

"To commemorate in a permanent form the winning of the war and carry a lasting tribute to Chicago's soldiers and sailors in a way that will combine beauty of architecture with utilitarian advantages; the subject to which much time and thought have been devoted.

"Many ideas have been advanced. One which seems to possess all the elements of beauty, permanence and feasibility is the suggestion that such memorial should be a Victory Hall. This subject is receiving consideration with a view to developing a definite, comprehensive plan.

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"The activities of the Illinois committee for the past year were interrupted by war work. Commercial clubs in local centers have been devoting their energies, and their meetings have been given up almost exclusively to war work. This has made it impossible for the speakers from the Illinois committee to do constructive work in harmony with the committee's general plan. However, every member has responded loyally and liberally with his time in carrying out such work as we had to do.

"The committee, through its sub-committee on the Illinois Centennial, played a most important part in the Chicago celebration. During the week of October 6, at the Chicago Auditorium, a pageant was presented which was declared to be of great educational and patriotic value by the press and the war activity associations in Chicago. All the seats in the Auditorium were free to the public.

"One meeting in connection with the Centennial was held in honor of prominent Italian visitors to this country; one meeting in honor of the Szecho-Slovaks, at which Thomas Masaryk, the great Bohemian general and first president of the republic, spoke; and one evening was given over wholly to the Liberty Loan rally, at which Secretary McAdoo was the principal speaker.

"Six performances were given of the pageant, and 1,500 Americans took part in the various scenes. The production cost \$28,000, the money being raised through the sale of boxes and Illinois Centennial coins. Mr. W. T. ApMadoc, chairman of the Centennial sub-committee, and Mr. H. H. Garver of the Association of Commerce, had full charge of these meetings.