

WOUNDED MEN, VETERAN HEROES, PLAN NEW G. A. R.

Fifty From Battlefields of France, Dinner Guests of Older "Vets."

Plans for the launching of a movement for a new "Grand Army of the Republic" were discussed last night at a banquet tendered to fifty wounded soldiers from the battlefields of France. The affair was given at Mouquin's, on Sixth Avenue, under the auspices of the Col. Wallace A. Downs Post, No. 24, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The decorations were simple but impressive. A long row of crutches rested against one wall. Behind the speakers' table floated the flag for which the guests of honor had fought and suffered wounds.

While the dinner was in progress, and in intervals between the formal speeches, the men from "over there" talked of what they had seen. There was no boasting, but always an air of grave gratification.

"As for me," said Sergt. Fred Murphy of the 119th Machine Gun Battalion, whose home is in Tomahawk, Wis., "I wouldn't have missed it for \$1,000." He paused a moment, reflectively, and added, "and I wouldn't

go through it again for ten million." Sergt. Murphy was stopped at Soissons, but not until the steady fire of his battery had helped take the town.

Private William Allsop, Ambulance Company No. 40, from Denver, Col., chuckled as he glanced at the Sergeant.

"Some people say war is hell," he remarked. "I've seen war. Hell is a rest camp."

Corpl. J. J. Cullen of Bridgeport, Conn., 328th Infantry, told with amusement of a strange homecoming. Before going to war he had been a salesman in the Greenhut store. It was to the same place, as a military hospital, that he returned.

Private William Moncuse, 108th Infantry, took the war as a game, hard, to be played.

"You have to play the hand that's

dealt you," he said. "Sometimes you get a bum hand. What of it? Anyway, we didn't give the Germans much chance to stack the cards against us."

The suggestion that the Veterans of Foreign Wars, swelled from the ranks of 2,500,000 Americans that served in the great conflict, might become the new "Grand Army of the Republic" was made by W. P. Ward, veteran of the Spanish-American War.

Albert J. Rabing, past commander in chief of the order, presided. Among the speakers were Rear Admiral Charles Sigbee, retired, and Mgr. John P. Chidwick. Both were on the old battleship Maine when she was blown up in Havana Harbor.

All the speakers made strong pleas for the support of patriotic societies as the best means of combating dangerous tendencies of thought in this country.

The wounded guests represented twenty-six States. One of the men, George Cloud of Bisetton, S. D., is a pure-blooded Sioux Indian.

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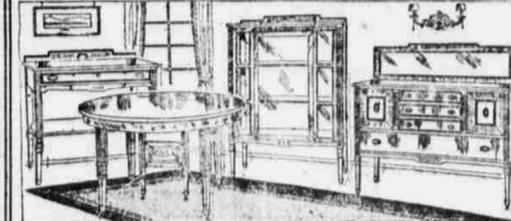
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