

EMPLOYERS HELP BOARD GET JOBS FOR SOLDIERS

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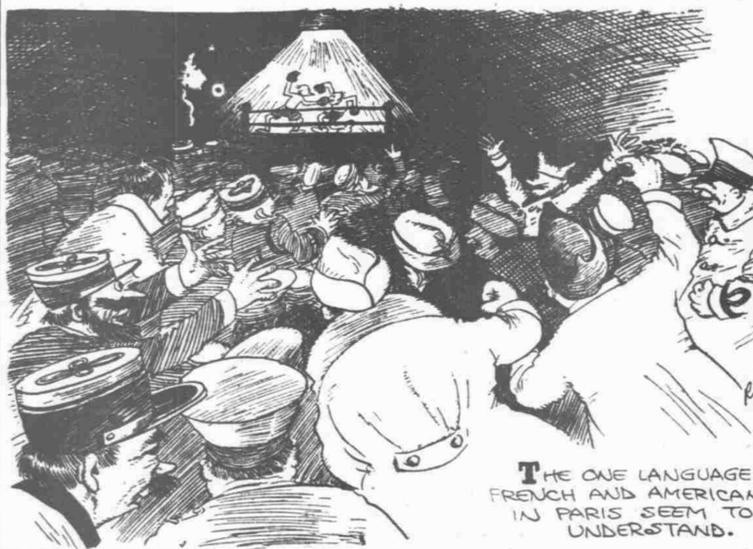
More than 1,779 returning soldiers, sailors and marines have been placed in positions in the District through the local board of management of the employment service of the Department of Labor, a splendid tribute to the Washington business man's esteem for the young men who left all to defend their country.

The board still has numerous opportunities open to returning soldiers, including about 100 positions as policemen of the District, but realizes that District boys are being demobilized fast, and for that reason is urging business men to continue to cooperate with it in listing opportunities.

More than 16,000 men from the District went into military training. The number of those returned, judging from registrations upon the books of the local board, is not yet near half of the total still to come back. District boys to the number of several thousand did not have to register with the board. Their former positions were open to them when they walked into their old places of employment.

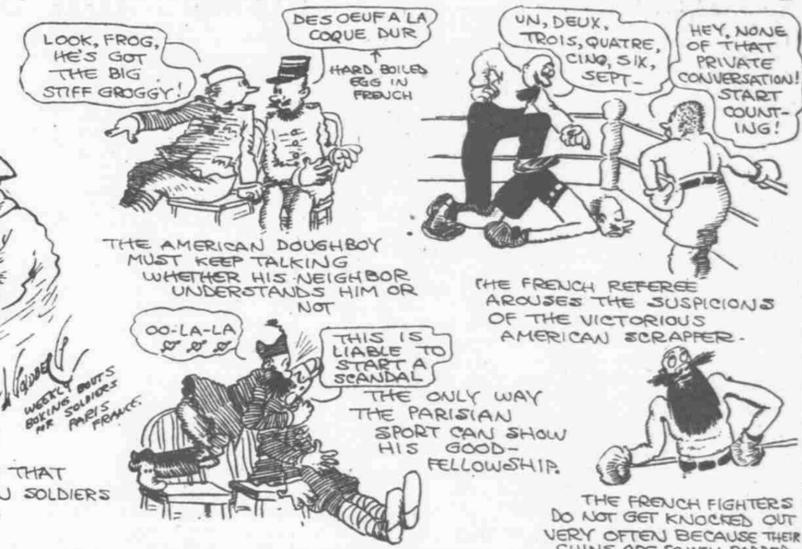
Employers Kept Faith.
Almost without exception employers in Washington have kept faith with the boys even to financial losses to themselves. The policy of employers has been to hold places for all their men who were drafted or enlisted. The line is drawn only on those who left their places for higher wages before the draft. No obligation is felt

Boobs Abroad in 1919



THE ONE LANGUAGE THAT FRENCH AND AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN PARIS SEEM TO UNDERSTAND.

We Attend a Prize Fight and Discover That Our Boys the French Have the Same Instinct.



By Goldberg

TODAY

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sand. Such rewards would be only small, petty cash to many prosperous Americans. But they would interest the crowd.

That, however, would be a bad way to raise money. To try to pay your debts, personal or national, by stimulating gambling is as unwise as trying to settle your political problems through assassination.

Slow conservatism in money affairs and slow judicial process in punishment are best.

Even if the lottery did bring in sixty thousand millions, it would leave big bills unpaid. For Secretary Baker announces just now, in a speech to women, that the total cost of the war is about one hundred and ninety-three thousand millions, which is more than a hundred dollars for every man, woman and child on the earth, including the sore-eyed, fly-infested children on the Ganges and the Nile.

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to rest on an employer to take back a man who left him months before the draft solely for more money.

In many instances the return of former employes has threatened to bring about dismissals of those who had filled the vacancies, but Washington employers are doing all they can to retain both classes of employes.

This attitude of employers has much to do with the officially announced fact that there is less unemployment in Washington than in any other large city of the country. To continue to take back the boys who have been in uniform and to keep employes who filled the war vacancies will become more and more a difficult task in the days to come, and so the local board renews its call to

keep up the good work, earnestly asking the cooperation of all employers.

Reports are current of one or two large establishments which promise to take back men who were drafted, but decline to give old positions to those who enlisted. The board is looking into these charges.

Particular About Positions.
The board is having some trouble with soldiers who are looking for better jobs than they had prior to the war. The men almost unanimously feel themselves better fitted for important work. Many of them do not seem to understand that opportunities are not too numerous and that it is difficult to find just what they want at all times. Clerical positions are often asked for and clerical places are growing scarcer all the

time except for stenographers and typewriters.

It is possible that upon the return of President Wilson the board may ask him to direct the Civil Service Commission to give as much temporary employment to soldiers as possible without competitive examination.

The disposition of soldiers to shift occupations is another interesting phase. The board was asked the other day to supply a jeweler, at a salary of \$30 per week. A soldier, formerly a jeweler and a good one, registered, but he did not want that sort of employment again. He wanted a job as chauffeur.

Farms Offer Good Pay.
Department of Labor officials have been in conference with farm agents of counties in Maryland and Virginia,

and have opportunities for many young men on farms, with good wages and the good health of the outdoors. There is so far little disposition by registrants to accept farm work. This to Government officials is alarming. With all Europe disorganized the products of the farm there this year will be far below normal.

American farmer, under the most favorable conditions, will hardly produce as much as this country and the world demands. He will give work to hundreds of thousands of men who can get it. The unemployed congregate in cities while the open country invites them at good wages.

100 Policemen Wanted.
The local board succeeded in supplying the Washington fire department with enough men to put the two-platoon system into operation and now Major Pullman has applied to the officials to fill 100 vacancies in the police department. He has detailed Lieutenant Headley and Sergeant Shibly to the headquarters of the employment board to talk with soldiers who may like the job of helping to police Washington. A number of applications are being received. The applicants are informed that each man accepted starts off with \$100 per month, effective July 1st, gets free medical advice, free car rides, opportunities for promotion and a pension if he remains on the force long enough. Applicants must be not less than 5 feet 8 inches high, between 22 and 37 years of age. Residents of the District are preferred, but the residence clause is waived in favor of men having excellent qualifications.

As soon as possible Major Pullman wants to build the force up to its maximum of 856 men. He thinks that Congress ought to allow 1,200 men. The force has been woefully short of men ever since the war began. Washington men who like this sort of work have a chance now that may not be open again.

Hundreds of men residing elsewhere have registered at the board's offices for employment. They are told what the situation is here and advised that it is best for them to return to their homes. Not many of them agree to this. Some of them are married and their wives are in Government service as clerks. They want to live here.

The board feels that first choice should be given District men who will want places and who have dependents to support.

BOW OF HEIFETZ LIKE WAND OF GODS
Washington rose to an unprecedented degree of enthusiasm over Jascha Heifetz, standing and shouting en masse when this genius of the violin returned at the end of a remarkably beautiful program to give yet another encore yesterday afternoon, when he was heard in recital at the National Theater in the third concert of the Artists' Course, presented by Mrs. Wilson-Greene.

The audience, too, filled stage and standing room and remained applauding for more encores even after the lights were dimmed and the stage dismantled of scenery.

It is phenomenally beautiful music that this Russian lad draws from his violin—music of heights and depths, of amazing virtuosity. He has, besides, a poise in his playing of a real aristocrat in art; an elegance that is at once noble and yet fused with a wealth of color, tone of entrancing beauty, and a vast range of quality and with a vitality that is adding warmth to the great art of this simple, unassuming boy.

For Jascha Heifetz, the lad, seems as untouched by adulation as though he had not been the creator of such rare melody, of such pure harmony, as seems to flow with abounding delight from his graceful bow, thrilling one as few players are privileged to do.

And he chose to show the musical loveliness of his gift, that most lovely music the Mendelssohn concerto in E minor, its revealing lyric beauties of breath that were stately and exquisite in their rare purity, yet melting in the subtle nuance, the light and shade of their rhythmic flow, seemed to wave his melodies out with his bow, while from vibrant depths to purest harmonics his tones were faultless.

Delicacy, with an alive tempo, feathery runs and trills, staccatos, arpeggios, in all there was virtuosity, dignity, depth, beauty.

Two compositions particularly emphasized the pure music in his playing and the romantic loveliness of tone and feeling—the ineffable appeal of the Chopin-Wilhelm "Nocturne," D major, that lifted one up with its soaring power, and then again, his treatment of the Russian theme, his beauty of phrasing in the "Andante Cantabile" from Tschai-kowsky as arranged by Auer.

Brahms' "Dance" No. 7, held a native temperamental glimpse of dance moods more vivid and alluring than Heifetz has

yet shown us, while the two Paganini "Caprices" were gems of tone, type, virtuosity and full-voiced double-stops. It was the Barzani "La Ronde des Lutins," those dancing "imps," that awakened the echoes with the voices of the vast audience, a thing one does not recall in Washington. It was amazing, this be-lievable richness of technical difficulties in astounding tempo.

To his program Jascha Heifetz added, as encores, an old French "Minuet" by Milandre, the Kreisler "Liebesleid," "Rigaudon" of Gossec, and the last Moz-kowski-Sarasate "Guitarre." Andre Benoit was a complement in his art of accompanist to the art of Heifetz.

J. Mac B.

LOCAL BOY, WAR PRISONER 21 MONTHS, TELLS STORY
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 14.—The story of twenty-one terrible months in a German prison camp spent by the crew of the British horse ship, Esmeralda, who were captured by the Hun sea-raider, Moewe, was told today by Fred J. Stone, of Washington and other members of the crew.

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