THE SAME AIM—COMMON VICTORY, SAYS PRESIDENT POINCARÉ

THE American people has, in honor of the French national holiday, organized in the main towns of the United States great manifestations of sympathy, and sent to France numerous and moving tokens of friendship.

I will not myself miss the occasion of forwarding to the American Expeditionary Forces an admiring and hopeful message.

For four years past the gallant English, Belgian and French Armies have been fighting in behalf of right and freedom on the wasted soil of Belgium and France, and withstanding the furious and repeated assaults of the foes. The splendid American Army comes in its turn and will now assume a great deal of this gigantic strife.

I salute and cheer the brave soldiers General Pershing commands with such high authority. They can be sure to receive from all the inhabitants and from all their comrades a brotherly welcome. We have all the same aims and form the same resolutions: to pursue the war with our best strength till our common victory, to free the world from the Germanic dominion, and to found peace on justice.

United and determined, we will attain our end and soon together celebrate the delivery of the nations and the reparation of transgressed rights.

Long live the great American Republic! Long live President Wilson!

July 11, 1918. (Signed) RAYMOND POINCARE, President of the French Republic.

walls that had weathered four centuries of wind and rain were nine feet thick, knew his garrison of 82 old Invalides and 32 young Swiss were sturdy and probably faithful. But he had provisions for only 24 hours, and he guessed with what fury the siege would be laid.

He was ready, if need be, to set taper to the powder magazine and blow the Bastille to the skies. Why he did not no one knows for sure. Some say his courage failed. Some say an old soldier struck down his hand. So it befell that he was alive when, after four hours of firing, the old Invalides run up a white flag made out of napkins and the Swiss Guards, through a drawbridge porthole, thrust forth a paper with their terms of surrender.

Over the Old Drawbridge

The terms, pardon and immunity for all, were accepted, and down swung the lumbering old drawbridge. But when the besieging army, half soldiery, half mob, and crazy from the sight of its own blood, swept across and into the citadel of all they hated, there was a good deal of faithless slaughter, and even the old governor himself was slain. There was, it is true, some attempt to escort him through the streets to the city hall for trial, but it was only his head—"his bloody hair-queue held up in a bloody hand" that finally reached the judgment-seat, a ghastly head borne aloft on a pike through the streets of Paris.

Borne aloft, too—borne on the shoulders of a crowd drunk with the exultation of successful daring—were the seven Bastille prisoners rescued from their cells, while rifled cabinets gave up the ancient, shameful secrets of the prison, and all night long, amid pealing tocsins and flaming bonfires, the fall of stone on stone began the demolition.

"It was," says Carlyle, "the Titans warring with Olympus; and they, scarcely crediting it, have *conquered*; prodigy of prodigies; delirious—as it could not but be, emancipation, vengeance; blaze of triumph on a dark ground of terror; all outward, all inward things fallen into one general wreck of madness!"

Possibly some faint rumors of what grim business the people of Paris had in hand—some prophesies of disaster—disturbed the mincing couples at the ball in Versailles, the enchanted and infamously costly fairy-land where dwelt the Court. But it was not until late that night that the Duke de Liancourt, gaining access to the royal apartments, awoke the dreaming king and told him what had happened.

"It is Not a Revolt"

"But," said Louis, "that is a revolt!"

"Sire," said Liancourt, "it is not a revolt—it is a revolution."

Poor Louis! He made his peace with the people, but it did not last. Our own Gouverneur Morris, who, with the beloved Franklin, shared in those stormy days the Paris legation from new-born America, wrote to President Washington the following January:

"If only the reigning prince were not the small-beer character he is, and even only tolerably watchful of events, he would regain his authority, but what would you have from a creature, who, in his situation, eats, drinks and sleeps well, and laughs, and is as merry a grig as lives? He must float along on the current of events and is absolutely a cypher."

Within a little more than three years after the Bastille fell the merry grig went to the guillotine.

"The coalised kings threaten us," cried Danton in one of the flaming utterances of the Revolution. "We hurl at their feet, as gaze of battle, the head of a king."

So said Danton and so it was. And with its ragged hosts, the defiant Republic, hated and feared by every crown in Europe, drove in triumph from the soil of France the vast, magnificently accoutred armies of the kings.

Because They Hated It

Thus the old order passed and the first of its fortresses to fall—a grisly symbol of that order's oppression—was the Bastille. The people stormed it because they hated it. They hated it less for what it was than for what it had been. Long since its foul water-flooded dungeons had been closed and many of its cells vacated. Only seven wondering prisoners were left to hear from their captivity the thunder of the siege.

But the fortress which Charles V completed in 1830 had become under Richelieu, a prison for those who opposed the kings and, like the Man in the Iron Mask, prisoners lived and died there without many knowing or any one long remembering why they had been imprisoned at all. Their heart-breaking letters, appealing letters for some little word of home and children, piteous letters written but never sent, were found and read and scattered to the four winds by the crowd that did vengeance in their name that 14th of July, 1789.

If you would conjure up a picture of the old prison, take the bus to the Place de la Bastille. There, in the center of the circle, you will see a column erected to the memory of those who fell in the Revolution of 1830. White stones in the paving of the circle mark the ground plan of the vanished fortress, whose site extended also over the area now occupied by buildings at the ends of the Rue St. Antoine and the Boulevard Henri IV.

Of the Bastille itself nothing is left, except some of its stones that were saved and built into the masonry of one of the beautiful bridges that span the Seine—the Pont de la Concorde, placed there "in order that they might be trodden under foot by the people forever."

We have these and we have the keys—the great prison keys, which, with the scroll of surender, with the rescued prisoners and with the bloody heads of the slaughtered guards, were borne through the streets of Paris that night of the first Fourteenth. These keys are not in France. Presented by Lafayette to Washington, they rest now on the other side of the Atlantic at a place called Mount Vernon.

NEW AIR SERVICE HATCORD

A green and black hat cord has been authorized for enlisted men of the Air Service. It replaces the orange and white cord of the Signal Corps heretofore worn by men of the Air Service.

TELEPHONE GIRLS ADOPT MASCOT-- YES, IT'S A BOY

Helloists at G.H.Q. First in A.E.F. to Become Fairy Godmothers

SEVEN TAKEN IN BATTALION

Platoons, Headquarters, Five Officers and C.O. Himself Are All Parrains

TAKEN THIS WEEK

Telephone Girls, G.H.Q.	1
Class of '94, Harvard	1
Co. D, — Engrs.	1
Troop C, — Cavalry	1
Supply Co., — Inf.	2
Stokes Mortar Gun Plat., Hqrs. Co., — Inf.	1
Lieut. Westel Willoughby	1
Y.M.C.A., Base Hosp. No. 8	1
Chaplain, Base Hosp. No. 8	1
Church of the Redeemer, Buffalo, N.Y.	1
Y.M.C.A. Secretaries, Base Sec. No. 1	1
"Engineer Forestry Officer	1
Major Robt. A. Johnson, E.R.C.	2
Major Orville E. Cain	1
Hqrs. Sec., Co. K, 3rd Bn., — Army Hqrs. Regt.	1
1st Plat., Co. K, 3rd Bn., — Army Hqrs. Régt.	1
Mme. Leboeuf	1
3rd Plat., Co. K, 3rd Bn., — Army Hqrs. Regt.	1
4th Plat., Co. K, 3rd Bn., — Army Hqrs. Regt.	1
Co. M, 3rd Bn., — Army Hqrs. Regt.	1
Capt. W. I. Elliott and Thos. E. Hatfley, and Lieuts. E. C. Barker, A. F. Gravelle and L. O. Dwight	1
Hqrs. & Supply Cos. — Stevedore Regt.	1
Mrs. Wilson Scott, Pottsville, Pa.	1
Previously adopted	331
Total	356

Twenty-four little French war orphans found godfathers in the A.E.F. this week and one found some godmothers.

Yep, real godmothers in the A.E.F. The interpreter-translator-telephone girls at G.H.Q. who can take number 12-86 from you and translate it into *douze—quatre-vingt six* without holding a convention about it or looking in a dictionary or anything — adopted an orphan under THE STARS AND STRIPES plan—a boy, of course.

So one lucky little French lad, whose father died for Liberty, has a whole squad or two of fairy godmothers who can write and talk to him in his own language and otherwise help him over a rough spot in his young life.

The telephone girls were in early this week with their request for an orphan, and gained the distinction of being the first telephone unit of the A.E.F. to become *marraines*. They were the first of 23 units and individuals to adopt 25 orphans in the week and run the total of the A.E.F. family of fatherless children up to 356.

The biggest bunch of adoptions came in from the 3rd Battalion of the — — Army Headquarters Regiment. Three platoons and the headquarters section of Company K of this battalion took one each, Company M took another, the Commanding Officer became godfather of a sixth, and five other officers adopted a seventh.

Y Secretary Keeps It Up

Next, in point of numbers, came the Y.M.C.A. The Y. at Base Hospital No. 8, under the secretaryship of W. I. Kelsey, which previously had taken three orphans through collections made at Sunday services and in the canteen, adopted a fourth, and was the medium for transmitting requests for two others on behalf of the chaplain of Base Hospital No. 8, who took two children, one for himself and one for his church, the Church of the Redeemer, Buffalo, N.Y. This order was followed by a request for a third child from the Y.M.C.A. secretaries of Base Section No. 1, they having previously adopted two.

The stevedore regiments were represented again, and most of the other branches of the service as well. One major took two children on his own account, and there was one request from the States. It came from Mrs Wilson Scott, of Pottsville, Pa.

NOTHING TO SHOOT, BUT HE GAVE CHASE

Yankee Flyer Wasn't Going to Let Boche Kid Him Along

An American flyer on monitor duty was detailed to drive a replacement machine to a hangar near the front. It was his first trip toward the lines.

As he neared his destination he observed a Boche plane on the skyline. He made for it. His machine was innocent of machine guns and, in the way of weapons, he didn't have even a cap pistol, but that didn't seem to bother him.

The Boche turned tail and started Berlin-ward. The American followed for a few kilometers, lost sight of the German and returned.

"What," asked a captain who had observed the incident, "were you going to do if you had caught up with him?"

"I don't know, sir," replied the flyer, "but I certainly wasn't going to let him sit up there and insult me."

NEW YORK SCOFFS AT SIREN

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES]

AMERICA, July 11.—The New York police recently tested out a great air-raid siren, but it received a terrible frost because nobody paid the slighest attention to it.

True, some unduly observant Gothamites did remark on the big noice, but apparently everbody had already forgotten all about the submarine.

MALLET RESERVE TRULY BINATIONAL

Camion Unit Is Complete Amalgam of French and Americans

WHERE FIGHT IS HOTTEST

Men Live in Their Five-Ton Trucks as Turtle Lives in Its Shell

In a summer when, again and again, the historic phrase, "Franco-American troops," makes its appearance in the communiques, the distinction of being the most complete amalgam of the two armies belongs to that flying squadron of emergency transportation, that trundling troops of trucks, that charging company of camions, the Mallet Reserve.

This organization consists of 700 5-ton trucks — American trucks driven over French roads, driven now by French, now by American drivers officered by French and American officers, carrying French and American troops, French and American ammunition.

The Mallet Reserve is so named because its commanding officer is Major Mallet of the French Cavalry, and is called a Reserve because it is attached to no Army corps, but rather is held in reserve for emergency duty whenever a crisis in the war brings a crisis in transportation. This means that the interminable line of camions bearing the Mallet mark will invariably appear wherever things are hottest that the trucks and their drivers know no rest from one year's end to the other.

Up Cambrai Way

Thus, you saw them along the roads up Cambrai way last fall. When French troops were rushed into the gap that opened during the German drive of March 21, Mallet trucks carried them, and they were Mallet trucks which bore northward the French soldiers who made their sudden and startling appearance among the British in Flanders during the April fighting. The American troops and ammunition that were moved with a rush to the lines of the Château-Thierry front were transported, many of them, in the home-grown camions of the Mallet Reserve.

The trucks themselves, if you examine them, tell many a story of transport under shell-fire, tell of machine gunners borne to the very rim of the battle so that the gunners need only drop from the camion, run across a field and start firing.

The personnel of the Mallet Reserve numbers 3,500. Of these, 1,300 are Americans. Some of the Americans are alumni of the old American Field Ambulance; some of the officers began as ambulanciers with that group of volunteers, who preceded the A.E.F. Some of the Americans who drive these trucks first learned their trade at the wheel of their own fast roadsters back home; some of them learned it in that company of lower East Side taxi-drivers who were forever appearing in the gang-fights which used to excite New York when there were no greater fights to absorb its attention.

They live in their trucks, sleep in their trucks. They move over France like gypsies. Whenever a groupement, group or company withdraws from the road into a field for a few days rest and repair, the trucks still serve as tents.

Time was when each truck dragged its driver's quarters behind in the form of a trailer, but it was found that this wasted gas, so the trailers were abolished, and the drivers of the Mallet Reserve now move and live in their trucks as a turtle lives in its shell.

LIQUOR ISSUE MORE AND MORE IN PUBLIC MIND

Becomes a Genuine Factor in National and State Politics

BEER PRODUCTION HALVED

Quantity of Alcohol in Near Drinks Is Sadly Reduced—New York G.O.P. Convention Near

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[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES]

AMERICA, July 11.—Prohibition is looming up more and more as a political issue.

In the United States Senate, there is no cessation in the efforts of the advocates to get prohibition through in some form. The present effort takes the form of an amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicants after a given number of months. The labor unions seem largely opposed to prohibition.

In the meantime, high prices and bum stuff are working powerfully for individual prohibition. A further blow to the liquor interests is administered by a fuel economy order which reduces the brewing of beer by one-half.

The enthusiastic drinkers who fell back contentedly on various essences and other mixtures are not so enthusiastic now, for the amount of alcohol in these potions has recently been so reduced that even the most expert drunkard is likely to grow loudly and actively ill long before he has guzzled enough to feel even a little happy.

Prohibition in New York

Prohibition promises to play a large and disturbing part in the approaching New York State campaign. The Lewis forces, besides saying that Governor Whitman should not, on general principles, have a third term, will demand that prohibition be submitted to referendum in the Empire State, while the Whitman group will call for a ratification of the Federal Amendment by the legislature at Albany.

The pro-Whitman strength in the State convention to be held at Saratoga on July 18 is forecast as three to one. While the call for the convention states that it is not its purpose to recommend candidates for State offices, every one understands clearly that there will be a show of strength.

Hardly a doubt remains that the contests over all issues will be sharp and possibly bitter. Many agencies are working to produce compromise, but so far they seem without effect.

Former Presidents Roosevelt and Taft and National Chairman Hays have accepted invitations to speak at Saratoga, but ex-Justice Hughes cannot be there, so busy is he kept these days by the aircraft inquiry.

Every one is eagerly curious to know what Colonel Roosevelt will say.

Y MEN PUNISHED FOR EVADING CENSORSHIP

Two Sentenced to Confinement and Ordered Returned to States

Two Y.M.C.A. men, Henry P. Coor and Charles W. Dietrich, have been found guilty in court martial, sentenced to confinement and ordered returned to the United States for attempting to evade the censorship regulations.

One of the men, when arrested at a base port, was found to have in his custody packages, letters and photographs for delivery to friends of members of the A.E.F. in the United States.

The incident has been made public, with the approval of both Army and Y.M.C.A. authorities, "for disciplinary purposes in the effort to make it understood that the only object of censorship is to protect the lives of fighting troops."

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