

But she will gain an added freedom for her people; her democracy, which since the Franco-Prussian war has been largely on trial, will be strengthened and assured; and she will for all time be freed from the fear of an insolent and sneering Germany at her gates. The sacrifices that she has made for her army have justified themselves, but these sacrifices will no longer be necessary. As an outcome of the war military conscription will cease throughout Europe, and the relief will perhaps be more grateful to France than to any other nation. The national qualities of France, the cheerfulness under conditions that would have disheartened many nations, the thrift and the genial kindness that have characterised her, will have an added opportunity for growth and expansion. *Vive La France!*

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