THE GASTONIA GAZETTE

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18, 1918.

YOUR BOY.

By Henry van Dyke.

Your boy has fallen on the field of honr, a brave defender of righteousness, humanity and freedom. May a stranger, who is also a friend, venutre into the sacred quiet of your sorrow to say a word of sympathy and comfort?

He was your baby, your own flesh of your flesh, bone of your bone - a long time you carried him under your heart. But all the while you wanted him to be a man, true and fearless. He was. He heard his country's call. He counted not his own life dear, but offered it gladly to defend the world from the menace of Prussian paganism.

Weep for him, yes, but do not forget to be proud of him, and to rejoice in him. No possible ending of his earthly life could have been more glorious, more rewarding for all that you have done for him, than this. He went forth, an American boy-your boy-to fight for the liberty and the peace of the world. You made him and you sent him. It is your right and duty to be proud of him.

Do not be anxious about his lot in the unreen world. Leave that to the Rightcous God who is the Father of us all. and to Christ who said: "He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." Self-sacrifice is the key to heaven. You will never forget your boy. Do

not think of him as dead, but as livingliving! Be sure that be will look down from fields of eternal peace upon that victory over the German war lords which is surely coming, and which he helped to win. Be sure that you will see him again in a better world-

"Where loyal hearts and true Stand ever in the light, All rapture through and through, In God's most holy sight.'

WORK FOR RETURNING SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

There is not a surplus of jobs even for men returning home from service in the army or navy. Nor is there certainty that soldiers and sailors who immediately find work will find the right work, the kind in which they will be contented and productive. For this reason the various war work organizations will concentrate attention for some time on the economic problems of the demobilization. There is enough useful work to be done, but if the right man and the right job do not find each other, there will be a situation hurtful to the soldiers and to the commanities they have been defending.

The agencies concerned in the read justment are the National Council of Defense, the State and local Councils, the United States Employment Service, the Y. M. C. A. and other ''morale'' or ganizations, the War Department Committee on Education and Special Training, the county farm agents, and special local bureaus which are about to be or-

The success of the plan-failure being out of the question-depends on the individual communities. The county and community Councils of Defense, the community labor boards, the local communities these will do the vital part of the work. Whether the soldiers discharged from service shall find productive and appropriate work in their own communities will depend on the communities.

The plan of readjustment involves the collection of the essential facts and then he practical use of these facts. At each demobilization center every soldier will fill out a blank showing what education and experience he has had, whether he desires work found for him, and where he wishes to settle. These blanks will be turned over to the agent of the United States Employment Service on duty at the camp, and new cards will be made for distribution to the local councils of the counties or communities in which the soldiers expect to settle. This plan puts the next duty up to the communities. Under the guidance of the local Council of Defense, interested persons and organizations will meet for the selection of a central committee to collect information and see that men are provided with the right jobs and jobs with the right men. No community will wish its soldiers and sailors to say with justice, "They glorified us and then let us drift." The immediate problem is to turn our sol diers and sailors into contented and productive civilian workers.

The local central committee will first comb their counties or communities for the positions to be filled. Their next step will be to classify the calls for work, and to find for each man the kind of work he can do to the best advantage of all persons concerned. All other work is preliminary. A proper readjustment will depend on the thoroughness and skill of

the local work. In the readjustment the local Councils of Defense and the local committee will ask the aid of county farm agents, community labor boards, public officials, war work organizations, and all good citizens who are prepared to give the soldiers and sailors something more than three cheers. The cheers will be given: the practical aid will be given also.

The Kaiser's Book.

Charlotte Observer. The Kaiser is writing an autobiography in which he will set forth a history of his reign and its unhappy termination and in which, it is to be supposed. he will undertake a justification of the war. In case he is trued by an international court he will have this autobiography handy as a book of evidence and it will play a part in his defense. He has been considering the probability of having to face this court and has been getting advice on it "from two German experts on international law. " Whether the advice these experts give him may avail remains to be seen, because the Allied Peace Conference may have its own in-

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LETTERS FROM OVERSEAS

From Private Charlie B. Laney. Following are some extracts from a let-

ter which Mrs. J. A. Laney recently received from her son, Private Charlie B. Laney, of Co. F. 323rd Infantry:

France, Nov. 16, 1918. Dear Mother: Will try to answer your letter I received yesterday. Mother I am still in the land of the living and pose you know they ceased firing Monday at 11 o'clock, and believe me, they did not stop any too soon to suit me, for our three long days.

The shell fire up there was something our company killed and several wounded. but I am glad to say that I came out without a scratch. Jim McArver, of Gas toma, was killed just about 30 minutes men have "Gone West." before the firing ceased.

before we start back to the good old U.S. as fat as ever mearly t. Capt. Lineber & Will close, love to all, your son, ger is expulling "them, Misses Boyd and

From Private Meek B. Pearson.

Following are some extracts from a letter received Saturday by Mrs. R. A. Pearson, of Gastonia, route one, from her son, Private Meck B. Pearson, who was wounded on September 29th. This is the first letter received from him since that date, and it is presumed he is in a hospital in England:

Dear Mother: Will write you a few ilnes to let you know I am all right. I was wounded September 29th. I am up and walking around now. Guess you got the letter a Red Cross nurse wrote you telling you I had been hurt. Will not try to write very much as my hand is not ingood use, etc. Your son,

MEEK B. PEARSON. Amer. Red Cross Hos., Nov. 19, 1918.

From Everett Jones.

Following is a letter which Mrs. Ferrie L. Jones recently received from her son, Private Everett J. Jones, of Base Hospital No. 63, Base Section No. 2:

My Dear Mother: I got your letter vesterday with the newspaper clippings in it. We all read anything that pertains to Gastonia and I passed them a r and to the folks.

I was sorry to hear about Bill Nolen. as several of us knew him. There was a patient that came in today that lived on 33d and Grove, Oakland, and another that lived in Alameda. We see lots of fellows that some of the fellows know, but none so far have arrived here from Gastonia or around Dallas. Storms come frequently and it sure looks like winter is upon us. No snow yet but plenty of rain and lakes of mud. That red clay at nome is nothing as compared to our here.

Say, you may remember seeing some army motorcycle side cars. Well, you should see me riding around the country in one. Sometimes I take messages to a certain town and we get the sidecar out and burn up the road. French country and villagers are slow to move but out here, when they hear us coming they hit it for the road sides or into the houses. Yesterday, we went to town in a driving rain. I had a good raincoat and didn't get very wet, but we had two punctures on the way there, and had to patch them in the rain. It happened that one occurred near a carnival and we attracted more attention than the carnival. There were all sorts of people around us, from blue uniformed Poilou, to red fezzed Algerian. It's exciting riding too, as we hit two "Frogs" (Frenchies) the other day but didn't hurt them.

Yesterday was French All Saints Day and Memorial Day. There were parades, troops of the Allies marched, American and French graves were covered with flowers by the French people and hope to be home now before long. I sup- | there were feats and etc. But I didn't see any of their food.

You should see how the women of the better class dress in the city that I spoke our company had been on the front for of. The censor forlals that I say too much about their dress, but you have beard story that France sets the style. awful, but there were only two boys in It don't seem as though these people have heard of the hardships of war, but upon closer observation, one notes that many are dressed in black. For many of their

All the Gastonia "family" are alive I don't think it will be so very long and getting along well. Frank Morris is Potts and Wilber Cunningham are "or

> cut and we believe that by the time this letter reaches you, that "something is going to happen" to that PotsDam(n

With much love, your son, PVT, EVERETT J. JONES.

From Private L. W. Avery.

Following are some extracts from letter which Mr. Clarence Avery recent ly received from his brother, Private L.

Dear Brother: I just received your letter and was glad to hear from you This leaves me well. We have been hav ing some prayer meetings for about sev en nights and I have been going some It makes me think of being at home, for these meetings are so good and I hope they will go on for a while longer.

Last week we had a good time to three days, we went to foot races and borse and made races and all kinds of other races and had plenty of boxing and good band music; there were about six brass bands there each day, so we had : good old time and lots of fun.

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Well, I just went out and got a bate of cake and milk, the cake is not half as good as mother's cake but it tasted good to me just the same.

Well, I am hoping to hear from you again soon. From your brother, L. W. AVERY.

Realizing the Insult.

Manual, a negro with a record previously clean, was arraigned before the bucolic justice of peace for assault and battery.

"Why did you beat that negro up,

- Manual? questioned the squire. He called me sumpin' jedge."
 What did he call you? "He called me a rhinoceros, sah, a
- "A rhimoceres! When did this oc
- "Pont three years ago, jedge." "Three years ago! Then how did it appen that you waited so Jong to re-
- out it, Manual?" "Lawd, jedge, I ain't never seen no dimmeres till dis mawnin'.

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