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LET ALL OF US HELP

The boys who bared their breasts to German machine guns in order that America might remain a fit place in which to live are daily returning to home and fireside. When the call to service was sounded these boys laid down business responsibilities, separated themselves from loved ones and placed their lives in jeopardy on strange soil with the one object of safeguarding American liberty in view. Many of those who bade an affectionate goodbye to kindred and friends, to do battle for their country, have made the supreme sacrifice and now lie in unmarked graves on foreign fields. Others have contributed an eye, an arm, or a leg to the cause and business is deprived of the fine service of which they were capable before the exactions of war called them to the colors. Through a system of vocational education, the Government is endeavoring to prepare the disabled soldier for positions that may be open to them in the industries, professions and other pursuits.

Still another class includes those who have run the gauntlet of German intrigue and the deadly machine guns and are back home ready to assist in rebuilding the world. These heroes will need help into getting back into their former places in business activities and Governor Bickett is interesting himself to the extent of urging united effort in the endeavor to place our returning soldiers and sailors where they may find favor in useful and profitable employment. In a ringing letter to this paper recently the Governor makes the following appropriate suggestions touching the vitally important subject:

"Our soldiers and sailors are now returning home in great numbers. We are receiving them with open arms and it is eminently fitting for their return to be celebrated with great outbursts of patriotic enthusiasm. But these men cannot live on cheers and music and flowers and kisses. The fairest and finest thing we can do for them is to see to it that every man of them at once gets a good job."

"I want every town and county in North Carolina to highly resolve that no soldier or sailor shall be denied a chance to make a decent living. Please lay this matter on the hearts of your people. Make it a matter of community pride and patriotism. Let each community be very sensitive on this point. Let no community be willing for another community to provide jobs for its heroes."

"These men are neither afraid of ashamed to work. They seek no charity—they scorn it. They want a job, and they must not be denied."

The Governor is right. Flowers are strewn over the graves of the dead. These living heroes must have bread and a way must be provided through which they may earn it. They are not asking alms. It is the means for earning a livelihood that the young men desire. The very least any of us may do will be to assist them in securing employment in harmony with their needs and capabilities. You can help by reporting vacancies, or prospective situations to the Asheville branch of the United States Employment Service. And the time to begin to show your faith in the boys is right now. Hundreds of them are returning every day and we want to convince them, in a practical way, of our appreciation of the great sacrifice they have made in the world struggle for democracy.

"Let there be peace," said Grant after the civil war. "Let there be no more wars," says President Wilson after the bloodiest conflict of the ages. Grant was a republican; Wilson is a democrat, but they are alike in their Americanism. So let the small caliber critics of our peace-loving President rave. Their barking will not shake the confidence of the people of this country in Woodrow Wilson. He still sits at the head of the table.

HOME AGAIN

Home again—not as crippled dependents, but as self-supporting, confident men. What does the loss of a single arm or leg mean to one who is preparing to wield the gavel in the court room, or expound the theory of parallel lines meeting at infinity?

The Federal Board for Vocational Education states that of 787 disabled veterans being retrained free of charge by the government a considerable member are in the professions. Two men have taken up theology; 54 are studying engineering; 21 are taking mechanical drawing; 8 men are qualifying as doctors. Others are studying architecture, chemistry, foreign trade, law, music, salesmanship. Academic courses are being taken by 23 illiterates.

Substitution of brain work for manual dexterity could hardly be called a loss either to the individual concerned or to the community. There will still be plenty of two armed men who can be butchers, though there happens to be one man who before he lost his arm in the war was a butcher and who is now a telephone operator. A former painter, losing both arms, is now a building inspector.

To the time of the armistice 10,000 men were returned from over seas. These represent cases which were so badly disabled they could not be used even for non-combat or behind the lines service. Eighty five and five tenths per cent of other wounded men, however, were returned to duty, either at the front or behind the lines, within a maximum period of ten weeks. Five per cent were returned to duty back of the front and only ten per cent could not be used either at the front or behind the lines. Mortality in the American forces was exceptionally low.

February 15 the Federal Board for Vocational Education was in touch with 22,851 disabled soldiers. There are still thousands of badly wounded men who must be retrained by the government in order to fit them for useful, happy lives. The United States is too proud of the brave men who fought its battles to allow them to become dependents. Help give them a chance. The government needs the loan of your money. Subscribe to the Victory Liberty Loan.

Opponents of the constitution of the league of nations adopted by the peace conference fall into two classes—those who say the plan is too weak and should be stronger and those who say it is too strong and should be weaker. And both classes are accused of playing politics—the cheapest kind of politics at that.

Congressman Longworth and Congressman Mann may continue to call each other "reactionary" with every assurance that the people will believe them both. By their fruits ye shall know them."

IONE O'DONNELL SHOW RECEIVES HIGH PRAISE

The Montgomery Advertiser says Show is Really Worth Going to See.

The Ione O'Donnell company will be presented by George Donahue, of which the press and public in general proclaim as the best popular priced musical comedy company touring the south this season.

House managers and patrons alike have been greatly deceived in the musciment offerings of the popular priced brand this season but the following criticism from the Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser of December 3, should stimulate the mind of the jaded theater goer that a nifty run of musical comedy is now on at the Maestic:

"It has come to pass that at last here is a company at the Colonial theater which is really a theatrical troupe. Alleged companies have been opened in either because of war conditions or because stranded persons needed a meal ticket or sought to rice some other way to another town than on box cars.

"Musical comedy booking agencies have so completely put it over so far as the Colonial is concerned, that those who might have been inclined to go regularly to a musical tabloid performance became disgusted. Therefore the announcement that there is something really entertaining at the Colonial might be regarded as bunk, but it is not because there is now running at the Commerce street theater a line of musical comedy that is worth going to see.

"In saying that there is a bright, nifty run of musical tabloid now on is not giving out free advertising but is the outburst of a mind so thoroughly swept by surprise on visiting the theater for the opening performance of the new company yesterday that something just had to be said and here it is in the statement "that a

clean, pleasing thoroughly enjoyable musical production alive with rich comedy and vaudeville features of an entertaining nature is now being presented by the Ione O'Donnell company, which shows matinee and two evening performances each day with changes of program every other day."

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Misses Cordelia Sterling and A. L. Dean who have been guests at the Maestic since December and have been coming here for four successive years for a week. Enroute to their homes at Stratford, Conn., they will spend some time at Montreat. Misses Sterling and Dean have given every morning to the Red Cross rooms and have been untiring in their efforts to get the work done. They will be greatly missed in the town.

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Pvt. Harry Waldron, Co. B, 115th Machine Gun Battalion, landed at Newport News, Va. His company was commanded by a Wilmingtonian so they paraded in Wilmington before being demobilized at Camp Jackson. Mr. Waldron has received his honorable discharge and returned home.

Be sure to see the latest style, new Polar Fountain that is being erected in Hunter's Pharmacy. It has one of the finest refrigerators, most sanitary and up-to-date equipment to be found in town. All the fancy drinks and madaes will be ready for the big Easter rush.

Sergeant William H. Twyford, Headquarters Troops, 30th Division, who served nine months on the Mexican border and 11 months in France and Belgium, arrived Tuesday afternoon to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Twyford. Mr. Twyford was associated with the Hustler in various departments about three years. He was foreman in the Times office during his last year here. Before entering service, Mr. Twyford had a position with the Southern Publishing and Printing Co., in Charleston. This position has been kept open for him and he will return to accept it.

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There were 15 present at the Red Cross meeting last Saturday morning to hear Miss Emily Walker's splendid talk on Home Service work. This is the live wire of the American Red Cross to do peace work. A committee was appointed to get in touch with a competent secretary who will be given a free course at Atlanta before entering upon the duties at home. Sufficient funds are in the treasury to begin the work. This committee is composed of Mesdames W. R. Kirk, L. M. Colt, J. F. Brock, F. E. Curtis and Noah Holloman.

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