SOLDIERS TELL OF MISTAKES MADE IN Y. M. C. A. WORK Organization's Popularity at Front Lessened by

Several Factors

CANTEEN IS CRITICIZED

Personnel and Too Much Religious Zeal Also Pointed **Out as Drawbacks**

By EDWIN L. JAMES Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

Copyright, 1919, by New York Times Co Copyright, 1819, by New York Times Co. Coblenz, Jan. 6.—George W. Per-kins, chairman of the finance com-Just give some soldiers three cents' mittee of the American Y. M. C. A., who is on the Rhine making a sur-bia salary, and he could not do that? vey of Y. M. C. A. work, says the organization has something like \$100. for the moral welfare of the soldiers-600,000 to spend over here. It appears that the Y. M. C. A. does not know and ... is no Sunday school picnic. exactly how to spend the money. There is an evident desife to spend it in a manner that will do the most good same time the American soldier. for soldiers and in so doing to re-habilitate the suffering reputation of the Y. M. C. A. among the soldiers, Mr. Perkins has been seeking in-Mr. Perkins has been seeking in-

formation as to reasons for the un-popularity of the Y. M. C. A. and at the same time has been seeking ideas as to the best ways in which can be used the large funds that the organization now has at its disposal. He has been told that there was no doubt that the Y. M. C. A. was chock-full of full intentions, but that its career when the model washing interview and follow, morely applied in the sympatry is an autery with the X-R C A count tief of the washing and the sympatry is an autery with the X-R C A count tief of the washing and the sympatry is an autery with the X-R C A count tief of the sympatry is an autery with the X-R C A count tief of the sympatry is an autery with the X-R C A count tief of the sympatry is an autery with the X-R C A count tief of the sympatry is an autery with the X-R C A count tief of the sympatry is an autery with the X-R C A count tief of the sympatry is an autery with the X-R C A count tief of the sympatry is an autery with the X-R C A count tief of the sympatry is an autery with the X-R C A count tief of the sympatry is a sympatry is an autery with the X-R C A count tief of the sympatry is a sympatry is an autery with the X-R C A count tief of the sympatry is a sympatry is an autery with the X-R C A count tief of the sympatry is a sympatry is an autery sy ith the American expeditionary press had been lavishly mismanaged. It is idle to try to express in a few

For the Y. M. C. A. it was and it is unfortunate that the doughboy is not endowed with a judicial temperament. Were he so endowed he would doubt-less weigh carefully that the Y. M. C. A. had to pay big shipping freights, that the Y. M. C. A. had to pay rents, that the Y. M. C. A. had to pay rents, that the Y. M. C. A. had to pay rents, that the Y. M. C. A. had to pay rents, that the Y. M. C. A. had to pay rents, that the Y. M. C. A. had to pay rents, that the Y. M. C. A. had to pay rents, that the Y. M. C. A. had to pay many salaries, bigger than the doughboy got for fighting Uncle Sam's battles. He would consider all these things—if he had the judicial temperament. But not having it he has said: "Why the deuce should we have to pay big prices for those things when the money was given the Y. M. C. A.?" Now the Y. M. C. A. sets forth per-sistently that nowhere in its publicity campaign did it say that R was going to use money raised to give things to doughboys. Yet the conclusion seems instified that it did not set forth plan. Wat the tam coming to is this: go out among soldiers and talk to them to find

M. C. A.?" Now the Y. M. C. A. sets forth per-sistently that nowhere in its publicity campaign did it say that it was going to use money raised to give things to doughboys. Yet the conclusion seems justified that it did not set forth plain-ly enough that things were to be sold to doughboys, because in countless let. ters from home doughboys were told of how parents and friends had given

Take the question of personnel. This and business men's associations guar-

Chautauqua speeches, or in some stances, kept on driving trucks. Condescending Secretaries

But, let, us take an instance I wit-

nersed of four doughboys who walked five and a half kilometers in the rate to buy some eigenreties from a Y. M. C. A. canteen and got there ten minutes after

5 o'clock, 6 being closing time for 'he Y. M. C. A. man. He refused to sell them cigarettes because it was after hours, and they had to walk back five

and a half kilometers—eleven kilometers in all—in the rain and without their connections in Pennsylvania and city cigarettes. Those lads were sore and delphia, people in this State and city will particularly mourn the death of the will particularly mourn the death of the I have seen dozens of times a Y. M C. A. man refuse to sell matches to sol-diers because they did not have the right activities were concerned with persons and in Pennsylvania. His name is a house-hold symbol of energy and patriotism

throughout the State. Bishop Thomas J. Garland—"The sud-den death of Mr. Roosevelt is a shock to me. I had known him personally for some years and firmly believed in his doctrine. His death is an irreparable loss to the country. Colonel Roosevelt was the greatest man in the country since the days of Abraham Lincoln. I too shocked on receiving the new, of his death to say any more at the

Bayard Henry-"It is with deep re grets that I learn of the passing off Coolnel Roosevelt. He was a man of inderful character and full of martial interful character and full of martial fit. His death will be largely purned by the great numbers of his spirit.

American Soldier Well Behaved

followers This may illustrate what I mean by saying that at Mr. Perkins's dinner, fully Mrs. Arthur II. Lea, vice president of Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of Red Cross and member of the advisory uil areas which beset young men in 'leave'' was a Harvard classmate and friend of my husband's. Soon after graduation he entered public life and his capacities, all indicates he is right. Ours is the healthlest army in the world, and the evidence him successive advancements till he a scarcity of disease is regarded as phenomenal. The American soldier is life; of the sound mind in the sound in the sound method in the sound in the sound method in the sound in the sound method in the sound is body; the advocate of the sound early in the first start of the sound mind in the sound is body; the advocate of the sound early in the first source of the sound method in the sound is body; the advocate of the sound early in the first source of the sound method in the sound is body; the advocate of the source of the one-half of the conversation of the Y. M. C. A. leaders was taken up, with

money to the Y. M. C. A. so that can-teen supplies would go quickly and freely to fighting men. And regardless of the many state-ments sent over about manufacturers'

grateful for efforts to obtain a job for ilm than he will feel for effort to teach

of the American hearts." N. B. Kelly, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce — "Because of his close connections in Pennsylvania and Phila-will ever be remembered, and his mem-

connections in Pennsylvania and Phila-delphia, people in this State and city will actritication of the death of the former President. Many of his most vital and virile ulterances were voiced in this city and many of his most drastic activities were concerned with the state and weilded a great power over the pro-and weilded a great power over the proand weilded a great power over the peo-ple and his death is a serious blow to the country. Colonel Roosevelt was a man who stood for certain principles and his slogan a square deal for all, soon to arouse the widely used."

became widely used." Edgar Falls Smith, provoat of the Uni-torities and obligations of American of the versity of Pennsylvania—"All I can say is I am vers, very sorry. I was thinking of the Colonel yesterday. He was a wonderfal man and I admired him great. This news is a blow to me. My, but onel's death. Prof. J. Bach McMaster, who was in-

imately associated with Roosevelt while be wag Governor of New York—"This s too much for words. I am very sorry, nore than I can tell." Representative William S. Vare— Bioretto December 2019 and Americanism, from his head to his feet. The death of no

his head to his feet. The death of u other man could be a greater loss to the Roosevelt was the greatest in of his time. He was universally nation. When it is so necessary at this nam of his time. He was unversally admired, although many did not agree with all of his policies. Mr. Roosevelt had a great personal following because time to have great, constructive minds to deal with the problems of reconstruction, Colonel Roosevelt's death is espe the courage of his convictions.

cially unfortunate. "Colonel Roosevelt was a patriot and politics." a statesman. His death is a loss to the Bishop Bishop Philip M. Rhinelander-"I am

deeply shocked, as every American must be, by the news of the death of Colone: Roosevelt. A man of such virtue par-ticularly as Colonel Roosevelt, such vital The Rev. Dr. Joseph Krauskopf, rabbi of Keneseth Israel Temple .-. "One almost feels that by the death of



strong opinion and actuated, by the broadest motives for the good of the country. I think we have lost one of our foremost citizens." Mrs. Frederick H. Schoff, president Jaw as a Cabinet Minister-Oscar In the product of the serve is the serve is been of the serve is been on the serve is been server is been serve is been serve is been serve Rooseveit has rendered to his country. Rooseveit has rendered to his country. I have no hesitation in saying that the new birth of intelligent patriotism among us, as noticed in the last few years, owes more to Colonel Rooseveit than to any other man in the world." can adequately express the sorrow which I feet. Colonel Roosevelt was every inch a man. He was, until his death. America's most representative citizen. With him honor was religion

and chivalry was law. His idea of na-triotlem was to turn the bighest ide de into living realities; not only to be will-ing to die for our country. If necessary but also to be willing to live good, clean.

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ery? And he always tried to bring about that result. His death will be sincerely Charles Piez, director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation-'I have feit by every man who believes in viglearned of Colonel Roosevelt's death with orous, enthusiastic and sincere Ameri-He was among the first canistn

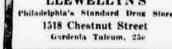
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a Berlin dispatch today. the sorrow of a demonstration at Queenstown was arrested while going to address the Gavin Duffy, a prominent Sinn Feiner, speaking at Kingstown said the Sinn crowd.

Take the question of personnel. This links closely up with the canteen prob-lem. Great changes which have been made in Y. M. C. A. personnel in the last few months go to prove what I say about many of the secretaries sent to France being best described in American slang as "lemois." Mr. Perkins points out that a great many men had to be found quickly and it was difficult to get all good men. I agree with Mr. Perkins that that statement is particularly true, but its being true by no means changes the

being true by no means changes the fact that the Y, M. C. A. had some the Y. M. C. A. understand how those men over here who should have stayed home and conducted pink teas, made

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