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DEMOCRACY'S DUTY TO ITS DEFENDERS.

The plan for furnishing our soldiers and sailors life and indemnity insurance and allowances to dependent families embodied in a bill now pending in Congress, seems to meet with the cordial appreciation of the people and the press of the country. Some extracts from editorials in various papers follow:

The Philadelphia Public Ledger:
 "When we draft the wage earner," says Secretary McAdoo, "we call not only him but the entire family to the flag." This is the fundamental argument for the war insurance bill now before Congress. It is the absence of any provision for those left behind which leads so many who would gladly give themselves to their country to ask exemption.

"When military service is obligatory other things are obligatory, too. 'The national conscience,' as the Secretary puts it, 'will not permit America's soldiers and their dependents to go unprovided with everything that a just, generous, and noble people can do to compensate them for the sufferings and the sacrifices' exacted from them. That has never been the American way.

"The aim of the war insurance bill is to do justice to the soldiers without doing injustice to the taxpayers."

Under the title that heads this article the New York Times says:

"Not a dollar of the billions given to the deserving is regretted. If the proposed plan shall secure that only the deserving shall be carried upon the country's resources, even billions would be paid and leave still a debt unpaid. There can be no real money indemnity for death or disability. The feeling of duty done and appreciated by countrymen is all that can be offered against such suffering."

The New York World calls Army insurance "A Square Deal for Our Fighting Men," and comments:

"What the chief industrial States are doing in insurance and compensation of workers in peace the Federal Government now proposes to do with its fighting men in war. No one could know what the old pension system would cost as applied in this war. Under this plan the cost will be known as we go along. Even-handed justice will be assured. Political and personal favor will go for nothing. There should be no doubt of its adoption."

The Richmond Times-Dispatch indorses the plan:

"Since the Government has benevolently insured ships and cargoes, seamen and pilots engaged in perilous war enterprises, it seems eminently proper that officers and men of the Army and Navy, who run immeasurably greater risks should be generously indemnified in case of maiming or death. The proposed legislation is designed as a substitute for postwar pensions, a circumstance which further commends it to us."

The Atlanta Journal's closing paragraph of an editorial commending the plan is as follows:

"The needs anticipated by the bill are so numerous and the mantle of protection which it would throw about the country's defenders and their families is so broad that only an extensive review could do it justice, but its great principles really need no commendation. They speak for themselves, and they will appeal, we feel sure, to the mind and heart of Congress as they do to the mind and heart of the country. This deeply important measure, so typical of the Government's solicitude for the men it calls to the colors, should be pressed promptly to enactment."

To these may be added the indorsement of Col. Roosevelt:

"It puts the United States where it ought to be, as standing in the forefront among the nations in doing justice to our defenders."

AMERICAN SOLDIERS INSIST ON SANITATION IN FRANCE.

BY J. W. PEGLER.
 (United Press Correspondent.)

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS, France, Aug. 17.—(By mail.)—"Hey, Madame! Nix on that, see voo play." That's our own American soldier speaking French. "Pas throwez dishwater in the front yards. C'est tres non-bon. Premiere thing you know there'll be tres flies buzzing around and then we'll all be mort a la typhoid."

A soldier from the states is standing in the doorway of the little whitewashed French cottage where he makes his home during the training period, and Madame, her dripping dishpan held under one arm, is beginning to understand.

From this lingo she gathers that throwing dishwater into the dooryard is one of the little things one doesn't do in America. The soldier takes the dishpan from her, walks to the edge of the street and goes through the motions of pouring its contents into the gutter.

"Compray vous?" he asks, hopefully. "Compray. Pousez vous dishwater into el guttero." He absorbed some Spanish on the border. "Ah! Oui, out," says Madame, as the light of full comprehension spreads over her weather-beaten face. "Veree good."

The quick and resourceful efficiency of the American soldier has overthrown many customs in these little French villages. The Americans threw themselves into the valley towns all in a bunch. Details of soldiers cleared up the streets and since that day it has been everyone's duty to keep them clean.

Cleanliness came in the extreme degree—and came to stay. Whitewash buckets appeared and the smudgy gray of old whitewash smiled anew in the brilliant sunlight, and sanitation came to the barnyard.

Altogether the villages were not much worse than some American farm villages. But they were not up to the Army health standards until the soldiers made them so.

The French people have given the American boys a welcome such as no foreign troops ever before received in this country. The American soldier is saluted in grave military fashion by every French youngster along the road. And he salutes back.

The floppy-hatted "Chasseurs" (Chasers)—the French regiment that is helping to train the Americans—has learned the meaning of "put 'er-second," and before long the French and Americans will be playing competitive ball.

On the other hand the American soldier has a speaking acquaintance with the waitress at the village hotel. When he drops in during the evening and asks for "trios hard-boiled oofs, avec pain et chocolah, toot-sweet," she comes back with smiling "Sure Mike" and brings in the desired nourishment plenty quick.

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