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CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL.

Charles Edward Russell, author and journalist, is a Socialist and a patriot. He has his own political opinions but he is still a patriot. He served the country on the Root commission to Russia. A great many people can see no good in the Socialists; they condemn them lock, stock and barrel. We commend President Wilson for being big and broad enough to recognize the Socialists in the war by appointing one of their ablest representatives to a responsible position. Mr. Russell says that Senators Stone, La Follette and Gronna and not the Germans are responsible for the fall of Riga. He should know what he is talking about. It is sad indeed that our own Senators will help the enemies of the country, even unwittingly. The collapse of Russia is the one thing that will delay the ending of the war. Those who are lending comfort to the enemies of the country had better beware for the American people are patient and long suffering. We believe that the Socialists will not be found in that number. They may safely follow the lead of Mr. Russell, himself one of the soldiers of the common good.

WANTED: A FEW PRIVATES.

The response of the American people to the war is wonderful. The American people are intensely interested in the success of the war and nearly everyone is doing his or her bit. Some of the energy and enthusiasm is misdirected, but there is no doubt of the patriotism manifested. Some of the efforts are amusing; some pathetic. The man with no technical experience who has discovered the secret of destroying the submarine—usually a man who has never been to sea and never saw one—may impress us as a "nut," but the important fact we must not overlook: the man has the interests of the country at heart and whether competent or not, his heart is in the right place and he is trying to make good. There is another class which absolutely refuses to work in the rear rank as privates; they are too big, too important and know too much to work as privates; they must be Generals or Colonels. They will not play unless the Government recognizes their worth. These are the men and women who make the life of the chief executive miserable. They were the bane of Lincoln's existence. Usually incompetent these political Generals and office-seekers descended upon him in a swarm. From all reports Washington is now full of such people and is the mecca of all the cranks in the country, from the woman magazine editor who wants the rest of the women to starve themselves in order to win the war to the man who believes if he is sent as Ambassador to Dahomey he will be able to secure a new ally of the entente.

This is all the more reason why we should give honor today to the drafted men, who are packing up their grips and going to the front without a murmur to be privates merely because their Uncle Samuel has called them.

Thank heaven there are still a few men in the country who will fight even if they can't lurk in the rear and send other men to their death!

GERM DESTROYERS FOR THE CANTONMENT CAMPS.

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in cantonment camps in this country."

As a matter of fact though, they're bug hunters, pure and simple. Each car will have about five experts aboard to manipulate the apparatus by which every blasted pro-German bacteria will be forced to tell its right name and then walk the plank of materia medica.

If a flock of these hyphenated apostles of hospital schrecklichkeit gets to cutting up didoes with the student-soldiers' health in the draft camp at Admiral, Maryland, for instance, the Red Cross won't rush madly around building up any local germ-hunting devices. It'll just hitch up the nearest one on wheels, run it over to Admiral from Philadelphia or Pittsburg or wher ever it happens to be and say:

"Here boys, have a laboratory." And if the boys are so sick that one doesn't seem quite enough, the Red Cross'll roll in another one and say: "Here boys, have a couple of laboratories."

That in itself ought to be enough to scare the bugs to death. If you ever saw the inside of a laboratory you'll know what we mean. For the benefit of those who never have, suffice it to say that the inside of a laboratory looks like a hard day's work by a glass blower with delerium tremens and plenty of glass.

Reverting to the official and less romantic view of the matter, Dr. R. M. Pearce, Secretary of the Medical Advisory Committee, explaining the plan, said:

"In sudden emergencies such as epidemics of meningitis or diphtheria, either inside a military encampment or in the vicinity, a great deal of highly specialized laboratory work will be necessary for proper control of the epidemic. Although laboratories will be established in each district, sufficient for ordinary requirements, these may have neither the equipment nor the staff to meet such emergencies, and to enlarge all of these laboratories would be excessively expensive.

"Various large laboratories will furnish volunteer staffs of the most competent men in the country, held in readiness to respond immediately to any call. By this arrangement a fully equipped laboratory with experienced staff, prepared to begin work at once, will be immediately available wherever needed."

The United States Public Health Service has such a mobile laboratory unit and Surgeon General Rupert Blue said the Red Cross cars would prove of the greatest assistance in the control of civilian sanitary districts. The plan has also been commended by the Surgeons General of the United States Army and Navy.

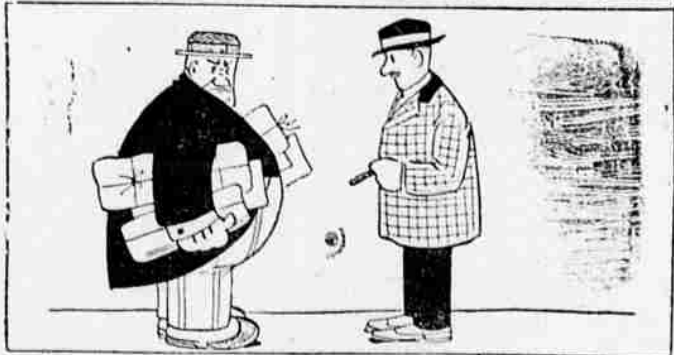
GENERAL SIBERT IS URGING OUR SOLDIERS TO SAVE PAY.

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ian and New Zealand troops in the amount of money they earn. The Anzaes get about \$1.50 a day and are the highest paid army in the world.

But both the Anzaes and the Canadians, who get \$1.10 a day—the same pay as the Americans or foreign service—are compelled to reserve part of their pay for their dependents or to form a nest egg against the possible rainy day

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following demobilization when the war has been won. An occasional bottle of light wine or a daily ration of milk chocolate are practically the only "dissipations" open to the American troops.

Gambling is prohibited in the Army. That closes the avenue of speculation. A small number of foresighted fighters made a good-sized cleanup on tobacco when the tobacco famine hit the camp a couple of weeks ago. They had laid in reserve stocks of makings and tailor-mades and found quick sales at ridiculous prices—20 francs for a sack of alfalfa and as high as a dollar apiece for cigarettes.

The majority of the soldiers are expected to adopt the saving suggestion willingly. In the British imperial army it has been proved that men can save money on 25 cents a day, and some French poilus lay aside some of their meagre pay of 5 cents a day.

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