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"The Girl in the Taxi" will be seen at the Stewards theatre for an engagement of one night, Tuesday, October 31st.

ONE OF WAR'S HEROES

A Story in Support of Peace
By F. A. MITCHEL
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Dignity is a valuable quality, at least one that commands respect. It is impossible to think of great men in an undignified position. There are also lesser lights.

The young have their heroes, whom they look upon as something above themselves, whom they surround with an illuminated atmosphere.

Osmond Edwards was one of these. When the Spanish war broke out, on account of his prominence among his fellows, no one thought of his going to Cuba as a mere private. He set about raising a company which he was to command. The young men all wished to be members of Edwards' company, and it was soon filled up and made a part of a crack regiment. From the first the captain acted on the principle that a leader must be unapproachable. He did not associate on equal terms with his men, even those who had been his intimate friends since boyhood. While other company officers were approached familiarly and addressed as captain or lieutenant, it was always Captain Edwards, the speaker standing at attention and saluting respectfully.

Furthermore, when the regiment entered upon its first engagement Edwards fulfilled what was expected of him. While some other officers blanching or gave way, he kept his men up to their work, and at a critical moment, when some of the field officers proved incompetent and others were disabled, he seized a flag, sprang to the front and saved the regiment from panic. A newspaper in the United States published a picture of him waving the flag over his head and shouting to the men to "come on." This fixed him as a hero in the minds of every young person who had ever known him.

During the fighting about Santiago Edwards, who commanded his regiment as lieutenant colonel, lost a leg. When a warrior goes out to fight the battles of his country and comes home on a stretcher he is at the summit of his career. A burst of admiration, of sympathy, greets him, after which those about him begin to think of other matters. The war in which one distinguishes himself recedes. After awhile when asked in what battle he was maimed and he names it he is asked during which of several preceding wars that battle occurred. If he lives long enough he belongs to a past period with which the new generation has little or no real sympathy.

Edwards on his return occupied the pinnacle of heroism. The young men spoke of him with envy; the girls lavished favors upon him. That dignity which had always been natural to him added to his glory. Several romantic girls who were infatuated with the idea of being a hero's wife were ready to marry him. He chose Gwendolin Emory, and she was very proud to be singled out from all the rest, with the expectation of being Mrs. Colonel Osmond Edwards.

But, as has been said, Edwards was at the top of the hill of fame. He could get no higher—at least in the

BOARD ACTING
ON PETITIONS

PROBABLE THAT EQUALIZATION BOARD WILL QUIT SOON.

Petitions Filed up Until Last Saturday Are Considered Carefully.

By the end of the present week it is probable that the board of equalization, consisting of County Judge J. C. Henry, County Clerk Ed Wright and County Assessor D. M. Clark, will have acting finally on all petitions filed by taxpayers against the assessments levied against their property this year. Last Saturday evening the time expired when taxpayers could object to the assessments and valuations through the petition method and the present week has found the board deliberating and readjusting the assessments.

The board was not confronted with many complaints this year. No corporations objected here for the reason that if any objections are forthcoming they are filed with the state tax board and are not heard here. The only objections coming to the Union county board were those from individuals and not from corporations.

profession of glory, for he was disabled. War has no use for men into whose carcasses she has bitten. They are to her like a joint that has been cut. The young colonel walked with his accustomed dignity, but he limped—in other words, he hobbled. Those who upon his return had looked upon him with admiration, which was really curiosity, now saw in him nothing but a hobble. Those who revered him made no special demonstration of their reverence. It had become an old story. In short, the hero's heroism, so far as concentrating the gaze of his fellow beings was concerned, was fading away.

His fiancée noticed this, and it troubled her. She had engaged herself to him as a hero and was now beginning to realize that she was tied to a hobble. One day she overheard a man say to another, referring to her fiancée, "That hobble wears a cork leg." "How did he lose his own?" "Don't know for certain. I've heard it got caught in a bear trap."

Miss Emory's heart sank within her. She began to see that the paths of glory that don't lead to the grave lead to misfortune.

But the real pang came later. She and her lover were in the country. Edwards was a canoeist and begged her to go out with him in his canoe. While he was paddling he attempted to change position. To change position in a canoe with a cork leg is dangerous. The canoe was upset. Miss Emory was a splendid swimmer and, knowing that her lover could also swim, paid no attention to him till she had caught hold of the canoe. Then on looking about for him she saw only his leg floating. He was unable to sink it, and it sank him.

Miss Emory swam for him, but was unable to right him. The shore was near, and, seizing him by his cork leg, she towed him to safety.

The spell that had been thrown around him as a hero was dissolved, and he was now nothing but one of war's victims. She departed from him and in a few months wrote him that she had been mistaken in thinking she loved him.

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