

FLORIDA HAS PLACE IN THE HALL OF STATES

FORMER PENSACOLA WOMAN IS VOLUNTEER IN WORK OF AIDING RETURNING SAILORS AND SOLDIERS.

BY JOHN H. ANDERSON.
New York July 5.—On the island of Seyros, where Rupert Brooke lies buried, there is a spot which the young poet himself said, "will be forever England."

In West Twenty-fifth street, within the morning shadow of New York's triumphal arch, there is a spot which will be forever Florida, not because something of Florida lies buried there, but because there is something of Florida that lives there, a thing of which Florida knows little, but which brings to scores of Florida fighters the languid fragrance of a gulf breeze through the pines, the soft charm of her orange blossoms and the tang of her salty seas.

It is the Hall of States, at 27 West Twenty-fifth street, the clearing house for American soldiers, sailors and marines, the sorting and distributing center for the thousands of service men daily thrown upon the city in the process of demobilization.

The Hall of States was organized during the latter part of last year by state organizations working through the War Camp Community Service. Its central idea was to bring the service men into contact with the people of his own state living in New York and to provide an information and recreation service supplementary to the community work. Its success depended entirely upon the support given to the project by the states of the Union and many of the state appropriated large sums of money and sent delegations here to represent them.

Florida, officially, gave nothing. But Florida has a desk in the Hall of States and behind the desk is a Florida woman, a Pensacolan, who is doing the work for its own sake, and for Florida's.

She is Mrs. J. M. Roberts, who has been living in New York for some time, and who, when she found that her home state was without representation, bought a desk herself, and had a sign painted, "Florida," and sat down in the Hall of States to wait.

She did not have long to wait, however, because Florida men in the service soon sought her out. Men from Miami, Tampa, Jacksonville, Key West and Pensacola—every section of the state—went to her for assistance and information.

Nor did they seek in vain, for an earnest woman with a single desk can do much if they have the mind. It was impossible to give them as much as the men from some other states were receiving, because money is necessary to do that, and there is very little money—only that which Mrs. Roberts and a few loyal Floridians, are giving. Nevertheless, Mrs. Roberts showed them that Florida does care for her fighters, made them feel that at least there is one place in New York just a little nearer to "God's country" than the endless miles of concrete and stone and steel that make New York.

So the Florida desk in the Hall of States is a very busy place where the men get home newspapers and all the information about New York they want. But the work does not stop there for there are some who cannot even totter to the desk, and who, because of that fact, need help far more than those who can. So now and then one does not find Mrs. Roberts behind her desk, but the lady from Maryland, who, without regard for geographic considerations, is just across this Florida line, will tell the visitor that Mrs. Roberts is in one of the great base hospitals in the city to see a wounded man from Florida.

This, very frankly, is an appeal for funds. The days of public drives, of the bride, and Misses Theodora parently, have passed. There will be no public embarrassment now, for those who do not heed the call, there can be only personal reproach administered from within. There is no denying that money is needed, but money isn't everything. If only there could be some encouragement for the woman who is determined, with the help of God and a single desk, to keep Florida in the Hall of States. A great deal need not be given, but if a great many would give a very little, there would be enough, and somehow, Florida wouldn't seem so far away to those who are trying to keep her in the Hall of States.

MILLION TONS COAL AT FOOT LONG ISLAND

Bridgeport, Conn., July 5.—It has just been ascertained that 1,000,000 tons of coal lie at the bottom of Long Island Sound within 150 feet of the surface of the water. The salvaging of this fuel will be developed on a large scale as a great economic industry.

This statement from Bridgeport follows the announcement of the United States government that the nation faces a critical coal shortage. Reclaim the tons of fuel now on the bottoms of the sea, it is affirmed, will aid materially in the present crisis.

The government has just stated that coal production has fallen off to an alarming extent. Estimates given out officially state that requirements for the year are fully 530,000,000 tons. The production of 500,000,000 tons will be required to make up the deficiency. Only 195,000,000 tons of this amount were produced from January 1 to June 14, 1919, making the quantity necessary to be produced during the remainder of the year 335,000,000 tons. The average weekly production for the first 24 weeks of the year was only 8,125,000 tons. To meet the required amount, the average tonnage which must be produced weekly for the rest of the present year must be 10,900,000.

The national shortage of coal finds a part of its answer, according to the announcement from Bridgeport, in Long Island Sound and in the long line of sunken coal wrecks that edge the Atlantic coast from Boston harbor to Norfolk. Marine experts characterize this coast line as "shipping's greatest graveyard in the United States."

Thirty thousand tons of coal went to the bottom of Long Island Sound in one week last winter. An enormous tonnage is represented in the wrecks listed for years past. Salvaging submarine coal promises to be one of the big after-war industries. It will inaugurate a new era in national thrift and the conservation of wasted public utilities now practically ignored.

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5:30 p.m.	St. Louis, Chicago	12:30 p.m.	
5:30 p.m.	New Orleans, Mobile	12:30 p.m.	
6:30 p.m.	Atlanta, Washington, New York	12:30 p.m.	
6:45 a.m.	Montgomery, Birmingham, Nashville, Louisville, Cincinnati	10:45 p.m.	
6:45 a.m.	St. Louis, Chicago	10:45 p.m.	
6:45 a.m.	New Orleans, Mobile	10:45 p.m.	
6:45 a.m.	Atlanta, Washington, New York	10:45 p.m.	
6:45 p.m.	Mobile Local	6:00 a.m.	
9:45 a.m.	Jacksonville, Tallahassee	6:15 a.m.	
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