

The Stars and Stripes

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HEROES

What—or who—constitutes a hero in these days of home-going, recapitulation and early reminiscence? It recently became the happy lot of one American city to welcome back the regiment which, with laughter and tears, with kit bags and cheers, it had sent forth a year and a half before to represent it in the legion which was to—and did—preserve democracy.

OUR JOB

Even those who are no disciples of the established order must hope, in their more lucid moments, that America's coming progress toward greater social justice will be made without violence. To be sure, the more resolute reckon pain and blood as a light cost for progress.

WHO WON THE WAR?

If all goes well, the peace treaty will soon be ready for signature. It is quite to be expected and altogether to be desired that no country will find that treaty exactly to its liking.

RIGHT OF WAY

I can parley voux with Francois, sprechen deutsch with Heine Stein, I like to interlard my talk with bits of foreign chatter.

PROFITEERING

The profiteer is in a class by himself. He is not capital, he is not labor, although he may be each or both. But he is a profiteer before he is anything else.

WHAT IS LACKING?

Letter writing, remarked a noted man of letters quite a number of years ago, is a lost art. Fascinated—for there is no other word, seemingly, that fits this particular hysteria—by the modern form of penning business epistles, and harassed by the constant demands on one's time by the myriads of activities that flash up in the course of a day, letters have degenerated into a slapdash note, on the one hand, and a 20-page rhapsody about nothing, on the other.

FIFTY-FIFTY

"Every one is crazy but me and thee, and sometimes I think thee is a little queer." This is an old wheeze and never fails to settle the argument when somebody tries to force his private views on a large and wise majority.

The Army's Poets

THE SONG OF ST. NAZAIRE
Hurry on, you doughboys, with your rifle and your pack;
Bring along your cooties with your junk upon your back;

WAIT AND SEE!

You thought that I thought it romantic
Just Roméo-stuff when I kissed you,
An off-to-the-war movie antic—
You smiled when I wrote how I missed you.

TRIALS OF AN M.P.

"Who won the war?" This battle-cry
They shout at me as they pass by
From box-car doors, and at a glance,
I have them placed—three weeks in France—

US EDITORS

Most of the mail which reaches the office of THE STARS AND STRIPES these days is composed of divisional histories explaining what Company E did in the great battle of St. Mihiel, and poems.

QUESTION NO. 4,176,502

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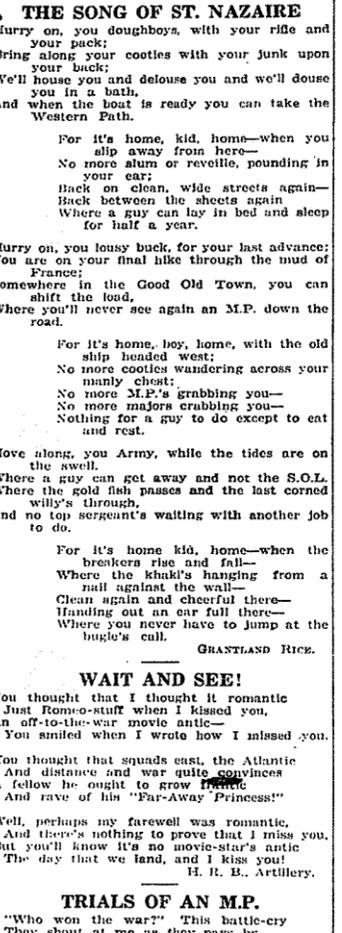
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