WILL ORGANIZE NATION BY UNITS TO AID IN WAR

Prominent Men and Women Start Movement Whereby Everyone May Help.

TO EXTEND COMMUNITY IDEA

Works Out With Great Success In New York-Plans to Co-ordinate and Direct on Nonmilitary Side Patriotic Efforts of All Citizens.

By DAYTON STODDART.

York,-Prominent men and women here have started a movement whereby every man, woman and child in the United States may aid their government to win the world war.

It has been under way but a short time, yet assistance of great value was given to both the Liberty loan and Red Cross campaigns; the next goal of Belgium" as to make waste in the kitchen and on the table a problem of the past.

The new organization is called the Patriotic Service league. It was conceived by Prof. Ellery C. Stowell, expert on international affairs and member of the Columbia university faculty. The league's purpose is to weld the nation together, with the community idea extended to include the whole

"Impossible," you may remark. "It can't be done. Community spirit is very fine for a small place or for a section where folks of similar interests and tastes live. But it wouldn't work out in a big place. Not a bit."

"Works" in New York.

But it has worked out in New York and that in a section where live both reformers of the purely theoretical type and insurgent workingmen in a board strip running across New York city, the political designation of which is the Nineteenth congressional district. It includes the homes of some of the richest and the poorest families of the metropolis.

In New York, of all places, the community idea of nationalism has worked out, and very successfully, too. As or county township where you live, the terms "community spirit" may that makes the possibilities of the seem rather indefinite to some, the ex- plan so great, according to Mr. Stowact significance of what Mr. Stowell ell. means when he uses the term may best be set forth by himself.

cessity of rousing the country to the States," said Mr. Stowell,

meetings in New England. ciple be applied to the entire nation?"

selected the congressional district as world itself at last free. the best geographical division for a unit of the league.

women who volunteered their serv-

Canvas House to House.

one representative from each election every one of the 115 districts.

The surprising part about the beginning of the movement was that the women in every household by whose pioneers found no hostility, only welcome, in the houses they visited. This accomplished. We are not competing, in spite of the fact that although we desire to co-operate. they may have lived for years adja-

cent to a family, neither had spoken. It was a means never before offered for everybody in the district getting attention being paid to exemptions. to know almost everybody else.

When the district hac been canvassed, a meeting was called. Temporary officers of the small unit of the league were chosen. All it was necessary to do to become a member of the league was to pay 50 cents initiation fee. This is the only contribution paid to the league proper; other contributions depend solely on the expenses and aims of the organization in each congressional district or in each election district.

Suppose that your own meeting, after it had been organized, decided that it would be a mighty good plan to adopt one or more orphans across the sea. Such a plan was actually put in operation in one of the precincts of the Nineteenth congressional district. Two French orphans were adopted, a little boy and a little girl, and the monthly cost of \$7 is being raised by leaving a tin box out at every meetset is such co-operation with "Hoover ing in which contributions may be dropped.

> In the Nineteenth district, one of the first steps taken was the enrollment of every woman by woman workers.

Every woman was asked what line of work she was best fitted for and the list was made up, election district by election district, so that Mr. Stowell, as chairman of the entire Nineteenth district, knew exactly how many stenographers, cooks, clerical workers, members of any calling, were in his territory.

The actual good this does is that it allows every chairman to know the "home strength" of his district. He can tell you, after consulting his lists, just how many cooks, nurses and other workers are in his district. That, however, is not the object so much as the power of being in personal touch with people. Mr. Stowell emphasized this when he received a call for cooks to go with the Red Cross.

He sent out the notice to leaders in the election districts and shortly afterward they had obtained a score or more of the men desired. One district leader himself persuaded two men to enlist. It is this "neighborhood" touch, this knowing everybody in the apartment house or city block

Purposes of the League.

"We are organizing that we may Several months ago, when the ne- serve the government of the United "and assist fact that every resource of the United to the full in this great fight for the States should be available for war, things which we have always carried Mr. Stowell thought of the old town nearest our hearts-for democracy, for the right of those who submit to "If," he asked himself, "this plan authority to have a voice in their own worked to weld together a town or governments, for the rights and libvillage, why could not the same prin- erties of small nations, for a universal dominion of right by such a concert Intensive thought on the question of free peoples as shall bring peace confirmed his idea that it could. He and safety to all nations and make the

"The Patriotic Service league aims to form in every congressional dis-He chose the Nineteenth congression- trict an organization to arouse, coal district to try out his plans. He ordinate and direct on the non-milihad as coworkers other members of tary side the patriotic efforts of all the Columbia university faculty and citizens of both sexes and of every age, so that an early and successful

termination of the war may result. "There are other war organizations Friends of those working directly in existence, but not on local geowith Mr. Stowell were obtained and a graphic lines. For an organization committee was made up with at least such as the Patriotic Service league, which is formed upon geographic lines, district. These, in turn, canvassed there is real need. These societies apartment houses and dwellings in with their particular objects will find contact through this local unit of neighbors with the individual men and loyal service the nation's task will be

"It is at this time obviously im-

possible to name all of the activities in which the organization may become engaged. But it is wise to state some present specific duties.

Help Get Recruits.

"The government has called for volunteers to fill the ranks of our existing military forces. We should see that those recruits are obtained, due

"Cases of need in the families of Cross in aid.

"We must have a bureau of employment for those who have lost their the reception of all articles six days jobs and for those who must now seek employment-wives and sisters.

"Preparing surgical dressings and all the other activities of the military end of the Red Cross will demand time and effort. Let us all see we do

"We must make sure we do not have such juvenile delinquency as has occurred in England and in Germany. The Boy Scouts, the Junior Navy league and the Junior Police must use part of the boy power of the community. The farmers of the state need 22,000 laborers.

"Food will be scarce. We must find how to use it to the full. And we must make known to all the methods of this conservation. Only by intelligent efforts for ourselves shall we be able effectively to stand back of those younger than we who fight.

"Finally, the Patriot Service league, realizing it is more difficult in a democracy than in-an autocracy for the government to initiate and to get things done will bring home to every citizen through speakers and literature the necessity and the opportunity for universal service in this fight for democracy."

Prominent Men Enlist.

George W. Wickersham, former at-Democratic candidate for the presifew of the men who are working to peaceful conditions. extend the Patriotic Service league.

The league has now been organized in the Seventeenth congressional district, adjoining the Nineteenth, here, and has been successfully inaugurated in Boston.

"The plans for extension throughout the country have been formulated," said Mr. Stowell, "so that it may be possible to marshal the combined force of all loyal citizens behind the president. The spread of the league will save an immense amount of duplication. In each community the loyal officers will know their own people. hospital units. They will find needed mechanics. They will direct their appeals for funds to all those who are willing to contribute. The Patriotic Service league furnishes the machinery by which the wisdom of Hoover can be brought with emphasis to every kitchen in the land. The citizen leaguers constitute the 'third line of defense."

Mr. Stowell said that the term "citizens" was used in its new accepted meaning to include women in the fullest sense. He pointed out that the success of the project in the Nine-Murray Butler, wife of the president under control. The most serious fire of Columbia university.

James N. Taylor, who is devoting most approximately 70 acres. of her spare time to the league.

Woman Puts Money in Fire. chief in which was \$650 when she all into the furnace and started a fire. The currency was consumed before she discovered her mistake.

Enough Is Plenty. "Going to dinner, Jones? Come in

and have an appetizer." "Great Scott, man! I can't afford to

pay for the appetite I've got now."

..... leges he received 20 years ago when | sequently Doctor Hornaday, host at he lived with his parents in one of the Nussdorfer tenements. He says the Bronx zoo, asked the board of esthat on January 14, 1897, an iron gate an adjoining cage, so that while the keepers clean one cell the elephant can carelessly left leaning against the building fell on him and fractured his be shunted into another. skull and that he hasn't been able to

CARTOON CAUSE OF TROUBLE

pursue any regular occupation since

that time. He says he waited until he

became of age before suing.

Nothing Funny About Charges Against Scion of Celebrated Elephas Family.

New York.-Formal charges against scion of the celebrated Elephas family of Africa have been preferred by Dr. William T. Hornaday. The defendant wasn't in court when the charge was brought, being detained in the Bronx.

The defendant's name was Cartoon, but the complaints against him were anything but funny. He was charged with being nasty and not letting his \$25,000 damages for injuries be al- perfectly ungentlemanly fashion. Con- foreign capital in that country,

FINDS CURE FOR GANGRENE

New York Doctor Announces Discovery That Will Probably Save Lives of Many Soldiers.

New York .- Dr. Carroll G. Bull of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research has announced a discovery which will probably save the lives of thousands of soldiers during the war. It is a discovery of an antitoxin that neutralizes the work of germs in wounds where gangrene usually devel-

Doctor Bull has tried the experiment out on guinea pigs with splendid results. He is the first American doctor to make such a discovery.

There is a reaction in Norway

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

******************* State Fair Rules Out.

Salem-Secretary Lea, of the State Fair board, has announced rules which will govern the entries of all exhibits soldlers will occur. We should find for premiums at the fair and declared them and co-operate with the Red that these rules, which are as follows, shall be rigidly enforced:

"The fairgrounds will be open for before the commencement of the fair, and all entries for premiums must be made in person or by letter with the secretary, as follows:

"In the horse, cattle, sheep and swine departments on or before September 15; in the poultry and industrial department, on or before September 20, and in all other department before 6 o'clock in the afternoon of September 23. The board reserves the right to accept entries in the livestock department after the expiration of September 15, but if this is done a penalty of 25 per cent of the premiums earned by the entry will be exacted.

"All goods, articles and animals must be in place on exhibition by 10 o'clock on the forenoon of the opening day of the fair, and all horses entered for speed contests must be in stalls and entered in accordance with the rules governing the racing program."

The Marion county court has finally signed up the contract for the construction of a new steel bridge across the Willamette river between Marion CORN SUPPLY LOWEST EVER and Polk counties at Salem. The bridge will cost \$237,901.

"The I. W. W. situation is quieting down nicely over the state and we hope that we are getting the difficultorney general; Alton B. Parker, once ties curbed," stated Governor Withycombe Friday after hearing reports dency; Oscar S. Straus, former am- from a number of storm centers where bassador to Turkey-these are but a that organization has been menacing

> nary importance was consummated at 357,000,000 bushels, as compared with Klamath Falls last Saturday, when the an average of 467,000,000 bushels for herd of thoroughbred Shorthorns the nine preceding years, or a decrease owned by O. G. Laboree, of the Bly in the reserve for these five states of country, were taken over by Frank H. 24 per cent. This is the smallest re-McCornack and son, Eugene. Sixteen serve by 15,000,000 bushels during cows and six calves are in the herd.

Varne returned to Salem from the San- when it reached 621,000,000 bushels. tiam country late Wednesday night with Ray Graves and Mrs. Ruth Abbott, charged with threatening the life average. of ex-Sheriff Tom Word, of Portland, They will, for example, easily secure along with other persons who went 37 per cent, and is the smallest reserve cooks and attendants for departing with Word to claim ownership to the in the entire ten years by 11,000,000 Black Eagle mine near Breitenbush.

> Corporation Commissioner Schulderrelative to the business of the corporation department, shows that for the year ended June 30, the operating expense of that department has been 7.7 per cent of the revenue received, which sets a new record in the cost of the administration of any department, the report declares.

Although nearly 50 fires have been reported in different parts of the Umpqua National forest during the past teenth district was due, in great ex- four days, S. C. Bartrum, superintendtent, to the energy of women, prom- ent of the Roseburg Forestry office, inent among whom was Mrs. Nicholas says that practically all of them are is raging in the Steamboat vicinity on \$2.10; red Russian, \$2.00. Another of the women was Mrs. the North Umpqua river, and covers

The public service commission and Genreal Manager Dyer, of the South-Alliance, O .- Picking up a handker- ern Pacific, still fail to reach a conclusion as to whether the road or the cleared newspapers from her room commission is right in checking up car the other day, Mrs. Rosa Cfefzer threw shortages, another letter having been received by the commission from Mr. Dyer, in which he does not agree with the commission's ideas on the subject.

Figures gleaned from the forthcoming Oregon Blue Book, which will be @5c; spinach, 61c; beans, 3@7c. issed by Secretary Olcott in a week or ten days, show that in the eight regu-1902, at which initiative or referendum measures have been voted on, a total of 155 measures have been submitted to the people. Of this number timate for \$1,400 with which to build 56 have passed and 99 have been de-

The empolyes of the Kratz Shingle prices: Prints, extras, 38c. company at Clatskanie went out on hours' pay for an eight-hour day. authorities were notified and the man | 12c. was requested to leave the state. Sunday afternoon the shingle weavers held a meeting and decided to strike. Most of them are still in the city wait- per pound; coarse, 58@61c; valley, ing for a decision of the company.

regiment, "somewhere in Oregon," the women and caused a furore among @13.50; stock hogs, \$12.00@13.00; the men. The women were ignorant rough heavies, \$14.00@14.50. of the fact that the little scissors bore such a stamp, it is stated, but they are lings, \$8.50@10.00; wethers, \$8.00@

Pre-War Period of Five Years Shows Enormous Climb Has Been Made in Nearly All Staple Foods.

Figures compiled by the department of Labor are accepted by the temporary food administration unquestionably as representing the most accurate information on price conditions the country over of any that are available from official sources. From that department comes a detailed statement of the difference in the retail prices of nine staple food commodities for a pre-war period of five years, 1909 to 1913, inclusive, except in the matter of eggs, where information was obtainable for the year 1913, as compared with averages for the first three and four months of the present year, as nearly a war period as can be reduced to dependable figures.

Flour for the pre-war period averaged \$6.712 per barrel, as compared with \$11.56 for the first four months of 1917; lard raised from 15.06 to 23.40 cents, and butter from 36.3 to

47.3 cents.

Cornmeal increased from \$2.74 per 100 pounds to \$4.07; ham from 24.1 to 32.1 cents; bacon from 25.2 to 31.2 cents; milk from 8.7 to 10 cents; eggs from 33.8 to 46.7 cents, and dressed poultry from 19.9 to 26.6 cents per pound. These comparisons of prewar prices are with those for the first three months of the present year.

Decrease of 24 Per Cent in Nine Years Preceding War.

Supplies of corn in the Central West have reached the lowest point ever known, according to a statement of conditions for June 1, 1917, obtained from official sources.

The five corn-producing states of Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and Ne-A livestock deal of more than ordi- braska had on hand at that date but that period, the smallest crop being in 1914, when it fell to 372,000,000 bush-Sheriff Needham and Constable els. The largest crop was in 1913,

Iowa's corn reserve for 1917 has decreased 15 per cent from the nine-year

Illinois' reserve shows a decrease of buhsels.

Ohio's reserve is a decrease of 45 per cent from the nine-year average, man, in a statement issued recently and is 29 per cent less than the previous low record for that period.

Indiana's reserve is a decrease of 23 per cent from the nine-year average and only in one year, 1909, was the reserve less, and then only by a million

Nebraska alone shows an increase. and that of only 4 per cent.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORT

Portland-Wheat-Bluestem, \$2:08 per bushel; fortyfold, \$2.05; club,

Millfeed-Spot prices: Bran, \$32.00 per ton; shorts, \$35.00; middlings, \$42.00; rolled barley, \$48.00; rolled oats, \$50.

Hay-Producers' prices: Timothy, Eastern Oregon, \$26.00 per ton; alfalfa, \$18.00; valley grain hay, \$16.00. Vegetables - Artichokes, 80c per

dozen; tomatoes, \$1.50 @ 1.85 per crate; cabbage, 1@2c per pound; lettuce, 35@40c per dozen; cucumbers, 40@90c per dozen; peppers, 30@40c per pound; rhubarb, 2@21c; peas, 31 Green Fruits - Strawberries, \$2@

2.50 per crate; cherries, 8@12c per lar and two special elections since pound; apricots, \$1.50@1.75 per crate; cantaloupes, \$1@3.25; peaches, 75c@ \$1.25 per box; watermelons, 2@31c per pound; apples, \$2@2.50; plums, \$1.60@2; currants, \$1.25@1.50; raspberries, \$1.75@2; plums, \$2.00.

Butter - Cubes, extras, 37c per pound; prime firsts, 361c. Jobbing Eggs-Ranch, current receipts, 331

strike Monday. They demanded 10 @34c per dozen; ranch, candled, 36c. Poultry-Hens, 16@17c per pound; Thomas Doyle was suspected by the broilers, 20@21c; turkeys, 20c; ducks, manager of being an agitator. The old, 15c; young, 20@22c; geese, 10@

> Veal-Fancy, 151@16c per pound. Pork-Fancy, 191@20c per pound. Wool-Eastern Oregon, fine, 58@61c 721@75c; mohair, 60@65c.

Cattle-Steers, prime, \$8.50@10.00; "Made in Germany," stamped on good, \$8.00@8.25; medium, \$7.50@ pocket scissors being placed in 75 7.75; cows, choice, \$7.00@7.75; meduffle-bags which women of the Salem dium to good, \$6.00@7.00; ordinary to Patriotic League are preparing for fair, \$5.00@ 6.00; heifers, \$5.00@8.00; members of Company M, Third Oregon bulls, \$5.00@7.00; calves, \$7.50@9.50.

Hogs - Light and heavy packing, was discovered by a husband of one of \$15.00@15.50; pigs and skips, \$12.50

Sheep-Lambs, \$6.00@12.75; year-9.00; ewes, \$4.00@8.00.

GIRLS FORM CLUB TO CHEER SOLDIER BOYS

Cleveland, O. - The Young Women's Liberty club has been organized here. Its object is to cheer lonesome soldiers in camp or at the front. Each member writes to some soldier boy who hasn't any relatives or sweethearts. The membership is growing rapidly.

WAITS 20 YEARS TO SUE

.......

Ohlo Man Asks \$25,000 Damages for Injuries Received Twenty Years Ago.

Cleveland, O.-Witnesses with long memories will star when the court of common pleas hears the case of Melvin W. Velle, twenty-four, against Catherine Nussdorfer, executrix of the estate of Jacob Nussdorfer and William Nussdorfer. Veile is suing for keepers enter his cage and acting in a against encouraging the investment of being informed.