrumental in bringing sixty more people to Idaho Falls as well as a business that will extend over the entire Snake River valley, and which will bring to Idaho Falls thousands of dollars' worth of new business.

Mr. Scowcroft also stated that they hoped in the future to bring part of their extensive manufacturing plant to Idaho Falls, but was unable to state when this part of the transfer could be made.

This firm, according to Mr. Scowcroft, had considered one other town in connection with Idaho Falls as a possible location for its warehouse, but due to the fact that Idaho Falls presents possibilities for the future which no other town could offer or duplicate, they decided to come here.



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TENNIS SUMMARY

NEWPORT, R. I., AUG. 4.—Robert Kinsey, San Francisco, defeated Craig Biddle, Jr., Philadelphia, 6-1, 6-0, 6-4.
Charles S. Garland, Pittsburgh, Pa., defeated C. M. Bulger, New York, 6-2, 6-0, 6-3.
Alex G. Graven, San Francisco, defeated Ben Yamasaki, Japan, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3.
Wallace F. Johnson, Philadelphia, defeated Alfred S. Dabney, Boston, 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.
Major E. B. Harran of England defeated Eugene Royal, Newport (who substituted for F. T. Hunton of New York), 6-1, 6-3, 6-1.
Ichaya Kumagai, Japanese, defeated Hoffman Nickerson, New York, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0.
C. J. Griffin, San Francisco, defeated Vincent E. Richards of New York, 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 8-6.
R. N. Dana, Providence, defeated G. D. Biddle, Philadelphia, 6-1, 6-0, 6-1.
N. W. Niles, Boston, defeated A. D. Champlin, Providence, 6-0, 6-0, 6-2.