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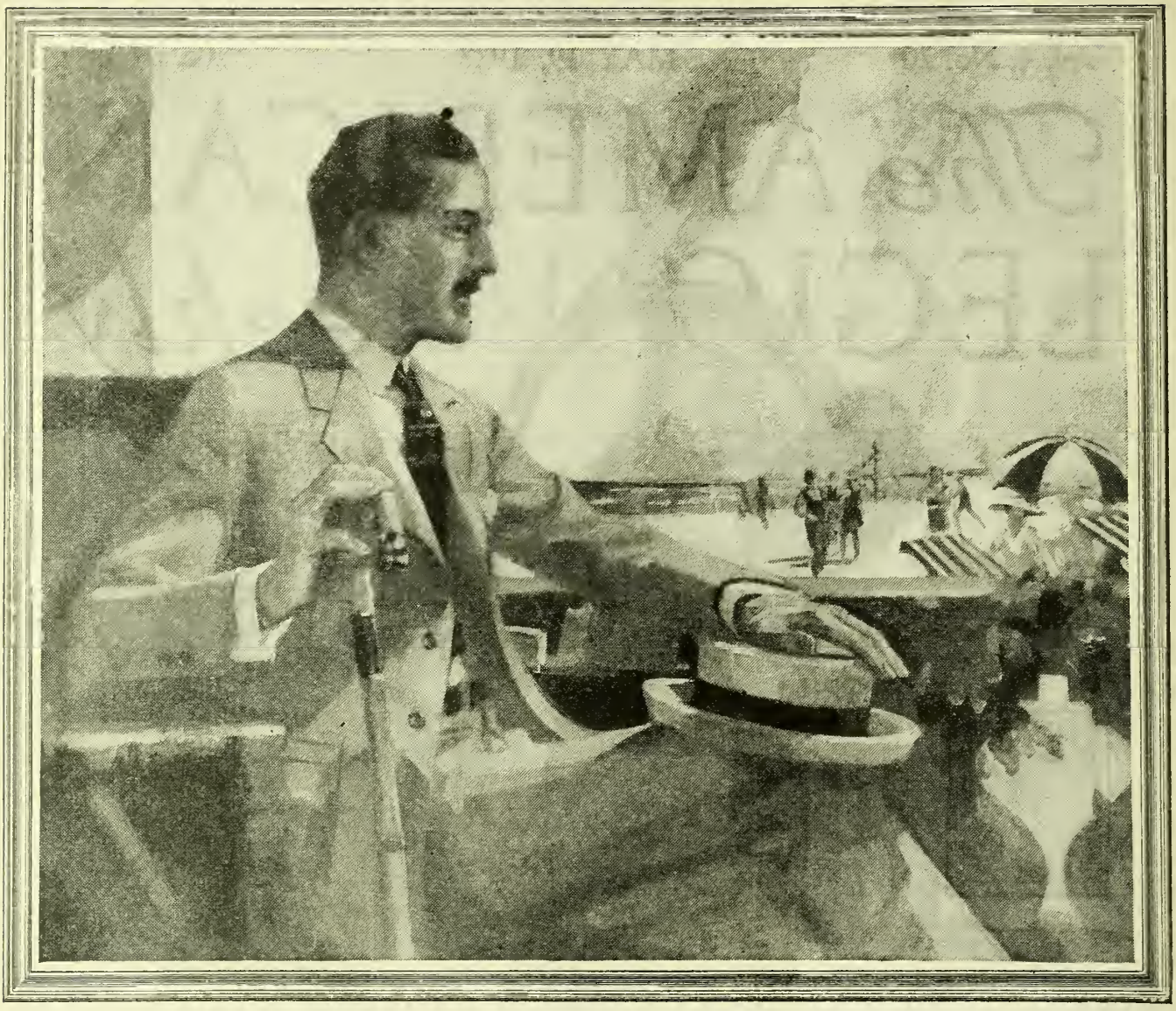

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Parade Rest

By George Boas

The Zone Major rigidly saluted the eyes

FOR once, the Zone Major, usually the saddest of men, was happy. His high ambition of seeing service north of Toul was about to be realized.

He had entered upon his office on June 12, 1918, feeling very blue and very unsure of himself. He was no desk rider, he was an infantryman; and to find that because he had once said, "Bonjour, Monsieur," to a Frenchman he was eternally condemned to liaison duty and suchlike things, was enough to make anyone blue and unsure of himself.

But on June 17, 1918, five days afterwards, he had begun to warm to his job. For in that short time after assuming command over his forty-two villages in the Zone of Lafauche, his three assistant lieutenants who made themselves wretched in neighboring towns, his Don Juan of a chauffeur and his wreck of a Dodge, he had coolly installed the Fighting Sunflower Division, which had not yet seen the front, its Generals and its Colonels, its Medicos and Veterinaries, in billets the like of which they had never seen, not even in their native Kansas.

The Fighting Sunflowers were appreciative of what he had done for them. So much so that they appointed a delegation whose chairman was the C. O. of the Sanitary Train and a former state senator to tell him so.

"Lieutenant," said this officer to the Zone Major, as they stood blinking in the sun between Madame Faure's rose bushes and a moving picture machine, registering mutual admiration, "Lieutenant," said the C. O. of the Sanitary Train, "we are proud to have known you. Not only my command, but the entire division recognizes in you the energy and grit which have made America famous among nations and put her in the vanguard of civilization."

And he developed the thought that without the Zone Major, the Fighting Sunflowers would have been without roof or shelter, food or drink, and, bemoaning the fact that he had not the power to make him the owner of a D. S. M., he said that he was at least able to make him an honorary member of the Sanitary Train and a Fighting Sunflower, and he hoped that if he could do anything for the Zone Major, the Zone Major would let him know.

The Zone Major thanked him and said that he was proud to be a Fighting Sunflower, although he came from Rhode Island, but only hoped he might live up to the name and fight as well as enjoy the sun.

It was because of this memorable event that he was asked to meet Colonel James Allinson, Chief of Staff of the Division.

THE Zone Major was suspicious of colonels and especially of those in high places. An infantry colonel is bad enough but a staff colonel has all of his power and twice his arrogance.

Now Hannibal when crossing the Alps is said to have eaten a way through the rocks by pouring fermented grape juice upon them. The Zone Major took a leaf from the Carthaginian's book and sent three dusty bottles of Veuve Clicquot from Louis, the café keeper's cellar, to the Chief of Staff, with his respects and compliments.

That was why his welcome at the old Château de Reynel was not so utterly official nor so coldly military as it ordinarily would have been. It seemed to him that his wrecked Dodge was given a place of honor in the park, that the very orderlies gave him a salute with a snap reserved for field officers. He wondered why they didn't turn out the guard and sound ruffles and flourishes.

The Division Adjutant, who was very fat and whose uniform fitted him like a kimona, turned his habitual pout into a broad grin of welcome when he learned that this timid visitor at Division Headquarters was the Zone Major. He made no fuss whatsoever when he learned that his caller wished to see the Chief of Staff. Whereas usually the ritual demanded that such a person wait fifteen minutes for each grade he held below that of Brigadier General, the Zone Major was personally conducted to the upper floors of the château on the spot by the fat adjutant, who puffed through his grin as he climbed the marble stairs.

"That's all of seventy-five minutes saved, anyway," said the Zone Major to himself.

The Adjutant threw open the carved

oak door which led into the Chief of Staff's office. It was a square, high-walled room on whose ceiling smiling cupids were playfully throwing roses into the lap of a well-rounded and pink and white lady dressed in what is called in America a colonial costume. A black telephone wire cut across her neck, led down the wall behind, and ended on the desk.

The Zone Major followed its path and lowered his gaze from the pink and white lady to meet the kindest and gentlest pair of eyes he had ever seen in a man. They were grey blue and set beneath a pair of silvery eyebrows which overhung them slightly like grasses over the edge of a cliff. They were masculine eyes for all they were gentle and they were eyes which looked as if they could see without difficulty into your heart.

"Colonel Allinson, Chief of Staff," said the fat Adjutant.

THE Zone Major rigidly saluted the eyes, reflecting the while that he'd hate to tell a lie in their sight.

Colonel Allinson arose from the desk and showed himself to be very tall, rather lithe, somewhat stooping. On his chest were the ribbons of the Medal of Honor, the Spanish War, the Philippine Insurrection and the China Relief Expedition. The Zone Major knew that the man before him was a soldier and decided at once that his fatherly air was a bluff.

The General came into his room with a telegram

The Chief of Staff, however, turned out to be the most unofficial officer the Zone Major had ever met. He wanted merely to express his thanks for the champagne and for the courteous treatment the division had received.

The Zone Major could not believe his ears. Thanks? This was the first time he had ever heard of thanks being proferred in the Army.

In the course of the brief conversation which followed, the Chief of Staff learned that the Zone Major's one ambition was to get into a combat outfit and he went so far as to nod his head and say he'd see what he could do.

The Zone Major thanked him heartily and hoped he might have the pleasure of serving under him.

"The hope is mutual," said the Chief of Staff with more fervency of feeling than perfection of speech.

The Zone Major left this paternal colonel in a hot flush of joy. He hadn't been so happy since he, a most civilian of civilians had won his commission. Now, as then, he had a distinct feeling that he was on the high road to martial glory. Something within him whispered that the Old Man—as he had already begun to call the colonel—would fix everything up and that when the Fighting Sunflowers pulled out, he would pull out with them.

Croix de guerre, D. S. C.'s, Medals of Honor danced before his hungry eyes. The moment that he had been awaiting for over fourteen months was at hand.

HE mounted his rickety automobile as if it had been a staff Cadillac and directed Don Juan to withdraw his attentions from Mademoiselle Marthe, the gardener's daughter, whom he was preparing to add to his list of conquests, and to drive him to Andelot, where dwelt the senior of his assistants.

"Jim," he said to the Assistant Zone Major, "you'd better get ready to take

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As the Leading American Educators See Us

National Commander MacNider Asks Their Opinion and Most of Them Are Quick to Endorse the Legion's Aims and Activities—But Not All

"I DO not hesitate personally and officially to give to this organization my full endorsement. I believe it is an organization that can and will do more to promote the interests of our nation and of the world than any other the world ever had. I state this advisedly, for I feel that those who were entrusted with the duty of winning the great World War can certainly be trusted in time of peace to keep our Americanism straight and clean. For my own part, I am perfectly willing to trust this country in the hands of the men who won for it the admiration of the world and conquered those forces that would tend to destroy democracy wherever it is found."

That quotation is an endorsement of The American Legion. It makes a fellow happy and proud to belong to an outfit that inspires such confidence. Of course, you may think, such appreciation comes from somebody in politics—somebody, perhaps, who wants our votes.

Not much. It comes from a thinker and educator, the kind of a man who cares little about politics for the sake of politics. More particularly, it comes from J. N. Powers, chancellor of the University of Mississippi. As chancellor or president of a great college he certainly has no object in flattering the Legion. From such a person the Legion can get honest opinion, unbiased by politics, unbiased by anything except the gratitude the whole country owes its ex-service men.

Chancellor Powers' opinion is one of scores upon scores from university and college heads which are lying in a file at National Headquarters of the Legion, where they can be read by anybody. They are answers to a sort of questionnaire sent out by National Commander Hanford MacNider. With certain exceptions they are the highest type of endorsement from the highest type of men. The exceptions themselves but add to the weight of evidence that the Legion is worthwhile.

The National Commander asked for expressions of opinion. He asked what could be done by these learned men to help the Legion. The opinion was almost uniformly friendly, and it certainly was uniformly intended to be helpful.

The National Commander's letter told of the necessity of having the right kind of men in The American Legion and the right kind of leadership for it. It asked every college president to urge all eligible graduates and under-graduates to join the Legion. It pointed out

that disapproval of Legion policies was no reason for not joining, but rather an important reason for joining, "because it is the *big going* organization and no man can change it or stop it from the outside." The National Commander pointed to the Inter-allied Veterans' Federation. He expressed the hope that this Federation would be the world's greatest factor for the prevention of war. He appealed for frank criticism as well as for open friendliness, and as such an appeal his letter received responses. Some of the criticism was frank enough to be embarrassing to a less sensitive organization than that of America's service men. Some of the friendly criticism was strong enough to turn the heads of a less hard-boiled outfit. Read, for instance, what David P. Barrows, president of the University of California, said:

"This is a tardy acknowledgment of your letter. . . . Meantime a campaign has been undertaken to increase the membership of the Berkeley Post and particularly to bring into the Legion all men who were students at this institution. I have the privilege of serving on this committee."

That letter speaks for itself.

From the Coast

Or read what Henry Suzzallo, president of the University of Washington, said:

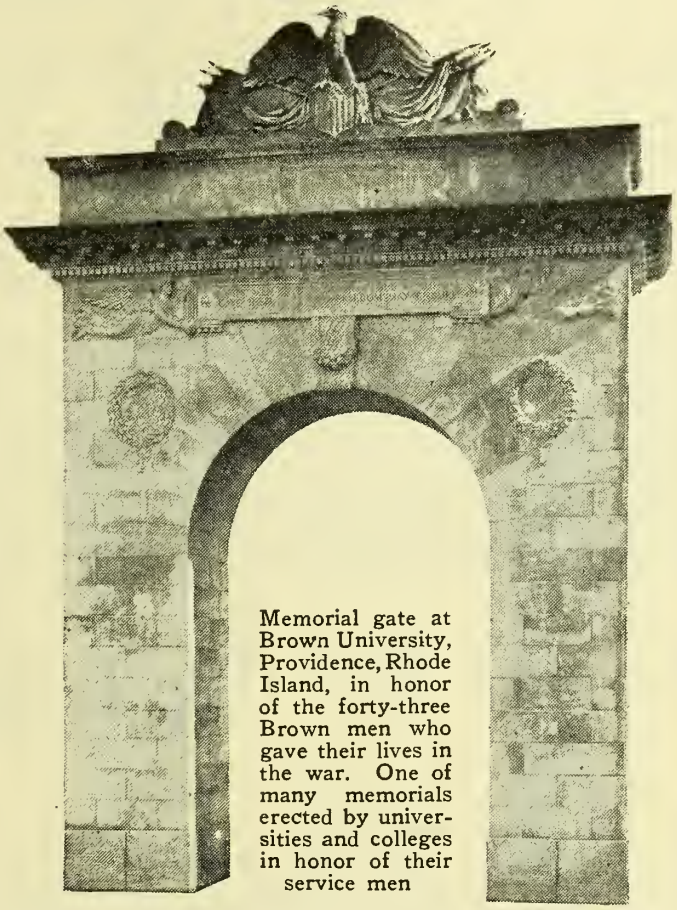
"I have just taken up with some of our leading men the problems you put before me: First, the type of letter which I shall write for your purpose, and second, the difficult problem as to how we shall make a check list of names and addresses of university men who have attended this institution who are eligible and not yet members of the Legion. This is a very large task, but our university leaders in the Legion are trying to work it out for me in co-operation with our alumni office.

"Let me say to you that all of us who are interested in public education are deeply appreciative of the new era ushered in by The American Legion's educational week. It has protected us against a bad wave of reaction against free public education."

That's not only friendship, but gratitude for service.

Of course, it takes somebody like a college president to say things as nice as that in such a nice way. But you ask any buddy who went to college if his president ever went out of the way to be nice about something which displeased him! Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, the biggest university in America, has a reputation for saying what he thinks. This is what he thinks about our Legion:

"There can, I think, be no serious debate that the hundreds of thousands of young men who saw with their own eyes the horrors and evils of war, and who would again be ready to offer their lives in defense of a great principle, should necessity arise, have a great opportunity in the years to come. Banded together in the strong bands of a common experience and a common danger, they can so exert their great influence and so instruct and guide public opinion as to elevate the plane of our common American life and ensure the protection and orderly development of fundamental American institutions. They can resist not only the forces of evil from without, but the forces of selfishness, of greed, and of special privilege within. They can teach our people and through our people, the world, that much as every rational man desires peace and hates war, yet peace is not itself an ideal at all. Peace is a state attendant upon the achievement of an ideal. The ideal itself is human liberty, justice, and the honorable conduct of an orderly and human society. Given this, a durable peace follows naturally as a matter of course. Without this, there is no peace, but only a rule of force until liberty and justice revolt against it in search of peace.



Memorial gate at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, in honor of the forty-three Brown men who gave their lives in the war. One of many memorials erected by universities and colleges in honor of their service men

"My Earnest Hope"

"That The American Legion will teach this doctrine, will act this doctrine, and will inspire others to follow this doctrine, is my earnest hope and confident belief."

That is forceful—and inspirational.

Incidentally, it is noticeable in these replies that no one section of the country has a monopoly on good words for the Legion. South, West, East and North—it's the same.

Here's what Samuel Avery, chancellor of the University of Nebraska, wrote:

"I am in hearty accord with everything you say about the opportunities of the Legion for usefulness. I believe it is potentially if not actually, the strongest force in the country for the preservation of those institutions and keeping alive that spirit of Americanism which has made us the greatest nation in the world. I shall be greatly pleased to send out a circular letter to all graduates and former students eligible to the Legion urging them to join."

Perhaps we shouldn't quote all of the letter from Dr. Avery. It's hardly fair. You see, Dr. Avery happens to be a buddy, a member of the Lincoln (Neb.) Post, which is only five blocks away from the campus. Dr. Avery is one of the men who believes implicitly in the Legion. And he also is the kind of a man who works for what he believes in.

Thomas S. Baker, acting president of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, has this advice for the students of Carnegie Tech who are eligible for

Is This a Sound Observation on the Legion?

AS I watch our common life, it seems to me that our associations founded upon sentiment and general principles, without immediate and definite work to do, tend constantly to fall into the hands of special groups who use them unwisely . . . I am wondering if you can succeed in bringing the men who fought for the country in time of war into this post-war organization. If you could, and if they found something to do which united them all as they were united before, it would be a splendid achievement. I am not at all sure, however, that it can be done. Further, if the organization should continue to exist without this achievement it would undoubtedly do more harm than good.

From a letter to the National Commander from Alexander Meiklejohn, president of Amherst College.

membership in The American Legion:

"I urge upon all Tech men the advisability of considering carefully what they can do to make The American Legion realize its possibilities. It is my hope that they will join the organization if they think that they can in this way serve our country. As Commander MacNider says, the improvement of the organization must come from within, and it is futile to find fault without attempting to remedy the difficulties that may be apparent. Of the power of The American Legion there can be no doubt. It is now the duty of all men who served in the World War to see to it that that power is used to create a true patriotic spirit."

Criticisms of the Legion

There were dissenters from the favorable expressions given, of course. President Smith of Washington and Lee is a gold star father and his right to expression is clear. He, for instance, cannot agree with the Legion's stand on adjusted compensation. He says:

"I heartily and unreservedly deplore and condemn the action of this enormous organization in supplementing and disgracing its heroic work abroad by an organized raid upon the United States Treasury at home. I need not argue the case, for it needs no argument. Every patriot rejoices in having a government and people make every sacrifice for the support and rehabilitation of those who were disabled in body or in mind, but to have the millions of strong, capable, energetic, young soldiers claiming in one breath the highest and most patriotic motives and in the next terrifying through their vast organized voting power our weak-kneed politicians into distributing among them one or more billions from our hard-pressed Treasury, is to me a most humiliating spectacle and fraught with incalculable future danger and present disgrace.

"Considering my own sacrifice, I have the right to speak with perfect frankness and this your communication gives me the opportunity to do. You are certainly correct in stating in your letter that 'a tremendous force for good or for evil has been created in the organization of The American Legion by the returned service men,' and I wish most positively to declare that if it continues to insist upon using this voting power for such selfish purposes, it would be far better for our country and the world if the organization had never been formed."

But even he was not antipathetic altogether to the National Commander's message. A glimpse (just barely a glimpse) of inherent friendliness, may be gained from his conclusion:

"I heartily commend an international organization of World War Veterans, who shall labor together for the peace and harmony and good will of the world, and to see our own branch of the organization in this country of unlimited opportunity and equally unlimited prosperity devoting its first combined efforts to further its selfish enrichment is a most lamentable indication that it is *as yet* unwilling and unable to use its power wisely and unselfishly."

Another Gold Star Father

But a contrast is offered by another college president, writing with the same background from a college with a similar name, who has another opinion. S. S. Baker, of Washington and Jefferson College, says, "I am intensely interested in such things because of the general worth of the Legion and the further fact that my son and only child gave his life in the great cause."

The University of Kentucky, through its president, Frank L. McNey, also has a rather open criticism of the Legion, although not in any way in an unfriendly spirit. President McNey is afraid the Legion will develop into a political organization. He says:

"I believe that the Legion can be a very great factor in the development of citizenship, of better government and

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On Guard for the Disabled

By A. A. Sprague

Chairman, National Rehabilitation Committee, The American Legion

THE American Legion in its rehabilitation work wants to get real results for sick and disabled ex-service men—better legislation, prevention of ill-advised laws and rules, adequate appropriation and improved machinery. This can only be accomplished by constant familiarity with the situation in every part of the country and continuous co-operation between the Legion and the Veterans Bureau. The Legion has been asking that more and more power be centralized in the Bureau. The Langley Bill which has passed the Senate carries a $17,000,000 appropriation for new buildings which will be constructed by the Bureau at our request. A new general order has been issued by the President transferring all medical activities and buildings from the Public Health Service to the Veterans Bureau, so that in the actual care of the veterans from now on there is only one place where responsibility will be located.

If the Legion is going to accomplish anything, we must follow the same line. We must have an organization that reaches out everywhere throughout the country to which every member or every Legion post can go and, at the same time, a place which has centralized responsibility so that there can be some one with final authority to act for the Legion in all matters affecting the disabled.

The National Rehabilitation Committee will do this. It is composed of a number of men representing different sections of the country and fourteen district committees which are responsible for the work of the district offices in the States in which they are located. The following are the names of the chairmen of these local districts and the States which they represent. Note the name and address of your chairman.

DISTRICT 1 (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island). *Chairman*—H. Nelson Jackson, Burlington Trust Co., Burlington, Vt.

DISTRICT 2 (New York, New Jersey, Connecticut). *Acting Chairman*—C. W. Wickersham, 40 Wall St., New York City.

DISTRICT 3 (Pennsylvania, Delaware). *Chairman*—Joseph H. Thompson, 931 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

DISTRICT 4 (Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland). *Chairman*—James A. Drain, Wilkins Bldg., Washington, D. C.

DISTRICT 5 (Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia). *Chairman*—G. Heyward Mahon, Greenville, S. C.

DISTRICT 6 (Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama). *Chairman*—C. W. J. Neville, 312 Hibernia Bank Bldg., New Orleans, La.

DISTRICT 7 (Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky). *Chairman*—Roger K. Rogan, First National Bank Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.

DISTRICT 8 (Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin). *Chairman*—J. M. Dickinson, Jr., 112 W. Adams St., Chcago, Ill.

DISTRICT 9 (Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska). *Chairman*—H. D. McBride, Boatmen's Bank Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

DISTRICT 10 (Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota). *Chairman*—Dr. A. A. Van Dyke, Guardian Life Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

DISTRICT 11 (Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Wyoming). *Chairman*—Rice W. Means, Kittredge Bldg., Denver, Colo.

DISTRICT 12 (Arizona, Nevada, California). *Chairman*—A. E. Graupner, 525 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.

DISTRICT 13 (Oregon, Washington, Idaho). *Chairman*—George R. Dreever, Marion Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

DISTRICT 14 (Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas). *Chairman*—O. B. Freeman, 1001 Dallas County Bank Bldg., Dallas, Tex.

Any Legion posts and individuals who have discovered something wrong in the operation of the Bureau, either in its hospital work or along other lines, should communicate immediately with the chairman of the committee representing his district and State in order that the matter may go through proper channels, and if it is a national matter it should be taken up by the National Rehabilitation Committee.

These district chairmen have been selected by the department commanders. Each has a secretary who is the Liaison Officer of the district and occupies an office in the Veterans Bureau, but who works for the Legion, and ten members on each committee represent some special line of work. These district committees are performing a great service. They are familiar with the conditions in their districts and whenever anything needs to be done nationally, they communicate with the National Chairman, A. A. Sprague, 600 West Erie Street, Chicago. More than one hundred and forty leading Legionnaires are represented on the district rehabilitation committees.

"On Your Mark, Legion, Get Set, GO!"

By Dr. George W. Orton

Director of The American Legion Field Day at Philadelphia and Manager of the University of Pennsylvania Relay Carnival

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Benjamin Franklin Post of Philadelphia has the world's champion one-mile relay team. Larry Brown (breaking the tape in the big picture above) is a member. When the picture was taken, Brown, as the last of the four runners on his team, was smashing a record. Earl Eby (in circle) is another member of the same combination

REMEMBER the old Fourth of July games in your town? The merchants gave the prizes and the newspapers wrote up the results next issue.

"Foot race for young men won by Arthur Snow, one straw hat from the Emporium Dry Goods Store; second, Robert Emmett McGuiness, pair of cuff links from A. Levy, Jeweler and Watch Repairing; third, Albert K. Claverhouse, pair of suspenders, the Red Front Store.

"Foot race for married men won by Rutherford Hayes Byers (good boy, Hayes), half a ton of coal from McGuire & Hogan's Coal and Wood Yard; second, Samuel T. Hanford, sack of potatoes, Passamini's Fruits & Vegetables; third, Hooker Langdon, dozen bars of Royal Savon soap, Glutz & Pickels Corner Grocery."

Just the same we don't laugh at these village games for out of their acorns have sprouted the oaks of great track and field meets and they have enabled more than one future college or Olympic Games champion to learn that he was fleet of foot and would develop if he only trained a little instead of hanging around the I. X. L. Pool and Billiard Parlor.

A Lesson for the Legion

The value of these games and races have been recognized by the Amateur Athletic Union, the body which sanctions the award of merchandise prizes such as cuff links and suitcases, providing it has first given permission to the registered athletes in the meet. This recognition holds a lesson for the Legion, and I am taking the liberty of acting as teacher. Here's my advice:

Don't despise the old time sporting events. Let the smaller American Legion posts keep them alive. Attempts on the part of a post to conduct a track and field meet beyond its resources would be foolish. Stick to the old programs which include potato races, three-legged races, sack races, egg and ladle races.

A post in a community of limited size can organize one of these old time athletic gatherings by enlisting the aid of the merchants who will give prizes. Let anyone enter. Provide special races for the Boy Scouts, members of your own post and other contests open to all. Still, if your post has the potentialities of a larger track and field meet—the able-bodied young men, a near-by track, trained officials and coaches who can develop the men—then by all means hold regular athletic meets.

One or two competent men can initiate a field day. Line up experienced athletes who belong or did belong to track teams in high schools, colleges, athletic clubs or in the Army or Navy to supervise the arrangements. I could write in long detail and give many rules for conducting a field day—the events, appointment of officials, their duties, timing, registration, regulation equipment, scoring of points, eligibility, handicapping—in short, almost all one needs to know, but this information is not necessary here as it is contained in a specially prepared booklet issued by the A. A. U. known as "Amateur Athletic Union Track and Field Rules" which can readily be obtained.

Hints in the Rule Book

When I recommend the A. A. U. rules I do not mean that the small field days should be necessarily held under A. A. U. auspices. That is not imperative. Nevertheless, even though posts do not care to hold big meets, the A. A. U. rule book contains valuable hints which may be adapted to sports held on the Fourth of July or at other semi-impromptu meets.

Posts in other towns contemplating track and field meets may profit from the experience of The American Legion meet at Philadelphia which was inaugurated September 18, 1920, by a committee from Legion posts in the city and which meet I directed at Franklin Field, University of Pennsylvania.

Among the entries at our first field day were several champions just home from the Olympic Games at Antwerp whom we expected to capture a large share of

Nobody has yet criticised the track athletes of America because they did not do their share in the war. Since the war these athletes—nearly all of them Legionnaires—have been going ahead, breaking records. Track meets promoted by the Legion have seen some of the record breaking. One of the most ambitious and successful meets yet staged under Legion auspices—last year's American Legion Field Day at Philadelphia, which will be repeated again this year on June 9th—was directed by the author of this article, whose advice on how to stage a meet was sought for the benefit of all posts.

the cups and medals—Allen Woodring, winner of the 200-meter race at Antwerp; Earl Eby, runner-up in the 800-meter race; H. E. Barron, runner-up in the 110-meter hurdles and Walter Whalen of Boston, point winner in the Olympic high jump.

The results surprised us. Woodring came in third in the 100-yard dash, Eby lost the half mile, Whalen lost the high jump and only Barron won his event, the high hurdles. I mention the reverses of the Olympic team men just to show the high grade of competition. Even allowing for a let-down in training after the severe test a few weeks before the results of our races showed that The American Legion Field Day must thenceforth be reckoned one of the foremost in the United States.

So successful was the first hastily-arranged meet which brought out so many champions that the committee resolved to make the meet an annual fixture in early June instead of in the fall. There isn't a reason why the meet shouldn't be the equal of any in the United States.

Mile Relay Record

At the second meet on June 4th last year four Legionnaires established a new world's record in the mile relay. The quartet, Earl Eby, Larry Brown, Bob Maxam and Dewey Rogers, of Benjamin Franklin Post No. 405, Philadelphia, and then attending the University of Pennsylvania, consumed the mile in 3 minutes, 16 3-5 seconds. This time bettered the record established at the Pennsylvania Relay Carnival, April 24, 1915, when Kauffman, Lockwood, Lippincott and Ted Meredith relayed a mile in 3 minutes, 18 seconds.

The remarkable run of the four Legionnaires advertised the meet so that this year it will require two days, June 9th and 10th, to run off the events at Shibe Park, American League baseball grounds. Entries have been received from Legion men and women, service men and registered A. A. U. athletes.

To give an idea of the magnitude of the meet and as a working basis from which to pick a program for others I will print the list of events.

National Legion events. Open to all Legion members in the United States. Hundred-yard dash, 600-yard run, one mile and one mile inter-state relay, each man to run a quarter of a mile.

Local Legion events. Open to all Legion members of Pennsylvania, New Jersey (from Trenton, south) and Delaware. Post medley relay race, first man to run 440 yards, second man 220 yards, third man, 660 yards, last man to run 880 yards; post half mile relay race, each man to run 220 yards; 100-yard dash, 75-yard dash open to women members of the Legion; post tug of war.

United States Army, Navy and Marine Corps events. Entries will be received from all branches of the United States service. Hundred-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard dash, 880-yard run, mile, three miles, pole vault, high jump, broad jump, shot put, javelin, discus, low and high hurdles, medley relay, men to run 880, 220, 400 yards, mile; and mile relay, each man to run 440 yards.

Amateur Athletic Union events. Handicap events open to all registered A. A. U. athletes. Hundred-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard dash, 880-yard run, mile, low and high hurdles, high jump, broad jump, pole vault, shot put, invitation mile run scratch and interscholastic medley relay race—440, 220, 660, 880 yards. A modified marathon of about twelve miles will be run over a course extending from Villa Nova College to the Philadelphia City Hall, this event being open only to registered A. A. U. athletes.

Legion members need not register with the A. A. U. for their own events but if they wish to compete in the marathon or the open handicap races they must be registered athletes. An entry fee of fifty cents is required from each entry in each A. A. U. event, twenty-five cents for the other events and $1 for each relay race.

This, of course, is a full program. It would be too much for posts in the average communities to undertake even if they conducted the meet under the A. A. U. rules. For regular registered athletic meets for smaller posts I recommend the list of events provided for the United States Army, Navy and Marine Corps with the exception possibly of the javelin, discus and medley relay.

A well-balanced program for a small meet would be the 100-yard dash, 220, 440, half mile, mile, pole vault, high jump, broad jump, shot put, low and high hurdles and the mile relay.

For a novelty field day a post has wider latitude. We had a novelty race for Legion members at the 1920 meet which entertained the spectators. Private John McFadden, formerly of the 28th Division and now of Prince-Forbes Post, West Philadelphia, disrobed down to his underclothes and dressed himself again in 1 minute and 50 seconds and in addition ran 100 yards. This run simulated the dash from bunkside to reveille formation, ending a fifth of a second before the beginning of the roll call.

Novelty Events

For a novelty field day I would recommend one of these disrobing races and about twelve other events including a three-legged race, a potato race, obstacle race, two short sprints and the remainder of the program could be picked from the list in the A. A. U. handbook or from a list of games played in the service.

Provide events for the women members of the Legion and Auxiliary. At our field day we have a 75-yard dash for the women. Each year has seen a large field of starters. Miss Marie Baxter of Post 50, composed of former Yeomen (F) exclusively, captured the event in both meets, winning in 1920 in 11 1-5 seconds and last June in 9 4-5 seconds. She is training today and hopes to break the world's record for women at this distance which at present is held by Miss L. Haydock of Bryn Mawr College, with a time of 8 3-5 seconds.

In advising the directors of smaller Legion meets to include novelty races on their programs I do this out of respect for local athletic customs which I believe should be preserved. For example, if your post lies in a community where tree chopping contests are featured, add such tests of skill to the program. If it be rock drilling, add rock drilling to the list. Encourage these

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Five-Dollar Service Census Prize Letter

A Rough Voyage, Mates

FORMER Sergeant Hays and Corporal Turner, formerly of the 357th and 19th Infantry, respectively, were recently assigned one of the most inaccessible townships in Oklahoma, in the Legion Service Census drive. This particular township was situated in a nest of sand hills and black-jacks, and was liberally populated with conscientious objectors, who, during the war, wore their whiskers at full length, and still wear 'em that way.

The two ex-noncoms traversed the entire township, thoroughly canvassing each farm house and tepee, and the net result of a strenuous day's work was "writing up" one Indian, by the name of Nee-wah-na-kah-nah, son of an Indian chief.

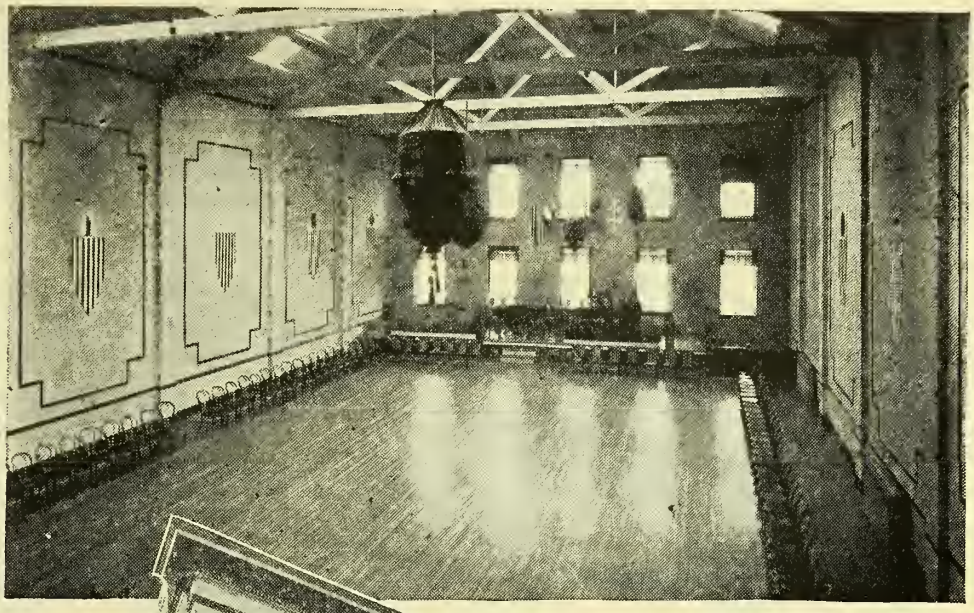
Having completed their task, the census-takers turned the nose of their car toward home. Not being familiar with the roads, they stopped and inquired of two colored boys, who directed them as to the best way to go. The travelers followed directions, but took the wrong road, leading down a blind section. Arriving at the fence across the section line, they began arguing as to whose fault it was, and turned to go back when one of the many black-jacks which lined the road extended over a little too far and hit Turner on the left cheek as it fell into the car.

Turner thought Hays had struck him. Hays threw the black-jack out of the car, and as a result, lost control of said car, which ran into deep sand, and could not be pulled out. The two walked back down the road three miles to where the negroes were. They readily agreed to assist, and with picks and shovels, the crowd made their way back, and the census men were soon on their way home, and arrived there without any more mishaps.—Earl Turner and Alonzo Hays, *Havens-Cannon Post, Anadarko, Okla., attested by John B. McVay, Post Commander.*

The accompanying letter was submitted in answer to the question, "What is the most interesting experience you have encountered in getting the Legion Service Census blanks filled?" Such letters, less than 300 words long, signed by the writer and attested by his post commander or adjutant, will be paid for at the rate of $5 each for those which are acceptable. Address, Service Census Editor, The American Legion Weekly, 627 West 43d Street, New York City.

Legion Homes from Ocean to Ocean

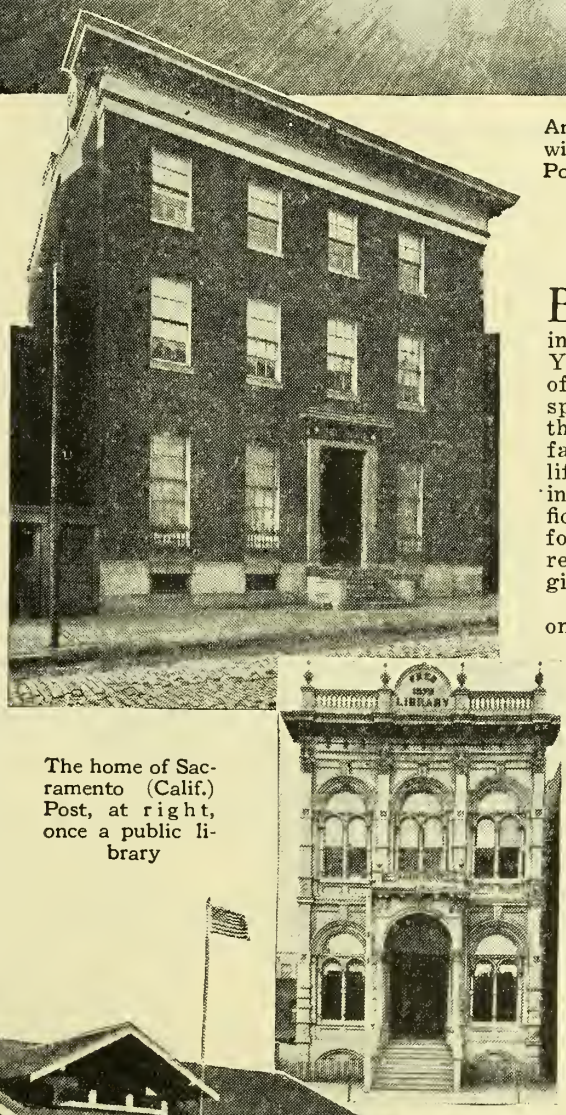
Posts Up and Down and Across the Land Have Converted the Clubhouse Idea into Wood and Brick



An expansive dance floor glistens within the home of Montfaucon Post, Baltimore, the exterior of which is shown at the left

Rising from the Ashes

WHEN fire swept through our first clubroom last year our post consisted of 33 members. The post met and agreed that every member put in $50—or as much more as he liked—to build a new home, and also donate all the physical labor possible. This money gave us enough to start a new building. A furniture dealer who was burned out along with us offered to rent the first floor of our new home at $30 a month for five years provided we built it to suit, which we did. Now we have a building 30½ by 80 feet, the south wall of which extends six inches on another man's lot, but we have an agreement with him that, if he builds and uses our wall, he will pay us half the cost of the wall. The material for our building, most of which was supplied at cost, with what labor we had to hire, cost us altogether $9,000.—THOMAS H. SATER, *Commander, Wendell Williams Post, Danville, Iowa.*



The home of Sacramento (Calif.) Post, at right, once a public library

The bungalow clubhouse of Palo Duro Post of Canyon, Texas, was built exclusively from the proceeds of post entertainments

A Goal Attained

BACK in the latter days of 1919 a group of men, 15 in all, gathered at the local Y. M. C. A. for a discussion of how best to maintain that spirit of comradeship among the men of the old 313th Infantry in the days of the new life before them. The gathering included both former officers and enlisted men. Before the meeting was over, a request for an American Legion post was duly forwarded.

That charter then meant only the uniting of our comrade family for a common purpose, but like all good American families, the thought uppermost in the minds of the members was a home of their own. To wait patiently until some kind person might donate a home or until the organization had sufficient income from membership was out of the question. By a campaign of popular subscription, aided previously by the efforts of disabled men returned home before the regiment, and sisters, wives and sweethearts who were interested in the movement, an amount sufficient for a working capital was raised. The slogan of the campaign, "If you will, by your donations help us to help ourselves, we will build a permanent memorial to your loved ones and by our deeds perpetuate their memory in the years to come," no doubt created an inspiring sentiment in favor of the cause. I'm mighty glad to say that our part of the slogan has been

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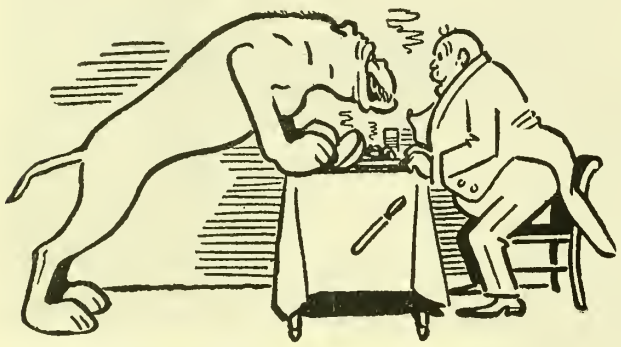
EDITORIAL

Bow-wow and Woof-woof!

THE animal in the picture, the Hard-Boiled Smith of the dog family, is Art Young's idea of The American Legion. The man in the picture represents "The Interests." "When their pet," says Mr. Young, "was growling at liberals and radicals the Interests were proud of him. It was a shock when the same old Legion put his paws on the table and demanded a bonus."



The American Legion and his master.

Mr. Young is one of this country's best cartoonists. His talents, unfortunately, are devoted to drawing only for the whatever-is-is-wrong magazines. The accompanying cartoon is reproduced from *The Nation*, one of several "liberal" publications for whom life is a nightmare of menaces and oppressions—just one blow at "freedom" after another.

No sooner had The American Legion made its stand for law and order than these publications recognized it as the slave of intolerant capitalism, born to subdue "liberty" and thwart "progress," and began to worry. The Legion was going to suppress free speech; it was an instrument to break up the labor unions. Oh, my! Oh, my! They stood on the bridge, these publications, and spread the scandal. And then somebody stole the bridge. The American Legion, among other things, came out for adjusted compensation and, as that didn't look like capitalistic maneuvering, and couldn't be made to look like it, these publications perforce chose something else to be alarmed about.

The "liberal" magazines are still heard from now and then and their animosity toward the Legion cannot be doubted, but just at present the Legion is attracting more criticism from the publications which serve selfish capital. The situation is well. Criticism from the two extremes proves, if proof is necessary, that the Legion is on middle ground where it will find the bulk of the American people supporting it. Also, it proves the Legion's independence.

Mr. Young's drawing is amusing, but his conception is incorrect. The American Legion hasn't turned on its master. It hasn't any master and never did have.

Through Channels

IF EVERY individual ex-service man who has a real or fancied grievance against the Veterans Bureau were to climb on a soap box and tell the world about it, the most important result probably would be only a considerable displacement of the atmosphere. The isolated vocal efforts would kick up agitated little wavelets on the surface of public opinion, perhaps, but energy for the most part would be wasted.

The Legion, however, now has national machinery for transforming all latent dissatisfaction with the government agencies into constructive energy. Elsewhere in this issue, A. A. Sprague, chairman of the National Rehabilitation Committee, explains that the recently-formed Rehabilitation Committees in each of the fourteen regional districts of the Veterans Bureau will deal with the thousand and one problems which are arising out of the Government's relations with disabled ex-service men.

Acting through channels often seems irksome, but it usually is effective. Posts and individuals may be tempted to try to effect single-handed reforms, but the present Legion effort to secure lasting efficiency in the Veterans Bureau calls, first of all, for teamwork on a national scale. If we find things going wrong, let's not endeavor to correct them with an individual complaint. Let's use, instead, the strong voice of official authority.

Mr. Munsey's Ultimatum

In spite of the Fordneys and the McCumbers, it is the conviction of the *New York Herald* that no bonus bill they have framed or can frame and jam through Congress will ever have the indorsement of Warren G. Harding.—Editorial in the *New York Herald* of May 3, 1922.

INASMUCH as the *New York Herald*, before the passage of the Adjusted Compensation Bill by the House, threatened and urged the defeat of every Representative who should vote for that measure, it may be assumed that the above is a personal ultimatum from Frank A. Munsey to President Harding.

For months certain anti-compensation newspapers, powerless in the face of the plain sentiment of the country, have been saying with an air of confidential and privileged communication that everything would "work out all right" because President Harding would veto *any* compensation bill. They have pictured the President as the extreme enemy of the Adjusted Compensation Bill playing a careful political game to kill it.

President Harding has the double opportunity to fulfill his own pledges and confound those who have been casting him in the role of a hypocrite.

The Insurance that Lapsed

A WORLD WAR veteran died at the age of twenty-six in a Middle Western city a month ago leaving his widow and his baby son to face the world without funds. He had permitted his War Risk Insurance policy to lapse several months before his death and he had never renewed it.

The most poignant fact about this tragedy is that had this ex-service man only known, he could have reinstated his insurance policy while he was waiting for death. He could have arranged for his family to receive $10,000, the amount of the policy on which he paid premiums during the war.

He had been seriously ill for a year, suffering from a disease whose earliest symptoms had developed during his eighteen months in France. The regulations governing both War Risk term insurance and converted insurance provide that if a person is suffering with a disease or injury incurred in or aggravated by active military or naval service during the World War, he may reinstate his policy, provided that he is not totally and permanently disabled, by the payment of all premiums in arrears, together with interest at the rate of 5 percent per year compounded annually from the due date of each premium.

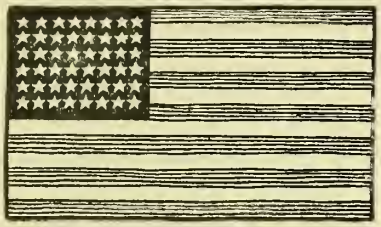
This provision, remember, applies to men who are suffering from disease or injury—men who would be refused new policies or reinstatements by private insurace companies. It should be noted, however, that reinstatements of term or converted insurance may not be made after a man is totally and permanently disabled. Men in good health are not required to pay up all back premiums—they need only pay premiums covering two months to have their insurance reinstated.

Ordinary prudence dictates the necessity of every ex-service man knowing just what his government insurance rights are. Six hundred thousand veterans are now carrying government policies. How many of the remaining 4,000,000 veterans, who once held policies but let them lapse, do not know their own rights?

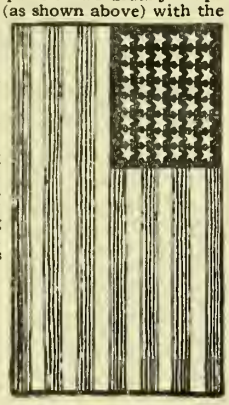
The Chinese fighting conjures up a picture of the Oriental supply sergeant saying to the line outside his tent in the good, old hard-boiled s. s. way: "No tickee, no shirtee."

How to Treat the American Flag

Memorial Day is at hand and once more the etiquette of the flag becomes important in thousands of towns and cities. To help dispel many uncertainties, The American Legion Weekly published in the issue of August 5, 1921, a page of illustrations and rules. This page has been used as a text in many communities, and because so many requests have been received for the issue in which it appeared, it is reproduced below.



In the horizontal position we usually drape the flag properly (as shown above) with the starry field at the upper left. Not so often, however, do we hang it as it should be in the vertical. The proper way is shown in the accompanying diagram, with the starry field now at the upper right. The flag has an inside and an outside. This is its outside.

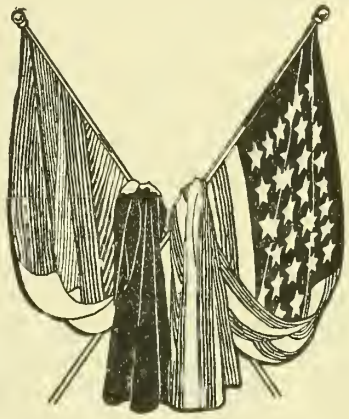


The Rules in Brief

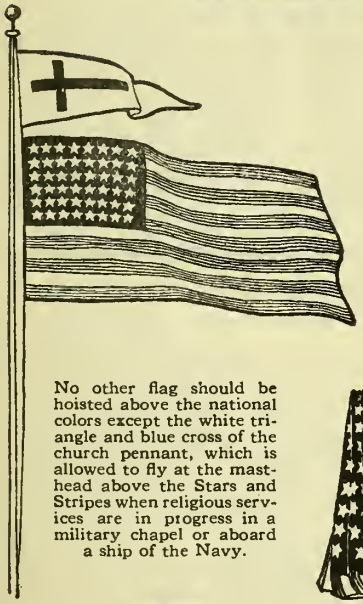
The man who is in uniform salutes in military style when the flag goes by, but when in civvies the best form is to take off the hat and hold it against the left shoulder. In draping the colors the simplest rule to remember is that the Stars and Stripes always claim the place of honor, the forefront, the right or the highest elevation. Another rule is that the colors should never be allowed to touch the ground or the deck. On Memorial Day run the flag to the top of the mast; then half-mast it until noon. From noon until sunset let it fly from the top of the staff.

Don'ts

Don't sew the flag onto a sofa pillow.
Don't use it as a silk handkerchief.
Don't twist it into fantastic designs.
Don't use it in any form of advertising.
Don't let it drag in the dust in handling it.

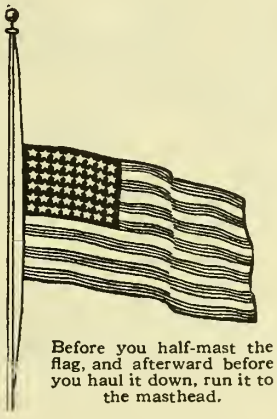


When you drape our flag with that of one of the Allies or with the banner of an organization, always place the national colors at the onlooker's right.

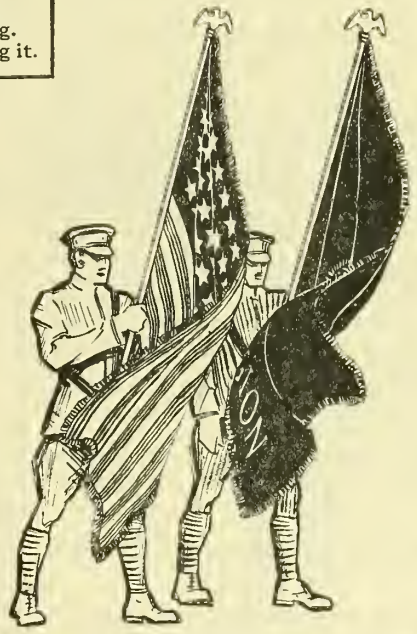


No other flag should be hoisted above the national colors except the white triangle and blue cross of the church pennant, which is allowed to fly at the masthead above the Stars and Stripes when religious services are in progress in a military chapel or aboard a ship of the Navy.

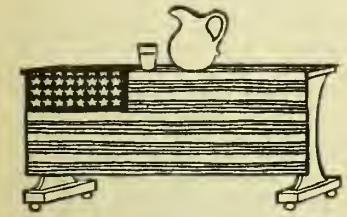
Don't let the flag drag in the dust—even at unveilings.



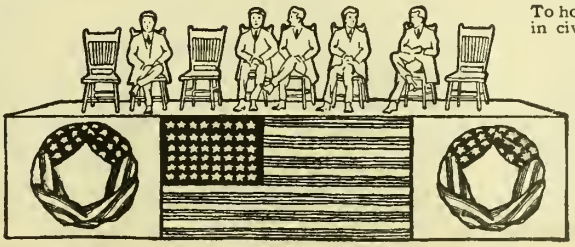
Before you half-mast the flag, and afterward before you haul it down, run it to the masthead.



When carried with other flags in a parade, the colors claim the place of honor—at the right.



Don't use the flag as a tablecloth. A Bible may rest on it. Nothing else.



Don't drape the flag (as in picture at the left) below the seats of a platform, or twist it into fantastic designs. Use bunting for the trick stuff.

To honor the flag's passing when in civvies hold the hat against the left shoulder.

Keeping Step With the Legion

and the Auxiliary

Parade Promises

WE get a heavy mail. It's heavy in weight and heavy in thought. This week's prize for cerebral advoirdupois (not fat) goes to Arthur F. Rodney of Boston. Sezzee:

I was a post commander last year. When the gang agreed to join a Memorial Day parade, I asked how many would march. Forty who were present at the meeting promised. I got their verbal promise then, and two days later went around and got their promise all over again, this time *in writing*. I got eighty more promises the same way before May 30th hove in sight.

Perhaps that post commander could not sue anybody who broke the written promise, but he remarks that if he had sued, and had been able to collect $50 from each non-marching promiser, he could have boosted the post treasury only $150.

Maybe you can't do that in your own post, but maybe you've got a better idea. The point is, not that one post commander put his crowd into a celebration by a particular scheme, but that he put his crowd in, and then showed up like a ton of brick on Memorial Day. Whatever the method is, if it's fair, it's worth while. The G. A. R. is getting along in years, and Memorial Day is particularly sacred to its members. They are leaving us a trust in Memorial Day. They want the day always to be observed as they have observed it in the past, and we are bringing a lot of traditions of our own to enhance their old spirit. "Marching on Memorial Day is not only a privilege; it's an obligation," says our cultured correspondent from Boston, "get them to recognize the obligation—on a list of their names, at least."

On the Go

SPEAKING (as nobody was) of letter writing, remember that the National Commander is a busy man, always on the jump, and bear with him in his efforts to keep up with his correspondence. A National Commander in action and in transit is as busy as a battery of 75's laying down a barrage. The present Legion chief, for instance, is accompanied by one Grade A ex-artilleryman secretary who in turn is accompanied by an army locker trunk full of correspondence. The ex-redleg covers a lot of territory but he doesn't see much of it, for the Commander dictates to him in hotel dining rooms, trains, railroad stations, elevators and taxicabs, and once gummed the detail by going right on talking when the train ran into a tunnel without the smoking lamps being lit. Whenever the sec lifts his eyes to glimpse the scenery the Commander snaps, "Got that, George?" and pulls him back to his notes.

Between them, the Commander and George keep up with the flood of correspondence that trails them up and down the country—but they want Legionnaires everywhere to remember that it takes a little time to do it.

Wherever the Commander is, he is never out of touch with the Legion. He maintains constant contact especially with National Headquarters, the National Legislative Committee and the chairmen of national Legion committees.

Legion Calendar

Memorial Day

It's a duty to turn out—a duty to yourself, your post, your town, your country and the men who died. Has your post sent department headquarters its assessment for the overseas graves' decoration fund? A nickel a member, a minimum of five dollars a post.

Flag Day

June 14th—coming big. The Elks will help. Watch future announcements.

Service Census

Every Buddy Help a Buddy. That's service. Hunt up the man who is entitled to government aid.

Unemployment

Complete economic rehabilitation—the slogan for every man who fought the war. Where there's a job there's a place for a veteran.

Outdoor Activities

Summer on our necks and we're an outdoor gang. Have you a little track meet in your town?

Something New

WE were talking over the membership the other day. (And you lose a bet; we were *not* talking it over with the Circulation Manager, but with National Adjutant Bolles). And we discovered that National Headquarters has received complaints lately that posts are enrolling members who are indebted to other posts for dues, assessments, etc., and who are consequently not in good standing with their former home posts. The National Adjutant wants it known that a fellow who is not a Legionnaire in good standing in one place should not be permitted to resume his good standing some other place. The National Commander and the National Adjutant have established the principle that nobody ought to be accepted as a transferee or as a re-enrolled member until all previous Legion obligations have been met. They leave application of the principle with post and department officials.

Do You Speak ze French?

DID you note last week an "Avis," whatever that is, alongside a section of an article on La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux? That was a notice. It said that any information about the 40 Hommes could be got from H. E. MacDonald, Correspondant Nationale, 325 Yesler Way, Seattle, Wash. It also said that E. J. Eivers, 311 Pine Street, Portland, Ore., is Chef de Chemin de Fer, which is just as big a job as it sounds. We're putting in this information because some P.G.'s in the office came around and wanted to know what it was all about. If you want to organize a voiture in your county, write Correspondant Nationale MacDonald. He'll furnish all the dope. He asks us to make just one suggestion; that you remember you can have only one voiture to the county.

Salesmen, Front and Center!

NOW, having expatiated on Membership and the 40 and 8, we'll go to a talk on both. A fellow just wrote our friend of the spotlight (you guessed it, that time; it *was* the Circulation Manager) asking if making a speech before his post, and getting half a dozen new members did not qualify him by service to the Legion for membership in La Société. The C. M., who belongs to La Société, says it did. Also, the C. M. has another way of helping you qualify. He wants you to sell some non-member buddy a subscription to the Weekly. The subscription will cost two bucks. Send the name and address of the new subscriber and two dollars to the C. M. (same old address, 627 West 43d Street, New York City), and the C. M. will add your non-Legion friend to the circulation list. The C. M., you see, has a lot of confidence in the Weekly. Says if you can get fellows to buying it, you eventually can get them into the Legion.

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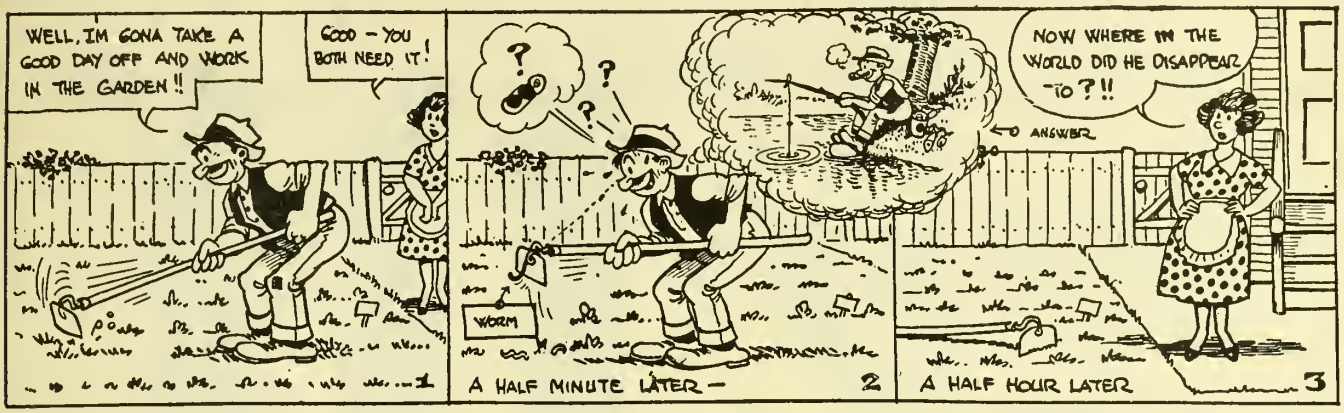

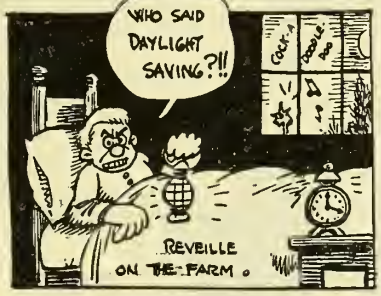

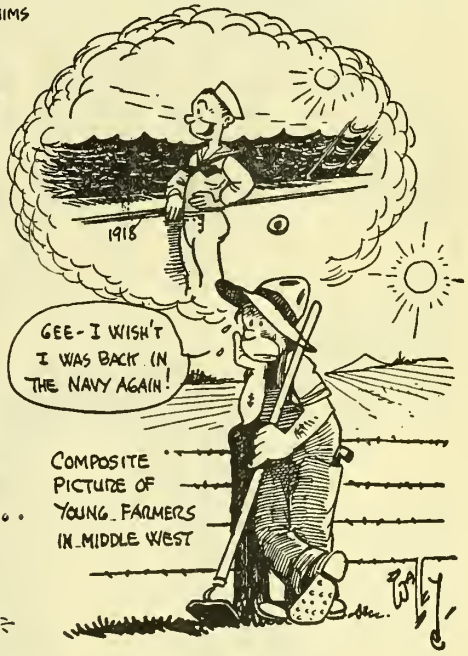

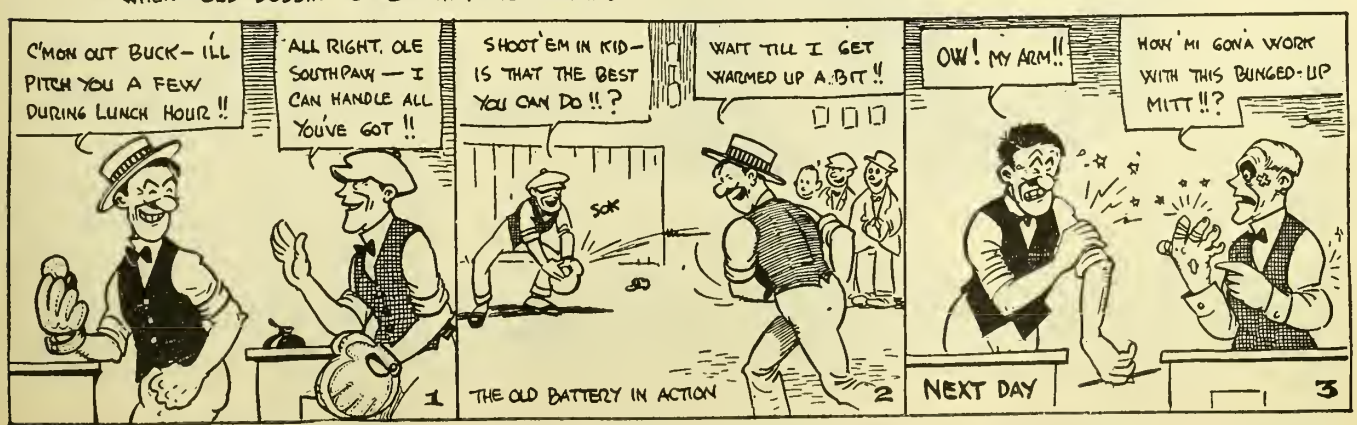

BURSTS AND DUDS

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Chance of a Lifetime

She had become engaged to the handsome and titled foreigner, much against the wishes of her family, who were averse to taking on a life boarder.

"Ah, Count," she sighed regretfully, "you don't know how my love for you distresses my parents. I have often heard father say he would gladly give fifty thousand dollars if I should never see you again."

The scion of nobility sat up excitedly.

"Ees zat so?" he demanded. "And ees your fazaire in hees offees now, you sink?"

Cutting It Close

"How far is your house from the station?" asked the city man.

"Just far enough," replied the commuter, "so that if I have my breakfast egg boiled three minutes the way I like it, I miss my train."

Nothing Is Perfect

The litigation over the estate of old Samuel Small had dragged out over a period of eight years, growing more and more involved all the while.

One of the prospective heirs, Peter Small, sat in the office of his attorney listening to a detailed explanation of why nothing more could be done for at least a year, and perhaps not then. When the lawyer was through, he heaved a sigh of utter weariness.

"Do you know," he said sadly, "there are times when I almost wish father hadn't died at all."

"Gorry, Mike, d'you suppose you or me will ever get up that high?"

Immobile

Clarence: "It's easy to see your people came from Ireland."

Terence: "An' that's where ye're wrong. They did nothin' of the kind."

Clarence: "What? Didn't they come from Ireland? With that brogue?"

Terrence: "They did not. They're there yet."

Within Reason

Just as the guards were leading his client away, the lawyer stopped and shook hands sadly with the recent defendant.

"I'm sorry I couldn't do more for you, old man," he apologized.

"Don't mention it, sir," replied the prisoner politely. "Ain't five years enough?"

The Information Bureau

A guest hurried up to the hotel clerk's counter. He had just ten minutes to pay his bill, reach the station and board his train.

"Hang it!" he exclaimed. "I've forgotten something. Here, boy, run up to my room—Number 427—and see if I left my pajamas and shaving kit. Hurry, I've only five minutes now."

The boy hurried. In four minutes he returned, out of breath.

"Yes, sir," he panted. "You left them."

No Cause for Worry

Although her coffee-colored husband had just completed an advantageous trade in the mule market, Mrs. Jefferson Lee was perturbed.

"Rastus," she worried, "yo-all tol' Mister Jackson dat mule was gentle, an' yo' knows she's a reg'lar debbil. S'posin' she kicks Mister Jackson. Den he'll bring dat mule back an' raise fits."

"Lissen, 'ooman," returned her husband tranquilly. "If dat mule breaks mah guarantee and kicks Mistah Jackson, Mistah Jackson ain't gwine bring dat mule back. No, ma'am. Ah knows dat mule's power."

And the Overhead

"Are you sure you have shown me all the principal parts of this car?" asked the fair prospective purchaser.

"Yes, madam, all the main ones," returned the dealer.

"Well, then, where is the depreciation? Tom told me that was one of the biggest things about a car."

Suggestions of a Doughboy

Being the Suggestions of a Doughboy on the Manner of Conducting the Next War, Together with Certain Reflections on the Conduct of the Last One.

24. That the next time the Navy "takes 'em across," it take 'em straight across and not spend nine-tenths of the time going up and down and side to side, thereby giving the Army the same general sensations as a squirrel in a revolving cage.

(*To be continued*)

Trail's End

"At last I've located one of those old-fashioned five-cent cigars."

"Where'd you find it?"

"Hidden behind a two-bit label."

Such as ———?

He had been expatiating upon his share in the great struggle, and she was properly impressed.

"And did you have much responsibility rest on you in the war?" she asked.

"We-ell," he returned, desperately clutching for the last time at the skirts of truth. "I—er—I had to look after quite a few details."

The Fabric of Dreams

"That new show of mine is going to be a sure-fire hit," announced the producer gleefully. "I've got a swell idea for costuming the chorus."

"Uh-huh!" grunted the critic. "That's about all most of 'em wear nowadays."

Work or Fight

A prim and proper young miss was much horrified on the street to find a small boy, apparently not over six years old, smoking a cigarette.

"Little boy," she commanded. "Throw down that horrid thing this minute."

"Go chase yerself, lady," answered the infant disdainfully. "Hunt yer own. I found dis one meself."

What's the Use?

Rub: "Dobbs never gets mad."

Dub: "Is he that little?"

The Old Shell Game

A colored veteran was before the court as a witness in a liquor case. He pleaded loss of memory due to his war experiences. The court inquired the nature of the experiences.

"Jedge, sah," related the witness, "we was right near dem Germans and Cap'n says, 'Foller me and zigzag when yo' go.' Jedge, sah, every time I zigged dem big shells zigged, an' every time I zagged dem big shells zagged, an' zig or zag, I was wrong every time."

Murder!

A blinding flash!
A grinding crash!
A scream from Mrs. Coater!
"Heaven's! She's dead!
We're done for, Ned!"
Yes, Ned had killed the motor.

A Cheerful Giver

A colored revival was in full blast, and one old fellow was exhorting the people to contribute generously.

"Look what de Lawd's done fo' you-all, bredren!" he shouted. "Give Him a portion of all you has. Give Him a tenth. A tenth belongs to de Lawd!"

"Amen!" yelled a perspiring member of the congregation, overcome by emotion. "Glory to de Lawd! Give Him mo'. Give Him a twentieth!"

His Debut

"Jobson created quite a sensation when he made his first appearance on the stage."

"What was his part?"

"The Ghost, in *Hamlet*. He appeared five minutes ahead of schedule, and the effect on Hamlet was said to be very fine."

Too Pointed

She was extremely thin and very sensitive on the subject. He was nearsighted. Absently, he had been running through a bunch of pictures on the parlor table, holding each close to his eyes.

"I think your new photographs are lovely," he remarked. "Such an improvement! You're growing more beautiful every day."

She burst into tears.

"You're horrid!" she cried. "You know those aren't my photographs. They're X-ray pictures the doctor took of me the other day."

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Department Conventions

FLORIDA has beaten the rest of the country in something besides subscription cards. Department conventions, for instance. The Florida event took place somewhere around the Ides of March, and somewhere in West Palm Beach. It would take thousands of words to describe the enthusiasm of the convention, or the way the Floridans greeted National Commander MacNider, or the way West Palm Beach greeted the conventioneers. But the Department of Alaska and the Kansas Auxiliary were not so far behind Florida, at that, either in time or in spirit. Here's a summary of each convention, telling of genuine accomplishment:

Florida

ALIENS: Requested Congress to provide that any alien who enters the country or who lives in the United States and is eligible for citizenship be deported if he does not become a citizen within ten years from time of passage of law, or from time of making such entry.

AMERICANIZATION: Approved and suggested co-operation on part of posts with local civic bodies and public welfare organizations.

DISLOYALTY: Requested Florida Congressmen to use influence to have cancelled naturalization papers held by persons regularly naturalized but who were disloyal to Government during the war.

EDUCATION: Requested members of Florida 1923 Legislature to provide sufficient funds to relieve lack of adequate school buildings in State and to provide funds for adequate educational purposes. Favored Federal support of public schools under system which would not interfere with state supervision of such schools. Favored improved system for veterans' vocational training, backed by ample appropriation.

FATHERS' AUXILIARY: Approved action of Resolutions Committee in deferring endorsement of Loyal Order of Dads, awaiting policy of national organization.

FORTY HOMMES-EIGHT CHEVAUX: Endorsed movement for organization of a state branch of La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux.

LEGISLATION: Endorsed National Legislative Committee and endorsed the Adjusted Compensation Bill.

MEMORIALS: Endorsed project of The National Memorial Association of Chattanooga, Tenn., to erect a national memorial university. Endorsed attitude of National Headquarters in opposing erection of George Washington Memorial.

MEMBERSHIP LISTS: Opposed furnishing of membership lists by post or department adjutants to anyone except upon authorization of post or department executive committees.

MERCHANT MARINE: Requested Americans to use American-owned and operated steamship lines for traveling and shipping.

MILITARY AFFAIRS: Endorsed Pershing bill that provides for a Federal Reserve Army. Endorsed bill that provides retirement of Sergeant Woodfill with grade of Captain. Opposed abandonment of Carlstrom Field, Florida, as training field for heavier-than-air type of flying machine.

PUBLICITY: Authorized appointment of Department Publicity Director. Authorized appointment of publicity committee to advertise Florida at the New Orleans Convention—slogan "Florida First."

STATE COMPENSATION: Requested members of Florida 1923 Legislature to pass bill adjusting compensation of Florida men who served in the United States Army during the World War; endorsed appointment of committee to collect data to show number of men in service, length of time served and amount required to pay compensation.

Alaska

BOY SCOUTS: Endorsed the Boy Scout movement in Alaska and pledged its active support to the youth of Alaska.

GAME: Advocated registering resident hunters and imposing license of not less than $25 on non-resident hunters, prohibiting aliens from possessing fire arms, and increase of appropriation for protection of game and to provide adequate enforcement of game laws.

PUBLICITY: Directed Department of Alaska to issue a monthly publication to be known as *The Alaska Legionnaire.*

VETERANS BUREAU: Urgently requested that a resident member of the United States Veterans Bureau be appointed for the Territory of Alaska. Commended work accomplished by Bureau representative.

Dept. of Kansas Auxiliary

COMPENSATION: Expressed hearty approval of the Kansas Adjusted Compensation Bill. Adopted resolution providing for the appointment of an Auxiliary compensation committee of five members appointed by department president to work in conjunction with The American Legion compensation committee.

FINANCE: Adop'ed report recommending a fifteen-cent assessment per member on each unit for purpose of defraying expenses of delegates to Second National Auxiliary Convention in New Orleans.

HOSPITALIZATION: Adopted recommendation of Central Hospital committee that a welfare fund be established for care of World War veterans not in hospitals.

LEGISLATION: Urged all members to support all legislative measures, both state and national, designed primarily to benefit World War veterans.

MEMBERSHIP: Endorsed plans for statewide membership drive with objective of 15,000 members at time of National Convention.

ORDER OF THE GOLD STAR: Accepted recommendation of the constitution and by-laws committee providing for the establishment of the Order of The Gold Star as a department of the Kansas Auxiliary. Membership in the order limited to gold star members of The American Legion Auxiliary.

Money Awaiting Ex-Army Men

THE Chief of Finance, U. S. Army, is holding a large number of army checks and discharge certificates which have been returned undelivered by the Postoffice Department.

If a man served in the Army and has money due him, or is awaiting the return of his discharge certificate, request should be made to the Chief of Finance, U. S. A., Funding Division, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C. The request must contain the following information:

Whether money or discharge certificate is due; army serial number; amount due; purpose for which payment is due; organization and rank; place and date of enlistment or induction; place and date of discharge; signature of applicant; witness to signature; street or box number address of applicant; postoffice and State.

The foregoing does not apply to Navy or Marine Corps men. This information should be of value to post service officers in handling queries pertaining to money due or discharge certificates which may appear in the Service Census questionnaires, particularly in those filed by non-members.

Keeping Step with the Legion

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Incidentally, he wants it understood that no subscription agency or corporation has been authorized to sell subscriptions—only members of The American Legion.

What to Read Next

DIDJA see the article, elsewhere in this issue, about Legion track meets? Dr. Orton, the author, wrote it to give advice, but he probably succeeds also in dishing out a good percentage of inspiration. We'd like to believe that you read this department before any other part of the magazine, and we're going to assume so, in this case, and advise you to go right from the end of Keeping Step to the Orton article, and peruse it carefully. Your post may bring out a champion athlete yet.

And if there's anything else you want to know, write the Service and Information Editor, The American Legion Weekly, 627 West 43d Street, New York City. He will procure for you one of the A. A. U. booklets mentioned, known as "Amateur Athletic Union Track and Field Rules."

Bang! Bang!

SINCE the Weekly printed John J. Noll's article about Legion Rifle Clubs, we've heard of several more. Hyde Park Post of Chicago was one. That outfit is affiliated with the National Rifle Association of America. Last summer it visited a number of nearby camps where there were ranges, and it plans to repeat this year. It uses the 300-foot long basement of the Chicago Beach Hotel for an indoor range, and will enter a team at Camp Perry for the big shoot there this summer.

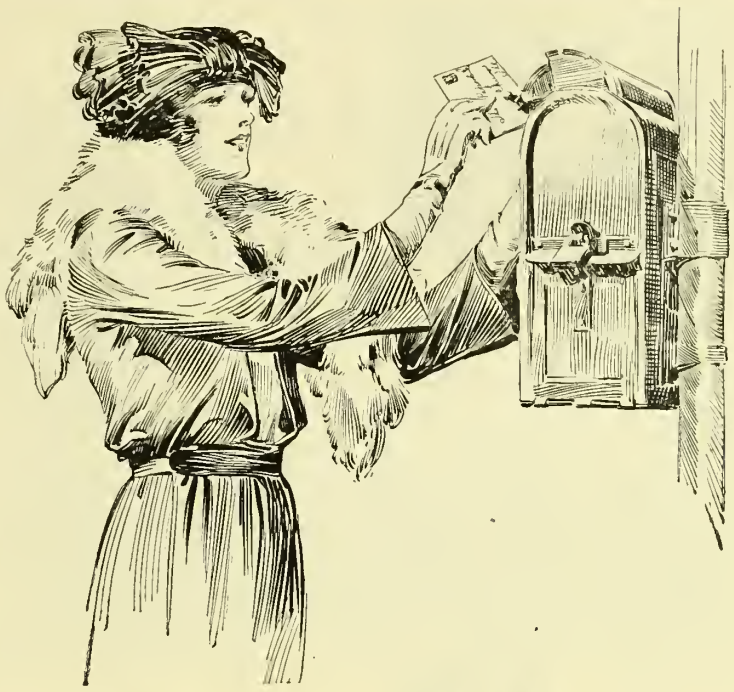
How did the idea of forming a rifle club hit your outfit? Any curiosity yet about the keenness of the old shooting eye?

Compensation Claims

QUERIES with reference to locating former buddies whose statements are necessary to substantiate compensation claims should be sent to the Service Division, National Headquarters, American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Service Division will be glad to assist in finding men after other means have failed and, if necessary, will advertise through the Weekly.

The Service Division wants to hear from the following:

Former members of fourth squad, Co. C, 121st M. G. Bn., who were in action at Genegnie Village on Soissons front; the Medical Corps captain in charge of Ward 4, Base Hosp. No. 117, France; Capt. Grant Ireland, Co. L, 321st Inf.; "Happy" Everite, who served on U. S. S. *Jupiter;* men who served in Co. 75, Naval Base, Norfolk, Va.; men who served with Co. F, 115th Eng.; men who served in Co. C 7 at Goat Island; former buddies of Adolph Pfeiffer, Co. D, 23d Inf., who were with him at the time he was wounded or injured at St. Mihiel, Sept. 12th, 1918.



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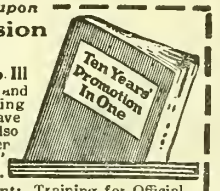

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Similar questions are asked Legionnaires every day. What question do you regard as most important? What is your answer? Tell the Dotted Line Editor of The American Legion Weekly, 627 W. 43d Street, New York City.

Legion Homes from Ocean to Ocean

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lived up to beyond our fondest hopes.

With the money raised in the campaign the post was enabled to buy, subject to a mortgage of $16,000, the Old Veteran Corps' Hall on Madison Avenue. "A mortgage of $16,000," you say? Don't be surprised—the boys meant business. They saw the possibilities of a wonderful club and the home of a wonderful Legion post. The clubhouse and hall was in a somewhat run-down condition, needed a little real remodeling, and for the ideal club the boys had in mind big expenditures were necessary. Painting and papering had to be done, roofs fixed, floors mended, windows put in, furniture supplied. Every month over $250 had to be paid on the mortgage, and salaries of men permanently employed totaled $215, in addition to other fixed expenses such as coal and telephones. But how was it to be done?

Many were the rocks that blocked the path of progress, but the resourcefulness of the men and their good associates, the Auxiliary of the 313th, has kept the silver lining in view over the rough spots and today the path to real achievements is comparatively clear.

The methods used to raise money for current expenses are many and varied. Public dances are held on Wednesday and Saturday evenings, though it took some time to accumulate the good will of the dancing public.

The dances are held under the supervision of a post committee. An admission of fifty cents for a man and thirty cents for a woman is charged, which includes the checking of wraps and a numbered door ticket. During intermission the duplicates of the door tickets are put into a box, shaken up and withdrawn singly by a pretty girl. The holder of each of twelve lucky tickets receives a pound box of chocolates. On special occasions we give favors and supply confetti and toy balloons. In a word, we endeavor to create a homelike atmosphere which a patron will miss if he stays away and which will cause a stranger to come again.

The dances are held from September to May, but the hall is rented out frequently during the summer to fraternal organizations or for entertainments, weddings, and other events. From September 26 to December 31, 1921, our dances netted us $944, and rentals amounted to $1,071 for the six months ending December 31st. The sale of soft drinks and candy during dance intermissions also brings us a nice profit.

Excursions are held by the club and also card parties and dances by the Auxiliary, whose donations to the post from time to time help to cover heavy expenditures for which our regular sources of income fail to provide. The *Montfaucon Drive*, our monthly magazine, nets us a goodly profit also. The editor, one of our former post commanders, furnishes the reading matter each month and the printing company solicits the advertising and pays the club a percentage of the monthly profit. The items mentioned, with smaller profits from drinking-cup machines, telephone boxes, etc., constitute our income, and we find it sufficient to meet our expenditures, which average close to $1,500 a month.

We actively participate in patriotic affairs, we attend funerals of former comrades whose bodies are brought home, and we annually hold memorial services in the club hall on the Sunday evening following Armistice Day. Last Christmas our post put on a show for 700 men at Fort McHenry Hospital, decorating a tree in one ward and distributing tobacco and cigarettes among the men. The post has a relief fund of $1,000 donated by a kind friend which is used to help comrades in hard luck. Our unemployment committee endeavors to assist in placing veterans. In short, wherever and whenever Montfaucon Post can be of service you will find the members only too willing to do whatever they can.

The clubhouse itself is perhaps the finest of its kind in the State. The walls of the reception room are covered

with the photographs of fallen comrades, interspersed here and there with large photos of actual scenes at the front. On the oval walnut table in the center of the room stands the loving cup won by the 313th Band in France.

Our success, I believe, lies in the fact that our home and what it means to us is big enough to fight for and fight hard for—for example, today, only two years since the club gave the mortgage for $16,000, only $12,000 remains unpaid.

What I have given above is not written in a spirit of advertising our post, but with a sincere desire to inspire other Legionnaires to do something that will enable your town or your city to point to you with pride and say, "A better bunch of American veterans never followed our flag." My only advice is to set your objective on the hilltop far beyond your present reach. Take that hill by storm, fighting every inch of the way if necessary. After you have gone a kilometer or two and can look back and see your accomplishments, your second advance will be less tiresome. Make "carry on" your motto, for each seeming defeat is but a fresh victory in disguise and sufficient smaller victories must eventually win the battle. Gaining the hilltop, going down the other side will be easy. Montfaucon Post of Baltimore is now within sight of the crest of Hill Victory. How about your post, comrades?—WILLIAM M. MICHEL, *Historian, Montfaucon Post, Baltimore, Md.*

A $28,000 Home

OUR post home, located in the heart of the city, cost $28,000, but we believe that in a few years the lot alone will bring far in excess of the purchase price. We are financing it with an $8,000 initial payment and the balance in ten years. We hope to earn the money by our own efforts. The first payment was a gift of the local Chamber of Commerce. The second floor is used for meetings and the first floor for clubrooms, a large room being set aside for the sole use of the Auxiliary. The basement is leased to a local hardware dealer for storage and brings in a nice revenue. Eventually we plan to remodel the basement into a gymnasium. Our post has a paid-up membership of close to a thousand members.—M. W. SAHLBERG, *Adjutant, Sacramento (Cal.) Post.*

Saving Up Did It

OUR post has just acquired one of the best two-story brick buildings in the city, within half a block of the public square and court house. The purchase was financed through the savings of the Legion and the Auxiliary, with some donations received by them and through one of the local building and loan associations. The rental of three large stores on the ground floor (the Legion and Auxiliary occupy the second story) will pay for the building in ten years, after which we shall have a permanent home rent free worth $20,000 with a permanent annual rental of $2,000. We have furnished the hall comfortably, including a large kitchen. We have been in our new home four months and have had several community affairs, as well as a banquet served by the Auxiliary to the Chamber of Commerce.—E. D. TELFORD, *Luther B. Easley Post, Salem, Ill.*

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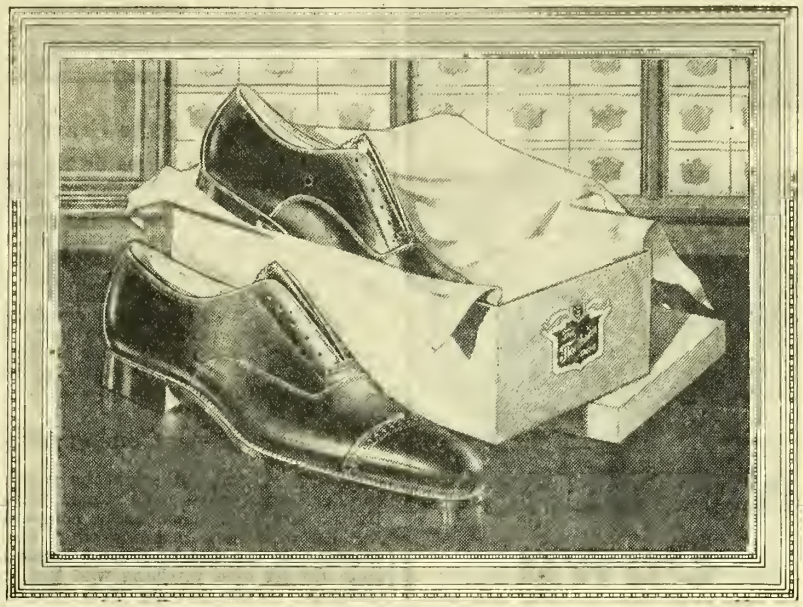

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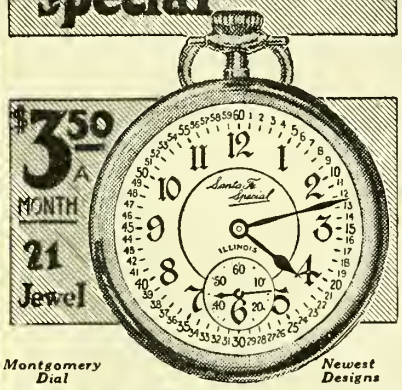

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The Flags at the Graves

To the Editor: It seems fitting that the small American flags that are to be used to mark the last resting place of comrades and loved ones who fought and gave their lives for their country, should be of as good and as fast a color as can be made so that they will not become just faded pieces of cloth in a few weeks.

Our heroes' sacrifice surely demands that much, and the people, I am sure, would respond to the extra expense if the matter could be brought to their notice.—A BEREAVED MOTHER, *Harmon, N. Y.*

Czecho-Slovak Compensation

To the Editor: It might be interesting to Legionnaires at this time, while the United States is considering compensation for its veterans, to know what the government of the Czecho-Slovak Republic has done for its own veterans who live in this country. After serving with the Czecho-Slovak Army in France I was given $200 upon my discharge and return to this country. This was in the nature of unemployment relief.

The Czecho-Slovak government, through its consular representatives in this country, has also paid $860 to every disabled veteran. Remember that Czecho-Slovakia is a country of only 14,000,000 people and has an immense war debt and a real problem of reconstruction.

Not only has the Czecho-Slovak government given unemployment relief to its veterans here, but it has also furnished free transportation back to Europe to those men, unable to find work here, who desired to return. It promised those who did return jobs upon their arrival back home. It also has given these men, along with all its veterans who wished them, loans up to an amount of $1,000 for the purpose of establishing themselves in business or a trade. These loans can be repaid in installments.—HENRY S. RUSSEK, *Richard J. McNally Post, New York City.*

The Case of George

To the Editor: When I knew George in a Western city at the start of the war he was the one man I always associated with the word cadaverous. He was fully six feet tall and the thinnest man I have ever seen. Looking at him you figured that his hold on life must be like the tight-rope walker's footing on his wire—requiring perfect balance constantly. I got into the service the first month of the war, and George was one of the men I was sure would never join me later. That was five years ago.

I met George today—the first time I have seen him since the war. I hadn't heard a word about him after May in 1917. But here he was today, more cadaverous than ever, if that were possible. And this is what he told me:

On three occasions in the first two months of the war he had tried to enlist and the doctors had laughed at him. Later he moved from the Western city to the East, and once more he offered himself at a recruiting office. Again the doctors rejected him. He had been married for several years, but his wife had been earning a sizable salary, so George had not bothered to make an exemption claim when he registered for the draft. One day he was called, the medical examiners passed him with a wave of the hand and a few days later he found himself in Camp Upton. Upon the day he was ordered to report in camp his wife was undergoing an operation in a hospital. They refused to grant him permission to stay behind to learn the result of that operation. For two weeks while his wife's life was in the balance he was kept in camp and denied a leave. George's wife remained ill for the entire eleven months of his service and the $30 monthly allotment was ridiculously inadequate. When George got back from overseas he found his family's accumulated debts exceeded $1,500.

As this is a true story, and to give a happier touch, let me add that George in the two days just before he was discharged at Camp Upton won $790 shooting craps.

You can draw any moral you wish from this story. What stay-at-home would say that George is not entitled to all that a discriminating government can do for him? His financial situation after discharge compelled him even to drop his War Risk Insurance. This, in spite of the fact that no private insurance company would give him any kind of a policy in his present health. He told me that if the compensation bill passes he is going to choose the option that will help him acquire a home. —T. J. S., *Paterson, N. J.*

The Return of the Turk

To the Editor: We, the undersigned Greek-American ex-service men, who fought in the World War under the colors of this, our adopted land, beg to inform our comrades that our mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers in Asia Minor and Thrace are about to be turned over to Turkish misrule.

The bloody history of the invasion and conquest of Southwestern Europe by these Asiatic hordes, several centuries ago, is no doubt well known to you. The still bloodier history of recent years, the barbarities and massacres committed on all Christian races left to their tender mercies, has shocked the entire civilized world.

We who are only a very small part of the 63,000 Greek-American veterans, strongly protest against the violation of the Allied nations' solemn pledges, given to former President Wilson in 1916, and ask for your support to champion the cause of those unfortunate Greeks and Armenians who are sold to Turkey by the Allied nations, purely for commercial and political reasons.

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Provide events for the novices. That's the way to develop track and field men. It's all right to invite champions to your meet but don't expect the beginners to race against them. Encourage handicap races so that men who are not quite in the class of the champions may be able to gain experience in competing against them with a chance to win the prizes.

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In closing I want to remind the promoters of field days that track and field sports do not bring in large gate receipts. As a director of athletic sports for many years, both large and small, I know that colleges often find it necessary to pay a deficit at the end of the season. But even so the money is not wasted.

Prepare for a big meet two or three months ahead by getting out entry blanks. Send them out to other posts and invite their members to compete. Register with the A. A. U. if you want your records recognized. But don't give up the impromptu games at picnics, reunions or Fourth of July and other holiday celebrations. Such sports have a real value.

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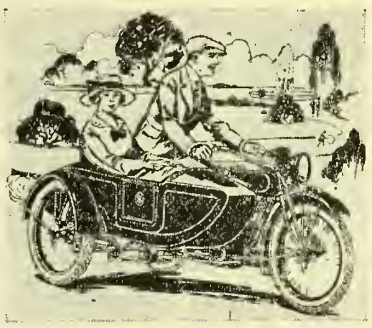

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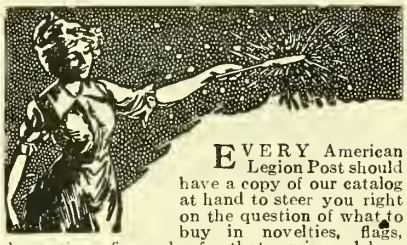

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Parade Rest

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over the Zone. I'm going to the front."

And he went back to Prez-sous-Lafauche and intensively read Confidential Pamphlet No. 578, "Notes on Bayonet Training."

He practised in his office with Copeau's broom. Copeau was his horizon blue orderly lent him by his French colleague Monsieur Torchon, who had sufficient rank but not enough pay to keep him busy.

"This broom," said the Zone Major to the startled Copeau, "will be hung up in the Mairie some day as a sacred souvenir of the great transatlantic Napoleon who used it to practise the bayonet with, before he was killed fighting the beastly Boche."

"The practise is an amusing thing," said Copeau, as he carefully dusted the office copy of *La Vie Parisienne*, "but it goes without saying, mon lieutenant, that you will never make like that to the front."

The Zone Major stopped short a lunge at the porcelain stove.

"Why not?" he demanded abruptly.

Copeau shrugged his shoulders.

"Les officiers, vous savez. . . ."

But the Zone Major paid no heed to Copeau's croaking and stuck to his broom assiduously. He was rewarded by a call from Colonel Allinson who said he had requested the Zone Major's transfer from the S. O. S. to the Fighting Sunflowers.

"Nothing may come of it," added the Colonel, "but it will look well on your record."

THE Zone Major had his hands full when the Fighting Sunflowers moved, clearing up the claims, making out billeting lists, sorting out pink, green, and white forms, transferring claims which had been made on Form 330 to Form 330 M. Hence he scarcely realized that they had left without him.

But the incredible had happened. Indispensable as he was to them and they to him, G. H. Q. had forgotten or neglected to bind their feelings of cordiality by the requisite amount of red tape and no official reason could be given for the Zone Major's departure from the Zone. He had indeed been requested, but Colonel Allinson had proved in his letter to the Commanding General of the S. O. S. that he was so valuable a man that the Field Clerk who read the letter decided not to lose him.

Thus it was that this Middle Western outfit lost their opportunity to add another jewel to their already glittering reputation and that the Zone Major owed Louis a bill of 460 francs and 85 centimes for cognac.

"Louis," he said sobbing, "they're a pack of fools at Chaumont, damn fools, Louis. Put me to bed before I drink myself to death."

And Louis, the friend of all suffering mankind, helped him to the Commandant Lerocher's, his billet.

His melodramatic ruin was cut short after a period of ten days by an announcement that the 24th Division would arrive immediately for rest after fighting in the Vesle Sector.

"This time," said the Zone Major, "there'll be no champagne, no calls, no fussing, no military channels. I may not be a soldier but I'm a man. Maybe when I get through with this outfit, the S. O. S. will be glad to let me go."

But when the C. G. arrived in his car with his head bandaged from what the Zone Major thought was a wound and what was in reality an earache, he relented and raced like a thoroughbred to install them all comfortably.

THE 24th, which had earned the ironic sobriquet of the Dotty Dimple Division, landed its advance guard covered with mud and dust, with gas masks whose holders were limp from usage, with helmets battered and uniforms threadbare, just sixteen hours before the rest of the command.

The division proceeded to extend the activities which had made them famous near Fismes and Bazoches to Rimaucourt and Andelot. They had all of that combat spirit, that dash and vim, which is irresistible in attack.

Their trucks whizzed through the quiet roads, bumping over ruts and stones, sending showers of pebbles into the hedges, scattering the poultry squawking into the ditches, knocking down men, women, and children. Their rolling kitchens rolled as fast as their dice. Their fires burned high and copiously. When their wood allowance gave out, they ripped out their bunks, yanked doors off their hinges, chopped down fruit trees to replenish it. When the rations didn't arrive in time, they raided the Sales Commissary. They were thoroughly communistic both in precept and in practise.

In four days thirty-seven of the forty-two Maires in the Zone had sent in protests; the other five were sick in bed; the Maire of Grand had broken his leg colliding with a motor-cycle; the Maire of Aillianville was suffering from burns received while rescuing a calf from his flaming stable; the Maire of Vignes had nervous prostration (there was a brewery at Vignes); the Maire of Doulaincourt had a temperature of 43 Centigrade, having been immersed in the River Rognon after pleading with some artillerymen not to throw grenades into the river but to accomplish the same result with the hook and line.

Besides all this there were eighty-odd claims amounting in all, so the disgusted Zone Major finally computed it, to 862.35 fr.

This was the last straw. They may have been an excellent front line outfit, but they were 2.75-ers when it came to life in a rest area.

So he sat himself down and wrote out a stinging report on the activities of the Dotty Dimples to their Commanding General in which he brutally enumerated all their callous malefactions and begged that something be done to prevent the recurrence of such a thing.

"There," he said, "that'll fix them. I'd rather stay in the S. O. S. until the end of the war than let that gang of bandits get away with things like this."

The General, he felt, would never recover from the shock of his audacity and clear thinking.

In twelve days he found himself again invited to the Château de Reynel, this time to visit Colonel Brook, the Dotty Dimples' Chief of Staff, a man quiet different from the kindly Allinson.

There were no preliminaries to this interview.

"Are you responsible for this thing?" he shouted to the Zone Major waving the report about in the air and shifting his inky black cigar from the extreme east of his mouth to the extreme west.

"Yes, sir," said the Zone Major, preparing to fight. He had got ready for this combat at Louis's. "Yes, sir, I wrote it."

"Well, sir, I guess you know what it says. It asks us to see that it don't happen again. Well, it ain't going to."

"I'm glad of that, sir," said the Zone Major, trying to be polite.

"It ain't going to happen again," went on the C. of S., "because you're going to see that it don't. Here are your orders transferring you from the S. O. S. to the 24th Division. Clear up your affairs and report for duty in twenty-four hours."

THE Zone Major was at last in a combat outfit. Loathe as he did his new division, despise it and its ways, its officers and its men, he was no longer in the Service of Supply. He could stick out his chest and look the world in the eye.

His new duties were to prevent the occurrence of claims, a duty which he performed with much good will and little effect. But he did succeed in settling claims once they had occurred and in seeing that the billeting bills were made out in conformity with instructions.

Hence when the division moved he again thrilled with anticipation of hostile encounters and of the glory of doing the proper thing. And he began to feel a certain warmth of friendliness towards this strange collection of soldiers. He began to feel as if after all he were one of them.

But when on September 9th they started for the St. Mihiel salient to engage in the offensive of the twelfth, Colonel Brook again sent for the Zone Major. He showed him a letter from the Chief Claims Officer, Advance Section, S. O. S., pointing out over 10,000 francs in claims against the Dotty Dimples scattered from the coast to Château-Thierry.

"Clean 'em up," said the C. of S., "while we're up at the front. When you get them done, we'll see if we can't find some others for you."

What, had he joined this band of zealous warriors to stay behind while they were fighting? While they were chasing the Germans in the direction of Briey and Metz must he chase claims towards the Pas de Calais? This was no better than the S. O. S.

It was a sorrowful reserve officer that trundled about the northwest of France in a muddy and disreputable Ford, arguing with Maires and farmers and their wives. He examined more ravished beehives than any one man had ever seen. The broken window panes whose original locations he was called upon to observe with gloom, if collected and put together would have put a glass roof over the Sahara Desert. The trampled wheat would have fed the starving of Armenia for six months. The damages by fire would have made Nero green with envy. And wearily, day after day, he signed papers and blank forms in triplicate, and sent the claimants on their way rejoicing.

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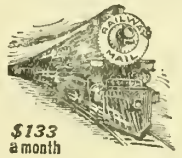

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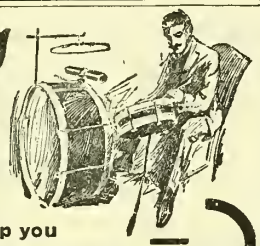

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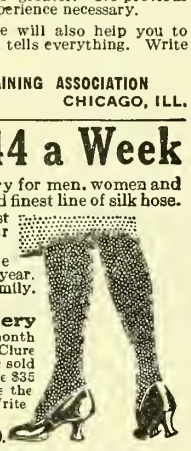

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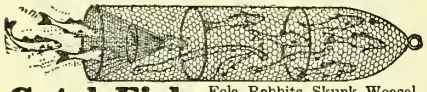

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After spending another week finding his outfit, he was able to report to Colonel Brook at Jouy-en-Argonne that his work was over and to request that he be sent to a company as a line officer.

"Line officer, my eye," said the Colonel. "We're moving towards Toul. Your job is to get us some billets. We move tomorrow. You'd better mosey along tonight in the Ford."

What wonder then that when a letter was handed him from Colonel Allinson of the good old Fighting Sunflowers, announcing his promotion to a brigadier generalcy and asking the Zone Major to be his aide, he quickly and unhesitatingly accepted.

Within a week he was off for Ordnance and Training Center No. 1, near Bordeaux.

General Allinson was commanding an artillery brigade. With the exception that none of the guns had been furnished with breech blocks, the command was all that heart could desire. There were even two excellent regiments of old C. A. C. men, plenty of food, and, naturally, barrels of wine.

So the Zone Major, now an Aide-de-Camp, was, as he quaintly put it, sitting on the world.

IT was the second or third of November. The General said that one of the duties of an Aide near the front was liaison between the guns and the observation posts. Hence the Aide began an intensive course in artillery observation. He knew no mathematics but he sat up nights making actual figures fit into idealistic formulas. At the end of a week he had begun to see that given an excellent map, a prismatic compass, a notebook with the x-y business in it, a couple of sergeants, and good eyesight, he might be able to telephone back to the guns where the shells were landing.

Thus cheered he felt that his months in France would be topped with real combat service at last.

He anxiously inspected the brigade daily at the General's left and rear. To be sure there were only five guns in the brigade and, as mentioned, they had no breech blocks, the men still wore campaign hats, one regiment was doing remount duty near Bourbonne-les-Bains, but on the whole it looked as if they might get to the front at least for the spring offensive. And that was to put the finishing touches on the German retreat which would have to stop soon in order that the men might rest and he win a D. S. C. The rubber battle line on his map was moving closer and closer to Belgium and Luxembourg. He did hope they'd have a heart up there and stop for a month or so.

He was sure that in so short a time the Brigade would be ready. Only yesterday it had acquired two tractors which even now were ruining the roadbed on the Libourne-Coutras highway.

THE General was not quite so optimistic. He felt that his experience was such that even if his five guns were to get breech blocks, they might be seriously impeded north of Montfaucon with only two-fifths of a tractor apiece.

It was easy for the General to talk like that. He had been in two offensives. He had been through the German lines. He had been promoted for gallantry in action. To him this autumn in southern France was a much needed rest.

The news that an armistice was demanded was somewhat disturbing. But the belligerent Aide-de-Camp figured it all out that it would come to nothing. Why, it was impossible that Foch would grant them an armistice when he had them on the run. When the terms would be published the Germans would find them much too severe.

Reasoning in this way he tried to reassure himself. But the fates had decreed that he reason wrong. And Marschal Foch, criminally neglectful of him and his ambitions, actually imposed terms which the Boches were willing to accept. November 11th found him in bed with a nervous breakdown. The war was over and he had never seen it. He might just as well have spent the time in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, as in France.

Two days later when he was well enough to sit up, the General came into the room with a telegram.

"We're relieved here," he said dryly to his Aide, "and we're going to take over the 42d Infantry Brigade in the 21st Division. It's now up in Luxembourg. You'll get to the front at last."

The Aide sat bolt upright.

"Yes," he said, "and continue to fight the war at a Parade Rest. Hell!"

Then pulling the covers over his head he fell back and tried to sleep.

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of higher ideals. I believe that if it takes the right attitude it can be a great factor in preventing war. On the other hand, if it drifts into the political field and insists upon things for itself regardless of the condition of the country it is apt to prove disappointing to its friends and to a large portion of its membership."

Of course this element of politics is controversial. Apparently President Elmer George Patterson of the Agricultural College of Utah is more afraid the Legion will *not* go into politics. He says:

"I believe heartily in the power for good of the young men of the Legion. In a peculiarly strong sense they are the foremost Americans. By their acts they have acquired authority to speak in the name of America. Because of their act in putting their bodies between our common foe and our common liberties they prize America and its institutions more highly than those who, no matter how deep-seated their love of country, have not done the thing which is infinitely more than an abstraction. In these boys of 1917 and '18 American ideals can be most safely entrusted."

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vice to the extent of preparing a letter for eligible graduates, which advises them to join the Legion toot sweet—or the collegiate equivalent thereof. Similar letters came from many others. Letters of more or less critical advice also came in, like that of President Alexander Meiklejohn of Amherst College, who asks if the Legion realizes its duty of building on future tasks rather than past accomplishments. President Meiklejohn said:

"I find myself in quite conflicting opinions with regard to your organization. There can be no doubt of the reality and tremendous significance of the experiences and sentiments upon which the membership of the Legion is founded. No one could fail to hope that out of such a comradeship there should come determined and well-organized effort for the common welfare. On the other hand, it seems equally clear, however, that the organization is bound together by a memory of the past rather than by a definite and peculiar function in the future. As I watch our common life, it seems to me that our associations founded upon sentiment and general principles, without immediate and definite work to do, tend constantly to fall into the hands of special groups who use them unwisely.

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"It would seem to me that your greatest difficulty would be the one which you evidently recognize in the sending out of this message, namely, that the membership is not really representative of the motives and purposes out of which the organization springs. I am wondering if you can succeed in bringing the men who fought for the country in time of war into this post-war organization. If you could, and if they found something to do which united them all as they were united before, it would be a splendid achievement. I am not at all sure, however, that it can be done. Further, if the organization should continue to exist without this achievement it would undoubtedly do more harm than good."

In some cases the friendly criticism as evidenced by Dr. Meiklejohn became considerably more vitriolic in its nature, although with similar intent. Here's an example. It is the opinion of President R. M. Hughes of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

"You are making a request which is rather unusual and one which I hesitate to comply with. I know you are right that the value of The American Legion will depend on the leadership. I have repeatedly from the chapel platform urged the students who are entitled to membership in The American Legion to join that organization, as I feel that no mark of distinction is finer today than the American Legion button. On the other hand, I have not felt that the action of The American Legion in pressing the bonus legislation was sound. I have felt the deepest appreciation for the work of the soldiers and have been earnestly supporting every movement to secure them the proper sort of recognition, but I have not and do not believe that a bonus such as has been put through is a good thing in any shape, manner, or form.

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To offset replies of this nature, there are replies like the one from H. L. Kent, President of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts of New Mexico. Mr. Kent really seems to have done everything the Legion could ask. In fact, he only had to turn National Commander MacNider's letter over to Professor Robert L. Middlebrook, who is commander of the Legion post at the State College.

Among those who saw beyond the Legion, into the Inter-allied Federation was L. D. Coffman, president of the University of Minnesota, who wrote as follows:

"I was interested in your letter—especially because of the dream which you outline. This is an end devoutly to be wished—that of an international organization of veterans. The value and strength of such an inter-allied federation will undoubtedly be enhanced by a large membership in each of the countries. There are few if any organizations which are potentially so powerful and fraught with possibilities for good as The American Legion. It is to be hoped that it will continue to maintain the high principles that have characterized it in the past and that it will dedicate itself from time to time anew to the service of mankind."

Princeton's President Writes

Something of the same opinion was voiced by President John G. Hibben of Princeton. "If Legionnaires," he said, "will make a united stand for peace their protest against war will command the attention of veterans throughout the allied nations. There can be no accusation of pacifism or fear. The members of the Legion have been tested in the supreme way; they know the meaning of war and are privileged as no other class to speak and to act for the permanent peace of the world.

"My words but poorly express my feeling of enthusiasm upon learning of your program to use the great potential power of The American Legion in the cause of a world peace. I shall be very glad to co-operate with you in any way towards this end."

Perhaps the attitude of the average college professor or president is best summed up by Dr. W. H. P. Faunce, president of Brown University, Providence, R. I., who said:

"I should like to see all Brown men who were in that service and still survive members of The American Legion—not because I approve all that the Legion seems to be doing, but because I believe, as you say, that the way to make things right is to take hold and help."

That doesn't mean that all college presidents disapprove of what the Legion is doing, as Dr. Faunce intimates that perhaps he disapproves, but it does mean that the average college president, with Dr. Faunce, and with National Commander MacNider, agree that The American Legion is the one great instrument for the protection of the men who won the war and for the protection of the institutions for which they won the war.

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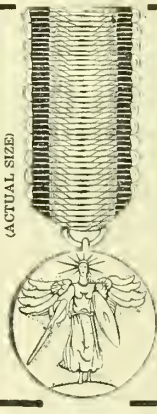

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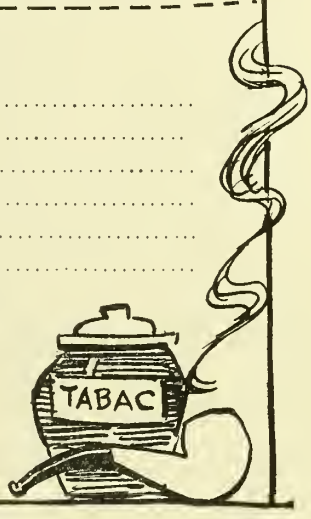

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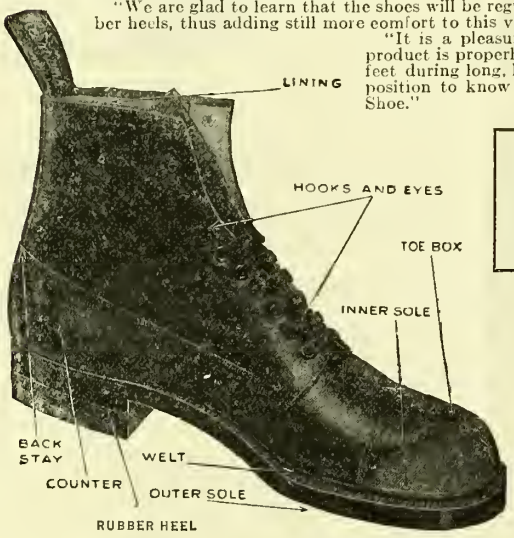

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