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## SENSIBLE BELGIUM

A considerable part of the civilized world has held public attention since the armistice by taking instead of working. The United States has not been a conspicuous exception.

Belgium, as everybody knows, suffered more war's devastation than any other industrial country. She lost more men, more equipment, more materials, more money, in proportion to her population. It was taken as a matter of course that the end of the war would leave her prostrate, and that she would need a vast amount of outside help to get on her feet economically.

In reality she has had very little aid. Nevertheless, as a Belgian statistician reports, Belgium today is producing more sugar than ever; she is exporting sugar, glass and coal; she has three-fourths as many building trades workers employed as before the war; in the food industries the employment is nine-tenths of normal; in the textile industry nearly two-thirds as many spindles are operating as there were five years ago.

Belgium has worked instead of talking. It is a good lesson to her friends. In peace, as in war, she points the way.

## THE SOLDIER'S VIEWPOINT

From an ex-service man comes an appealing protest against the criticism visited upon the American Legion for its "bonus" demands. The writer, while declaring that he himself does not need a bonus and is not in favor of it, undertakes to show how reasonable it is from the war veterans' standpoint.

He draws a vivid picture of that cold, wet, foggy morning, Nov. 11, 1918, when as if by a miracle the war stopped in full career, and a million men, red-eyed from lack of sleep, ragged, dirty, unkept, hungry, gave way to a wonderful feeling of relaxation and contentment. All their troubles, domestic, financial, personal, faded away in the consciousness of a job well done, and confident expectation that a grateful nation would take generous care of the men who had done it.

There were lavish promises, and the soldiers believed them all. They were to have farms, education, whatever they needed to enable them to relieve the loss caused by two years of patriotic service.

"And then the awakening!" There came the long wait for a ship home, and after their return came growing disillusionment. Many of them had trouble getting their jobs back, and many had to go to work for less money than the men who took their places when they joined the army had been getting. Scarcely anything of a public nature was done for them. Says the writer:

"The wonderful satisfaction you felt back there that cold, foggy morning in the Argonne began to fade, and you heard so much talk and talk, and a year passed, and you celebrated the anniversary of that glorious Eleventh, and Congress talked and talked, and adjourned, and met and talked, and you saw nothing of the things your buddies had died for done, and heard nothing but talk from people who stayed at home and got theirs.

"So that at last you decided that all you could ever expect that would benefit you or your children was money. You decided to ask the people you had given two years life to, and to whom you had seen many men give their whole life, for a small portion of the money you had saved them by your devotion to duty, which ended the war a year at least before

they had expected it."

He concludes: "If the American Legion seems to be cold-blooded, will you believe one who has been there and back that this cold-bloodiness is forced upon them by people who have, in a year of petty bickering and talk, thrown away the fruits of victory and destroyed the faith of all men in any but the most masterful of things?"

This may not really justify the service men's claim for a money payment, but it certainly makes their viewpoint clearer. The hostility felt toward the bonus has been due mainly to the blunt, aggressive way in which the officers of the American Legion have demanded it. It is natural that the general public should resent such an attitude. But who can read an appeal like this and not feel ashamed at the conduct of a Congress whose callous indifference and delay and faithfulness to its own promises have reduced an army of idealists to such materialistic bargaining?

## Comments of the State Press

**Rockefeller on Love—**  
John D. Rockefeller advises us that love is greater than riches. If he has had as much experience with love as he has had with riches, we'll accept him as an authority unimpeachable.—Astoria Budget.

**Water Hog—**  
The male or female water hog who wastes water in the city when it is impossible to supply all that the community needs is in the same class with the shipper who detains cars unnecessarily or sends them out only partially loaded when they are scarce, as they are now.—Brownsville Times.

**Building Better Bodies—**  
Great improvement in the matter of physical training has been shown in most educational institutions during the past year.  
This improvement is largely a condition of her youth, when it became necessary to draft them for military service. When the young men of the country were called into the army, 40 percent of them failed to qualify physically.—Baker Herald.

**Should Adjourn Sine Die—**  
The slogan of the Republican congress is said to be "economy." Since neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives is passing any important legislation it would be a saving of time and money to adjourn sine die.—Polk County Itemizer.

**Reaping Benefit—**  
Most of those persons who are loud in asserting that prices will continue to go higher are those who are reaping the benefit of abnormal prices, and the wish is father of the thought. There is, nevertheless, abundant evidence that the peak has been reached and that increasing production at home and abroad will soon bring living costs down nearer a normal and reasonable basis.—Eugene Guard.

## TODAY'S EVENTS

Monday, March 15, 1920  
Gen. Leonard Wood, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, today begins a week's speech-making tour of South Dakota.  
Many novelties in strange and rare specimens of horticulture are to be displayed at the International Flower Show which is to open in New York City today.  
About 2000 officers of the United States Army who during the war held temporary rank higher than their permanent appointments are to be returned to their regular status under an order effective today.  
Republican voters of Minnesota will be given an opportunity to express their preference for President in the caucuses to be held today. The ballots will carry the names of five Republican candidates for the presidential nomination—Maj. Gen. Wood, Senator Johnson of California, Governor Lowden of Illinois, Senator Poindexter of Washington and Senator Harding of Ohio.

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scored during the discussion for an alleged lack of cooperation with American exporters in the matter of credits and other accommodations that might facilitate business. Representatives of these banks declared in defense that there was no disposition to discriminate and that a suitable credit standing is all that is necessary.

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## MEETING WILL BE HELD AT EUGENE

Dr. C. J. Gaddis of Oakland, editor of the Western Osteopath, the official publication of the Western Osteopathic Association, will address a meeting of the Willamette Valley Osteopathic Society on Monday afternoon and evening, March 15th. The banquet and evening session will be held at 7:30 p. m.

In addition to the lecture a clinic will be conducted by the visiting speaker during the afternoon session at the Hotel Osborne, Eugene, Oregon. Drs. A. P. and Mary Howells and Dr. Mary Marshall of Albany will leave here Monday morning in order to attend this clinic.

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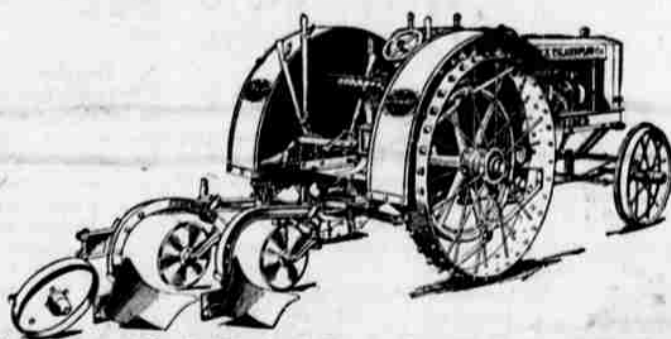
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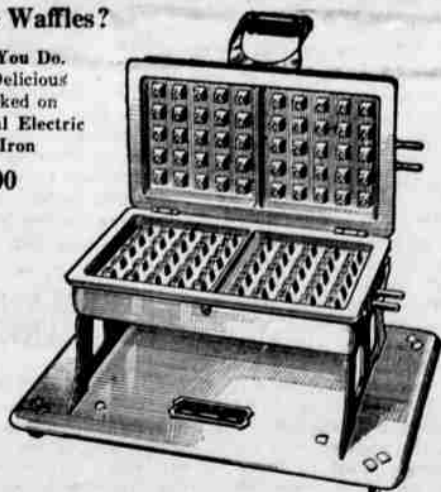
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