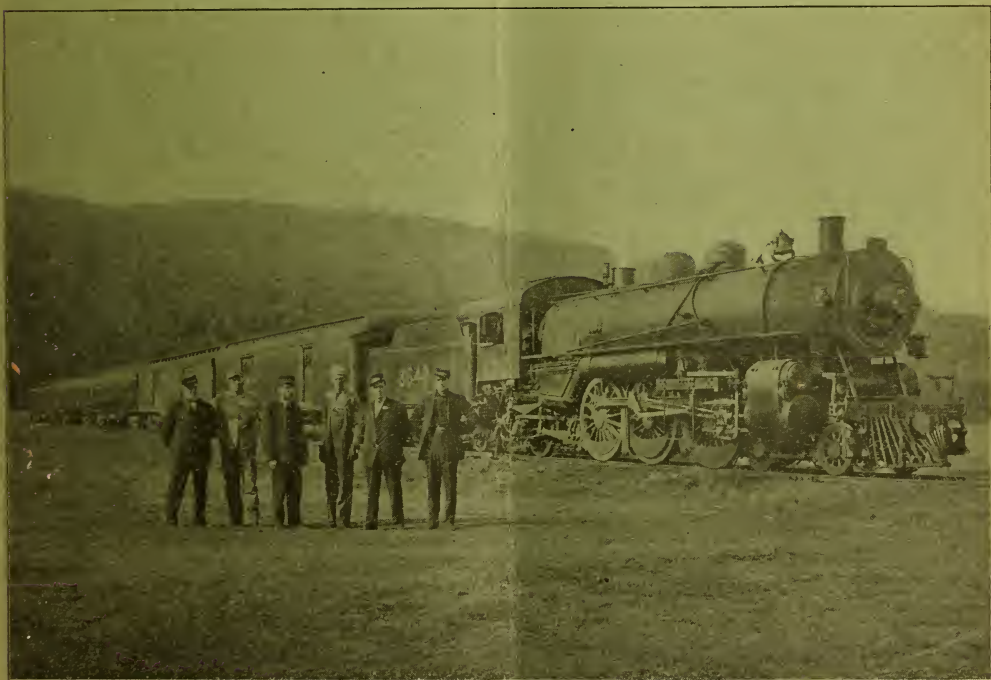


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Nineteen-Eighteen.

NEW YEAR'S time is a season of joy. It is accepted by us all as a symbol of youth restored. The wellsprings of hope and strength are quickened. We are born again in power and resolution. Shutting our minds to the mistakes and follies of the past, we look with happy confidence into the future.

No other burden is so hard to bear as the burden of accumulated cares. It is not the trouble of today that bears us down, but the troubles of a host of yesterdays piled and carried until they crush. We are slow to realize that the evil of the day is sufficient. New Year's brings us to realization. Its chimes carry the message that life anew is dawning.

This New Year's is momentous. It comes to us with an opportunity such as has not been presented before and will not be again. In behalf of our country—maliciously assailed and wantonly attacked—it asks us for service. With the hour struck when we are resolved to put off the garment of folly, it pleads with us to put on the robe of self-sacrifice and efficiency. Humanity's first duty is to end the war perpetrated by humanity's betrayer. It can end—it must be permitted to end—in only one way. Right must triumph completely. There must be no compromise with perfidy. To the triumph of right, to the vindication of those principles which have been our country's glory, you and I must dedicate our resolution.

The war is the individual business of every one who would deserve and preserve the right to call himself an American. It is no more the business of the army and the navy than it is your business and mine. Army and navy will do their part. American soldiers and American sailors will uphold the traditions we cherish with righteous pride. The flag we love will be served on field and sea by heroes without fear and without reproach. It is for us to prove ourselves worthy of them—for us to co-operate and support and sustain.

Your most momentous New Year's is at hand. Shall not your resolution be worthy of the time?

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We are standing on the threshold, looking dimly into the light ahead. Behind and around us are the falling and destroyed standards and traditions of the past. A new world is rising out of the terrible catastrophe through which we are passing. Because of the very immensity of the task which confronts them, men are being awakened to higher ideals and bigger things.

What is our duty as railroad men? We all realize the strategic importance of our country in the war, with its great wealth and surplus supplies. We realize too the crying needs of our staunch and bleeding allies. The prompt defeat of the enemy and the successful outcome of the war depend in a large measure on getting supplies, munitions and equipment to our allies and in getting reinforcements and supplies to our forces in the field.

Our duty is clear wherever we may be placed. A real emergency exists

and each one of us must strive with all his strength and ingenuity to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our railroads. Not one of us is so insignificant or so unimportant as to be excused.

Many have not yet awakened to the seriousness of the situation. Others are so interested in criticising their fellows and so busy looking for trouble that they are overlooking their own responsibilities. Still others are excusing themselves because they claim the facilities and equipment with which they must work are inadequate; if anything, this ought to spur them to greater efforts, for the fight must be won.

This is no time for calamity howling. We are performing new and gigantic tasks. Mistakes will be made, of course, but they will be quickly discovered and remedied if each one does his level best and stops knocking. Indifference, pessimism and destructive fault-finding can do far more harm than the guns of the enemy. Surely none of us wish to be designated as slackers!

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The Red Triangle.

When these dreadful days of war are over and soldiers from a score of lands return again to the quiet of their homes and the peace of their firesides, many of them will carry from days of carnage and destruction two grateful remembrances symbolized by graphic unforgettable characters.

One will be that of the Red Cross, seen on scores of battlefields where men lay wounded, dying and dead, telling a story of unselfish service that even Mars could not overcome.

The other character will be the Red Triangle, the far-flung symbol of the Young Men's Christian Association, reaching wherever soldier boys are in need of its help; with huts and build-

ings at the very battle front; with a ministry of service to tens of thousands of men in great prison camps and with a message of brotherly cheer and sympathy to the stricken and the wounded.

The Red Cross and the Red Triangle will never pass from the memories of men who fought and bled to make democracy safe in the world. In coming years these symbols will be recalled by Russian peasants in the quiet of their village homes as they sit of a night by their firesides with their children gathered about their knees; they will be recalled by the intrepid Frenchmen as once more they till their fields and cultivate their beautiful vineyards; they will be remembered by the valiant Englishmen throughout their far-flung and mighty empire; they will be remembered by our own boys, who bore their share of the heat and burden of the day at the very front, and by those other Americans who, though they did not stand upon the firing line, bore without complaint their share of the heavy weight of a world all out of joint.

Auxiliary Notes.

The experience meeting was very unique and entertaining, and several startling revelations as to how some women secured their 50c. pledge to the Red Triangle Fund furnished some husbands with light on a hitherto dark subject. The date for the women's play has been set for January 10th. It will be one of the events of the season.

“We Must Meet These Widened Opportunities.”

A. E. JACOBY,

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The Young Men's Christian Association has won the respect and admiration of all mankind for its marvelously efficient war program. The Association believes with William E. Channing that, “War will never yield but to the principles of universal justice and love, and these have no sure root but in the religion of Jesus Christ,” and it expresses its faith in works.

With increased opportunities have come increased responsibilities for service, not only in the war work but also in the home field, where a serious drain has necessarily been made upon the Association's vast resources of loyal, trained human energy. We must meet these widened opportunities and increased responsibilities and it can only be done successfully by renewed consecration of effort on the part of the Association volunteer workers in the local Associations.

Will you not, volunteer worker, remembering that “Through the ages one increasing purpose runs, and the thoughts of men are widened with the process of the suns,” strive to get a vision of the constructive part the Association is playing and must play in the great crisis in the world's thought, and then give your best efforts to the accomplishment of its purposes?

After spending two weeks in a hunting camp somewhere up north, Frank Flanders, of Warner, secured a fine buck in his back yard.

NO MORE PATRIOTIC WORK is being carried on, in the making of the new army, than the successful efforts to relate men definitely and vitally to the Scriptures. Literally thousands of soldiers are finding a new meaning to familiar teachings or are coming close to the life and words of Jesus for the first time, through the pages of their testaments and the discussions of the barrack's Bible classes. In several of the big camps, classes have been organized in every company, besides small groups and large mass classes in the Association buildings. *The London Times* leader of recent date, from which our heading is taken, suggests the reason: “The true soldier has the sense of an appointed destiny. He is no longer the sport of fate. In failure or success, in defeat or victory, in life or in death, he is in the Hand of God, Who never forsakes those who put their trust in Him. . . . No wonder the valiant soldier finds the Bible a *vade mecum* of strength and cheer.”

Railroad Women in War Time.

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The Capture of the Holy City.

RAYMOND H. HUSE.

Last night while I lay sleeping,
There came a dream so drear:
I stood in old Jerusalem,
The sacred temple near.
The cruel Turk was reigning,
From Jordan to the sea;
I saw the blood-red crescent
Where Christmas light should be.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
When will thy night be past?
When wilt thou hear the tidings,
“Deliverance at last!”

And then I thought my dream was changed,
The dawn was bright and gold;
I saw the flag of England,
As Judah's lion bold.
The Christian flag of England,
From Zion's height unfurled,
As Briton's Christmas present
To all the waiting world.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
Lift up your gates and sing:
Hosannah in the highest,
Hosannah to your king!

And once again the scene was changed,
New earth there seemed to be;
The world was full of freedom
From mountains to the sea.
The thunder of the fearful war
Had hushed to sacred calm,
And Turk and Jew and Gentile
Were singing David's psalm;
And singing with the shepherds,
Of peace and wondrous light,
While all the scattered sons of men
Were keeping “holy night.”

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
Sing, for the strife is o'er,

Hosannah in the highest,
Hosannah forever more!
Christmas, 1917.

A New Year's Message.

*To the Railway Engineers Regiments
Overseas:*

Boys, while three thousand miles of sea roll between you and home you are not forgotten. Every mother, wife and child is proud of you and that you are doing your bit to win this war. No matter whether you drive spikes, lay rails or shovel coal into the fire-box, don't forget that God has made the road for us to travel on. Don't rush into the block ahead unless the semaphore shows a clear track. Be sure you have sand enough to make the grade and keep your drivers from slipping. God is able to hang a green light on every one and keep the schedule open for those following. He can back us all into the clear so the devil cannot sideswipe us. If you should get on a 250-pound pressure, head out of the yard without orders, blow out a cylinder head, break a side rod and go into the ditch, go back into the shop for repairs and some day you will cross the river, head into the yard and register in; report to the boss and hear him say: “Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” God bless and keep you every one is the wish of your friend Billy Sunday.

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As never before, men are looking and waiting for a message of comfort, cheer and help from those whose lips and lives have been touched by the Master.

Do we hear the call? Are we awake to the needs of the hour? We have been saved to serve! I urge every committeeman and volunteer worker in our great brotherhood to buckle on the armor of God as never before.

Conditions demand our united and consecrated efforts.

Building Notes.

John Kelton, R. Forest Band, Penn Haselton, L. R. Case, G. V. Buckland and G. W. Shannon were among the holiday visitors registered.

U. S. Duncan, of "Somewhere in France," writes "*Send More Workers.* My force of twenty trained workers is now myself only. Will have four huts, all double size of U. S. standard type, with canteens, one 3-ton truck and one passenger car."

Christmas greetings from J. A. Larouche and Austin D. Ham.

"Bill" Leighton, "Jim" Kenney and James Hayes have entered the service and on their last night at the building gave an impromptu sketch of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" which was much appreciated by the dormitory club.

Clarence Littlefield and E. M. Steadman have returned from a prolonged hunting trip at Freeman Downing's camp and some remarkably "bare" stories of midnight prowlers and strange creatures sighted are giving the Fireside Club more thrills than the movies. We wait expectantly for the new bear-skin rug for our private office.

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GEORGE BERNARD SHAW—Do not suppose you are fighting to punish the Germans for being wicked. They are wicked, being human, but no wickeder than you.

JANETTE Y. NORTON—In stuffing a chicken it should not be filled to the bursting point as the dressing will swell and if it bursts it gives a most untidy appearance to the fowl.

DAVID BELASCO—The women who have come under my direction and listened well with their eyes have invariably been the ones who have climbed to the height of their profession.

CHANCELLOR VON HERTLING—The German government is not autocratic and the experiences of the last three years have not shown that the democratic system is preferable.

Some queer sentences turned out by the pupils of the Methodist Girls' School at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. One can usually distinguish the subject and tell what the child tried to say at least.

When the form of a verb is changed it is called congregation.

The prime meridian is called the eternal date line.

Gibraltar is the keynote in the Mediterranean.

The finest wheat that ever cropped grows in Russia.

The masculine of spinster is bore.

He had nothing on except a sword and he was unarmed.

A wife is the upset (opposite) of the husband.

The place was taken by storm and thunder.

Benjamin Franklin looked very funny with his clothes behind and a loaf of bread in his mouth.

The cat was thin and pale.

Gibraltar is known as the keyhole of England.

St. Helena is a place where Napoleon has been diminished.

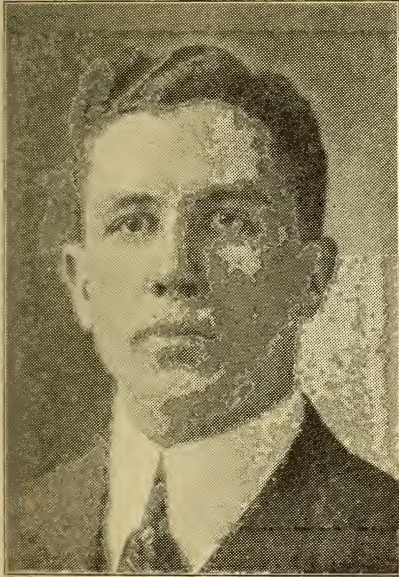
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"GOT ALONG ALL RIGHT until six o'clock," a big private from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan remarked as he stood watching the movies in one of the Association buildings Thanksgiving evening. "Then, believe me, I missed things back home and I don't know what I'd done if it had n't been for this," he added, looking around rather mistily over the heads of the boys in the big room. Camp Custer, Michigan, had a regular rush on the Association buildings on Thanksgiving Day to get Secretaries to say grace at the various mess halls. Some buildings had no more men to send out when they had answered only part of the calls.

Read Isaiah 5:11-17, 22-24. Grip verse 13.

HOW IT WORKS OUT. When a man lies the worst punishment is that he becomes a liar; when he steals the awful penalty is not being caught, but that he becomes a thief; when he dissipates the penalty is that he becomes a sot. No big stick in the hand of God gets him, but *the unerring working of a silent law that no mortal can escape.* If Germany could make the American Army a drunken army she could laugh at us. Notice in verses 22 and 23 how closely associated are drunkenness and graft. All forms of social evil are linked. Beware.

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WHERE IT HIT HIM.

Judge—Where did the automobile hit you?

'Rastus—Well, jedge, if I'd been carrying a license numbah it would hab busted to a thousand pieces.—*Dallas News.*

THE RETORT.

Staff Colonel—Your reports should be written in such manner that even the most ignorant may understand them.

Sergeant—Well, sir, what part is it that you don't understand?—*Christian Register.*

THE CHILD'S INQUIRY.

"So you prefer winter to summer, Mr. Featherbrain?"

"Not especially, Dorothy. Why do you ask, my child?"

"Well, sister said yesterday it would be a cold day when you took a girl automobile riding."—*Florida Times-Union.*

Two Tommies.

Two British soldiers went into a restaurant at Salonica and asked for Turkey with Greece. The waiter said:

"I'm sorry, gentlemen, but I can't Serbia," whereupon the Tommies cried: "Fetch the Bosporous!"

When that gentleman arrived and heard the complaint, the manager said:

"Well, gentlemen, I don't want to Russia, but you cannot Rumania."

And so the poor Tommies had to go away Hungary.—*Scottish-American.*

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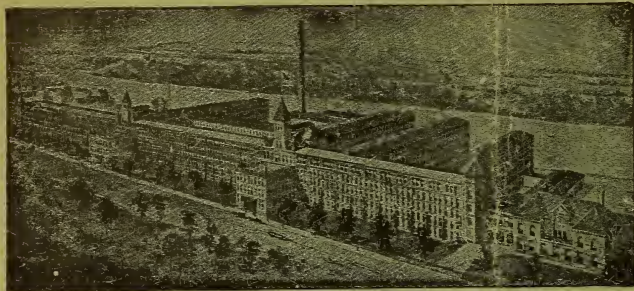
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