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#### THE WILL TO WIN

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TICTORY is assured tomorrow because the people have the will to win. No fight was ever won by forces that ex- German people for it by creating a diver- able. Of course, many persons who are pected defeat. Thousands of contests have been won because one side entered the fight determined to use every ounce of strength and power to defeat its op-

The followers of football were surprised a few years ago when the eleven of Colgate defeated Yale. Colgate had Haven gridiron. One day some one said that this sort of thing had been going on long enough and that the time had come for the Colgate players to go to New Haven determined to put up the bes fight that was in them. The whole college began to talk about defeating Yale. A deliberate campaign was planned to cultivate the will to win. After a year or two an eleven was built up. every man in which was determined to use every ounce of strength in him to the last minute of the game in an effort to defeat Yale. And Yale was defeated. The men of Colgate understood the

the football victory.

psychology of victory.

seize control of their own government once more. The Fifth Ward outrages occurred at the right moment to set them | mere victory. Make it overwhelming. on fire. Those outrages brought the methods of the political freebooters into the clear light of day. The public ofevery voter who dared oppose the orders issued from the City Hall.

As soon as the Town Meeting ticket was nominated the oligarchy that sits in day morning. City Hall began to use every trick and device to prevent the appearance at the polls tomorrow of an opposition ticket. Not content with appeals to the courts, many cases in the majority. They are the leaders used the police once more to bulldoze and intimidate the signers of the nomination petitions. This sort of thing might have been expected in the Russia of last year while it was still a despotism. It is an outrage such as makes the blood of every independent American citizen boil. It is but the conaummation of the methods practiced by the freebooters who have been fattening at the public crib for a generation,

inconceivable that they could be worse. Any change would be for the better, There are no citizens so indifferent to the result that they are taking no inter- kins the American flap at Wellsboro, Pa., est in the contest. Every man worthy the name knows that when the standard of conduct of our public servants can sink no lower the time has come to turn out the unfaithful and replace them with men of honor and high ideals,

That time is now. But the forces of evil which have been behind all the thuggery and legal trickery and moral obfuscation of recent preeks will fight to the last ditch. It is important that honest citizens be on their guard tomorrow and that every illegal act of the police be resented instantly and every attempt to prevent the polling en honest vote be checked before its

mod today an overwhelming majority | did not reassure us. of them would be found supporting the we Meeting ticket. They are going to a poils temorrow to be counted in man who attempts to prevent an honest ote. The jails got the men in Indianapsile and Terre Haute who mankeyed with the elections. The men of their kind in nis city will do well to remember this.

RET YEAR'S WAR GARDENS

gardeners who fancted otherwise have Y. M. C. A. IS 'HOME' only scratched the surface of the poss bilities and of their ground. Secretary of Agriculture Patton tells them what's what, Soil can be prepared now for spring planting, some crops can be put in now and kept under cover for earliest spring bearing, many vegetables can be grown or wintered over in hotbeds and

There's lots to be done, you war garencouraging fact in food production and onsumption and winter storage. The tion work as a godsend in this terrific age National Emergency Food Garden Com- of bloodshed. mission's survey is authority for these amazing statistics. And with the expehorns" this year the harvest should be tial part in military training and morale. double next year.

Food is to win this war, and gardens just ask the Department of Agriculture at Harrisburg and get all you want free.

#### BALANCING LOSSES

WHEN the enemy made his last big no victory eisewhere to offset it. It was last ten days lost 422 cannon and 720 sink deep.

If your son, brother or sweetheart in the that the Italian invasion was planned very largely because of expected trouble in the west. Some experts even talk of a possible retreat to the Meuse, with the constitution of the manufacture of the meuse of the constitution played many games with the greater college and its men had been contented with the honor of appearing on the New surrender of nearly all the occupied American officially recognized by the German Government. He still is at his post. The Y. M. C. A. has established small universities in all the prisoners' camps. It is that Italy is hopelessly disabled.

ploying seventy-one divisions, or about 1,065,000 men, and losing nearly 500,000, some say more, in the whole operation. Counting the buge casualties in the last month in Belgium and on the Aisne, we see a German loss at least three times as great as that of the Italians.

### MAKE IT OVERWHELMING

 $E^{\scriptscriptstyle
m LEVENTH\; HOUR\; numerical\; estimates}$  of tomorrow's vote in the city are interesting, but even less reliable than the usual pre-election forecasts. When The voters of Philadelphia today are the issue is deeply moral, as in the presinspired by the same spirit which won ent case, when the way a man's vote is cast tells whether he thinks murder is are sold. right or wrong, there is no telling what Everything that has happened since landsilde may be started. But let no Mayor Blankenburg went out of office man be overconfident. Every Town has strengthened their determination to Meeting party vote will be needed. When the most degraded elements in the community conspire, every honest man must show his colors. Do not be satisfied with

## A CONTINUOUS CAMPAIGN

A express an opinion on woman suffrage citizens in the free expression of their tomorrow. It will be only an opinion, opinions were found to be engaged in for suffrage will never be decided until co-operating with thugs to blackjack It is decided right and decided universally. It is a co. tinuous campaign. If those States turn cown the women tomorrow the suffrage .ampaign will start i again in Ohio and New "ork on Wednes-

> Suffrage is not only a question of jus tice. It is also a war measure. In those amazing English factories, with their acres of shells, women workers are in winning the war and they are winning the vote for women everywhere. For they are smashing the last of the sad "anti" arguments, that men can fight without women's aid.

of business without loss to the British is rather more than a good day's work. It looks like "The Day's" work.

It is easy to forget to put a threecent stamp on a letter, but it is easier Conditions are now so had that it is to forget that November 15 is the last day Christmas boxes for soldiers in France can be put in the mails.

> The man who was compelled to because of his pro-German chatter will find further punishment in the fact that he will be obliged to talk to himself in the future.

In 1905 the Organization was enguifed by the wave of reform. In 1911. ust six years later, the wave again rose and swept it from power. It is just another six years since these alleged Republicans received their last drenching. They'd better get their raincoats ready for tomorrow.

Berlin and Vienna are moving heaven and earth to insure the success of the pacifist conference to be held a Berne, in Switzerland, on November 12a strange role for victors. It would sometimes be hard to believe in ultimate If the voters should stand up to be German defeat if German peace efforts

> The United States is often charged with being a country with few traditions and institutions. Youth in nationhood is. of course, responsible for the alleged deficiency in a rich h'storie past. Such established institutions as we have should be cherished, then, and not discarded. So the news that one Philadelphia institution of somewhat venerable standing, the First City Troop, is to maintain its inegrity as a military body is doubly wel-

# FOR THE SOLDIERS

Organization's Work Goes From Cantonments to the Firing Line

By FRANKLYN R. G. FOX deners, whose record last spring is the encouraging fact in food production and unotable features of the great world conservation and discomforting tidings war is the work of the Young Men's to the enemy that America's home gar- Christian Association. All the Allied Govdeners increased their number and area ernments, the Vatican, army officers and by 222 per cent and produced "truck" soldiers, diplomats and clergymen of all valued at about \$400,000,000 for summer denominations have welcomed the associa-

The association has become the very life of our army cantonments, and today is rience gained by innumerable "green- playing an all-important and vitally essen-Far from being "slackers," the Y. M. C.

A. field secretaries should be commissioned are munition plants. Prepare now to officers. They are officers in every sense make weapons and ammunition every of the word. They are risking their lives whit as important as howitzers and daily on European battlefields. Several alshrapnel. If you are in need of advice | ready have been killed. One, at least, has received the British military medal for bravery in action. And in our own army cantonments more than 2000 of these up right and courageous young men are looked to daily by American sold ers for advice, ourage and assistance

Prominent and public-spirited Philadel-"strategic retreat" in March he had phians are intensely aroused over a criticism expressed by Mr. Roosevelt that the generally agreed that another German Y. M. C. A. workers are "slackers." They retreat on the west front would be an say the Colonel's only excuse is that he open confession of inferiority. Such a "erred because not informed of existing retreat seer s to be under way. But this conditions." That any one should so have time the high command prepared the misinformed him is considered unpardonsion in Italy. Under the cover of an behind the times still think the Y. M. C. A. impressive invasion in the south, the nothing more than a prayer-meeting or-Germans have abandoned untenable ganization. It is high time that some of ground along the Aisne, having in the the following truths should sink home and

American army is captured by the Ger-mans, the Young Men's Christian Associaversitles in all the prisoners' camps. It i It is important to realize that the Germans did not dream of such a retreat trenches. It is supplying them with food last summer. The Crown Prince, from 'No Man's Land." It has brought a real atmosphere of home to the "Sanmees" in France and to our own boys in the army

> Helps Men to Write Home These are facts. The association is sup-plying paper, envelopes and stamps for the men to write home from every army camp

in this country and in France. Better still, the secretaries are urging the men to write. If you have a son in the service, you will know what this means. When the men arrived at Camp Dix Wrightstown, they were seen trying to write on paper flattened against window panes, boxes, beds and even on the ground They had no writing facilities. The Government supplies none. The association now has nine huts, besides an auditorium and headquarters at Camp Dix. From one hut alone \$000 letters for the "folks back home" were posted in one day. All facili-ties are supplied free of charge. Stamps ect the mail and see that letters are sent.

An army official said only recently that if the Y. M. C. A. succeeded in getting the boys to write home, its whole existence the name of "Kosciusko McGinty."

would be more than justified. At Camp
Dix the association distributes more than 1,000,000 sheets of writing paper monthly. One Y. M. C. A. shipment sent from Brooklyn—and it was only one of many— contained the following: Two hundred thousand envelopes, 1,000,000 sheets writages of biscuits, 20,000 pickages of chewing gum, 10 folding organs, 100 moving-pleture machines, 100 talking machines, checkers, meat, condensed milk, baseball bats, gloves, baseballs, tobacco typewriters

ess variety. In every cantonment the Y. M. C. A. nuts." In their quaint green paint, spell ome for the soldiers in every sense of the word. They live in them all their spare time. There are 400 "huts" scattered throughout the various army cantenments and 200 more have been ordered. They are found in France, England, Germa sia, Italy, and there are more than forty along the River Nile.

Although called "huts," these are better thin palaces in the soldiers' eyes. They are large and roomy, with big fireplaces in each, books, magazines, chairs galore not to mention long writing tables. The men can smoke to their hearts' content. Movies are given every other night or so Then there are band concerts and singing which fairly shakes the roof from the

building. The men do not sing hymns except occasionally. They sing rousing war songs. Able secretaries are leaders. Everything seems to be given over to the comfort o for every 5000 men in cantonments, but the buts proved so popular that many more had to be ordered

## Work Right at Firing Line

No effort is made to make "conversions" mong the soldiers. The huts are absolutely nonsectarian. All faiths are welcome and intermingle. On Sundays Catholic, Protestant and Jewish services have been id in the same but.

There always is "something on" at night entertainments of all kinds. On "stunt night" everybody gets up to do something. These are a great treat. When one realize that after mess there is nothing for the sci-diers to do, it is easy to see what the huts have come to mean to them. One look at the cheery fireblace with its sparkling big logs and with numberless chairs drawn around it, the men, healthy and happy, at ice convinces the visitor. Besides plying the men with many things they need, the association teaches boxing, French

Secretaries meet the men on arrival at all ports "over there." The men, feeling rather lost, find themselves in huts in France similar to those here. Thus the "strangeness" of a foreign landscape dis-appears. The secretaries work pick. appears. The secretaries work night and day, it would seem. They are confidential advisors, cheerers and cheer leaders. At one of the recent battles the Y. M. C. A. dugout distributed 25,000 cups of hot chocolate near the battlefront. The association gives each man on soling interests. clate near the battlefront. The association gives each man on going into the trenches two large packages of chocolate, to be used only if he is wounded. It would nourish him for two days while lying in "No Man's Land."

Some secretaries are in the thick of the fight bandaging light wounds, doing every-thing possible to help the men. There are association dugouts just back of the front trenches. The work of these secretaries is of the hardest kind. Many have given up rood positions to undertake the secretaries. good positions to undertake the work. Ask the soldiers themselves if the secretaries are slackers!

All the warring nations have asked for All the warring nations have asked for more secretaries and more huts. The works has accompilated wonders. Not only does it help to a great extent to keep the men out of trouble, but also it nurses their apprixits, it would seem, almost with a mathematical and the requests received for huts many one receivily from the Vatican.

## Tom Daly's Column

THE DEVIL'S ACCENT

I'm just a common sinner, bo, like you-Unless you chance to be a bloomin' agint-

And maybe what I've got to tell is new And maybe, on the other hand, it ain't. If with a certain person you're acquaint And chat with him as I do, you'll

When you hear the conversation Meant to lead you to temptation, That the Devil has a German accent

Remember when he whispered in your Before this derned disturbance came

alona. He talked in simple English, plain and

wrong:

clear, And sang a very pleasant kind of song But lately you have noticed something

You really can't explain it, why or But you notice when you listen, To those ofly words of his'n

That the Devil has a German accent Of late he has been busy, much too much,

Where talk in purest English isn't several years he's put himself to

Dutch And therefore he is "out" with decent folk.

I never thought good eats would hur a bloke. But when I am too hungry for my

"chow," I observe in each temptation To ignore Food Conservation That the Devil has a German accent

It's funny, too, I never used to think That shirking of a duty was a sin, And when I saw the Devil smile and

wink: I never was the mar. I should have been.

But now a ray of light is breaking in; I'm marching on my scay with lifted brane!

I'm determined not to linten To those oily words of his'n For the Devil has a German accent

EVERYBODY has his own notion of what's the "softest" job in the world,

Each of us thinks he can lay a finger upon the man who does the least work for the greatest amount of pay-though we're likely, at that, to be wrong. But this story deals with a man whose job, measured commercially, was the most exacting and paid the least. And there can be no question as to his standing, for all his fellows admitted that he was head "A PRESIDENT and shoulders above them. He was the uncrowned king of his realm.

We say "he was," for he s dead; and it is a memorial of him, a bool of 130 pages, The secretaries themselves col- a special number of the Ardmore Puzzler, that moves us here to talk about him. If you have a son or relative in the service, you will realize the all-importance of that one cog of the gigantic machine of the when he entered "Puzzledom"—and that wasn't long before he ascended the throne of that strange lomain-he took

> The mind of the average man, at mention of the word "puzzles" conjures up the name of Sam Loyd, but Loyd was a have yet been made regarding that im-commercial puzzler, whose odd quips and portant subject—an international Governcranks were made to pay him big money This other man's puzzles probably brought him in no more than \$100 in wish especially to present, let me remind your writer that he would find no precedent in our Civil War, which made only his work. His biographer says of him: the successful side's debt payable by the "His was a genius which could and cid win critical recognition in the high domains of literature \* \* \* but he de- non-Teutonic nations. If it were to include liberately and of choice dedicated it to the art and the fraternity which he loved and, without regret, abandoned the plauit would only be treating the present world dits of the great world for a smaller one which he loved more."

Many Philadelphians who watched with -boyish or girlish (as the case may be)eagerness for the weekly appearance of "Golden Days," published by James Elverson at Ninth and Spruce, will remember the department of "Puzzledom," al though they probably found the problems there too hard to solve. It was there that Kosciusko McGinty, in 1886, first won his spurs. In the years that followed celts which excited the admiration of his fellows, but which would simply mystify the average reader. More than one hundred pages in the memorial book are given to them, hundreds of poems and sketches and seven-letter and eight-letter "squares" worked out with painstaking effort and much burning of midnight oil,

Did you know, busy reader, that some of these square-building bugs have even gone to the trouble to compile a diction ary of eight-letter words and another of nine-letter words? It is even so, and more so. There is a dictionary of threeletter words, compiled from more than two hundred authorities and there are probably not fifty people in the world who would want such a thing. Some unrequited labor!

But labor is a thing no puzzier is stingy about, and this King of the Puzziers least of all.

## LAST CARD

thing.

WAIT a minute, voter, on your way to the polls!

These things, O cities, it is to be known that you may be all a

Here's something you should know We turn to page 1525 of Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictio; ary and we find, at about the middle of the first column: Vare, s. A wand or staff of author ity or justice. [Obs.]

And below that is a quotation from Dryden, who might have been writing of one Smith: "His hand a vare of justice did uphold."

But "Obs.," voter, means obsolete clayed out, done for, and all that sort of Walt another minute! Here's another definition:

OF HUMANITY"?

Internationalism Has Dodged This Question—Political Discussion

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger. Sir-The suggestion in your financial column of October 26 that, following the democratization of the world, the war deats of the nations should be assumed by all, should not pass without comment, as it is one of the most luminous suggestions that

interstate Government. Possibly, however your writer only expects that international Government to include all the Aliled or all nations, though, his proposition would be a magnificently magnanimous proposal convulsion as a surgical operation for which the whole world would offer to pay, just as the head, heart and lungs pay for the dis-orders of a bad living. One could readily think of President Wilson offering, after the surrender of the Teutons, so magnanir a program. It would be like Lincoln Grant. That, however is for the future.

The point that I wish to make now, how ever, is to note the recurrence in your ar ticle of expressions such as "international navy," "international police" and "inter-national court of arbitration"! For, like your own writer, other writers, almost with one accord, do not name an "international legislature" to make proper internationa he turned out witty and ingenious con- laws, an "international executive" to execute those laws and handle the "navy" "police," or an "international court," v acts legally, not a mere arbitration board. words. To speak of "navy" or "police without provision for an executive is like saying there must be a hand without a man to use it. executive is inferred or assumed when one eaks of "navy" or "police," for it is not, it were, they would talk about international "constitution," "legislature," "execu-tive" and "judiciary" and "power of the press" and "electorate," without which there press" and "electorate," without which ther can be no international "navy" or "police or any proper Government, which is the There will be no real pr begin to discuss the real thing instead of its appurtenances, BURTON ALVA KONKLE.

Swarthmore, Pa., November

#### PENROSE RESPONSIBLE To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir-One of the highest duties of me pership in a party is fairly, freely and feat saly to criticise the action of the party ganization. This becomes all the more cessary in the preservation of the Reorganization. publican party, the promotion of the public welfare, the safeguarding of society and the advancement of executive efficiency in city, State and nation. Between the time of his election and in

auguration Thomas B. Smith, with an au-dacity never equaled, proclaimed to the people of Pennsylvania that he was the leader of the Republican party in Philadel-phia and announced that in matters of State politics he would recognize Senato Penrose as the leader and himself as leader of political affairs in Philadelphia.

of political affairs in Philadelphia.

To many that declaration was a great surprise; to me it was what I had expected, inasmuch as Thomas B. Smith was indebted to Senator Penrose for his advancement from president of a bonding company to the mayoralty of the third largest city in the United States and of the ninth largest

the United States and of the ninth largest in the world.

During the summer of 1916 a number of conferences of the party organization of Pennsylvania were hold in Atlantic City for the purpose of choosing a candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia, for whom the membership of the party should vote. Five aims the Centh of Espator Quay in 190

in the confident belief that with Smith as Mayor the Vare influence in city and State

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could be destroyed.

Had Senator Penrose presented such candidate as ex-Governor Stuart, John Wanamaker, Judge Audenried or Dimner Beeber for Mayor that conference would readily have acquiesced; but Smith had been the Penrose postmaster for four years, under Taft, and the Senator having abso-lute confidence in the fealty of Smith for the paramount party leader, dominated that party organization conference and Thomas B. Smith was chosen as its candidate for

And to the extent that Mayor Smith is held responsible for the serious condition of affairs in the municipality, either morally, politically or otherwise, to that extent Boies Penrose should be held responsible— especially morally and politically responsi-ble—for that condition expressed so forcione of the foremost state United States Elihu Root, that Pennsyl-vania is corrupt and contented, and which has never been disputed by any newspaper

n Pennsylvania. P. T. Barnum held that the American ople were happiest when they were being imbugged, and further to increase that happiness he painted an ordinary elephant white, exhibiting it for years as a sacred elephant from India, secured at very great cost, and if the daub of whitewash o he Town Meeting will make our paramount itical leader really and truly white, then Armstrong-Blankenburg Town Meeting will not have been held in held in vain. JOHN W. FRAZIER.

Philadelphia, November 3.

#### THE ORGANIZATION EULOGIZED To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir-In speaking to my fellow citizens of the coming election I wish to say that I have been a voter for more than fifty years, a Republican in politics of the Abraham Lincoln type, who believes in reform not only in the Republican and Democratic parties, but in church and social life as well. Most earnestly do I advise our citizens to consider well before these week. ens to consider well before they rush off into an abyse they are not now conscious of. It is my theory that reform should take place inside our organizations—why rush outside when we have such men of the John M. Patterson and George Wharton Pepper type, not a few, but many? It is true that "those whom the gods would destroy they first make mad"—so without knowing the whys or wherefores I call upon the two factions, on one side Penrose and McNichol and on the other the Vare brothers, o get together, "In union there

It is rather amusing to see Senator Penross against his party. In what respect has Mr. Nicholson (good as he may be) qual-ities fitting him to be City Treasurer over Frederick J. Shoyer, who has been known many years and with a name beyond re-proach? Just this afternoon I learned from one of his Sunday school scholars that he is clean in his habits, a total abstainer, does is clean in his habits, a total abstainer, does not use tobacco, pure in his life and a hus-band, father and citizen that any young man should be glad to follow in his foot-steps. What has George Walter Smith's ability over my friend James B. Sheehan for Register of Wills? The only claim against the latter is as to money. If he is entitled to it by law, let him have it. Repeal the law, but don't blame the man Mr. Sheehan while Assistant Director of Public Sheehan while Assistant Director of Public Safety did so much for me, or I should say for assisting in the discharge and forgiving of many a poor fellow in the House of Correction. In what respect will Mr. Armstrong make a better Receiver of Taxes than the present one, Mr. Kendrick? He Armstrong make a better Receiver of Taxes than the present one, Mr. Kendrick? He and his father before him were so well known and so much loved that, no matter how good his opponent is, how can he be better than the best? So I beg my fellow members of the old party to stand together shoulder to shoulder and give these three, Sheehan, Shoyer and Kendrick, one of our old-time rousing majorities. Do not imagine they are any more murderers to magine they are any more murderers than I, and I trust I am not one, but, on the con rary, am in favor of pure politics and propoliticians and in favor of reform ins Philadelphia, November

MOVIES CLOSE SALOONS don't know exactly how many so

## What Do You Know?

1. In what part of Russia is Finland and free what country did Russia obtain this territory?

2. Who is Frederick Macmonnies?
3. The Germans have captured about Italians. About what percentage Italian forces under arms does ture represent?

4. The British have captured Beers Where is Jamaica?

6. Mr. Hilliquit, who was born in Bussia, was greeted as "Our next President" by an enthusiastic follower. Why could be set lexally become President?
7. Give another name for soft coal.
8. Explain the old saying, "Do not put all your eggs into one basket."

9. What is the importance of Ostend new, and what was it distinguished for before the 10. Who are the Moravians?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz I. Count von Hertling: Michaells's successor as 3. Facsimile: an exact copy. 4. Sir Arthur Sullivan was a British com-poser who, with Sir William Gilbert, wrote the famous Gilbert and Sullivas operas, "Pinafore," "Putlence," etc.

5. Sussex: English county on the Channel at the southeast corner of England, the southeast corner of England.

6. The Tagliamento is a river flowing south into the Adriatic in Venetia, in the extreme northeastern corner of Italy. If runs parallel to the Austrian boundary and now forms the line between the lost tile forces.

7. Orlando: the new Premier of Italy.

8. Dr. Karl Muck: conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

9. "Weish Disestablishment": the movement to separate Church and State in Wales, which has long been an issue in English politics.

10. Table sait is, chemically, sodium chloride

RECLAIMING BILLIONS WELL-ADVANCED plans for the reclamation of some 25,000 acres of swamp land in Lowndes County, Ala., are an nounced by a correspondent of the Manufac wrers' Record who adds that "as this is aiready a very important cotton, corn and general produce farming section, as well as the second largest cattle and hog producing

county in Alabama, the new enterprise

takes on a semblance of national im-Every successful project of this kind is of national importance because of its con tribution to the country's wealth and power condition are virtually useless and in numer ous instances a menace to health, but which if properly drained would provide farm sites of unsurpassed fertility. These farm sites of unsurpassed fertility. lands are now worth only a few dollars an acre—not more than \$10 at the most liberal estimate. But suppose these \$6. 000,000 acres were drained. They would sell for at least \$100 an acre and would yield harvests of incomparable richness. Thus in land values alone this swamp area would increase from \$500,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000, as much as the maximum of the colossal Liberty Loan. The consequent benefits would be no less marked for the community and the State than for the in-dividual land owner. The augmented tax returns would be enough to reimburse the

State and county, even if they bore entire cost of the reclamation projects, while the gains for the community's health and prosperity would be really incalculable. Georgia has the largest area of awamp and overflowed lands in any State on the Atlantic coast, with the single exception of Florida, and Florida is reciaiming her swamp lands at a truly herculean pace. One-seventh of Georgia's entire territory consists of land which must be drained be-fore it can be used. But far from being a fore it can be used. But far from being a liability, this will prove a priceless asset if reclamation is brought duly into service. The valley of the Nile itself does not excel the fertility which the ages have packed into this swampy soil and which drainage will make easily available. While vast exampses like the Okefenokee present formidable engineering problems, there are thousands of acres which can be drained at a cost comparatively trivial, besides the profitable results which are certain to follow.

In fact, few expenditures of public money yield such rich and speedy returns as do those for the reclamation of swamp or over-flow lands. Under the Georgia law authorising the formation of drainage destrets and the insuance of drainage hoads the inprovements can be made without bucketing the laxpayers and property owners; for the property owner