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Trees

By Joyce Kilmer

Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 165th Infantry, 42d Division, Killed in Action July 30, 1918

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

From "Joyce Kilmer: Poems, Essays and Letters." George H. Doran Company, N. Y. C.

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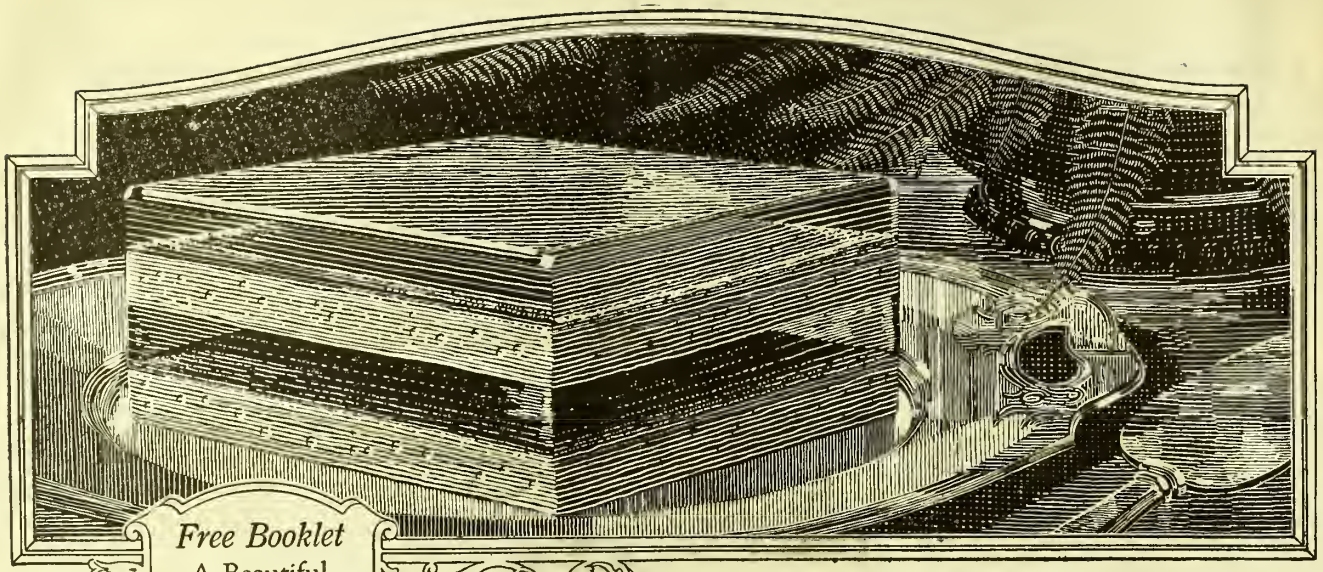

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Memorials That Will Live

By Philip Von Blon

Planting of Trees in Commemoration of the Dead Rears Monuments of Enduring Remembrance from Ocean to Ocean

Along the Roads of Remembrance growing trees symbolize the living memories of those who died. Rows of cottonwood along a highway near El Paso, Texas, (above) and young maples of a Jamestown, (Va.,) road (at left)

TWO great roads cross at the little town of Vandalia, near Dayton, Ohio, the one a highway that is a ribbon of brick and concrete laid breadthways across the continent, the other a continuous path from Lake Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico.

All who come today to the meeting of the roads—the National Highway and the Dixie Trail—look upon a row of vigorous trees bearing plates which proclaim that they honor the unknown dead and two Ohio nurses who gave their lives in the war. But those trees are more than a simple roadside memorial row. They are also a national shrine of The American Legion. They are now a memorial as much to the memory of the man who dedicated them as to those for whom they were dedicated a year ago.

It was here in May of 1921, that Frederick W. Galbraith, Jr., National Commander of The American Legion, expressed the hope that posterity would continue to honor those to whom the trees were dedicated. And then, seeming to vision the future, Mr. Galbraith spoke of the day when the two highways should be lined with memorial trees and upon every road there should be living memorials to those who had served and those who had died in the war.

What memorials more appropriate than these eucalyptuses of San Mateo County, California?

The spring showers had scarcely packed the loose soil about the roots of the trees at Vandalia before Commander Galbraith lay dead. A few days after the ceremonies in Ohio, he was killed in an automobile accident near Indianapolis.

Commander Galbraith's prophetic vision at Vandalia, however, is rapidly being made a reality by the comrades he left behind. Before the end of 1921 more than 200,000 memorial trees had been planted along roads.

In every part of the country, posts of The American Legion and other organizations have begun the planting of tree memorials which seem destined to transform the character of

American country landscapes. Towns and cities have been dedicating memorial trees along their streets. Memorial parkways have been laid out, with saplings dedicated to those who fought in the war. Memorial groves have been dedicated in virgin forests. Denuded plains and hills and valleys have been replanted in memory of those who fought in the World War.

Perhaps Commander Galbraith visioned the day when the roads of America should be like those of France, each lined unendingly by elms and oaks and poplars. If so, he doubtless would have seen this day come had he lived, for today such national highways as the Lincoln Highway, the Pacific Highway, the Jackson Highway, the Jefferson Highway, the Roosevelt Highway and the Yellowstone Trail are already guarded in spots by sentinel memorial trees, the advance guard of those to come. And Legion posts, with other societies, are undertaking systematically to fill in the gaps.

A grove of redwoods and a bronze tablet on a boulder —a California memorial to a hero of the A. E. F.

On Arbor, Memorial and Armistice Days this year thousands of other memorial trees are to be planted and dedicated by Legion posts, and in many towns and cities preparations are being made for ceremonies that will bring together great crowds in honor of the men of the World War, living and dead. The American Legion at its Kansas City Convention last November adopted a resolution in favor of the memorialization of highways by tree planting, and departments and posts throughout the country will this year carry out the spirit and purpose of that resolution.

A study of what was done in 1921 will show what results may be expected this year from the united Legion's efforts. At the nation's capital The American Legion last year set out 522 trees for the dead of the District of Columbia along Sixteenth Street, the broadest and most beautiful avenue of Washington, with the White House at one end and Walter Reed Hospital at the other.

New York posts of the Legion have planted forty trees in what is known as "The American Legion Row," in Central Park, New York City, as a tribute to the dead of the Seventy-seventh Division, and posts in the Bronx have set out 850 trees, one in memory of each of the borough's war dead. At White Plains, New York, adjoining the Bronx, fifty trees were planted along a boulevard on Armistice Day. Soil from Belleau Wood was placed about the roots of the trees and William G. McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury, gave the dedicatory address. In Brooklyn, individual memorial trees were planted by the Legion, some of them in front of the homes of soldiers who died in the war.

The Daughters of the American Revolution in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, planted a single tree in memory of the war dead, placing soil from every State in the Union about its roots. When a memorial oak was planted and dedicated at the New York State Institute of Applied Agriculture, Farmingdale, Long Island, where many disabled men of the war are studying, soil from the Allied countries, and the States, Alaska, the Philippines, Samoa and Panama was intermingled.

Philip McGovern Post of the Legion at Irvington-on-Hudson, New York, in dedicating two Colorado blue spruce trees as memorials, had as a secondary thought the idea of service to its community. One of the trees was dedicated to those who died in the war, the other to the living. The trees were planted in front of the high school building and are to have a part in community Christmas tree ceremonies, festivals and Memorial Day exercises.

The tree-planting idea that has been most evidenced, however, is that of dedicating rows of trees along highways, each named for an individual soldier of the World War, living or dead. In Florida, for instance, memorial sentiment is expressed by a road fifteen miles long from Tampa to Oldsmar. At each end of the road is a marble shaft with a memorial tablet. On both sides of the road at intervals of 100 feet young oak trees have been planted. The trees, 1,500 of them, were bought by public subscription. Upon 106 of them will be placed bronze markers with the names and service records of the 106 men of Hillsborough County who gave their lives in the war.

Between the oak trees are planted oleanders, whose richly-colored blossoms almost the year round give the highway the appearance of a continuous and brilliant garden. The Rotary Club of Tampa led

Just before the flag was unveiled on the first Memory Tree planted in honor of Chicago's unknown soldier dead. Thousands of other trees now honor Chicago's soldiers, the dead and the living

National Commander Galbraith dedicating memorial trees at Vandalia, O., a few days before his death.

in the effort which produced the memorial highway. The Legion purchased a number of the trees at each end of the highway and will mark them with the Legion emblem.

Webb H. Hayes, son of the former president of the United States, a veteran of the Spanish-American and all subsequent wars and the holder of a Congressional Medal of Honor which he won in the Philippines, has presented to his native town of Fremont, Ohio, a memorial parkway in which 86 buckeye trees have been named for the Fremont men who died in the World War and ten for those who died in the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection and the Mexican Border expedition. The parkway is traversed by a boulevard a quarter of a mile long, and the memorial trees stand in double rows on the boulevard's central strip, each with a marker memorializing the man to whom it is dedicated. Nearby is a bronze tablet bearing the names of all who died in the campaigns. Large insignia of the Ohio divisions and the wartime auxiliary societies also form a part of the parkway's decorative system.

At Minneapolis, Minnesota, a Victory Memorial Driveway was dedicated last June after extensive work by the Legion and other organizations. The drive is eight miles long and is lined with 555 elms which bear the names of Hennepin County men who died in the service. A trust fund of $50,000 has been set aside for the perpetual care and replacement of the memorial trees. Replacement trees are to be kept in a neighboring nursery. The trees are of one parentage and of what is known as the "high-arch" type.

The dedication of this driveway took place on June 11, 1921, only two days after the death of the late Commander Galbraith who was to have participated in the dedication. A 556th tree was therefore dedicated in memory of Commander Galbraith and this is declared by the Minnesota Legion to have been the first memorial erected in his honor.

Evansville, Indiana, with the help of the Legion, has bordered its waterfront with memorial trees. In Chicago and other points in Illinois on last Armistice Day, 10,000 maple, elm and walnut trees were planted along memorial highways by Legion posts. These 10,000 trees were presented to the Legion by Daniel Ryan, president of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. Every Legion post in Illinois also set out a five-year-old tree on the grounds of the new Speedway Hospital and these, too, were dedicated on Armistice Day.

The *Chicago Tribune* has rendered great assistance to the tree planting efforts in the Middle Western territory about Chicago, and numerous community and county memorials have been inspired by the campaign which this newspaper has conducted upon the initiative of Joseph Medill Patterson, one of its editors, a World War veteran.

As the preliminary effort to have 2,000 trees planted along the road between Beloit, Wisconsin, and Rockford, Illinois, joint ceremonies were held on November 18, 1918, at the Wisconsin-Illinois boundary line by Walter C. Craig Post of Rockland and Myron C. West Post of Beloit. Three thousand persons were present and the governors of both States took part in the ceremonies. Each post planted a tree in memory of the soldier for whom the other post was named. The two posts have obtained promises of farmers along the road to begin the planting of memorial trees as soon as weather permits this spring. Unemployed ex-service men are to be given work in procuring, delivering and planting the trees.

The program of these two posts is similar to that of La Porte, Indiana, Post which has adopted a thirty-mile section of the Lincoln Highway as a memorial road. The South Bend, Indiana, Post has already planted 6,000 memory trees in St. Joseph's County.

The Kiwanis Club and the Legion post of Kenton, Ohio, have joined in memorializing the Harding Highway between Lima and Marion with trees.

In Charlotte, Michigan, a World War park of 8,200 trees has been made, with a circle of thirty-three red oaks in the center of it standing for the thirty-three men who

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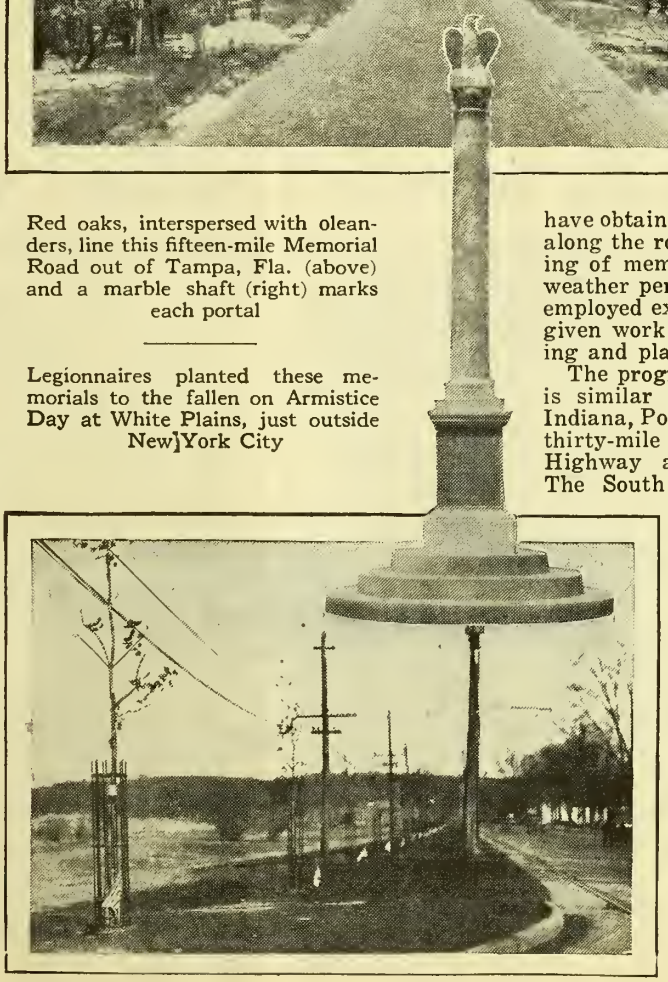
Red oaks, interspersed with oleanders, line this fifteen-mile Memorial Road out of Tampa, Fla. (above) and a marble shaft (right) marks each portal



Legionnaires planted these memorials to the fallen on Armistice Day at White Plains, just outside New]York City

The World Effort to Scrap War

By General X

The Results of the Washington Conference Include the Passing of the Menace of the Pacific

"NOW, that's done!" we may imagine the God of War remarking as he surveyed Europe in ruins and smoke and carnage as the World War ended.

Whereupon, our imagination still aiding us, we behold the God of War swiftly turning his eyes toward the Pacific Ocean and saying to himself, "I wonder what I can do next!"

For 1919 had hardly begun before international busybodies were speculating on how long it would be before young Americans who had fought at Château-Thierry, St. Mihiel and the Argonne would be again risking their lives in a new war which should be fought closer to Honolulu than to New York or London or Paris. Nobody was prophesying definitely just who the enemy should be. But those were days of pessimism. We didn't want to fight, but we were going to have to fight, and all such talk. As if the young men of St. Mihiel and the Argonne were not having trouble enough in the present, getting back into old jobs and finding new ones and founding families.

If this situation had developed a few thousand years ago, everybody would have said that fate was working and nobody could cross her. Preparing for war would have been just a matter of course. Trying to avoid it would never have been thought of.

But this happens to be the Twentieth Century and we have learned a few things—if we may say it modestly. If war threatened, no matter how remotely, why not do something to avoid it? Why not, at least, try to do something? So the United States took the initiative and called the Conference for the Limitation of Armaments.

That conference has now ended and the treaties formulated are being considered by all the governments which participated. Just how much more unlikely has it made the possibility that the young men of St. Mihiel and the Argonne will still belong to a generation called upon to fight a war in the Pacific—or in any other part of the world? What are the results of that Washington conference? What will its consequences be?

I am not rash enough to try to venture direct prophecy so soon after the conference, but I will try to set down some of the underlying facts as they appear to me—as I think they appear, also, to the other men who learned something of world politics and the ideals of various nations in the school of the battlefields of France.

First, let us remind ourselves that President Harding, when the Washington conference opened, warned us against expecting too much. He said plainly that the conference was not for the purpose of preparing plans and specifications for the millennium. He said he hoped for much, but that the time had not come when we could neglect armed preparedness.

And now let us consider what President Harding has said of the conference at its ending. He said, to summarize his words, that the results had exceeded what we were justified in expecting, and he voiced the opinion that the world could hope now for greater results from the international exchange of views and aspirations than ever before in history. In other words, while there were some positive achievements at Washington, the greatest gain would come if the system of relations there established were followed up—if nations, avowing their mutual friendship, were willing to keep systematically at the task of strengthening that friendship.

Now, let us consider just what was hoped for as results of the Washington conference. What were the desires of the people of the world and their various governments? As to the people, it may be said generally that their wishes were for a reduction of taxation for the support of armaments, and, with some possible exceptions, that the probability of wars should be lessened. There is no doubt that the Government of the United States was at one with our people in both respects. There is no doubt also that the government of Great Britain had the same desires, limited, however, by the reservation that there should be no change that would affect

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Advice from a Leading Newspaper

THE Chicago *Tribune*, which has a larger circulation than any other American morning newspaper, has constantly advocated the passage of the Adjusted Compensation Bill. Joseph M. Patterson, one of the owners of the *Tribune*, rose from a private to captain in the Rainbow Division overseas. Lieut. Col. Medill McCormick, the other owner, also served throughout the war. The accompanying editorial appeared in the *Tribune* of February 15th, under the heading, "BUDDY, JOIN THE LEGION."

JAPAN has a genro. It is the class of the elder statesmen. It is the dead thumb of octogenarianism upon the present. Ultra conservatism always is property and age. Uncle Andrew Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, is a man of much property. You hear that he is second or third in point of personal wealth in the United States.

Uncle Andrew Mellon is head of the American genro. President Harding merely comes up from somewhere, but Uncle Andrew Mellon always existed because what he represents and what he thinks always has existed.

The elder statesmen are against the soldier bonus. Uncle Andrew is against it because the war is over and all the values which were in danger and which have been saved are now out of danger. The soldier is an uneconomic force except when he is needed to preserve the balance and the working power of economic force. They are badly disturbed when a foreign governor general takes control of an occupied territory.

Then all ordinary laws of economic cause and effect go out of office and the soldier is the boy relied upon to keep the home land functioning as it ought to function normally. When he is needed for this economic purpose he is invaluable because without him all values would go to pot.

If the German soldier had been able to carry through the plans of the German military leaders the German mark would not be a beggar on the doorstep of financial solvency, and if he had been able to do the super-human, which was required of him, Uncle Andrew Mellon's fortune might be barely equal to a square meal.

The difference between the value of the dollar and the value of the mark is now the sacrifices made by the American soldier. He created that value. If he had not done so it would have no value. The only reason these men of wealth have wealth is because American soldiers determined that depreciated currency should be in Germany and not in the United States.

To whom would Uncle Andrew like to pay a small percentage of his money? To the American soldier who saved him from the German tax collector or to the tax collector? Buddy, join the Legion, as your father joined the G. A. R. and impress as a political fact upon the elder generation that it is in luck and much in luck.

How We Got Our Post Clubhouse

This week Legionnaires in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Montana and California tell how their posts obtained their own quarters. The largest town on the list of six has less than 10,000 population, and the two smallest number less than five hundred souls each. But—where there's a will there's a clubhouse

A fine old colonial homestead in a glorious setting of elms and evergreens is the home of Austin Tunstall Post of Brookfield, Massachusetts

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SITUATED in a town of 450 population, Brewster Post feels justly proud of the fact that it has recently completed a $4,000 Legion home. An ideal location adjoining the town park was secured through negotiations with a leading merchant, who has given the post unlimited time in making payment. Farmers then volunteered their services, and with teams and scrapers and the town forces on the job, an excavation for a building 50 by 76 feet was soon completed. The building job was handled by a local contractor with his workmen and any Legion men who were willing to help the cause along. The contractor agreed to take his pay for the work as the post could raise the funds. The lumber and other material are being paid for on the same basis. It was obtained from the local lumber company. Five hundred dollars was early raised by our membership of fifty and this went toward paying for the material.

Our clubhouse is wholly supported from the foundation, without any center posts or supports, thus providing an ideal dance floor. It has a meeting room, dining room, lounging room and shower baths. There are sixteen windows, allowing excellent ventilation, and the building is electrically lighted. Cement walks and elm trees are planned for the surroundings, and we consider our clubhouse on the way to being one of the finest in the State.

The local baseball team belongs to a Legion league organized in this locality last spring, and receipts from league games, dances and other entertainments, with the help of the Auxiliary, have already enabled us to meet one-third of our obligations. Public-spirited citizens made our venture possible, and there is no reason why the plan cannot be duplicated elsewhere, even in small communities.—BERNARD S. STRONKS, *Commander, Brewster Post, Brewster, Minn.*

Letting the People Choose

A YEAR ago last July many of the citizens and former service men of South Pasadena did not know there was a Legion post in existence in their city, and those that did were doubtful as to the advisability of trying to keep the post alive. Situated between two large cities where most of the members have their business and are wont to go for their entertainment, it looked rather discouraging to the organizers of the post every second and fourth Thursday of the month.

While in this state of blues, an optimist, and I think it was our commander, complained that we did not have a building of our own. Someone told him to pray for one and maybe he did, for he appointed a building committee. With the idea that it was better to live in a shack and be master of it, the committee made plans for a building in the nature of a cabin or barracks with a tennis court where a fellow could spend his Saturday afternoons and perhaps Sunday morning, providing he got up early enough. Being a credit man, the chairman of the building committee explained the need of money to build even a shack, so the post undertook to have a show at the local theater. The show was good, and the slides and pictures, accompanied with the usual fee for such good advertising, made the gross receipts very satisfactory.

Quickly following this success, and while everyone was optimistic, an Armistice Day carnival was held. The committee then had so much money that it couldn't see the cabin idea any longer for a post that could get money so quickly and had the support of the citizens as well as we had. Return postal cards outlining three propositions were then sent to the taxpayers, so that they could check the proposition they favored and return them to the adjutant. The three courses open were bond issue, public subscription, or financed solely by the ex-service men. The people overwhelmingly checked the first or bond proposition. The building committee chairman then went to the city council and asked that a special election be held to vote bonds to the amount of $12,000 for the erection of a war memorial building. The bonds were voted. Our clubhouse was assured.—SIDNEY G. PARSHALL, *South Pasadena Post, South Pasadena, Calif.*

Sound Finance

WE purchased our clubhouse building last July for $23,000. Our plan of financing was to incorporate our post under the laws of Pennsylvania and to issue six percent first mortgage bonds up to the purchase price of the building. The bonds mature in twenty years, but are subject to

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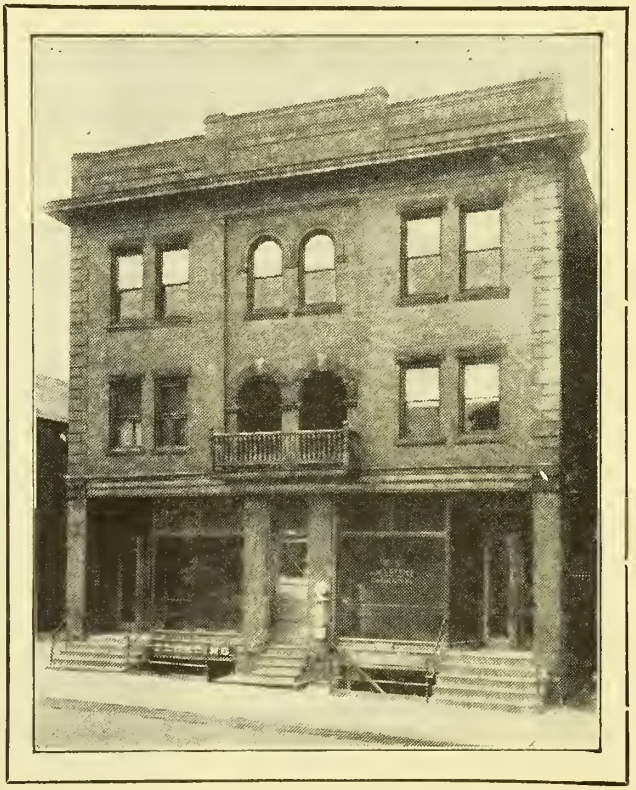

J. Wilbur Randolph Post of Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, has its uncle paying rent to it now—the post office occupies the ground floor of the post building

Keeping Step with the Legion

and The American Legion Auxiliary

They Have a Right to Live

POSSIBLY four million of the men who wore O. D. and forest green and navy blue in 1918 are now regularly employed. If America had sent only four million men to war there would be nothing to worry about. But she sent 4,800,000. Four million veterans have nothing to worry about except making both ends meet on post-inflation wages. Eight hundred thousand or so veterans (nobody knows exactly how many; possibly half a million, possibly a million) have everything to worry about, especially the next meal.

The Legion has long recognized the existence of the problem of the unemployed veteran and has been devoting its greatest energies to alleviating the situation. Just six months ago, in its issue of September 16, 1921, this magazine said:

Scarcely having finished the campaign to relieve the hardships of the physically disabled veterans of the World War, The American Legion is now realizing that it faces another campaign of equal magnitude to save its comrades who have become economic casualties. All over the United States The American Legion is working to meet this new emergency. It is not altogether a new problem for most of the posts, for they have long had employment officers and have systematically helped their members obtain jobs. The problem has now become one of volume.

The problem is still one of volume, and of greater volume than ever before. The work begun by Legion posts months ago is continuing with increased effectiveness; the Legion now proposes to make the campaign national in scope by observing Monday, March 20th, as American Legion Employment Day. The details of this plan are presented on the opposite page, and have also been made clear to posts in a bulletin sent out by National Headquarters.

This program will not, of course, concern all posts equally. There are posts, particularly in agricultural communities, where no unemployment crisis exists—which by no means implies that the farmer is sitting on the world and growing fat on the proceeds of last year's crops. He isn't. The unemployment problem is essentially a problem of our industrial areas, which means that it is an urban rather than a rural problem. Factories make cities, and it is to the cities that the jobless flock in droves, impelled both by the hope of finding a job more easily where more men and women are employed and also by the herd instinct of the helpless.

As we see it, this situation does not mean that the rural post ought to let March 20th slide by without bearing a share of the task laid down by the National Commander. The rural post can canvass its community and discover whether any jobs exist that veterans can fill—the nearest city will supply the veterans. The rural post can also do effective work in gathering together discarded clothing to send to posts in the cities to put on the backs of the unemployed. Not every post is so situated that it can act as personnel officer—but be it remembered that the supply sergeant also served.

In observing the 20th as American Legion Employment Day, the Legion does not seek to solve on the spot the whole question of employment. It plans rather to meet an emergency with emergency relief measures. It will not ask an employer to run his factory on three shifts filling orders that do not exist simply to give regular employment to veterans out of work. Whatever it may think of an economic system that produces such a situation as now exists, it will not seek to reform that system overnight by holding country-wide mass-meetings.

Primarily the plan is this, to bring the employer, the citizen and the Legion together to discuss the situation face to face. Practical suggestions cannot fail to come from such a discussion. The Legion's part will be to see that these suggestions, once formulated, are carried out. Once again, remember the name and the date: American Legion Employment Day, Monday, March 20th.

Of equal importance is the fact that the meetings will let the public know how desperate the present situation is. But letting the public know should not end with the meetings. Newspapers will be glad to keep pace with the veteran unemployed situation and the Legion's work in meeting it if the Legion works hard and intelligently enough to produce news. The Essex County (New Jersey) Employment Committee of the Legion gives local newspapers exact accounts of the situation and amplifies these with brief accounts of actual cases, names, of course, being omitted. Here are two samples from the Newark *Evening News:*

Case No. 4—Thirty-two years old and has five-year-old child. Although married, volunteered in 1917 and served in headquarters troop of Seventy-eighth Division. Licensed chauffeur. At present employed two days a week in oyster house and receives $5 or $6 for work. Wife works for towel supply company. She gets $12 a week, but can not work steadily because of illness. This month's rent not paid yet. He will work at anything and accept from $15 a week up. Had experience as a baker.

Case No. 12—Twenty-eight years old and served in the army two years. Is single. Was in engagements in Alsace and at St. Mihiel. In the latter was gassed and was five months in hospital overseas. Anxious to get any kind of work, but is experienced in power press and hand screw machine work. Would accept $18 or $20 a week.

Permanent jobs are best, naturally, but permanent jobs are the hardest to land in these uncertain days. The Portland (Oregon) Legion has placed some 12,000 ex-service men since it tackled the problem a year ago, and permanent jobs have averaged about ten percent. It is evident that if the Portland proportion applies everywhere, the chief hope for the out-of-work veteran lies in odd jobs. An odd job is a makeshift, but a dollar earned in a makeshift job nevertheless contains one hundred cents. The Legion has done such fine work in organizing the odd jobs of the country that it has pretty nearly made the odd job a craft in itself. Birmingham (Alabama) and St. Paul (Minnesota) posts have found that a daily and hourly rate schedule for odd-job workers is fair to the person who gives the job and the person who performs it alike. Posts which plan to take advantage of the enormous odd-job boom sure to develop with spring house-

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The Legion's Appeal to the Country

ON the eleventh of last November, with pomp and ceremony and tribute from the great nations of the earth, The American Legion laid at final rest an unknown American soldier. He had given his all that American ideals might prevail and that America might stay American. A grateful nation bowed in silence and took him into its heart enshrined. But a few years ago this American boy perhaps passed your very door unnoticed and unheeded. Today hundreds of thousands of him pass by who worked and fought and gave their best that this nation might endure. Today these hundreds of thousands ask only continued opportunity to prove their citizenship, to earn an honest living, to live a useful life.

The American Legion, standing with them, asks that you do all in your power to make this possible for them, that you strain a bit if necessary to help them along their way, to give them employment and a chance to live. Resplendent dignitaries, great addresses and solemn music paid homage to the unknown soldier last November. This unknown soldier even now is passing your door. Your faith and appreciation will inspire him. Give him work.

HANFORD MACNIDER.

D Day
March 20

Say It With Jobs!

The Legion Plans to Awaken the Whole Nation to the Desperate Plight of the Unemployed Veteran

THE American Legion has for months recognized the fact that it was faced by the greatest crisis in its history. That crisis—and it still exists—is the plight of the jobless veteran. Ever since it discovered the problem, which it did early in the era of depression, the Legion has been toiling to relieve the unemployed veteran's lot. It has had to fight conditions over which it had no control and for which it was in no way responsible. It now plans to go forth and do battle with one of the greatest obstacles in the jobless man's path—public indifference, or, more correctly, public ignorance.

Republics may be ungrateful, but if they are it is the ingratitude of governments and not of peoples. People are not ungrateful—they just don't know. No average citizen ever wanted to have the disabled man sheltered in a county poorhouse or a state insane asylum; no average citizen, once informed that such a condition existed, would think of indorsing it. But unless he were reminded of it he was not likely to have any sentiments about it, no sympathy, no gratitude, none of that honest indignation which is the most effective ingredient of public opinion.

More than a year ago The American Legion did for the disabled man almost the same thing it now plans to do for the unemployed. It awakened the American public to the plight of the disabled veteran. Action followed. The Sweet Bill was passed, steps were taken to co-ordinate the agencies caring for the disabled, the hospital appropriation, at least in part, went through. All this happened, not primarily because the Legion worked to have this legislation passed, but because it awakened the sympathies of an organization more powerful even than the Legion itself—the American people.

The American Legion believes that the American people are not aware of the desperate situation of the unemployed ex-service man. The American Legion believes that few American citizens outside its own ranks appreciate the fact that between five hundred thousand and one million defenders of the republic are out of work. The American Legion believes that if it informs the American people of this situation, in accordance with some intelligent and systematic plan, something will happen.

The American Legion proposes to let the American people know.

The National Commander has designated Monday, March 20th, as American Legion Employment Day. The plan of campaign outlined for that day embraces the following program, which has been embodied in a bulletin sent to all posts by National Headquarters:

Posts in every municipality or county are asked to hold on March 20th meetings to which will be invited employers, representatives of welfare organizations and city officials. Each meeting is to be in charge of a local employment committee made up of Legionnaires and interested citizens. This committee will survey the local situation before the meeting and listen to discussions of the remedies for unemployment in its locality at the meeting itself It is to remain in existence as long after the meeting as is necessary to insure that its plans are carried out. It will keep the public acquainted with the exact situation.

It is essential, National Headquarters points out, that the March 20th meetings be adequately planned for and that posts be prepared to follow up the meetings effectively.

The listing of every unemployed and needy ex-service man and the searching out of every veteran's family in distress are essential. Posts have been urged to request local pastors to devote some part of their sermons of the 19th, the day preceding the meetings, to presenting to their congregations the situation of the unemployed veteran. Post publicity officers have been instructed to see that adequate advance notice of the meetings is supplied the local press and post commanders have been urged to call upon mayors to issue proclamations appointing March 20th as American Legion Employment Day. Department headquarters were previously urged to wait upon governors throughout the country with a view to obtaining similar state proclamations.

Reports from Legion unemployment committees which are actively combat-

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Ex-Service and American Legion Men

OUT OF EMPLOYMENT ARE INVITED TO ADVERTISE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS IN

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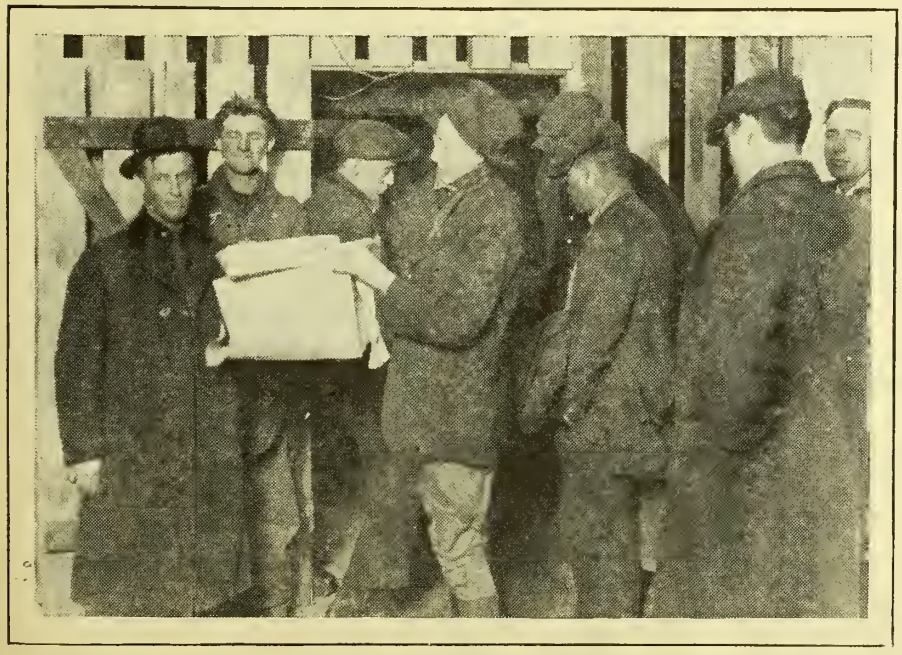
Offers by newspapers to publish situations wanted ads free for ex-service men are a splendid example of co-operation



Omaha posts play the part of gents' furnishers to jobless veterans, an activity being duplicated by posts throughout the country

EDITORIAL

"Made in Wall Street"

TO those ex-service men who feel a just indignation at the character of the fight which a group of nationally-known Washington correspondents is waging against the Adjusted Compensation Bill, we recommend the reading of the *Wall Street Journal*. It will restore their sense of humor. The gospel herald of the New York Stock Exchange displays a deliciously unconscious irony every time it finds itself talking about the "bonus," which is often.

It is the height of irony itself, the fact that the principal fountain head of opposition to the compensation bill is in Wall Street. Let the unfair newspapers do all they can—they cannot hide that fact. Let them misrepresent in their headlines day after day that "the farmers are opposing the bonus," that "labor opposes the bonus." They deceive few. The source, the main seat of the organized campaign to defeat justice for veterans of the World War is in Wall Street.

The *Wall Street Journal* has repeatedly sounded the keynotes of the compensation opposition. The journalistic orchestra of anti-compensation newspapers a few degrees farther removed from big business's financial throne follows faithfully its director. The *Wall Street Journal* waves the baton and the New York *Herald* beats the bass drum and doubles in brass. The others play first violin, the bassoon and piccolo. The second and third and umpty-umpth violins, the anti-compensation papers scattered through the country, are always a few measures behind their front-seat comrades but they play the same music—the music written in Wall Street.

One must read the *Wall Street Journal* to get the real shop talk of the enemies of compensation. The paper is read almost exclusively by brokers and big bankers and professionals generally of the stock and bond and banking game, so the *Journal* isn't at all reserved when it talks about the "bandits" and "blackmailers" who are trying to raid the nation's treasury. One can almost imagine the *Journal* patting its readers collectively on the shoulder as it remarks to them in its issue of February 9th:

> If we really owed anything we are big enough to pay it. Financial interests and even the Treasury are not the people to make the right answer to the bonus claim.

Well, well, well! We are getting somewhere at last. They have been saying all along the reason compensation couldn't be paid is because there is no way to raise the money. They don't talk that way in Wall Street among themselves. They know better. That talk is only good enough for a few honest and easily-alarmed citizens of the rest of the country, to stir them up to write letters to their Congressmen protesting against the Adjusted Compensation Bill.

The *Journal* betrays an appreciation of propriety when it remarks that "financial interests and even the Treasury are not the people to make the right answer to the bonus claim." It probably realizes only too well that the country at large knows how to weigh the kind of an answer they give. That answer is worth about .02 on a par valuation of 100.

Here is another delightful pleasantry from the *Wall Street Journal* of January 30th:

> One fact which seems disagreeable to those who are conducting the agitation for the bonus is that the best men who served in the Army abroad and at home do not want a bonus.

By "best men" we presume the *Journal* means clubmen and other prosperous ex-service men who set themselves up in pharisaical patriotic righteousness and sneer snobbishly at the basically honest and honestly-presented claim of the great majority of ex-service men for whom the war meant financial hardship. It probably means the small group of ex-service men who found accumulated interest on investments waiting for them upon their discharge from the service, or men with family backing to help them regain a foothold in their interrupted civilian life. By "best men," in other words, it means the silk stocking opposition to compensation. But the *Journal* is wrong, even in its own reckoning. The great majority of ex-service men who are financially prosperous and are leaders in their communities do not oppose compensation. They are fair enough to recognize the need of recompense by the greater number.

And it is to the *Journal* we must go for the truth about unemployment among ex-service men. The Legion's estimate of 600,000 to 700,000 jobless veterans and Secretary Hoover's figures are all wrong. For the *Journal*, on January 30th, tells us:

> The most extreme and depressing figures of unemployment among those who are said to need the bonus are less than three percent of the whole and these are deliberately padded by duplication.

That statement doesn't require any further comment.

Here is another bit of humor from the *Journal* of January 20th:

> It would be hard to find a G. A. R. man who would endorse the brazen bonus proposal. They were citizens of another fatherhood than these 300 perecnt Americans with a discount for cash.

Is the *Wall Street Journal* so ignorant that it does not know of the bounty system of the Civil War, by which men who enlisted got an adjustment of compensation *in advance?* Does it not know, also, that the G. A. R. in its earlier history was compelled to fight strenuously to obtain and protect the simplest rights of its members and to effect fulfillment of the Government's duty toward them?

But here is one kind of compensation that the *Wall Street Journal* solidly *is for*. It seems that the Government drafted the railroads during the war, and the *Journal* of February 18th remarks:

> The railways are short not less than $350,000,000 of compensation both morally and legally due them.

The *Wall Street Journal* isn't to be blamed for its words, perhaps. It is serving well the interests for which it stands. But the country should know just whom it is serving. Let the people of America scrutinize the hundreds of arguments against compensation. Let them look for the mark "Made in Wall Street."

Major Casualties

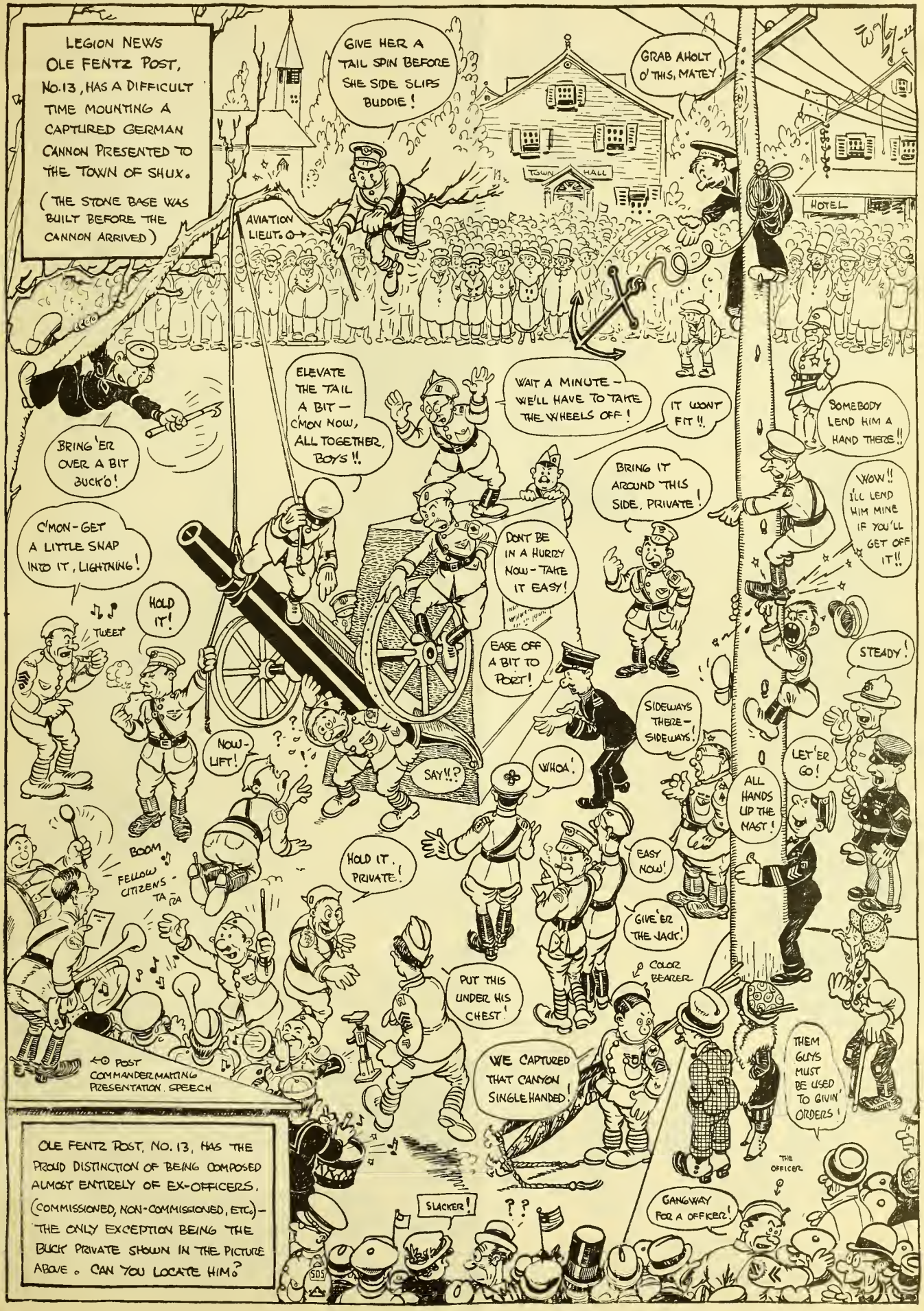
RICHARD GILDER CHOLMELEY-JONES entered the insurance business at the age of sixteen. Fifteen years more were to elapse before America became involved in a world war and established an insurance bureau for the benefit of the millions who were to bear arms in her defense. Twice rejected for service on physical grounds, R. G. Cholmeley-Jones finally obtained a captain's commission and went overseas with the War Risk Section, of which he eventually became chief with the rank of colonel. Discharged from the service early in 1919, Colonel Cholmeley-Jones was called to Washington in May of that year to become director of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. For two years he devoted himself whole-heartedly to the cause of the veteran, able-bodied and disabled, and it was unquestionably overwork in the bureau which made its chief himself a disability case and led to his recent death at the age of thirty-six. In his passing the ex-service man loses one of the most sympathetic, hard-working and intelligent toilers in behalf of American veterandom.

The recent death of John P. Holland, a former first sergeant in the Yankee Division, a member of the Legion's National Legislative Committee and Veterans Bureau liaison officer for the First District, was equally in line of duty. "We believe him here," declares Leo A. Spillane, Massachusetts department adjutant, "to be a martyr to the cause, as he worked day and night without regard to his own personal health."

It is men like Cholmeley-Jones and Holland, the colonel and the top kick, that the Legion and the ex-service man generally can least afford to see summoned to sleep at the final call of taps. It is, unfortunately, assiduous toilers of their splendid type who, working regardless of themselves and thinking always of others, are most likely to become casualties in the war after the war waged in behalf of the helpless veteran.

Puzzle Picture: Find the Buck

By Wallgren



BURSTS AND DUDS

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Take Yo' Time

The dusky minister of a certain small parish in Alabama was walking alone on a lonely road one misty night when he fell into a mudhole. For more than an hour he struggled to climb up the slippery sides and at last his cries were heard and answered by a member of his congregation.

"Lordy, pahson," remarked the latter, peering over the side of the steep hole, "yo'-all needn't kick up sech a noise an' fuss. Yo' ain' gwine to be needed afore Sunday and heah 'tis only Friday."

And So They Parted

She flushed embarrassedly as she caught sight of him at a party.

"Harold Moonleigh!" she murmured. "Poor fellow! How broken up he was over my refusal of him."

Moonleigh wrinkled his forehead as he caught her looking at him.

"Now, where the devil have I seen that woman before?" he asked himself irritably.

An Eye Opener

Hartley had left a call for seven o'clock.

"Hello!" he exclaimed sleepily, as the boy knocked on the door. "I swear I'm so sleepy I can't open my eyes."

"I'll bring your bill if you like, sir," suggested the boy helpfully.

Instructions Obeyed

The managing editor of a small city newspaper wheeled his chair around and pressed a button on his desk. The subordinate wanted entered.

"Here," said the editor, "are a number of directions from outsiders telling us how to run our paper. See that every one is carried out."

And the office boy, gathering them all in a large wastebasket, did so.

It Died Hard

"It's clear," remarked one traveling salesman to another, as they sat at dinner in a farmhouse in the Middle West, "that the man who raised this spring chicken was very tender-hearted."

"How in the world do you make that out?" asked the second.

"Because he hesitated so long before striking the fatal blow."

Up to the Minute

"So your son Bill is going to law school?" asked a neighbor of Farmer Furleigh.

"Yep," answered the farmer. "But he don't pay no attention to his books. I reckon mebbe he's goin' to be one of these unwritten lawyers I've read about."

Bull's-eye!

Professor in Journalism: "What is the most effective method of theatrical criticism?"

Well Founded Student: "An egg."

Mother Juice

Sing a song of sixpence,
A pocket full of seedless raisins.
And let your conscience be your guide.

Sincere

"Sir," said the youth respectfully, "I am a poor man and you are a millionaire. I know it seems presumptuous in me to aspire to the hand of your daughter, but my love

for her is so great that I must overstep conventions."

The great man seemed interested.

"But I have four daughters—which do you wish?" he asked, not unkindly.

"Oh, sir," replied the eager suitor breathlessly, "I'll leave that to you."

Something in This

Sailor. "The Navy's got it all over the Army when it comes to speed."

Soldier: "The devil it has! How do you make that out?"

Sailor: "The Navy is always ready to move at a moment's notice."

Soldier: "Well what of that? Isn't—"

Sailor: "And it takes Weeks to set the Army in motion."

Simple Accounting

A tourist in Arizona heard a shot and in a short time came upon a rough looking citizen busy cutting a notch on the handle of his gun.

"Have you killed a man?" he gasped.

"Nope."

"Then why the notch?" asked the relieved Easterner.

"I only cuts 'em when I misses," said the bad man.

"A" in "Deportment"

"You should return good for evil, Willie," admonished Mrs. Brown. "If that little Smith boy struck you, you should treat him even more nicely than before."

"I did, Ma," replied Willie. "He made me."

Ultra Proof

"Does Rambler's new wife love him?"

"Does she? Why, she even takes in washing to help him meet his alimony."

"Why all the sadness of the leading woman?"

"She doesn't know which way to turn, poor thing. Her manager insists that she must get more publicity by obtaining a divorce, and she actually is in love with her husband."

Natural Phenomenon

Four years ago today and six thousand kilometers from home, as measured by land and sea, Private O'Drab was watching his first bombardment of a village held by the Boche. Safe in his O. P., and with glasses glued to his eyes, he watched the havoc wrought by the shells as they fell in the huddle of stark, gray walls and ragged roofs. Bit by bit he saw walls swept away, roofs fall, until the skyline of the village was nothing but a rough, low line of ruins. Then he lowered his glasses.

"'Tis funny," mused Private O'Drab to himself, "the longer I look at that place, the less I see of it."

A Dirty Crack

Stern Pa: "Will you be able to treat my daughter in the way to which she has been accustomed?"

Suitor: "No, but I can treat her decently."

(*Lapse of two minutes*)

Passing Pedestrian: "My poor man, were you struck by an automobile?"

What He Made

A college sophomore who had put in part of his summer vacation selling German bonds received a letter from a classmate asking what he had made. His answer was in tabular form:

1. Sixteen miles on a gallon.
2. A reputation for nerve.
3. Twelve towns, and record time in leaving ten of them.
4. A hit with five girls.
5. Enemies of five fellows.
6. $13.82.
7. The acquaintance of seven bulldogs.
8. The discovery that there are still a few people who are touchy about the war.

And Then He Heaved a Sigh

"I found a letter in a woman's handwriting in your pocket this morning," she began angrily.

"But what—where—why—I didn't know—did you open it?" he asked in confusion.

"I did not. It was the one I gave you to mail yesterday."

Suggestions of a Doughboy

Being the
Suggestions of a Doughboy on the Manner of Conducting the Next War, Together with Certain Reflections on the Conduct of the Last One.

14. That in any compensation legislation that may be passed there may be inserted the following clauses:

(a) No ex-service man who feels that the consciousness of having served his Government is all the reward he wants need accept any further reward from the Government.

(b) All such men will be permitted to return to the Government the $60 bonus received at the time of their discharge and in addition all pay received by them while in the service.

(*To be continued*)

Such a Closeness

"Hear the new guy in charge of the canteen is pretty close," remarked the first gob.

"Close!" ejaculated the second, who had just come out of the S. R. O. line. "Say, that guy could swim across the Atlantic with an armful of eels and never lose one."

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ing the problem demonstrate that many effective means of meeting the emergency have already been put into successful operation. Among these are the following:

1. Shelter. A barracks for the unemployed should be established where advisable and practicable. A heated hall should be secured for this purpose, the local post equipping it with cots and bedding donated, if possible by firms or individuals or supplied by armories.

2. Food. A mess-hall can be maintained in connection with the barracks with the co-operation of the Auxiliary. Local grocers should be willing to donate foodstuffs or else to supply them at cost.

3. Rooming houses. These are essential for destitute families of ex-service men. Such houses, if operated on a co-operative basis, can be handled without incurring a loss in the long run. The married man is generally a good bet.

4. Clothing. Campaigns for discarded apparel have been uniformly successful. Bundle days have been appointed by many posts and have produced quantities of garments for the jobless. Churches, welfare organizations and business men's clubs are glad to co-operate.

5. Preference in public works. The veteran is entitled to this consideration. Posts have found it readily granted wherever they have laid the facts of the situation before the local authorities.

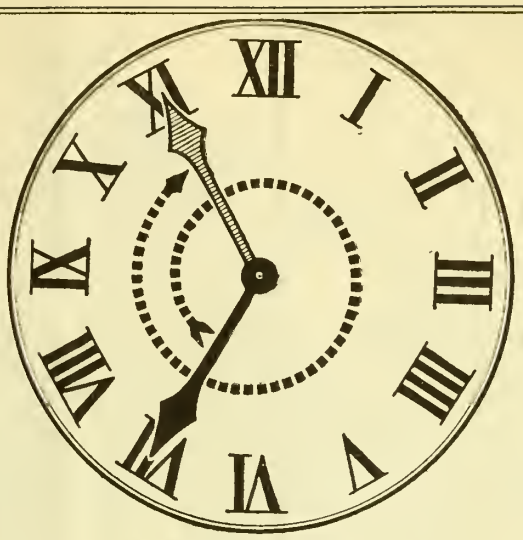
6. Odd jobs and house cleaning. Concerted efforts to obtain odd jobs for veterans have produced effective results. House-cleaning season is at hand—veterans have had plenty of instruction in policing up. Ask the householders in your community to let a Yank beat those carpets and paint that garage. Business clubs will be glad to get behind clean-up and paint-up campaigns.

7. Truck gardening. The season is at hand. Land can be rented and community gardens established on which veterans can be put to work. Citizens will in many cases be willing to forego their own gardens and patronize the community garden if they know it is being conducted by veterans that are jobless.

8. Municipal work. Community woodyards can be operated on a basis like that of the community garden. Community recreation centers can be built by ex-service men—a town swimming pool will provide employment and pay for itself half way through the summer.

9. Community watchmen. Residents of many communities have been glad to pay for the extra protection afforded in these crime-wave days by patrols of veterans augmenting the regular local police force.

More ideas will turn up March 20th. One more word: Don't pay too much attention to the floater; he is usually the most difficult and undeserving phase of the problem. Urge the non-resident unemployed in your vicinity to go home; that's where they'll find the best treatment.



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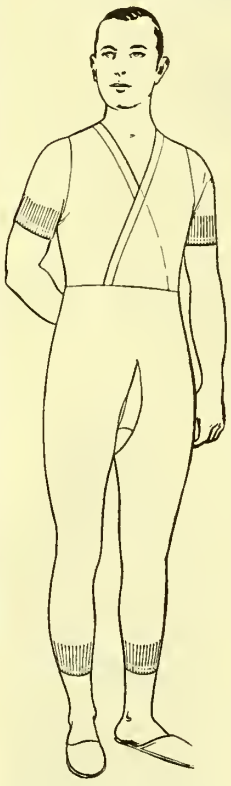

YOU'LL find it on every smart counter. You'll see it on that smartest judge of dress ideas, the college man. (It has already taken like wild fire with him.) A month or so from now you'll see it in the locker room at Sleepy Hollow, Apawamis, Exmoor and Onwentsia, on its way up from Palm Beach, Coronado, Asheville, Pinehurst, White Sulphur and Virginia Hot Springs. The picture tells you in a word how simple it is—and why it is the last word in underwear. Step into the legs, slip your arms through the armholes, and you're in an undergarment that instantly fits the lines of your body as no union suit ever did before.

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Still in Two Services

WHO won the war? Army? Navy? Marines?

Leave it to Chief Pharmacist John Alexander McCormack, U. S. N., of Fort Lyon, Colorado. He spent the war in the Navy and in the A. E. F., too. He knows gobs, doughboys and leathernecks and what they did, because he was there to see.

These McCormacks seem to be natural-born good Samaritans. Pharmacist McCormack's father was a Boston physician. His brother, Leslie P. McCormack, died in the service of the Canadian Army Medical Corps in 1915. Seventeen-year-old John Alexander joined the United States Navy 'way back in 1904, when they still had a few wooden ships and a lot of iron men. In 1905 he transferred from apprentice seaman to hospital apprentice. The next year he helped administer to survivors of the famous turret explosion on the U. S. S. *Kearsarge* on Good Friday afternoon.

He quit the Navy in 1908, but in 1915 Mexico and Germany were both acting unco boisterous, so he shipped over. Within a year he was helping take Vera Cruz with the landing party that went ashore from the Atlantic Fleet.

Next, he went ashore in the vanguard of the biggest landing party of all time—the A. E. F. Before 1917 had ended he had established a hospital at Angers and Navy Base Hospital No. 1, at Brest. One day a fire broke out at Hospital No. 1. A number of tents burned to the ground. Pharmacist McCormack jumped into a blazing tent and carried out a helpless patient. Then he went into more blazing tents, carrying out more helpless patients. The fire nearly ruined a couple of his perfectly good hands, but did not discourage him until the job was done. He was cited for that little incident.

During the Marne offensive he was

John A. McCormack

on an operating team at Juilly. He left the A. E. F. in March, 1919, and almost constantly since that time has been on duty at the Navy Tuberculosis Hospital at Fort Lyon. At Fort Lyon he kept on the job as good Samaritan, not only to the patients but to that lusty baby of the day, The American Legion. He was first vice-commander of Kit Carson Post, and one of the post's first commanders. Last year, at Kansas City, he was elected a National Vice-Commander of the Legion. He's now a chief (commissioned) pharmacist, but that does not prevent him from being active every day in the Legion.

How We Got Our Post Clubhouse

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call by the Legion at any time. It is also provided that the bonds can be refunded at the end of the twenty-year period if we so desire.

We have taken over an apartment on the second floor of our building for clubrooms and have rented the rest of the building to provide revenue for upkeep and retirement of the bonds. The basement stores are rented to a plumber and a barber. The first floor is occupied by the United States post office, and three apartments on the second and third floors are rented as living quarters.

We are planning to stage home-talent plays and to put on a daisy sale every year, hoping thereby to be able to retire our bonds at the rate of $1,000 a year. Efforts are now being made to lease the entire third floor of our building as headquarters of the local Chamber of Commerce, and the extra apartment on the second floor to the American Red Cross and the Community Service League. This will make our home a community center, housing as it will all the leading civic organizations in the city. We believe we have a mighty good proposition here in our Legion home, and so far everything has worked out fine.—FRANK H. SHAFFER, *Adjutant, J. Wilbur Randolph Post, Ellwood City, Pa.*

Working With the Town

WE have one of the smallest posts in Montana—29 members—but we have a clubhouse. Our little city, with its desire to be up to date, was planning to erect a big bungalow on a site to be made over for the accommodation of automobile tourists. The plans called for a building containing a kitchen and dining-room. When the plan was broached we saw an opportunity for securing a home for ourselves, and suggested that an additional large front room be added to the building and that our finances be combined with those of the city, the post also to take a hand in the actual work.

An agreement to this effect was reached, and by order of the city council a committee was named consisting of the mayor and the post commander (which was myself), this committee to have the whole affair in its charge. Our combined finances were aided by

the proceeds of local talent plays, parties, food sales and similar enterprises.

We now have our own home, a room 20 by 38 feet which is ours absolutely, and we also have the use of the dining-room and kitchen whenever we need them. The entire building was built at a cost of about $4,000. The building is 20 by 85 feet, and makes a handsome addition to our town. By helping your town, your town will help you.—C. O. WISE, *Commander, Jefferson Post, Boulder, Mont.*

Club and Post Together

WE of Austin Tunstall Post of Brookfield, Mass., have a little story about the acquisition of a clubhouse which may be interesting.

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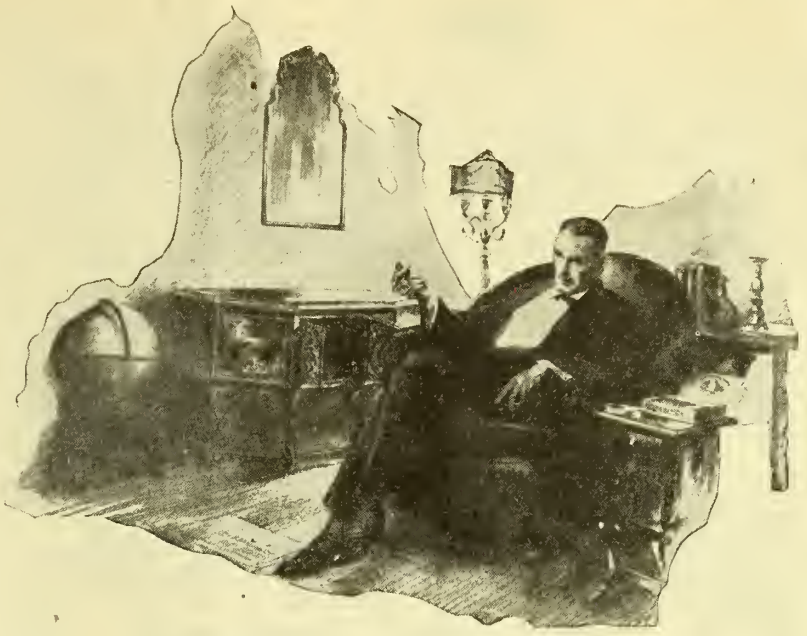
The population of our town is about 1,400 and our Legion membership is 37. With any kind of good fortune this year we hope to burn the mortgage.—JOSEPH H. DURKIN, *Commander, Austin Tunstall Post, Brookfield, Mass.*

A Successful Post Room

ROY BENT Post has no clubhouse, for while it has 100 percent membership the town is too small to support a separate building. But it has a fine room in the town municipal building.

For two years the post had hired a room, but the arrangement proved highly unsatisfactory. The post then decided to seek a room from the town. An article was placed in the warrant for the annual town meeting calling on the town to raise and appropriate $800 to equip a room in the town hall for the Legion. The customary procedure with a request such as ours would be to appoint a committee to report to the town meeting a year later, in which case the post would have had a long wait for its room. In this case, however, the motion was put directly to the meeting by the moderator, and the ayes had it so the windows of the town hall rattled.

A room facing the main street was obtained from the water department. It was furnished and a shower bath fitted up. The post then ran a minstrel show and bought a piano and phonograph with the proceeds. To pay running expenses of maintaining the room the post issues cards to men over 25 years of age entitling them to the privileges of the room and the shower bath. These cards cost the holders three dollars a year. This is a factory town of 1,200 population, and as the only hangout at night before the Legion room was established was the village pool-room, the Legion room has proved a success.—GEORGE S. FORBUSH, *Historian, Roy Bent Post, Wilton, N. H.*



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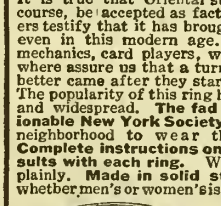

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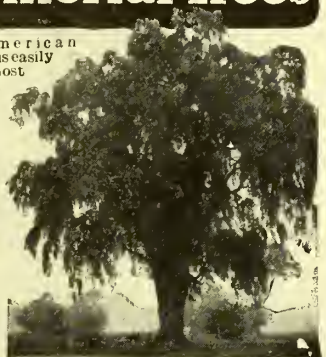

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left the town in 1917 and 1918 and did not come back.

These are only a few examples of the hundreds of tree-planting activities of Legion posts and other organizations throughout the country. Trees have also been selected as memorials by those who wish to commemorate the services of conspicuous individual soldiers of the World War. For instance, near Eureka, California, a grove of redwood trees has been dedicated to the memory of Col. Raynal C. Bolling, of Philadelphia, killed near Amiens on March 26, 1918, shortly after the opening of the big German drive. The memorial grove was purchased by his lifelong friend, Dr. John C. Phillips of Philadelphia. These redwoods are the greatest of all trees and are among the oldest living things in the world. They are from 2,000 to 3,000 years old. Prominent men from all parts of the country took part in the dedicatory exercises on August 6, 1921, and Irwin T. Quinn, vice-commander of the California department of the Legion, made the dedicatory address. A bronze tablet will forever commemorate Colonel Bolling's heroism.

Existing forest land has also been adopted as a memorial in several other notable instances. Herkimer (New York) Post has undertaken a reforestation program to embrace several thousand acres of unused land in Herkimer County as a memorial to those who served in the war. This memorial forest is to make available a permanent source of revenue for the relief of sick, disabled and aged veterans and their families as long as the Legion is in existence. It is also planned to set aside a special plot from which revenue will be derived for aiding tuberculous veterans of Herkimer County. The State Forestry Department has promised 200,000 trees for this work and 200 acres will be planted this spring. The entire membership of the post will spend several days in camp while they plant the trees. High Legion officials have been invited to come to the camp. Herkimer Post believes that its example will encourage other posts to establish memorial reforestation tracts which will honor the dead by giving aid and support to the living.

A similar project has been undertaken by the Legion post of Bogalusa, Louisiana, and other organizations of that town. Four thousand acres of reforested land have been dedicated as a memorial to the men of Washington Parish who died in the World War. The land is already covered with thousands of young pine trees and seedlings. At the entrance to this memorial tract is an honor roll containing the names of nineteen white and six colored soldiers.

The American Legion's tree-planting efforts have been greatly facilitated by the advice and assistance extended by the American Forestry Association, 1214 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. This organization upon request sends to posts literature telling the kinds of trees best adapted to the different States, the season best suited for planting the varieties of trees and the methods to be used in planting. It works with the official foresters of the States and with experts of the Depart-

ment of Agriculture in giving such advice.

All authorities agree that it is wisest to plant memorial trees of the kind which are observed thriving in the locality of the planting site. Soil conditions, moisture and other influences must be taken into consideration. Many experts recommend that the black walnut tree is peculiarly adapted for memorial purposes. This tree, in addition to being hardy and ornamental, has the recommendation of being a veteran of the World War itself. Practically all the gun stocks used by the nations in the war were made of black walnut, and due to exportations it was discovered that a scarcity of this wood existed in the United States at the time we entered the war. President Wilson thereupon issued a call to the Boy Scouts asking them to search the forests for black walnut trees. The war requirements consumed a large part of the nation's reserves of black walnut trees, and the Legion by planting these along highways would be displaying a thought for possible future emergencies.

Other experts agree that nut trees, and even fruit trees, might under certain conditions be utilized as memorials. Certainly in extensive plantings it might be well not to use only oaks and elms or maples, the trees most favored.

The Federal Government's program of financial assistance to States in the construction of public highways is also closely related to the Legion's policy of planting trees as memorials. It has already been mentioned that posts in many parts of the country have adopted sections of such inter-state roads as the Lincoln Highway, the Dixie Trail and the Pacific Highway. Such roads have inspired great pride in the towns and cities and States through which they pass, and tree-planting is the simplest method for their beautification.

Last year approximately $600,000,000 from all sources was expended on highway construction. This year, according to the United States Bureau of Public Roads, fully $700,000,000 will be spent upon roads. This road construction program should give employment to fully a million men. Of these possibly half will be ex-service men if the percentage of the past year holds true.

In the planting of trees, the Legion necessarily acquires an interest in the highways they border. The dream of the day when the roads of the United States may be like the roads of France may soon be no longer a dream. Assuredly, there are already sections of this country where our roads, traveled for a century or less, are even better than French roads which have been built up in many instances from the foundations laid by Cæsar's engineers.

The Legion will continue with its program of honoring those who died, and if in that program it effects the beautification of the nation's highways, posterity will be grateful. It will also plant its trees along memorial drives, upon parkways and in parks. The saplings of today will become the sturdy trees of tomorrow. The young men of today will grow old along with the trees they help to dedicate. And when the young men of today find themselves upon the far horizon of their generation, they may, before they pass out of sight, take comfort in the fact that the memory of their own deeds and the deeds of those who died by their side in 1917 and 1918 will still live.

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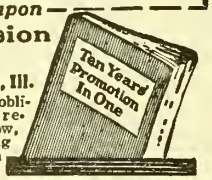

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Miss Jeannette Dumas

Keeping Step with the Legion

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cleaning will doubtless find it necessary to stipulate a fair price for a day's labor in order to insure a square deal to both parties concerned.

The employer who used to refuse to take on ex-service men because "none of them were any good" (there never were many such employers, but one of the kind stands out like a million) is beginning to lose that illusion. By far the large majority of unemployed veterans are not care-free drifters; many of them are men with wives and families to support. Portland, Oregon, found in a recent survey that of a thousand veterans still out of work, more than six hundred were married. The Rhode Island Legion reports that nine out of ten men appealing to it for aid are married and the fathers of small children. A Brooklyn (New York) post concludes a monthly bulletin with this notice: "The adjutant of the post is out of work. Anyone who can place him in a position will be helping the Legion and his post." In fact, no less than three post adjutants recently applied for work at Legion employment headquarters in New York City, where it is estimated that 75,000 veterans are unemployed. Drifters and fly-by-nights do not usually get to be Legion post adjutants.

Drifters there are, of course—floaters who swing from town to town, impelled partly by the lure of the job at the end of the rainbow and partly by pure wanderlust. The Legion is taking care to distinguish between this type of jobless and the unquestionably deserving case. A fair distinction is to see whether the applicant for work is a resident of the town or city in which he seeks employment. If he is not, the Legion has a right to know how he got there and why. Posts have found the unemployment problem so pressing that they have had to devote most of their energies to relieving the wants of men who live in their own towns. The Legion has generally, however, assisted the non-local man in getting home if he really wants to go there. Such a man proves in most cases to be a fairly safe bet, refunding the money advanced him by the post as quickly as he connects with a job in his home town. Rural posts have also been of assistance in getting jobless men from their communities back to the home town.

Legislation old and new is being unearthed or passed with a view to providing relief. Nearly sixteen years ago Illinois approved a bill "to regulate the granting of relief to indigent war veterans and their families." At present the law operates in this fashion: Upon the written order of the commander of a post of The American Legion, following recommendations to the commander by a relief committee of the post, the overseer of the poor furnishes to any indigent World War veteran or his widow orders for groceries, coal and other necessities. Peoria Post is maintaining a relief committee under this law with excellent results, according to Post Adjutant L. M. Stacy. "This committee," he declares, "is one of the hardest worked and one of the most beneficial committees we have in our post. It is also one of the most satisfying committees to which a man can be appointed, for it is doing a real good, and is helping where help is actually needed."

Relieving the lot of the jobless veteran everywhere is one of the most satisfying things the whole Legion can do. American Legion Employment Day, March 20th, will see the organization tackling the problem on a national scale. With all posts pushing against it at the same time, a good-sized section of the unemployment wall ought to give way with a bang.

For Those of Us With Jobs

AS we said a while back, quite a lot of us have some kind of regular employment, and if there is anything left over after we have made both ends meet, we ought to be able to pay our Legion dues. There is Jim Cunningham of Brock-Barnes Post of Plainville, Connecticut. Jim has paid his 1922 dues, though he rarely gets around to post meetings. There's a long, long (and a wet, wet) trail a-winding between Connecticut and Constantinople, and Jim

happens to be still in the United States Navy and anchored in Turkish waters. Jim's example ought to be an inspiration to every member of Brock-Barnes Post. We're publishing his name here so that he can be an inspiration to every member of the whole Legion.

We promised last week to print in this issue a list of the leaders in the dues race on a straight percentage basis, regardless of absolute membership. The figures were supplied us by the Circulation Manager, who sat up nights to get them, and are based on the number of subscription cards sent in to the Weekly. Meet the ten blue-ribbon departments (the dope is as of February 21st):

Department	Percentage against Membership of Dec. 31, 1921
Oklahoma	68
Kentucky	66
Nebraska	64
Minnesota	63
Florida	62
Arkansas	61
Vermont	60.3
Missouri	60.1
Ohio	59.9
Utah	59.5

A Post Endowment Fund

REDLANDS Post of Redlands, California, has established a veterans' endowment fund, the idea of which it would like to pass on to other posts. The purpose of the fund is "to further our independence as an organization, to increase our power to act for mutual helpfulness during the coming years" and "to safeguard the future welfare of veterans of the World War and their dependents."

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Apparently about the only thing that the post doesn't do is to warm the ice.

The World Effort to Scrap War

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adversely her trade policies or threaten her sea control in significant areas.

The French and Italian governments accepted the invitation to the conference largely from motives of courtesy. The former has never felt her Pacific holdings seriously threatened and her immediate problem cannot be met without maintaining large land forces, unless other nations agree to support her against future German aggression. Of such an agreement her delegates to the conference may have cherished some hopes—probably faint. Italy's problem, also, is local. Her main interest in the conference was to insure naval supremacy in the Adriatic without extensive construction of warships.

Japan, as is well known, came to the conference with regret and misgiving. Her people have less voice politically than those of any other nation concerned, but have been solidly behind their government in every crisis for fifty years. That government has held to a continuing policy of expansion of Japanese interests and control in Asia, and desired nothing that might tend to block the progress of that policy.

So much for the stronger powers. Of the weaker, China came with great hopes. A new era in which she would be free to develop along lines of her own peculiar genius, without coercion by other nations was her desire—that is, the desire of her few progressives. The great bulk of her people, of course, are ignorant of world affairs.

The wishes of the people of the United States for a reduction in taxation have been met to a degree. There will be a reduction, at least for a time. The construction of battleships and battle cruisers, costing from forty to fifty million dollars apiece, has been halted. Although naval authorities were seriously doubting the paramount value of these capital ships, nevertheless all nations would have continued construction, not daring to fall behind, if it had not been for the conference. Doubtless they were delighted at the chance to check the expense by mutual agreement. We can count on eighty million dollars a year saved, and it will be a real saving unless competition is permitted to develop along other lines.

For example it is said that the aircraft carriers, with their equipment of seaplanes, will be quite as costly in initial construction and in upkeep as were the battleships. The number of these carriers has been limited, but if we all strive for the limit it will take a microscope to see any difference in appropriations. Still we must bear in mind, that except for the conference, we should have had this expense and the expense for the capital ships also.

Except for these two classes the agreement does not limit naval construction. Submarines, destroyers, cruisers may be built at will. The renewal, in future conferences, of the spirit of this gathering, is really our only sound foundation for confidence in a permanent reduction of taxation for naval armament.

The second desire of the American people—that war be made less probable—has been met, not only for ourselves but for Japan and, to a degree, for Great Britain. The only real war cloud on our horizon was the Far Eastern problem, complicated by the Anglo-Japanese alliance. Our people were emphatically, though somewhat indefinitely, opposed to the Japanese policy in China. Probably few had analyzed the situation. Few of them really knew the details of the famous twenty-one demands. Those who did felt that

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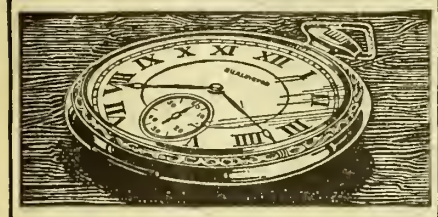

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Japan's action in forcing China to grant extreme concessions at a time when she knew that other nations, engrossed in the European war, could offer no protest, constituted a fruitful cause of trouble in the future.

Most Americans also felt that "Japan should get out of Shantung." At the conference, Japan agreed to this, with a few limitations. Our people probably are satisfied with Japan's attitude, and the fact that the conference did not act definitely on such points as the Japanese occupation of the Liao-Tung Peninsula, Japanese special privileges in Manchuria and Mongolia, Japanese occupation of the Siberian Coast and other points, gives tacit approval to the status quo.

The main importance of this is that it precludes our Government from an active interference that might have meant war. It is believed among Far Eastern authorities that it would certainly have meant war had our interference gone far enough to threaten the main sources of Japanese prosperity, for these the Japanese Government was determined to maintain, and the Japanese people were ripe for conflict.

In Japan they had been saying: "In 1894, China; in 1904, Russia; in 1914, Germany; and in 1924—who?"

The Washington conference has done away with the necessity for an answer.

Great Britain emerges a distinct gainer. She is assured control of the seas except in American and Japanese waters. The fleet initially allowed her is considerably stronger than our own; her first replacements at the close of the ten-year holiday will be more numerous, assuring her of the most modern developments, and this with her great fleet of merchantmen and fast liners easily converted into commerce destroyers, gives her a broad margin of safety in control of the high seas. Australia and New Zealand, both dreading Japanese ambition, are now assured of safety, not only by the British fleet but by those of France and the United States as well. Great Britain failed in her contention for limitations on submarines, but in all else she has won, and the gain is great as she could not have maintained sea preponderance otherwise without great expenditures.

France gained nothing. In fact, her positive attitude on land forces, which effectively closed that discussion, and her insistence as to submarines, have carried a step farther forward the loss of complete sympathy of the peoples with whom she has been allied. This is flagrantly unjust. France owes it to herself and to her people to hold her powerful enemy prostrate. Others may forget the resiliency of the great German people; others may credit their claim to a change of heart. France cannot, and unless her recent Allies will unite to insure her safety, she must undertake to do it herself.

Italy's gains are negligible. She is assured of substantial equality of naval power with France, but neither of them are in a financial position to undertake the construction allowed, nor is there any pressing reason why they should.

China has achieved some improvement in condition. The most irritating problem, although not the most important, has been solved—she resumes control in sacred Shantung. There have been other concessions of great practical benefit, but the grand principle has been lost. The fact that

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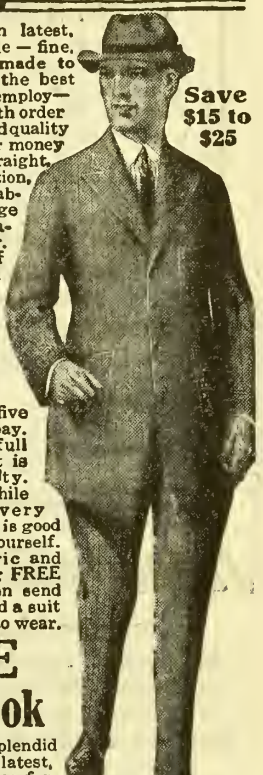

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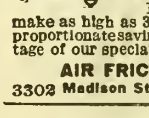

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foreign nations still fix her customs duties, even if at a rate more favorable to her, that foreign concessions on her soil continue to exist, and that foreign nations still hold special privileges throughout a large portion of her territory, leave her a dependent nation yet. And, as stated before, the fact that these conditions continue after the conference, sets upon them, to a degree, the approval of the participating nations.

It means that China must achieve her freedom, as have all independent nations, by the sweat, blood and brains of her own citizens. If she can be made to realize this, and to act upon the realization, then her gain by the conference may be greater than that of any other nation.

And Japan—well, she owes a great debt to her delegates. They entered an atmosphere of suspicion amounting almost to animosity. A few months and they departed in friendship and confidence. No doubt thinking Japanese dreaded conflict between themselves and America far more than did Americans. They knew that the end of such a conflict in all probability meant their ruin. They knew that they could not hope for intervention—that every initial success would merely serve to cement against them the enmity of all white nations. They feared that our continued opposition to their policies might some day force them to fight or give up the exploitation of Asia, upon which depends their continuance as an industrial nation, capable of supporting their increasing population.

All fear has passed—at least it has been pushed into the background. The Japanese knew that a fleet sixty percent as strong as ours meant, for her, control of Asiatic waters, provided we were without adequate bases. By holding out for a 7-10 ratio she secured an agreement that there should be no further development of fleet bases in the Western Pacific, excepting "Japan proper." She has thereby insured her own supremacy for the period of the agreement, and for some years beyond, in the areas where lie her vital interests. By yielding, after prolonged discussion, upon the question of Shantung, her delegates accomplished three ends. They satisfied American public opinion, they shelved other problems of greater importance to their plans, and they silenced the most potent argument sustaining the Chinese people in their boycott of Japanese goods and employers. Truly a wonderful accomplishment in a situation that threatened such serious complications.

To sum up, all nations with Pacific possessions are assured for ten years of unthreatened opportunity for their development. The United States and Great Britain have gained what their people and governments desired. France and Italy have neither credit nor debit materially. Japan emerges secure in the following of her major policies, and probably with a broader view of the advisability of reaching out too strongly. China is disappointed but has materially improved her situation.

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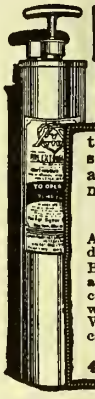

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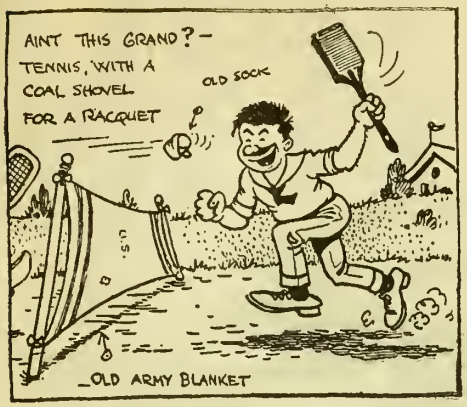

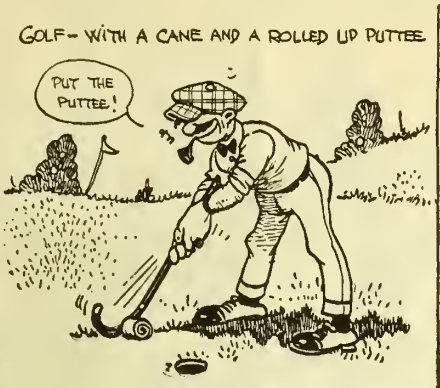

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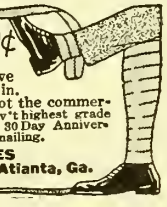

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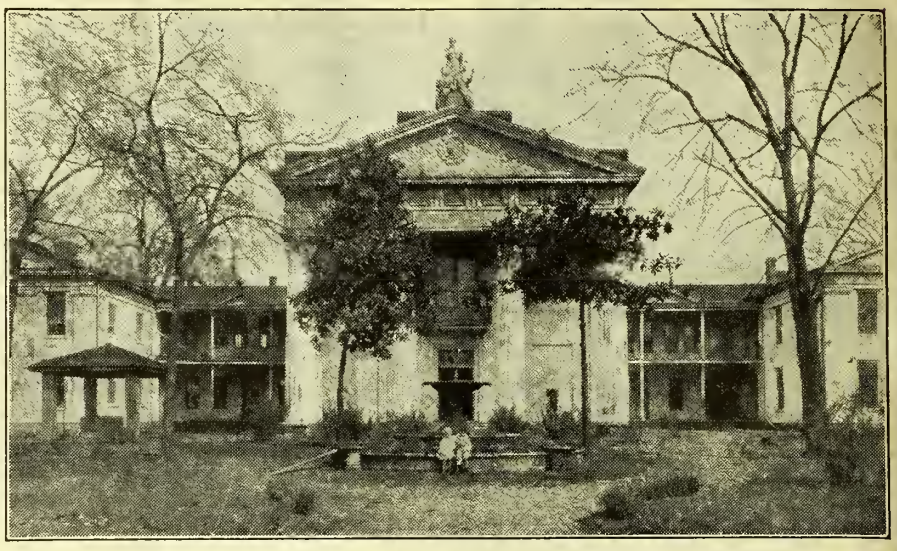

Arkansas department headquarters occupies this picturesque home, the old State House at Little Rock

WHEN, at the close of the last National Convention of the Legion, the governor of Arkansas stepped forward to present the newly-elected National Commander with a diamond stick-pin in the name of the State of Arkansas, he discovered that the new head of the Legion was wearing what used to be called a bow, and is now known as a bat-wing, tie. Bow or bat-wing ties (call them by whichever name your local haberdasher favors; they cost more when called bat-wings) are not constructed for the insertion of diamond stick-pins. But did that deter the governor of Arkansas? Not much. He stuck the pin in the new chief's shirt front, which happily was not hard-boiled, and the emergency was over.

Likewise, when architects planned and builders erected, Lord knows how many generations ago, the "new" State House at Little Rock, they did not expect that the building would eventually give way to a newer State House and itself be converted into a war memorial with space in it to house Headquarters, Department of Arkansas, American Legion. And still less did they expect it to become a cafeteria (they would doubtless have inquired, "What in blazes is a cafeteria?") serving ridiculously cheap meals—to be exact, meals ranging from twenty to thirty-five cents each—to unemployed ex-service men.

Probably no department headquarters of the Legion is more picturesquely housed than that of Arkansas, but the Arkansas Legion has weightier problems on its hands just now than an idyllic search for the picturesque. It has an employment problem, and one of the ways in which it is meeting it is to supply cost meals to veteran customers in the cafeteria which it is maintaining in the spacious wings of the old State House. In addition to this, in co-operation with the city authorities, who supply army cots free, it is maintaining a dormitory in the city hall and in some tiny houses on the state fair grounds.

Meanwhile the old State House, despite its picturesqueness, is getting a little wheezy and dilapidated, and the Arkansas Legion is at this writing working to accomplish a two-fold result in having it renovated; first, to set the old building on its feet again, and second, to give employment to veterans who are out of jobs. A fund of $50,000 is being sought with this object in view.

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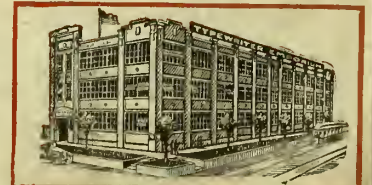

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