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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

McAdoo Was Popular Official.

About the best evidence as to the popularity of Secretary of the Treasury Wm. G. McAdoo, who has resigned, is to be found among the railroad men, and this popularity arises from the fact that in addition to taking care of the financial affairs of the government, Mr. McAdoo was also director-general of the railroads under government control. The belief is fixed in the minds of the most of the railroad men that their chief is a man who is strictly "on the square." This has been proven in his dealings with the employees in the intricate matters pertaining to the pay schedules and other matters affecting the men who do the actual work of running the railroads. It was also recognized that the director-general demanded absolutely fair treatment in return. When a strike was threatened among the employees of a southern railroad the secretary immediately told them that they must wait for an equitable adjustment of the matters in dispute and they were also admonished that "the government was neither to be intimidated nor coerced." The insistence on what is right to all concerned gave Mr. McAdoo a fine standing with the railroad operatives.

Very much of the methods of handling the public financial policies in the way of changes that have been made in the past few years are directly traceable to the retiring secretary of the treasury. He is given the principal credit for the establishing of the federal reserve system and for other plans for equalizing the proper distribution of the money of the country. When the farming section, a few years ago, became apprehensive as to the availability of money for the moving of the crops, the secretary of the treasury said that the government

had some money that was not working and that twenty-five millions was available and more, if it was needed. The heaviest burden falling on the head of the treasury was that of providing for several billions in money through the sale of war bonds; also the task of apportioning the funds needed by the allies and other details that would seem to amply justify the supposition that Mr. McAdoo needs a rest, as well as feeling the necessity that it is now time for him to be doing something for himself on his own account.

Things That Cannot Be Restored.

The Belgian government can be restored, in fact the spirit of the Belgian people was never broken, and their civil and political aims and objects will go the same as before. It is possible, also, that the tribute wrung from the people of Brussels can be in a measure returned.

But there was a vast difference in the occupancy of Brussels yesterday and the solemn march of the Belgian troops past the ruins of Louvain.

Louvain was in the line of the German advance against France. Here was the greatest university of Belgium and one of the most renowned centers of erudition. The university and its library, rich in treasures that can never be replaced, were deliberately burned by the Germany army on the charge that citizens of Louvain intended an attack on the invading troops. The charge has never been substantiated by any sort of proof, and has been specifically denied by the Belgian people. They were powerless against an army which the late Richard Harding Davis described as "rolling up like a surf from the sea, the uniform of the Germans mingling with the steel gray of the dawn," etc.

But even if the intent to resent the invasion were true, there was no justification for the wanton destruction of a great library, and the punishment of the innocent to wreak vengeance on others is not to be defended on any known ground.

Cardinal Mercier, in a pastoral letter, said: "In this dear city of Louvain, perpetually in my thoughts, the

magnificent church of St. Peter will never recover its former splendor. The ancient college of St. Ives, the art schools, the consular and commercial schools of the old university, the old markets, our rich library, with its collections, its unique and unpublished manuscripts, its gallery of great portraits which preserved noble traditions—all this accumulation of intellectual, of historic, and of artistic riches, the fruits of the labors of five centuries—all is in the dust."

This was in the hey-day of German frightfulness; when the myriads which rolled up like mist from the sea, did as they pleased, and back of it all there lies a responsibility for acts of wanton despoliation for which restitution can never be fully made—not even by the noose or the guillotine.

Demobilization Is Being Speeded.

According to reports received today there will be speed from now on in the matter of getting the boys in the army back to their homes, although it is indicated that a considerable number will still be detained for "police" duty in the evacuated territories. It is a complicated job to get the boys out of service as it is obvious that the discharges cannot be made with any greater rapidity than the means of transportation will permit. But the flow of soldiers homeward will be practically continuous for the next few months.

Nearly all those who are still in the camps and at various stations throughout the country and who have been anxiously waiting for the chance to go across, will soon be en route homeward. In many cases this will be a disappointment in a way to those who expected at least to get a chance to see the close of the show.

But all can now afford to await the home-coming since the casualty list will soon be entirely a thing of the past, and at the rate they are moving and with the avidity displayed on the part of the remnants of the German army, who are anxious to get away, the chances for further casualties on account of the war have practically disappeared.

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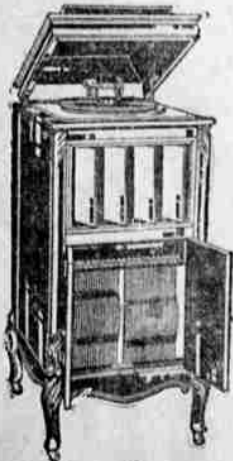
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