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Camp Adair Sentry



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Stimson:

"All that they can give."

That means that everyone of us

station, whether it be high or low.

"If you can't attain your ideals,

Because of the times, every sim-

ple act has significance and can

be idealized. If we are ever con-

scious of what our war allies are

doing without in China, in Russia,

and elsewhere, and of how our

and in Greece, we won't be wasting

If we understand how desperate-

ly our comrades in arms are fight-

ing, on various fronts, to hold the

If we see clearly that this war

can easily go on right through our

generation and then end in a stale-

mate, unless we use our time well

and do our part in getting it over

with, we certainly won't waste our

The time is so solemn that even

recreation, which we have come to

take for granted, can't be enjoyed

as carelessly as heretofore. Recre-

proper sense of that word. If it

rests us, gives us fresh vigor, then

are all tired out on Monday, not

up to standard, then they may be

The foregoing is not preaching.

It is plain horse sense in a time of

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training hours in camp.

of too little.

crisis

food here.

then idealize your attainments."

On the last night of the World's | the armed forces is directly enfair in New York a veteran of gaged in the work of this war." "America is at war," says Army World War No. 1 stood just inside the exquisite little theatre in the Ordnance, "the deadliest and most French pavilion, for the final show- devastating war in all history. Vicing of motion pictures of a land tory, as of yore, depends upon arms that he loved second only to his and the men." own.

He looked, as long as he could bear it, at pictures of village and countryside, of the grand old roads with their poplars, and Paris with our troops marching down the Champ Elysees along with the French and British, and then he suddenly cried "Vive la France" and stumbled down the stairs to the great open space still called, so ironically, the Court of Peace.

Today that veteran has a letter all that they can give." from Henri Laussucq, president of the Free French War Veterans, 587 Fifth avenue, New York City.

"It is a comforting feeling," he says, "for a fighting French war the nation which far exceeds his veteran to realize how strong still are the ties dating from the old It's a good time to remember an hikes and maneuvers. His first war, uniting the great republics of old saying: the world, and to know that they will endure. There are many of us wishing we were younger and envious of the others and even now waiting to be called. Most of us think there is a campaign left in us yet, and I, for one, am sure there 18 ....

"For us, your job isn't just sol- human brothers starve in Poland diering. Even more, it is liaison | between two generations. Young men in our army must understand that generations do not change and that a man is a man whatever his age. Only men older than they line, we won't goldbrick on the job may be able to tell them why they around here, whatever it is. fight, and establish the confidence which makes the son the friend of his old man. Yes, you have a good job, besides soldiering."

Although I appreciate that letter, I disagree with M. Laussucq when he says that only men older than they are may be able to tell young men why they fight. Possibly that was true the other time. It can't be true today. The reasons for our part in the war must be plain to all. ation is right today only in the

Everybody knows that we fought back because we were attacked, and because other nations declared war it is good. Otherwise, not. And on us. Everybody knows that long Monday is a testing day. If soldiers before that our sympathies were with the weaker victims of nations playing the role of a bully and having too much free time instead that we fervently desired the victory of those nations which were already opposing the bullies.

But it is difficult to be mindful. at all times, of the gravity of this war, because none of us has ever known anything like it, none of us could have imagined it, and it is new in the history of our country. Not that it isn't brought to our attention. Daily radio and newspaper tell us how serious the situation is. Already a library of books has been written about it, books of warning and suggestion, and the war almost fills our periodicals. "These are the darkest days our nation has seen since the Civil War," says The New Republic, in holding that so far the United States has failed to live up to what had been expected, in this war. "We have need of the spirit of our revolutionary forefathers." "Our peacetime plans for a big war, if it came," remarks The Infantry Journal, "envisaged an army of as many as 4,000,000 men, and more if they proved to be needed. Here in this War for the World we are passing that figure now, and it may be doubled or even trebled in the years of bloody fighting that probably lie ahead. The best way to say it is simply, 'We' shall have to have enough to finish the biggest, most desperate, meaningful task the world has known." Every man and woman in uniform and every non-uniformed helper of

The transfer of a cat, from one kitchen to another, in different out-fits, is one of the few camp changes that can be effected without a lot of paper work. Dogs have some status, as mascots, but a cat has to shift for itself, through all nine lives.

That periodical also quotes from Still Charles F. Brunner, in a an address from Secretary of War civilian life a linotype operator, did pick up the little black and white

"To conform to our historic cat with a stub tail and carry it by standards, our American Army truck from the tents to barracks. must be magnificently brave with- It's now attached to a QM kitchen. out becoming brutal; it must be On arrival the cat was apsupremely self-confident without proached by Browny, a Chesapeake becoming arrogant; and it must Bay retriever that's been in the carry the momentum of irresistarmy, but without a dog tag, for ible might without losing faith in about all of his 13 years. Age, individual liberty. They will win, sheer weight of years, must be the but for that victory will be needed dog's alibi, too, because the cat,

not much more than a kitten, attacked the dog and a soldier soon was wiping blood from the dog's has today, in this gigantic scheme face. Browny belongs to Joseph of things, a kind of importance to C. Surdak, 21 years in the army, and the dog has been a mascot in several camps and has been on soldier master took him home in his overcoat pocket. Nowadays Browny lies around and drowses most of the time. He has the rheumatism.

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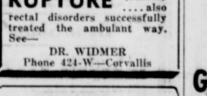
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