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THE CONGRESSIONAL FRONT.
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THE SACRED DEAD

"The tumult and the shouting dies, the Captains and the Kings depart." So sang Kipling. The last bomb has been dropped. The last shot has been fired. Signatures are set down on a piece of parchment to officially confirm the happy fact that hostilities are at an end. With joyous hearts, a hundred million echo the cry, "It's over." The bookkeepers come forth to count the cost in death and destruction. The soldiers await the day of demobilization and return. In the interim, rifles are greased and crated, the hoods are placed over the months of death-spewing howitzers; surplus goods are sold, camps are struck. The grass like some strange benediction engulfs the shell holes and bomb craters to obliterate the marks of war from the bosom of a sweet earth. There is stillness in the air. Men readjust to the ways of peace and normalcy. The grim adventure of force has come to an end. It all - so very all - is over. But it's not quite over. There are the sacred dead. They lie in dreamless slumber in some far-off field. But they are not forgotten. Anxious hearts await their return also and already inquiry is being made concerning their return to some enshrined spot at home.

PROGRAM FOR THEIR RETURN.

They too will come back if that is the desire of loved ones at home. In due time, the Quartermaster General will ask the families of deceased veterans to indicate whether they desire the return of a beloved husband son or brother from some place afar. This information will be processed and plans then made to do so. But there will be delay. First of all, some additional legislation by the Congress will be necessary. Secondly, the Congress must appropriate the funds to provide for the return of these gallant men who gave their all. It then becomes necessary to provide and equip the vessels that will be assigned to this task. For some time, transportation will be short supply because of the demobilization program. In good season, all this will come to pass and so the sacred dead will also be demobilized. But whether families seek their return or not, they shall ever live in lively remembrance wherever they may be.