

FRANCE HONORS EIGHT WOMEN

POST-WAR FIGHTERS WHO CLUNG TO LAND.

Legion of Honor is Their Reward Upon Recommendation of Minister of Agriculture.

Postwar fighters for their country are eight women who have been rewarded with the Legion of Honor for having won the battle against heavy odds, clung to their land and succeeded in raising large families, says a Paris despatch. The red ribbon was given them upon the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture.

Spartan mothers are these recipients, as the bald outline of their struggles will show.

The name of Mme. Marie Amet heads the list. Twenty-three children, three of whom were killed in the war, were born on her farm at Cornimont, in the department of the Vosges. Nine of the eighteen children who still live with her are actually engaged in tilling the soil.

Fifteen children were raised by the widow Marie Balmis, whose farm is at Anzonville. Two of these died in the service of their country, but the remaining are waging a winning battle against the land. This fight was kept up during the war despite the fact that seven of her sons were mobilized.

Twice Occupied by Germans.

The feelings of the widow Alix Degré may be imagined when, in 1914, one year after her husband had died, she saw five of her eight children depart for the front. Later she had to continue her fight after receiving word that three of these had been killed. However, with the aid of her two daughters, who were old enough to assist her, she managed the farm despite the fact that it was twice occupied by the Germans and for many months was on the edge of a battlefield. The restoration work she accomplished was partly done while the farm was under intermittent bombardment.

The official citation of the widow Pauline Dordogne states that she "is considered the model of rural virtues in her region." Of her twelve children nine aid her in farming her land. She lost one son in the war.

Restored Under Bombardment.

The brusque wording of the citation of Mme. Vieren is like the brief synopsis of a tremendous drama: "Widow Vieren, born Adrienne Morel, cultivator at Vieux-Borquin (Nord). Married in 1908 and had five children at time war broke out. Her husband was killed by the enemy. Remaining with her little family of tender age, saw her farm entirely destroyed by German troops. Escaped with difficulty with her little children. When Vieux-Borquin was no longer occupied she returned to the farm and worked at restoring it although it was under almost daily bombardment.

"In the big drive of 1918 the Germans occupied the farm a second time. It was soon, only a mass of ruins. After the armistice Mme. Vieren was one of the first to re-enter the commune and begin reconstruction work.WARDED by the landlord that he did not intend to invest reparation indemnity on the place and that he intended selling it, Mme. Vieren borrowed money with which to buy the farm, proudly defending the patrimony of her five children whose father had died for his country. Mme. Vieren is a type of valiant Frenchwoman worthy of every respect."

Power Plant on Jordan.

On the river Jordan, close by the pool that is pointed out as the one in which John baptized Jesus, a power plant has been completed. Already the Jordan is turning dynamos that supply electric light to Jerusalem, Jaffa, Haifa and Nazareth. A dam now building at the outlet of Lake Tiberias will control the flow of water in the river all the year round. In a course of one hundred and forty miles the Jordan falls more than five thousand feet, and when the necessary power plants have been completed it can easily generate electricity enough to make Palestine an important manufacturing centre.

\$2,500 for an Egg.

Although he is nearly eighty-one, Mr. Henry Stevens, the oldest auctioneer in England, conducts a sale more swiftly and smoothly than do most members of his calling. His auction rooms near Covent Garden, London, are an Aladdin's Cave for the curio collector and the world-mart for great auk's eggs.

It is long since the great auk gave up laying eggs or even breathing, but these stale eggs are as valuable as they are rare. Two boys bought a box of eggs at a country sale and found at the bottom two great auk's eggs, which they sent to Mr. Stevens, with the result that they got a cheque for \$2,500. No one has since had the same luck. There are only about seventy of the eggs in existence, so if you do find one—!

Sugar beet costs can be reduced materially through thorough soil preparation, which requires fall or early spring plowing, and a generous use of the culti-packer or the roller.

NERVES RESTORED HEADACHE GONE

A Grateful Letter From a Well Known Vancouver Nurse.

"In the summer of 1922," says Mrs. Mary Hill, of 31st Avenue West, Vancouver, B.C., "I became very anxious about my young daughter's health. She was attending a commercial school, and between her close study and exceptionally hot weather she became very much run down. I noticed that she looked white and seemed constantly tired, was depressed over her studies, and irritable and peevish about the house. I got several tonics I had heard well spoken of, but they did not seem to help her. At this stage an advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, telling of a similar case, was brought to my attention, and I decided to give this medicine a trial. You may judge of my surprise and delight when I noticed an improvement in her condition, almost before the first box was finished. She continued taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for some time, gaining in health and strength. Her headaches, backaches and depression disappeared, and she again looked well and happy. She has since, I am glad to say, kept perfectly well and passed her examinations with credit."

"I must have worried more than I knew over my daughter's health, for though I have earned my living as a maternity nurse for the past 12 years, even the most trying cases did not seem to exhaust me until last fall, when I seemed to give out suddenly. I became so nervous that I had to decline work, and I suffered from headaches and a constant feeling of depression. I attributed my condition to the fact that I was entering a critical time of life. It was my daughter who suggested that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills might do me as much good as they had done her, and after a faithful use of them for a time this proved to be the case. My nerves regained their steadiness, and my general health improved so much that I felt able to undertake my nursing duties again. I have taken the pills occasionally since, and thanks to them have been able to stand the strain of my work splendidly and still feel as well as ever. I am very grateful to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and am thankful to have found such a reliable medicine for use in my home, and I can conscientiously recommend it to any suffering woman or girl coming under my care or influence."

You can get these pills from any medicine dealer or by mail at 50c a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Nothing New.

"Government scientists have succeeded in constructing a scale that records one-billionth of a pound."

"Old stuff. My coal dealer's been using one of 'em right along."

THE REASON FOR ALUMINUM.

Because tea deteriorates very rapidly if exposed to air many tests and experiments have been made to find an efficient means of packing it so as to preserve the flavor. The "SALADA" Tea Company first used lead packages, but some years ago adopted aluminum foil, aluminum being more durable and lighter than lead, besides, of course, being absolutely sanitary and air-tight. This method of packing is admitted to be the most effective known to preserve the flavor of tea. All "SALADA" is sold in air-tight aluminum packages.

From Farm to Premiership.

The genial Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Massey, can look back upon a remarkable career, for he began his career as a farmer.

An Ulsterman by birth, Mr. Massey started farming at the age of fourteen in his adopted country, where he joined his parents, who had gone there as settlers.

Mr. Massey tells the story of a man who, denouncing politics to a friend, declared that he would sooner put up for the local asylum than for the House of Commons.

"Yes," said his friend, "and you would stand a better chance of getting in."

Young Men and Women

Who may be afflicted with pimples and blackheads or any other facial blemish or skin trouble, are invited to write us. For 22 years we have been successfully treating Skin, Scalp, Hair and Complexional Troubles, including Superfluous Hair, Moles, Warts, etc. We manufacture the Princess Toilet Preparations. Booklet "K" mailed free.

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Surnames and Their Origin

ROPER
Variations—Corder, Cordier, Corday.
Racial Origin—English and French.
Source—An occupation.

Roper is a common name in this country. But few persons, perhaps, realize that it is exactly the same name as that born by the Charlotte Corday of historical fame.

Like Cooper, Tupper and other family names of similar classification, it took its origin in the description of the original bearers' profession.

In England of the Middle Ages the use of the termination "er," a relic of the ancient Teutonic "were," meaning "man," was much more prolifically used than it is to-day. The man who made an article, or who worked with an article, was described quite regularly by the addition of "er" to that article. So, where we would speak today of a ropemaker the medieval English called him a "roper," or a "cordier" if they used the Norman-French word, though sometimes he was also known as a "cordwainer."

As the French language developed on the continent the tendency was to insert an "r" before this termination "er," thus giving the form "cordier." And, in time, as the pronunciation of the final "er" changed in French from what it remains in English to-day to "ay," the name came to be pronounced "corday." The family name of Corday, then, is simply explained as an occasional local variation of "simplified" pronunciation and spelling.

Good-Bye to Oxfordshire.

Good-bye to England—land of little towns
And a great history. Good-bye, sweet lanes
Full of bright angel children, and old men,
Ruddy and gentle; and the oaks and
Elms that engulf a hamlet in the sky,
Majestic, beautiful, benignly towering
Over a tiny green and grassy vly—
Thatched and depressed with ivy and
the beehives—
And infant shops with Lilliputian toys,
Odd nothings sold for a penny with a
smile,
From clean bowed windows out of
wonderland.
These are her jewels, these small
sacred towns,
Unique in the universe! These miniatures,
Initials on a medieval text,
Brilliant as Chaucer's death-defying
page,
Enrich the map of England. Such she
is, and shall be, whatever else the
fates,
Conspiring in their gloomy cavern,
threaten,
Or the dark skies forecast, or foes at
home—
Enemies, or the Avengers of the
world—
Wreak on her distant realms through
peace or war.

—John Jay Chapman.

STOMACH MISERY, GAS, INDIGESTION

"Pape's Diasepain" is the quickest, surest relief for indigestion, gases, flatulence, heartburn, sourness or stomach distress caused by acidity. A few tablets give almost immediate stomach relief. Correct your stomach and digestion now for a few cents. Druggists sell millions of packages of Pape's Diasepain.

Sing That Cold Away.

Singing is one of the best preventives of a cold.

The common cold, as most people are aware, is an inflammatory condition of the lining of the upper respiratory passages. Though disease germs are probably always the cause, the way for these is opened by the inhalation of irritant particles of dust and cold air.

Singing, besides giving proper control of the breathing, teaches us to expand our lungs fully, thus providing valuable and healthy exercise for the whole respiratory machine. It inculcates the habit of breathing rhythmically through the nose, and so ensures thorough warming and filtering of the air before it reaches the respiratory passages.

By teaching us to breathe properly and by producing in us a sense of joy and well-being, singing tends to increase our resistance against infections of all kinds. It promotes the digestion and assimilation of our food, and thus builds up substantial reserves.

Singing is, above all, the language of the emotions, and is probably far older than articulate language. It thus provides us with the means of relieving our feelings, and the consequent effect on our health is astounding.

Lastly, by calling up the nobler and pleasanter emotions, it tends to drive away care and anxiety, which owing to the subtle bio-chemical changes they cause in our blood, render us more likely to catch cold.

Marconi, the inventor, says that he has perfected a method by which he can send radio messages as a beam, projected in any desired direction. Moreover, the new form of transmission requires only a small part of the electrical energy needed to broadcast throughout a circle the radius of which is the same length as the beam.

MacCORKILL
Variations—MacCorkle.
Racial Origin—Scottish.
Source—A given name.

Here is a family name which, though purely Scottish Gaelic in its origin as such, traces back ultimately to Norse sources, and if you hear this name there is a good chance that you have a line of ancestry reaching back to the Vikings through Scotland.

The name of MacCorkill or MacCorkle was borne by one of the branches or sept of the Clan Gunn, which was decidedly one of the fighting clans of the Highlands, its history vying with that of the MacGregors in records of desperate fighting.

But the given name from which MacCorkill is derived is Thorakill, a relic of the old pagan Norse religion, and the meaning of which is "Thor's kettle." The kettle or cauldron was an utensil which played a large part, figuratively, in the worship of the Vikings, and is found to-day as an element in a lot of family names, and even still in given names in the Scandinavian countries.

There is a great deal of Norse blood in Scotland, principally along the north and west coasts. At one period a considerable part of the coast was in the hands of Norwegian settlers, who retained their allegiance to the Norse kings, and who later took their places among the Celts of the Highlands in full Gaelic clan organization.

New Record Set by Sun Life of Canada.

Evidence of widespread prosperity is afforded by the statement published by the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada covering its transactions for the year 1923. This Company, which is international in its character, operating in over fifty countries, reports substantial advances in all departments.

Of particular public interest is the fact that no fewer than 318,443 policyholders are assured under ordinary contracts issued by the Company, while in addition 22,731 employees of a great diversity of industries are protected under Group Insurance policies.

The business in force at December 31st last reached the tremendous total of \$703,765,243, showing an increase for the year of \$72,360,373. The new stock issued during the year amounted to \$119,804,857, the policies actually issued and paid for being \$9,975, for a total of \$129,780,255. During the year the payments to policyholders and their beneficiaries in respect to Death Claims, Matured Endowments, Profits, etc., amounted to \$22,145,979, bringing the total so paid since the organization of the Company to \$151,916,489. This amount exceeds the total business in force with the Company fourteen years ago, and affords stirring testimony to the degree in which its function is being fulfilled.

Profits paid or allotted to policyholders reached the amount of \$4,417,068. After setting aside \$3,500,000 for unforeseen contingencies, the net surplus over all liabilities and capital stock advanced by \$3,608,447 to \$17,372,868.

The record is one in which the Directors of the Company express their own satisfaction—a sentiment which will be widely shared. It is interesting to note that the Company, in order to facilitate the constant quest for new business, and to maintain the high standard of service to which they have accustomed their policyholders, have established a number of new divisions during the past year, and have further developments of a similar character in contemplation.

From the Canon's Mouth

One ambition of Canon Hay Aitken, Vice-Dean of Norwich Cathedral, is to beat John Wesley's record of preaching 27,000 sermons. But Father Time may intervene. The Canon is eighty-two; and, starting when he was seventeen, he has now delivered 22,000 sermons.

He has never preached from a written one, and as it is stated that Wesley made one sermon serve many times it is possible that the Canon has already delivered more original discourses than the founder of Methodism.

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Extreme Cold Might End Polar Flight.

Just how cold it is at the North Pole? If the temperature is lower than 45 degrees below zero Capt. Roald Amundsen's postponed attempt to cross it in an airplane is likely to fall when and if he attempts it, German pilots say, although that degree of cold would hardly make a Manitoba farmer bring out his earmuffs. Forty-five degrees below zero, Fahrenheit, veteran German pilots recall, once stopped the war in one sector when no other elements or earthly agencies could do it, and therefore it is likely to stop Amundsen.

Early in 1917, they recall, the Germans were striving to regain some trenches in the vast swamps between Mitau and Riga, which had been taken by the Russians in a Christmas surprise attack. The operations were constantly being slowed up by the cold until the bitterest day came on February 3. On that day, despite the intense cold, airplanes started for an attack, but were soon forced to land, as the oil froze in the engines. Motor cars with ammunition, tractors drawing guns and the hydraulic recoil mechanism of the guns all were frozen solid. In the meantime the same thing happened on the Russian side, and the battle which had been planned to be an intensive one simply froze up.

The pilots believe that the same fate might overtake Amundsen. However, it is the general belief that in July the temperature at the North Pole is somewhat higher than 45 degrees below zero.

WINTER WEATHER HARD ON LITTLE ONES

Our Canadian winters are exceedingly hard on the health of little ones. The weather is often so severe that the mother cannot take the little one out for an airing. The consequence is that baby is confined to overheated, badly ventilated rooms; takes cold and becomes cross and peevish. Baby's Own Tablets should be given to keep the little one healthy. They are a mild laxative which regulate the stomach and bowels and thus prevent colds. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

A Clergyman's Dilemma.

A clergyman, introducing some new hymn books, gave the clerk a notice after the sermon. The clerk had one of his own to give with reference to baptism of infants. He announced: "All those who have children they wish baptized, please send in their names at once."

The clergyman, who was deaf, assuming that the clerk was giving his notice, arose and said: "And I want to say for the benefit of those who haven't any, that they may be obtained from me any day, between 2 and 4 o'clock, the ones with the red backs at twenty-five cents and the ordinary little ones at fifteen cents."

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A canal in England is now equipped with an overhead electric trolley that furnishes power for a motor-driven propeller in the stern of each barge. The result is said to be highly satisfactory. The barges attain a speed of four miles an hour, and, since only one man is needed on each boat, the operating costs are greatly reduced.

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The sailing moon rides beautifully by.
Blown from such purple harbors as may be
In unimagined corners of the sky,
She is not careless where she gazes down
On sleepy streets the silver silence fills,
But thoughtful ever of a little town
And foolish-fond of little, wooded hills.

Seafolk are given so to telling tales,
I think the moon, when she puts in
at last,
May spin a story where she reefs her sails;
And there her talk of shortlands that she passed,
Is all of glimmering meadows, ghostly still,
A sleepy town . . . a lonesome little hill.

—David Morton.

Money has wings; but, alas, it is not a homing pigeon!

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