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RICK'S MECHANIC IN THE LAST WAR WANTS HIM TO "CLOSE HIS TRAP" AND GET DOWN TO REAL WORK

HARTFORD, Conn.—Eddie Rickenbacker's heroic outburst of slander against American workers doesn't impress Walter Emmons, ordnance worker at Colt's Patent Firearms Mfg. Co., who served with Rickenbacker in 1918 as a mechanic at Issonden, France.

Emmons, who works six days a week helping to turn out machine-guns, says: "Rick would be much more of a hero right now if he'd get down and do a little honest work for his country instead of drawing a fat salary for stabbing American workers in the back while they are busy working, or fighting in the foxholes where they can't talk."

of the publicity to smear war workers, he burned up.

"Who does he think he is?" Emmons wants to know. "He wasn't any more courageous than any of the others who flew with him. And they're out there fighting—or trying to do something to win this war, while Rickenbacker goes around blowing his mouth off against the working people for the benefit of the N.A.M."

In regard to his experience with Rickenbacker in the last war, Emmons doesn't say much. "I used to see him quite often when he flew in to the field," he relates, "but to tell you the truth, he didn't interest me any. He was pleasant enough, but he never struck me as any better than any of the others. He seemed pretty impressed with himself." And he adds significantly: "I guess he still is."

Stewards of Emmons' local have unanimously passed a resolution denouncing Rickenbacker's attack on labor and the war effort.

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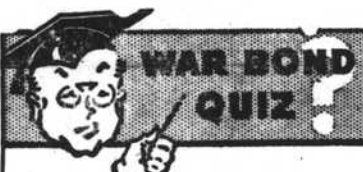
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