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TOLD WONDERFUL STORY OF TRIP

France is Truly Grateful And Credits America With Winning of War

SAID MR. CHAS. NEIZER

Told of Visits to Metz, Paris, Rheims, Rome and the Battlefields

Before an attentive audience that filled the Knights of Columbus hall last evening, Hon. Charles Neizer, prominent attorney of Fort Wayne, told of his visits to Metz, Paris, Rheims, Rome and the battlefields of France, and proclaimed the greatness of the American soldiers for their participation in the war.

Preceding Mr. Neizer's talk, Mrs. Louis A. Holthouse, accompanied by Mrs. Carrie Haubold, pleased the audience with a number of solos.

Seated on the speaker's platform were Rev. Father Selmetz, Judge J. T. Merryman, Herman Gillis and Judge John C. Moran who presented the speaker.

Mr. Neizer began his talk with saying that he was always glad to come to Decatur and that he appreciated the warm welcome extended to him on every visit. His talk was a most wonderful one and the impressions gained from his visits, which he imparted to his audience in beautiful words showed that he was a keen observer of everything he saw on his travels and that above all he loved America and was a true American by heart and fully convinced that the United States was the greatest country on the face of the globe.

Mr. Neizer was a member of the Lafayette-Metz Monument Commission of the Knights of Columbus who dedicated a statue of General Lafayette in honor of the American soldiers who died for their country during the great world war.

Mr. Neizer said in part:

"In attempting to compress a statement of my eight weeks' experience abroad within the time I should consume this evening, I am seized with a similar perplexity and confusion that must possess the Frenchmen returning to his devastated home for the purpose of rebuilding it—he does not know at which end to begin—all is important and all needs attention. It is more of a process of elimination. Quite naturally Americans wish to hear of Europe and experiences there, relating to the war and the present political and economic situation."

He then told of the relation of the war to America and the peculiar historic significance of this war and its battlefields to the French people. He said that the soil of France has been the battle field of Christian civilization. Seven of the fifteen decisive battles of the world were fought on the soil of France and in that part of France enveloped within the activities of the world war.

Nine million miles of territory were laid to waste by the war. France lost 1,364,000 men and has 3,740,000 maimed and wounded. It is easy to understand, continued the speaker, how the war and its results are a part of the life and hopes of the French people and how unavoidably these terrible realities are imposed upon a visitor. It is quite natural that Chateau-Thierry would be the first scene of our visit, for here was the first extensive engagement of the Americans. He told how the American soldiers met the retreating French and how the unconquered, unconquerable Americans stopped the onrush of the Germans and saved their country. The French are truly grateful to the Americans and at all times try to show their appreciation. The official reports of the French army relative to the Chateau-Thierry engagements are interesting to every American.

Speaking of the American soldiers the order says "Thrown into the thick of the battle in a sector violently attacked by the enemy, they gave immediate proof of first class fighting qualities—thanks to the bravery, fighting spirit and tenacity of the men, who stoically bore fatigues and losses, thanks also to the activity and energy of the officers, their efforts were entirely successful. During the operations south of the Marne, they, the Americans, set a fine example of attacking spirit, abnegation and self-sacrifice, thereby playing an important part in the victorious offensive, which resulted in

NEW HOUSE NUMBERS IN DETROIT

Beginning January 1, 1921 the new house numbers in Detroit will be used. The entire city has been renumbered. Subscribers of the Daily Democrat are urged to send their new numbers to this office before January 1st so their address can be corrected on the list and thus avoid the chances of missing an issue. Friends or relatives in writing to people in Detroit should ask for the party's new house number.

IN GENEVA FIELD

A Fort Wayne Company Brings in Good Well—Judge Aiken is President

THE OUTLOOK IS FINE

For a Real Boom in South Part of County—Number of Wells Being Drilled

Geneva, Ind., Dec. 11.—A renewed oil boom that gives prospects of soon equalling that of twenty years ago in this territory is now on and practically every acre of available territory has been leased again. A number of wells are now being drilled and by spring it is expected that contracts will be let for several more. The old derricks will again be a familiar object here.

The Maumee Development company of Fort Wayne of which Judge J. H. Aiken is president, struck a good well this week. It was not a gusher but the stand in the pipe has been increasing each hour and it is believed will pump as good as any in the field. C. E. Green is the driller and expects to have another well in for the Fort Wayne company before Christmas. The oil in the well is of the very best Indiana grade. The field where these wells are being drilled is east of here and several other companies are drilling in this and other sections of this part of Adams county.

In the olden days this was one of the best territories in the state and at that time Geneva enjoyed a real boom. It is likely this will be repeated but on a more conservative scale than before. The high price of oil will make any producing well profitable.

A BENEFIT AT THE CRYSTAL

A real benefit, one in which every penny of the gross receipts, less of course—the exact cost of the film, will be given at the Crystal theater next Wednesday evening, the proceeds to go to the Decatur Athletic association.

This is the first benefit given by Mr. Hanly, and he expects to give several during the year for various organizations. The show for Wednesday evening will be "Out of the Storm," with an all-star cast and one of the best films now showing. The prices will be the same as usual, 10 and 15 cents afternoon and 15 and 20 cents evening. Be sure to buy a ticket and do your part with Mr. Hanly for the Athletic association.

TO REPEAL WAR LAWS

(United Press Service) Washington, Dec. 11.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Expedition of the Volstead resolution repealing the war laws was recommended to the house today by the rules committee.

Consideration of the resolutions may be started in the house late tonight.

The committee also recommended immediate action on the resolution looking toward a reorganization of the government department. The resolution provides for a joint senate and house committee to frame reorganization plans. It passed the senate at the last session.

Egypt is again open to visitors after being closed to tourist travel for almost seven years.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Increasing cloudiness tonight and Sunday, probably becoming unsettled warmer tonight.

11 DAYS TO SHOP

(United Press Service) The WEATHER FORECAST

BLUFFTON BOYS "DOLLING UP"

Barbers of That City Are Laying in a Supply of Rouge and Lipsticks

HAVE CALLS FOR IT

Young Sports Want to be Painted and Barbers Give Them Choice

Bluffton, Ind., Dec. 11.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—"Lip-stick or rouge, sir?"

This question is being asked by Bluffton barbers of their younger customers.

Many young men are adopting the art of their fair sisters and are turning to camouflage to better their personal appearance. The practice is not confined to the city youth; one barber asserted that most of "paintings" were customers having residences in the country. Within one hour, a 3-chair barber shop had six applications for rouge by young men of high school and college age.

"It was but a small step from powder to rouge," said one boss barber. "When we first used talcum powder there was objection by those who considered it effeminate, but go anywhere you like now and you will find the old and the young a willing subject to talcum after the shave."

"I can't say that the use of rouge is a fad," he continued. "The young men are urged to keep up a good appearance just as much as the young woman and I don't see why a little rouge artistically used would be amiss in this respect.

"Anyway, I have ordered an additional supply of rouge and lip-sticks."

Chicago has less than half the building trades workers it had six years ago. There is a shortage of 100,000 homes in that city.

FOR NEW RECORD

Committee in Charge of the Christmas Seal Campaign Predicts a Big Sale

EVERY COUNTY ACTIVE

Salvation Army at Logansport Gave Entire Proceeds of Xmas Kettle

Indianapolis, Dec. 11.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Indiana has started towards a new record of support for the Christmas Seal, according to announcement here today by Murray A. Auerbach, executive secretary of the Indiana Tuberculosis Association, under the auspices of which the annual Christmas Seal sale is being conducted in ninety-two counties of the state.

Unusual support has been in evidence in many counties and officials of the state association ventured to predict today that Indiana's total of 1920 would exceed that of any previous year in the anti-tuberculosis fight. The remarkable announcement came from Frankfort, Ind., today that the Kiwanis Club there had just purchased a \$500 Health Bond and that the high school basket ball team—one of the strongest aggregations in the state—had challenged any similar team in Indiana to play a match game, the proceeds to be used in the purchase of Christmas Seals.

All day yesterday in many counties of the state the Salvation Army, under the direction of Evangeline Booth, commander, lent its powerful influence to the seal sale. In Indianapolis all the workers of the Army, under command of Brigadier Casier, conducted a telephone seal sale and many hundreds of dollars were produced for the Marion County Tuberculosis Association.

At Logansport yesterday the Army, under command of Captain Hall, gave the entire proceeds of the Christmas kettle to the seal sale, and this same splendid co-operation was reported from Evansville and Lafayette.

Dozens of counties are asking for additional supplies of seals and health bonds. Extreme rivalry among the Indiana counties, to lead the state in per capita seals, is evident from the daily reports of successful sales pouring into state headquarters, Mr. Auerbach said today.

HORACE DODGE DEAD

(United Press Service) Palm Beach, Fla., Dec. 11.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Horace E. Dodge, automobile manufacturer, died at his winter home here last evening. Dodge had been ill-ill health for nearly a year following an attack of influenza. The immediate cause of death wasclerosis of the liver, physicians stated.

Burial will be in Detroit.

COST OF LIVING UP TO CONGRESS

With Complete and Unhampered Control the Next Congress is

EXPECTED TO ACT

Nearly Two Billions Could Be Lopped Off If Congress Would Work

(By Ralph F. Couch, United Press staff correspondent)

Washington, Dec. 11.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Approximately \$2,000,000,000 can be lopped from the cost of living bill of the American people in 1921 if congress works along the right lines—of revising the tax laws, in the opinion of many government officials.

Abolition of the many indirect taxes on business is the method which will affect the reduction, it is explained.

"Indirect taxes are paid several times by the consumer," said Commissioner Ethelbert Stewart of the bureau of labor statistics, labor department today.

Approximately \$5,500,000,000 was collected by the federal government in taxes for the fiscal year ended June 30. Most of this came from indirect taxes, such as the excess profit tax, tariff and high surtax rates on income from business operations. For every dollar that went in to the government pocket-book, several others went into the pocket-book of the businessman who collected the tax on the article he manufactured or distributed, government economists say. According to their rule, indirect taxes multiply the prices of most commodities from two to five fold.

The federal government this year must collect at least \$12,000,000,000 in taxes, according to Secretary Hous-

HE MISSED OURS

Writer in Saturday Evening Post Overlooks Belmont Herd of Five Buffalo

GIVES INDIANA ONE

Story of the Bison and How Many Are Found in the World is Worth Reading

The Saturday Evening Post usually prints the exact truth but we are sure of one error in an article appearing in this week's issue, and a very interesting article it is, entitled, "The Survivors," wherein is stated in the story which has to do with the strange story of the American bison or buffalo, that "Indiana has one solitary, lone-some buffalo bull."

If the writer will visit Belmont park just east of this city, he will find two buffalo bulls and three buffalo cows, a herd of five full-sized bison.

During the past year thousands of people have visited the park just to see the buffalo to the children and of course incidentally take a look themselves, many driving fifty miles or more for the opportunity. Two of the animals, Bill and Belinda, came from Texas and three, Agnes, Barney and Rachel, give Montana as their former residence.

The story in this week's Post is very interesting, however, and shows that the animal is really a rare attraction. The matter of placing more insurance on the Decatur light and power plant, the city hall and other municipal property was discussed, but the matter was not disposed of. Objections on the Johns street assessments were heard and left in the hands of the committee. The matter of issuing the balance of the seventy-five thousand dollar bond issue was mentioned but no action taken. It is thought that if the railroad switch and coal pit are built that the balance of the bonds will have to be sold in order to pay off the improvements.

LADIES THANKFUL

The ladies of the Baptist church are grateful to the public for the patronage given them at their recent bazaar. The stock at the bazaar was entirely sold out.

NOT REPPERT'S DEER

The statement that the deer seen near Collett, may be one from the Belmont park, and printed in several papers in this locality, is untrue. The two deer secured for the park zoo here are still in the enclosure at the park, and apparently happy. It is probable that the one seen near Collett has escaped from a park at some point but it is not one of the Reppert deer.

MANY FARMERS AT THE MEETING

Adams County Farmers Called Together Today—Will Urge Legislation

AT PRESENT CONGRESS

W. H. Settle, Petroleum, and Col. Fred Reppert Gave Good Addresses

The court room was filled with farmers this afternoon in answer to the call of the Adams County Farmers' association to attend a get-together meeting that the farmers might take some action sanctioning a movement that will urge the national congress and state legislature to enact laws that will better protect farmers in the future from great losses by sudden declines in market prices, after crops have been produced at a greater cost price than the price that is being received.

The meeting was called to order by the county president, David J. Schwartz, of Monroe township. Mr. Schwartz after stating the purpose of the meeting, appointed a committee which will draft resolutions to be sent to Senators New and Watson and Congressman Vestal, asking their assistance in looking after the interests of the farmers. The members of the committee are M. L. Busche, county agent; Sherman Alexander, St. Marys township; Ed Gilham, Monroe township; John Helman, Washington township.

Chairman Schwartz introduced Colonel Reppert, and he especially urged the co-operation of the farmers in the work that concerns the interest of every one of them. The industry of the farmers is the greatest in the world. It takes more business ability to successfully operate a farm than it did a few years ago, and he asked that all adopt a system by which can be told the cost price of each department of the farm, together with the amount of interest that the investment on the land, farming implements, live stock, etc., ought to bring to him. Imagine any other business enterprise operating on the hap-hazard way that the farmer has been doing his business. He urged organization of the 2,000 farmers in the county, and the farmers themselves would be surprised at the result.

W. H. Settle, of Petroleum, Wells county, was introduced by Mr. Schwartz. Mr. Settle is a "dirt" farmer himself, and is greatly interested in the success of his neighbors and all other farmers of the country. He is now the director of the fourth Indiana District of the American Federation of Farmers. Colonel Reppert cried his first salve of Chester White hogs some fifteen years ago, and the average price received for them at that time was \$37.50, and a great many people at that time thought "the fools were not all dead yet" for putting so much money in hogs.

Mr. Settle told his audience that the money invested in farming in this country totalled more than that invested in the eighteen largest manufacturing concerns in the country, and that it is not the desire of the farmer to ruin any one's business, but to secure legislation that will permit a sound management so that market conditions can not be controlled and operated to the detriment of the farmer, and to place the farmers' business on an equality with any other business.

In talking of the work of the farmers' organization in this country Mr. Settle stated that a year and a half ago the organization was started in less than a half-dozen states, and that now there are 1,500,000 members in thirty-four states. He also stated that when representatives in the national government heard requests from this many men as a unit, they listened, and tried to help them if they could.

Mr. Settle was talking when we went to press, and he had a message that every farmer should have heard. He is one of the oldest pure bred live stock enthusiasts in northern Indiana.

OLIVE'S DEATH ACCIDENTAL

(United Press Service) Paris, Dec. 11.—The authorities are closing the inquest of Olive Thomas, American film star who died of poisoning here several months ago announced today that accidental death had been proven.

