



Every church in France is a place of mourning. On every side are widow's weeds and arm bands of black —on every face is graven the shadow of a cross of sorrow. ¶ Here in America we smile gratefully. Our boys are coming home again; are here right now. ¶ Once more we see them swinging down the street with vigorous stride, we hear their voices and feel the hearty clasp of their hands. ¶ Thank God they were saved, at least a half million of them, by the closing of the war a year ahead of time. For the preparations that ended the war and returned them to us safely, let's lend cheerfully.

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