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LIBRARIES AND THE WAR.

By MISS PEARL DURST.

One question we are all asking ourselves in these days of intense living, "How can I help, what I do to serve my country?" The question comes to organizations as well as to individuals. It is a question that must be answered promptly and yet thoughtfully. There must be no mistake made. Time does not permit the undoing or re-doing of any task.

The public libraries have not been behind in their efforts to help the men who are at the battle front. Wherever the armies have gone, collections of books have been sent. All training camps have their libraries and librarians in charge.

In England the call for books was the first appeal of the war. The night after war had been declared, Mrs. Gaskell lay awake wondering how she could help. Recalling how much books had meant to her during an illness, she realized that the sick and wounded men must have books provided for them. Immediately she interested her friends in the matter, and after receiving the approval of the War Minister, Lord Haldane, the call for books went out. The response was so great that the workers could not take care of the vanloads of books that arrived and Dr. Wright of the London library was asked to take charge of the work. Under his direction the war library was organized and selected libraries were sent to all the Military and Naval hospitals. By this time the Admiralty had asked for books for the navy. The call was extended to America and Canada and many publishers sent large shipments of books. Later, books were sent from South Africa, Australia, and many of Great Britain's island possessions. One English publisher gave 600 copies of six of the best English novels, beautifully bound in dark blue and red washable buckram. The English and Foreign Bible Society gave 80,000 copies of khaki covered Gospels with the Red Cross decorating the cover.

In the fall of 1914, the Admiralty asked for books for the sailors of the North Sea fleet. These were supplied and all the guards around the coasts of the British Isles also received libraries.

As the hospitals in France and along the eastern battle line grew in number, the demand for books increased. The Postmaster General, Mr. Samuel, who had visited the camps

and trenches, decided that the post-office should help in the distribution of books. This helped to relieve the war library association and it was able to respond to the demands.

During the past year the library has supplied East Africa, Bombay, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Salonika and Malta with thousands of books and magazines every month. Every two weeks books are sent to the hospitals in France and to the Cross Channel Hospital Service. Now the War Library supplies 1810 hospitals in Great Britain, 262 in France, 58 naval hospitals and 79 hospital ships. The transport hospital ships are replenished every voyage.

For the men who are too weak to hold books, picture books have been provided. This was done at the suggestion of Mr. Kipling. The books are specially made and contain entertaining pictures interspersed with jokes, anecdotes and very short stories. These books can be placed directly before the invalid so that he need not turn his head to read the entire page. The nurse can arrange the book and then leave the patient to amuse himself until she returns to turn the page for him.

For convalescent men, the War Library has a Games Department with dominoes, chess, puzzles and the like.

The American Library association began to plan libraries for the American soldiers almost as soon as war was declared. A campaign was launched to raise one million dollars for this purpose. As in every other campaign for war funds, the American people over-subscribed. One million and a quarter dollars were given and the libraries were ready very soon after the campaign ended. Thousands of books and magazines were given and sent to central points for distribution. Many of the cantonments have library buildings. In some the libraries are placed in the Y. M. C. A. buildings. Librarians everywhere have given volunteer service.

The Library association of Portland has prepared and distributed over 25,000 volumes, all of which were donated for soldiers' libraries. These have gone to all the camps and posts in Oregon, to the barracks in Vancouver, to Camp Lewis and to various other places where Oregon soldiers are stationed.

The lists of books that make up these libraries is a varied one. Good detective stories are hailed with joy. Books of adventure, travel and poetry are eagerly read. There is a demand for handbooks on trade handicraft subjects. In the American

cantonments, many of the soldiers are studying special subjects and text books are in great demand. Dr. Coleman of Reed College who is at Camp Lewis writes enthusiastically of his classes of hard working students. Many special collections of books have been sent to him from the Portland Library.

The workers receive much encouragement from the letters they receive from the war area. A letter from France brought this message: "Your parcel of books came just as we had been relieved after a gas attack, and there is nothing like a book to take one's mind off what he has seen and gone through." "We have no books," came from a group in Egypt, "but we found a scrap of newspaper and read that you send books to the sick and wounded. Please send us some." "We are to have a recreation hut" wrote an officer from the Land of Somewhere, "and we are making bookcases from bacon boxes to hold your gifts." Men in Salonika wrote for Greek histories when in digging trenches they excavated treasures of antiquity. From Syria and Palestine came requests for books on the Crusades and the Holy Land. "My men are hungry for information" wrote the army chaplain. "Life in the desert, or rather, in the wilderness, is conducive to mental receptivity and thought of higher things."

A most pathetic note was in pencil and was fastened with red sealing wax to an inside page of a child's book and read: "I am a little boy of 10 years, and I hope who ever gets this book will like it. My father is missing. Since the 25th and 26th of September, 1915. The Battle of Loos. I wonder if it will fall into the hands of anyone who was in that battle and could give us any information concerning him." The name of the boy's father, the number of his battalion and regiment was given. Investigation was made but with no results.

And so the libraries everywhere are helping. They provide for the men in uniform means of recreation, information and inspiration just as they do for the citizen who cannot go to the front. And to those of us who must find our means of service at home, libraries everywhere are sending this message: Let us not ask for new fiction. There are plenty of good old stories. People are giving up their sons and are doing without meat, wheat, and sugar. Can't we do without light reading? Let us put our money into serviceable books and let the library help win the war.

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Portland, Oregon, December 7, 1917.

Gresham Outlook, Gresham, Ore.
Eastern Multnomah County certainly made a wonderful showing in connection with the Army Y. M. C. A. campaign. Your district was asked to contribute \$1000 to this fund, but as a matter of fact it has subscribed more than twice that amount. I feel that a great deal of credit is due to Judge Stapleton and yourself for this splendid result. I wish to mention especially the generous publicity you gave the movement in your valued paper.

The campaign as a whole throughout the state was a great success. We were asked to secure \$100,000 from outside the city of Portland. The subscriptions already total over \$180,000 and this is still being added to by late returns from some of the more distant corners of the state. The contributions from the entire state will run over the \$300,000 mark, whereas our quota was \$175,000. We may well be proud of the record made by this state in volunteering, in contributions to the Red Cross, the sale of Liberty Bonds and gifts to the Army Y. M. C. A.

O. W. DAVIDSON, State Manager.

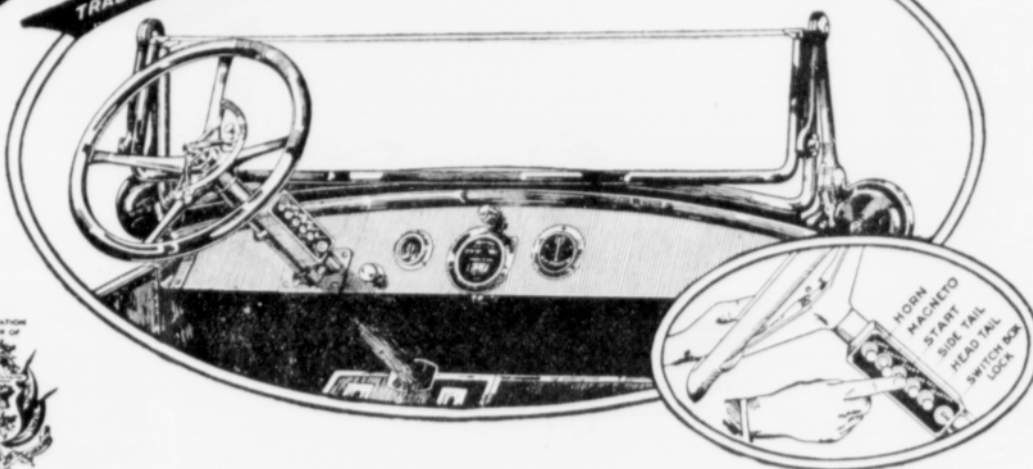
Taking a day off just costs the nation \$100,000,000, and another \$100,000,000 may be charged off from the earnings of the day before as expenses. But nothing is said about the cost of carbonate of soda, physic and other such things the day after.

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How to Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided. —Adv.

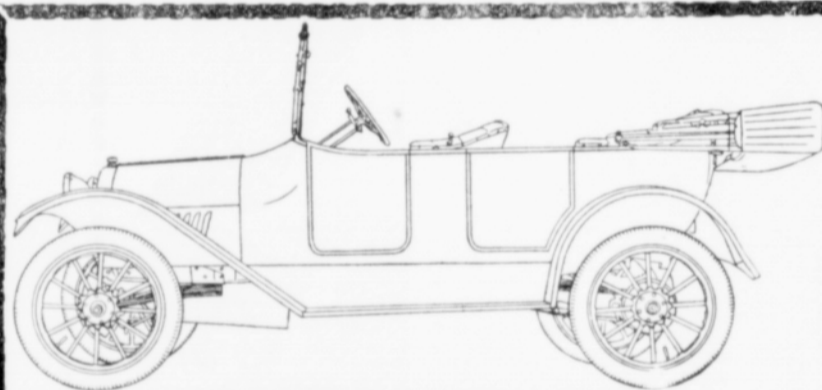
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the County Court for Clackamas County, State of Oregon. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Frank Eder, Sr., deceased, by the County Court for Clackamas County, State of Oregon, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same duly verified as by law required to the undersigned at Gresham, Oregon, or to the office of C. G. Schneider, Gresham, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. P. B. EDER, Administrator. C. G. SCHNEIDER, Attorney. Dated and first published Nov. 9, '17. Last publication Dec. 14, 1917.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County. In the matter of the Estate of Philip P. Leche, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as Administratrix of the estate of Philip P. Leche, deceased, has filed her final account in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County, and that Saturday, the 8th day of December, 1917, at the hour of 9-15 o'clock in the forenoon of said day and the court room of said Court has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof. Dated and first published November 6th, 1917.

MARY A. LECHÉ, Administratrix. JOHN VAN ZANTE, Attorney.



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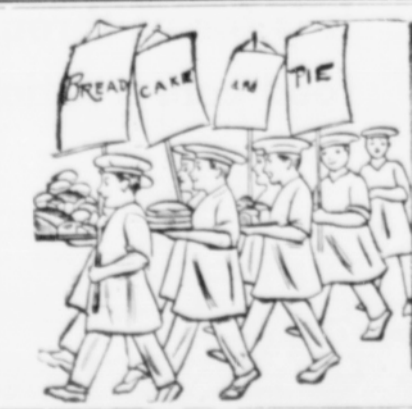
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