

## BELIEF IN GOD A RESULT OF THE WAR

Experience of Religion Likely  
to Bear Big Fruits in French  
Hearts After the Great  
Struggle.

With the Pershing Army in France, Jan. 11. — There is more genuine religion in France today, after three years of carnage, than at any time in the last century.

Throughout France—in big cities and tiny villages—the churches are crowded and it is easy to tell from the look in the faces that the average Frenchman has come to find a new comfort and solace in his religion.

The story of one French soldier is interesting.

On two Sundays in succession I had met Anton and his wife at the little church in the village. They keep a fruit store and several times I had

stopped and bought from them.  
Anton's Experience.

Anton had been horribly wounded. "I never believed in God before the war," he told me. "When they took me to a hospital and told me I was going to die I accepted their verdict."

"But a good priest came to my bedside. 'Worse cases than yours have recovered, Anton,' he said to me. 'Have faith. Pray.' There in the hospital he taught me to pray."

"A new light came into my life and I began to feel that maybe, after all, I wasn't going to die."

"After 12 months I left the hospital almost as good as new, physically, and an entirely new man spiritually. I now believe in God with all my heart. Certainly God is behind the surgical wonders that our doctors are daily performing in our hospitals."

Anton's experience in the realms of religion have been duplicated by millions of French soldiers.

Put a regiment of soldiers in a front line trench, a few hundred yards from the enemy and let the shells burst about them day and night, and their thoughts will invariably turn to God and religion.

Why is that one man will be spared while the comrades on either side are pierced through?

It's always unanswerable.

And that's why an overwhelming majority of French soldiers have turned to religion for comfort and courage in the hours of their greatest perils.

One old priest said to me: "The passion for religion cannot fail to continue after the war. It means much for the future of France."

### ONTARIO 'VALLEY RAILWAY.'

Two wounded soldiers, one a Canadian and the other a British Tommy, were arguing about the speed of trains in their respective countries. Said the Canadian:

"Talk about your trains travelling fast! Why you want cowcatchers on the back instead of the front so that if a cow strays on the line it won't run into the back of the train."

The Britisher replied:

"They run faster than yours. What about that man in Ontario who laid himself down on the line to commit suicide but died of starvation waiting for the express to come along?"

## CERTIFICATE PLAN PLEASES THE VETERANS

In the little corridor circles of wheel chair patients in the Military Convalescent Hospitals of Toronto, where many men from all sections of Canada requiring special treatment are being cared for by the Military Hospitals Commission, gossip gives an interesting hint to many municipalities eager to recognize the valor of their men who have fought in France.

Brantford, Ont., has hit upon a plan which pleases the men and might easily be followed by other cities with great satisfaction to the veterans who would like some tangible evidence to hand down to their children and grandchildren that they did their bit in the great war. Some men have medals and special tokens of recognition, but none knows better than the returned men themselves how many brave deeds have been done under the cover of darkness or isolation and never came to official notice.

### Certificate of Honor.

The citizens of Brantford have prepared a "certificate of honor" which is presented to every Brantford man who returns from the front. It is engraved on substantial paper, beautifully decorated with heraldic designs and the flags of the Allies and inscribed in the following manner:

"Presented to ..... by the municipal corporation of Brantford, in grateful recognition of services rendered to Canada and the Empire by participation in the struggle for freedom and justice, as a member of Canada's Expeditionary Forces. Signed and sealed this day ..... by the Mayor of the City, etc., etc."

At the bottom of the certificate are printed the following lines by the Indian poetess, E. Pauline Johnson.

"Few of you have the blood of kings,  
And few are of courtly birth;  
But none are vagabonds or rogues  
Of doubtful name and worth.  
And each has one credential  
Which entitles him to brag—  
You fought for Right and Canada  
And upheld the British Flag."

Olive oil is a nourishing fat and it aids digestion.

## MEXICANS ON ON SECRET MISSION

Mixed Delegation Now on Visit  
to the Argentine Republic  
Some Delegates Openly  
Pro-German.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 13.—The foreign office intimates that the Mexican delegation, consisting largely of military men, aviators and newspaper correspondents, which came to Argentina ostensibly to attend the proposed congress of neutral Latin American nations, must have a secret mission, unknown even at the foreign office. It is said ample notification was given of the postponement of the congress.

Several of the Mexicans are openly pro-German.

### In Connection with Luxburg.

Washington, 13.—Luis Cabrera, former minister of finance in the Carranza cabinet, heads the Mexican delegation now at Buenos Aires. His departure for Argentina was followed closely by publication of the Luxburg cablegrams in one of which the German charge at Buenos Aires reported to Berlin that the Argentine president had agreed to seek an anti-North American alliance with other Latin American countries.

Little is known here about the proposed Latin American congress now postponed. Diplomatic observers, however, have attributed the project to the Luxburg in Argentina and the notorious Eckhardt, German minister at Mexico city.

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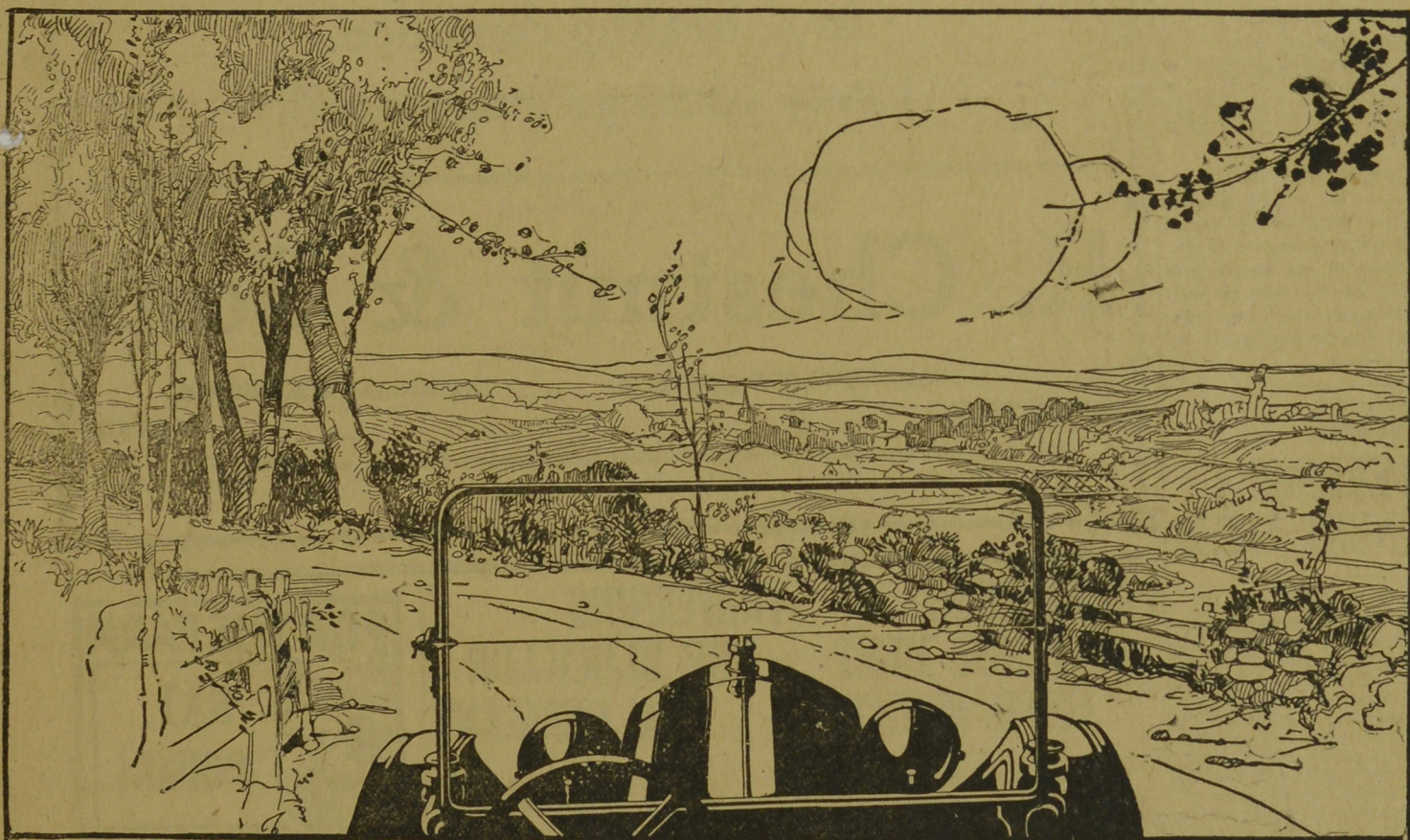
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