

"The Makings" of a Nation



UNITED WAR FUND SURE TO BE NEEDED

Even End of Hostilities Would Not Change This.

Though the war should cease immediately it is said that every cent of the \$170,500,000 sought in the United War Work campaign in the United States, for the seven approved organizations ministering to the American fighters, will be needed just the same.

This is the word of leaders of the fund-raising campaign and their explanation is easily comprehended. In the first place, it has been officially estimated that 18 months to two years must elapse before all the American boys can be returned from foreign soil. There are the men of many other countries to be transported home when the war ends, so the number of boats for use of the Yankees will be limited. Then there is also the fact that thousands must remain so long as the great properties and stores of the United States have not been disposed of or returned.

Immediate cessation of war activities in Europe would plainly create grave problems connected with the care of the men. Remove the great motive which actuates every man at the front today and throw him into dull inactivity, with nothing much to do but await his chance to return to home and loved ones, and the work of keeping him cheerful increases in magnitude. The soldier welfare organizations foresee all phases of this grave contingency. They foresee how great would be the need for reading matter, entertainments, amusements, recreation and the cheery personal touch.

PERSHING WARNS OF GERMAN PUBLICITY

Germany's efforts to involve the United States and her Allies into a consideration of peace terms and an armistice did not impress James F. Pershing, brother of General Pershing, as being sincere and designed to give the world what it is praying for. Mr. Pershing, who was in Oregon recently in the interest of the United War Work drive, which opens November 11, cautioned the American people against the too-common tendency to become apathetic under the idea that peace and the cessation of hostilities are at hand.

"When heaven is ready to negotiate with hell," he declared, "then will America be ready to make peace with Germany." He told of the great work being done in Europe by the Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army and other agencies, and called on Americans to respond liberally in supporting the campaign about to open for raising money with which to carry on these activities.

GENERAL PERSHING MODEST MAN

"All that General Pershing wants now is the success of the American boys in France, and to avoid, so far as possible, any glory for himself," declared James F. Pershing, brother of America's leader in the field, in an address delivered in Portland recently in behalf of the United War Work drive, which opens November 11. The speaker paid a tribute to the men in the ranks, and gave his audience an idea of the high esteem in which the boys are held by their commander. He showed the importance of war work in this country as an imperative necessity to the victory of the Allies in the battles for Democracy, and urged that no diminution in speed be allowed to result through recent peace proposals. Unqualified indorsement of the United War Work drive was voiced by Mr. Pershing who is one of the leading authorities on conditions now existing along the battlefield, and he was especially desirous that there be no relaxation of efforts in behalf of the several war work funds.

Best Big Sisters.
The Y. W. C. A. is known as "The Best Big Sister in the World." Of the \$170,500,000 to be raised in the United War Work Campaign \$15,000,000 will go to the work of this organization.

Hospitality to the fighting man and to his visiting friends, is the motto of the War Community Service, a mighty necessary thing.

"CARRY ON" IS OFFICIAL CRY

The caution issued recently in Portland by James F. Pershing, brother of General Pershing, against relaxation of war work activities, has been echoed in messages issued by departmental heads in Washington, D. C., copies of which were sent to Executive Secretary John Kollock, of the Oregon State Council of Defense. "Carry on" is the theme of those telegrams, whose senders felt the German peace proposals might interfere with campaign plans just formulated. Consequently, the United War Work drive, which opens November 11, will be conducted with even more vigor than had Germany not sought to bring about peace on her own terms. The departmental heads, as well as Mr. Pershing, emphasize the need of continued activities by the several affiliated organizations participating in the drive, even after hostilities have ceased.

CO-OPERATION IN PALESTINE

Three Thousand Jews Have Successfully Combined to Fight the High Cost of Living.

It is, therefore, with the keenest pleasure that I hear of the success of an experiment on a small scale under war conditions in Palestine, Norman Haggood writes in Leslie's. Since 1914 scarcity, disease, depreciated currency, have combined to reduce the Jewish workers almost to starvation. During the war a small group decided to take the most immediate and effective step. About three years ago 450 workers formed a co-operative society in order to fight against the rise in prices. Each worker contributed 10 francs and with this capital of 4,500 francs the society began to make its purchases. As a result the members of the society were able to purchase four times cheaper than the ordinary public. This co-operation society, "Mashbir," embraces at present about 3,000 persons and has a budget of 14,000 francs. Their first year of business showed a profit. During the second year robbery and plunder by the Turks changed this profit into a loss. The third year has now shown them again paying their way. This society includes not only workmen, but also teachers and clerks. It has applied to the commission for a credit of 120,000 francs and for authorization for one of their group to travel to Egypt to make purchases. It is, indeed, on a small scale compared with the business I cited on July 6, but the lesson is the same: The strongest single answer to the cost of living lies in co-operation.

Never Suffer From Overwork. People who keep their minds clear and cool, who take things philosophically as they come; who discipline their wills to look on the cheerful side of things; who eat what they need, proportioned to their physical activity; who take stimulants not at all or, if they ever do, never take them to whip their flagging strength—such people can do a prodigious amount of work and never dream of such a thing as "overwork."

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