

LATEST ARRIVALS FROM FIELD OF GLORY



Group of Oversea Men at Base Hospital.

**ILLITERACY SHOWN**

**DRAFT SHOWS NEED OF SCHOOL PROGRAM.**

Declaring that the United States spends twice as much in a year for chewing gum as it does for school books, more for automobiles than for all primary and secondary education, and pays the average school-teacher less than it pays the average day laborer, Secretary Lane of the Interior Department terms the illiteracy of the United States as a shame.

"What should be said of a world-leading democracy where 10 per cent of the adult population can not read the laws which they are presumed to know?" asks the Cabinet official. The

accuracy of the percentage of illiterates is based on the fact that of the first 2,000,000 conscripted there were 200,000 who could neither read nor write.

**PUBLIC INTEREST AROUSED.**

Public interest in the question of prolonging the school life of the American child has been stirred up in all parts of the country through the intensive drive towards that end now being conducted by the Children's Bureau, Department of Labor.

More than half the States have declared their intention to fight vigorously the too early withdrawal of boys and girls from the public schools of the land. In many communities unusually large school building schedules have been arranged, and other meas-

ures have been taken to help the "back-to-the-school" movement and to provide for the comfort and health of the children while their education is being completed.

**New Lyrics.**

My grocer said:

"Why, sakes alive,  
Why kick on eggs at seventy-five?  
That's not so much.  
Cheer up, you loon,  
They're going to be a dollar soon.  
The price will be much higher, for  
They've gone and stopped that awful  
war.

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