

# Time of Rejoicing Veteran Recalls Incidents Witnessed in Small Belgian City.

ONS had been taken. Ramignies, a few kilometers east, had fallen to the advancing Canadians the day before. It was ten o'clock in the morning. Troops were moving through on their way to take the lead in the big push that was under way. Parallel roads covered with marching columns. Then-suddealy, unexpectedly-there came the order to "stand to." Something mysterious about this order. Officers stood talking excitedly in little groups along the road. Several staff automobiles flashed by on their way to corps headquarters.

The halt was long. It became longer. The boys had figured to be in the tlrick of hard fighting before this. Something had stopped the movement of that splendid fighting machine, the Canadian corps.

Dispatch Rider's News.

Just outside the little town of Ramignies a group of Canadian soldiers

### and Belgium.

The Peals of the Bells. And then came the answer-first in the belfry. And just when the old cure caught the glad tidings, later powerful and with full tones the bells Oh, turn your faces East today; everywhere pealing, far farther than Vow end to war's dismay. we could hear, for in that hour all the bells of Belgium and France, as far as the Spanish border, had taken up the ringing.

The Canadians went down with the cure. Others had taken over the task in the belfrey. And just when the old men and women and little childrenthe only civilians-had gathered in a great happy throng, there sounded a wild cry, a wonderful shout of victory, never before heard in this town. Dashing along came a squadron of Canadian cavalry, whooping it up in true cowboy style. Through their tears the people smiled and laughed. The old enfin libre, et volla nos liberateurs our liberators)," he said.-Pierre Van Paessen, in the Atlanta Constitution.

## Would Have Armistice

holidays," said Walter Greenlee of tlement of differences between the Columbia, S. C., in an interview member nations. printed in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. "The armistice marked one of the since the armistice was signed and greatest epochs in American history, representing the capitulation of one struggle in Europe, advance has unof the most powerful fighting ma- questionably been made toward a chines on the face of the earth because of the activities of the American soldiers. "With nearly 2,000,000 soldiers who went overseas and another 1,000,000 ready to go, it behooves the people to by the treaty of Versailles have turn out and honor these boys by observing the day of victory, due to their efforts. We cannot pay too much respect to the boys who sacrificed everything to follow the flag and fight for humanity and the preservation of civilization. "Armistice day should be a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving, and the people should decorate their homes in patriotic colors. The boys who were wearing khaki have not forgotten the humanity from the war. Millions of extravagant phrases of welcome that greeted them on their return. They will Judge by the interest in their celebration whether the words of praise and welcome were sincere."



### NEW YOUTH, RISE UP! RISE UP FROM PLAY!

By Ernest L. Heitkamp. That now seems far and distant day (Boom of gun! Boom of gun!) When armies paused in their red way And Armistice held sway.

Eight years have spun their swifting days.

(Tick of clock. Tick, tick, tock) And man, still tragic in his ways, Goes forth to war, and slays.

Face the East; face to the East. (Toll of bell! Toll of bell!) Ah, that all grim, gray wars has ceased

In dawn's first flush, released.

Red poppies nod in Flanders finida (Sound of taps! Sound of taps!) And crosses bear their withered wreaths

Amid the war's dead leaves.

New youth, rise up! Rise up from play! (Boom of gun! Distant gun!)

-Chicago American.

HEALING THE SCARS LEFT BY CONFLICT

### Some Good Accomplished in Years of Peace.

GHT years have now passed since the last shot was fired in the World war. Today the anniversary of Armistice day is celebrated in those lands where the victory of cure stood looking on. "La Belgique 1918 was hailed then with rejoicing. Those eight years have been replete (Belgium free at last and here are with great events, as the war-torn world has readjusted to peace. They have witnessed conferences of the representatives of the nations, negotiations for adjustments, reactions, rebellions within the boundaries of late-Day National Holiday ly warring powers, the formation of "Armistice day should take equal an international association of narank with the Fourth of July and tions aiming at the establishment of Decoration day as patriotic national peace and its functioning in the set-

In these eight years that have passed

the warring forces ceased their awful

firmer ground of international under-

standing. A settlement of the war

obligations of Germany has been ef-

fected upon terms finally acceptable

to both sides. The new states created

gained substantial foundations. Eco-

nomic conditions have been advanced

Today, as the occasion is marked

by ceremonies or by the simple but

significant silence of millions at an

appointed minute, it is possible to

feel the remarkable recovery that has

been made from the shock of conflict.

and to realize the benefits which, at

whatever cost, have been gained by

men were slain and more were

maimed; countless losses were suf-

fered; the world was shocked incal-

culably; nations were disrupted, bro-

ken into portions that in some cases

have been constituted into new states;

everything has been changed save the

race itself, and that remains with its

old qualities and faults and virtues,

but with the example of a needless

Armistice day should be observed in

a spirit of gratitude for the sacrifices

of those who now sleep in heroes'

graves. They went forth upon com-

mand to serve, to suffer, to die. Some

went eagerly, some reluctantly, some

only upon the compulsion of law. But

all who went, under whatever flag or

with whatever motive or feelings, con-

tributed to the result that is today

being celebrated. That soldier whose

body lies beneath a marble shab at

Arlington, unidentified, unknown, is

a symbol of the impersonal service

rendered by the great army of Amer-

icans joined to the great armies of

Europe to bring to an end a contest

that was bleeding the world to death.

To him, as the type of American duty

in the hour of supreme need, respect

is today paid by a grateful nation.

horror as a guide to better conduct.

toward stability.

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watched a high-powered motorcycle come tearing down the road from the direction where till a short time ago had come the rattle of sharp and continuous firing. The big guns had been silent since ten o'clock. The dispatch rider, noticing "the troops." just slowed up enough to shout: "It's all over, fellows," and sped on. His words dispelled all doubt as to the rumors that had been rife for an hour or so.

Two soldiers detached themselves from the party and went to the old church of Ramignies. The walls of the edifice still stood, but the roof had been damaged and was partly gone.

Walking up to the altar, the figure of the old cure, bent in prayer, was noticed. Only his lips moved as he gazed upward to the broken windows through which a pale sunlight made Its way.

He was one of the clerics who had taken the advice of Cardinal Mercier and had stayed with his flock to support them in the time of enemy occupation.

#### Bearing Good Tidings.

As the soldiers approached, one tapped him on the shoulder and told him: "La guerre est fini," The old man turned. He had an empty sleeve and on his breast a medal. He had fought for France in 1870, as he told the soldiers later, and had put on the old medal immediately after the withdrawal of the enemy the previous day.

"La guerre est fini." He repeated the words as in a dream. Then came a torrent of tears, and, supported by the two soldiers from far-away, the cure climbed the winding stairway to the church tower.

"A Canadian will announce to the villages and towns of Belgium that they are liberated and that the Bocha has gone," he said.

A few creaks as the old man gripped the ropes. Then the first peal of the bells of peace when the two soldiers heaved with all their might.

The whole market square below filled with people. The old cure looked down and motioned with his hands to his parishoners to come close up, for It is considered an extremely happy omen to take part in a ceremony of

#### French and Americans

Welcomed End of War Pandemonium reigned in Tours, headquarters of the S. O. S. eight years ago.

This army center, far removed from the actual line of combat, was made up of the various headquarters of the non-combatant units and a military police battalion of 1,000 members, the majority of which had seen active service at the front, being rendered unfit for active campaign duties. for an indefinite period.

Tours was bedecked in heliday attire. No pretense at duty was made. From early morning until late at night natives and American soldiers alike provided a moving maelstrom of humanity, parading incessantly. Feminine cries of "Fini le guerre!" rent the atmosphere, with old ladies hugging uniformed figures, small children soliciting souvenirs and the poilu requesting his American cigarette, which request became as a salutation through the republic.







