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WOMEN AND THE WAR



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Within six months after the United These centers are near the canton-States entered the war, the Y. W. C. ments. A. War Work Council had established

on what not to do, these wise leaders

urge real patriotism. All sorts of pro-

jects are suggested that are more in

teresting than the dubious and danger-

ous pleasures which appeal to the ig

parties, for instance, these willy chaper

ones, whom no one ever thinks of as

supervisors, arrange that there shall

ting, French, athletics, dancing, sing-

ing, Red Cross work, Belgian relief,

and work for the fatherless children

of France. The world contains a num-

ber of things besides soldiers for a

girl's imagination to dwell upon.

Hundreds of clubs for school and

business girls all over the country are

offering pleasanter recreation than

norant and the thoughtless.

efforts of the la-

if those already

exist. Where the

idea is new the



Mrs. Davison

go around!

scrutiny as other men.

The Bureau of Social Morality is an girls' clubs near important feature of the War Work more than forty Council's program under the present of the canton- abnormal conditions. That ignorance ments, barracks, is no shield to a girl is well known to and navy yards. its members, Instead, it is her gravest A trained recreaperil. Any situation shrouded in mystion leader was tery is dangerous. Women can deal placed in charge only with what they understand. A of each club true social morality must be built on These workers a foundation of knowledge, and be supplement the inspired by high aims.

Fourteen women physicians are cal Associations. talking to groups of parents, schoolfirls, and industrial women. These ecturers bend their best efforts to spreading information on social ideals.

workers form Colored women at this time must club centers, ormeet all the problems confronting ganize the girls, white women. Their situation is furand arouse them ther complicated by industrial and to a sense of their responsibility in social conditions. Special clubs are being formed among colored girls in this time of great excitement and conneighborhood of cantonments. No scolding of girls for unwise ac Workers are being placed in industrial tions and no solemn finger-shaking occenters like Losisville, Kentucky, and curs in the clubs. Instead of dwelling

Hopewell, Virginia. Immigrant men who formerly habored in mines, on farms, and in factories, and now serve in our army are, hemselves, in need of assistance. Foreign men marry young and many, even of the young ones, have large amilies dependent upon them.

suse of these helpless families, the ar Work Council has translators

always be twice as many soldiers as ho go into the camps. girls. "Twosing" is utterly impossible The activities of the War Work where there are not enough girls to 'ouncil could not be confined to our own country. Our American nurses Club leaders do not attempt to banin France need the Y. W. C. A. social ish the gallant soldier entirely from workers. Even the most self-reliant the girls' world; they wish only to women must have help at the front bring him down from glorified heights where women's welfare is a matter of of glamour to take his place as an minor importance. A central club in every-day hero, subject to the same Paris gives hard-worked, courageous nurses a home in a strange land. Instruction and relief work are not Branch clubs at all of the base bospineglected. Among the activities ofals provide relaxation and recreation fered are dressmaking, cooking, knit-

for hours off. When the French women cabled to the War Work Council, pleading for experts to advise them in establishing foyer-canteens for women worwrs in munitions and other war industries, experts were sent over to have over sight of the building and equipping of some of the canteens and act as ad-

viser to French committees. the gaily lighted streets and the sha- A professionally solemn-faced but A LIABILITY—OR AN ASSET?

We don't need to be told that war is wasteful. We have already sur-

If generals of all ages, from Sennacherib to Napoleon, can watch us from their present habitation, they will take on an increase of cynicism. They were probably cynical enough before they died.

They learned the futility of trying o create something by a policy of destruction, and must feel some disappointment at this epoch. We have learned nothing from their mistakes. We build cathedrals, and shoot them to bits with cannon. We raise and educate a generation to make

hecatombs of it. Most of us have at least the excuse that we are fighting to destroy omething that hoped for aggrandizement out of conquest. But it is absurd that such a policy should have survived Sennacherib. Angels

they must feel tempted to laugh. And yet, for us in progressive America, the process is not one of waste. Our young men will return from France with a developed efficiency heretofore undreamed of.

weep, the poets tell us, but at times

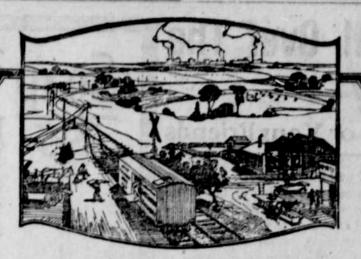
Have you ever read figures giving details of the system of piping that carries water to the battle front? As the front changes the system changes and the new formations can never be foreseen. Here are problems which our young engineers learn to solve with a speed and precision never developed in time of peace, because they were unnecessary.

Do you know that armored tanks charge into battle with telephone wires laid out to keep them in touch with the main command? Field batteries also manoeuvre without failing to get answers to "Hello, Cen-

Do you know that by teamwork forty American soldiers erected a steel bridge over a hundred feet long in five minutes? We didn't need to do these things in time of peace; so we didn't learn how.

In scores of other ways young Americans in France daily achieve the impossible. The fruits of their experience will be reaped in America -here in Stayton-when peace is de-

Many peaceful trades are dangerous. The half-built skyscraper, the (Co ntinuea on page 8)



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Plan Devised to Save Transportation and Time-Local Donations to Be Resold Locally But Release Equal Amount at Atlantic Seaboard For Immediate Shipment to Ailies and

Opportunity is now offered, through Federal Food Administrator W. B. Ayer, for Oregon families and manufacturing firms using wheat flour, to make a voluntary personal sacrifice for the benefit of Uncle Sam's boys in the Army and Navy. Mr. Ayer has announced that any family, public eating place, or factory using wheat flour, cuch as bakeries and cracker factories, now has the privilege of directly contributing to the floor bins of the Army and Navy by turning back to the government, at the market price, such portion of their wheat flour allowance as they will patriolically refrain from consuming themselves.

Such gifts of wheat flour, while not going directly to France for the boys overseas, will be turned into the government commissary at the nearest point, and will release an equal quantity of wheat flour on the Atlantic sea-board for immediate shipment "over there." Under this novel planwhen a patriotic Oregon family goes on a wheatless diet for a week or a month, or longer period, the wheat flour they save and turn back to the government actually represents an equivalent of wheat flour three thousand miles away, which immediately starts to move forward to the fighting forces. This arrangement has been made in order to save transportation across the continent.

"I am hoping for a splendid wheatsaving record in Oregon" said Mr. Ayer the other day, "For I believe when Oregon families and public est ing places in the state know that the flour they save will go direct to the boys of the Army and Navy they will not hesitate to respond in the usual patriotic Oregon way. I had a teleram from Mr. Hoover today in which he asked me for an estimate on what I thought Oregon could be relied upon to save under the new plan. I wished to be conservative, and I replied that my estimate would be 30 to 35 per cent of the normal wheat flour consumption. This is a much lower estimate than other states had made, and I realize that it will probably be unsatisfactory at Washington. I am hoping that the people of the state will exceed this estimate by a generous margin. The county administra tors have in hand the full details of the plan for saving wheat in this way for the needs of our fighting men, and any one wishing to personally contribute wheat flour should get in touch at once with the Food Administrator of the county in which he or she lives."

The wheat-saving plan announced by Mr. Ayer is a national one, and it. is now operative in all the states. The states of Washington, Idaho and Oregon are now co-operating in an effort to make a big wheat-saving rec ord for the Northwest. Federal Food Administrators R. F. Bicknell of Idaho and Charles Hebberd of Washington join with Federal Food Administrator; W. B. Ayer for Oregon in the following announcement: which gives in de tail the plan of handling the returned wheat:

"Mr. Hoover has wired all Federal Food Administrators that the excess stocks of flour held by public eating places, bakers, dealers and consumers may be voluntarily surrendered for the use of the Army and Navy and the Allies. This action has been prompted by the many voluntary offerings from different parts of the country.

"The practical method of handling

such returned flour will be through the local merchant, who is hereby requested to receive all such flour and pay the holding consumer the actual; cost of same, and then re-distribute it without any additional charge to the ultimate consumer. Where merchants accumulate more than their thirty days' supply and all hotels, bakers, etc., that have an excess amount that cannot be disposed of locally, they should immediately communicate with Mr. M. H. Houser, Grain Commissioner of the Food Administration, Board of Trade Building, Portland, and he will arrange for the transportation to the seaboard. All flour returned to the merchant that is resold to the consumer should be reported to Mr. Houser, in order that an equal amount may be released for shipment to the

"The whole object of the above ar rangement is to provide a channel through which all excess quantities of flour may reach the Army and Navy or the Allied armies as a voluntary offering of the people of this country.'

If you have a food conservation plan or recipe pass it on to your neighbors and your friends-be "in the service."

