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THE VALUE OF A PARADE

Commenting on the parade of the
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tropolis, the "New York Times" says:

"The spectators, and through them
all whom they represented, were
provided with an opportunity to see that
in spite of all difficulties and not a
few mistakes, the government is per-
forming successfully the colossal task
of creating a great army of real
fighting men out of material hitherto
taught only the activities of peace."

"Nobody could have watched the
marching soldiers without seeing that
they were soldiers indeed—that in
months wonderfully few they had ac-
quired the essential qualities and pro-
ficiencies of their new vocation. It
is a notable fact, too, that the warmth
of praise since accorded to the reg-
iment has been proportioned directly
to the competency of those who gave
it. The regular army men in the
reviewing stand have had only words
of cordial commendation for the bear-
ing of the troops, the discipline they
showed, the confident expectations
they justified. And the reg-
man, it must be remembered, is a
serve critic of aspirants for a place
in his own profession."

The parade which produced this
impression was certainly a mighty
good thing for the community. And
it was no less beneficial to the troops
themselves. They saw in the enthu-
siasm of the crowds an appreciation
of their work and a deep interest in
the cause they represented. They gained
new confidence in themselves and new
zeal for their task.

We may assume that a similar ef-
fect will be produced in any city by
a parade of any troops who have ad-
vanced far enough in their training.
It is recognized that a policy of
greater publicity is advisable in regard
to the army. The war department
has wisely decided that hereafter mil-
itary parades may be held by troops
from any of the camps at appropriate
times and places.

The army and the public will be
mutually delighted to get better ac-
quainted with each other before our
fighting men go to the front.

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While German instruction has been
driven out of nearly all American
schools, they're still teaching it in
France, the one country particularly
where the language might be sup-
posed to have been banished.

The reason for it, however, is not
of a nature to give much satisfaction
to Germans who have been demand-
ing the continuance of German in our
schools, for culture reasons. Ste-
phane Lauzanne of the Paris Matin,
in a letter to the Milwaukee Journal,
explains that German is taught in
practically all of the schools in
France, in deference to the demands
of French parents, in accordance with
a national policy which he sets forth
as follows:

"An experience of 50 years has
shown us that Germany was not
known enough among the nations of
the civilized world, and that it was
most important to read and speak
German if we wanted to unveil the
German plots and to be able to re-
sist the German Kultur."

"We learn German not as a trib-
ute of admiration to Germany, but
in the same spirit in which an ex-
plorer learns the idiom of the savage
tribes where he is going to carry on
his explorations. We learn German
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ricate suffocating gas—to protect and
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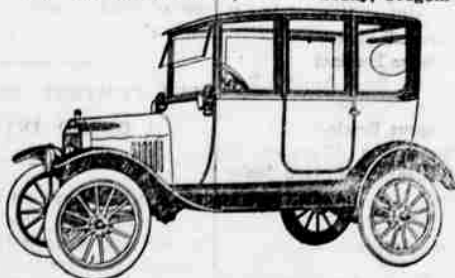
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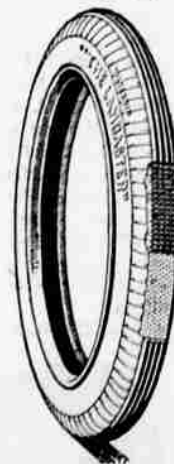
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