

His Mother Needed Money —and She Got It!

AN American soldier hurries along the street of a shell-torn village, keeping close to the shelter of the crumbling walls, and runs up the steps of a battered chateau.

He climbs to a room where sandbags are piled high to the ceiling. Behind a rough counter stands a man of middle age—a man with an emblem on his arm and a smile on his face.

"In a hurry this morning, buddie?" he asks.

"You bet I am," pants the soldier. "We're going into the trenches at noon."

"Can I help you?"

The boy thrusts one hand into his pocket and with the other points to a sign on the wall. It reads:—"SEND YOUR MONEY HOME—ASK THE SECRETARY HOW."

"Can I send this to my mother?" he asks, and draws out a roll of French bills. "She needs it."

"Of course you can," says the secretary. He counts the money carefully—twice—and then does a little figuring.

"That makes \$84.60 in American money."

"And will you see that my mother gets it?"

"We will," is the answer. "I'll give you this receipt and I'll send your money to the nearest headquarters. They will forward it to Paris, and Paris will tell New York to mail your mother a check for your \$84.60."

"How much will it cost me to have you do that?"

The answer is it won't cost him one cent. His mother will get the whole \$84.60. Every week the War Work organizations are transmitting more than half a million dollars from the boys over there to the home folks over here.

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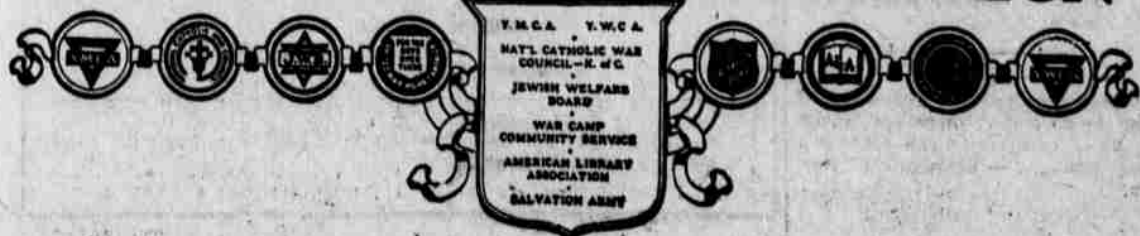
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From the time your fighter starts for a cantonment until he reaches a front-line dug-out the seven organizations are ministering to him in big ways and little ways, to take the worries off his shoulders and to carry cheer and comfort to him. One aim—**one need—now, altogether!**

UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN



LITTLE DIFFERENCE IN BOYS

Silly Idea That Those Born in May Are Naturally More Cruel Than Other Youngsters.

What is the origin of the belief that boys born in the month of May are cruel by nature? In Notes and Queries John T. Page says that he was born in May, "and as I look back into the days of my boyhood I am often horrified to recall many acts of cruelty perpetrated by me, and at my instigation, on birds and animals. I seem to have delighted in these acts of cruelty until I was about twelve years old, when they ceased." Mr. Page adds that as a man he is supersensitive. "I cannot now kill a bird or an animal without experiencing most poignant feelings of abhorrence of the act."

Are not nearly all healthy boys destructive and cruel? They were in our little village, writes Philip Hale in the Boston Herald. One of our favorite amusements was the reckless employment of sling and buckshot. We would lie on the roof of the minister's house on Elm street and plug horses, dogs, farmers in carts or on wood sledges, just to see them jump. Nor were we then aware that surprise was the chief element of wit. "That's what makes a man laugh so when he sits down on a bent pin." Riddling the windows of a schoolhouse was almost as good sport as tearing off the pickets of Deacon Bodman's fence. Hitting little boys' heads with iceballs, not snowballs, was a favorite winter amusement. It was considered a good joke to kidnap a youngster at night, take him far into the Bridge street graveyard and then run away from him. Tormenting cats and dogs was common when a small boy was not easily caught. The slingers, the throwers of other missiles and the tormentors of animals were surely not all born in May. Nor were all boys born in May skilled in rude or ingenious torturing.

MORE VALUABLE THAN GOLD

Real Treasure of Peru Was the Potato, Though Spaniards Did Not Realize It.

The gold of the Indies was the attraction that led Columbus to sail westward, that carried Cortez to Mexico and Pizarro to Peru. The Incas had large stores of the precious metal, representing, no doubt, the accumulations of many centuries. The capture of such a booty resounded through Europe. Spain became for a time the wealthiest, as well as the most powerful, nation of Europe, and this was ascribed to the gold of Peru.

But Peru held another treasure much more valuable for the nations of Europe than the golden booty of Pizarro. Carrying the potato to Europe was an event of much more profound significance in relation to the subsequent history of the world than sending the Inca gold to the coffers of Spain. But nobody understood the value of the potato, and its Peruvian origin was generally forgotten before the plant became well known. Instead of Peruvian potatoes we call them Irish potatoes.

The potato was the basis of the ancient Peruvian nation and has attained almost the same importance in other parts of the world within the last 100 years.—National Geographic Magazine.

"Puget Sound Lobster."

Seattle is consuming only about half a ton of octopus, "devilfish," a week, according to fish dealers of that city. But this consumption is bound to jump as soon as the Americans become familiar with the taste of this inhabitant of the deep. The Greek fishermen, who consider the octopus a great delicacy, call it "devilfish," while the Japanese fish dealer gets calls from his people for "tako," and when Sing, down in Chinatown, places it on his menu card he gives it a name that only a Cantonese can read or understand. When cafe managers up-town decide to give their patrons a treat the lowly devilfish probably will become "Puget Sound lobster."

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