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## When the Boys Come Marching Home.

Just how long it will take to settle this little matter of crushing out German militarism is not known and there are various estimates as to what number of troops will be required to clinch the proposition. It may take a large number and several months may be required, to fully demonstrate to the Kaiserites just where they stand. But the time is not far off when a large proportion of the A. E. F. will be back in the United States. That will be the time when the boys will, figuratively speaking, "come marching-home." This is figuratively only, for as a matter of fact the boys will come home riding in the cars.

What is to be done with them? It was an implied agreement, and in many cases, an expressed agreement, that those who left their positions to go to the war would be given their old places back after their return. This will be the rule, beyond any doubt. And still, out of a total of several millions there will be many to be otherwise provided for and they will undoubtedly, with all other things being equal, be given the preference. That will make some changes in the industrial situation all around and it will produce a big change in many ways. Some of the older ones who have been trying to fill the younger men's places will be glad of the changes and other will perhaps be compelled to give way.

One proposal by which the industrial situation will not be subject to a change too sudden on account of the returning soldiers is for the government to extend the opportunity to the younger ones to take or continue as the case may be, a course in schooling, or apprenticeship. A little help in this way would be a good way to repay the debt that is entered on the book of gratitude, and at the same time lessen the prospects for a sudden industrial and occupational congestion.

## As to That Seven Billion Dollars.

The suggestion of Hon. George W.ickersham at a recent public meeting in New York that the United States should cancel the obligations of foreign nations to the United States on account of loans made during the war to the allies will meet very limited approval. These loans aggregate more than seven billion dollars, and even this rich nation is in no position to make such a donation out of the pockets of the American people. It is true that we owe much to the other nations which have borne a hand in this war against the central empire; it is equally true that they owe us quite as much, because except for the intervention of the United States, victory rather than defeat would in all probability have been the portion of Germany. We will have spent on our own account before the

war is over, nearly if not quite as much as any foreign nation.

On the other hand it would doubtless be well if this country, instead of requiring immediate or early payment of these loans, should accept the long time securities of the nations to whom we have advanced money, in payment. Otherwise the tendency to pay this vast debt in goods rather than in gold will seriously disturb, if not paralyze, American productive interests through an excessive flood of imports. Payment of the interest on these loans, with gradual reduction of the principal, will cause difficulty neither to the allies nor to the American people.

At this time we are "flush" with a trade balance which is due to war demand. After the war we will have some serious problems of production, employment and international finance to face. That we should at such a time as this talk about forgiving a debt of seven billion dollars, the equivalent of three hundred dollars for every family in the United States, is a mistaken manifestation of sentimentality. We did not go to war for any selfish advantage; neither did we go to war with a view to sacrificing the welfare of the American people, and to load them up, unnecessarily, with burdens under which they would have to stagger for generations. Indeed, suggestions of this kind have a tendency to hinder our financing of the war, just as does the suggestion from other quarters that after the war we should permanently throw open our markets to the exploitation of the business interests of our friendly and unfriendly commercial rivals, no matter what the effect upon the prosperity of the American people.

## Will Germany Accept the Situation?

Within a day or two the conditions will be made known by which the allied armies will cease their plunge against the sacred soil of Germany. There is no possible mistake of the fact that all the forces that have been united under the aggressive program to rule the world with the sword are practically routed. The news of today indicates that the Austrians are literally "shot to pieces" and the German armies on the western front are in the same condition.

The armistice terms presumably demand the same thing as a surrender. The next important thing to know, as a definite step toward ending the carnage, is whether Germany will accept the terms. It will be a mighty bitter pill, and there is a possibility that in spite of the critical condition of the military forces, the attempt will still be made to stay the onward march to Berlin. There may also be further attempts at "diplomacy" in the way of asking modifications here and there that will in a measure stay the day of doom which impends over Germany like a scroll of wrath.

There is scarcely one in a hundred of one in a thousand who would not like to see the boastful empire get a touch of the same kind they inflicted in the days of their ascendancy. The German people, even the Socialists, were willing to let the military crowd have its way and were content as long as the spoils of the conflict seemed to be within easy grasp. There was but slight protest at any time, although it was reported that the Socialistic element would object if the plunge toward Paris and the Channel ports should exceed the cost of a million lives. But with this much of a softening, which was induced only through solicitude for their own soldiery, the German people as a whole reveled in the strength of the German sword and the prospect of spoils and Prussian ascendancy.

Whether they accept the conditions or otherwise, the war cannot and must not end until the selfish dominion of German militarism is crumbled in the dust.

## Sugar Beet Experiments.

By experiment with sugar beets it has been proved that plants growing close to the ground thrive better when planted in rows running from east to west rather than from north to south.

Justice of Supreme Court Conrad P. Olson is able, aggressive and square. Write his name on ballot on November 5, to succeed himself in vacancy caused by the death of Frank A. Moore.—Adv. 10-29-21

Island City Garage does general repairing, battery charging, tube vulcanizing; our prices are right; one dollar per hour. Why pay more? 10-29-21, pd

## FORUM

### THE CANTEN SERVICE

Of what use is the Canteen? The following is a clipping from the Red Cross Bulletin:

"The Spokane, Washington, Chapter returned the favor of the Minnesota Canteen recently, by taking the necessary immediate steps in a life and death case for a Minnesota boy. The keen motherly eye of one of the canteen workers detected the seriousness of the boy's case and in no time he was whisked off the train to Fort Wright hospital in a waiting ambulance. Expert care and motherly sympathy brought him through the critical period of his illness, to the high road of recovery, which he is now traveling, attended by the helping hand of 'The Great Mother of the World.'"

Just what are these women "parading the platform for?" The average soldier who passes through has been called home on some sad mission, and is just "bustin" to tell his trouble to some one. The Red Cross lady looks good to him, as also does the hot coffee. One mere boy passed through the other day; his wife and infant baby were not expected to live. He told his troubles to the canteen ladies and was cheered by so doing.

Of the three boys who were on the train another night, two were called home by the death of parents.

Another boy wished a telegram sent, will the canteen ladies look after it for him? "Surely." He goes on his way satisfied that his message will be sent at once.

A boy stumbled off the train, half asleep, and the conductor woke me saying something about canteen and goods eats, and I didn't stop to ask any questions, but "beat it." Two cups of coffee, two sandwiches, and doughnuts galore were his quota.

Had he eaten any dinner? I think not. Why? "I suspect he hadn't the price. This boy was called home by the death of his father. Uncle Sam knew what he was about when he created the canteen."

Are these women just "parading" the platform? If there is any doubt in your mind about it just come down some day and stand quietly by and hear what the boys have to say.

Ask your boy at the training camp or perhaps he is "over there," what he thinks of the canteen.

LA GRANDE CITIZEN.

## KNITTERS, ATTENTION.

There is a big order for sweaters now and plenty of yarn at headquarters at Holan Hall. We are knitting daily knittings. Socks for every mother's son. Who so bravely left his fire-side, And is gone to fight the Hun,

So we'll keep right on a knitting, As the day and weeks go by So the boys may have some comfort, For their noble sacrifice.

So we'll purr the socks four inches, And we'll make the Kitchener too And we'll splice the yarn, not tie it, So that they'll be made just so.

Thus we'll knit our socks and sweaters, Just according to the plan Till we get them all perfected Like we do the soldier-man.

For we love to do our duty, When this grand old country calls, Just as well in knitting sweaters, As in firing the cannon balls.

So we call for all the knitters, Who have interest in this cause So the work will go on smoothly, Until we win this mighty war.

## University Builds Hut

Eugene—Construction work on a Y. M. C. A. hut on the model of those on the western front was begun this week at the University. The national War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. has authorized the expenditure of \$8500 for the building.

## Begins United Drive Work

Hood River—At a meeting of the executive board this week it was decided that Hood River county would have the quota in the United Drive Campaign raised by the evening of November 8.

## Mrs. Holmes Is Dead

Mrs. Mary Ellen Sirrene Holmes was born in Montpelier, Idaho, September 2, 1877 and died at her home in Salt Lake City yesterday evening, from a severe attack of influenza, which later developed in pneumonia. She was married to J. A. Holmes September 10, 1898 and lived in Mesa, Arizona for a number of years before moving to Union, where she resided for about nine years. For the past two years she made her home at Salt Lake City. She leaves a husband, four daughters, Ola, Thelma, Ida and Beth and one son, Lionel, who is training at Camp Funston, Kansas. Aside from these she leaves a number of more distant relatives living here and at Union.

Portland Women Organize  
Portland—A women's committee for co-operation in the United War Work campaign has been organized to formulate plans for carrying the campaign to every woman in Portland and vicinity.

# Are You Taking Proper Care of Your Health?

Take care of that cold—keep the body warm, and get lots of fresh air. Our line of **Fall Underwear** is complete, both for **Men, Women and Children**. Buy dependable makes from dependable people, in our Men's Department.

**Cooper & Stephenson, and Munsing, for boys.**  
**In our Ladies' we have Munsing, the best underwear on the market.**  
We invite your inspection at any time.

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## Home Economies

Three Meals for Fall  
The season after determines what food shall go upon our tables, though in the city markets there is little change. Here are three meals suggested by the United States Food Administration:

- Breakfast**  
Scrambled Eggs Johnny Cakes
- Dinner**  
Creamed Fish Baked Potatoes  
Baked Onions  
Chocolate Pudding
- Supper**  
Cream Pea Soup  
Fried Cornmeal Mush

**Maple Syrup**  
Baked Apple Stuffed with Nuts  
Chocolate Pudding  
1 quart milk, 2 ounces chocolate, 1 cup light sirup, 4 cups cornstarch, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon vanilla.  
Heat milk in a double boiler. Add chocolate and sirup. Moisten cornstarch with a little cold milk and add to hot mixture. Stir constantly until thick. Add slightly beaten eggs and vanilla and remove from heat. Turn in molds and chill.

## Catholic in its Friendships.

A certain cat, the story of whose career is vouched for by a cat club, adopted a litter of young rabbits and nourished them well. This cat was, for that matter, very sociable and inclusive in her likings. One year her constant companion was a chicken. The two ate habitually out of the same dish and slept every night in the same inclosure.

## Wild Duck Consumes Much Rice.

On his way down from Canada or Alaska to the Gulf, the wild duck makes a stop-over of 99 days in the California rice fields, and during his stay consumes a large part of the rice crop, a cupful of rice at a meal. This, considering that the wild duck appears in numbers of perhaps a million or so, makes the situation much more serious than it sounds.

## Bringing Drama Up to Date.

F. E. Atkinson of Boston says he saw an unusual performance of "Romeo and Juliet" at a town in the middle West. The players introduced a game of cards in the balcony scene.

## Coquettish.

The fraction leaned over and touched the whole number on its digit. "Say," she whispered, "is my numerator on straight?"

A WANT AD will do it

## NOTICE.

I will not be responsible for bills contracted by my son, Herman Kramer. BEN KRAMER. 10-26-21, pd

## Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Most Reliable.

After many years' experience in the use of it and other cough medicines, there are many who prefer Chamberlain's to any other. Mrs. A. C. Kirstein, Greenville, Ill., writes, "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been used in my mother's home and mine for years, and we always found it a quick cure for colds and bronchial troubles. We find it to be the most reliable cough medicine we have used." Adv

# PUBLIC SALE

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL OFFER FOR SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, AT

## WILKINSON RANCH

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# THURS., NOV. 7, 1918

BEGINNING AT 10 A.M., THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY,

# 80 Head of Horses

12 head 3-year olds; 24 head 2-year olds; 14 head of yearlings; 8 head of colts; 6 head of mules 16 head of work horses. Also 2 milk cows.

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| 1 Derrick                          | 1 Hay Rack                                       |
| 5 Header Boxes                     | 1 6-Horse Gasoline Engine with Wood Saw attached |
| 4 Sets of Nets                     | 1 Feed Roller                                    |
| 1 Deering Binder                   | 3 Jackson Forks                                  |
| 2 McCormick Rakes                  | 1 3-Section Wood Roller                          |
| 3 McCormick Mowing Machines        | 1 Watering Trough                                |
| nearly new                         | 1 Vitroling Trough                               |
| 2 Walking Plows                    | 4 Trail Tongues                                  |
| 3 Gang Plows                       | 1 Buggy  |
| 1 3-Bottom Disc Plow               | 4 Gasoline Drums                                 |
| 1 Alfalfa Disc                     | 1 2 1-2 Horse Gasoline Engine                    |
| 2 6-Section Drag Harrows and carts | 1 60-Gallon Vat with Furnace                     |
| 1 18-Hoe Monitor Drill             | 1 Set Blacksmith Tools                           |
| 1 Double Disc                      | 5 Sets Harness                                   |
| 1 3-Section Spring Tooth Harrow    | 2 Fanning Mills                                  |
| 6 Wagons, 3 1-4                    | Many other articles too numerous to mention      |
| 2 Stack Racks                      |  |
| 1 Flat Rack                        |  |

## FREE LUNCH AT NOON

TERMS OF SALE—All sums of \$10 and less, Cash; for sums of over \$10, six-months' notes, with interest at 8 per cent will be accepted. All stock and implements offered at this Auction must be sold.

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