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PETAÏN A MARSHAL

Splendid French Soldier Gets Proper Recognition

WILLED THEY SHALL NOT PASS

This is the Man Who Made and Sustained a Reputation as the Best Organizer in France—Great Artillery Expert—Prepared the Splendid Defense of Verdun.

France has a new marshal, the third created since the war—Petain the victor of Verdun, whose extraordinary organizing and tactical qualities, great personality, and gift of inspiring unlimited confidence in both officers and men, writes the London correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, have been generally recognized and appreciated during the course of the war.

Henri Philippe Benoit Petain is a grave, tall son of the Department of the Pas de Calais. He is a native of Gauchaucy la Tour, near Bethune. His father was a husbandman, and nothing seemed specially to designate young Henri Petain for a successful military career. He entered the school of St. Cyr in 1876, when France was still suffering from the wound inflicted upon her by the annexation of Alsace-Lorraine. Some years later he received his commission as lieutenant in the infantry, to which he has ever since remained faithful. For seven years he served as lieutenant in a regiment of Chasseurs Alpins, becoming captain of the same regiment in 1890. It is interesting to note that he did not appreciate his remarkable talents, and deliberately tried to retard them in every way. Neither can it be said of Petain that he benefited in any way from favoritism; he was only promoted to captain when his chiefs could no longer find any reason for delaying his advancement.

In 1902 he became professor at the Superior Artillery school at Chalons, where he definitely broke away from the old official teaching, which the late war has so often proved defective. He defended his views as to the necessity for intense artillery preparation before attempting any infantry attacks, with such conviction that his superiors, who were generally in favor of the traditional methods of warfare, seized the earliest opportunity of sending him from their midst so embarrassing and convincing an opponent of their theories. Petain, however, soon had a splendid revenge. He was appointed professor of applied infantry tactics at the Superior War school, and in this new capacity he won the admiration of his official-pupils, and also a reputation for original ideas quite opposed to the generally accepted official methods. He then returned to his former regiment, where he was warmly welcomed by his men and fellow-officers. War found him stationed at Arras on the point of retiring with the rank of colonel.

But now the wheel of Fortune revolved rapidly, and in a few months time Marshal Petain had attained to the highest rank in the military sphere. Promoted brigadier at the beginning of hostilities, he at once took part in the most severe fighting. He was at Charleroi, and a few weeks later, having been placed in command of a division of infantry, he succeeded in restoring discipline, energy, and optimism to those men who had been through the fighting at Charleroi and at Guise, were absolutely demoralized when he took them in hand. In the different attacks which he led during the battle of the Marne he applied his long-cherished theory as to the necessity for an intense artillery preparation, and in more than one case he gave his men an example of falling back, placing himself unhesitatingly at their head, under the most terrific shell fire. It is surprising that the "gallant" chief respect and love so intrepid a chief? They never fail to recognize his superiority, and are proud to proclaim their confidence in him on every possible occasion. "On peut y aller! C'est de l'ouvrage a Petain!" A simple phrase. Yet this confidence in the thoroughness with which his chief would have accomplished his "job" reflects the faith he has inspired in his troops, who secure in the knowledge that the powerful pounding of French guns had cleared the way, rushed toward the German lines with that incomparable dash and bravery which has always been characteristic of the soldiers of France.

In recognition of the invaluable services he rendered during this first phase of the war, the French government named him commander of the Legion of honor. His work was mentioned in the official dispatches, which stated that he "organized with remarkable method the attack on the German position, and directed the same with extreme energy, obtaining a magnificent effort from the troops placed under his command."

His successes in Artois will be remembered in the annals of the war. Under his extraordinary thorough and competent direction the thirty-third army corps captured all the reputedly impregnable German lines and took 10,000 prisoners. Petain became major-general, and was commander-in-chief of the eleventh army. He then prepared the Champagne offensive of October 1915, and the fine success which resulted from the practical application of his theories designated him to be the defender of Verdun, where at last he had a full opportunity of revealing his unique qualities both as a tactician and organizer.

When he took command of the army of Verdun, at the request of General de Castelnau the enemy held the village of Douaumont. Petain immediately grasped all the measures that were necessary to protect the fort and Verdun; he set to building a network of roads and trenches, which, by assuring stations and deposits, which, by assuring and facilitating communications, contributed greatly to the help of the men in their heroic defense of the valiant city. For several months General Petain was the very soul of the resistance of Verdun. Thanks to inconceivable sacrifices the enemy succeeded in gaining an advance which momentarily threatened the security of

GENERAL PETAÏN MADE MARSHAL OF FRANCE



Before a gathering of the most brilliant military leaders of the world, Gen. Henri Philippe Petain, commander in chief of the French armies in the field, was awarded the baton of marshal, the highest honor bestowed by France. President Poincare in Metz. President Poincare is shown presenting the baton to Marshal Petain. Directly behind are Marshal Joffre, Marshal Foch, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, General Pershing, General Gillian of the Belgian army, a Portuguese general and General Haller of the Polish army.

that front. Petain never lost courage, however, and from the very first he was confident in the success of his colossal enterprise. He called up all the artillery he could dispose of, and it is said that he placed cannon-wheel against cannon-wheel, thus forming a steel barricade of shell fire and steel, through which the surging tide of German infantry was powerless to break. Then he uttered the now famous words which electrified his troops: "Ils ne passeront pas!" (They shall not pass!—They did not pass.)

When General Nivelle took command of the "great army" of Verdun, he achieved what Marshal Petain had prepared, recapturing the line of forts placed at the head of the Germans of the center, General Petain took a most active part in the last offensive, and recaptured the reputedly impregnable position of Moronvillers. He was recalled from this post by M. Painleve, in order to become chief-of-staff at the French War office, and to establish a permanent link between the government and the supreme military command.

Marshal Petain was appointed commander-in-chief of the French armies early in 1918. He retained this post when Marshal Foch assumed supreme command of the Allied forces. With the liberation of Alsace-Lorraine accomplished, no one was better fitted than Marshal Petain to be placed at the head of the French troops who entered Metz, for, as M. Clemenceau said in his proposal to make General Petain marshal of France:

"At a time when the whole of France celebrates with a noble pride the definite victory of its arms, the government of the republic makes it a point of honor to express the wishes of the army and of the country by conferring on General Petain, one of the most glorious architects of victory, the dignity of marshal of France. To retrace the role played by Marshal Petain in the whole of the war. He had already won fame by the splendid service he accomplished, when, placed at the head of the army at Verdun, he inflicted on the enemy a defeat which will ever remain famous, and which marked the decline of the German military power. History will place General Petain in the very first rank of those great warriors who, in the course of the four years of this long and terrible war, have commanded the Allied armies. Led by the highest valor, our incomparable soldiers have imposed upon the enemy the armistice of Nov. 11, which consecrated the triumph of the Entente. They have just reached the Rhine. The moment therefore has come to grant to General Petain the supreme military reward which will honor him as chief of the French army. Surely no praise is better deserved than that awarded by 'Father Victory,' as M. Clemenceau is lovingly called, to the great warrior whom his polius have appropriately nicknamed 'He who works well!'"

WARNS AGAINST BOLSHEVIKI.

Official of Military Intelligence Testifies Before Senate Committee.

Testifying before the senate committee investigating German propaganda, Archibald Stevenson of the military intelligence bureau, said Thursday that representatives of the Bolsheviki movement already have organized soviets in the industrial centers of this country and that their plans contemplate eventual seizure of the government.

Mr. Stevenson also said evidence exists that Germans and the United States have begun a post war propaganda with a view to exporting the peace terms which would make the peace terms imposed on Germany less onerous. He imposed on Germany's attention to the recent editorials in the New York States Zeitung, which he said endeavored to convey the idea that American soldiers overseas had come to regard the Germans in a light other than that of enemies. Leaders of the Bolsheviki movement in this country, Mr. Stevenson testified, included John Reed, who, he said, was the consul general at New York for the Russian soviet government, and Albert Rhys Williams of New York. Schools for the teaching of the Bolsheviki doctrine to children have been established by the local organization, the witness said, and lecturers have been sent to New York. He told the committee that H. H. Hapgood of New York was one of the lecturers and that Leonard D. Abbott also of New York was head of the school for the teaching of radicalism. Money for the Bolsheviki propaganda work, Mr. Stevenson asserted, was sent from Russia. The element that is furthering radicalism here is the same element that is fighting American soldiers in Russia," said the witness. "They can be said to be the same for Reed and Wil-

BELONGS TO THE STATE.

Well Known Columbian Memorializes the General Assembly.

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Appoint a practical commission, elected by house and senate from practical men—not all lawyers; they have need of lawyers. But you must have a commission that recognizes that there are laws in nature's great courthouse to appeal to instead of writing statutes. There is the law of credit, gravity, falls of water, navigation, and last but not least, law of self-preservation, the first law of nature, to appeal to now quickly. The world is begging you to "come across."

HOLDERS OF THE BAG

Men of Camp Sevier Who Serve to the Last

ABOUT QUARTERMASTER PERSONNEL

Not Much Excitement nor a Great Deal of Glory in Looking After Equipment and Supplies; But Nevertheless the Work Has to Be Done.

Camp Sevier, January 25.—Cheerfully continuing to do their bit at Camp Sevier although the war is ended, even as they have done through all the struggle, with never a chance to get in the limelight and the honor of having gone over the top and at 'em never coming to them, this article will have to do with the men of the Quartermaster Corps and other camp organizations who have been in Camp Sevier and Greenville longer than any other soldiers. They are deserving of praise for theirs, although devoid of the glamour and glitter of the battlefield has been and continues to be a most important work, requiring intelligence of the highest sort and a patience and perseverance that it to be found only in soldiers and all men of the very highest type. They have had in charge the great work of providing for the welfare and comfort of the soldiers of the various divisions who have come to Camp Sevier to train, and who after their period of training have gone across to put the fear of God and Democracy into the Hun. Any thinking man, though, will readily admit that the fellows who were not permitted to go because they had just as great a though not so glorious a part in the victory of the Allies.

Talk to the average officer or enlisted man of the Quartermaster Corps about the war and the part he played and he will admit, "yes, I stayed here at home or rather in this camp. Somebody had to stay and because of my peculiar training in certain lines it was decreed that I should stay. I had a part I guess; but to my way of thinking it was a poor part and I'll never get over the fact that I didn't get to go over and see the whole show."

There is not the slightest doubt but that the great majority of them and there are more than a thousand in all, did want to go and made effort to go at one time or another during the past seven months. Many were disqualified because of physical disability; many who were fit were kept from going because their service could be utilized to better advantage on this side. There is nothing yellow about the men of the Quartermaster Corps with the exception of their hat cords. Most of them, had they had their choice would far prefer the line to the line in which they are engaged. It is easier, it does not carry such great responsibility. It does not require such painstaking, patient effort. But somebody has to do the Q. M. work. It is no easy matter to provide for the clothes and feeding of 30,000 men daily. It is not the easiest job in the world to look after the transportation of those who are ordered away on a moment's notice. There are easier tasks than taking care of thousands of horses and mules and wagons, and other property of like nature that is absolutely essential to the conduct of a great military organization.

Man's care of the cast off shoes and clothes of these men, their bedding, worn-out military property of every description which still has some financial value. The men of the Q. M. have done all of this, have done the work thoroughly and well.

But all this is by way of explanation of the necessity for a quartermaster corps at Camp Sevier and an explanation of why it is that hundreds although they have been stationed here for eighteen months or more didn't get a chance to have hand to hand engagements with Fritz. There are several branches of this quartermaster corps and in every branch men who have been here so long that they almost feel like old residents of the city and town.

Commanding officer of the Quartermaster Corps for the past seven months has been Major D. H. Cotter, who was transferred this week to Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga. Major Cotter was of the regular army and during the past quarter of a century had seen service in every branch of the military. He is succeeded by Major O. L. Ferris who has also seen service. The constructing quartermaster, Major Cooper, is another old resident of Camp Sevier who has seen the camp grow from a comparatively small station to one of the largest of the tented camps in the entire country. In point of service in the quartermaster corps so far as Camp Sevier is concerned one of the oldest is Major F. J. Hamberg, who came here eighteen months ago. Major Hamberg is an old regular army man who at the outbreak of the World War was a non-commissioned officer of the regular establishment. Major Hamberg was promoted to his majority since he came here and for a number of months was camp executive officer. Several weeks ago the officer had the misfortune to be the victim of an automobile accident and is now confined to the Base hospital on account of his injuries.

Capt. H. V. Beneva in charge of the Subsistence branch of the Quartermaster Corps has seen eighteen months service at Camp Sevier. A number of his assistants, especially his non-commissioned officers have also been stationed in this camp more than a year. Among them is Quartermaster Sergeant Senior Grade Jack Weiner who came to Sevier at a time when the pretty camp site was hardly more than a growth of briars and brambles. Interspersed here and there with a tall pine or oak. Sergeant First Class Thomas Dortch of the Subsistence branch is also another Camp Sevier old timer. He too, has had about eighteen months service here and in that time has issued thousands and thousands of rations.

Capt. H. C. Elber, camp property officer has been stationed at Camp Sevier about ten months. The captain

MEAT OF THE WHALE

It is Now Esteemed as of Great Value.

When a whale-meat luncheon was given in the spring in the Museum of Natural History, the people of the Pacific Coast decided that the diet had sufficiently strong scientific backing to give it a trial. Now reports to the museum, as cited in the current issue of the Journal, show the whale meat has been placed on regular sale in the municipal markets of Portland, Ore., and that its use has been energetically promoted in Seattle, San Francisco and other coast cities.

All whaling factories on the coast, as a result, are becoming equipped to utilize the meat for food, either in condensed form or as a cold storage product. The Victoria Whaling Company has placed the entire output of one cold storage plant and fresh orders for the product of the whaling factory. It is probable that the demand on the Pacific coast will be so great that little of the meat will be sent to eastern cities. The British Government is also considering the use of whale meat, and has addressed inquiries to the museum regarding it. Although it is a strange diet for Americans, its use is not new elsewhere. Inhabitants of the Scottish Islands have used it for centuries, as have the Japanese. As early as in 1261 whales' tongues were an important article of commerce in the Basque provinces of Gascony, on the Bay of Biscay.

In Japan the meat is eaten either fresh or canned, a single whale supplying, according to the records, as much as 80,000 pounds. The seven whaling stations on the American Pacific coast, with the one on the Atlantic side of the continent, have a combined summer catch of about 1,000 whales, making available for distribution in America a yearly supply of nearly 50,000,000 pounds of palatable and nourishing food.

The meat is darker colored and somewhat coarser grained than beef, but has no fishy flavor, and when properly cooked it tastes much like veal. An analysis of the canned meat recently made by the bureau of fisheries in Washington showed its protein value to be 34 per cent, as against from 13 to 14 per cent, in beef, mutton or pork.

Guess Their Country.—Two couples of foreign birth and habit had, after six months' travel in America before the war, returned home. One of the male members of the quartet was thus accosted by a friend the next day: "Did you have a good time in America?"

To which was made the characteristic illuminating reply: "Yes, but our wives got awfully tired of those upper berths."

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