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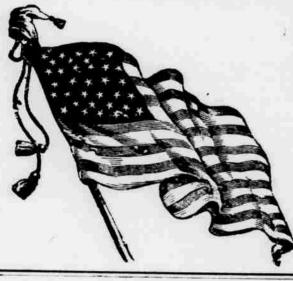
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When the government takes con trol of the teleraphy, telephone, and cables, will there be more or less wire-pulling than at present?

"pattern hats" at the end of the season. They're using "pictured" hats now instead of "picture" hats, a picture serving the purpose and being more economical.

labor rightly applied would in the who would dodge the draft. next generation give the United But why continue the list?

WHO IS THE SLACKER?

--0-The term "slacker" has-and justly-become one of great reproach. The slacker now stands before his fellow men in his true color-yellow. He is the man upon whom his country has conferred benefits, but whose craven soul refuses to accord service when in turn his country needs his services.

We have—and it is right that it should be so-very little sympathy to waste on the military slack er. But at the same time we wish to insist that he is by no means the only slacker.

on our complete loyalty, never realizing in our blindness that in Littleton N. C. many ways we are as great slackers as any.

Our government has outlined many ways in which it expects the cooperation of the people. It ex- you have any troubles of this sort bute his or her help in all these cine will do for you. They only lines. If this help is not forth- cost a quarter.

coming, the delinquents are as tru ly slackers as is the man who CLASS FED seeks to evade the army or the Lib erty Loan. Let us see what some of the services do consist

First, conservation of time, la- BAGS WANTED-We will give you bor and materials. What of the man-or woman, either-who wilfully squanders time and misap- FOR SALE_One Oliver typeplies labor? When the united exeven one sulk and hang back, and Apply to Hardy Hardware Co. tf the effect not be felt on the mass?! Then multiply that one by hun-! long before the objective is lost from inactivity?

Then there is the matter of needless expenditures. War necessities have already practically eliminated many of the luxuries of life, and will yet eliminate many more. But many still exist and are still indulged in, frequently to the great hurt of our cause.] • • • • • • The purchase and use of luxuries July 23, 1918 involves not only a misuse of our means, but it also involves a misuse of time, labor and material in the production of the article of luxury. And again are we forced to the conclusion that the indulger in needless luxury is as surely a slacker as is he who dodges the draft.

Last winter we experienced a serious fuel shortage-why? Simply from lack of trains to move coal from the mines to the consumer. The government is constantly seeking to impress upon us the fact that it needs every engine and every car obtainable, having use for all. Every person who travels on a train takes from the government just that much No more can the ladies buy engine energy and carrying capacity. True, the business of life must go on, but what of the pleasure travel-the joy ride? The railroads do not need his money -and the government does, and also the transporting power that The state or county-even the he snurps for his selfish pleasure. nation-that confines its criminals And again we are forced to the whithin prison walls is itself guilty conclusion that the aimless joy of criminal practice. Convict rider is as truly a slacer as he

States the greatest system of pub There are a thousand ways in lie highways the world has ever which we can and frequently do, known. Put all convicts to work squander and misapply the mateon the roads. That way they can rials and energy of which our beexpiate their offenses and be of loved country is just now so ursome real service to their country. gently in need. What is needed is for every man, woman and child of us to sit down and calmly examine our own conscience, honestly judge of our actions in the light of the grave duties before each and every one of us, and then dare to act as patriotism and a devotion to our country's inter-i ests demands.

> Are we slackers? If so, will we continue to be such?

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