

## TO THE LAST MINUTE

"There is a terrible slump in the morale of the army since the signing of the armistice," is the report which has gone broadcast and which has even crept into the print of the daily press. It savors of the rumors which have swept this country time and again since America entered the war and which bits of propoganda were originated by lumbering personages with hyphenated names.

The morale of the soldiers of Camp Greene is not slumping. Work about the tents and buildings is going on with the same spirit that animated the men before the glorious news of Prussian collapse came. The men have listened to the following communication from Secretary of War Baker with a quickened heart, because the message, which has been read at reville before every company in the camp, gives credit for labor well performed and thanks for service gladly rendered. The soldiers have given every assurance by their continued high spirit, that they will bear out the request for sustained effort, which comes at the close of the here quoted message:

"The men in service in the United States will be demobilized as rapidly as is consistent with the needs of the government and the war department is working with the other agencies of the government toward a rapid re-establishment of normal business conditions and the restoration of the soldiers to their homes and occupations.

"In the meantime, I desire to express to the officers and soldiers, under arms in the United States, the appreciation of the department for their patriotic zeal and service.

"That they were not called to go abroad and not permitted to participate in the historic struggle in France leaves them none the less a part of the great army of our nation and entitled to the thanks of the nation for their readiness to serve. All officers and men can rely upon the sympathy and activity of the department in their early return home.

"Both officers and men will realize that it is their duty to continue with the training and work, and to maintain in the highest degree the discipline and soldierly bearing which is part of the great glory of the army, of which they are a part.

"NEWTON D. BAKER,  
"Secretary of War."

We soldiers of Camp Greene were sincere when we raised our right hands and promised our whole support until released from army service. We deny that we would have shirked if the call to die upon the battlefield had been delivered to us. We contradict the report that there is a slump in the morale of any part of our camp and doubt if the stories regarding the lawless abandon holding forth in other camps is well founded.

We enlisted to serve until the last minute. The government can count on us until we are delivered our discharge papers.

## THE SAME OLD THINGS.

The world grows better year by year  
Because some nurse in her little sphere,  
Puts on an apron and grins and sings,  
And keeps on doing the same old things.

Taking temperatures, giving the pills,  
To remedy mankind's numerous ills,  
Feeding the baby, answering bells,  
Being polite with a heart that rebels.

Longing for home and all the whole,  
Wearing the same old professional smile;  
Blessing the newborn babe's first breath,  
Closing the eyes that are still in death.

Taking the blame for the doctor's mistake,  
Oh, dear, what a lot of patience it takes,  
Going off duty at seven o'clock,  
Tired, discouraged, just ready to drop.

But called back on special at seven fifteen,  
With woe in her heart, but it must not be seen,  
Morning and evening, noon and night,  
Doing it over, hoping it's right.

When we lay down our caps and cross the bar,  
Oh, Lord, will you give us just one little star  
To wear in our crown with our uniform new,  
In the city above where the head nurse is YOU?

## APPRECIATION

Southern Public Utilities Company, its officers and employees, deeply appreciate the sympathetic co-operation given by the patrons of the Company during the trying times thru which we have just passed. For more than a month, Spanish influenza and its dreaded accompanist, pneumonia, has played havoc with the entire organization, and it has been with great difficulty that we have maintained service.

In many instances, a large percentage of the employees of one or another of the various departments have been incapacitated for service thru illness; but by substitution between departments, and other ways devious and sundry, we have endeavored to keep the service high standard as possible.

In some cases, this standard has not been satisfactory to us; and we know full well that our patrons have likewise not been thoroly pleased; yet it is with a sense of deep gratitude that we realize that our patrons have borne with conditions, knowing that these are matters which are beyond our control.

It is not only us—practically all lines of business have suffered in like manner from the scourge. In some cases, the epidemic has resulted in closing places of business, and at times it appeared that this might be the ultimate outcome with us. But employees and officers have remained on duty many times when they should have given up the struggle and gone home. To these, the management is also grateful, feeling that it is but another evidence of the high sense of loyalty which pervades the entire organization.

Apparently the clouds are thinning, and the sun is beginning to shine thru once more. The epidemic is under control, and our various departments are more nearly adequately manned than for weeks past. For this we are thankful, also, and we confidently look for an early return to normal conditions when we will be able to render such service to every patron as will justify the high opinion which is universal among our customers.—*Editorial November Southern Public Utilities Magazine.*