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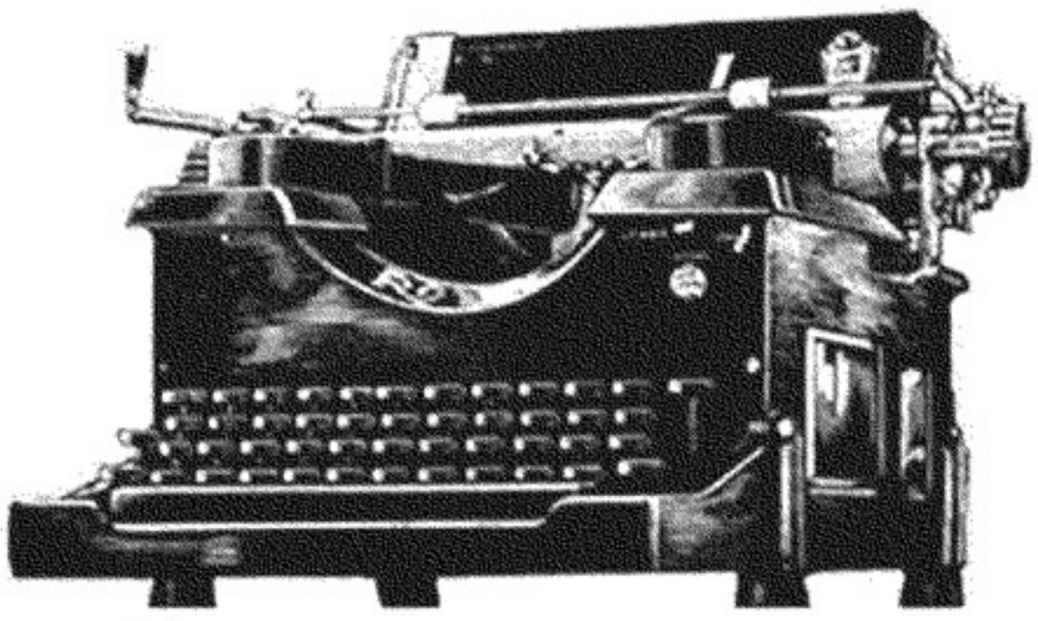
The Beautiful Slackers.

IN the Denver *Times* of May 11, J. Warren Kerrigan is quoted as follows: "I am not going to war until I have to. I will go, of course, if my country needs me, but I think that first they should take the great mass of men who aren't good for anything else, or are good only for the lower grades of work. Actors, musicians, great writers, artists of every kind—isn't it a pity when people are sacrificed who are capable of such things—of adding to the beauty of the world?"

We hope that Mr. Kerrigan has been misquoted.

The war in Europe has been made glorious by the exploits of such men as Lord Dunsany, Maurice Renaud, Alan Seeger, Guy Standing, Vernon Castle, and our less-known tango bird, "Wally" McCutcheon, who went to war from Chicago; a professional dancer enlisting as a private, today a Major in the British Army, wearing decorations pinned on him by the heads of two nations.

The villains and the character men are in the officers' training camps right now, and we fear that our slackly beautiful heroes are to be quite lonely.



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