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OUR BOYS MAKE A RECORD IN FRANCE

Columbia, Dec. 15.—Speaking before the meeting of the South Carolina council of defense, Senator Christie Benet told of the exploits of the 30th division in the fighting on the Western front. Mr. Benet said he had been told by officers who knew the facts that the 30th has been recognized as one of the typical American fighting units of Pershing's army, and had borne the brunt of the fighting around Belleau wood. The orders were issued for the first advance to be made by Australian troops, who were to be followed to the second objective by men of the 30th. When the Carolina boys went forward they continued to advance, reaching the third objective which had been assigned to the Australians. Their advance was so rapid that the Australians could not follow and the Carolina boys were caught in a trap, which the Germans had laid, a number of the enemy being concealed in a tunnel. When this was discovered the Carolina boys were attacked on the front and rear, but fought their way out with severe losses, though receiving the plaudits of the seasoned Australians. One company duplicated the experience of the famous "Lost Battalion" and Senator Benet added that modesty or some other influence had withheld from these boys the publicity which their heroic fighting deserved. Mr. Benet had the state council adopt measures looking to the securing of the official facts for record to be given to the newspapers and the state historian.

The Trees and the Hero Memorials.

While the communities of the country, large and small, are getting their bearings as to the character of the permanent memorials to the heroes of the world war there will be complete unanimity as to the wisdom of formal tree-planting in parks, on highways, boulevards and parkways, and about schools, public buildings on college campuses in honor of those who gave their all for their country, says the Alpha Public Ledger. It has been clear, too, for some time that the country is decidedly in need of the country average of memorial trees that sprang up after the Civil War. The Alpha said about the most of them were better. So, as he better thought it and there is a demand everywhere for pause and judgment in selecting the kind of memorial that meet the needs of the hour, the Alpha desire to do something at once can well take the form of tree-planting. For over a generation most of us have been familiar with the Arbor-Day idea, and it will be very easy to direct this vital idea into new channels called for by the proposed soldier memorial, tree groups and memorial avenues.

Curiously enough, Joyce Kilmer, one of the militant poets who gave up their lives for their country, evidently had a premonitory sense that the tree was a figure more largely and emotionally in American life. And it would be fitting, therefore, if, wherever the tree memorials to our soldiers and sailors he set up there should appear in imperishable bronze his lovely tribute that makes the trees, as it were, brothers to the heroes their greenery will commemorate. It runs as follows: I think that I shall never see A poem lovely as a tree. A tree whose hungry mouth is prest Against the earth's sweet flowing breast; A tree that looks at God all day And lifts her leafy arms to pray; A tree that may in summer wear A nest of robins in her hair; Upon whose bosom snow has lain; Who intimately lives with rain. Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree.

THE FARMER IS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE NATION.

Among the undeniable benefits that the war has conferred upon the nation is the awakening of peoples and governments to the importance of the food problem. What the economically dependent nations know now they knew before; but either because they could not take the requisite measures for their own protection or because they trusted to luck, not one of them had safeguarded itself against the consequences of their failure, says the Youths' Companion.

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In the years of plenty Joseph in Egypt had the good sense to lay in a stock of wheat against the coming dearth. Even Germany, boastful of its foresight and efficiency, had no Joseph; or if it had one, it was a Joseph that confined his statesmanship to accumulating guns and ammunition and boots and shoes rather than grain. Nor had Great Britain a statesman bold enough to act upon the frequent urgings of farsighted students of the food question that great stores of foodstuffs be established while supplies could be obtained. Nothing except the British command of the seas has saved the people of the British Isles from a choice between starvation and surrender.

It is unlikely that the lesson of the last four years has been lost upon the ruling powers of Europe. In every country that has to import grain and meat we shall see measures to establish and to fill granaries and storehouses as a protection against bad harvests and foreign enemies. Germany would have saved its people from hardship and misery if it had adopted that course. Great Britain need not have feared any serious disaster from the U-boat, if it had not been dependent upon a hand-to-mouth supply of food from abroad.

In order to carry out plans to accumulate food in the countries that produce too little there must be an increase of production everywhere. In normal times the supply of grains and meats the world over is only a little more than the amount consumed. A widespread policy of accumulation without an increase of supply would derange all the markets of the world and might bring about such an unequal distribution of supplies as would threaten famine in large districts. Consequently every country will try to increase the crop areas and to cultivate them more intensively.

Not only that. There must be better as well as larger crops—better in quality, because they give a nutritive, and also better because they give a large yield to the acre. The work of creating and introducing the varieties that will meet those requirements is already going on. We hear something of the share that our own Department of Agriculture has in it, but little of what is being done abroad. The government of India, where the food question is always acute, has made great progress in improving both the quality and the yield of wheat. It has produced one variety that in some places has given the astonishing amount of fifty five bushels to the acre and that has brought a higher price a bushel to the farmers than ordinary grain. Its success with rice has been scarcely less.

No one can tell just what the result will be when every country is trying to safeguard itself in the matter of food, either by increasing its own production or by drawing from other lands larger amounts than are needed for immediate consumption. But one thing is certain; the farmer will still be the very corner stone of the nation.

THE NEXT GREAT WAR

Pneumonic plague, imported from China as a consequence of the world war!

That's the substance of the "Spanish influenza" explanation offered in a New York medical journal by Dr. James J. King of the United States Army Medical Corps.

Three hundred and fifty thousand lives have thus far been lost in the United States since the epidemic reached "An Atlantic Port" in the summer of 1918.

Other explanations than that offered by Dr. King fail to take into account all the facts. The disease is independent of climate conditions. It has raged in damp Boston, in moist Cleveland and Detroit, in windy Chicago, in dry Arizona, in balmy Los Angeles, in frozen Alaska and in warm Porto Rico with equal fury.

It took the open-air sleeper and the man who seals his windows and covers his head o' nights.

It hits the riders in crowded street-cars and the lonely rider in the luxurious limousine.

Preachers and bartenders fell victims alike.

"There is no known preventive," says Dr. Rupert Blue of the United States public health service.

Dr. King tells us that pneumonic plague first appeared in 1910 in Har-

bin, Manchuria. It swept North China. It is yet prevalent. "The mortality," he says, "has been fearfully high."

"In 1917" adds Dr. King, "about 200,000 Chinese coolies, collected from the northern part of China, where pneumonic plague has raged at intervals since 1910, and were sent to France as laborers."

In March, 1918, some of these Chinese were captured by the Germans. "Spanish influenza" soon appeared in the German army and spread to Spain.

It had gone around the world in less than a year!

Dr. King believes pneumonia and bubonic plague germs mingled in the blood of some obscure Chinese coolie in Harbin and produced a new disease terror.

All great wars of history have been followed by disease epidemics.

The next was must be against this plague!

RED CROSS ROLL CALL IS SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Of all the observances of Christmas the American people have known the one this year will be most in keeping with the true spirit of the day. Self-centered exchanging of gifts will be little in evidence because our resources are pledged to much more important use.

The Red Cross Christmas Roll Call is conceived in the new light. When the American man, woman or child pays the nominal membership dues the action far transcends an ordinary contribution. Wherever people are starving, wherever they are sick, wherever they lack shelter, the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call will stand for renewed hope and the promise of efficacious relief. How necessary, then, that the answer of the American people should be overwhelming. The amount of money raised is secondary. The world will measure our humanitarian purpose by the number of names enrolled. If the world goes out that FORTY MILLION Americans have joined the Red Cross or a greater number all mankind will be revived by the practical proof of our idealism.

Those who have been on the firing line know that the work of the Red Cross will not end with the proclaiming of peace. In many respects the demands upon the Red Cross will increase as new fields of relief are opened. The readjustment period will present many opportunities for sharing our abundance with our world neighbors, who are at rock bottom in every human respect.

Every American will be thinking along this line because the needs in Europe and Asia will stand forth with insistent call to his and her sympathy. In the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call the aim is to place the entire American people on record as approving the Red Cross spirit. Such approval will make every dollar expended abroad have a sacred significance to the beneficiaries.

To register YOUR approval of the Red Cross all you need is a heart and a dollar!

Separate Fat From Water.

The recovery of valuable fat remaining in water used in washing wool is now being accomplished by means of a new machine resembling a cream separator, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. In the past various attempts to do this have not proven satisfactory. The wash water runs directly into a bowl making 6,000 revolutions per minute, and the fat is separated almost instantly.

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CHRISTMAS ROLL CALL
DECEMBER 16-23

The Red Cross flag was the first to float over the battlefields of Europe; it will be the last flag to be furled. As long as our own people or those of our allies need help we must give it. We are getting ready for the Roll Call—getting ready to take a patriotic census of the American people. Every good citizen will answer "Here" when his name is called.



Half a Century Ago

Half a Century Ago, every community could be supplied to some extent with locally dressed meat, drawing on live stock raised nearby.

Now two-thirds of the consuming centers, with millions of people, are one to two thousand miles away from the principal live-stock producing sections, which are sparsely settled.

The American meat packing industry of today is the development of the best way to perform a national service.

The function of providing meat had to develop accordingly. Those men who first grasped the elements of the changing problem created the best facilities to meet it—large packing plants and branch houses at strategic points, refrigerating equipment (including cars), car routes, trained organization, profitable outlets for former waste—which became the natural, inevitable channels for the vast flow of meat across the country.

If there were a better way to perform this necessary service, American ingenuity and enterprise would have discovered it, and others would now be using it.

During 1918, Swift & Company has earned a profit on meats (and meat by-products) of less than 2½ cents per dollar of sales—too small a profit to have any appreciable effect on prices.



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