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### EMIGRATION NOW IS ITALY'S PROBLEM.

By HENRY WOOD (United Press Staff Correspondent)ROME, Nov. 10. (By Mail)—With the close of the war, one of the most vital and important questions Italy will have to settle is that of emigration.

The basis on which this will be adjusted between the United States and Italy already is receiving the most careful study and attention by the highest emigration and labor authorities of the two countries.

Since the heavy losses Italy has suffered during the war, she will nevertheless wish the great European conflict with something of a surplus of male citizens, who heretofore have constituted her greatest export to foreign countries. This is due to a number of reasons.

With the outbreak of the war in 1914, Italy, to be prepared for any emergency, immediately forbade departure for foreign countries of any of her sons of military age. This restriction ever since has been in force, with the result that Italy has within her borders the hundreds of thousands of men who, but for the war, would have emigrated during the past 4 years.

In addition, with Italy's entrance into the war, she called to the colors hundreds of thousands of other sons who had already emigrated to foreign countries. These responded to a remarkable degree, and have gone to such the number of men within Italy's borders who with the close of the war may desire to emigrate.

While the final basis on which Italian and other foreign emigration to the United States probably will not be established until a long time after the war, Italy in the meantime is asking for 2 concessions on behalf of her emigrating workmen.

The 1st of these is that all Ital-

ians who returned to Italy from the United States in response to Italy's call to the colors be allowed to return without restriction or discrimination of any sort, except for sanitary reasons.

The 2nd concession Italy desires at once is that the present clause in the American emigration law, forbidding entrance of any emigrant who comes under a labor contract, be set aside provided the contract in question has been approved in advance either by the American Federation of Labor or by the various employment agencies of the various states.

With these 2 concessions Italy feels that she can tide over the difficult situation that will attend the demobilization of her millions of men, until such a time as a more complete emigration basis can be established with the United States.

### W. R. C. ELECTION

Members of the Women's Relief Corps will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the R. of P. hall for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of other important business. A full attendance is desired.

### Farms For All Returning Soldiers

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otherwise be idle; have bought and kept better live stock; have bought and used more labor-saving machinery on the farms and in the houses. They keep more sheep and pigs, and have so largely increased the revenue from their farms that they are able to meet the payments on the mortgages and adopt a higher standard of living and a better one. Throughout the country a higher and better civilization is gradually being evolved; the young men and women who are growing up happy and contented to remain at home on the farm and find ample time and opportunity for recreation and entertainment of a kind more wholesome and elevating than can be obtained in the cities. This fact is accepted by the allied European nations. That is why their policies of relocating and readjustment emphasize the opportunities on the land for the returning soldier. The question then is, What land can be made available for farm homes for our soldiers?

We do not have the beautiful public domain of the sixties and seventies. In a literal sense, for the use of it as a general scale for soldier farm homes as in the sixties, the public domain is gone. The official survey at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1917, shows this: We have unappropriated land in the continental United States to the amount of 220,657,755 acres. It is safe to say that not one-half of this land will ever prove to be cultivated in any sense. So we have no land in any way comparable to that in the public domain when Appomattox came and men turned westward with army rifles and roll blankets to begin life anew.

While we do not have that great public domain of 1865, we do have millions of acres of undeveloped lands that can be made available for our homecoming soldiers. We have arid lands in the West, cut-over lands in the northwest, Lake States, and South; and also swamp lands in the Middle West and South, which can be made available through the proper development. Much of this land can be made suitable for farm homes if properly handled, but it will require that each type of land be dealt within its own particular fashion. The arid land will require water, the cut-over land will require clearing, and the swamp land must be drained. Without any of these aids they remain largely "no man's land." The solution of these problems is no new thing. In admirable achievement of the Reclamation service in reclamation and drainage we have abundant proof of what can be done.

Looking toward the construction Reclamation projects. If additional projects, I am glad to say that plans and investigations have been under way for some time. A survey and study have been in the course of consummation by the Reclamation Service on the Great Colorado Basin. That great project, I believe, will appear in the new spirit of America. It would mean the conquest of an empire in the Southwest. It is believed that more than 2,000,000 acres of arid land could be reclaimed by the completion of the Upper and Lower Colorado Basin projects.

(To Be Continued.)

WELCOME TO MY NEW OFFICE I have just completed moving my abstract records and office equipment into the building one door south of the Observer office where I shall be pleased to meet all my friends and business clients. Will have room, if you, make arrangements from outside set of records write your insurance and do a general office business. Call in and meet me at my new office, 1706 Sixth Street. 11-19-18. J. R. OLLIVER.

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She does exciting work in uncovering a German spy with whom the senator's wife is in love. In doing this she not only wins back the senator's love, but also clears her name and gives her hand to the gallant secretary of the senator.

### ARCADE

AT THE ARCADE

It is conceded by critics that Billie Burke, whose reputation for versatility and artistry is of the highest, is one of the foremost of American motion picture stars. Miss Burke, whose recent success "Let's Get a Divorce," proved so successful, will be seen at the Arcade in her latest Paramount offering, "In Pursuit of Polly."

This is a superb photoplay and it should be a treat to our clientele. The story deals with a society girl who is loved by two men and who offers her hand to the man who catches her in an automobile chase, she being allowed an hour's start. This is the beginning of most unusual adventures, many of them filled with delicious humor, others being absorbingly dramatic. How she is arrested for espionage and how her case comes to an unexpected end, are told in a series of delightful scenes.

The story was written by Jack Kester and Mann Page, while the scenario was the work of Eve Unsell, a distinguished scenarist.

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BILLIE BURKE  
in "In Pursuit of Polly"  
A Paramount Feature

## ARCADE TODAY

Some darn fool said there's no more use chasing a woman than there is chasing a trolley car; there's always another one coming in a minute. But that man never saw Polly, or he wouldn't have said it. There's a merry chase for her in the "Pursuit of Polly," and the underdog wins.

Billie Burke and Tom Meighan.

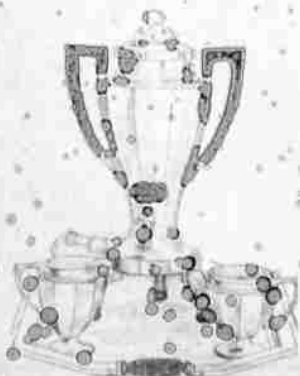
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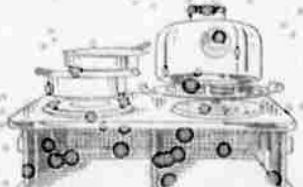
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