

RECREATION FOR MEN IN CAMP

Reports Show Much Has Already Been Accomplished.

SOCIETIES HELP IN WORK

Purpose is to Convince Citizens in Communities Adjacent to Camps of the Good That Can Be Done by Supplying the Proper Environment for Boys in Camp.

Community recreation for soldiers and sailors in camp in training for the new American army, and the manner in which this recreation is to be carried on, is explained in a report made to Raymond B. Fosdick, chairman of the war and navy department commissions on training camp activities.

The report was made by Victor R. Manning, one of the field secretaries of the Playground and Recreation Association of America, through whose experienced workers in the field provision is being made for furnishing leisure time recreation of all sorts for the men in uniform at the eighty or more camps throughout the country.

Three dollars for each soldier and sailor—a total of \$3,750,000 is to be raised for this purpose. A national committee on which a number of prominent men and women are serving has been named by Secretary Baker to conduct the campaign for the war camp community recreation fund. To bring camp and community into happy, healthy contact is the purpose of this fund.

Mr. Manning in his report to Mr. Fosdick shows the relation of the war camp community recreation fund to the work which is being done inside the camps by the Young Men's Christian association, the Knights of Columbus, the Young Men's Hebrew association and other agencies, and in the exclusion of vice and vicious resorts from the neighborhood of each camp.

He shows also how the Playground and Recreation Association of America, through work done by its representatives already has demonstrated the great value—indeed, the imperative need—of building up all sorts of proper recreation and amusement for establishing camps and communities on the best basis.

Objects Much the Same.

"The community organization work," says the report, "which is that of interpreting the adjacent community to the boys in camp and of interpreting the life of the soldier to the citizens, is to be done by the Playground and Recreation Association of America through its workers experienced in this field. What this service means is explained in the following statement by one of these community organizers, Ira W. Jayne of Detroit, as follows:

"The object in each community is much the same—to convince the citizens that this boy in uniform is still a human being; that he has been uprooted suddenly from his native soil, stripped of every social prop and safeguard—his family ties, his friends, his church, his neighborhood, his fraternal groups, his business connections and the influence of women of his kind, and so suddenly transplanted without their gates; that they should become interested in him as an individual, as a person, helping him to re-establish those social connections with this community upon which he was accustomed to depend at home; that he should be neither patronized nor exploited; that he was a civilian yesterday, as they still are, and that he will, let us hope, return to his home a civilian."

As to the manner in which the work will be organized, Mr. Manning reports that in each city, near a camp, social and recreational forces will be brought together in one committee—representatives of churches, clubs, lodges, schools, recreation centers, parks, moving picture agencies, women's agencies—in fact, every force for good in the community that can be used in working for the highest welfare of the enlisted men. A census to be taken will show the men's church preference, trade or profession, of what societies they are members, what their special interests in dramatic, athletics, music or other amusements or recreations may be, and what other special interests they have.

As to the need of providing proper surroundings for the men in camp, Secretary of War Baker is quoted as follows: "Our responsibility in this matter is not open to question. We cannot allow these young men, most of whom will have been drafted to service, to be surrounded by a vicious and demoralizing environment, nor can we leave anything undone which will protect them from unhealthy influences and crude forms of temptation. Not only have we an inescapable responsibility in this matter to the families and communities from which these young men are selected, but from the standpoint of our duty and our determination, to create an efficient army we are bound, as a military necessity, to do everything in our power to promote the health and conserve the vitality of the men in the training camps."

Work of Two Broad Types.

Mr. Manning's report explains that the community work is of two broad types, that of large cities and that of small communities. He says that "one of the great problems is how to provide recreation in the city of small communities and points to one Western camp of 40,000 men, located near a town of less than 5,000, the entire capacity of

whose parks, movies and public places is only 3,000. At this place the war camp community recreation fund committee plans to spend over \$50,000 in clubs and auditoriums needed for the entertainment of soldiers in the nearby community.

The report points out what has been done at the Newport (R. I.) Naval Training station. There the local Red Cross committee joined with the community recreation fund in opening a fine clubhouse for the three or four thousand naval reservists and six thousand seamen apprentices in training. An old estate of 137 acres was secured. The old three-story house was converted into a clubhouse with pool and billiard tables, piano, writing and reading material and lunchroom. At the private beach near by there was good bathing, which hundreds of the men enjoyed every afternoon. Baseball diamonds, tennis grounds and volley ball courts were provided, and in the evenings entertainments were given, all of which were attended by thousands of men. Although the attendance at this Newport Navy Recruits club on some days was as much as six thousand, it is recorded as a splendid tribute to the men enlisted in the navy that in four months nothing about the house or grounds was destroyed or carried away. William F. Ashe of Pittsburgh was the community organizer who started this movement at Newport for the Playground and Recreation Association of America.

"Community Sings."

Mr. Manning in his report describes some of the remarkable and successful "community sings" which have been held at Syracuse, N. Y., and elsewhere. As to the success of this sort of soldiers' amusement, Spencer Gordon, community worker at Syracuse, reports: "Between five and six thousand eager men participated with the Community chorus in the most inspiring evening I have ever enjoyed. The commanding officer came forward after the singing and said it was the greatest thing he had ever listened to."

The aim in every community, according to the report, is to make the soldier or sailor acquainted with families or individuals who will be his friends. Activities for entertaining the men include auto rides, Sunday dinners, athletic and field events, dances, entertainments at clubs, theaters and moving picture houses, the permission to use swimming pools in clubs, of billiard and poolrooms and other club facilities—in fact, to provide for the enlisted man every form of good recreation which the civilian enjoys.

"In giving themselves to the boys in uniforms," said Mr. Manning, in concluding his report, "citizens and cities are 'finding their own souls' and, after the war, a new spirit of citizenship will prevail."

LORD READING COMES ON FINANCIAL MISSION



The latest photograph of Viscount Reading and Lady Reading, who are now in the United States. Lord Reading, who is Lord Chief Justice of England, is here on a special mission for Great Britain that is connected with the financing of the war. Regarded as possessing one of the greatest financial minds in the British empire, he has made several trips to the United States during the war to arrange for the financing of the allies. This photograph was taken while the viscount was in Washington and is the first picture of Lady Reading to be made in this country.

HOSPITAL IS COSMOPOLITAN

Founded by American, Has British Personnel, French Administration.

Just outside the town of Nevers there is a hospital that is French in its administration, English in its personnel and American by the generosity that supports it and makes it a model institution. It was started in 1914 by Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss, wife of the counselor of the American embassy, who was instrumental in organizing eleven similar establishments.

Among the nurses' assistants is Princess Louise of Battenberg—who through a decision of King George regarding the modification of names of German origin, became Lady Louise Mountbatten. She is the daughter of Prince Louis of Battenberg, who was first lord of the British admiralty when the war began.

Lady Louise Mountbatten is the first to take hold of the most thankless and prosaic duties. Working with her is her friend, Lady Paget, wife of Admiral Paget, and other English women of rank.

AMERICAN GENERAL IS GIVEN CROSS OF WAR.



To Brig. Gen. George B. Duncan goes the honor of being the first American general to receive a decoration from our allies in this war. Together with Maj. Campbell King, he was awarded the Cross of War by France, for his participation in the recent Verdun offensive, where both he and Major King acted as observation officers in advanced artillery posts. They worked under fire and a piece of shell struck the steel helmet of General Duncan.

The citation in the French award to General Duncan read: "He assisted our forces under circumstances of extreme danger during a very violent bombardment at Verdun."

General Duncan was born in Lexington and is a graduate of the Kentucky Military Institute at Louisville, Ky. He has seen many years service in the army, including some time in the Philippines and on the border.

U. S. IS INDEPENDENT OF GERMAN CHEMICALS

Advance in Three Years Equivalent to Progress of Germany in Fifty Years.

By far the largest and most complete exhibition of its kind ever held in the world is open to the public in New York at the Grand Central palace. It is the third annual exposition of chemical industries. In the exposition at the palace is presented the greatest collection of exhibits of chemical industries ever made. It really represents the lifting of the veil of mystery that has heretofore surrounded the chemist's work, and the disclosure of the secrets of the manufacture of gunpowder, paper and pulp, asphalt, fertilizer, dyestuffs and numerous other products of the chemist's ingenuity.

To a large extent the European war is responsible for the exposition, which represents the efforts that have been made to meet emergencies resulting from the lack of products formerly shipped to this country from foreign laboratories. That the American chemist has succeeded in effectively producing some of the things for which several years ago we looked to the European markets is now generally granted. The displays at the palace emphasize this fact. During the last three years leading chemists and scientists declare, this country has made advances in chemical industries equivalent to the progress made in Germany in fifty years, and America, it can now be said, is absolutely independent of foreign countries in this field.

OLD WOMAN IS KILLED

Lived for Years in a Place Built for Chickens.

J. K. Ewing, humane officer of East St. Louis, and Mrs. Jane Law, truant officer, recently asked County Judge Messick for an order to commit Mrs. Anstee Lattier, eighty-five years old, to an asylum or home. This action was taken after it was learned that until recently Mrs. Thompson lived in a shed in the rear of the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Inez Thompson, at No. 1227 North Forty-ninth street. A part of the shed was used as a chicken house.

Since fire threatened the shed last Monday, Mrs. Lattier has lived in her granddaughter's kitchen. Mrs. Thompson told Ewing her grandmother was feeble and unable to walk and had been satisfied with her quarters in the shed.

GREATEST SHEEP PENS

Gigantic Pens at Denver Have Capacity of 350,000 Head.

Occupying a floor space of more than eight acres, Denver has opened the largest sheep sheds in the world. The only exercises dedicating the immense structure was the "turning in" of nearly 35,000 sheep into the pens on the upper and lower decks.

The building is double decked, and constructed so that other decks can be added if required. At present the shed has a capacity of 350,000 head. It is of solid concrete, reinforced by steel; is 490 feet long and 380 feet wide.

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If Tongue is Coated, Breath Bad, Stomach Sour, Clean Liver and Bowels

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If your little one is out of sorts, half sick, isn't resting, eating and acting naturally—look, Mother! see if tongue is coated. This is a sure sign that its little stomach liver and bowels are clogged with waste. When cross, irritable, feverish, stomach sour, breath bad or has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, sore throat, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated poison, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

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Safest Place in Case of Accident and Far More Comfortable Riding, Old Engineer's Opinion.

Two men going on a short railroad trip entered a car and the one in the lead walked immediately to the first vacant seat, which was on the left side near the door.

"Come on up here," said his companion as he gave a tug at the other's arm. "Here's a good seat." With that the two went to a place near the middle of the car on the right side.

"What's the game?" asked the first traveler of his friend, who was an old time railroad engineer, as the two plumped down into the seat chosen by the latter. "I can't see any difference in the seats. One looks as good to me as the other in a railroad train, except that sometimes when travelling at night I want to take a position in which the lights strikes my paper when I desire to read."

"When I get into a car," replied the ex-engineer driver, "I always try to get on the right side near the middle, as it is the safest in case of an accident. In the first place, the right side is in less danger from a side swipe, especially on a two-track line. In the second place, if a collision should occur the middle of the car generally is the least damaged, it seldom being much affected if the cars telescope. In the third place there is more comfort, because a passenger can escape riding over the trucks, as the points above the wheels get most of the bumping and noise."

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