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## What's to Be Done With Soldiers?

All doubts and uncertainty as to the signing of the armistice terms will be removed within a few days. In the meantime the interest of the general public and especially the interest of the relatives of the boys in the service will be centered almost wholly on the question, "When Will the Boys Come Home?" It is a question that is of course at present unanswerable and the entire matter is contingent on what Germany and the powers that have surrendered will do toward complying with the terms. A good deal of the army movement is still under the ban of secrecy and for obvious reasons are likely to remain so for several months, perhaps, yet to come. That there will not be any further heavy fighting of consequences seems certain. But there are still many things to be done and there is the possibility that what is required by the terms of surrender will have to be backed up by armies in the field. There is a possibility that a great amount of military authority reduced to the line of police and patrol duty, will be needed and that such further military surveillance will keep a large part of the soldiers still in France, and maybe the entire force that is now available as well as others to still be sent across. The situation may be looked upon in another way, and that is the newer and only partially trained soldiers who are on their way now to France or who are in the training camps at home, may be sufficient for the police or patrol duty required, while those who have been in the actual battle areas may be relieved and allowed to return home if they so prefer. It is all guess work at the best, but it is hardly possible that the United States forces will be returned home within the next few months, at least. It is going to be a hard pill for Germany to take, but there will most certainly be no loophole left at this stage of the game which will allow Germany any chance to do anything else than comply to the letter with every part of the conditions imposed.

## Twenty-Five Million Bond Holders.

The fact that the people of the United States have loaned the government nearly \$7,000,000,000 more than their money is no less impressive than the number of them, 25,000,000 and perhaps more, who took part in floating the gigantic loan. This means in effect the purchase of a new Liberty bond by every American family. The great sums subscribed for by banks, corporations and wealthy individuals have had a spectacular interest, but it is the plain people after all who have made the loan a conspicuous success. It is a people's loan in its essential features, with all the benefit to the government and to the holders of the bonds which the condition implies. Uncle Sam now has a creditor in every home, and that is a good thing for the country. It reflects equally the patriotism of the population and its education in thrift and in the habit of investment. A nation of coupon-cutters with government promises to pay in its possession is certain to take a livelier interest in national problems, and this advantage to the country while at war will no doubt persist after peace comes. But the great thing is the popular response to the country's call. The American people have "backed the

boys in the trenches" with a fine show of patriotism and done this part of the home work of winning the war in a way to merit the highest praise.

## The Leaven of Liberty.

To those who have observed Mexico as a field for the culture of German propaganda there will be a feeling of satisfaction and a ray of hope in the announcement that our recalcitrant near neighbor has exceeded her Liberty Loan quota of \$1,000,000 by \$1,249,500. This sum did not come entirely from Americans residing in that distressed republic, but from officials of the government, employees and poorly clad natives.

Despite the recent history of Mexico, her subscription to the Liberty Loan is evidence that there is an element of her population committed to the fundamental principles of democratic government. This is shown by the gradual restoration of law and order, the growing respect for property rights and adherence to the principles which the United States is now fighting to uphold among the nations of the world.

Although Mexico is behind some of the Central and South American republics in her subscriptions to the Liberty Loans, she has given evidence of great progress since the days of Huerta, when the chief executive's office was more or less permanently located in a wine-shop or at the headquarters of a German propagandist.

## FOUR MINUTE MEN INFORT

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE TO WRITE DAILY ON WAR CHEST CAMPAIGN

Public gatherings having been by order of the state board of health, the work of the four minute men, whose duty it is to aid in informing the public, by addressing any audience as they may see fit, must be done through the press. Hence this space will be reserved each day for four minute talks by one of the four men appointed for that work in this county. \* Mr. Dixon speaks today.

At this time, the message which the United States government wishes to convey to the people of the country, through the Four Minute Men, is the necessity of hearty co-operation in the United War Work campaign. "Especially should this be brought to attention of the people at this time, when the news from the fighting front in Europe is so much in our favor, that we are apt to think that it all over add thus let down our efforts. It is true, that with the definite surrender of Bulgaria, Turkey and now Austria, that the period of actual fighting is shortened by probably two years or more, and that we will find Germany, making a complete surrender in the near future. But, even though this is done, the need for the work of the various organizations that have combined for even longer than the present amount asked for, will carry them, as such work has been in the past. We have millions of men in Europe, and will continue to send them, until Germany is definitely and finally out, and if this does not happen until the coming summer, the United States will have about 4,000,000 men on the battle fields of Europe. The late news now being that Germany has signed the armistice. Therefore, even after peace is declared, it will take many months, probably a year or longer to bring all those men back to their homes; and while they are waiting for such transport back, while they are not looking forward to combat with the Hun, and working hard toward that end, but are waiting in comparative idleness, then, more than ever will they need the care and comfort to them through these various organizations.

Further, it is the opinion of the writer, that there will be American troops in Europe for the next five years. In that period after the war, when Russia, and now Austria are going through the throes of internal revolutions, when the Turkish question will take a long period of time to work out, it will be incumbent upon the United States and her Allies to properly police these countries, and to see that the terms of peace imposed upon them are carried out. To do this, will require large numbers of troops, and the majority of such troops will be soldiers from United States, for two reasons, first our Allies are more depleted of their man power, and secondly, the United States, being recognized above all other countries, as in this war for the sake of Humanity and Justice and Right, our soldiers will be best fitted to so administer justice, and thus will be the ones left on the job.

"Therefore, let us remember that there is a big job ahead, and that we must get under the load at this time, as fully and completely as though all of the central powers were still fighting at full strength. You take no chances when you buy a suit here. We do all our work at home. We have five tailors. Suits must be correct before they leave the store. TOGGERY. 11-8-18

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## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

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## CITY ENGINEER REPORTS ON DAM

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CORRECTION OF CONSTRUCTION GIVEN

Mr. Neil's report on the inspection of the constructions at the intake follows under date of November 2:

"Complying with the request of General Manager Currey, I submit herewith report of condition and recommendation of necessary corrective measures relative to the spillway dam and valve stem supports recently constructed and completed at Beaver Creek Intake.

"The original width adopted for the spillway was 36 feet, which was deemed necessary to provide passage for the volume of water in Beaver Creek during the Spring freshets. Later, upon the recommendation of Mr. P. H. Dater, City Engineer of Portland, the spillway was lowered three feet, making a total of 5 feet below the top of the concrete arch dam to relieve the pressure owing to the faulty condition of the concrete. When the work of lowering the spillway was performed under contract by Mr. Bert O'Brien, and under my personal supervision, the original width of 36 feet was maintained throughout the complete excavation.

"In drawing the plans for the present spillway dam the City Engineer has taken into consideration the recommendation of Mr. Dater and the expenses formerly incurred in the excavation work to comply with such recommendations, and has specified a width of 36 feet for the purpose of adding no extra pressure on the dam as was originally intended. The City Engineer does not feel justified in approving the reduction of the width to 24 feet which, although it might not be fatal, narrows the water way and exposes the concrete dam to unnecessary pressure, which all former work has proposed to eliminate.

"The matter of keeping all valves open during the freshet season to prevent the full load of water coming in contact with the dam will subject it to considerable vibration as formerly reported by Mr. L. M. Hoyt, which possibly may

endanger the stability of the dam but can be eliminated by passing all surplus water through the spillway as was done last year.

"I therefore recommend that the spillway dam be extended to the full width of 36 feet, as was originally adopted. The proposed extension will entail the expense of removing the present constructed wings and side walls and placing same to conform to original drawing. The lower portion of the dam appears to be well-built and there is no reason why it should be altered in any respect.

"The matter of rectifying the construction of the supports for the valve stems should be attended to at the same time the above described work is corrected. It will be necessary to remove the flooring adjacent to the stem of the large valve and to add two heavy timbers to which the valve lift may be firmly bolted. The three valve lifts on the screen well, although not according to specifications may safely remain unaltered for the present, except that provision should be made to hold them more rigidly to the floor.

"In compliance with the directions of the City Manager, the City Engineer will proceed with the above said described corrections not later than November 10, 1918, unless instructed to the contrary.

"The City Engineer does not propose to take any part in any political campaign and it is not submitting this report or former reports with the intention of aiding the campaign of any particular candidate for the coming municipal election.



TEACHER (INSTRUCTING IN ARCHITECTURE)—NOW, WHO CAN TELL ME WHAT A BUTTRESS IS? PUPIL—IT'S A NANNY GOAT, SIR.

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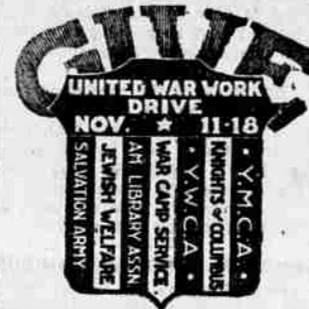
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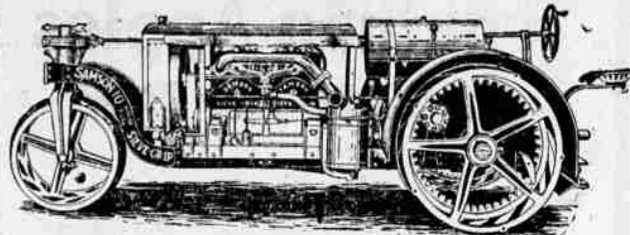
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Mrs. V. W. King, 1108, Penn. ave. Oct. 5-21.

**Certain Cure For Croup.**  
Mrs. Rose Middleton, of Greenville, Ill., has had experience in the treatment of this disease. She says, "When my children were small my son had croup frequently. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always broke up these attacks immediately, and I was never without it in the house. I have taken it myself for coughs and colds with good results."—Adv.



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