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MAKING GOOD

Large employers of labor throughout the country have announced that those who left their service to go to war did so with the assurance that their positions would be open at their return. They have declared that they are now ready to redeem their pledge.

It is creditable that the employers have risen above frequent commercial practice in the matter of these promises. Business usage often countenances the neglect of an obligation until the party interested brings it obtrusively to the attention of the party liable. But in this country we can rise to higher ideals when the inspiration is forthcoming. It is a pity that our inspired moments cannot be made continuous.

In this case the employers will probably get the thick end of the deal. The returning workers will in nearly all cases be more valuable now than when they went away. They have healthier bodies, a broader vision, stiffened will-power, greater self-control and a sterner sense of a responsibility.

What we don't expect to have, we never miss—very much. But when one expects to rule the world and has to slink off in twelve automobiles belonging to someone else, we'll say that that sounds like shaving off the heaven pointing whiskers. Probably he has gone to conquer another world, or to try—but I have an inkling that this Devil has sent a triple bladed squire to Hollyweener and offered him the secretary of state-ship of his popular empire.

So let us sharpen up our tools for some of us might get a chance in the other land to whack the killer of babies and women at least.

A joyous Thanksgiving, this of 1918, yet deeply tinged with the pathos and the glory of the white crosses which our nation claims upon the fields and hillsides of France.

With McAdoo and Pershing as candidates for President in 1920 the voters ought to have the privilege of voting twice. They will both be very popular candidates.

Seven Hundred Thousand boys coming home from war, reads the headlines in the daily papers. What a glorious celebration that will be—can you realize it boys, if not the mothers can.

Rather a coincidence that the birthday anniversaries of Foch and Hindenburg fell on the same day, with one born to glory and the other to shame and obloquy—Ex.

We trust that the last "hymn of hate" has been sung, and that the enduring popular song of the world will hereafter be, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Our boys in France probably feel as the audience does when the curtain goes down. They want to put on their wraps and start for home.

It never occurred to the Germans that the "Watch on the Rhine" would some day be an American Watch.

The ex-Kaiser in Holland is said to be wearing civilian clothes. Another case of "all dressed up and no place to go."

FREE HOME FOR SOLDIERS

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untillable. Of these are arid, semi-arid, overflowed and swamp lands together with hundreds of millions of acres of good farm tracts from which the timber has been taken and which will require decades for the stumps there on to decay to an extent to permit of cultivation.

"The cost of reclaiming these lands as far as private capital is concerned, is as impractical as would have been an attempt to carry on a war between this and other countries with private or corporate capital. But this government may do so without financial loss, and by so doing will not only provide new means of income with which to pay off the debt incurred by the present war, but furnish homes for millions of returned soldiers and enhance the value of property. It will also institute a system of pensions for those who voluntarily or involuntarily risked their lives in defense of democratic forms of government throughout the world.

The bill makes no distinction with respect to sex. It recognizes that the woman who has performed her war work under the authority of the war department will be on an equality with man, will have equal privileges in reaping the reward of indirect pensions awarded to the men who either directly or indirectly devoted their labor and risked their lives in behalf of the cause.

The effect of the bill gives the secretary of war power to reclaim all the lands at present uncultivated and unoccupied and which private capital cannot reach. While it does not take from the private property owner the right to enter into contract to pay for the reclamation of his lands and prepare if desired, for a home it will not permit the person holding his lands for speculative purposes, and who will not subscribe and enter into an agreement to pay for the cost of reclamation, to profit by share in the enhanced profits, which must necessarily ensue as the result of building up productive farms around him.

It will say to him that if he does not care to enter into contract to pay his share in making the land productive, the government by condemnation will take the same, paying him its value under fair assessment, and then follow with the reclamation procedure.

If arid, he is to provide the means for irrigation; if swamp, to drain the same, and if stumped or logged off, make the same suitable for farm by removing whatever obstruction may heretofore have precluded the same from being a farm. Authority is given by the bill to permit the paying off of this cost under what is known as the amortization plan. For example assume that the government chargee 4 1-2 per cent interest per annum on the money invested. This would be paid annually; 1 1-2 per cent interest of this amount would be deposited as a sinking fund to redeem the principal, and by computation it will be found that in about 40 years the 1-12 per cent will redeem the capital. During the redemption period this sinking fund might be used by the government, thereby making up for some of the unavoidable losses which might be incurred. The title of the land would remain in the United States, although farmed by the owner, until paid in full.

No chance would be found whereby the government would lose money. The government would merely loan its credit; it would be creating a pension in a practicable and suitable form to those who have aided in saving the world for democracy.

Another object which I have had in mind in this bill is to insure the recognition of Oregon

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To effect a speedy clearance of this season's suit models we have reduced prices to a new level. Materials are broadcloths, treficote, gabardine, borellas, serges homespun and novelty mixtures, in a splendid range of colors, including tan, brown, green, grey, taupe and black. Misses' sizes 16 to 18. Women's regular sizes 36 to 44. Sizes for stout women 46 to 52. Some of these high class suits are shown in neat tailored styles, others in novelty belted models, trimmed with braid and buttons, all offered at greatly reduced prices.

Women's \$22.50 Suits, Sale Price	\$14.75	Women's \$42.50 Suits, Sale Price	\$34.75
Women's \$25.00 Suits, Sale Price	\$19.50	Women's \$47.50 Suits, Sale Price	\$38.50
Women's \$32.50 Suits, Sale Price	\$28.75	Women's \$55.00 Suits, Sale Price	\$42.75
Women's \$37.50 Suits, Sale Price	\$32.50	Women's \$62.50 Suits, Sale Price	\$49.50
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\$29.50

\$42.50 to \$50.00 New Coats, Sale Price \$34.75

Beautiful high class coats for women and misses. This season's very smartest styles are shown in this lot. Velour, cheviot, doreline and other materials. Also a few high grade capes. Special sale price

\$34.75

in reclamation of lands in any act that may be passed for the purpose. Oregon has contributed to the reclamation fund and has received less in proportion to the money expended than any state save one.

Work Has Just Commenced

Because peace is here, so many of our Red Cross workers are of the opinion that the work of this great organization is finished. This is an absolutely wrong impression.

Millions of American boys are still under arms. Thousands of them are sick or wounded. Owing to the shortage in shipping, it may take a year or more to bring our boys home from France. But, whatever the time, our protecting arms must be about them and their families over the whole period which must elapse before the normal life of peace can be resumed.

Our soldiers and sailors are enlisted until the Commander-in-Chief tells them there is no more work for them to do in the war. Let every Red Cross member, and worker show our returning soldiers and sailors that to care for their health, welfare and happiness, we are enlisted for no less a period than they are.

The cessation of war will reveal a picture of misery such as the world has never seen before, especially in the many countries which cannot help themselves. The American people will expect will expect the Red Cross to continue to act as their agent in repairing broken spirits and broken bodies. Peace terms and peace conditions will determine

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how we may best minister to the vast stricken areas which have been harrowed by war, and in this great act of mercy the heart and spirit of the American people must continue to be mobilized through the American Red Cross.

On behalf of the War Council, we accordingly ask each member of our splendid body of workers, throughout the land, to bear in mind the solemn obligation which rests upon each one to "CARRY ON." We cannot abate one instant in our efforts, or in our spirit. THERE WILL BE AN ABUNDANCE OF WORK TO DO, and specific advices will be given, but even at the moment of peace, LET NO RED CROSS WORKER FALTER.

Our spirits must now call us to show that it is not the roar of a cannon, or the blood of our own, alone, that directs our activities,

"The life history and control of pocket gophers in the Willamette valley," is summed up in a new O. A. C. experiment station bulletin of the foregoing title, written by a western naturalist, Howard M. Wight, now in army overseas service. Mr. Wight studied the living, feeding, and talking habits of the little pest and utilized the information gained in telling how to control its depredations by poisons and traps. Father and son will both be interested in the story and directions. A copy may be had free of charge.

THURSDAY

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