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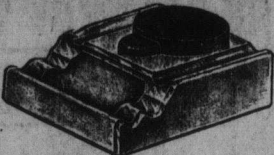
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## LONDON SAW AN ELABORATE CELEBRATION OF FOURTH

**Viscount Bryce, Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, Hon. Arthur Meighen, Vice-Admiral Sims and General Biddle Speak At Fellowship Meeting in Central Hall.**

London, July 4.—The formal celebration of the fourth of July began today with a fellowship meeting in Central Hall. Five hundred seats were allotted to American soldiers and sailors. The meeting opened with the band of the Colours Guard playing the Star Spangled Banner.

Viscount Bryce, former ambassador to the United States, presided and spoke feelingly of the past and present relations between the two countries. Rt. Hon. Winston Spencer Churchill, minister of munitions, then proposed "a greeting to the President and people of the United States."

This was seconded by Hon. Arthur Meighen, Canadian minister of the interior. Major George H. Putnam, of New York, proposed a resolution expressing "profound satisfaction that the two great English-speaking races find themselves for the first time fighting side by side in the cause of justice and liberty." The resolution was seconded by Prof. Canby, of Yale University.

**Vice-Admiral Speaks.**

Vice-Admiral Sims, commander of the United States naval forces in the war zone, and General Biddle, of the U. S. Army, also spoke. The meeting concluded with the singing of God Save the King. All American organizations in London had representatives at the meeting, and blocks of seats were set aside for wounded British, French, Belgian and Italian.

Viscount Bryce said the bitterness of 1776 never could have arisen had the will of the British people ruled then, as it rules today. "The severance came," he declared, "because we had then a representative court and a non-representative parliament. The Englishmen scarcely yet realized the new departure America took when they entered the war. But," he continued, "when America saw even the principle of right over ridden, every sentiment of humanity cast to the winds, America strode forth in her strength. Duty called on her to save the world and she answered the call of duty. This spirit, this zeal to serve the cause of right; this sense of common purpose; these perils which the American and British soldiers—citizens armies drawn from the people—are facing side by side—all this has brought Great Britain and America closer than ever they were under any government before the far-off day of 1776, and these are the celebrations which we are celebrating here."

**The Ultimate Reward.**  
"What is the reward? Deep in the hearts of the people of these islands is the desire to be truly reconciled to their kindred across the Atlantic, to blot out the reproaches and redeem the blunders of a by-gone age and dwell once more in spirit with them. That was the heart desire which seemed utterly unattainable, but which has been granted."

"Be the years of the struggle never so long, never so cruel, that will make amends for all. That is Great Britain's desire. The presence at this moment in Europe of a million American soldiers awaiting side by side with their French and British comrades the utmost fury of the common enemy is an event that seems to transcend the limits of purely mundane things and fills us with the deepest awe. Amid the carnage, the measureless grief and the desolation I am convinced that the world is being guided towards something better and much more than has ever occurred since the Christian era more likely to restore man's faith in the moral governance of the universe."

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**Pledge of Affection.**

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After expressing deep gratitude for the mighty aid the Americans are bringing to the allied cause, Rt. Hon. Winston Spencer Churchill said he was persuaded that the finest and worthiest moment of British history was reached on the night "we declared war on Germany."

Like the people of the United States we entered the war without counting the cost or thought of reward. The cost will be in the end far more terrible than the darkest expectation, but the reward that is coming is beyond our dearest hopes.

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an enemy barrage tearing up the ground in the rear of the Americans whose dash was too fast for the enemy artillery observers.

A French general who commands a part of the army of Americans praised them to the skies at headquarters when the Tribune's correspondent called to day, "They've got the dash," he said, "and they're chic."

He repeated the same words. He also announced that Belleau Wood, the scene of heavy American fighting during the series of operations ending in the complete capture of that quarry of machine gun nests on June 11 has now been rechristened on the map "Bols American," and thus it will be on all French maps in the future.

**Much Cabled.**

More words have been cabled to America about the battles of Belleau Wood and Vaux than were dispatched during the historic battle of the Marne. The real significance of these small battles, I believe, is not in the villages or ground taken, but in their concrete demonstration of the combative qualities of America's average youthful citizen who is being called upon to balance the scales of justice against the injustice of Prussian world domination. I have made this point to illustrate what occurred in part on the remainder of the thirty mile line between the Aisne and Chateau Thierry during the days when American troops were valiantly battling in Belleau Wood, Vaux and the neighboring strongholds. French troops in a series of whirlwind attacks captured many

villages, notably Cartry, southwest of Soissons, with a big enemy troops concentration at the quarry adjoining simultaneously the taking of the German observation hill a mile away. They fought a series of actions, costing enemy units from the last fringe of the big forest of Viller Cotterets, straightened the salients at various points, and co-operated on the left and right with the American sector in a number of actions where police and doughboys fought side by side.

**German Admission**

I talked to some German prisoners today taken by Americans at Vaux. Twenty who were lined up in a cage had been caught in a cellar where they had taken refuge from bombardment. They had come from Russia, replacing a division of better troops against the Americans.

"Why did not your troops make immediate counter-attacks?" I asked a sergeant.

"We are merely holding troops and are not supposed to make counter-attacks."

"That is an important confession," suggested the French staff officer accompanying us. "It begins to show the character of the German system which creates elite divisions who are not allowed the lions share of the fighting and are pampered and well fed. Meaningless troops not classed as elite realize that elite performances are not required of them and at this stage of the war they have no enthusiasm for trying to create an elite reputation."

This theory is illustrated by the sur-

render of the remnants of one entire company, whose spokesman told the American captors, that there are more just like them who will surrender if the Americans are able to come to close quarter fighting.

**Half Hearted Attacks**

The theory is further illustrated by the single half hearted counter attack delivered Tuesday night of Vaux many hours after the objectives had been reached and which was easily repulsed leaving over one hundred prisoners within the American lines. These prisoners were unanimous in saying that they were tired of the war, except one obese Prussian youth who said he knew there were already 2,000,000 Americans in France but that if the war is not finished within six months, it will last two years.

Another prisoner, from Danzig, east Prussia, said he believed there were 750,000 in France now, with more coming. He had been wounded four times during forty-two months of active service and he added that a German soldier's only opportunity for relief now is to be wounded or taken prisoner. Another suggested they would have to be taken to America, because they would surely be submersed during the passage.

All affirmed that they are now receiving seven ounces of meat daily and from 300 to 500 grammes of bread according to their age. However this first line ration is incomparably superior to what those at the rear are getting.



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