

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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THE JUMPED FOR THE LEGION

Miss Verna Welch Plunges 3,000 Feet in Parachute From Airplane at Wichita Falls.

To climb out of an airplane cockpit and fly headfirst toward the earth 3,000 feet below on her second ride out of terra firma required a good deal of nerve. At least, the act made thousands of spectators gasp for breath and shudder lest the harness fail to work and the parachute, which trailed behind her, remain unopened.

Miss Verna Welch was creating the sensation. The spectators were the good citizens of Wichita Falls, Tex.



Just Before the Flight.

witnessing the American Legion's aviation meet, one of the biggest ever held in the Southwest. Miss Welch dropped like a dead weight for several feet and then the parachute very slowly opened and the drop afterward became more gradual. She hit the ground with a jolt but was uninjured.

ACTIVE IN LEGION AFFAIRS

Miss May Merritt, Indiana, Rises From Auxiliary President to National Committeewoman.

From the presidency of the first local American Legion Auxiliary and as a committeewoman in Indiana, Miss Merritt has been active in the national committee work in less than six months.

Lack of Patriotism.

Entranced because some of his own countrymen refused to stand when "Deutschland über Alles" was being sung in the smoking room of a transatlantic liner, a young German officer, son of a German general, created a sensation by dashing his wine glass to the floor and others showing his disapproval of the lack of patriotism displayed by his German companions.

Clubhouse Over Oil Well.

To build their clubhouse over an oil well was the unique and profitable enterprise of the American Legion men in Waukesha, Wis. Drilling was begun after oil was noticed in a mud puddle in the back yard and oil was struck at 290 feet. The Legionnaires plan to erect a fine community clubhouse from royalties.

Benefits Certain Ex-Servicemen.

Certain ex-servicemen will not be eligible for compensation under the veteran's bureau and nevertheless eligible for entrance into the military home for disabled volunteer soldiers. This class consists of those who joined the army after the war and later rejected at the training camp for physical disabilities.

Highest Commendation.

A letter from Postmaster General Work, expressing the "highest commendation of your corps" has been received by Major General Lejeune, commanding of the marine corps, following the withdrawal of the 2,000 marines who have been guarding the mails over the country for several months.

May Unite Organizations.

In a majority of the countries that took part in the World war, there is a movement in favor of a unity of veterans' organizations. In Great Britain, the British legion has a membership of over 2,000,000. Plans are being worked out in Germany to combine the four largest organizations which have a total membership of 1,000,000. In France, some 1,000,000 French plans for one single, strong organization in each country have been under way during the past year.

ONLY WOMAN MAJOR IN ARMY

Julia C. Stimson, Dean of School of Nursing, Served as Chief Nurse of Red Cross.

The superintendent of the army nurse corps and dean of the Army School of Nursing, Julia C. Stimson, is the only woman major in the United States army. Major Stimson served as chief nurse of the American Red Cross in Paris and later as director of the American Red Cross in France. She holds numerous awards and citations for her services during the war, with 10,000 nurses under her command during the World War, before becoming superintendent of the army nurse corps and head of the school of nursing.

Major Stimson was born in Worcester, Mass., and graduated from Vassar when barely twenty years of age. She first went overseas as chief nurse of the St. Louis unit of the hospital No. 21. She holds numerous awards and citations for her services during the war. One of the honors most recent conferred was the honor of christening the army transport Chamorro. General Pershing was there. Stimson said in speaking of the event, "I spilled champagne all over the general's best uniform when I broke the bottle over the bow."

FEW BUCKS NOW IN U. S. ARMY

Number of Trained Doughboys Has Been Reduced to 200,000.

Doughboys just plain buck privates of infantry are becoming almost scarce in the regular army as privates were some time ago. Every time there is a reduction in the size of the army, the number of buck privates is very perceptibly cut down. At the present time, there are not more than 20,000 plain, unspecialized "bucks" in the ranks of the United States Army. There are only 42,877 men in all branches of the foot regiments who are more than infantry. 62,000 enlisted men in more than 700 regiments were in the army when the war started in April, 1917.

Impending additional reductions in the size of the army will show a further drop in the number of privates, officers say, and leave the infantry only a framework of highly trained specialists with just a few humble bayonet-wielding bucks here and there to give a sketchy suggestion of a wartime force.

PREFERS TO MARCH AS 'BUCK'

Brig. Gen. William V. McMaken, Ohio, Has Served His Country for Forty Years.

William V. McMaken of Toledo, O., who was a brigadier general in the army, gave 40 years of his life, says that he prefers now to march as a "buck" in the rear rank at parades and in military demonstrations since his military career has been so modest. Sometimes causes him a little embarrassment. During the American Legion parade at the national convention in Cleveland in 1920, when Mr. McMaken marched in the ranks, he received the "blowing out" of his life from an erstwhile barboiled sergeant who noticed that the former brigadier general failed to "dress right."

CAP FOR MAIL CARRIERS

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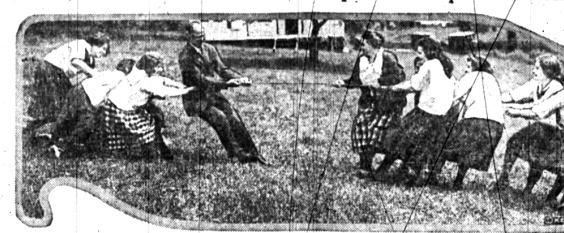
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Members of the Paris (France) Post of the American Legion are putting in their spare minutes studying French in preparation for a mixed international contest with members of the British Legion.

When the S. S. New England was 150 miles out at sea, the bursting of a steam line wounded Boyd O'Neil, a 19-year-old boy from New York. His shipmates saved O'Neil's life by sewing his abrasions with silk twine and three-cornered sea needles.

Edwin Gould Provides Camp for Camp Fire Girls



Edwin Gould, brother of George J. Gould, joins a tug-of-war contest between some of the Camp Fire girls in the camp at Spring Valley, N. Y., which he has placed at their disposal. The camp, which accommodates about 100 girls who sleep in tents, has been set up on a more tract of land. Each girl spends about two weeks there. Mr. Gould spends a great deal of his time at the camp, giving the girls the benefit of his knowledge of outdoor activities.

Some Natural Beauties of the Keystone State



Here are some of the natural beauties of Pennsylvania, gathered at Lafayette. Every one of them is an expert swimmer.

SARA'S RUSSIAN LETTER

"Some letter" it was which Sara Shofar's "sweetie" wrote her from Russia, for it carried Russian stamps, measuring more than six feet in length, costing 20,000 rubles. The ruble has depreciated to such an extent that a cartload is required in Russia to buy a meal.

Congressman Fordney Will Retire

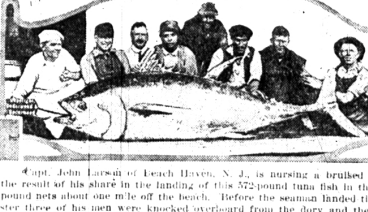
For more hours to spend with his little granddaughter and the rest of his family, Congressman Joseph W. Fordney of Michigan, 23 consecutive years in congress, has announced that he will retire. Although Fordney is only sixty-five years old he declares that he longs for a rest. The photograph shows him with his granddaughter Petrina Jackson.

CAP FOR MAIL CARRIERS



Every city and village mail carrier in the United States is provided with a cap containing a number and name, according to an order issued by John H. Barlett, first assistant postmaster general, who is shown looking over one of the new caps.

This Tuna Put Up a Great Fight



Capt. John Larsen of Leach Haven, N. J., is nursing a bruised arm as the result of his share in the landing of this 572 pound tuna fish in the outer part of about one mile off the beach. Before the seaman landed the monster fish, two men were knocked overboard from the dory and the pound net was ripped in several places.

Father and Sons Graduate Together



Among the graduating class at Georgetown university this year were a father and two sons, each of whom received a law degree. Through the years of study father and sons have worked together with the same idea in mind of finally having a law firm all in the family. Left to right they are Allen C. Wynne, Benjamin J. Wynne, Sr., and Benjamin F. Wynne, Jr.

TOLD IN A FEW LINES

The Chicago fire destroyed 17,450 buildings. Pacific coast fire losses are steadily mounting. In 1920 Porto Rico exported nearly 22,000,000 cigars. The Canadian prime minister receives \$19,000 a year. Anatolia is a bird's paradise, for the Turks never shoot their or destroy their nests. The crown of Gulling consists of two diamonds, one dating back to 1050 and the other to 1072. Gas for illuminating purposes was first manufactured in the United States by David Alcolite of Geopfert, Ill., in 1800. One kind of soy bean yields 22 per cent of oil. The equivalent of milk and butter for table use is also obtained from this bean. Success With Sheep. Many farmers are now becoming interested in the sheep raising business who were before took much interest in it.

MUSIC EXCITES ANIMALS

The susceptibility of certain animals to music raises most curious questions. There is no doubt that animals have had no reaction to music as human beings produce it. says the Boston Transcript. Wild quadrupeds pay no attention to bird music, though instinctively and unconsciously in the case of animals which prey upon birds they heed it in their own way. The familiar reaction, in wonder and eventually in admiration, which dogs, cats and other animals show to instrumental music produced by man is undoubtedly founded upon fear. Most young dogs, and cats, are frightened by the sound of music; but when the fright passes away with experience, the fear is often translated into a kind of wondrous delight. The dog is inspired by continued musical sound, especially if the note is high, to howl. It is in reality a kind of howling to him, and he wants to howl himself. A sensitive or intelligent dog or cat becomes fascinated by music, and will sit for a kind of suppressed evidence listening to it. This reaction in the animal, like all other reactions of its own kind, is not a matter of intelligence or a matter of training. However, as every body knows, are excited by hard music they are more or less afraid of it, but under control they praise and honor, and may learn to like it and enjoy it.

SUCH PAINS AS THIS WOMAN HAD

Two Months Could Not Turn in Bed, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Finally Restored Health

Seattle, Washington. "I had dragging pains first and could not stand on my feet, then I had my feet, then I had such pain in my right side and a hard lump there. I could not turn myself in bed and could not sleep. I was this way for over two months trying everything I could do. I finally got better by using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I took it regularly and all the hard pains had left me and I was able to be up and to go to work again. The hard lump left my side and I feel splendid in all ways. I know of many women it has helped. Mrs. O. Richardson, 4640 Orcus St., Seattle, Washington.

This is another case where Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound brought relief after trying everything any one told me to do. If you are suffering from pain, nervousness and are always tired; if you are low spirited and feel poor for nothing, take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. You may not only relieve the present distress, but prevent the development of more serious trouble.

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If you are troubled with pains or aches, feel very tired, have headaches, indigestion, insomnia, painful passage of urine, you will find relief in

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NO DYE

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Cuticura Soothes Itching Scalp.

On retiring get rid of spots of dandruff and itching with Cuticura Ointment. Use morning shampoo with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Make them your everyday toilet preparations and have a clear skin and soft, white hands.—Advertisement.

French woman eye painting their eyebrows to match their gowns.

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INFLECTED EYES

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FARMERS ARE WORKING HARDER

Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic, healing powder that is shaken into the shoes into the foot-bath, increases their comfort. Allen's Foot-Ease takes the friction from the shoe, keeps the shoe soft and supple, and prevents tired, aching feet and blisters from forming. It is a constant user of Allen's Foot-Ease. Don't get foot sore, get Allen's Foot-Ease. More than One Million Five Hundred thousand pounds of Powder for the Feet were used by the Army and Navy during the war. In a pinch, use Allen's Foot-Ease.