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They Forget the Horrors of War in the Opportunities it Gives to Make Glorious Sacrifices For Their Countries

A representative of The Morning Post talked the other day with a British Red Cross officer who was snatching a brief furlough from the front, where he and his comrades had been incessantly engaged during an anxious and nerve wracking period. They had braved the storm of shot and shell on many occasions in the exercise of their merciful mission.

At the risk of their own lives they had penetrated the zone of fire in order to save the lives of others. There had come a lull in the fighting, and so it was possible to return to England for a "breather" before facing anew the "gateway of hell." "Yes, war is hell," said this officer, "particularly to those who face death in the field and in the trenches day after day. But the spirit of the troops British, French, Belgian is unquenchable.

Never Think of Danger. "These men never think of danger. They go into action whistling and singing, and when they chance to get badly hit and they can move no further they simply sit down like heroes and wait for the ambulance to pick them up. They only lament their luck—the evil fortune which has prevented them from going forward with their comrades in the advance on the enemy.

"The aspect of war which is apt to linger in the mind of the civilian is conspicuously absent from the mind of the soldier. He is fired with a spirit of emulation. He wants to do great things. He has never the least thought of going back. His motto is ever 'Forward.' He never thinks of what other men call the horrors of war. His glories are enough for him.

Indisparably Admirable. "I have seen much of the British soldier in these recent terrible times, and words fail me to express my overwhelming admiration for our dear, brave, unselfish 'Tommys' and the heroic sacrifices of their officers. I wish those croakers who say that we are a decadent race could get but a glimpse of these men on a field of battle.

"I have seen regiments march out full strength to meet the enemy with the light of stern determination in their eyes, a playful happy smile about their lips, and in their martial

stride the significance of an easy confidence they were bound to win.

"I have seen them return bruised, and broken, with tattered and blood-stained uniforms, but victoriously singing 'Here we are again,' and shouting 'Are we downhearted?—No!'"

Poignant Picture. "That is one aspect of war as it presents itself to a Red Cross man. Another and more poignant picture is offered by our work in the field, where men lie maimed and wounded, and in the hospitals, where of necessity we see many dreadful sights. Yet here, again, the pervading atmosphere is one of cheerfulness.

"Men face death like philosophers. They treat their wounds with the fortitude of Stoics. Our British Red Cross surgeons have been astounded at the calm courage of the French soldiers in the operating room. It has shattered completely all their former illusions on the subject of the 'triviality' of Frenchmen.

Bought Our Best Quality. "I mentioned this to an eminent French surgeon. 'Yes,' he remarked, 'this has brought out all the best qualities of our people. A Frenchman who in time of peace might make a fuss over a cut finger takes no notice of the gravest bodily injury. He bears it all because he knows that he is suffering in the cause of his country.'

"He would consider it a disgrace to his patriotism to wince or cry out either while he is waiting attention or when his wounds are being dressed. It is really a wonderful thing, this war. It has already changed, and will change, so many things. I should like to add my own testimony to this changed France of to-day. It is not the France that I knew in my early years. It is a France rejuvenated, chastened perhaps by suffering, but all the more resolute on that account. It is a France which presents an impressive example of national unity, permeating all ranks and every social condition.

"I hope and believe England will adhere to the declarations of her statesmen as to the one way in which this war is going to be ended. She may safely trust France to the last. The French are going to Berlin.

The Gratitude of France. "France, too, is very grateful to Great Britain. While she is sincere she does not doubt our sincerity. What ever distrust or misunderstanding there may have been in the past has been completely swept away, and when these terrible times are over a few France and a new England will go forward together hand-in-hand.

"The hearts of the French people vibrate to the khaki. Their kindness is almost embarrassing. They will consult an officer in khaki on some point of difficulty more readily than their own officers. Their faith in Britain and her Tommies is explicit.

"But do not forget that France, which is making such heroic sacrifices, and has to deal with the invader on her own soil—a calamity spared to us, thus far, at least—is looking to England for a steady flow of reinforcements. It is realized that the more men we send out, and the more rapid they are placed in the fighting line, the shorter will be the war.

Under No Illusions. "Our French allies are under no illusions as to the probable duration of the struggle. They know it will be long and terrible, but they believe also that the manhood of England, by realizing its responsibilities and joining the fighting line, can materially shorten the agony. In France it is impossible to meet anyone who has not a near friend or relative at the front, and you meet few who have not lost someone who was near and dear to them. The French people do not regret the sacrifices they have made

and are making. To them they are glorious things. To die on the field of battle is to live in illustrious honor and memory. It is for Britain to emulate their splendid example."

German Vandallism. The Red Cross officer had many stories of heroism to tell. He had also witnessed scenes of horror on which it is better not to dwell. As to atrocities committed by Germans, he testified from a personal observation which has brought him into contact with almost the entire fighting line, that the vandalism of the enemy has been in no way exaggerated. Indeed, much of it remains to be told and can only be fully known when the hour of retreat has struck and France again enters into possession of her ravaged and devastated territory.

The evidence is also overwhelming of acts of gross barbarity and cruelty which calls for a day of reckoning. The French, as all the world knows, are not a vindictive people, but they hope that when this reckoning comes, Great Britain will not forget all that they have suffered and display a too sentimental tenderness towards the enemy in the hour of his defeat.

Vindictive Conduct. "The damage inflicted on places like Ypres," he remarked, "has been undoubtedly vindictive. The recent shelling of places like the almshouses at Ypres occupied by old women, I have every reason to believe was deliberate. Our Red Cross, at great risk to themselves, brought out thirty aged females, some of them over eighty years of age, suffering from shell wounds.

"Nothing more distressing than the condition of population of Ypres as a whole could be imagined. In my opinion the deliberate policy of the Germans has been to shell the people out of the town and force them into the lines of the allies with the object of embarrassing the allies' military operations."

On the subject of Zeppelins and German aeroplanes, the Red Cross officer remarked that French, British and German soldiers alike treat them with contempt. When a Taube makes its appearance, the soldiers do not even trouble to take cover. The humming of a Taube overhead gives one an uncanny sensation the first time it is heard, but that is all. The allied troops regard the Zeppelins as a bogey.

Dread Allies Airships. The Germans, on the other hand, have a wholesome dread of the British aeroplanes, and the French declare enthusiastically that the superiority of the British flying corps is one of the great things of the war.

The officer paid a handsome tribute to the work and organization of the Royal Army medical corps, with which the Red Cross is privileged to co-operate.

"No praise," he said, "can be too high for the devoted work and the efficiency of our army medical corps. Its rolls of killed and wounded is a tribute to the conspicuous bravery it displays on every occasion. Its officers and men alike are splendid."

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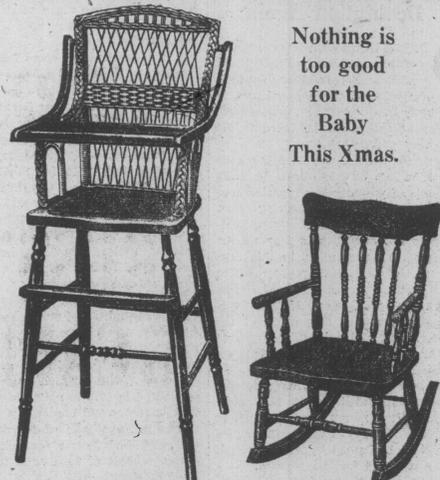
The Annual Meeting of the Bay de Verde District Council will be held at Western Bay on the 15th and 16th Instant. All Councils in Bay de Verde District are invited to send Delegates. President Coaker will be present at the meeting.

By order,  
A. G. HUDSON,  
District Chairman.  
Lower Isld. Cove, Jan. 8, 1915.

## NOTICE TO F.P.U. COUNCILS

A Meeting of the Officers of the Local Council of the F.P.U., operating in the Districts of Harbor Main, Port de Grave, Harbor Grace and Carbonear, will be held at Coley's Point on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, the 13th instant, to consider the advisability of combining the Councils embraced in the above Districts into one District Council of the F.P.U., and to consider matters affecting the welfare of the Fishermen of Conception Bay who prosecute the Labrador Shore Fishery.

By order,  
W. F. COAKER,  
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