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## AMERICAN AMBULANCE MEMBER SAYS GERMANS WILL BE DRIVEN TO RHINE

Rev. Dr. Francis Boyer, Who Served in France For Nearly Two Years, Predicts Stupendous Artillery Drive in the Spring.

"There is not the slightest doubt that the allies will score a victory in this war and I look for the most stupendous artillery drive imaginable on the part of France and England, this spring and summer, that will hurl the Kaiser's forces back to the Rhine." Rev. Dr. Francis Boyer, of New Bedford, Mass., who served nearly two years as a driver in the American Ambulance corps in northern France, now an Asheville visitor, told a Citizen reporter last night of his work that the American Ambulance corps is accomplishing in France, and gave his opinion of the probable outcome of the conflict.

"If it had not been for England," Dr. Boyer said, "the war would have been over long ago. Great Britain is the factor that prevented a Teutonic victory, and right now the English are bearing the brunt of one war. The first British expeditionary force, holding a line in northern France only thirty-five miles long, was the most important link in the strategic chain of the allies. It had it not taken the British troops two days to re-organize after Von Kluck's army was driven back to the Marne early in the war, the Germans would be occupying positions nearer the Rhine than they are now.

"England's mobilization of munitions is nothing short of marvelous and a trip behind the British lines can bear the fruit of one war. The enormous supply of shells is meant for a spring drive that will fairly stagger humanity.

Service Appreciated.

"The American Ambulance corps in France is performing a service that is appreciated beyond expression by the French people. The Americans go where the British and French ambulance drivers hold back, and outside of the intrepid spirit of our countrymen much of this credit is due nothing but the Ford chassis, upon which the ambulances of the American contingent are built. During the bombardment of Dunkirk, when the Germans launched a heavy aerial attack, all the people took to the cellars and the allies' ambulance squads occupied their bomb-proofs. The Americans braved the explosives dropping from overhead, and did not hesitate to perform their duty.

"When the war was in its early stage, in the fall of 1914, the American ambulance bodies were built of packing boxes. The motors arrived from America and the members of the ambulance society men, millionaires, artists, college men, clergymen, soldiers of fortune, every walk of life represented, soon were busy constructing the bodies of their cars. The war was a great leveller for these American volunteers, and while money came in very handy at Paris, a millionaire enjoyed no advantages over the poorest member of the contingent at the front.

Dr. Boyer told of an incident where a long ambulance train filled with badly wounded, suffering men, some of them screaming in agony, was held up at night on a shelled road, by a large English ambulance, which had broken down near the head of the line. The German shells were bursting all around and the wounded were in agony. The captain of the American ambulance division endured it as long as he could, then ordered some of his men to remove the stones of a fence by the road. The American division drove through the fields with mud up to the hubs, but skirted the cars ahead on the road and took their wounded to the base hospital without further delay.

Attitude of French.

Dr. Boyer was asked about the attitude of the French people toward the Americans. "I think that their opinion has changed lately, that is, within the past few weeks," he replied.

"There are thousands of young Americans who have entered the service of the allies, in the ambulance, the Franco-American flying corps, the legion region and the Canadian army. France appreciates the services of these young men, and I rather think that she remembers them when forming her opinion of America and Americans.

"The spirit of France is wonderful. France, to her countrymen, is not merely a nation, a country as we look upon our country. It is something personified. When I sailed for France in 1914, there was a young French schoolboy who was returning from America on the ship. As we sailed into the harbor of Havre he was standing near me on the deck, unaware of my presence. I heard him, a mere lad, murmur with reverence: 'Ma belle France.' ('My beautiful France.') This spirit is unconquerable and can not be quenched by the Germans or by any nation in a million years.

"The French are the greatest soldiers in the world and while one would ridicule that statement if he was to see a column of French troops

on the march, he would concede its justification by watching them in action, on a charge from their trenches for instance. A French artillery officer told me that the Germans might have started the war with the best artillery, that he would not say their men were not as brave as the French, but the French artillery is better now. The patriotic spirit of the French is the basis of their confidence, which nothing can shake.

"The great confidence of the British 'Tommy' is extraordinary, although it is a different confidence from that of the 'Poulu.' There is not a British soldier, ever so pessimistic, who does not believe that the Union Jack will be carried in triumph to Berlin. The British line is being constantly extended and the thirty-five miles first occupied by the expeditionary force has been more than trebled. England is supplying her now enormous army of the millions and supplying her allies as well.

"A strange thing about the allied soldiers is that there is no hatred for their enemies. They will kill a German when able, but they have no feeling of hatred for him. The fact is that they have no time for hating, knowing as they lie in their trenches that they may be called upon for a charge at any time and that the next minute may be their last. The Germans, as I learned from conversation with prisoners, do not hate the French and many of them say that France could do nothing else but fight. But their attitude for the English is something entirely different, for they insist that England has no business in the war. The women of France, those of the middle and upper classes, who live in the small cities and towns and villages where there has been fighting and atrocities, bear a smoldering hatred for the Germans more intense than any I have seen. The British, the word Boche, is a curse, and if it is uttered they spit on the ground.

"I have seen no atrocities, but I have seen evidence of them. I have seen little children with their hands cut off at the wrists, and in northern France and Belgium, the Germans would pause outside the towns, send for the mayor, and require them to marshal the children in front of their columns as shields against the fire of snipers. I have heard tales of unmentionable acts by German soldiers reported to have been committed in towns where wine cellars were sacked and while there is no reason for disbelief, it is easy to assume that the acts were those of drunken men and not committed with the sanction or knowledge of the officers.

"The Belgian army was ill prepared for war at its outset and its many military leaders in Europe their defense against the German onslaught of the fall of Liege and Namur was a mistake. The army was not equipped as well as our national guard at the war's outset, but what there is left is now organized as a fighting unit and a fine part in the fighting in northern France and the little corner of Belgium still retained.

"The British flying corps is superior to any now engaged in the war. The French flyers are wonderful and great work is being accomplished by the French and Americans in small monoplane, operated by one man who pilots the machine and uses his small machine gun.

Condition Changed.

"Before I sailed for America I had an opportunity to compare the condition of the German soldiers then with their appearance and demeanor at the beginning of the war. Our earliest prisoners were well shod, well clothed and apparently well fed. A few months ago the men who were captured wore shoes that were worn through to the ground and their uniforms were ragged, the same, it appeared, that they had been wearing since the start of the war. Their bodies were unclean and they were apparently ill-nourished. The demeanor of the prisoners is sullen and, of course, no information as to economic conditions in Germany is obtainable from them, for they talk but little. With it all Germany is sacrificing everything for its army, but the sacrifice will prove useless, for the Kaiser's troops can take no more territory and their retreat to the Rhine can be but a matter of months.

Coming back to the subject of the American ambulance, Dr. Boyer said that the pay is small, the work hazardous in the extreme and is not for quitters, but there is a constant stream of young Americans who enlist for the service. "The enlistment," he said, "is for six months and many young men feel that that is all the time they can spare. The pay is two francs (forty cents) a day, and most of the work is performed at night, without lights and generally under shellfire. There have been many

American ambulance drivers killed, but do not think the Germans knowingly fire upon ambulances. Naturally they would train their guns on any moving object, for it may be a column of troops or ammunition trains.

"The trouble with the people of America is that they have no conception of the war, they can not appreciate the amount of suffering that is being borne without complaint, the loss of dear ones, that is heard without tears, for the sacrifice is for France, and the French women and children bid their menfolk goodbye proudly."

Dr. Boyer was recently appointed chaplain in a Canadian battalion that has since left for the front, but a sudden illness prevented him from leaving. He delivered the morning sermon at Trinity Episcopal church yesterday and will conduct the Lenten services at All Souls' in Biltmore. He intends to remain in Asheville until May.

### RED CROSS MEETING THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Organization of Asheville Chapter Will Be Completed and Large Attendance is Urged.

Dr. S. Westray Battle, chairman of the local Red Cross chapter, and the chairman of the various committees recently appointed, urge the attendance of the general public at the meeting to be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the Asheville chapter.

Elliot Wadsworth, acting chairman of the American Red Cross, has issued an appeal to the American public for the immediate enrollment of 1,000,000 new members to help the society in the present national crisis.

Mr. Wadsworth said: "At this time of national trial, when every one is keyed to a spirit of particular sacrifice and desire to help, I cannot insist too strongly nor too often that the Red Cross is the only volunteer relief organization recognized by the United States government. Now is a time when we must unify our national effort, and guard above all against duplication of work in any vital field.

"Numbers of self-sacrificing persons during the last two years have given all their time and enthusiasm to special relief. We have had to be neutral, to lessen suffering wherever we have found it. We could do nothing else if we were true to the spirit of our founders. Others have preferred, through keen sympathy, to work for special national relief funds and to make special forms of dressings and bandages for the surgeons of this or that particular country. The work of these persons has been one of the sustaining inspirations of American life.

"But now the conditions are all changed. It is the United States itself that may need our organized assistance. We do not know at what moment this country may demand our utmost resources. There is no possibility of divided sympathy. And our government has made it plain beyond the chance of doubt that where America is suffering or in danger of suffering, the American Red Cross must be the source of national relief and command the loyal and devoted help of the entire country.

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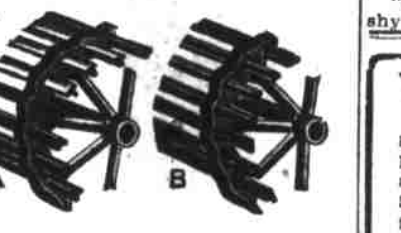
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### 'WHY BE A CHRISTIAN?' SUBJECT OF ADDRESS

DR. JOHN A. WRAY SPEAKS AT Visiting Baptist Clergyman Pays Tribute to Reputation and Work of the Local Association.

Dr. John A. Wray, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Chickasha, Oklahoma, the speaker at the Y. M. C. A. meeting for Monday afternoon, paid a glowing tribute to the local association at the start of his address, the subject of which was "Why Be a Christian?" "I have traveled the country over," said Dr. Wray, "but I have never found a Y. M. C. A. so prominent in all its departments as this one. Every man I have ever approached with questions about the Ashville Y. M. C. A. knew of this association and its work and was interested in its welfare."

Dr. Wray, who delivered the morning and evening sermons at the First Baptist church here yesterday, stated proudly that he is a Tar Heel and that "all the Tar Heels" in spite of his long absence from his own state, in his address, the speaker said in part as follows:

"I would like to begin by saying that it pays to be a Christian. Christianity is the greatest world in the world today. Being a Christian is greater than being an American, much as we prize our national name. God wants all to be Christians. This was shown in tangible form when He sent His son Jesus Christ into the world to die in order that we may bear this great name—Christian. Jesus died because God loved the world so much as to send Him to save the people from sin.

"We should be Christians because we should glorify God. It is impossible to glorify God unless we are Christians. Man without Christ is dead. 'He that hath not the son shall not see light.' When we see young men in sin we long to stretch out our hands and lift them up where they can see Christ. The fiber of young manhood is woven into the very life of the world. Young men are the controlling factors in this world and I beg you young men to live. Christianity is not merely to escape hell, but in order that you might live the highest and greatest life.

"All nations have had their heroes. They have been measured by physical strength. But today the world looks upon intellect as the moving force and power character is the uncrowned monarch in the world today. Young men should guard their characters as their most sacred possessions and live a life instead of merely making a living.

"We should be Christians in order that we might wield the best influence. No one lives without making the world better or worse. There emanates from man an influence like disease emanates from the sick body. We should be and act as the influence to how the other part of the world lives. We must hitch our alma to the star of Bethlehem so our influence will be for the best.

"There are many poor fellows down in the ditch today who are crying out for a friend. Your liberty ends right where the freedom of the other man begins. The saddest sight in the whole universe today is the man who is not a Christian. Let me plead with you to anchor yourselves to the cross of Christ, the great architect of your souls. The grandest sight in the universe is that of a young man standing on the Rock of Ages, making a life instead of a living."

Dr. Wray closed his address with an appeal to the men to take Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and the altar was crowded as almost the entire audience came to the front of the auditorium.

feature of the meeting was the singing of a special club of men and of the Asheville Male quartet, led by Captain C. H. Bartlett. Those composing the singing club were: C. H. Bartlett, B. L. Ownbey, C. N. Wells, A. L. Monteth, George W. Sobren, G. M. Bateman, C. E. Moody, J. T. Wildes, H. C. Clark, Ed. Carter and Elmer Carter. G. H. Thompson was the accompanist.

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