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ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT WAR WORK ASSOCIATION

We acknowledge the receipt of a most complete account of the splendid activities of the Interior Department War Work Association, under personal direction of Mrs. Franklin K. Lane, and regret sincerely that lack of space prevents a more extended mention of this great and noble war work than is possible for us to give.

There are nearly 500 women, more or less directly connected with the Interior Department, who are devoting every moment possible to making and sending things necessary for the comfort and cheer of our sick and wounded soldiers in France. Hundreds (perhaps thousands would be nearer the truth) of sweaters, sheets, towels, pajamas, stockings, slippers and other articles are being shipped regularly to Neuilly, France.

The Interior Department War Work Association is an auxiliary of the American Red Cross. It had its beginning almost immediately after war with Germany was declared, when the Home Club, which is a social organization of the Department, began planning for relief work. In the early days of the movement its output was distributed through the American-French Clearing House. When its activities outgrew the quarters in the Home Club the work rooms of the Association were moved to the Interior Building.

Here Mrs. Lane, surrounded by the wives and daughters of her husband's assistants, commissioners, directors and chiefs, manages an organized patriotism which ramifies into the most remote districts of Uncle Sam's domain. The men of the service back the women with their money, and thousands of dollars have been pledged and paid, and Mrs. Lane has enough funds in hand to endow nineteen beds in the Interior Department Ward of the Washington Hospital in Neuilly. Every bed calls for deposit of \$600, and \$200 a year outfits it with all needed garments and linen.

All conceivable means have been adopted to raise money legitimately for the noble work which is headed so ably by Mrs. Lane. Subscriptions, donations and pledges by every class of citizen in all parts of the country have reached Mrs. Lane. The Indian people have responded magnificently and one sale of articles furnished by them brought \$1,400—to be used for surgical dressings.

There is nothing sensational or emotional about the work of Mrs. Lane and her corps of assistants. On the contrary, everything is carried out in the most busi-

ness-like manner. Mrs. Lane has responded in the most practical and efficient manner to the cry of humanity in the alleviation of our sick and wounded soldier and sailor boys who suffer in a foreign land. All thanks to her.

THINK IT OVER

Results of labor, of study, of effort of any character, physical or mental, often seem tardy in making their appearance—in realization. And often we seem to feel that the reward of this effort is as slow of materialization as were the results themselves. We are inclined to become discouraged if things do not come to us, if we fail to get reward as soon as we had figured we should—and some of us allow ourselves to join the army of "quitters."

In no possible way can we gain anything—win anything—by being quitters. Let every person—man, woman, boy or girl—think seriously of something once in a while and a lot of good will result. Recreation is a fine thing and necessary, but this is a world of real things and problems and we have to look after our human needs, both mental and physical. Play will not always fill the bill—there is work required.

Our students, our friends, our readers, young or old, will never gravitate into the realm of great achievement without they make great effort. A person who is afraid to make effort, who is afraid of doing too much, who works by the clock, works as a machine. And the chances are that having once allowed himself to become a machine a machine he will be to the end of his days. Keep an eye upon yourselves and see in which direction you are drifting.

Let every reader of this article consider himself, or herself, at the head of some great labor-hiring concern, having in hand the responsibility of the success of that business. Is it not natural to presume that you would be particular as to the kind of help you engaged? Do you imagine you could build up your business by hiring help that would shirk on you every time your back was turned? If you had to put some person in a position of trust, at fine wages, would you select a shirk or a wide-awake, energetic, conscientious worker? Do not these questions prove to you the kind of workers who are in demand? As you are a worker instead of an employer are you not now convinced as to the kind of worker you should be? Be that kind of worker—start right now!