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Officers' Lot was Better Than Privates

Which has the harder lot, the officer or the private? The opinion of the great majority of privates is that the officers have on the whole, a "cushy" job compared with theirs, and on the other hand, the officers are not to be blamed if they think the privates are lucky to be only privates, free from the officer's responsibility. Here, and there, however, is to be found an officer who declares unhesitatingly that in the Great War the officers had all the best of it. One of them is that distinguished author and playwright, St. John Ervine, author of "Changing Winds," perhaps the best English war novel, and "John Ferguson," one of the latest New York dramatic hits. Mr. Ervine was both an officer and a private in the war, and his views were offered in relation to a letter that appeared in the New Statesman, an English Weekly, asserting that, everything considered, the private had the best of things. Being an officer was more dangerous, said the writer, more tiring, and not more attractive, except for decorations. Mr. Ervine does not specifically deal with danger, and the writer of the letter will probably show that the most dangerous post of all was that of a subaltern in an infantry regiment.

"The Wind Up,"

But Mr. Ervine says that if an officer "got the wind up," or, in other words, lost his nerve, it was a simple matter for him to get away to the front lines, or secure a transfer from an infantry regiment to another branch of the service, but the man in the lines with the "wind up" had to stay there and get it down as best he could. But we should think that "funking" would be much more conspicuous in an officer than in a private, and that a very human falling away from heroism would appear more damning in him than in another. Apart from the vital inter-related questions of danger and courage, Mr. Ervine says that the officer had all the best of it, especially in England, in hospital and as a prisoner. War the officer's advantages were increased, and it is to be admitted that however and where he was, he was better off than the private. The ingrained German respect for officers was even translated to their enemies. Again the officer suffered from few of the childish restraints that were thought necessary to impose on the private, and the writer says that the officer, even if he is a boy of nine, is treated as a responsible person, and is permitted to stay out all night if he wishes, while the private, though a middle-aged business man, must be in barracks by ten o'clock.

The Matter of Leave.

The arbitrary fixing of bounds does not apply, except theoretically, in some cases, to officers, he continues, a statement that is probably open to contradiction. As a private soldier, he says, he had to waste hours of his precious leave in waiting about company office until an officer could be found to sign his pass. As an officer he merely suggested to the adjutant that perhaps the army could stagger along without his presence for a week, and the adjutant would give him leave. The officer got better and more varied food than the men, he continues. In France, his fare was better cooked. He admits that perhaps officers had too much to eat, and is convinced that they had too much to drink. He writes, "I have never been able to understand why whiskey was so easily obtainable both out of the line and in it. The men received no other alcoholic stimulant than that provided by the officers' had bottles of whiskey every day. There was actually a time in my experience in France when it was easier to obtain whiskey than rifle oil, and I have known men to go into the trenches without rifle oil at the same time, the tin of whiskey was lying at their feet."

Whiskey and Beer.

He finds it a satisfaction to report that the Germans, captured that train, and he trusts that the whiskey made them very drunk and very sick. The aftermath of this lavish distribution of whiskey, he says, is the present great number of young officers who are drunkards. Let this should be seized upon as an argument in the ap-

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NEW MENACE TO FEMINE MORALS

The women of Paris, it seems, are wearing filmy gowns so low that in the words of the New York dealer who reports the fact, they are "going practically nude." English women, according to this observer, are adopting the style, and he predicts that it will become popular here.

Great wars are commonly followed by fashion revivals which tend to relax the old conventions of propriety, and dealers in woman's goods, not being moral censors, will probably not interfere in this instance to check the tendency. Fifth Avenue shop windows no doubt will shine more resplendently than ever before with gowns that are "dreams" of delight and indecorum.

But the announcement having been formally made, it remains for the forces of moral reform to prepare to resist the invasion. They were latterly concerned, if recollection serves us, with the corruption influences of feminine lingerie, and there were fulminations from local pulpits and from the degradation of women's dress. In view of the worst that is soon to come there must logically be a new and more aggressive resistance. It is a Wotan line that is now to be broken, and no guilty gown must be allowed to escape.

Altogether, there is the promise of a lively winter of moral regulation of women's clothes. Paris may yield to the blandishments of the modiste, but Puritan New York must be made to preserve the proprieties.—New York World.

received employment. This represents an increase of 577 over the previous week, when 7970 persons were given regular employment. In addition 1,233 casual jobs were supplied as compared with 1,274 of the week ending September 13th.

During the week 10,366 applicants were registered of whom 743 were women and 9,623 were men. This shows an increase of 536 over the previous week when 9,830 applicants were reported. The number of vacancies notified by employers totalled 12,214 of which 1,211 were for women, and 11,003 were for men. This represents an increase of 674 over the preceding week when 10,540 vacancies were notified. Of the placements in regular employment 494 (or 4.8 per cent) were women workers and 8,998 or 94.7 per cent were men. The number of Soldiers reported as placed was 3,049 or 35.5 per cent of the total.

Of the placements in regular work 19 were reported by Prince Edward Island, a decrease of 7; 135 by Nova Scotia, a decrease of 9; 293 by New Brunswick, an increase of 38; 729 by Quebec, an increase of 96; 2299 by Ontario, an increase of 228; 1983 by Manitoba, an increase of 177; 1023 by Saskatchewan, a decrease of 224; 910 by Alberta, an increase of 128; 1156 by British Columbia, an increase of 152.

IMPATIENT TOURISTS IN GERMAN.

(Buffalo Express.)

The police records of Berlin show that the United States leads all other Allies in the number of visitors at the German capital. According to Berlin's register of foreigners, there arrived in that city in August 278

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WOMEN STUDENTS IN DIVINITY SCHOOL

A decided novelty in the way of Presbyterian theological training was furnished last evening at the opening ceremonies for the Presbyterian Theological College on McTavish street, when, among the students for the regular theological course, were three young ladies registered with the college for a course in social service, in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. These young ladies will take a course with the theological and divinity classes at the college with the social service and clinical work from Prof. Falk at McGill. The young lady students were given a warm welcome, and many allusions were made to their presence in the addresses to which they were unfortunately denied the privilege of replying.

The principal, Rev. Dr. J. Fraser presided and gave the opening address. He referred to the active participation in the war by the staff and students of the Presbyterian College, and the fact that now the building is again to be used for its pristine purposes, after having for a year or more been utilized as a military hospital. Dr. Fraser pointed out that since his evacuation as a military hospital, the building had been completely rehabilitated, due to the generosity of friends of the college.

In solemn vein, Dr. Fraser cited the manner in which the students had responded to the call for service overseas. Nearly all the students fit for this service, he said, had enlisted and gone forward in various capacities. Eleven of those who had gone with never return, while a number of others had suffered the horrors of war in wounds or being made prisoners by the enemy. He especially welcomed those who had served overseas, and returned to shed their blood for academic robes, to complete their training for the Christian ministry. Despite the changes due to the war, Dr. Fraser said that there were 50 students enrolled for the present term, including 18 for theological work, 8 in the arts grade at McGill, 7 in the matriculation class and 6 preparing for medical missionary work, with returned soldiers completing their course and the three lady students in social work.

Eat Less and Take Salts for Kidneys

TAKE A GLASS OF SALTS IF YOUR BACK-HURTS OR BLADDER BOTHERS

The American men and women must guard constantly against kidney trouble, because we eat too much and all our food is rich. Our blood is filled with uric acid, which the kidneys strive to filter out, they weaken from overwork, become sluggish, the eliminative tissues clog, and the result is kidney trouble, bladder weakness and a general decline in health.

When your kidneys feel like lumps of lead, your back hurts or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment or you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night; if you suffer with such headache or dizzy, nervous spells, acid stomach, or you have rheumatism when the weather is bad, get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia. It has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys; to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

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