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THEY WILL NOT ALL COME BACK

Happiness reigns in many homes in western Nebraska and the daily papers are eagerly watched for the announcements of the divisions of American troops which have started home from "over there" and which will soon be again back in the same old places among us.

A ranchman-farmer living near Alliance stopped his fourhorse team the other morning on a business street and called to a local business man, "When will your brother be home?"

The answer, given with a smiling face was that the business man didn't know just when but he expected and hoped it would be very soon. "Well, I've got four brothers 'over there' replied the ranchman, "we hope to see them soon."

But in the joy of greeting loved ones who were spared the bullet and blade of the Hun, let us not forget that there are many who will never again greet the one who went away to offer his life to his country and to make the supreme sacrifice.

"But they, too, wear the victor's crown, tho they failed to see the hour of ultimate victory. They have bequeathed to those left behind the glory and the honors."

"In the men who return from the wars we shall show our pride but with Premier Clemenceau, may we never forget to honor the great army that died."

The Newark News speaks of the army which will not return and "the pity that would shield the mothers of the sons who brought precious victory with their death. In the grand silence of the peace so dearly won they sleep the warrior's sleep. They will not again sit about the hearth. Those of us who are to clasp beloved hands once more shrink at the thought of the loneliness of the mothers whose sons return, not."

"It is a kind tender impulse, but we are wrong. In those mother hearts there yearns the sorrow of less there triumphs the glory of sacrifice. The sons whose lives were spent for the highest that they knew are the sons of mothers whose ideals they carried forward with the banners of a just and holy cause. They drew from the blood that bore them the strength of will, the firmness of purpose, the fearlessness of death which we celebrate in this tremendous hour. They fought and fell as the protagonists of American motherhood, which their signal devotion now has vindicated and enshrined. Their souls were steeped in patriot cradles and nurtured in homes where virtue and honor and faith were more than all."

measures, the mothers of sons who return not. The God of battle is also the God of compassion. They need not the pity of men and women. He has raised them up to greater heights by sacrifice made perfect."

FIGHTING THE "FLU"

Medical authorities advise us that we may expect further epidemics of the Spanish influenza, the plague which has taken more lives during recent months in this country than were lost among our soldier boys in France from the bullets of the Hun. The epidemic has not entirely subsided in Alliance and vicinity, although it has decreased greatly.

John Stevens, Grand Master Workman of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, wrote the following timely article in the November issue of the Nebraska Workman. Mr. Stevens has "had his" and his article will be read with interest and should be given heed. It reads as follows:

"One of the great duties confronting the American people at the present time is the protection of public and individual health against the ravages of the so-called Spanish influenza which is now sweeping the country with disastrous results. It is believed that if the common people had been thoroughly awake to the seriousness of the disease when it made its first appearance in this country its progress could have been checked and many lives saved. The sad effects felt in every community visited by this unwelcome invader ought to be sufficient to rouse every person to a hearty cooperation with the health authorities in every effort to combat it. In many places the mortality from this disease has run so high during recent weeks that it has exceeded all other causes combined."

It often happens that the patient places himself at a disadvantage in his fight with this disease by making one or both of the following very common mistakes: First, by neglecting the early stages through failure to recognize it; second, by imagining that he has recovered when the disagreeable symptoms of the first stages have merely subsided. While it is true that the initial attack in some cases appears to be very sudden yet upon investigation it is usually found that even in these sudden attacks the patient had been suffering for some time from what he believed to be a slight cold, and from the prevailing habit of neglecting a common cold had given the disease full sway unchecked."

The following symptoms were noted by a patient who experienced a severe attack of the disease:

First day: Merely the ordinary symptoms of a slight cold.

Second day: Increasing cold, with

Headache increasing.

Third day: Eyes, sore throat, sneezing which gradually increases of the throat, aggravated the soreness of the foregoing

Fourth day: All the foregoing symptoms still present, with a bacillae

pains in joints, soreness of the throat, but

Fifth day: Fever still present, but other symptoms subsiding.

Sixth day: Temperature normal, self feeling well. That night, the fever returned.

(This is really the point of greatest danger.)

Seventh day: Temperature rising and falling, severe pains in chest and occasional coughing spells—warnings of pneumonia.

Eighth day: No change.

Ninth day: Temperature gradually returning to normal.

Tenth day: Patient apparently recovered excepting the cough, which is persistent and hard to control.

Not all of these symptoms will be present in every case, while some cases may develop symptoms not here recorded. This however is a reasonably typical case, and shows how a seemingly "harmless" cold may prove to be something very different. The only safe course is to regard every cold as the "flu" until the contrary is proved. If the attack is sudden the patient should go to bed at once and call a physician. If the attack is gradual the patient should either remain in bed or in a comfortable room where an even temperature is maintained.

but if he takes proper care of himself he will not need to trouble the doctor who is already badly overworked. In either case food should be taken sparingly, and absolutely no drugs at all should be taken except the medicines prescribed by the doctor. The patient feels so miserable during the first few days that he is apt to be tempted to resort to the use of some of the "dope" that is just now being so widely advertised, but if he does rely upon any of that stuff either he or his friends will surely regret it.

When the patient begins to feel better the disease is simply progressing into its second stage, and the greatest care should be taken. At the first sign of a severe relapse a doctor should be called in every case. The patient must be kept in bed in a comfortable room. There should be ventilation, but not direct. To put a patient in a small room and open a window where the cold air comes directly into the room is not ventilation at all, but downright foolhardy exposure. The fresh air should be admitted into an adjoining room, where it is warmed, and should then enter the sick room through an open door. When recovery seems assured the patient should still avoid cold or sudden changes of temperature. It is probably superfluous to warn against over-exertion, as the convalescent will be so weak that he will not care to exert himself.

Every citizen should take all the precautions recommended by the health officers, and should cheerfully abide by and obey every quarantine regulation. While these regulations have not been entirely successful in preventing the appearance of the disease in any particular community, or in stamping it out as yet, still they are helpful, and if observed will save much suffering and many lives. Wise co-operation by the citizens with the health officers will help to keep our family circles intact, to preserve the health of the boys now going out from our homes to take up the greatest duty that goes with citizenship, and incidentally to keep down the beneficiary expenses of our Order.

THE SACRIFICE THAT COUNTS

Now that the war is over there are hundreds and thousands of men in the army, both officers and privates, who are deeply interested in getting back to their work and in taking up the reins of business where they laid them down when they sacrificed their time and money and perhaps their health to go to war. These men are to be released without unnecessary delay to return to the pursuits of civilian life.

But they are not the only ones who are making sacrifices. There is still

much work to be done, especially in the Y. M. C. A. Red Cross and similar organizations. This work calls for sacrifice on the part of the men who take up the duties for these organizations are needed more than ever "over there". The soldier boys, without the incentive of the fighting of battles to take their attention, must be cared for, amused and entertained.

An Alliance minister volunteered his services to the Y. M. C. A. several months ago, before the end of the war was in sight. Recently, since the signing of the armistice, he received notice that he was wanted for work in France. He did not desire or hold back or complain that the war was over, but gladly said "I am ready" and prepared to go. He is now in New York, taking the few days' train given to Y. M. C. A. men, and will leave for France within a few days.

The dinner tendered to Rev. Black on Wednesday evening of last week was for the purpose of expressing to him the fact that the people of Alliance, and especially of his congregation, appreciated the sacrifice he was making in leaving at this time. The people of this city will await with interest the letters from him when he sees with his eyes the country over which the greatest battles of history have been fought during the past four years, and when his period of service is ended, they will welcome his return should he decide to again return to this city.

Thrill!

Some years ago when I was working for a civil engineer the resident engineer requested the draftsman in the London office always to send linen tracings, and as large as possible. On visiting the work I discovered the reason. When the tracings were done with his wife boiled them down and made shirts for her little boys.—E. Arden Minty, F. R. I. B. A., in London Mail.

Advertisement for Drake & Drake Optometrists, featuring an eye illustration and text: "Glasses Accurately Fitted. We Can Duplicate Any Broken Lens. 813 1/2 Box Butte Ave Phone 121"

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERSHIP NEXT

Urgent Need for Subscriptions Larger Than Ever Before If Soldiers Are to Fare Well

The annual membership campaign of the Red Cross is to be held during the week of December 16th to 23rd. The campaign will be not only for new members but for the renewal of all memberships, except life. All others will expire with the close of 1918.

It is not to be supposed that with the signing of the armistice and the coming of peace that the need for the work of the Red Cross is ended. The millions of American soldiers are still and will be for months to come being cared for in the hospitals overseas. And until such time as they may under arms. Many of them are still be restored to normal life they need the protection and care that was so all important during the struggle. They have enlisted for service, whatever it may be, until there is nothing more for them to do. We must not neglect them now. Every man, woman and child is urged to renew their membership or to become a membership or to become a member in case they have not done so heretofore.

Alliance, always willing to do her

full share, will do herself proud before the close of the campaign, December 23rd.



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The Government is going to help these boys to secure a homestead. Great bodies of fine grass-covered agricultural and grazing lands in section allotments will be available for entry, on the most favorable terms, by honorably discharged soldiers and sailors. Government irrigated lands, a valuable prize, will be part of the National bounty.

Thousands of our young men who have been drawn by war into an out-door life will never go back to indoor salaried jobs.

12,000 acres of the finest Government-irrigated lands at Deaver, Wyo., are expected soon to be opened for entry, with perpetual water rights almost a gift. You should interest yourself at once, so by the time your boy returns, you can inform him as to just what the Government proposes to do. I am employed by the Burlington to inform and aid you along these lines. Get in touch with me.



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Advertisement for Toys, featuring a large illustration of a child with toys and text: "Shop Early in the week --Early in the day. WHAT IS CHRISTMAS without toys and the many little things that make glad the children."

AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

A Christmas of gift giving—a Christmas time when we can relax from the war time spirit and make the old adage "Tis more Blessed to give than receive" truer than ever.

We have been fortunate in being able to assemble a wonderful array of suitable gift things and especially in the line of Toys, without which Christmas would be almost meaningless to the little ones. Here you'll find Dolls of every description, Doll buggies, Doll furniture and Doll houses and Mechanical toys that will amuse the children, as well as those older and all the unique little gift articles that only the boys and girls can enjoy.

Then too, we have a great many things in our department that will make ideal Christmas gifts. Pieces of furniture that will be appreciated and remembered long after the price is forgotten; Pretty rugs, Pictures and so many other things that it will be necessary for you to call and look over the line if you are to get an idea of its extensiveness.

Glen Miller, Housefurnishings, The Christmas Store