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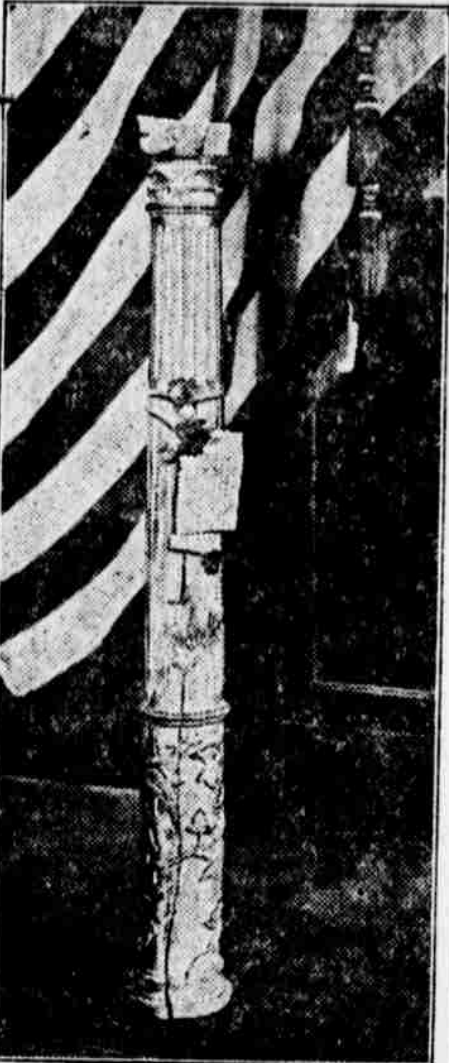
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CHERISH WORLD WAR RELIC

Pillar From Altar of Church in Ruined Village of Belleau at National Headquarters.

One of the most treasured of the many World war relics being gathered at the American Legion's national headquarters, Indianapolis, Ind., is that just received from the battlefields of France. It is a pillar from the altar of a church which once stood in the ruined village of Belleau, adjacent the famed wood of that name, near Chateau-Thierry.

The wooden pillar bears honorable scars, those suffered when scores of Germans high-explosive shells crashed into the little church. One shell frag-



Belleau Church Pillar.

ment all but tore the pillar in halves, but when the marines and the infantry had driven back the enemy and recaptured the town, far beneath the mass of stone and mortar the altar was found intact.

Upon returning to their devastated home the French villagers looked upon the little altar as a good omen and set about to clear up their ruined church building. Later they removed one of the altar pillars, and after appropriate ceremonies, sent it to America as the gift of appreciation of the commune of Belleau to the Yankee regiments, through their organization of the Legion. The pillar is carefully preserved at the Legion's headquarters, protected by the French and American flags.

WILL PAY THE BUCKEYE BOYS

Robert Roberts, Former Commander of Ohio Department, Will Direct Disbursement.

The payment of \$25,000,000 to nearly a quarter of a million of ex-service men is the task which has been assigned to Robert R. Roberts of Youngstown, O., former vice-commander of the Ohio department of the American Legion. Mr. Roberts is director of adjusted compensation in Ohio.

A sergeant major in the Thirty-seventh division during the World war, Mr. Roberts has been employed in the Carnegie Steel mills in Youngstown. His selection by the state sinking fund commission was regarded as a victory for the American Legion, which has endeavored to keep the payment operations of the compensation law out of politics.

Ohio is paying \$10 for every month's service to a maximum of \$250 to all World war fighters.

"Listened In" on MacNider. "Listening in" a thousand miles away, American Legion men at Chatfield, Minn., heard Hanford MacNider deliver an address on adjusted compensation before an audience in Pittsburgh, Pa. If the speaker had known how large his audience really was he probably would have spoken louder.

The Silent Partner. "Does you' take this woman for thy lawfully wedded wife?" asked the colored parson, glancing at the diminutive, watery-eyed, bow-legged bridegroom, who stood beside two hundred and ten pounds of feminine assurance. "Ah takes nothin'," gloomily responded the bridegroom. "Ah's bein' looked."—American Legion Weekly.

AIDS SICK AND WOUNDED MEN

Mrs. Maud Cudworth, Milwaukee, Wis., is Known to Legion Boys Throughout the Mid-West.

Sick and wounded service men of the World war undergoing treatment in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Kansas and Missouri know or are going to know before the year is out of Mrs. Maud R. Cudworth, Milwaukee, Wis., a national vice-president of the American Legion Auxiliary.

It is the duty of local units of the Auxiliary in towns where ex-service men are in hospitals to keep the disabled men supplied with little comforts and delicacies not provided by the government. The women write letters to the patients, send them newspapers, books, magazines, fruit, bathrobes, bed slippers, candy, cigarettes and special articles that they desire. Under Mrs. Cudworth's supervision, as president of the national welfare committee of the Auxiliary, this work is being done in the middle western states over which she has supervision. Mrs. Cudworth personally visits disabled service men in the hospitals of her territory, hears their complaints and takes them up with the proper government officials.

A Legion post of 1,000 men in Milwaukee adopted Mrs. Cudworth as "Mother" because she lost her only son during the World war.

TWO KINDS OF PROFITEERS

Mrs. Henrietta Starkey, Le Sueur, Minn., Cited by Legion Boys as Most Valuable.

There were two kinds of profiteers during the war—one bad, the other good—the service men of Le Sueur, Minn., claim. One of the latter lives in Le Sueur and wears a cannon-metal decoration for the work which she did during the war to aid the various drives and the service men. She is Mrs. Henrietta A. Starkey, owner of a moving picture theater, whose constant willingness to throw open the doors of her amusement house for Liberty bond, Red Cross and other campaigns won her the plaudits of all and caused her bank account to diminish.

One of the things which Mrs. Starkey did to arouse war-time morale was to show the pictures of all the boys from Le Sueur who were in the service—237 in all. Lights and heat in her theater were all furnished gratis for war-time community gatherings. The cost of the films which were often shown at the Starkey theater was borne by its proprietor and the funds to help the service men were augmented so much more.

Le Sueur Legionnaires hold Mrs. Starkey up as the unusual who profited in their good will instead of cash.

GERMANY'S BIG LOSS IN WAR

Deaths Directly Traceable to the World Conflict Are Placed at About 12,000,000.

A study of the official records of the German war department shows that 46 men were killed and 100 wounded on the German side during every hour the World war raged. This estimate was arrived at after the archives had been probed by General Von Altroek, one of the German "high command."

It is also stated in the same report that the Kaiser had a total of 13,000,000 men under arms during the war, of which 1,808,548 were either killed outright or died of wounds or sickness incident to their service. The largest figures are those of the number of Germans wounded which General Altroek places at 4,246,770.

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Carrying On With the American Legion

Farmers gave 200 trees and the village gave a lot to the Elizabethtown (Ind.) post of the Legion when it wanted a community home.

A "Gold Star" Legion organization, open to parents, sisters and brothers of men who gave their lives in the World war, has been proposed.

A total of \$83,000,000 yearly renewable term and converted government insurance is being carried by ex-service men in the state of Washington.

War-time draft dodgers are prohibited from holding public office in New York state, a bill sponsored by the Legion to that effect having passed the general assembly.

Legion posts have been formed in Calcutta, India, New Zealand and Denmark, making a total of 11,050 posts located in practically every civilized country on the globe.

A PACIFIC PARADISE



A Peri of the Marquesan Paradise.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.)

What, in "the New Pacific" that the Washington conference is believed to have created, will be the future of France's island possessions nearest to the United States—the Marquesas? In a few years these fertile, lovely islands, now left practically alone, may be treated as a geographical clean slate, for the natives are rapidly dying off.

The Spanish navigator, Mendana, first discovered the islands with their towering black cliffs, and sailed through a break into a wonderful bay, once the crater of a huge volcano. What must have been his amazement is shared by the traveler today. Within the bay, what a contrast! Where once telluric fires burned, the luxuriant verdure of the tropics now overruns the immense amphitheater in riotous profusion. It is as if nature in repentant mood were pouring out her gifts with unstinted hand to cover the scars and desolation wrought by volcanic fury.

Tree and vine, flower and shrub, cover the abrupt, almost vertical sides of the huge basin and clamber high over ridge after ridge of the knife-like hills; choke the deep ravines and valleys with their prolific mass of bloom and foliage, and, creeping in rich abundance almost to the water's edge, climb the black basalt cliffs towering over the bay, thus seeking to soften their harsh, broken outlines beneath a rank growth of vines and mosses.

Great cascades, springing from the living rock high on the mountain side, leap over mighty precipices, gleaming like strands of silver in the sunlight, to be lost in the mysterious depths of dark gorges far below. These waters wind through dark, tortuous ravines and form the racing stream that tumbles swiftly between the twisting hills into the steep valley of Hanavave, where it rushes over its rocky bed to pass into the blue waters of the quiet bay.

Beyond the crescent of white sand that lies between the cliffs, bayana, mango, and breadfruit trees mingle their brilliant foliage and blossoms with the slender brown trunks and waving frond of the pandanus and coco palm.

Less than a century ago this forest was thickly dotted with the brown thatched huts of the Hanavavans, each upon its papae or platform of stone constructed without mortar or cement. Thousands of these papae, no longer in use, cling to the vertical sides of valleys and ravines in a state of perfect preservation, the platform usually 20 by 30 or 40 feet, level and unbroken, often walled up 10 or 15 feet on the lower side.

Beautiful Women, Fierce Men. To describe the dainty, graceful Marquesanne as she unquestionably was before Cook's advent may lay the describer open to the charge of exaggeration. But from Mendana to Stevenson, and Melville for good measure, her remarkable beauty was a source of surprise and admiration.

When women possess beautiful, luxuriant hair, fine eyes, perfect teeth, a slender, graceful form, a skin of velvet texture and unblemished surface, and these physical attractions are combined with a vivacity of spirit and action, exaggeration becomes difficult; and unless all chroniclers of the islands have for several centuries agreed to deceive the world, such was the Marquesanne; so she is today when sickness has not diminished her charm. The men were fierce, cruel cannibals, whose chief occupation, aside from the indulgence of their amative proclivities, was the killing of both men and women of other tribes for gastronomic purposes.

The all-powerful tapu was the "law and the prophets" of the Marquesans.

Some of the tapus for the guidance of the women would probably incite a suffragette to spectacular wrath. Without exception on any island, women might not eat "long pig"; nor brown pig, a delicacy much enjoyed by the men folks in the absence of the longer variety.

Nor dally with bonito or squid, the two fishes most in favor with the Marquesan palate.

Nor, except on special occasions, eat fresh breadfruit, bananas, or coconut.

Nor could they go in canoes, a provision to keep them from being captured by enemies lurking outside the bay.

And, a tapu savoring of Solomon in its wisdom, women could not weep! It would be a grave error to conclude from the taboos mentioned that the life of the Marquesan woman was a hard one.

They Had No Agriculture.

Agriculture in any form was unknown. The natives took the bountiful variety of flora the islands provided, but to assist nature in any way by tilling or replanting never occurred to them. Content with their gratification of the desires of the day, the Marquesans took literally no thought for the morrow.

The most favored intoxicant in the Marquesas is namu-ehi, or, as it is more commonly known, koko. Ehi is Marquesan for coconut, and it is from the coco palm that this most insidious and delectable of drinks is made. A tall coco palm that has been wind-blown so that its plummy top leans far out of the perpendicular, is chosen. The buds, from which eventually fifty or sixty nuts would be produced, grow in a compact, oblong cluster near the top of the palm. The native climbs the tree and, using long strips of bark or fiber, binds the cluster of blossoms tightly round and round, until the result resembles a huge, fat cigar protruding from the fronds. Underneath the point of this bowl is suspended and the tip end of the wrapping sliced off.

After the second day it begins to drip freely, but the end must be sliced fresh every twenty-four hours to stimulate the flow. In this manner a tree will furnish one or more gallons a day for several weeks.

When fresh from the tree the beverage resembles a delicious lemonade, with a flavor which would make the fortune of a soft-drink manufacturer who could reproduce it. Fermentation takes place speedily, however, and in a few hours your soft drink has "hardened" into a vicious man-killer that only a savage can go against with impunity.

Captain Cook's report placed the Marquesas literally and figuratively "on the map." That was 145 years ago, and since then the history of the islands is the tragic story of a losing fight by a race of savages against a civilization represented in this instance by the whaler, the missionary, the trader, the "blackbirder," and finally their conquest and subjugation by a foreign power.

In 1842 Admiral Du Petit-Thouars took possession of the entire group in the name of France, ostensibly to protect the missionaries in their labors for Christianity. Forts were built on several of the islands and troops installed to enforce French authority.

The ensuing fifty years is a record of desultory warfare between the French soldiers and the Marquesan warriors, in which the latter, always at war with each other and poorly armed, were constantly defeated; of "blackbirders" from North and South America, who raided the weakened villages and sold the men and women into slavery in far-off lands, and of the frightful ravages of smallpox, tuberculosis, leprosy, and other contagious.

YOU NEED A VITALIZER

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DID NOT WORK OUT RIGHT

Chinaman Had His Own Particular Way of Looking at That Raise of Wages.

Sir William Pearce, M. P., told a good story recently in support of the argument that a man will not necessarily work better if you raise his wages.

A man who lived abroad had employed for many years an excellent Chinese cook. He decided to raise the man's wages.

When the Chinaman received the increased money at the end of the month, he said: "Why have you paid me more?"

"Because you have been a good cook," his employer replied.

"Then you have been swindling me all these years," cried the Chinaman, and he promptly left his master's service.—London Tit-Bits.

If You Need a Medicine You Should Have the Best

Have you ever stopped to reason why it is that so many products that are extensively advertised, all at once drop out of sight and are soon forgotten? The reason is plain—the article did not fulfill the promise of the manufacturer. This applies more particularly to a medicine. A medicinal preparation that has real curative value almost sells itself, as like an endless chain system the remedy is recommended by those who have been benefited, to those who are in need of it.

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The little boy in the woods took out of his pocket a small bottle and sprinkled a few drops of it in front of the hole into which he had just chased a cottontail.

"Why do you do this incantation?" asked the gentleman who was out rabbit hunting with the lad.

"I wanted to go and cut a stick to twist the little rascal out, and I was afraid he might get away while I was gone. So I just sprinkled a little of this tonic there to 'keep the hare from coming out.'"—Retail Ledger, Philadelphia.

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GRADUATING RAYS OF SUN

French Physician Has Method by Which He is Able to Intensify the Treatment.

At a hospital in Algiers amplifying mirrors are used to intensify the sunlight treatment and graduate it at will. A set of from one to fifty of these separately adjustable reflecting mirrors throws the rays on the desired region. This increases by 50 per cent, or more, the concentration of the rays. Velis and screens aid in the graduation.

Dr. Miramond de Laroquette writes in Archives de Medicine et de Pharmacie (Paris) that he prefers to use small flat mirrors, set in a square frame, rather than concave reflectors. He gauges the dose by the action on a scrap of sensitized paper and by three thermometers; one is black, one is shiny to reflect the rays, and the third is sheltered from the rays. For a stimulating effect only, the dose is 30 to 45 C, by the black thermometer; the optimum, 38 to 40 C. By these means the treatment is systematic and free from harm, and the result, he says, can be counted on.

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