

ALSACE TO RETAIN PECULIAR TONGUE

FRENCH AND GERMAN COMBINATION.

Continues as Language of the Province Restored to France by Peace Treaty.

One of the greatest of France's reconstruction problems is to determine just what encouragement is to be given to the use of the peculiar half-French half-German dialect of the Alsace, says a Paris dispatch. After long study of the conditions in the restored province, and after questioning thousands of peasant and townfolk, a recommendation has been made to the French government urging that no effort be made to prohibit the teaching of German in the schools of Alsace, but that greater effort be made to teach the people the beauties of the French tongue and literature, at the same time recognizing the dialect of Alsace as the language of a people which has shown heroic fidelity to France.

This scheme of maintaining the Alsatian phrasings, undeniably the logical product of enforced bilingualism, has been strengthened by M. Eugene Gerber, who at Dambach has inaugurated an open air theatre, in which only plays will be produced in the Alsatian tongue. But this effort, while meeting with popular appreciation, is not destined to have great effect, as it is recognized that the dialect, although convenient for folklore and the daily speech of family life, does not lend itself readily to literature.

Teach French to New Pupils
The educational problem is exceedingly complex. Few of the Alsatian teachers were able to instruct in French; those who had had any previous training in French schools were only able to teach imperfectly. Moreover, a large percentage of the Alsatian children at the conclusion of the war had already commenced their studies in German.

In order to bridge this difficulty it has been decided to commence the teaching of French as soon as the pupils enter the schools. German will not appear in the curriculum until the fourth year, when, thanks to the similarity of the dialect and German vocabulary, rapid progress may be attained in both the national and provincial tongues.

In short, the French have realized that it is unwise to expect the patriotic citizens of Alsace to give up a speech which meets with all the conditions of life so close to the Rhine, and which, even in the seventeenth century, was more extensively used than either French or German. If after the Prussian victory of 1871 the Germans had not made the use of German compulsory to the exclusion of French the dialect might gradually have disappeared; but such a solution is now impossible. The dialect of the Alsatian homes formed an easy method of bewildering the German masters of Alsace during the forty-five years, and, to use the words of one French educator, "when fifty years hence an Alsatian grandfather is asked to tell the story of France's recovery of her cherished possessions it will be told in the speech of Alsace, for it is in dialect that the Alsatian heart speaks."

German Officers Search for Jobs.

Under the dire compulsion of the necessity of earning their daily bread officers of the former German army are reported to have resigned their commissions and taken up any civilian job available. The more the Prussians are forced out of the army and into peaceful and honest pursuit, says a writer, the better it will be for the German people and the world outside. These are the men who upheld the Kaiser and his political and military policies. Their source of income ceased when the old regime was overthrown. The German masses apparently have had their fill of the insolence of Prussian military officers and the special privileges which were accorded them under the Hohenzollern dynasty.

Now it is reported that something like 80,000 former officers, some of them ranking as high as brigadier general, are working as junior clerks or as menials throughout Germany for less money than ordinary laborers. The compensation of these former military leaders is 800 marks a month, or about \$20 dollars at the present rate of exchange, according to reports from the Department of Commerce. If it is true that these former representatives of the autocratic military power of Germany find it necessary to earn their own living through honest toil, it probably is also true, then, that the masses of the German people, having learned to their great cost what Prussianism has brought to them, have determined to prevent it ever again raising its head.

In the juvenile arithmetic class the teacher asked the children to raise their hands if anyone made a mistake. Willie raised his hand and waved it frantically in the air. "Sammie Wright said that seven and five were twelve," said he in disgruntled tones. "Well, what is it?" asked the teacher. "I don't know," was the honest reply, "only I know it ain't twelve, for six and six is twelve."



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The stuff is a bright yellow clay of so fine a texture that a bit of it rubbed between the fingers affords no feeling of grit. It is easily dug out with spades, and a great many cave dwellings have been excavated in the face of the cliff, overlooking the river. Some of them are of two or three stories, the clay being so tenacious that thick horizontal layers of it will furnish a series of floors. Although cave dwellings are not unfamiliar in other parts of the world, nothing at all like these is to be found anywhere else.

Scattered over the face of the cliff, among the cave-houses, are quaint Buddhist shrines, with images, carved out of clay, standing or sitting at the entrances. These high up on the clay wall, as well as the loftier family homes, are reached by bamboo ladders.

What's in a Name.

The christening had gone off splendidly and even the very juvenile "star" had behaved beautifully, though the name he had received, "Reginald Homer," would seem to be sufficient justification for a revolt. In the vestry of the English church afterward, the clergyman was making the usual entries. When writing down the second name, he paused thoughtfully. "Strange," he thought, as he recalled the original Homer, the great Greek poet. "It's a curious name for the son of a navy."

Then he turned to the proud father. "Your favorite poet?" he asked, pointing to the name. "Poet, sir," repeated the man, with a surprised look. "Poet, sir? Lor, no; I keeps pidgins!"

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All would from choice be good— Oh, some would be exempted! Our virtues, half are due To never being tempted. Cheer one another onward, Of tears the world is rife, And put a dash of rosy Into some gloomy life. The rising sun is glorious The noon-day bright and gay, But we need a touch of rosy At the waning of the day.

Tree Planting on the Prairies.

Despite the extensive publicity which has been given to the advantages of planting shelter-belts on the prairies, and to the assistance offered by the Dominion Forestry Branch to farmers who wish to establish them, there is still misapprehension as to the methods to be followed. The Forestry Branch distributes annually, free of charge, about 5,000,000 trees and cuttings. Each applicant is given sufficient trees to plant about half an acre annually if he follows the methods which experience has shown to be necessary for success.

When planting a shelter-belt, care should be taken to so locate it that it will protect the home and stock from prevailing winds. Sufficient space should be left between the shelter-belt and the buildings to keep the snow from drifting around the buildings and to give room for a lawn and garden. Many failures have resulted from planting on soil not properly prepared, and, to insure as far as possible the success of the trees sent out, the Forestry Branch stipulates that the land be summer-fertilized the year previous to planting. In order that the planters may have the benefit of personal instruction, inspectors of the Forestry Branch visit each applicant before the trees are furnished.

To secure trees for planting in the spring of 1921 it is necessary that application be made before March 1, 1921, to the Forest Nursery Station, Indian Head, Sask. A very instructive bulletin entitled "Tree Planting on the Prairies" is issued by the Forestry Branch. Numbering nearly 4,000,000 at the signing of the Armistice, the British Army had fallen to 407,000 by June 1st of this year.

The shortage of nickel coins in France is said to be due to the peasants hoarding them in preference to paper money.

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Quebec Premier Advocates Conservation.

Hon. L. A. Taschereau, Premier of Quebec, in making his initial address as Premier, outlined his policy in regard to the natural resources of the province. He said, in part:

"The first article of my programme will be a zealous care and vigorous conservation of our natural resources. We have 80,000,000 acres of unleased forests which need fire protection. Hydroplanes have begun their patrol to locate fires at the outset. They will be supplemented by observation posts with wireless telegraphy.

"The time has come, it appears to me, to regulate the cutting of limits by fixing a minimum of the annual cut to prevent the destruction of the forests and a minimum to stop speculation and a reasonable revenue from the cutting rights. Reforestation should be immediately undertaken and encouraged with energy.

"Relative to this important question of our natural resources, my programme may be briefly summarized as follows: To draw from our immense natural resources all that they should and can give, open wide our doors to capitalists, discuss their plans in a business-like manner, and, when our answer is in the negative, to tell them right away, and when their projects are good, to accept them without any delay."

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Forty-Eight Years in "Canada's Western Empire"

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Now the four western provinces of Canada have a population of 2,500,000, the buffalo are to be found only in parks in the Canadian Rockies and the Indians are on reservations. There are nearly 20,000 miles of railway in the four provinces, or one mile for each 125 persons; and of 228,000,000 acres of good agricultural land, but 85,000,000 acres are at present occupied and cultivated. Of the balance, 190,000,000 acres, some 30,000,000 acres lie within fifteen miles of these railway lines waiting for settlers. "Think of it," says Col. Dennis, "and the world crying out for food." His view is that while Canada has won a standing among the nations by her work in the recent war so that to-day the name "Canadian" is recognized as distinguishing a citizen of a progressive and virile country, Canada's share in the great struggle has involved her in financial obligations which can only be met and discharged by increasing her population and developing her vast natural resources which, while ample security for many times her war debt, must be made productive of wealth through development.

Between 1905 and 1914 about 2,500,000 people settled in Canada, the largest proportion in the four western provinces. They left Great Britain, the United States and other countries for their new homes, and Col. Dennis believes that 500,000 each year may follow them until these provinces have a total population of 10,000,000. Canada, he further believes, is destined to be "the keystone in the arch of the British Empire."

Genuine Conservation is Statesmanship.

When any such undertaking as the development of a natural resource is proposed, it that development is to be made under government control and regulation, it at once appears to regulate the fear that it is to be somewhat the beginning of a malevolent policy called "conservation," and conservation has had a mean meaning to many ears. It connotes stinginess and the guile of a provincial thrip, spies in the guise of Government inspectors, the interference with individual enterprise and initiative, governmental halting and cowardices, and all the constrictions of an arrogant, narrow, and academic-minded bureaucracy which cannot think largely and feels no responsibility for national progress. The word should mean helpfulness, not hindrance—helpfulness to all who wish to use a resource and think in larger terms than that of the greatest immediate profit; hindrance only to those who are spendthrift. A conservation which results in a stalemate as between the forces of progress and governmental inertia is criminal, while a conservation which is based on the fuller, the more essential use of a resource, is statesmanship.

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BITS OF HUMOR FROM HERE & THERE

A Case of Explosives.
Magistrate—What is the charge?
Policeman—Intoxication, your honor.
Magistrate (to prisoner)—What's your name?
Prisoner—Gunn, sir.
Magistrate—Well, Gunn, I'll discharge you this time, but you musn't get loaded again.

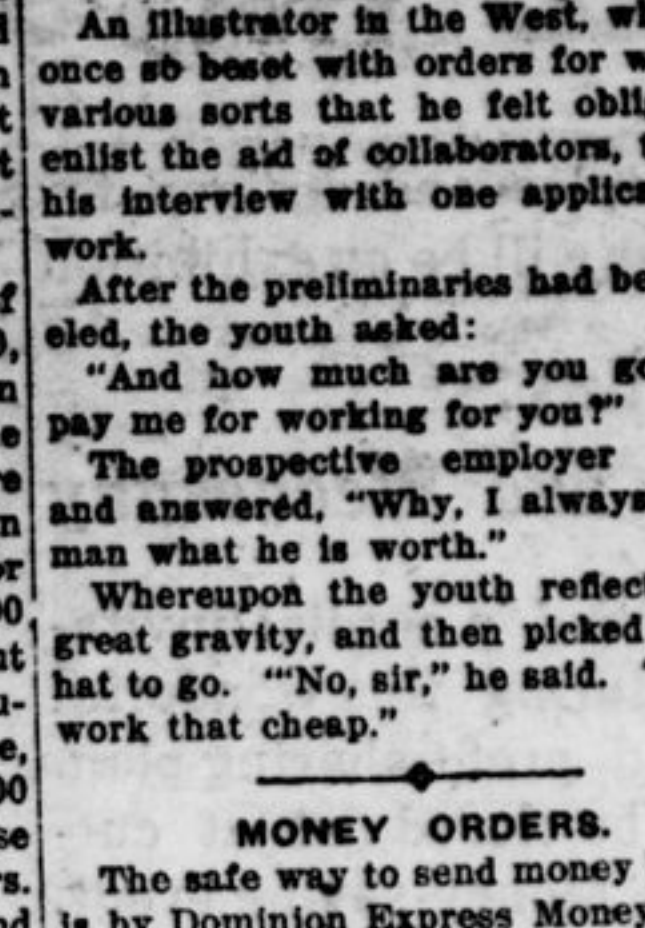
Harvesting the Crop.
When the German army broke into Belgium and swept through the country one detachment was billeted in a farm-house. A private, wandering through the fields, came upon a young girl sowing seeds.
"Yah!" he sneered. "You shall sow, but we shall reap."
"I shouldn't be at all surprised," she replied sweetly. "You see, I'm sowing hemp."

Self-Appraisal.
An illustrator in the West, who once he best with orders for work of various sorts that he felt obliged to enlist the aid of collaborators, tells of his interview with one applicant for work.
After the preliminaries had been settled, the youth asked:
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