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France Ready for Friends' Unit.

Recent cables from France have brought a new enthusiasm into the work of the Unit. They indicate that the American Red Cross is prepared to begin reconstruction work in France at once, recommend that the Haverford Unit be sent September first, suggest the formation of a second unit, and detail a long list of equipment which the Unit should take with it.

Negotiations are already in progress for the purchase of this equipment; and since all difficulties on the other side of the ocean have been smoothed out, the only remaining uncertainties are those having to do with securing passports and the permits from the local exemption boards which are necessary. All possible speed is being made.

Part of one of the recent cables follow: "Name American Friends" Reconstruction Unit of Red Cross approved here, but unit will inevitably be separated in France into groups large and small in whatever connection working. Are thoroughly convinced best result accomplishable by combination Red Cross and English Friends. Prospects efficient working arrangement excellent. Today's most satisfactory conference contemplates the injecting of our suitable personnel into Friends' work as fast and as much as can be absorbed with probable large growth. Red Cross can directly use all others and urges that you prepare another section as rapidly as you can assemble men that you can approve. This is a great opening for Friends and like-minded people that they can recruit. You may send men now in training September first." This cable was from Morris Leeds and Henry Scattergood, the American Friends now in France, and Grayson M. P. Murphy, American Red Cross Commissioner for Europe.

Part of the equipment which the Unit will probably take with it is as follows. Planing mill machinery; one three-ton auto truck wide enough to carry house-building plant; one two-ton truck; one one-ton truck; one Ford touring car; one Ford van; 4 small motorcycles; two large motorcycles with side-cars; 16 bicycles for the Unit and several private bicycles (for as many men as have them); two disc harrows; ten horse scow-scrapers for trench filling; one elephant plow; one straw baler; one forge drill press; spades, rakes, hoes, etc.

FRANCE

A cripple here,
A cripple there,
A mist of sadness
Everywhere.

A week of fun;
A month or two,
With little done
And lots to do.

Equipment faulty;
Nothing doing;
Difficulty
Parlez-voo-ing.

Iron stubble
Makes hard sledding;
A little trouble
In the bedding.

Lots of lightning;
Little thunder;
What's France really
Like, I wonder?

H. B. D.

WALT MASON BY MOON-LIGHT

Knowledge of French have I none, but when my daily task is done, I to my room must dail'y hie, and overwork my weary eye. But on the road or automobile, I give the boys my little spiel; I tell them how we do out west, and they agree it is the best. But oh when I to French do go, I wish I had my pick or hoe; and when at me is th'rown that French, I long for battles or a trench. But say, boys, now's no time to yearn; we'll ply ourselves and try to learn; although it is like pulling teeth, remember what is underneath then we'll grind and never swerve, and we'll learn French with Yankee nerve.

C. W. M.

(Note—Caption by C. E. S.)

FIRST BOOK OF CHRONICLES OF THE RECONSTRUCTIONITES

CHAPTER II.

1. Now when the Reconstructionites were returned from the banks of the River Darby, where Howland, the Captain of the host, drove the wild nags from among the tents, they dwelt again in the place called Barclay in the land of Haverford.

2. And the spirit of Horn spake again to the Reconstructionites, saying:

3. Gather all the young men together that they may present themselves before the High Priest DeWees that they may be purified lest they fall before the great pestilence which rageth in the land of Gaul.

4. Then did the chiefs assemble the young men in the Great Court of Barclay, and the young men did purge their left arms with much soap and water in the room of purification.

5. And the Reconstructionites did present themselves one by one before the High Priest DeWees, on whose right was the priest Packer, and on whose left was the priest Lippincott.

6. Then did the priests place on the altars seven pieces of cotton; and behind the seven pieces of cotton were seven phials of ointment; and behind the seven phials of ointment were seven needles, sterile, and of polished steel.

7. And the fear of the Bacillus Typhosus fell upon the Reconstructionites and they were sore afraid.

8. Their countenances were as snow, and their knees smote one against the other, and the sound of their teeth was like unto the castanets, and their hearts were as dulcimas.

9. And the priest Packer did dip the first piece of cotton in the first phial and did anoint the left arm of the first young man; and the room was filled with the odor of strange incense.

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"When the spirit moves"

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 in the Unit

EDITORIAL**THE SPIRIT OF THE UNIT**

To offer one's life to make an enterprise successful is such a guarantee of earnestness as is not often required of members of a non-military organization.

So in this Unit where the men have had to make sacrifices and give themselves for a service which may be hazardous and will certainly be strenuous in the extreme, some such offering of a life to a common purpose has been a prime factor.

A group of men who have looked the facts in the face and seriously determined to take an unpopular stand, one which will inevitably subject them to misunderstanding and perhaps ridicule and even harsher treatment, and yet are determined to pay the price for their conscience's sake, have made one of the supreme decisions which make men masters, make them realize their relationship to God. They have come into the great class of those who feel they owe the world a life and are determined to pay with a full, rich life, not a meagre one.

The volunteer for a high task of any kind in life sees in the toil and sweat and fatigue of preparation an inward meaning. He discovers in them steps toward his goal, and however trivial the processes, they are all shot through and made to glow with a mystic spirit which discloses to his eyes an inward joy even in what at other times would be irksome.

The glory of a service for humanity, the dignity of a position in the first unit under a branch of a national Government stretching out its hand to do reconstruction work in the territory of another nation is surely a lure the like of which has never before been held up to the eyes of our young men.

As we advance through the dust and fatigue of training toward the almost unendurable brightness of the prospect of the service which we long to perform, a kinship with the crusaders, with all the men of all time who have revolted against the established deadness and felt the promptings of life, seems to grip us, and we feel the joy of Paul pressing toward a mark for the prize of a high calling.

Humbled by such thoughts and opportunities, we test ourselves anew lest haply we be thinking not "soberly," but "more highly than we ought to think."

L. H. W.

**FIRST BOOK OF CHRONICLES
OF THE RECONSTRUCTIONITES**

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10. After this thing was done, the hearts of the young men sank within them, even to the depths of their shoes.

11. And when DeWees, the High Priest, broke the seal and held before them the image of the Great Hypodermic, behold divers amongst them cast themselves down and prostrated themselves before him.

12. Now when DeWees the High Priest had finished, it was perceived that one of the more devout amongst them who had cast himself down in ecstasy, so that his wits departed from him for a season, had turned upside down the altar and all that was thereon.

13. And lo, there was spilled upon the floor the seven pieces of cotton and the seven phials of ointment and even the seven needles, sterile, and of polished steel.

14. Then when DeWees, the High Priest, perceived these things, his anger was kindled not a little, and he waxed exceeding wroth and cried out,

15. Saying, woe unto the man who committeth such an abomination and defileth the high places with indigo.

16. And he set a sign upon the nose of the young man as he lay upon the floor even before the altar which was turned upside down;

17. And he beareth this mark even to this day.

18. Then did the priests gather up the fragments and cast him out.

19. And behold, it was commanded and decreed by the High Priest that because of this wickedness the Reconstructionites should again present themselves for purification after seven days of fasting.

20. During this season of fasting they might eat neither the flesh of fowls nor of beasts, but only of the abundance of fish might they partake.

21. And it was so.

MOTHER GOOSE**IN VERS LIBRE**

(Translated from the French by
 Anon E. Muss, R. S. V. P.)

There is a man from India
 Who is so wondrous wise,
 That of that land, and other things
 He tells us many—incredible truths.

There is a gay stenographer,
 Whose barber was so rude,
 That when he clipped his little head,
 He left it bare and—exposed to the sun.

There is a sprightly carpenter—
 When he departs we'll rue it;
 For if there's aught that must be done
 He'll tell us how to—give it an anesthetic.

There is a social scientist—
 A theolog, as well—
 Whose pious look hath us convinced
 He'll never go to—crapshooting.

There is a lad of mighty height,
 Who is most spick and neat;
 But, Oh! Alas! He cannot hide
 His 20 yards of—medulla oblongata.

There is a baseball manager,
 A so veracious youth,
 That if he sed that led was red
 We'd know it was the—same old line.

There is a modest doctor,
 Who sets all breaks with glue,
 If we are ever at death's door
 He'll surely pull us—away from the hot flames.

There is a budding editor,
 Who tries us to amuse
 By disentangling gospel facts
 From out the mass of—whale oil.

There were four wily vaccinees,
 Who in a faint did sink,
 For, fearing prohibition,
 They hoped to get a—sympathetic word.

—H. H. S.

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Nous sommes bien fâchés d'être obligés de faire des excuses de l'aspect de cette colonne, peu convenable au point de vue de l'orthographe, à l'occasion du premier tirage de "L'Equipe." Il manquait alors malheureusement à l'imprimerie des accents français, d'où il est arrivé que cette section a eu l'air si bizarre et si difficile à lire. Pardon.

A propos des accents, il y a une parole assez spirituelle que l'on entend parfois à l'étranger. On prétend qu'il y a quatre accents français, c'est-à-dire l'accent aigu, l'accent grave, l'accent circonflexe, et l'accent *Américain*. Évidemment il n'en faut pas de ce dernier, dont il y a déjà trop par ici :

L'Enseignement Français au Camp.

Parmi les différents devoirs qui remplissent la journée de l'équipe, les classes françaises sont peut-être les plus importants. Si quelqu'un passe par Chase Hall au matin, il croirait en entendre sortir des fenêtres un véritable gazouillement d'oiseaux. Grâce à une faculté de spécialistes enthousiasmés, le progrès va toujours croissant. M. le Président Comfort a donné à cette instruction une jolie poussée pendant la période trop courte de son séjour ici. MM. Jadocius et Maubert, Mmes. Moffat et Steere, et Mlles. Dalcour, Rosant, Hudson et Enndslly nous initient aux mystères du français. Les classes plus avancées prennent plutôt le caractère d'un salon d'amis que d'une classe d'école.

Les Maisons Démontables.

On a reçu dernièrement de la France les tirages en papier bleu des plans et des détails des maisons démontables telles que les Amis Anglais ont construites en France depuis deux ans, comme partie de leur travail de reconstruction. Ces plans, quoique bien simples, sont d'une ingéniosité considérable au point de vue de simplicité d'appareil et d'économie de frais. Les petites maisons, approuvées par le Gouvernement Français, sont de deux types, dont l'un comporte un salon servant aussi de salle à coucher et une cuisine, et l'autre à deux salles à coucher. Le corps de charpenterie est en train d'en construire une exemplaire ici.

LES GRANDES HEURES.

Attaque hardie de cavallerie.

Après la déroute décisive de l'attaque ennemie dans l'air que nous avons décrite au dernier, l'ennemi a laissé tranquille le front sud, et il est occupé sans doute à faire des réparations des appareils aériens. Le seul événement d'importance militaire a eu lieu sur la frontière de l'ouest où s'est stationné un camp de réserves servant de poste d'observation,—station très dangereuse où le bombardement (sans cesse) influe tellement sur les nerfs de nos hommes qu'il n'est possible d'y rester plus de 5 jours ensuite. L'état des revenus presque fous de manque de sommeil, est à faire pleurer.

Il s'y est fait une attaque de cavalerie presque chaque nuit, environ les heures qui précèdent le lever du soleil, en dépit de la vigilance des éclaireurs qui rodent sans cesse par le camp. Ces offensives ont été, jusqu'à ce moment, toujours vivement repoussées.

Telle a été la bravoure de nos hommes qui ont engagé l'ennemi hors les limites du camp, qu'il n'est jamais pénétré au dedans du camp, plus de deux chevaux sans cavaliers ni selles, perdus sans doute au combat féroce. Les animaux ont été d'un maigre qui donnent une très vive idée de la désespoir où se trouve l'ennemi, sans doute au bout de ses ressources et ses forces.

Fumisterie.

M. Jodocius—S'il vous plaît, M. Zavitz, traduisez, "Where are the compartments reserved for smokers?"

Zavitz—Où sont les compartiments réservés pour fumeurs?

CHANSONS POUR LA MARCHE.

"Tu as dit quelque chose"

(De l'opérette "Ayez du cœur")
You'll say something when you get to
Paree

Oh, but I wonder if it will be *compris*,
All I know for sure is, "Je ne sais pas,"
They'll cry, "Oh, là, là," and give us all
the merry ha-ha,
Yes, but when we're back aux Etats
Unis,

On nous aura beaucoup appris;
You'll say something when you're back
from Paree
Je vous parle que Oui!

W. C. T.

"C'est longue a Tipperary"
It's a hard job to "parler Français,"

If you've got a Yankee drawl;
It's a hard job to "parler Français,"

And we don't "j'y suis" at all.
So pull out your dictionary,

Learn to say "Merci."
Or the French will think you are a
German,

And hang you d'une tree.

H. H. S.

SUR LES CHEVEUX

Just why a bunch of fellows should quit shaving their upper lips as soon as they get away from home, has never been satisfactorily explained. It is a disease to which most young men are immune when women are about, but exceedingly infectious when the male sex is isolated, as at Haverford.

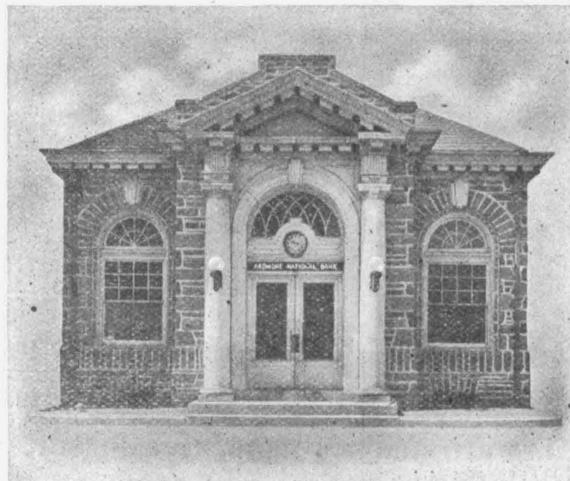
A careful census taken by John D. Zook, who has immunity from the ravages of the disease, reveals that over half the members of the Reconstruction Unit have been affected by the bacillus hirsutus. In many cases the affection was temporary, and passed within a week. In several cases it is persistent and threatens to become chronic. In only one case was the disease really serious—in the case of Charlie Brown, who for the space of ten days apparently attempted to grow a beard—and in that case the patient has almost entirely recovered.

Mr. Zook's census classifies the men of the Unit in the following three classes (those not named have not been affected by the germ at all): (1) Affected, but recovered, showing no present trace of moustaches; (2) moustaches partly successful; (3) moustaches successful.

In the class with successful moustaches are: Buzby, Goff, Griest, MacDowell, Macy, Taggart, Titcomb.

Those with partly successful moustaches are: Bruner, C. F. Brown, Carey, Gannett, Griffith, Hinshaw, Metcalfe, A. Clark Smith, Alan G. Smith, Traviss, Vail, Webster and Zavitz. Davis shows symptoms resembling those of the disease.

The following have been attacked by the disease, but have completely recovered: L. K. Carter, Elliott, Hadley, Howland, Mesner, Sommer, Webb, Whitall, V'askamp. It is possible that others have had light cases which escaped Mr. Zook's attention.



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We will soon be reconstructing
And we won't get any pay.
We will live on grass and dog meat,
Sleep upon the ground,
Have to march along in bare feet
When we are homeward bound.

We will soon be reconstructing
In some part of France;
We will soon be reconstructing
In these khaki pants;
We will build a lot of houses,
Roads and Paris flats;
Find for lonely wives their spouses,
To all take off our hats.

Note—Henry Strater, author of the above illustrious lyric, intending it to be used as a marching song to the tune of "I've Been Working on the Railroad," says the last two lines might be improved by revision, and he would welcome collaboration. We think so, too.—Ed.

"PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES"

Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag
And smile, smile, smile;
While you've a lucifer to light your fag,
Smile, boy; that's the style.
What's the use of worrying?
It never is worth while, so
Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag
And smile, smile, smile.

Think what a pack you might have on your back
And smile, smile, smile;
Wipe off that sad and weary look and tack
Again on all the while.
When in France you mustn't fail
To reconstruct that smile, so
Even if you hammer on your finger-nail,
Just smile, smile, smile.

(Above are printed, for the benefit of members of the unit, the words of the first verse of the popular song, "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag," together with a second verse written for the unit by H. H. S.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

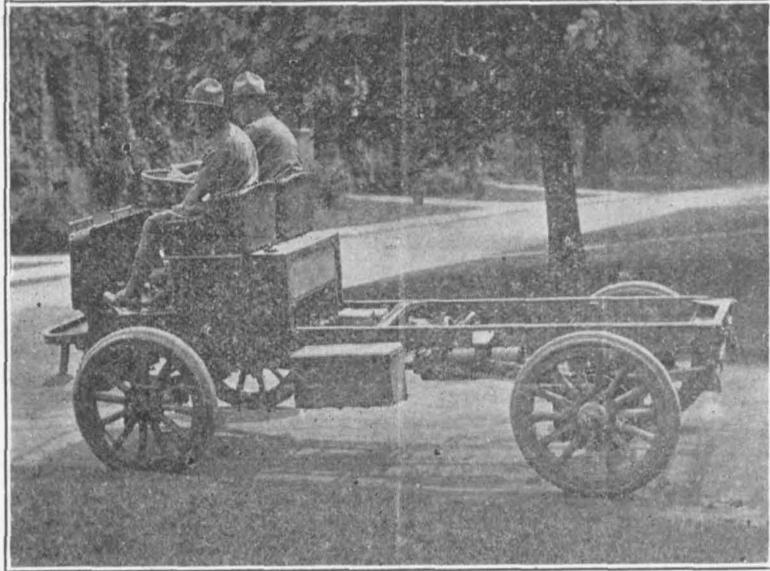
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