PEOPLE WHO ARE LEFT OUT OF THE ROLL CALL

Population of the United States Asked to Stand Up and Be Counted.

By GERALD STANLEY LEE.

I had a friend once named Old Bill Spear, who was the curator and founder of the John Quincy Adams Memorial in Quincy, Mass. He conceived the idea of making the house into a memorial and, with his genius as a collector of old furniture, filled it with things to see.

People came from everywhere, and at twenty-five cents apiece they went about to see the things Bill had collected and hear Bill talk.

Bill felt very superior to most collectors. "Just collectors," Bill said, "collect anything."

Bill usually could size people up when they came in the door, but when he wasn't quite sure about people, and suspected he didn't want to bother with them very long, he used to take them up to the attic to size them up quick. He would show them a bushel basketful of something they couldn't quite see, and then he would wave his hand with a flourish and say in an impressive tone as they stooped to look closer, "This is the Largest Collection of Burnt Matches in the World!"

Hundreds of collectors didn't break a smile, Bill said, and just looked awed.

Then Bill knew, of course, that he needn't bother to show them his best things.

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Some of the people who are proposing to go out into the streets Red Cross Christmas Roll Call Week and gather up everybody to join the Red Cross, seem to think that the main thing there is to tell people about the Red Cross is that if they pay a dollar to belong they will belong to the Largest Collection of People Who Have Paid One Dollar in the World.

I felt a little superior to this at first and began thinking how I wouldn't do it. But when I began thinking what the biggest Collection of People in the World could do by just being the biggest and by all wanting the same thing with a different one dollar, it became impressive.

It would even be impressive if forty million people in America all wanted the same thing with the same Dollar!

All wanting the same thing would be a nation praying—all the grown-up people of a nation with their little half conscious children round them—praying!

The dollar a man joined with, would not be a mere one dollar. The dollar would be a receipt to every man in America that 39,999,999 other men or women belonged to him, and that he belonged to them in getting what he wanted for three million soldier boys and for their children at home.

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Forty million people—all the grown-up people in this country pick out three million men and say to the three million men they have picked out, "You go and die for us, you go and be saviors of the world and die on our crosses for us!"

Then what do the forty million do?

It would be be something if we would all line up—the whole forty million of us to a man, with our little pallid insipid speechless dollar bills in our hands from Maine to California Christmas Week and use our two dollar bills a year as ballots, stand up in line and be counted and cable to the men across the seas that we vote one carfare once in two weeks to stand by them, to stand by the souls and bodies of the children of the men who have made a standing offer to die on our crosses for us!

Who wants to be left out of this line by Christmas Eve?

What man would want to be stood up in a row of those who are left out while all of the children of the world file by and look at him, while the little children of nine hundred thousand dead men in England file by and look at him, or the children of the soldiers of France giving their lives to protect the skyscrapers of New York?

For that matter it need not take so many children. What man who let himself be left out would feel safe in his own house with his own children climbing up into his lap believing in him—safe with his own baby pulling on his face, jabbing his small trustful fists in his eyes—if he let himself be left out?

Of course, it seems a little like a mockery to cable over to France Christmas Eve that we give one carfare once in two weeks to the children of the men we picked out to die for us, but it would be a start.

Nobody needs to think it would be a big thing just to belong to the Red Cross, but it is going to be a big thing to be left out.

AID GAS HEROES.

On the roof of the Pavillon Bellevue, near St. Cloud, is a most interesting hospital for soldiers who have been "gassed." The Pavillon Bellevue is the former home of Isadora Duncan and is in charge of the American Red Cross.

Lieut. Wilfred H. Day of Niagara Falls, N. Y., is in charge of this hospital, which treats only those who have been gassed, and is the first hospital of its kind to be established. Lieutenant Day has visited every country that was in the war, except Bulgaria and Turkey, and has worked in each one. During a recent visit to Worcester, England, he was received by the Lord Mayor and honored because of his work, and the Queen of Roumania conferred honor upon him, commending him for his work among the wounded and destitute of her country.

MONEY NOT THE OBJECT.

Our obligation to our own soldiers and sailors and the privilege of ministering to the sick and wounded, of feeding the hungry, housing the homeless and rebuilding the waste places of our associates in the war, call the entire American people to the support of the Red Cross spirit now as never before. The money to be raised in membership dues is secondary. It is the spiritual [illegible] that is important, for it will [illegible] suffering people of the [illegible] American people will [illegible] their experience to the

ADVICE TO "FLU" CONVALESCENTS

SPAIN AND ENGLAND REPORT INCREASE IN TUBERCULOSIS AFTER INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

U. S. Public Health Service Warns Public Against Tuberculosis. One Million Cases Tuberculosis in United States—Each a Source of Danger.

Influenza Convalescents Should Have Lungs Examined—Colds Which Hang On Often Beginning of Tuberculosis. No Cause for Alarm if Tuberculosis Is Recognized Early—Patent Medicines Not to Be Trusted.

★ Beware tuberculosis after influenza. No need to worry if you take precautions in time.

★ Don't diagnose your own condition. Have your doctor examine your lungs several times at monthly intervals. Build up your strength with right living, good food and plenty of fresh air.

★ Don't waste money on patent medicines advertised to cure tuberculosis.

★ Become a fresh-air crank and enjoy life.

Washington, D. C. (Special.)—According to a report made to the United States Public Health Service, the epidemic of influenza in Spain has already caused an increase in the prevalence and deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis. A similar association between influenza and tuberculosis was recently made by Sir Arthur Newsholme, the chief medical officer of the English public health service, in his analysis of the tuberculosis death rate in England.

In order that the people of the United States may profit by the experience of other countries Surgeon General Rupert Blue of the United States Public Health Service has just issued a warning emphasizing the need of special precautions at the present time. "Experience seems to indicate," says the Surgeon General, "that persons whose resistance has been weakened by an attack of influenza are peculiarly susceptible to tuberculosis. With millions of its people recently affected with influenza this country now offers conditions favoring the spread of tuberculosis."

One Million Consumptives in the United States.

"Then you consider this a serious menace?" was asked. "In my opinion it is, though I hasten to add it is distinctly one against which the people can guard. So far as one can estimate there are at present about one million cases of tuberculosis in the United States. There is unfortunately no complete census available to show exactly the number of tuberculous persons in each state despite the fact that most of the states have made the disease reportable. In New York city, where reporting has been in force for many years, over 35,000 cases of tuberculosis are registered with the Department of Health. Those familiar with the situation believe that the addition of unrecognized and unreported cases would make the number nearer 50,000. The very careful health survey conducted during the past two years in Framingham, Mass., revealed 200 cases of tuberculosis in a population of approximately 15,000. If these proportions hold true for the United States as a whole they would indicate that about one in every hundred persons is tuberculous. Each of these constitutes a source of danger to be guarded against."

What to Do.

In his statement to the public Surgeon General Blue points out how those who have had influenza should protect themselves against tuberculosis. "All who have recovered from influenza," says the Surgeon General, "should have their lungs carefully examined by a competent physician. In fact, it is desirable to have several examinations made a month apart. Such examinations cannot be made through the clothing nor can they be carried out in two or three minutes. If the lungs are found to be free from tuberculosis every effort should be made to keep them so. This can be done by right living, good food and plenty of fresh air."

Danger Signs.

The Surgeon General warned especially against certain danger signs, such as "decline" and "colds which hang on."

These, he explained, were often the beginning of tuberculosis. "If you do not get well promptly, if your cold seems to hang on or your health and strength decline, remember that these are often the early signs of tuberculosis. Place yourself at once under the care of a competent physician. Tuberculosis is curable in the early stages.

Patent Medicines Dangerous in Tuberculosis.

"Above all do not trust in the misleading statements of unscrupulous patent medicine fakers. There is no specific medicine for the cure of tuberculosis. The money spent on such medicines is thrown away; it should be spent instead for good food and decent living."

DO YOU KNOW?

Red Cross Christmas Roll Call

December 16th to 23rd

Do you know the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call? Do you know when it's going to be? Do you know it's the call of our brothers, who are far away, over the sea? Do you know that if you answer "present" you'll be helping some boy over there, and you'll show that you're backing our soldiers and willing to do your full share? Do you know that to millions of children this sign of a haven, indeed, for they know it means food, clothing, shelter and love to supply every need? Do you know what the millions of members all over our well-beloved land have been able to do through the Red Cross in offering a kind, helping hand? Will you answer "I'm here" to the roll call? Will you be a member this year? If you will you'll receive the "love button"—a token of Christmas good cheer.

MAKE ROLL CALL UNANIMOUS.

The official designation, and the only proper characterization of the demonstration that will occupy the attention of the American people, under the auspices of the American Red Cross, immediately preceding the coming holiday season, is "The Red Cross Christmas Roll Call."

The object of the Christmas Roll Call is to register in terms of active participation the spirit of a nation. The spirit in question is personified in Red Cross membership. It is not to be a "campaign" to raise a war fund nor a "drive" to strengthen the material resources of the Red Cross organization. Its main objective is the extension of Red Cross membership to the uttermost limit.

See to it that no false conception of the purpose of the Roll Call finds lodgment anywhere, and, while emphasizing the grandeur of the movement under its only logical name, keep everlastingly in mind the idea to—"Make it unanimous."

NEW FACES FOR OLD.

The American Red Cross has undertaken varied tasks. These range from darning the socks of the soldiers to making new faces for those disfigured by war. Mrs. Ladd, the wife of Dr. Ladd, now doing service in Red Cross hospitals abroad, is working in her Paris studio making masks to cover disfigured faces. A photograph of the soldier showing how he looked before being wounded is obtained and then a mask of copper or silver is made to resemble it and replace the part that is gone. This is made as lifelike as possible and held on, as a rule, with bows behind the ears like spectacles. The soldier cannot eat or sleep in these masks, but he can see and breathe through them. Sometimes a nose is put on so lifelike that it cannot be detected, and sometimes it is a chin or in rare instances almost the entire face. This great humanitarian work enables the victim to mingle with people without being made conspicuous or conscious that he is being avoided.

WHAT HOME SERVICE MEANS.

So many questions are constantly coming to the Home Service Section of the Red Cross that a few words as to its objects may not come amiss. The Home Service Section aims to serve the folks at home, to bring them nearer to the man in the field, and to bring him nearer to the ones at home. Sometimes it means helping to straighten out a financial tangle, sometimes help in the training of the children, sometimes being a big brother to a young lad who needs a bit of friendly counsel, or advising a young wife who may be worried about the coming due of the mortgage and what her rights under the law may be.

Then, too, there are sometimes delays in the mails or lost letters, and sometimes delays in the allotment, or errors in the amount which should be forthcoming. These problems and many others are being straightened out by the Home Service Section, without charge to the families, and with an efficiency which is daily growing more valuable. More than 300,000 calls have been answered.

For those who are worried because of the non-arrival of letters a cable is sent inquiring about the man's welfare.

In fact the Home Service Section is living up to its name—it is really the service of those at home—it is trying to be the father, brother or husband to those left behind.

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