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Where Our Boys Are.

"Somewhere in France" is become at last a concrete term to the American people with the announcement of the War Department that the American troops are in the trenches in the sector just north of Toul, the south and east end of the French front.

The number of men in the American line is not given out, but speculation in America points to the presence of something like a half million men under General Pershing. It seems to be a plausible theory that the boys who have gone from America into the actual service of the flag are to be entrusted with the holding of the right wing of the allied line.

The thought of the burden which has been accepted by our khaki clad youth should serve to stir into action those Americans who have not yet come to a realization that the United States of America is vitally related to the war and the support at home absolutely essential to the welfare of the men who have entrusted their safety and their effectiveness in the cause to us.

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The Red Cross Magazine.

The new policy of the management of the Red Cross magazine to make it a really family publication is evidenced in the list of contributors to the February number. Listed on the cover page are Rudyard Kipling, Kathleen Norris, James Lane Allen and George Madden Martin and within are found stories of a character to enlist the interest of the household not yet fully awake to the offices of the Red Cross, stories which skillfully lead the thought of the reader into lines whose natural convergence is vital concern in matters related to the present war.

In another Red Cross campaign it should be found relatively easy to persuade one out of every household in which memberships are held to become a subscribing member for the actual literary value of the magazine.

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War, Geography and Other Books.

The year's publishing record shows a conspicuous dearth of works on geography, a distinct development of war and war conditions. In its present state of flux geography, national boundary lines, and all that the subject includes, are too indefinite and uncertain to warrant the assumption of permanence implied in any sort of treatise on the subject.

In nothing has the war made a more complete change than in the character of the output of publishing

houses. Anything which has a bearing upon the war is assured a ready sale. It is not necessary ever to have heard of a writer to be persuaded to buy a product of his pen relative to the war. Lapses in grammar, lack of polish in style, even a suggestion of a disregard for exact veracity, seem to be no sound basis of objection to war literature. The reader himself furnishes the interest which in another subject would have to be developed by the writer.

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Settle Down to Work.

It is an unsettled time for industry of all sorts when war is calling young men to the colors and those who are left are uncertain of their future.

Now that the planting season is nearing and the needs of the industries from which war materials are being turned out grow increasingly pressing, it is gratifying to be assured that there will be no new call of men through the draft for some months will come. But for the youth uncertainty as to when their summons must continue in their position of months. Those who are included in the last contingent of the first draft listed for the call of the second draft, time seems to be given for settling down into work with a feeling of permanency which will mean better and more efficient work.

Red Cross News

What the American Red Cross has done with the vast sums of money intrusted to it by the people of the United States is stated in detail in a report just issued by the national headquarters. To date, \$79,450,727 has been appropriated for Red Cross work in this country and abroad.

For foreign relief \$44,657,795 has been appropriated as follows: France, \$30,519,259; Belgium, \$1,999,521; Russia, \$751,940; Roumania, \$2,617,298; Italy, \$3,146,016; Serbia, \$871,180; Great Britain, \$1,703,642; other foreign countries, \$2,536,30; American soldiers who may be taken prisoner, \$343,627.

The foregoing appropriations are from the time the United States entered the war until April 30, 1918. For the United States the Red Cross has appropriated \$2,612,532, and the reason this sum is not larger is because the government provides nearly everything our army and navy needs, and besides, there is no civilian distress in this country of any considerable proportions like in France, Belgium, etc.

Variety of Its Work.

The great variety of the military and civilian relief work being done by the Red Cross is indicated briefly in the following list:

Canteens that afford food, baths, and sleeping quarters for men at the front; rest stations and recreation centers for soldiers in transit and at port of arrival in France; care of destitute children; furnishing supplies to 4,000 hospitals; teaching mutilated soldiers new trades; reconstruction of villages; bringing together families of soldiers scattered by the war; farms for convalescent soldiers; sanitariums for tubercular and other patients; food, clothing, medicine, and shelter for the homeless and destitute, and many other activities.

All Money for Relief.

It is stated by the national war council that all salaries and administrative expenses are paid out of membership dues, so that every penny given to the Red Cross war fund has been spent for relief. This answers the rumors that have been circulated about the expenses of operation.

Of 255 executives in the fourteen divisional offices of the Red Cross in the United States, 59 per cent are women. The policy is to select the most competent person regardless of politics, sex, or religion.

IDLE WOMEN WARNED TO KEEP FROM FRANCE

"The French people need every ounce of flour and every bit of meat they can get. It is the greatest cruelty for American women in search of adventure to take that food out of their mouths," Mrs. F. S. Aldrich of Bloomington, Ill., said to Washington correspondents this week. She urged that women who have no real mission abroad stay at home. Mrs. Aldrich is just back from France, where she passed the last ten years.

SOCIETY

Winter seems to have no terror for Winnetka women, for in spite of the extreme cold, the Oak Street hill has been thronged with coasters all during the time allotted by the village, when the hill is guarded from passing vehicles by the police. Mrs. Havemeyer, Mrs. Laird Bell and a number of others may be seen on their skis almost daily, while snow shoeing seems to be the pet diversion of the Foremans and Bodmans. Several Lake Forest and Glencoe women came down during the week to participate in the fun.

The regular monthly meeting of the North Shore Catholic Woman's League will be held at the Winnetka Woman's Club on Thursday, February 14 at two-thirty o'clock. Mrs. Irwin McDowell will address the league on "Moving Pictures." Mrs. Guy Pelton will give a reading and Mrs. Lee Roberts will render piano selections. Evanston Day will be observed and the hostesses will be Evanston members, Mesdames McColl, James, Leahy, O'Malia, and Von Holsen.

The following list is an invoice of articles sent to Dr. Alice Brown on February 5th by the Ridge Avenue Circle. The caps and bonnets have been in the process of making since January 8th but the 170 scarfs were rushed through in one week: Bonnets 57, boys' caps 31, scarfs 170, dress 1, blankets 2, shawl 1, baby afghan 1, baby bands 6, baby booties 8 pair, baby stockings 5 pair, baby sack 1, boys' coat 1, vestee 1. Total number of garments, 285.

Miss Theresa O'Brien made 35 of the bonnets. She has also donated a number of dainty bonnets which are for sale at the Dr. Alice Brown Gift Shop.

John Rankin, who is bass soloist at Christ Episcopal Church will be presented in recital Wednesday, February 13 in Recital Hall, Fine Arts building. Among the numbers which he will present are: "The Three Cavaliers" (Russian, Arr. by Kurt Schindler); "Little Mary Cassidy" (Irish), Arr. Wm. Arms Fisher; "Piper o' Dundee," Scotch; and "The Ringers," Lohr.

Miss Betty Hoyt, daughter of Mrs. Phelps B. Hoyt, 40 East Cedar street, will leave tonight for Atlanta, Ga., where she is to act as bridesmaid on Wednesday at the wedding of Miss Marian Atchison of Atlanta and Mr. Edward F. Swift, Jr. of Chicago. Afterward Miss Hoyt will go to Jacksonville, Fla., to be with her grandmother, Mrs. Hoyt.

On Saturday evening, Mrs. Ayers Boal entertained for Lieutenant Ayers Boal, U. S. N., who is at home on furlough before leaving for France for active service.

Henry C. Barroll received his commission in the ordnance department at Washington, D. C., a few days ago. Mr. Barroll is a member of the Winnetka Reserve Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Burchard, 1130 Chestnut avenue, Wilmette, are registered at the Hotel Astor, New York City.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Edwin Clark, and a party of friends spent a most enjoyable week-end at their farm on the "Skokie."

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Fischer Bailey of Lincoln avenue, has returned from the Evanston hospital, where he was confined with scarlet fever.

Mrs. Bertram Doyle, formerly Miss Dorothy Weart of Winnetka, is visiting her husband's parents in Cleveland, O.

The Herman J. Jenks family of Racine, are visiting in Winnetka. They expect to move here later in the spring.

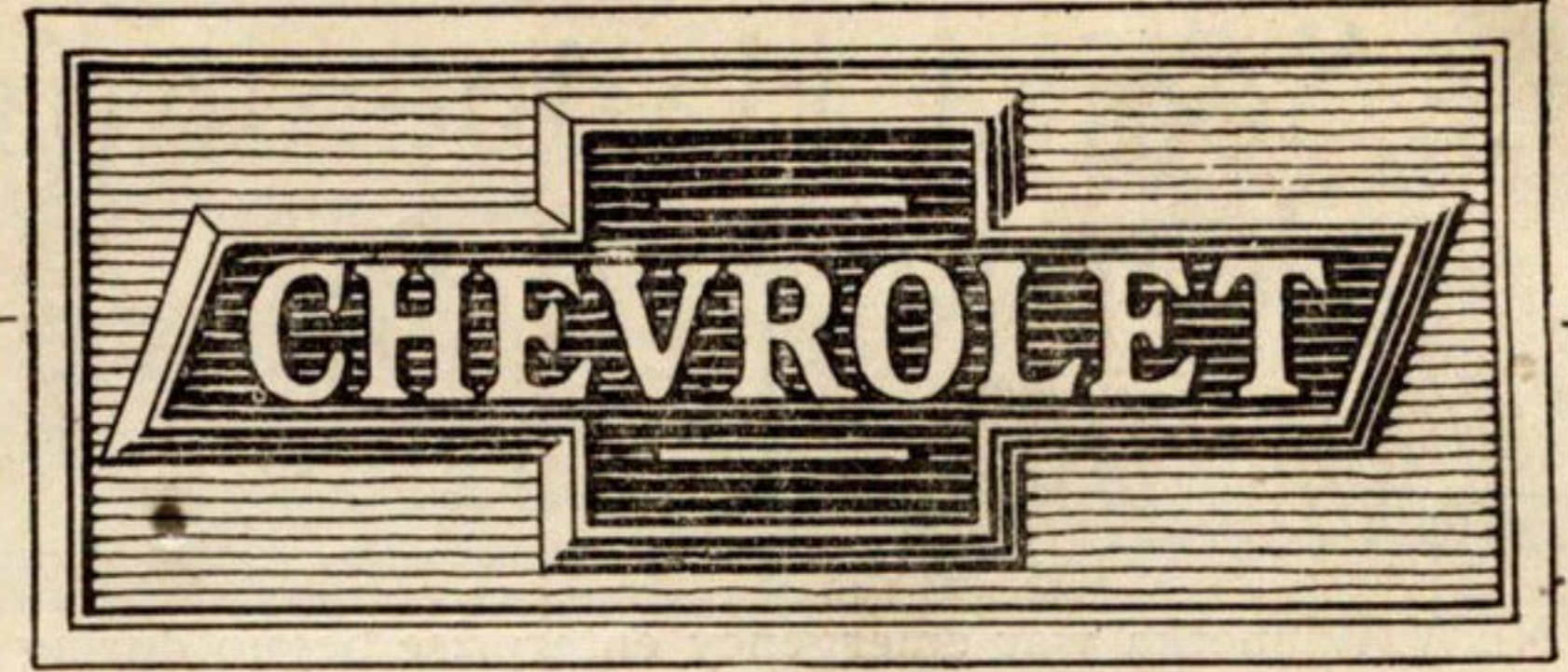
Mrs. Samuel Greeley underwent a slight operation at the Evanston hospital last week, but is able to be out again.

Miss Beatrice Williams, who is ill with scarlet fever at the Evanston hospital, is reported improving.

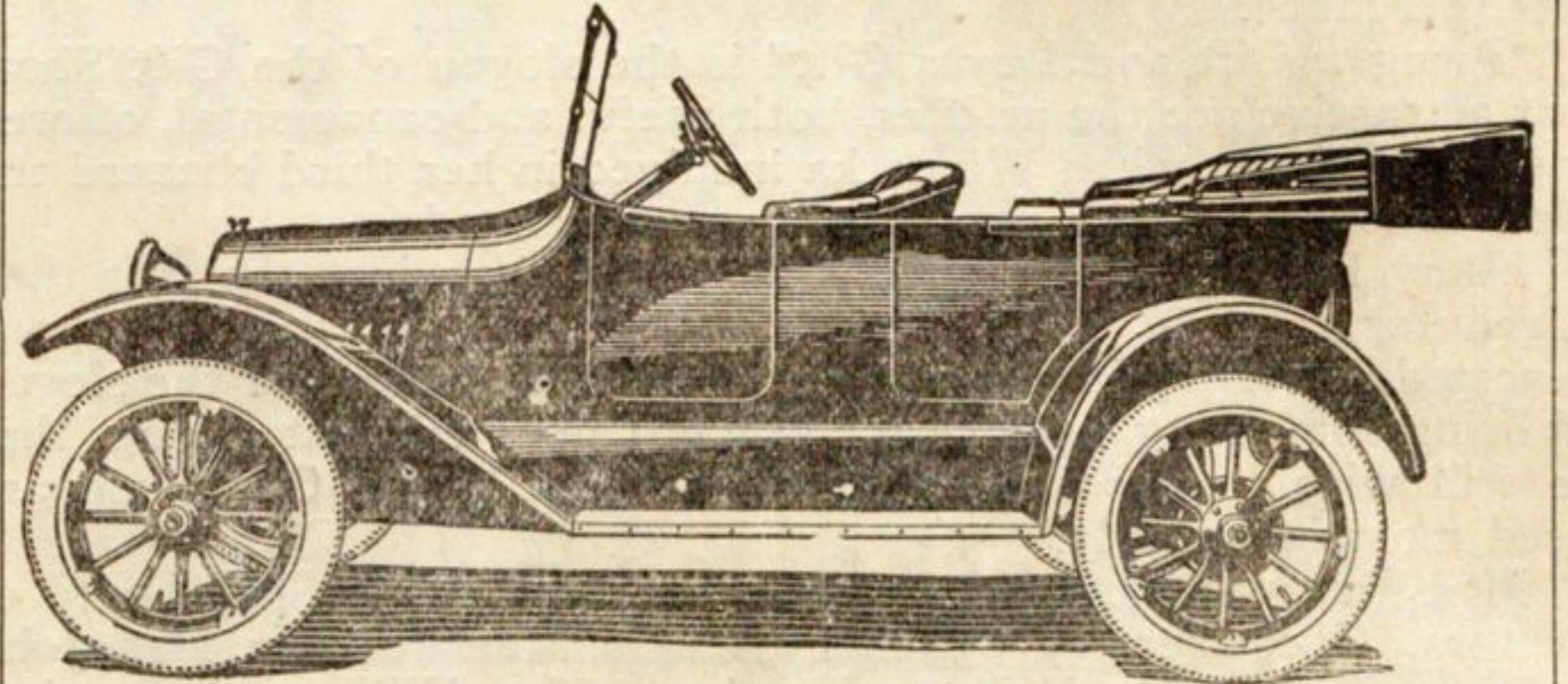
The Lawrence Bainbridge family, 643 Walden road have moved to New York City to make their permanent home.

James P. Lamont was a week-end visitor in Winnetka.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Miller announce the birth of a daughter.



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To you who figure on buying a Ford Car for health or convenience, recreation or general utility, I advise placing your order immediately and have the car set aside until you are ready to take delivery.

Also, the possibility of an advance in price is no small item so that the only safe, sane and most reasonable plan is to order your car at this time.



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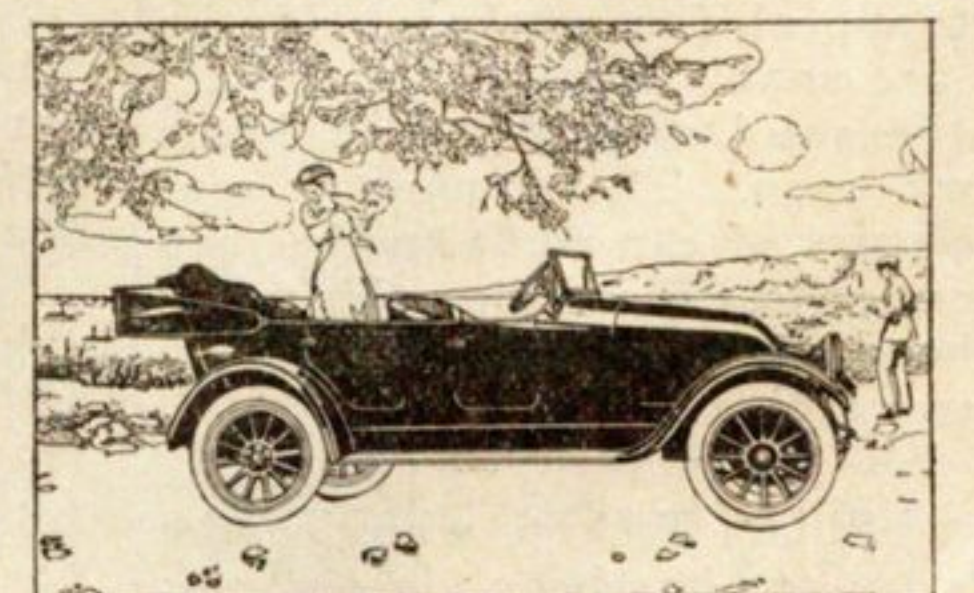
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