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War Boards Plan to Last Through Peace.

The new Congress will face a task every bit as great as that of the war Congress.

It will be a reconstruction Congress, and will have to arrange, approve and finance the tremendous task of bringing the government back to a peace footing.

One of the first questions the new Congress must settle is: What part of the government's war organization shall be retained for peace?

Congressmen and Senators seem to think as a unit that retrenchment, a sweeping reduction in the cost of operating the government, must come quickly.

The first act of the knife will be to cut off some bureaus and agencies organized for the war. But—which bureaus?

The food administration ceases to exist when war ends. But this and many other bureaus are laying plans to perpetuate themselves. Certainly some are due for disappointment. Those permitted to operate will find their appropriations terrifically slashed.

It seems likely the railroad administration will endure in some form or other. The Fuel Administration is represented by a question mark. The War Labor Board may be perpetuated. Heavy pressure will be brought to bear against the War Industries Board; and so on.

That is only one task.

The military program for 1919 has already advanced too far to permit abandonment without months of preparatory work. The War Department has closed its ears resolutely to all talk of armistices and peace, and has gone ahead just as if it were certain the war would last two years longer. Like a railroad train, it cannot be stopped short.

Greater pressure than ever before has been put upon the nation's munitions producers. Extensive plans have been made and are being carried out for the maintenance of the camps and cantonments in this country. Orders for 4,350,811 tons of coal and coke were placed this week to keep our boys in camp warm.

Orders have been placed with the British government for manufacture of 1,800,000 uniforms for soldiers in France, and 1,000,000 yards of cloth for officers' uniforms has been contracted for. Contracts for food for the expeditionary forces are being let almost every day, the most recent being for 8,500 carloads of canned tomatoes—45 per cent of the country's entire production.

The cost of bringing the army home and demobilizing it will be almost as great as that of equipping it and sending it over.

What to do with the returned soldier is occupying Congress now. One resolution in the House calls for demobilization of illiterate soldiers last, giving them a chance to attend school in the army before being mustered out.

War and Beauty.

American soldiers have gone into battle bedecked with poppies. American sailors, in clothes which allow their lithe bodies perfect freedom, have gone to sea, following, and imitating as best they could, that paragon of manly grace, a Great Lakes bandmaster.

Coming, many of them, from unattractive homes, our fighters and their folks have loafed in the beautiful Red Cross and Y. W. C. A. hostess houses. There they have learned to like the big brick fireplaces, the simple wicker and unvarnished wood furniture, which, before the war, only the rich and the cultured poor enjoyed.

All of us have revelled in the picturesqueness of "uniforms," men's and women's. Because there are so many different branches of war service and war work, these "uniforms," whether Red Cross nurse's or aviator's, have actually furnished a variety which civilian dress has never approached.

Our own shining Star Spangled Banner, flanked by the brilliant flags of our many allies, has made our land flame with color.

This beauty and color will not pass with the war. In new forms, we shall carry it on into the even greater days of peace.

Take the Affirmative Side.

To boldly forbid should be forbidden. Refusal should be tempered with diplomacy.

Occasionally, it is true, determination doubles in the face of interdiction.

Huns placarded Belgium with "Verboten" signs. Depressed but not suppressed the Belgians became firmer in their resolves.

But usually to forbid is to frost the bud of aspiration, to rebuff genius, to dampen endeavor and to repress that enthusiasm which means efficiency and accomplishment.

When circumstances necessitate denial of a request or restraint of an effort, temper the tone of the denial, the terms of the restriction.

Whenever possible suggest an alternative course of action rather than command inaction.

Consider temperament, effect, motive.

If a man thinks he has a way to do a thing effectively and well and you do not agree, at least recognize the urge that is in him.

It is possible to disillusion without discouraging even an impetuous, unconventional man if it is done diplomatically, affirmatively.

Don't bemoan with forebodings. Equip your don'ts with shock-absorbers of encouragement and affirmation.

The best way to insure the future world peace would be to make a clean sweep of all Central Europe east from the Rhine and repopulate it with tigers and serpents or other peaceable non-Hun creatures.

The Russian "government" now wants an armistice. We'll be getting a wireless from Mars and the moon, next, asking for armistices. We aren't fighting Russia, any more than we are the planets.

Wonder how deeply it would pain the poor simp if he knew we called him the Clown Quince? Fact is, his correct appellation has become—the mere fact of his bearing it—the most ignominious in the language.

No, of course, Austria didn't understand that the armistice was to allow us to invade Germany through her territory. She thought we wanted control of her railways merely to give our troops little joy rides to Austrian pleasure resorts.

A Song of Peace.

All hail the flag, the starry flag, Returning o'er the sea, With added glory on its folds From fields of victory.

Fling out its colors to the morn From balcony and street, Its spangled splendor lights the world, It never knows defeat.

No more red terror rules the earth And frightfulness the deep. No more the pirates of the air Shall soar to murder sleep.

Stack arms, and with the joyful news Let wires and cables hum, For Peace has laid the weary sticks To rest upon the drum.

—Minna Irving, in the New York Sun.



THE NIGHT LIST.

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BRITAIN'S PART IN WAR TO BE CELEBRATED

Societies Name Dec. 7-8 as Dates for U. S. Celebration.

Nationwide recognition of the achievements of Great Britain in the war will be given on Saturday, December 7, and Sunday, December 8, according to an announcement of the National Committee of Patriotic Societies, the Sulgrave Institution, the National Security League and the American Defense Society.

Alton B. Parker is chairman of the committee of arrangements and the honorary vice chairmen are Charles Evans Hughes and Governor Charles S. Whitman, of New York.

Addresses by well known men and songs by opera stars will mark the gatherings in the various states, according to the statement.

In the preliminary statement sent out to the mayors of every city in the country, the committee said: "In this great day when triumph and peace and justice are coming to the allied arms let us not forget that without Great Britain's magnificent aid and her tremendous efforts of 1,500,000 soldiers, America might today be trembling beneath the lash of the Hun."

DRAFT AUTHORITIES STOP QUESTIONNAIRES

No more questionnaires will be distributed to local registrars between the ages of 18 and 21, it was announced yesterday.

It is understood, however, that a date in the future will be set by draft authorities on which questionnaires will be distributed to the 18-year-old class.

The order to stop the distribution of the pamphlets was received by local authorities yesterday. It is to be distributed to the 18-year-old class.

The purpose of this, it is believed, is to keep a record of the available manpower of the country.

Work on the classification of registrants of the 19 to 25-year-old group will not be interrupted because of the suspension of draft calls. The work of classifying these men is to be rushed to completion as soon as possible.

Most of this work in this city has been completed, but there are still a few of the local boards which have not yet reported.

A LINE O' CHEER EACH DAY O' THE YEAR.

By John Kendrick Bangs.

TROUBLE AND CARE: I don't care a hang for Trouble; I don't give a rap for Care.

The one is a useless bubble, The other's an empty snare.

And when on the road I meet 'em I give 'em the merry laugh.

And if it don't wholly beat 'em, It cuts 'em at least in half.

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