War's Influence on the Men Who Come Back By Philip Gibbs

Copyright, 1919, by the McClure News- first mental and emotional shock that primitive man, and found themselves ers were simple, grim, humorous Every month, since Nov. 11th, 1918, when the armistice was signed after the enemy's abject surrender, large bodies of men have been given They had been taught, all through Flanders, in 1915, whose pleasure it was his jest. They were not in was to creep out at night into No need of raw meat to inflame the quiet may be a discovered to the point of war. their release from military service, their boyhood up to the point of war, was to creep out at night into No need of raw meat to inflame the quiet and have left the zone of the armies that bloodshed was to be avoided at Man's Land close to the German line, pleasure they had in killing their enprompt relief through the use of Reby's Own Tablets. The tablets and have left the zone of the armies to be re-absorbed into civil life. The whole future of the world depends all cost, and that the civil law was a npon the thoughts, words and actions of these men and the philosophy with which they regard the life ahead of them. Because, although they have the necessity of killing Germans by and educated gentleman — would read of the macessity of killing Germans by and educated gentleman — would read of the macessity of killing Germans by and educated gentleman — would read of the macessity of killing Germans by and educated gentleman — would read of the macessity of killing Germans by and educated gentleman — would read to be a dead body, wait for any enemy to show himself. Sometimes a man would crawl out to drag in a dead comrade and then the averse to the business of slaughter they nau in kining them and in kining them and pretending to be a dead body, wait for any enemy to show himself. 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Concerning them Mrs. bayonet drill was devised scientification, and lay out the living man because at all death if the enemy is not described by the necessity of killing Germans by any means, in large numbers, at every hour of the day and night. Their bayonet drill was devised scientification, and in the heart of battle they "saw tion and indigestion; colds and simple fear, which is an element of all fear, pre-war citizens, they are men of a cally to inflame their blood lust. I small party of Germans would creep stroyed—and partly from primitive who was suffering from constipation their wise passions which surge up in the hudifferent mentality from those who have never been close to war and whose souls have not been scorched by the fires of war. They can put the fires of war. They can put the hodies of their enemy the hodies of the hodies of their enemy the hodies of by the fires of war. They can put they were the bodies of their enemy. dead man, whose number he nicked hostile tribe. The Londoners and medicine dealers or by mail at 25 their old tunics into the dust bins, but they cannot put away from themselves the memories of the tragedy they have seen, nor of the sufferings through which they passed. They simple boyish ideals of courage and adventure; they look at life now with sergeant whose platoon was bayonet—with a real pleasure in the killing bred in towns, with their civilizing bred in towns, with their civilizing bred in towns, with their civilizing bred in towns, and perhaps enervating influences. For quickly classifying the difthe brooding eyes of men who have ing Germans in a trench fight. side of the business. "How did you and perhaps enervating influences, batter all the conditions of war more no illusions, having stared at close 'Arry was a 'reder-hearted fellow, get on to-day?" I asked a soldier hated all the conditions of war more inventor has patented an electro poignantly, with more spirited disrange into the hell which humanity rather a "softy." are the sergeant from Northumberland, during a big poignantly, with more spirited districts. makes of life by hatred. Simple souls called for him to do c mile bit of battle. "It was a disappointment," tress, than lads from rural districts. who still look at war through a haze killing so that he should be properly he said, quite simple, with a north-diers and no hodies of men were the valor of our youth without re- was part of the training-necessary membering the inevitable brutalities in war, which has only one purpose,

The Truth About Their Spirit. that many of our men are coming ing him or kniften him in the dark-

of modern warfare, have an idea that and that the slaughter of the enemy all our fighting men have been refin- So every day boys who had come out ed by those furnace fires and have of nurseries and "academies for by patient watching for any head to machine-gunning a group of men vis- one's hand as in an iron vise. The truth is, as far as I can see it, ible through a periscope, by bomb-

ern burr in his speech. "The Ger- diers and no bodies of men were mans ran so far I couldn't get in more gallant than the London diviwith the bayonet work." There were Australian battalions

come back with beautiful ideals, noyoung gentlemen," and elementary colonel like a sixteenth century solschools regulated by a gentle code, dier of fortune, with steel-blue eyes under shaggy brows, and a ferocious only been trained to kill, but have known that their own life was of no

the killing of men. That was the harked back to the natural state of Germans were hiding. These raid-

life—three thousand years back from close range—they were slow when sions-was most to be u.imired.

They Cannot Be the Same. Now, men who have gone through experiences like that, who have not show above a sandbag parapet, by ly sweet smile after he had gripped more account than a grain of sand, who have been so familiar with the back with a bitter and sullen spirit, ness of No Man's Land, by strangling whelps," he said, and I sat down in to come back to civil life as they "Come and eat with my young upon their conditions, are not likely a rankling sense of injustice, and ha- him in underground tunnels, by blow- the officers' mess of the raiding bat- went away from it. They have tred against the Powers (whoever ing him up at the touch of a mine talion. All the men there had volbeen hardened, and to some extent they may be—and they do not know) charge, by soaking his dug-outs with unteered for this raiding job—the brutalized. Or if they have been who permitted this thing, this horror, poison gas, and by smashing him to most dangerous game of all, with alsensitive enough and intelligent ento happen in the world. Many of death with gun fire, precisely as he most certain death ahead, after ough to avoid a brutalizing process, them are coming back, if I know anytried to do to us. Our young lads lucky escape this time or next. They
them, with violent paslearned these lessons quickly, though told me their method of attack, their
—with a passionate sense of revolt sions which they are prepared to use to many of them it was all unnatural way of killing in a hurry. Most of against the things they had to do as good soldiers, the discipline that was ence to their view of life. Some of like a dagger for dealing with the exacted of them, so that they had Ponies That state of mind seems to me to them lapsed easily into the new or- sentries and any men walking in the no individual liberty of conscience, That state of mind seems to me to be inevitable. Look at the life those men led in the trenches—especially the British soldiers who had so long a time there. All their training and that civilization meant was wiped in like a Stokes shell with a quick and applauded those things by the life to the lapsed easily into the new or-sentries and any men waiking in the trenches though others like a short, iron-weighted club. For slaughter cial philosophy of the modern world ing like a Stokes shell with a quick and applauded those things by the lapsed easily into the new or-sentries and any men waiking in the desire or action, and against the so-cial philosophy of the modern world ing like a Stokes shell with a quick and applauded those things by the some private, personal grievance which embittered them, the constant brutality of some non-commissi officer, or the lack of promotion or decoration for some service—it was 2.50 Pace Purse . .\$300

pany or battalion. They are resent-ful of the losses suffered by their 2.50 Trot Purse . comrades, and, justly or unjustlyin many cases unjustly—they accuse their superior officers, or the High Command, of ruthless disregard of human life. They are resentful, also, more bitterly, of the people at home who did not suffer the things they suffered, and who grew rich or kept their wealth, and their domestic happiness, and their little comforts and luxuries, while the fighting men were lying in wet ditches and being shelled to pieces. Men who came back to England on seven days' leave from France and Flanders strolled up Piccadilly and saw a tide of motor-cars driving by with well-dressed people laughing and chatting inside them, and looked through the swing doors of big hotels and saw pretty women in even-ing dress flirting with men in "boiled shirts, and saw queues outside the theatres and music halls and said, 'England, doesn't care a damn for us. We may die to the last man and they will still amuse, themselves. are being sacrificed for the selfish-ness of those rich, idle, swine. If we get our legs blown off, they will dole us out a few pounds and then

forget us, and hate to see our maimed bodies about the streets." I have heard men say those things, and they were not pleasant to hear. In the main, they were utterly untrue, because the women-of England were agonizing for their sons or their lovers, and the galety of London and other big cities was but a mask of courage put on for the sake of the men on leave, hiding hearts full of fear and despair because of the massacre of youth which seemed unceas ing. At least, that was the men tality of the great majority of the nation, apart from victous men and women who, in England as in every country, have diseased hearts and poisoned brains, and will rush about

world is plague-stricken But the soldiers from France and fore going back to their shell-harrass ed fields, saw only the superficial carelessness of their nation, and trenches they heard of the big wages being paid to "war workers"-the dock laborers, ship builders, englall factory hands, male and female and read of strike after afrike for higher wages, which were invariably granted by a frightened government. They compared the wages of men safe from shell-fire, snug at home, living with their women folk, going to "the pictures" in the evening. with their own pay as private soldiers, and their own lives in foul

things up in their minds and they

Their Discipline was Wonderful. a a wonderful way, because they saw without discipline an army is a rabble, and because, if they did not obey, the price of disobedience was But military discipline is not natural to men. It is utterly unnatural, and against the instinct (Continued on Page 13.)

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ward-or, worse still, some blunder- 2.16 Mixed Purse \$300 ing order or careless leadership which led to the sacrifice of a com-

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