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MISS LIBERTY LOOMS UP AS LADY BOUNTIFUL TO AMERICANS WHO CHASED RAINBOW ABROAD

Thousand Repatriates, Disillusioned and With Fortunes Gone, Return to United States Through Aid of Relief Agencies After Finding European "El Dorado" Empty Dream and Struggle for Existence in Vain

THEY followed the end of the rainbow to England and France and beyond, and there they struck their tents and bent themselves to the mak of gathering the riches they dreamed would be theirs. But the gold they had visioned was gilt and the silver, tinsel, and marcious stones were so many cobbles laughing in hollow mockery.

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And it came to pass that they became "broke" and destitutegrangers in an old world-a pretty muddle to be sure for 1000 wholetrangers in an old world—a preces induction of a long the piling of a Hooken pier and there under their feet would be the under thing on the horizon nearly 3000 miles away, but the close-up turned

thing on the horizon nearly 3000 miles away, but the close-up turned the sunlight to shadow and the blues to somer grays and the scarlets and pinks were flaming reds that warned "Go back."

Yet they heeded not. American | taught its people is a thing to be exspirit was not to be conquered in pected and conquered any such fashion as this, but along-And here were a thousand Americans

wandering in their midst giving Eusame the old law of supply and deropeans their most intimate contact mand and competition with the peowith the United States, and so they ile of the old world who could live thought :

fir a day on a few paltry francs so true that the world must judge large-while these foreigners from the ly of mother by you." Certainly this would not do, and slowly the individual problem of the

New World, schooled only in the standards of a prosperous nation, unfortunate developed into a question of a few charlatans and fakirs who saw soon felt the pinch. international importance.

and babies, wholesome Americans all, ex-service men some, soldiers who saw Europe after the war, their star of hope, and who stayed there or came home and then re-there a harvest of

Eggless El Dorado, a Baconless Heaven Not a bad lot-decidedly not-but rather an average thousand Amer-ican men-well able in their trades and professions and callings at home to earn a comfortable living-a Traveling De Luxe

thousand men used to their bacon in "Near" Steerage and eggs for breakfast-who dis-

and eggs for orearing the end of that covered that eggs at the end of that rainbow were eighteen cents apiece after much effort the arrangements were the arrangements were eight end the end of that after much effort the arrangements were tute" Americans there would appear -the bacon priceless-the coal for made which would enable them to re- one

forgetful of everything but the fact

El Dorado compared to the poverty-stricken existence that almost had rowded the more pleasant things from heir memories. Yes, the way had been paved to bring

them here—advertisements suddenly had appeared in the papers of the European centers instructing Americans who wished to go home and who lacked the means to file their applica-

tions with the American Aid. 'Like mother, like son' is a saying \$2000 Changed Hands

in One Evening's Game And it would hardly, be unexpected that among the group would be found

American relief workers abroad Slowly the famous red tape of the in this a chance to make the United Government of the United States began States their next stop and do so without found these people crowding in upon them, clerks and mechanics, doctors and actors, gardeners and fnanciers—and just plain men who

its anchor off quarantine. This was the President Polk, another fidential identification card which

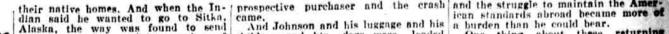
With him was his wife, fair and young and pretty and a genuinely cunning baby, whose smile was in marked con-trast to the cynical features and poker

way into the group were hardly of the caliber of the big-hearted fellow who insisted he be not named, but who nursed young Banks throughout the voyage and who took his own remain- tive of England and was naturalized ing trinket and raffied it among the first away back in the carly seventies. Then

Quite a contrast indeed was he to Dr. C. W. Dodge, a former captain of cabin passengers so that Banks might not be entirely without funds when he Dr. C. W. Dodge, a former captain of the Medical Reserve Corps, who served the Medical Reserve Corps, who served the Medical Reserve Corps, who served Treached New York. There were all kinds of persons in There were all kinds of persons in the Medical Reserve Corps, who added to be Registration Committee. It seemed as ident Polk, men who had been doing all if he would be established there in kinds of things to keep the wolf from the door.

Cherokee Indian Chief Makes Big Hit on Ship

There was Chief Hailstorm, a fullblooded Cherokee Indian from the Oklahoma reservation, who showed un-



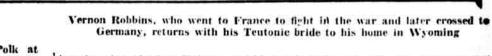
And surely there was no sadder story from stem to stern of the President Polk than the tale of William H. Bees-ton, a pathetic old figure, who bubbled over with optimism despite a burden of electric two years and the remembrance arrived with the crowd so universally

And the sharks who wormed their out of his trusting hands. All his life this man had been a clean, clean, hard worker, who spent his lator in the fields of Oregon. He was a na-

The furniture of the few who had

of having to go to work, and the other children down to the youngest little girl possessed of no greater experience

eighty-two years and the remembrance that sharpers in England had stolen a fortune of 23,000 pounds sterling from was all prepared to stick in New York, up and whoever it was who passed



Arriving on the President Polk at New York were Chief Alvone Hailstorm and his German war bride

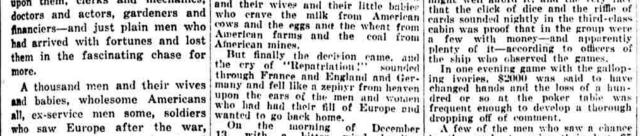
two years ago word came from England that his relatives had died and a com-fortable estate had been left to him. So Mormon With One Wife he packed up and sailed abroad and the old man, ignorant in the ways of the world, trusted and lost, and although worth a tenth of a million dollars one day he was a pauper the next. But he wasn't discouraged. He found work around an encampment of soldiers. He tended the officers' gardens and they made him an "honorary lance corpo-ral." And eight times the old man was promoted, as honorary promotions ge. o a two-striper and set out to call the the eighteen-months-old youngster who and presently he expects to have them

But he couldn't read, and in telling All over the United States these peoabout it he chuckles and then turns ple belonged, from Texas to California, tet, nsks sadly

but the other Abraham Kaloma, and his ' such things aboard, said "Go ahead." bride could see no stopping place be-tween Manhattan and Honolulu itself big cases that the Red Cross helped and there they went and Red Cross him get to his home in Illinois. tickets in their hands,

Stranded Actor Back With Family, No Funds

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France for years and so he sent for Mrs. Dodge and the three little Dodges, who journeyed all the way from Cali-fornia to New York and thence to Paris, where the family found itself all together again and quite happy until word suddenly came like a stroke of lightning that the appropriation had been cut off—the work was to cease.

wond their reach.

So they scratched their heads and puzzled, and while the old world moved aboard ship and Americans everywhere. who long had been established and on, with its eggless breakfasts and shoeless tots--quite the thing in this disap- settled in the centers of Europe gave pointing 721 Dorado-American. men generously to the fund. So it was that the migration to America began. and their wives could not descend to Below decks on the President Polk levels like this, and the task was to get

back home. But how?

How could a man who could barely exist on his carnings scrape together the france and the sovereigns and marks from that which is popularly pictured and lay them away for the tickets to as "steerage." On a level with the take them and theirs to the other side cargo hatches was the third-class paswhere the rainbow's colors are true and real-where the gold is gold and bacon and eggs are bacon and eggs?

"It couldn't be done," you say-and that's quite right.

And Paris and London and other centers of the Old World, painfully the open space cleared in the center of ignorant of the ways of America which the crowd. made it impossible for these men to eke

understanding Europe, with its per- of the people within.

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their heaters a painful \$70 a ton turn to the United States. The State to be pressed by the ship's valet and and the shoes for their babies be-Department agreed to farnish the the ship's barber chair and howled the transportation. Collections were made tonsorial artist fairly off his feet in Europe to provide for the sustenance first day out by offering a \$100 bill

were the third-class staterooms, shining white, linens clean, attendants

sympathetic and eager to help-a vastly different traveling compartment senger cabin, a spacious room, warm, well lighted, bookcases about the walls and a spirit of comfort throughout. The air buzzed with the voices of the

occupants and a phonograph near the wall sang out its syncopated jazz while three or four couples were gliding about

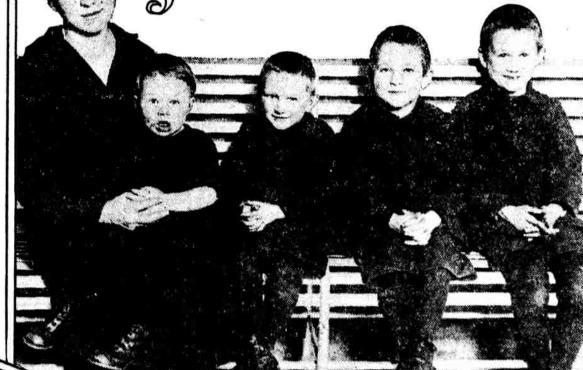
large family from Ragiand back to his native land to recoup lost fortunes.

A score of baby carriages of strange out their existence where standards European design were crowded in one were low and prices high, began to look corner, packed with bundles and packupon them as the standard of stock in ages ready to be wheeled ashore. An the United States-and truly they were assortment of luggage and trunks con---reason enough alone why they could sisting of everything from hat boxes to not get along-but the impression they packing cases were outside on the deck made was bad over there in that mis- holding the few treasures and comforts

petual poverty that centuries have Nine out of ten of the men and







Repatriated family back in America waits at the Municipal Lodging House in New York while father hunts a job. Mrs. Ernest Gewalt and children-William, two years; Carl, four; Arthur, six and Fred, eight

Dr. Dodge Finds Odds **Too Great Against Him**

In vain Dr. Dodge, young and vigorto compete with the labor he found on fighting hads of some of their thoughts of the trenches. So over he went-European soil. The odds were against Chief Hallstorm, with his feathers and

Polk for the return to the United States with his wife and his family. The American Aid placed him in

think it too had he had been deprived tween, a half hundred ex-service men among the se ducation and thereby this chance to "advance" in the army of fight and who later fell in love, re-Great Britain.

innce to "advance" in the army of reat Britain. He came to America with the small-the blue of a bandbar, and a blue or and a polyglot gathering of women, woman and child who was worthy of est kind of a handbag, and a blue erland, a polyglot gathering of women. dotted bandana kerchief about his neck if one ever came to the shores of the -his hair and mustache snow white United States, and his pockets empty. And the Red Said one young

Said one young American husky who found every word of his story was true. Europe to fight and then got married a careful and sympathetic guide and the war went right on past the investigations could be made, were a few days, while the proper the links ticket and put him aboard a armistice." He didn't say what hap the investigations could be made, were a few days, while the proper the batting feminist when he taken from the pier in Hoboken to the bought his ticket and put him aboard a armistice. He didn't say what hap-train for Portland, where the people pened to the battling feminist whom he had joined in the bonds of matrimons. York, he served for years were ready to welcome him home and give him back his but he looked relieved as the outline

when him home and give him back his out as nowed releved as the output of the Travelers. And Society helped, and representatives of the Disabled Veterans' Bureau were at shipside to work men who went aboard to collect the es-tates willed to them by departed rela. Philadelphia Soldier

tates willed to them by unparted there tives, only to find when they got there that things seemed to have dwindled away, and between the depreciated val-ues of foreign exchange and the expense of administration, the fortunes which loomed large with the sea between were nothing in actuality, but disappoint-ment and sorrow. The group in the

away in his pocket.

Chicago Plunger Lost **His Fortune in Paris**

At last opportunity had come, he thought, and in a few more months, with the plan he had in mind, he would return to his beloved Chicago with hundreds of thousands of dollars in place of the "meager" \$50,000 accumulations of his lifetime of labor and energy.

So he went to Paris and to the Bourse and there he plunged into speculation in German marks. And while he was waiting for his millions to accumulate he traveled through the Eu-

usual talents as an entertainer at the ropean watering places, giving little outbreak of the war, and it was decided heed to expense and no thought that the future would bring anything but wealth then and there that this high-check-bound and original American would be and a mansion on the Lake Shore drive ous and in the prime of life, sought useful as an entertainer to relieve the and everything he had dreame of and ighting hals of some of their thoughts wished for.

npete with the labor he found on bean soil. The odds were against The savings dwindled away and igh he was entitled to a first-unssage home there was no bear of the tranches. So over he went— The President Polk brought his feathers and war paint and started in on the Y. M. Unssage home there was no provide the tranches of the tranches over he went— The President Polk brought his feathers and to the United States with not a penny in his pocket. His health the tranches of the tranches of the tranches of the tranches of the tranches over he went— the tranches over he went— to the United States with not a penny in his pocket. His health him. The savings dwindled away and him. The savings dwindled away and although he was entitled to a first-class passage home there was no pro-vision for Mrs. Podge and the children vision for Mrs. Podge and the children

The President the source of his tepee and the mother of his papeose. Polk brought him home with the repatriation group. Johnson and Mrs Mesal Johnson and the nine little Johnsons,

his listener doesn't and from Florida to Maine and in be-

help was started upon his way. Whole families were moved to the Pacific Const or wherever was the place they had previously known as home, and those whom it was found had to be held Munipical Lodging House in New

The Travelers' Aid Society helped, look out for the men entitled to help from this quarter and who had never

ment and sorrow. Staggering through the group in the city of Brotherly Love, who is too, will find the same open arms await-cabin of the President Polk was an elderly man whose hands shook like a leaf in a gale. His shoulders were bent and his face drawn, a one-time pros-perous Chiengo baker who sold his busi-

ness with the signing of the armistice, and leaving his wife and children at American Expeditionary Force and there alongside, you probably will hear home, took himself off to Europe with a later striking out as a civilian among them matter; comfortable fortune of \$50,000 tucked Europeans before the drop in exchange "Never again-I'm through."



Another American who went overseas during the war and married acre Ethine is Edward, Alves, of California, who is shown returning with his bride to the Golden State

vision for Mrs. Dodge and the entitiven and then when the American Aid adver-tisements appeared, he waived his own right to a comfortable voyage to serve his talents. He made a hit in serve his talents. He made a hit in nothing to those of Edward Johnson, 4 naturalized American, who had been in Europe for years. The President

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His wife

Business was good, engagements were

Sinces with his with and his family. The American Aid placed him in charge of the party for the voyage and other members of the repatriation group thanked him heartily for all he did to make them more comfortable. It was Dr. Dodge, too, who assisted the ship's physician in the care of the ship's ph