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Germany Gives Up! ARMISTICE SIGNED TO-DAY! Great Rejoicing is in Evidence!

The armistice, which means absolute surrender, was signed at two o'clock (European time) today, and the war goes on no more. Word came over the wires at noon that Germany had signed the armistice. Two hours later the rumor was officially confirmed. Bells rang out the glad tidings, whistles screeched the air, schools were adjourned till there be a night-long carnival of rejoicing the like of which we never knew before. Songs, shouts, prayer of thankfulness—praise to the Giver of all good, made a day never to be forgotten.

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An American Girl in France

France today holds new experiences for everyone and Clara Savage, an American girl has gone there to live so that she may send to the women of the United States the news of their French sisters as they daily cope with the details of the war. And too, she wants to send home news of our boys who are fighting so gallantly to make the world a safer place to live in. In Good Housekeeping she records her first impression after arriving in France. To quote:

A woman came into the cafe. There was no mistaking her. She wore a clinging silk dress that set off the curves of her figure. Her face under a broadbrimmed, black velvet hat, was pretty in a hard, pink and white way. Her red lips curved; but there was no merriment in them, and her eyes, very much darkened about the lashes, were terret-like. She came slowly down the middle of the cafe—languid. She glanced at every man, and stopped to curve her lips at the three American boys. They made no sign, and she walked on with the undulating movement that is a part of the French street woman's technique. I looked at the three Americans to see what they thought. It was easy to tell. Disgust was written all over their faces. She was repulsive to them. They were just three typical American boys, young and clean and decent, and instinctively they loathed the horrid commercial vulgarity of the street-woman of France. I wandered about in the old part of Paris, first crossing the Seine and strolling through the Flower Market. All Paris is passionately fond of children, of flowers and of dogs. Many of the children have been taken away from the city now, but the flowers and the dogs are everywhere. The market was a mass of bloom tended by garrulous old women who pressed upon you bouquets of deep purple violets and red rambler roses and would have liked to have you purchase great plants of pine hyacinths. Soon I was in crooked, cobbled alleys where low houses had their windows filled with flowers and a linnet in a cage swung outside the door. In a court opening out of a narrow alley I came upon a church. It had been built before America was discovered. Outside it was a great iron cage once used as a place of punishment for the wrong doers of the community but now overgrown with vines and flowers.

I turned back to Notre Dame. The great doors that Victor Hugo described as "each one a page of history" are covered now with false ones built to withstand air attacks. Sandbags are being replaced by their more durable forms of protection. But inside the great cathedral there was the same dim, religious light that has dwelt there thru the ages, the same loftiness and vastness, and another generation of human beings kneeling in the shadows. I passed many altars, and then I came to one where a single candle was burning. A woman knelt before it. Over it were the words: PRO DEO ET PATRIA.

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