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### ANGLO-FRENCH FRIENDSHIP SLOW BUT STEADY

Based Upon Understanding Between Two Peoples Long Enemies.

### SOLDIERS' TRIBUTES TO THEIR ALLY.

Now that Britain Is Bearing the Burden, France Does Her Justice.

Angle French Take ONE . . . GOC. (From the New York Tribune.) War fills so much of the horizon while it is going forward that there is always a temptation to set down as permanent things which are transitory and dependent upon the conditions and emotions growing out of conflict. This is particularly true of the hatreds that grow out of strife; it is only less true of alliances and there is sound reason for refraining from attaching too much importance to alliances which are made during the war.

And yet, having said this, it remains true that no more surprising, no more interesting, and certainly no more hopeful sign can be found in the whole history of the present conflict than the slow, steady, but ever-growing friendship between France and Britain conditioned upon two peoples who over centuries have either misunderstood each other or too well understood the less attractive sides of their neighbor. Now, more than all else the progress of the war has taught Britain the true France—the France that always existed. Nothing is more preposterous than the notion that the France of to-day is different from the France of yesterday. But what millions of Englishmen have seen in the true France that exposes the mere traveller and for the mass of the people of England as of America France was just a geographical expression.

And, no one can read the British press, the letters of the soldiers in the trenches, the comments of military critics and the simplest of civilians without feeling that there has come home to the whole British people a never and truer appreciation of a great people long their enemies and only recently their allies. Over and over again sometimes a little naively, sometimes crudely, but with unmistakable sincerity and conviction, there is spread out in the testimony of British soldiers an unmeasured admiration for the men and women of France for the courage, the devotion, the steadfastness of the French living in the midst of their ruins, in the presence of their dead, on the very edge of the abyss which yawns beyond the firing line. Conversely the misunderstanding

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of the British by the French has arched forward a little more slowly. The awful doubt of the days when Britain seemed irresolute, when the war had come, this remained in the French minds for months. Small wonder, too, that for days, weeks and months France waited anxiously a little despairingly, for Britain to be ready. Yet, with it all, with the doubts, the disappointments, the delays, no one who knows France can fail to recognize that appreciation of British purpose, British loyalty, above all British good faith has increased with every succeeding month of the war. No one can mistake the fact that today, when Britain is at last beginning to lift a portion of the terrible burden of the war off French soldiers, there is a final and a just appraisal of Britain from the Pyrenees to the German firing line. In nothing has German intrigue been less successful than in the effort to foment trouble between the two allies. The attack upon Verdun was beyond all else an attempt to convince France that Britain was not ready to help her and never would be, that France must surrender or die.

French military authorities measured this threat and they appraised French spirit accurately. There is nothing in the whole war finer than the French and British course in the Verdun crisis. Actually the British were still unready but Sir Douglas Haig promptly offered to begin. Joffre declined to let him. He chose to have France "carry on" terrible as was the cost, until the British were ready.

Always, too, in the later months of the war the British have frankly and without question conformed to the will of the French military commanders. Britain has sent hundreds of thousands of men to France and in effect turned them over to the orders of Joffre. His will has prevailed. Even in the matter of Saloniki Kitchener bowed to Joffre and British troops followed the French troops to the Balkans.

After all the amazing thing about the Anglo-French alliance is not that it has not already worked perfectly, but that it has worked at all, that it has worked with ever increasing efficiency, and that out of the fusion of these people, so different in their race, history and in their traditions, there has grown a mutual confidence and respect which it is not too much to say will remain a potent influence in European history for many decades at least.

The growth of Anglo-French confidence has quite baffled the German. From the outset his higher policy has been directed at estrangling two enemies that he might destroy them separately. To-day he still warns Frenchmen that the British mean to hold Calais permanently, and in the same breath he whispers to the British that they have only to sacrifice France and the peace that they desire is within their grasp.

And to such appeals Frenchmen and Britons remain equally deaf. It is something more than a marriage of convenience, this Anglo-French alliance, and it is steadily taking on a better and more enduring character. The British soldier was the first to know the real France. He became at one time a missionary at home and a true representative in France. Against the common enemy—and the enemy of the things that France and Britain loved and served in common—the alliance took definite form.

It is a fact of more than passing importance that the two great democratic nations of Europe, nations with widely different ideals of democracy, but with a wide area of com-

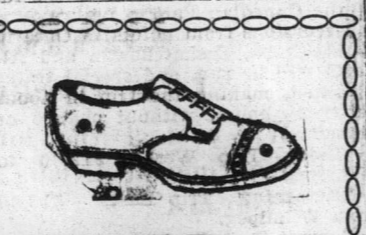


THAT ENDLESS PARADE OF AUSTRIAN PRISONERS. An every day scene in a small town just behind the front (note the Austrians who have left the ranks to buy bread from a peasant woman.)

mon ground, should thus be united by bonds which will endure beyond the war and influence human history for long years to come. In this alliance there exists a real and a sufficient counterpoise to that German peril which has threatened all democracy, ours as well as European.

As we enter the third year of the Great War there are grounds for confidence and for hope that did not exist one year ago, could not be dreamed of two years ago. Already the worst dangers are passed. It is no longer a question of how much of all we love and hold to, Germany can destroy—the German horde is no longer on the advance. The problem remains to rescue from the hold of the beast that which he seized in his first mad foray. It is no longer a question of saving France; what remains is the task of rescuing Belgium, of restoring Serbia; above all of having done with the German effort to destroy all else in this world to the greater glory of Teutonic Kultur.

And the weight of this task in western Europe must fall upon the British. The French share has been more than performed. Still, in proportion to her resources France is going forward; but a willing Britain must bear the brunt of the battle



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A glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, drunk before breakfast for a while, will not only wash these poisons from your system and cure you of headache but will cleanse, purify and freshen the entire alimentary canal. Ask your pharmacist for a quarter pound of limestone phosphate. It is inexpensive, harmless as sugar, and almost tasteless, except for a sourish twinge which is not unpleasant.

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which will establish the victory already half won and insure the safety of our civilization and our democracy.

It is easy to perceive that with the performance of this task, with the making of this sacrifice, a final basis of regard and respect will be reached between the two great liberal powers, and the alliance between France and Britain will be cemented by the blood of their sons, shed in a common cause.

There is no greater fact in the opening days of the third year of the conflict than this Anglo-French relation, now firmly established beyond the reach of German intrigue. It is alike the assurance of coming victory and the guarantee of the endurance of the things which many of us care most for in life.

### Ambassador Page Home From London

Called On Secretary Lansing, But Gives Out No Interview. Washington, Aug. 18.—Ambassador Page, home from London for a brief stay, discussed pending negotiations between the United States and Great Britain with Secretary Lansing yesterday and later arrangements were made for him to see President Wilson. The blacklist restraints on commerce and interference with news are the principal subjects in controversy between the two governments.

Mr. Page refused categorically to answer questions on the situation in Europe and would only say he expected to be in Washington four or five days and would take a short vacation before returning to New York to sail for England.

AFTER THE FEDS FOR MONEY By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, Aug. 18.—Frederick Jacklitsch, a former Brooklyn National catcher, filed suit in the supreme court yesterday against the Baltimore Federal baseball club for \$3,300 salary. Jacklitsch alleges that in January, 1914, he was engaged to play with the Baltimore Federals for three years and that in August, 1915, he was informed his services were no longer required.

### WHAT FIXES THE PRICE OF WHEAT?

Sir Charles Acland, Government Official, Says Speculation Has Little Effect.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Aug. 18.—In reference to the recent discussion of the high price of wheat which has been attributed in some quarters to speculation here and in Chicago, Sir Charles Acland, parliamentary under secretary to the board of agriculture, advances the opinion that speculation in this country has had no great influence. The subject is being investigated by the government.

Sir Charles was asked in the House of Commons whether the board of trade had any reason to think that stocks of wheat landed or on passage are being unduly held off the market, or that the present price of wheat in any material degree is attributable to speculation in this country. The subject of the present and prospective supplies of wheat is receiving close attention.

The Imp. Percheron stallion "Armanant," will be sold on the market Saturday, Aug. 19th, at 11 o'clock. W. Almas, Auctioneer.

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