

REAL ACTORS GO TO FRANCE

BUT THEY MAY HAVE TO WAIT
TO FILL ENGAGEMENTS.

America's Over There League Recruiting A Hundred Each Month.

Back to the days when some of them may have walked the ties to make the next stand is the experience that faces Irene Franklin and Burton Green, Margaret Mayo, Leo Donnelly and some other well known Broadway celebrities unless there is a speedy response to the appeal of the Y. M. C. A. for recruits to the motor transport service in France. As almost every one knows by now Miss Franklin and the others have volunteered to follow the example of Elsie Janis and play the trench and camp circuit for the entertainment of the American Expeditionary Forces. America's Over There Theater League is recruiting one hundred entertainers a month for this circuit.

Railroad communication in France these days is precarious for anything except fighting men and materials, and the entertainers travel from camp to camp and trench to trench in automobiles furnished by the Y. M. C. A., in whose buns and dugouts they appear. Fred P. Stafford, a Briarcliffe business man in "Y" service, returned last week from France with the news that the transport problem overseas was acute, and started in to recruit motor drivers and mechanics at 247 Madison Avenue.

"One of the most important features of the service which the Y. M. C. A. is performing in France today is the furnishing of movies and real stage entertainers whom the boys all know at home. The fact that the boys may go down their company streets after mess in the evening and find the "Y" but transformed for the time being into a theater does much to make them forget that they are thousands of miles from home.

"The work of transporting films and flesh-and-blood actors from billet to billet on the western front is interesting and at times thrilling, and should appeal to every real American citizen who wants to get into the game but has been rejected by the army because he is too old to withstand the rigors of trench life. Without an efficient transport service this great entertainment program must fall down. America must not permit her boys to wait for the comforts to which they are entitled."

Imagine Margaret Mayo and Irene Franklin striding over and around shell holes with Husband Burton Green, Miss Franklin's accompanist, following with the costumes and scenery! And all because the Y. M. C. A. McAdoo in France had fallen down on his job because the middle-aged men of America were sitting at the wheel at home instead of overseas with their sons and younger brothers.

But there is one consolation; Burton Green could lug the costumes of all the players in France without becoming round-shouldered. The "Y" uniform is the only costume on the trench and camp circuit; a table may be the stage and one must go back to Shakespeare's day for a replica of the scenic investiture furnished by America's Over There Theater League.

LOTS OF WORK IN BASE HOSPITALS.

By FRANK J. TAYLOR.
AN AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN FRANCE, Sept. 2.—(By Mail.)—Base hospitals, far to the rear of the offensive, play an important part in the fighting.

The way an offensive looks from a big base hospital can be pictured from a letter written by a non-commissioned officer in an American base during the Chateau-Thierry offensive.

The writer starts his letter by telling how emergency surgical teams from the hospital were called for service at the front, departing one by one. "Thus we had an inkling that something big was afoot," he writes. "We, left behind, waited. Perhaps it was only a local fight requiring immediate surgical work; we thought. In a few days we should know.

"Then came the wounded. The first train was light. At the time our wards were but partially filled, hence we had no difficulty in receiving the influx with a calmness that was almost laudable.

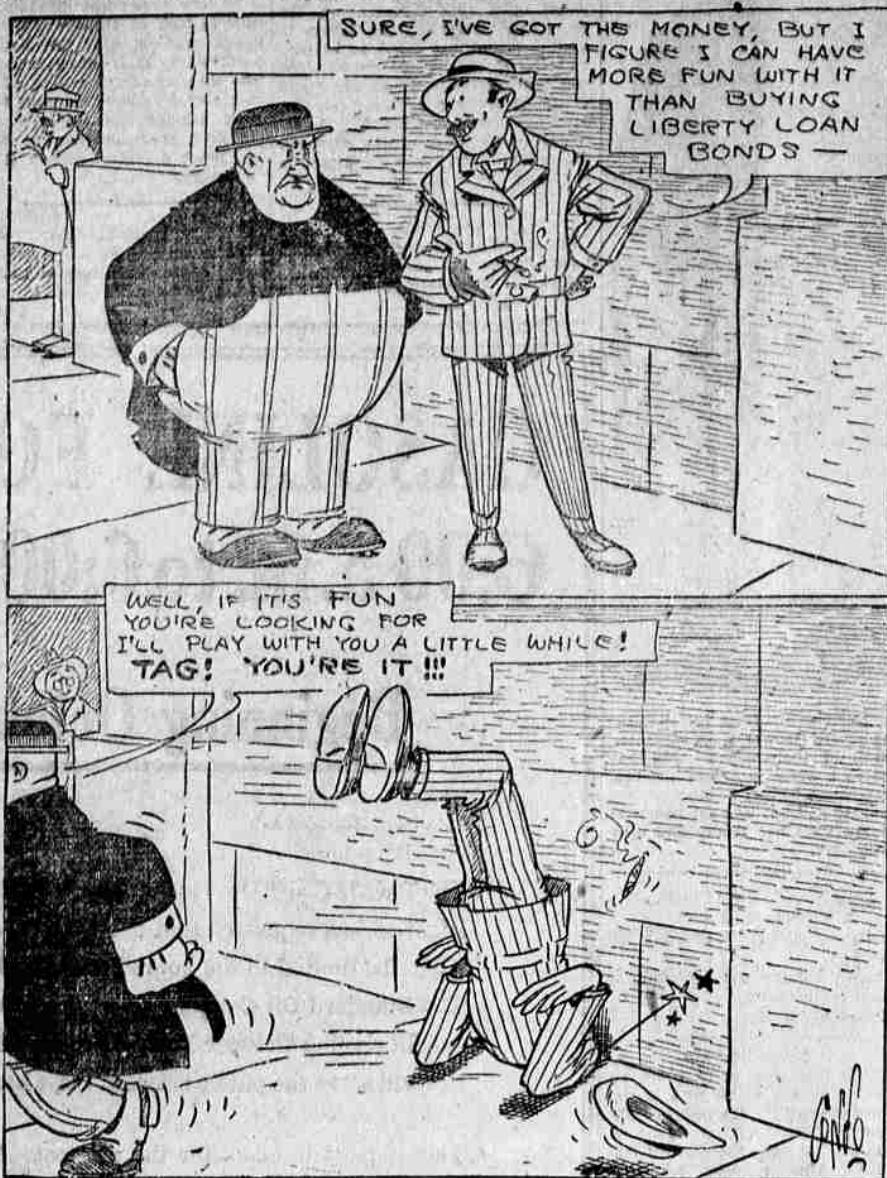
"Before we could breathe, however, came another call from that unseen center of activity which sends us our charges. We were ready to receive patients, though the number surprised us a little, but everyone fell to with a will and we were ready. All the wounded were received and accommodated in a manner that brought credit to the hospital and to the army.

Big Job Looms.

"We began to feel a little important and efficient. Then, almost before we had time to think, came a third order: 'Be ready to receive patients.' That instantly wiped away any thoughts of self-congratulation. It put before us the greatest task yet. Four teams were organized, with a surgeon in charge of each, and no sooner was one case completed than the next

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

BY CONDO



began. Such surgery too! Some of the professional men I heard speak of it as 'beautiful.' For my part, however, I cannot describe it thus. To me it was rather, marvelous. Never before did I have such an understanding of the surgeon's art.

"It truly seemed as if each part of the human anatomy was set out before us as plainly as if charted, while miracles were performed before our very eyes. One after another they came—came so rapidly the surgeons took only time enough between to 'scrub up.' Thus lives were saved as if by magic; men were virtually made over on the operating table.

"When we looked up at the end of the first day we found we had been working without a break for 19 hours. It was at this moment 3 in the morning. By 8 the surgical department was again fully alive. All day long we worked at our posts. Then at midnight came the order: 'Work straight through till morning.'

Day And Night All One. "Thus one day succeeded another until we scarcely knew when it was day, when night. In fact, I cannot now recall the days and distinguish one from the rest. As I look back over them, they all run together—one long continuous day, with no break at all for night. At last, though, we were rewarded. Order came out of chaos, as order must, and we had the satisfaction of hearing the surgeon say: 'Well, boys, we may rest up a little now. Every urgent case has been attended.'

"What satisfaction that announcement really did bring! I can hardly expect you to imagine. Unless you were actually in the work it would be next to impossible. There was a feeling of gratification for work—hard work—well done.

"Now, too, we are day by day seeing the effects of our work. I see it perhaps more than some of the others, for I am all the day long in the midst of the patients as they slowly went their way back toward health. What a revelation they are! What a demonstration of that electrifying spirit of America!

"There is no complaint. The ones who suffer most grumble least. Sometimes it is unbelievable. To them the Germans are no supermen. They have been near enough to see. At the same time there is no bragadocio. Instead, we find simply a philosophical ac-

ceptance of realities and a determination to win the war at any cost. If ever anyone entertained a lurking apprehension that there might be a remote possibility of disaster for the Allied cause, one moment with these young chargers who went through the fire and came back to us would convince him of his folly."

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PATRIOTIC MEETING

People of Pleasant Grove District Enjoy Social Gathering.

A basket social, under the plan of a Hooverized luncheon, and a neighborhood reunion was held in Pleasant Grove school house near Summerville yesterday evening. Four from La Grande were in attendance. They were A. T. Hill, county chairman, and H. E. Dixon, who spoke on the subject, "Liberty Bonds vs. Liberty Bound". School Superintendent A. C. Hampton gave a talk on "Community Co-Operation," and H. M. DuBois, principal of the La Grande high school, who spoke on "Our Soldier Boys."

The meeting was very interesting to all in attendance.

GERMAN VESSELS ARE SEIZED

Chilean Forces Take Possession Of Interned Craft.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Sept. 27.—(By United Press.)—Chilean forces today seized four and probably five interned German merchant steamers. It is announced. This step was taken as a "preventive measure." None of the vessels had been damaged by the crews.

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"I have never been down sick since that time. I do not take any other medicines except Peruna. I always keep it on hand. If I get my feet wet, get a cold, feel chilly, or a little bad, I always take Peruna. People should not wait until they are down sick and then take it, but should keep it on hand like I do and when they feel bad, they should use it."

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