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with this loftiness of character, because they have been mere goose-stepping machines.

The military oligarchy that ruled Mitteleuropa to its ruin on Bolshevism on its feet in Russia and sustained it with their arms, confident that they could ride the whirlwind and direct the storm. Now Germany looks anxiously to the Moderate parties, whose power under the old regime was almost nil, to protect the big centers of population from anarchy, and soldiers lately arrayed as enemies may yet be as welcome ministers of peace and order in German cities as they were in Vladivostok and Kola, and as they would be in Petrograd and Moscow.

The Germans on the Rhine and the Meuse bore with them pillage and pitiless destruction, slavery for the civil population and iron rules designed to break the spirit of an invaded people. The Americans on the "German Rhine," and their comrades in the advance of the allied armies, represent in their brief but necessary errand order and humanity.

list he will have a back-to-the-farm tendency, while the office worker will go back to his desk and the salesman to his samples. On this basis the farm will receive only about 25 per cent of the army.

Acting on the assumption that neither of the two theories is entirely correct, the vocational training branch of the army educational commission has organized an overseas "khaki college," to give scientific agricultural training to soldiers who are interested in farming. Experts from the United States will go over to be teachers, and courses will be given while our soldiers are marking time in France and Germany, waiting for peace and demobilization.

Eloquence From the Heart

President Poincare of France greeted President Wilson Saturday in terms of eloquence, of which the following is a part:

"Mr. President, the French people had a passionate desire to offer thanks, in your person, to the great republic of which you are the chief, for the invaluable assistance which has been given spontaneously during this war, to the defenders of right and liberty.

"Even before America had resolved to intervene in the struggle, she had shown to the wounded and widows and orphans of France a solicitude and a generosity, the memory of which will always be enshrined in our hearts.

"The liberality of your Red Cross; the countless gifts of your fellow citizens; the inspiring initiative of the American women anticipating your military and naval action, showed the world to which side your sympathies were inclined.

"And, on the day when you flung yourselves into the battle with what desperation your great people and yourself prepared for united success.

"Some months ago you cabled me that the United States would send over increasing forces until the day should be reached on which the allied armies were able to submerge the enemy under an overwhelming flow of new divisions. And, in effect for more than a year, a steady stream of youth and energy has been pouring out upon the shores of France.

"No sooner had they landed than your gallant battalions, fired by their chief, General Pershing, flung themselves into combat with such a manly contempt for danger, such a smiling disregard of death, that our longer experience of this terrible war often moved us to counsel prudence.

"They brought with them, in arriving here, the enthusiasm of crusaders leaving for the Holy Land. It is their right today to look with pride upon the work accomplished, and to tell themselves that they have powerfully aided by their courage and their faith."

Don't Want to Be Coddled.

"Please don't coddle us" is the plea of the severely wounded soldiers who are being cared for in the great army hospital at Washington, D. C. Many of these men were so seriously crippled in the fighting overseas that they will be unable, after their hospital days have ended, to take up their old occupations. None of them will ever be suited for work requiring heavy physical effort. Physically, they are classed with the wreckage of war. But mentally and temperamentally, as can be seen from their slogan, they are far from belonging to the derelict class.

There is a spirit abroad with regard to the wounded men totally different from the spirit that has prevailed at the close of other wars. Then the doctrine was: "These men have been put out of commission in the service of their country. Therefore the country should take care of them the rest of their days."

As is too well known, this idea led to demoralization. A writer in Harper's Magazine tells of an army officer who had commanded a company in the Spanish-American war, and remembered that at the end of that war "90 per cent of my company were no good afterward, spoiled by graft and handouts." And he was speaking of sound men. In the case of the cripples the process of demoralization has been even more noticeable.

This time the soldiers themselves will not stand for pauperizing. They refuse to degenerate into supine pensioners, trading on their service records. They want no "soft snaps," but only a chance to start fresh, along new lines if necessary, but on a self-respecting and self-supporting basis. They will thank no one who tries to coddle them.

Will They Want to Farm?

As to whether the returning soldiers will flock to the farm in large numbers once they are out of khaki there are two distinct and differing opinions. One is that the agricultural type of life will appeal so strongly to the mustered-out fighting men that the greatest problem will be to provide them with land enough on easy enough terms. It is pointed out that one of the great features of the reconstruction period after the civil war was the rush of ex-soldiers to take up land in the west, and it is further contended that following a period of vigorous outdoor life in camp and in the field our men will have no inclination to return to the close and sedentary conditions of office and factory work.

On the other hand, the argument is made that the soldiers have had a great sufficiency of outdoor life; enough to last them the rest of their lives, and that what they really want is an opportunity to get back to white collars, short hours and a prevalent atmosphere of police society. "Most of the soldiers," says one overseas investigation, "have a well defined longing to go back to the jobs they left, which look very good to them now." According to his theory, if a soldier was a butcher before he en-



Must Have Suitable Memorial

Probably because there is no one who feels like taking the lead in the way of a suggestion no proposals have yet been made in the way of providing a suitable memorial for the boys of Union county who have given their lives in the war. There are perhaps as many as twenty who have left their lives in the service and the dismal part of it all is that the list may still be further increased when the casualty reports have been completed.

There is no way that the debt can be fully paid, no matter what we do. We all know that. But it is not like Union county people to fail to follow the forms in such matters as are adopted by other localities.

That they deserve a memorial that will be as nearly in keeping with the high place of honor which they hold in the memories of the home people and friends, is also a truth that does not need to be told.

Perhaps it is just as well at present to leave the matter undecided until a little later. But before long, it will be the fitting and appropriate thing for the people of Union county to provide a lasting memorial to the honored dead.

Is a Conspicuous Contrast

The word that comes from the American army of occupancy is all to the effect that the conduct of the men is without reproach in any way. An agent of the German foreign office recently reported that "The American columns pay the greatest respect to civilian street traffic. No excess have been issued which could in any way alarm the population."

And if the Americans were to enter Berlin they would soon be recognized as the champions of gentility and good behavior, because they are "bad that way." And in this respect is shown the towering difference between men who are born with the spirit of freedom and just appreciation of their own independence and at the same time the balancing counterpart of a spirit which can see and recognize the just right of others.

There is scarcely a German soldier

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THE BOOKWORM

Owing to a slight misunderstanding, the genealogical table printed some time ago was inaccurately given. It should have read to show these facts:

George V., the late Emperor, and the one-time Kaiser, were all grandchildren of Queen Victoria. George V. was the son of Edward III. The Kaiser was the son of the Victoria, who married the German emperor Frederick III. The German was the daughter of Princess Alice, wife of Louis IV, Grande Duke of Hesse. Edward VII, Princess Victoria, and Princess Alice were all children of Queen Victoria.

In a similar way, George V., King Constantine of Greece, and the late Czar were first cousins, grandchildren of King Christian IX of Denmark. Queen Alexandra, mother of George V was a sister of King George of Greece and of Dagmar, empress of Russia; all three children of King Christian, and respectively parents of the above mentioned sovereigns.

On account of increased interest in the French language, the library has experimentally put in a small French collection. This includes the standard grammars of Frasers and Squair, and that of Chardanel (reference only). The "Yersin Phono-rhythmic method" is one of the best possible treatises on French diction. The method is largely used by the best teachers in training opera singers and actors, but is equally useful for the everyday student. Two little conversation books for soldiers are not very scientific, but are convenient handbooks, giving a vocabulary for the soldier or traveller.

A few easy books in French are Deuter's "Tartarin de Tarascon." Selection from De Maupassant's short stories, Dumas—"La tulipe noire," (The black tulip), Malot, "Sans famille."

A book which has continued popular for many years is Leapp—"How to prepare for a civil service examination, of which the library has our copy.

The library has just received about a hundred revised pages for Nelson's long-leaf encyclopedia. These revisions are sent out every six months.

In addition to supplying these new pages, the publishers conduct a large information service, which is free to owners of the encyclopedia. Write for a card to obtain the information wanted may be supplemented by writing to the publishers, who agree to furnish the latest and fullest material that can be published.

The library is open from 1 to 6, and 7 to 9 week days. Sundays 1:30 to 5:30 for reading only. While school is in session on Saturdays the library will open Saturdays at noon, instead of one o'clock.

Along with other war-time necessities and bare necessities we like, the library will continue its policy of the recent years carried out at the request of the state librarian, of "no new fiction during the war." As soon as fiction is available, many new and worth-while volumes will be added, and a lot of fresh books, both new titles and reissues, will be purchased.

The librarian will be glad of suggestions. An effort will be made to build up a collection of high-class standard and recent fiction which is popular and readable.

THAT FLU STUFF

If you have a tummy-ache,
It's the Flu!
If you're weary when you wake,
It's the Flu!
Is your memory off the track?
Is your liver out of whack?
Are there pimples on your back?
It's the Flu!

Are there spots before your eyes?
It's the Flu!
Are you fatter than some guys?
It's the Flu!
Do your teeth hurt when you bite?
Do you ever have a fright?
Do you want to sleep at night?
It's the Flu!

Are you thirsty when you eat?
It's the Flu!
Are you shaky on your feet?
It's the Flu!
If you feel a little ill,
Send right off for Dr. Pill,
He will say, despite his skill:
It's the Flu!

He won't wait to diagnose,
It's the Flu!
Hasn't time to change his clothes,
It's the Flu!
For two weeks he'd had no rest,
Has no time to make a test,
So he'll class you with the rest—
It's the Flu!

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Spanish influenza may be a bad disease, but what's bothering the Huns most now is the wood old Yankee grip.

The per capita circulation is now \$22.44. That will buy a baby hand and leave you some spare change.

It's nice and restful to have the alphas taking a lot of towns that we learned how to pronounce a year ago.

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