

# All Danger to Boys Didn't Disappear When Roar of Guns Ceased, Says Mother

In Beautiful Letter to Her Soldier Boy, She Points Out That Now Is Time He Must Be Careful.—It Is a Letter All Mothers Should Read.

Here is a letter—a wonderful letter from a mother to her soldier boy in France. And The Bee wants every mother in Omaha to read it and when she has the spirit of it write to her own boy across the ocean. If she hasn't a boy of her own "over there" then she can write to some other mother's boy.

There was never a time when the boys were so greatly in need of letters from home as now. When the battle was on the soldier had little time or opportunity to let his mind wander to things unwholesome—he was too busy with what was then the gravest problem of the hour, winning the war.

But now it is different and the woman who wrote this beautiful letter is not the only one who realizes that the real danger to our boys is greater today than when the battle was raging. Then there was only the danger of being killed. Now—but read this mother's letter. She tells it more beautifully than we can. Then read the appeal from Raymond B. Fosdick, chairman of the commission on training camp activities, who wants the overseas forces to be bound to home with that strongest tie of all—love.

Her Soldier Boy.

"Son of Mine.

"They're sending you home to me at last. Through all these months of waiting and longing I've been wearing a star for you and holding my head high and thinking wonderful thoughts about you. I've watched you through ocean mists and dreamed anxious dreams. Yes, and cried a little, too, but not when people could see.

"And now you're coming home. Oh, it seems so good to me. I've just read your letters again. They say so much more than you ever thought when you were writing them. Just happenings—that's all most of the things you wrote about were to you. But to me they said you were facing the biggest thing in life, facing it bravely, as I should want my son to face it. You were offering your body and your soul for a thing bigger than you or me or America.

"Don't think me silly or sentimental because I say these things. Just remember that while you were going through that fire and terror I had to sit here and smile. I had to try to be as brave as you, so that you shouldn't be ashamed of me. When I wrote to you I tried to write cheerful, encouraging letters, because I did not want you to go into battle feeling that I was holding you back from the big sacrifice. It's only now, when the fighting is over, that I can let down a little and be just your mother, just the woman who loves you better than anything else in the world and is so glad to see you're coming back to her that she doesn't care who sees her cry.

resources" said Mr. Fosdick. "It is above all a morale problem, and it must be faced as such, with the full co-operation of families and friends here in this country, if it is to be solved successfully. Every one who has a son, a brother or a sweetheart over there must help.

"While the war was on our boys were fully occupied; they were still filled with the spirit of adventure, looking forward rather than back. Now, however, the fighting is at an end. They are going to remain, most of them, many months doing work which will be neither exciting nor particularly interesting. They will get lonesome, bored and terribly homesick.

"The \$170,000,000 raised in the recent United War work drive is to be used precisely to bridge over this period by providing recreation and amusement. But no amount of mere money expended in such a way will be enough. What these boys really want is not diversion, but human interest and sympathy. These things expressed in letters from home will warm their hearts and create a home atmosphere around them, even while they are absent from the family circle.

"Such letter may be a very necessary sheet anchor to windward in the case of some boys. The thought of one waiting for them, counting on them, will, more than anything else, make them hold back and think twice before plunging into situations which might mean harm and unhappiness for them."

Club Linen, Napery and Silver Bear New Athletic Monogram

Table appointments in the Omaha Athletic club were selected with care and judgment. The linens and napery of choice damask are marked with the initials "O. A. C." in white.

The silver is unmistakably the silver of this new clubhouse and no other, for besides the monogram "O. A. C.", it bears on the back the complete name of the club.


One of the distinctly new table appointments, and one in which Monsieur Chevalier takes especial pride are the individual silver cream bottles, miniatures of the regulation cream bottle, which the milkman puts on the back doorstep.

Simple China Patterns.

Plates of varying sizes, cups and saucers are in a French blue and pink design while those for the grill are of a different pattern than the main dining room. Here a simple white with blue band is the design.

Glassware is fragile and dainty and monogrammed with the letters "O. A. C."

TO GIVE GLAD HAND AT NEW ATHLETIC CLUB.



E. L. PARKER.

E. L. Parker succeeded R. E. Magill as manager of the Omaha Athletic club when Magill entered the service. Parker is the man who will welcome members to the Omaha Athletic club and look after details of the house management.

Fight Not Over.

"Perhaps for some of the boys who have stood with you so firmly through these trials the fighting is not yet all over. The fighting I mean is that between a man and himself, and for many of them this will be the hardest battle of all. During the long days and evenings of waiting before they can start for home thoughts will creep into their minds which will be hard to resist. There will be times after all these months of action when the longing for change and for the companionship of women may lead them into associations which will spoil their becoming and cause them shame and humiliation and even perhaps make them unfit to receive the love that awaits them here.

"You, dearest boy, are just as human as your comrades, and feelings like these may come to you too. I don't ask you to crush them. They are natural, and they only prove that war has failed to dry up the well-spring of your emotions. I ask you only to recognize them when they come and to control them with the fine strength you have gained while fighting for the ideals and principles of America. Just remember that many joyous years of life are ahead of you and that the risk of spoiling them and the love that will fill them is too tremendous to run for a short hour of seeming pleasure.

"Somebody Cared."

"Many of the boys who will come home with you have no mothers to write to them. Some of them may think that no one cares what they do. But somebody does care. America cares. And the girls they will marry some day care. And, oh, the difference it make in their lives if they will just remember that there is always somebody, always!

Help them to remember. Help them to come home clean and fine. Don't let them spoil everything now. They have been so splendid. Now, I think this letter will help them give it to them. If they have no mothers let me be their mother until they have come back and taken the high places that await them here. Tell them to write to me. How I should treasure their letters!

And, of course, you will write to me. Just say that you understand—that you know why I have written this letter. Then I can wait months you W etain shrdl shrdl u duu —yes, even rare—knowing that you will come home to me as fine and clean as you were when I sent you away to camp so long ago.

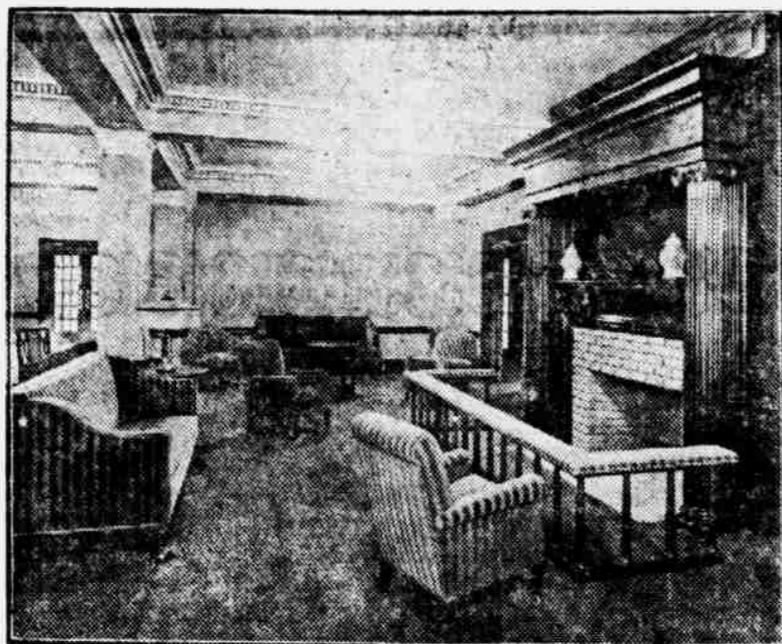
"MOTHER."

Keep the Boys' Thoughts Centered Around Home

Washington, Dec. 14.—(Special).—Just before leaving for France to superintend the demobilization activities of those organizations which recently took part in the united war work campaign, Raymond B. Fosdick, chairman of the commission on training camp activities, was interviewed with regard to the present situation of our overseas forces.

"The problem presented by the gradual demobilization of more than 2,000,000 men, 3,000 miles from home in one which will tax all our social

## Main Lounge on Second Floor



## Splendid Settings for Most Exclusive Bouquets at New Club

Setting is adequate for the most exclusive and imposing social functions, banquets or dinners, in the magnificent old blue and ivory dining room on the third floor of the new Athletic club, which vies with the most beautiful dining rooms in the country in beauty of design and richness of furnishing.

Stenciling has been eliminated from the old blue and gold striped silk walls. Bronze velvet hangings with embroidered lambrequins and tassels draped over lace window panels; Hempwhite tables and chairs of solid mahogany with old blue tapestry seats contribute to the satisfaction of this room.

A balcony or mezzanine floor, overlooking the dining room, where tables are placed also for dinner and which will be open each afternoon for tea add to the attractiveness of the whole. Ferns and other greens will be placed along the railing of the mezzanine floor.

Four attractively furnished private dining rooms complete the front section of the third floor. The kitchen occupies the rear.

## America Entered War to Make Future Wars Actual Impossibility

Christiana.—Norwegian leaders in science, politics and business have formed a society for the purpose of enrolling Norway in a league of nations built upon a democratic basis. Professor F. Nansen, the famous Arctic explorer and scientist, has been elected president of the society. In his introductory address, Professor Nansen said:

"The dream of a fraternity of nations has suddenly come within sight. It is the goal of which one of the world's greatest statesmen, President Woodrow Wilson, is aiming. The reason why America is now able to make this Utopian dream a reality is because the nation is young and healthy. America went into the war only to make future wars impossible. It will achieve that end."

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## British Grand Fleet Celebrates When News of Peace Is Received

London.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A vast chorus of siren whistles from a thousand fighting ships split the air when the British grand fleet received the news of the signing of the armistice. First the 30-mile line of vessels sprang into light. Then, suddenly, the great fleet of battleships, cruisers, torpedo destroyers, mine-layers and patrols united in one huge, synchronized diapason that startled the hearers for a radius of 100 miles. The tremendous sound re-echoed amongst the hills on both shores, awesome in its intensity.

A hundred searchlights, which, for four years, had resolutely watched the skies, or peered steadily along dark waters for enemy craft, merrily criss-crossed about the sky. Flares were lit, star shells fired and here and there some of the greater ships were fortunate in a fireworks display.

For 60 minutes the fleet threw off all reserve and let itself go. At 9 o'clock the sirens suddenly silenced, the lights snapped out and the grand fleet was again waiting and watching and ready, and scarcely had the last sounds died away than from the admirals' ships there were, winking at the mastheads, the orders for further duty.

## Spacious Quarters Make Athletic Club Guests Comfortable

Sleeping quarters in the new clubhouse, from the fifth floor up, are spacious, the furnishings well chosen and with an eye to man's comfort, which make them particularly home-like. The furniture is of mahogany and maple, built on simple lines, the special feature being the old-fashioned chest of drawers with a separate mirror, instead of the conventional dresser or chiffonier.

Each room is furnished with mahogany desk and waste paper basket to match; clothes closets, tapestry chairs and cretonne hangings carrying out a gray and rose color scheme, and grip stands. The choice rooms have the complete bathroom with built-in tubs and fine sanitary fixtures, the others lack the tub. Separate baths are installed in each corridor.

Well-chosen pictures are being hung in each room, all of which are furnished alike, with the variation of different color schemes on separate floors.

There are sixty sleeping rooms.

Three Check Stands.

There are three checkstands in the new clubhouse, one for ladies, one for men, and one in connection with the grill, also for men.



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