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be tactfully, securely bridged.

The Y. M. C. A. program is designed to do just this thing for our up to the firing line-for they must dreamed. die clean or come back straight, if the yearnings of hundreds of thousands of homes are to be realized.

In the 500 Association quarters, whether there be the commodious buildings erected in permanent on- same type for our own troops." modations set up in tents, cellars, shacks, or trench dugouts, the menand that "somebody cares."

ness that always prevails.

rifice these men are making for us. President Wilson's Executive Order when they left it."

Secretary of State Lansing says: count.

ing to be backward in giving our line?'

BIAYS: to the Y. M. C. A. with every confi- beneficial and bear such a direct reacceptable to the soldiers."

says: Cross

least spirit of Christianity. And the practicable assistance and co-opera- Viscount James Bryce says: I have humane and democratic work of the tion in the maintenance and exten- heard from every quarter, including

to make those dreams a reality." of those who say that while the Y. tention of officers is called to the M. C. A. is doing a great social work precedent and policy already esbe maintained. In short, the break it is doing very little spiritual, is tablished. between the old normal life and not fair. The workers are constantthe strange new soldier's life must by engaged in spiritual work as War: "For many years the Y. M.

doing in Europe has been really re- pacity for mobilization on a large markable: and now our citizens scale and the readiness with which should aid them to do work of the it has fitted itself to the needs of

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in view of the approaching meeting vides for the social side-the home At the sign of the Red Triangle of the War Work Council, express side-of the life of the soldier and our boys enjoy refined entertain- to you the very high value I have its influence in rationalizing, the ments, clever motion pictures, writ- attached to the work which has strange environment into which this ing letters to loved ones, reading, been accomplished by the Young crisis has plunged our young men lounging, playing games, using the Men's Christian Association in be- has been and will be most benefitalking machine and plano, attend half of our own Army and Navy as cent." ing religious meetings, educational well as in behalf of the prisoners-ofgroups, and the spirit of friendli- war and the men in the training the Navy: "From every standpoint, camps of Europe, and may I not ex. military, political, moral, it is our To provide these few touches of pross also my sincere personal in- duty to protect these youths so we home, whatever be the money cost terest in the large plans of the War can say to the mothers when the of doing so, is in reality an insig- Work Council for the work which war is over, 'We return your sons nificant service compared to the sac- is still ahead of the Association?" as worthy your family circle as

'The Young Men's Christian Asso-1

"Money can be turned over however, the results obtained are so home." dence that it will be expended lation to efficiency, inasmuch as the turned from Russia, says of the scientifically and along lines most Association provision contributes to Association work here and overthe happiness, content, and morale seas: "What we do for these our Major-General J. Franklin Bell of the personnel, that in order to brothers who constitute our first "I regard the Y. M. C. A. as unify the civilian betterment activi- line of defense, we must do quickly. being as necessary as the Red ties in the Army, and to further the Anything our trusted military and work of the organization that has Association leaders in Europe ask Dr. Henry van Dyke says: ...'It is demonstrated its ability to render a us to do, we must do without hesibecause America is convinced that service desired by both officers and tation or grudging. May something the cause of the Allies represents men, official recognition is hereby of the spirit which leads these solideals that she has soberly and firm- given the Young Men's Christian diers to offer their lives even unto ly entered the war at their side. Association as a valuable adjunct death, prompt us to place with Call her a dreamer if you will. At and asset to the service. Officers prodigal hand every facility and her dreams belong to the are enjoined to render the fullest comfort at their disposal."

Y. M. C. A. has helped, and will help sion of the Association, both at many naval and military authori-

permanent posts and stations and Gipsy Smith says: "The criticism in camp and field. To this end at-

Newton D. Baker, Secretary of everything they are donig is a C. A. has been established as a means to that end. Indeed, the prominent feature of army life in Association has accomplished a far times of peace. The war, however, boys from the time they enlist right bigger spiritual work than we has developed for it a degree of prominence far larger and a field of Ex-President Roosevelt says: usefulness far wider than even its What the Y. M. C. A. has been friends could have hoped. Its cathe troops in training-camps and compments or the temporary accom- A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT trenches in this great world war make it an indispensable factor in "To John R. Mott: "May I not. any future military plans. It pro-

Josephus Daniels, Secretary of

Major-General John J. Pershing "It (the war) has been an oppor- clation has, in the present emer- (recent cable from France): "The tunity for the Y. M. C. A. which was gency, as under similar circum- work now being done by the Y. M. seized and turned to the best ac- stances in the past, tendered its C. A. for the comfort and entertainservices for the benefit of enlisted ment of our soldiers in France is Ex-President Taft says: "We man in both arms of the service, very important. As an organization, should feel proud of the Y. M. C. A. This organization is prepared by ex- its moral influence is highly benework so ably directed. Are we go- perience, approved methods and ficial. It performs a real service assured resources, to serve especial- that makes for contentment. The men the nearest thing they can get ly the troops in camp and field. It Y. M. C. A. has won its place by unto a Christian home on the firing seems best for the interest of the selfish personal devotion to the Service that it shall continue as a soldiers' welfare and deserves Major-General John F. O'Ryan voluntary civilian organization; staunch support by our people at

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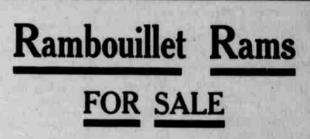
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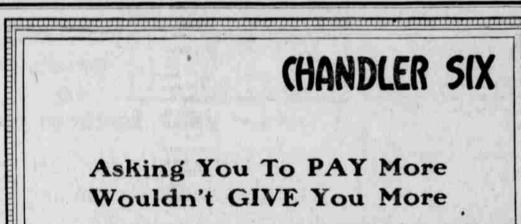
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