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## What Shall Take The Place Of The Saloon?

It is only a question of months now before the United States of America will be entirely "dry." The saloon, with all that it stands for in the way of evil possibilities, will have passed from existence and the youth and manhood of the country will be freed from this constant menace, whether they so wish or not.

But the one legitimate need that the saloon has served will not be removed with the saloon itself. The requirement of the poor man for a place in which he may expect to meet congenial spirits and spend a few hours in what to him is a pleasant and entertaining way will continue, unless there is developed before the passing of the saloon something to take its place, figuratively as well as literally.

This has already been done in a small way in New York City where two buildings recently occupied by saloons, given up because their proprietors saw the direction of the wind and retired before the day of compulsion, have been converted, the one into a community center, the other into a Boys' Club, where men who have no other social resources and boys who are growing into that type of men, may find others of their kind and have what for the more favored portion of mankind is supplied by the clubs, churches and other places of social gatherings.

Unless we accept this condition as an accompaniment to the closing of the saloons we shall fail to reap the full advantage of the ending of the drink traffic. Our experience with the recreation centers for the men in the army training camps ought to be a valuable help in the meeting of the condition which we are about to face.

Many of the men who will be discharged from the army will be candidates for suitable entertainment after they take off the uniform. We can very well carry our camp community service, without the camp features, into the private life of the men who will be dismissed from the army as well as all other young men, and older men, too, who lack the home opportunities for recreation, by capitalizing the habit of rendezvous that already has been developed.

## The Right Kind of Welcome

When the men who have been in service abroad and in training in the camps come home there is a ready spirit of welcome for them, a jollification, a blare of bands and waving of flags. Everybody is glad to see "the boys come marching home."

But there are other forms of welcome that ought to be prepared for the returning soldiers, preparations that do not show upon the surface, that give no opportunity for taking a holiday and celebrating in their honor, but have, nevertheless, a far deeper significance of the appreciation of the debt that the American public owes to the American soldier.

The most obvious duty that is owing to the discharged soldier is the opportunity to earn his living by work to which he is suited. It is the right of every man and every woman to receive a sufficient living wage for work that is done conscientiously. However hilariously we may receive

our returning heroes there will be the deepest sort of injustice to them if, at the same time, we fail to provide for them sufficient work to re-establish them in the industrial life of the community.

But a greater responsibility than that rests upon the American people of the communities to which the men are being returned from service. A thorough review of industrial conditions to make sure that there will be no non-employment and no exploitation in an industrial way is, of course, essential to the happiness of the men and the welfare of the community. Quite as thorough consideration and examination of the social conditions to which they are being returned is also necessary, certainty that there is no welcome waiting that means moral ruin and certain misery, no lures set for the soldier by the agents of vice, no attempts to turn into gain the excitement and the reaction that follow release from the restrictions of military service.

Every community has its potentially vicious conditions. It is only decent that they should be made innocuous for the men who are being discharged from the service, that protection be thrown about them until they have had time to adjust themselves to the new condition of their lives and have fitted themselves into the regular organization of the community in which they are to take up their residence.

## Working Without the Guide of Precedent

The value of precedent as a guide to action is everywhere recognized. Nobody much minds doing what others have done before, if the seal of public approval has been given to it. But to set out upon an uncharted course, to have to establish precedent for future generations or to prove that certain things are impossible or unwise, that is the difficult task that lies before the men who are assembled in Paris trying to work out a practical basis for universal peace.

In almost every department of the business that will come before the peace conference there is this element of lack of precedent to complicate matters. It is just because other peace conferences have worked upon the foundation established by earlier sessions of their kind that we have had no stable peace in the world. If this conference is to remove the causes for war and make it impossible for one nation to seek to destroy another, the work must be done along independent lines. Precedent in the making of peace treaties is not a safe guide, for no treaty has ever yet been concluded that did not have in it the seeds of a new war.

The very essence of the service to humanity of the Peace Conference now in session lies in the completeness with which it breaks away from precedent and performs the work by a plan based upon the principle of permanency of results. Any other basis of settlement will serve only as the basis of new alliances, new ambitions, new wars.

## A Nice Place For An Ex-President

If the German colonies are to be assigned to the League of Nations, if the German fleet, in part or as a whole, is to be turned over to that body to serve as an international police, if the many small nations that will arise from the ashes of the war are to be placed under the protective care of an international commission of some sort, which will, in all probability, develop into the League of Nations, there will be given a tangible form to that institution which will serve most usefully to impress its reality upon the nations of the earth.

It was a rather remarkable feature of the personnel of the commission appointed to develop the plan for the League of Nations that there should be no name upon it of the first order of importance except that of President Wilson. All through the history of the League of Nations it has been evident that the men of authority for other nations have had no disposition to figure prominently in its formation, that everybody seems to be as willing to leave it to Presi-

# DRAFT BOARD SEEKS TO HELP FIGHTERS

Asked by Federal Board for Vocational Education of Disabled Soldiers To Report Needy Cases

## ALL RESIDENTS MUST HELP

Villagers Who Know of Disabled Men in Need of Assistance Should Notify Draft Board

Officials of the local draft board were this week provided with addressed postcards by the Federal Board for Vocational Education for disabled soldiers with headquarters at Washington. The receipt of these cards indicates the formulation of a definite plan of procedure in connection with the training of disabled fighters which purposes to fit them to take their places in business and professional life and to earn a comfortable living in spite of their physical handicaps.

### Ask Residents' Help

Residents of Wilmette who have knowledge of disabled soldiers who are in need of assistance in this regard are asked to communicate, in person, with the members of the local draft board and fill out a small card questionnaire. The card, bearing information concerning the disabled man, will be mailed to the headquarters of the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

Contents of a letter addressed to the chairman of the local draft board by C. Prosser, director of the Vocational Board and approved by Provost Marshal General Crowder, affords an insight into the efforts the government is making to rehabilitate the disabled fighters.

### Tells of Plan

The letter emphasizes:  
1. The Federal Board for Vocational Education is extremely anxious that every disabled officer, soldier, sailor or marine be informed of the provision which the Federal Government has made for re-education.

2. As it is quite possible that some disabled men have been discharged from the service and gone to their homes without being fully acquainted with the opportunities offered, the Federal Board has decided to ask the assistance of the clerks of the Local Boards.

3. With this in view we are sending you herewith 25 copies of an addressed postcard with the request that you fill out and mail one of these cards to us in the case of any disabled man who comes to your attention. More cards will be sent on request.

4. The Federal Board feels that there is no Government agency more closely in touch with the homes of the men of the service than the local boards, and realizing the importance of utilizing every agency possible to gain touch with disabled men, the board feels justified in asking the

dent Wilson as he is to accept it. It suggests the possibility that no other man who has reached a position of power and importance wishes to sacrifice his present reality for an ideal which perhaps may not materialize as it is hoped and expected that it will.  
President Wilson has but two more years of public life in America open to him. It would be an experiment worth undertaking to establish a great international body with problems demanding the highest sort of diplomatic ability, and to pass from the Presidency of the United States to the Presidency of a League of Nations, an experiment filled with wonderful possibilities and wonderful temptation to a man whose years in the presidential chair have not fitted him for the retirement which America decrees for her ex-Presidents.

### Celebration Through Work

It is characteristic of the W. C. T. U. that the celebration of the Jubilee to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the temperance work should be begun with a drive to secure one million members to the Union and one million dollars for the carrying on of the work planned for the five-year period of celebration.

The passage and the sufficient ratification of the prohibition amendment has not served to tempt the women of the W. C. T. U. to pause in their activities. Rather has the work been stimulated as the aggressive program for the next five years tells.

clerks of the local boards to perform this voluntary patriotic service.

## BISHOP NICHOLSON AT METHODIST CHURCH

Bishop Thomas Nicholson will be the preacher at the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday morning.

Bishop Nicholson has been a prominent figure in religious work for years. As college president, and later as secretary of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal church, he became widely known for his constructive work in the educational field. On his election to the episcopacy he was appointed to the Chicago area. He is a strong and

inspiring leader and is known throughout the country as a forceful and eloquent speaker.

His address on Sunday morning will relate to the Centenary movement, which is the missionary enterprise of the Methodist Episcopal Church to raise upwards of a hundred million dollars and to secure thousands of additional workers for the work of Christian reconstruction in home and foreign fields.

### Winters in Florida

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