

## ALL BRITONS TO "DO THEIR BIT"

Government Begins Final "Comb Out" for Men to Swell Military Ranks.

## WOMEN MUST DO SHARE

Those Unable to Fight Are Called for Other Necessary Service—Economy of Effort, Expense and Material Demanded.

London.—With 5,000,000 men in uniform, and with other millions, both men and women, engaged in occupations hardly less directly concerned with the war's prosecution, England is organizing one more "comb out" to find men for military service, and both men and women for other essential employments. The appeal for men to don uniforms and for workers is accompanied by a renewed insistence upon the utmost economy of every effort, expense and material. Economy is the watchword of the new national service campaign under the direction of Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of national service.

"Woman's clothes are the grave of an enormous amount of human energy," he said. "New hats alone absorb the work of millions of fingers, and whatever effect they may have that effect certainly does not include helping to beat the enemy."

"If we are to make the great effort that we should make, if we really are going to make the greatest effort in our history, our imagination must be quickened to understand the effect of our smallest actions. Everywhere, in practically every home, we are wasting something. I am sorry to say that we have great organizations which exist to encourage waste."

### Only Necessities of War.

Sir Auckland insists, the government is beginning to insist, the people are beginning to understand, that consumption to a great extent has got to stop. The producing capacity of the country has got to be saved to turn out the absolute necessities of life and of war.

The case is being laid before the British people now in the very simplest terms. Not only is everybody urged to eat the least possible amount of food necessary to maintain good physical condition but everybody is told that he must wear his clothes longer, must be satisfied with patched boots, must cut down his expenditures for every kind of luxury, for amusement.

But that is only the beginning. The hands that would have been occupied in making the new dress that my lady is not going to buy and that therefore will not be made; the fingers that would have employed themselves preparing the confection of a hat that is going to be forsworn; the skill and handicraft that would have found occupation producing suits of clothes that are not going to be bought or worn; all these must find employment of another kind; employment at producing the things necessary, and absolutely necessary, to national life and national war.

### Domestic Service a Problem.

Particular attention is being given to the problems of domestic service, which represent immense wastes of human energy. Nowadays a woman is likely to lose her social standing if she advertises for a servant, especially if she mentions in the advertisement, as many English housewives do that her establishment is based on the butler and three maids model, or the butler, houseman and four maids model, or something of that sort. For her advertisement is likely to become the basis of derisive comment by folks who wonder why the butler is not in uniform and some of the maids at least in a munitions factory.

While the authorities who are hunting for man power and woman power insist that altogether too much of it is wasted in domestic service, householders declare that it is becoming practically impossible to get service at all. Moreover, it is likely to continue so for a long period, because women, young and old, who have tasted the satisfaction of that more independent existence that is vouchsafed to other workers are almost without exception determined that they will never go back into domestic service.

Here is the formula for the mobilization of national man power and national financial resources: Discharge your servants and see that they get enlisted in national service. Save the money that you would have paid them in wages and buy war bonds. The government will pay that money to your former servants as wages for making munitions. The rest of the money that you save by reason of circumstances your domestic establishments will be deftly taken away from you by the government through its instrumentalities of taxation and used to maintain the armies in France and in almost all the other quarters of the world. Another energy that is being tapped is the great class of women who have never imagined that it was part of their life to engage in gainful occupation. There are fewer of them in England by a good many hundreds of thousands than there were before the war. But there are still many of them, and the effort is to enlist them for useful service.

## WORK FOR MAIMED

Plan for Re-Education of Disabled American Soldiers.

To Be Helped to Rehabilitate Themselves as Useful Citizens of the Republic.

Washington.—Now that our troops have begun to actually take part in the great war, a great problem will soon have to be faced. It will soon have to be faced. It will have to do with the re-education of disabled soldiers. It will not be enough for the government to place those who are permanently disabled in soldiers' homes and allow them to complete their existence in material comfort, but those who are partially disabled so as to make them unable to return to the occupations and trades which they left to serve their country will have to be re-educated in some employment which will enable them to rehabilitate themselves as useful citizens of the republic.

Although the plans have not progressed enough to make a formal announcement of their scope, it is known that the war department, the surgeon general's office, is working on the theory that the re-education must commence in the hospital while the patient is convalescent.

The government will probably follow closely the plans of the Canadian government, which is to continue its military control over the badly wounded until a competent board consisting of officers, doctors and laymen pronounce the re-education complete and the soldier ready for new endeavors.

According to accepted theories, the re-employment of the faculties begins in the hospital bed with games and puzzles which excite the interest and take the mind off misfortunes. The badly maimed often lose courage and hope, and have often after previous wars insisted upon being supported by the government in soldiers' homes without effort on their own behalf.

### CONQUEST AND KULTUR

From all this it appears that the Monroe doctrine cannot be justified. . . . So it remains only what we Europeans have described as an inspiration. And so it remains only what we Europeans almost universally consider it, an impertinence. With a noisy cry they try to make an impression on the world and succeed, especially with the stupid. The inviolability of the American soil is invoked without there being at hand the slightest means of warding off the attack of a respectable European power.—Johannes Volpert, *Aldeutsche Blätter*, Jan. 17, 1903.

### Seek Help of Children.

Washington.—Plans for enlisting the services of the children of the country in the campaign to save coal are being cut by the conservation division of the federal fuel administration. Boy scouts and school children generally are in a position to aid in the coal conservation campaign, by making use of waste products which can be utilized as fuel.

### Big Saving in Sugar.

Washington.—An annual saving of 16,000,000 pounds of sugar and 12,000,000 pounds of shortening is the estimate made by the cracker manufacturers of the country as a result of the new rules made for them by the United States food administration.

### NOW SKILLED MECHANICS



The photograph shows one of the girl machinists at work in the plant of the General Electric company at Philadelphia.

Knowing that many of their men would volunteer for service and others be taken for the new National army, the company added a number of women to their machine-shop staff. They have made good and as rapidly as men leave women step into their places, keeping things going with results just as good, if not better, than those obtained during male operation of the works. Women appear at workbenches and drills, at cutters and heavy presses. There is nothing that they haven't tried their hands at. The fact that women have made good in the big shops of the railroads has led many other large corporations to permanently enlist the fair ones in their service.

### Woman Horse Nurse.

In London Messrs. MacNamara, who employ about forty woman drivers, have put their horse hospital entirely in charge of women. Mrs. Pary, the superintendent, says they have thirty to forty patients a day. She and three assistants do all cleaning, grooming, feeding and administering of medicines prescribed by the veterinary surgeon. The animals, she says, are grateful and companionable, and she has no doubt that women will want to keep on with this work after the war. "We do not baby the horses," she says. "Somehow we reform the worst cases of temper, and the women can do anything they like with even fractious, nervous and suffering horses. The effect on the nerves of the horses, and consequently on their value, is noticeable."

### Why Not Wear a Sign?

Pat, being on his holidays, was one day strolling through the streets of New York, when he saw the figure of a man standing before a shop. There was a card pinned to the man's coat on which was written, "Reduced to \$5."

Pat somewhat carelessly approached the figure and exclaimed: "Begorra, sir, you're safe enough; I'm reduced to 30 cents."

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By WANNA MCKINNEY

School began yesterday morning with one member of the faculty, Mr. Moore missing. We are all wondering who will fill his place.

Miss Lindsey has been entertaining her English classes with some of Taft's and Roosevelt's speeches. They are on the phonograph.

Elsie Weddle has discontinued her school work and accepted a position with the First National Bank. She was a member of the Junior class.

We are quite elated with our victory over Mapleton. And we are planning to treat all our opponents the same way this year.

We can't write letters in school any more unless we are willing for Mr. Kirk to read them. He is going to confiscate any that he finds.

Miss Lindsey's E7 class is going to write short stories next week. They are to be several chapters long.

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