THE AMERICAN LEGION

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HOPE WARS ARE AT AN END

Statuette of Archangel Michael, Presented by General Diaz to the Legion Commander.

Wars are at an end when the Archangel Michael sheathes his sword. This is the hope expressed in the silver statuette presented by Gen. Armando Diaz, the hero of Italy, to Commander Hanford MacNider of the American Legion, and now preserved in the national trophy room of the Legion.

Replica of Famous Bronze Statue.

The statue is a replica in miniature of the great bronze statue of St. Michael that crowns the fortress of San Angelo in Rome. San Angelo is also known as Hadrian's Tomb, having been built in the Second century A. D. by the Emperor Hadrian for his mausoleum and later converted into a fortress. Twelve hundred years ago Pope Gregory dreamed he saw the Archangel about to sheath his sword, and soon afterward a great pestilence disappeared. The statue was cast to commemorate the event.

PLANS RELIEF OF AFFLICTED

President Illinois Federation of Labor Proposes Arrangement in Co-operation With Legion.

John H. Walker, president for the last eight years of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, has proposed an official arrangement between organized labor and the American Legion for the relief of the sick and wounded of the World war and their dependents. Commander MacNider of the Legion has responded to this heartily and the matter is under consideration.

Walker started work in the Illinois mines before he was ten years old and at eleven was a member of the Knights of Labor. At some time or other he has served in practically every subordinate office in the miners' organizations of Illinois.

Steel Helmet Inventor Dead.

The man who saved numberless lives through his introduction of the steel helmet in the World war died recently in Paris. He was Doctor Monprofit, a member of the chamber of deputies of France and a veteran of the French ambulance corps. Had the war continued it is very possible that the struggling armies would have gone out in steel body armor as well as helmets, for the plans of Doctor Monprofit for the use of breastplates of steel had been practically perfected at the time of the armistice. Doctor Monprofit conceived the idea of the "tin hat" while campaigning in the Balkans in 1914.

Keeping It Dark.

"Go right back and tell your boss," roared a squire in a New England town, "that he's a blinked fool, and that he's to come here right away and fix up that carpentering job and fix it right."

The apprentice vanished, and a few minutes later the boss carpenter appeared, aching for a fight.

"Do I understand," he bellowed, "that you told my apprentice that I was a blinked fool?"

"Why, yes," replied the squire, beaming. "Didn't you want him to know it?"—American Legion Weekly.

Correspondence Courses.

Correspondence courses in cavalry, infantry and artillery work is the latest thing in the War department. These courses have been established in accordance with the movement for citizen training backed by the American Legion. A national plan has been worked out for their application all over the country. Five courses of instruction are offered in each branch of the service.

Find Hiking Dangerous.

Two sick ex-soldiers of the A. E. F., Frank Kennedy and Robert Mason, set out from New York just a year ago to walk to San Francisco in search of health. In the course of their quest they walked into two holdups, once by negroes and once by white men, were shot at and barely missed by an Oklahoma farmer whose land they were crossing, and nearly died of ptomaine poisoning in the deserts west of the Rockies. They arrived in San Francisco in good condition, but they will take a train for the return trip.

TO SEND HOME TOWN PAPER

American Legion and Auxiliary Endeavoring to Supply News to Disabled Men in Hospitals.

There are 50,000 young Americans who were wounded while fighting during the World war or who have become sick following their service in field and camp, now confined to hospitals over the United States. Most of them are hundreds of thousands of miles from their home town, friends and relatives. Many of them can do nothing but read to pass away the time.

The American Legion auxiliary, composed of the wives, mothers and sisters of service men, is endeavoring to have personal, cheerful letters written to these men. Now the Legion is trying to have people in the men's home towns send the home-town newspaper to them either every day or every week.

There are not more than five or six ex service men from any average-sized town in hospitals, the Legion estimates, and asking newspaper editors to send free copies of their papers to their home-town boys in hospital is not asking too much, nor more than citizens would be willing to do. The Legion is forwarding to its officials in each state lists of names of men from that state in hospital, and asking that local newspaper editors send their papers to these men. Newspaper editors who are interested, the Legion announces, are asked to signify their willingness and to request lists of names of men from their towns, from national headquarters, Indianapolis, Ind.

AIDS STRANDED EX-SOLDIERS

Bill Franklin, Washington (D. C.) Post Commander, Assists Men Seeking Claim Adjustments.

Every stranded ex-soldier who drifts into Washington, D. C., in hope of getting a compensation claim adjusted, swears by Bill Franklin, local post commander of the American Legion. These men are caught in governmental red tape sometimes in the matter of their claims and go broke while waiting. Bill Franklin hunts them up and if their compensation claims have a chance of settlement they are aided over by Franklin and his unit, the Vincent B. Costello post of Washington.

Taking care of these men stands the post an average expense of over $5 a man. If men come in with hopeless claims they are helped in getting home. The District of Columbia has recently taken over a large share of this work.

EXPERT ON ARMY PAPER WORK

"The Walking Encyclopedia," Unofficial Army Title of Marion E. Pollock of A. E. F.

"The Walking Encyclopedia" is the unofficial army title of Marion E. Pollock of the A. E. F. and the American Legion, now chief of the personnel division of the United States Veterans' bureau in Washington, D. C. Though an enlisted man, Pollock was the admitted expert of the A. E. F. on army paper work, and colonels and even second lieutenants addressed him with deep respect.

Pollock served in France as chief of the orders division of the adjutant general's department. After the armistice he could quote practically word for word every order issued from general headquarters during the war.

Carrying On With the American Legion

The famed "blue devils" of France have been chosen to occupy the Rhineland areas now being evacuated by the American forces.

To receive a compensation check for $2,500 on a $250 claim was the experience of David Phillips of Dover, O., an ex-soldier. Phillips refunded the $2,250 at once.

Japanese tenants on farms of the Yakima (Wash.) Indian reservation have been ousted in favor of service men, official Washington has informed the American Legion.

Nebraska posts of the Legion will report directly to their state headquarters by radiophone. They also project community entertainments all over the state by radio.

The aggregate insurance now carried by ex-soldiers on the government war risk policy amounts to $3,500,000,000, according to Charles R. Forbes, director of the United States veterans' bureau.

One year more has been decided upon by congress for the granting of medals for gallantry in the World war. Army officers contend that many deeds of valor by enlisted men have not yet been recognized.

"Because he was kind to me in camp and in the hospital," was the reason why Emery Bankston, World war veteran, who died in an Oteen (N. C.) hospital, left his $10,000 government insurance policy to a Y. M. C. A. secretary.

So many women and girls who from an American Legion post of war nurses in Minneapolis, Minn., are getting married, following war romances, that a men's auxiliary, composed of husbands of the fair Legionnaires, is being considered.

Galveston's Bathing Beauty Parade and Prize Winner

Texas is justly proud of its bathing beauties, yielding nothing to more widely advertised localities, and an immense crowd was out to see the parade in Galveston, here shown. Mrs. W. L. Williams, seen in the illustration, won first prize, a check for $500. She is from Houston.

Carry Wreath to France's Unknown Hero

Capt. Reuel W. Elton, adjutant general of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and Capt. Robert S. Cain, aide-de-camp to Commander in Chief Woodside of the veterans, with the wreath which they took to Paris to lay as a Memorial day tribute upon the tomb of the Unknown Soldier of France beneath the Arc de Triomphe. The wreath is of popples, the inter-allied memorial flower.

ODD FREAK OF NATURE

This two-legged colt is lying in a private ward at the animal hospital, Portland, Ore. H. V. Coleburne, veterinary, is working to keep life in the body and he believes the colt will survive. Normal in every way except for the lack of forelegs, the animal was born at the Fort Rouge Dairy farm, Fort Garry, Ore.

Explosion Wrecks Harvard Laboratory

A view of the interior of the Jefferson laboratory at Harvard university that was totally demolished by an explosion which is said to have originated in a gas or oil tank, two men were killed and many were seriously injured.

BUT HE STRUCK OUT!

Some 40,000 enthusiasts went out to the Polo grounds in New York to see Babe Ruth in his first game after being reinstated by Commissioner Landis. And then the King of Swat struck out. The photographer caught him in the act. In the next game he began his series of home runs for the season.

Confessions.

Some men are incapable of being serious about anything—except the next meal. She is really pretty; small, exquisitely finished, with that "look-you-straight-in-the-eye" air which so many girls seem to have acquired during the war. I felt that she was thoroughly well able to take care of herself. Except, perhaps, in dress. The first night she came down in a frock which coyly reached her knees and seemed to stop short at the waist—bare arms, bare shoulders, bare back; I was quite shocked for a moment when Will came into the drawing room without knocking.—From "Confessions of a Well Meaning Woman," by Stephen McKenna.

Sudden End to Love Affair.

I was nine and my ideal was eight. We lived in a town situated on a little lake. We had been forbidden by our parents to go in a boat, but one day I coaxed her to take a boat ride. When I walked along in the boat to get the oars I tripped over the scant board and fell headlong into the water. She sat there and laughed at me struggling in the mud and water, and my love for her ended right then and there.—Chicago Journal.

"Philadelphia Lawyer."

The phrase, "Philadelphia Lawyer," means an extraordinary acute and resourceful lawyer. The title was originally bestowed by the grateful British sailors upon some member of the bar of Philadelphia who had rescued them from certain difficulties while they were sojourning in that port.

Small Saintly Congregation.

Church notice—"Splendid music will be a feature. Come early. All sinners are urged to assist in the choir."—Boston Transcript.

He Rescued Her and Married Her

First Naval Officer Herbert Thompson of the steamship Muskegon, his seventy-two-year-old bride, Madame Nadina Efrom Thompson, widow of an officer of the Russian White Guard, and her baby boy Eric, as they arrived in Boston the other day. Until the brawny young officer of the Muskegon came to the aid of the pretty Russian girl in the Turkish seaport of Constantinople, she had been earning a living among the theaters and cafes of the Black sea cities by dancing. She tells thrilling tales of her escape from the Bolsheviks.

ALL AROUND THE WORLD

Italy has not a single coal mine in all her territory.

White zinc is produced by a process of heating zinc ores with oil.

About 85 per cent of the people of India are engaged in agriculture.

In India about 600,000 acres are devoted to the growing of indigo.

Zinc is the metal most generally used for roofing in all the cities of Europe.

Wild-garlic damage to wheat runs up into many millions of dollars.

Electricity for heating and cooking purposes is making headway in Switzerland.

The use of hydraulic power in Spain for mills and other industries is increasing.

Marlborough house, the future residence of the prince of Wales, contains 111 rooms.

LIVE STOCK

PREVENT LOSS IN SHIPPING

Partitions in Stock Cars Separating Large Animals From Small Ones Is a Good Idea.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

A little time and labor, possibly a little money, expended in building a strong partition to separate the big animals from the small ones in a mixed carload of live stock frequently saves the shipper from a serious loss on the consignment, say specialists of the bureau of markets, United States Department of Agriculture. The smaller animals, such as hogs, lambs, goats and sheep are always in danger of injury from the larger animals, and this is especially true when the car is overcrowded.

Crippled animals mean a loss to the shipper, for they bring prices considerably below the regular market price for sound stock. Dead animals bring still less—in the case of hogs only about 50 to 75 cents per hundred pounds for grease. There is always the danger, too, of the small stock becoming bruised, through being jostled and kicked by the larger ones. Bruises make a carcass less valuable, as the meat inspectors in the slaughterhouses cut out all bruised spots. Meat thus mutilated is sold as cheaper grades, the depreciation depending upon how much cutting was necessary. The buyers in the stock yards know this, of course, and, consequently, pay less for animals that show bruises or seem likely to have suffered in this way.

Goats Cleaning Out Weed Patch.

Buyers are afraid of bruised stock, and for this reason are suspicious of small animals arriving at the stock yards in a mixed carload where the larger animals are not partitioned off. Such injuries are difficult to detect in the live animal, but when small stock, such as calves and lambs, arrive in a badly soiled condition buyers usually suspect they have been trampled and bruised by larger animals, and as a rule the buyers play safe by paying less money for such stock.

MORE BROOD SOWS ON FARMS

Increase of 1,237,000 Over Year Ago Is Seen, Due Largely to Big Stock of Corn.

There were 12,924,000 breeding sows on farms April 1, the United States Department of Agriculture estimates. This is 1,237,000 animals more than on the same date in 1921 and represents an increase of 11.1 per cent.

The large corn crop last year and the unusually large farm stocks of corn are given as the explanation of the large increase in breeding sows this spring. Corn was worth more as pork than as corn, and hogs were needed to eat the corn.

The number of hogs is quickly responsive to the general economic situation, the department points out. In April 1918, the number of breeding sows was 9.5 per cent more than on the same date in 1917, due to high hog prices as a result of war conditions. The figures on April, 1920, show a decline of 10 per cent for the year ended on that date. The reason for this was that the price of corn was relatively too high to encourage the feeding of hogs.

FINE FORAGE CROPS FOR PIGS

Rape Is Rich in Protein, While Alfalfa Will Carry More Animals Per Acre.

Rape is rich in protein, and is almost equal to alfalfa as a forage crop for pigs. The chief advantage to alfalfa lies in the fact that it will generally carry more pigs per acre, and does not need to be reseeded each year.

Make Land Pay More.

Purebred live stock on every farm would go far toward making high-priced land pay 6 per cent net on its value.

Have Purebred Females Too.

Of course the purebred sire is the first step, but there's no good argument against purebred females in live-stock improvement.

Take Care of Animals.

Take good care of the animals now and they will take care of you later.

Push the Spring Pigs.

When corn is cheap and hogs are rather plentiful, the best policy one year with another is to push the spring pigs from the start for an early market.

Ration for Brood Sow.

A good ration for a sow suckling a litter is equal parts of corn and middlings.

Coop for Broody Turkey.

Confine broody turkey hens in a slat-bottom coop.

SCIENCE ON FARM

Agriculturist of Today Must Know Business Thoroughly.

Canadian Tillers of the Soil Have Proved That Old Days of Haphazard Methods Have Gone.

Agriculture in Canada has the status of a profession which both its high standard of operation and the prime place it occupies in national life justify. The days when land was casually filed on and farmed without any intelligent understanding of agricultural processes are going with the dwindling availability of the land, and rapidly passing is the epoch of the destruction of soil values, and the abandonment of farms which have been rendered unproductive. Clearer and clearer has become the realization that farming is a specialized profession requiring special training, and in the place of this spoliation there is an intelligent system of crop rotation, preservation of the virtue of the land, a discovery of the nobility of the farmer's calling and a determination to secure and achieve the best possible in everything.

The Education of the Farmer.

Agricultural colleges, experimental farms, government literature, railway propaganda, all in an appreciation of the national benefits which accrue, contribute to the education of the farmer who, if he starts out in ignorance, speedily discovers the futility and profitlessness of continuing in this state. It is only of comparatively recent years that farming in Canada has become the comprehensive and exhaustive study it is and its tenets, been so widely absorbed, and older farmers who have followed haphazard methods or systems scientifically unsound are gradually forced from necessity into an intelligent study and application of their profession.

This brings us to the city man who is anxious to leave his old life for the greater freedom of the country and take a farm for himself, and, the foregoing holding good, he need not follow far behind the older farmer if he take up the study of his work seriously, bring energy and intelligence to bear upon a following out of the systems of experienced and successful agriculturists, and utilize the results of the expert investigation and research the Dominion places at his disposal. The whole country is working for him and the novice has almost an equal opportunity with the farmer of a lifetime.

A consensus of Canadian farmers would probably show that fully one-half are not farmers' sons and were not brought up to the life of the farm. Yet none would criticize Canada's farmers on the score of poor farming methods in general, the excellency of their crops with international honors and the universal demand for their live-stock products refuting this effectually. Significant is it, too, that practically all the farmers who have achieved the most signal honors at international farming competitions have not been lifelong farmers, but city men who, taking to the land after reaching maturity without the remotest previous knowledge of agricultural activities, have through intelligent study and close application of the best farming methods surpassed the efforts of those agriculturists who have continued doing things on the farm in the way their fathers used to do them.

For further particulars, pamphlets regarding Canada, railway rates, etc., apply to J. M. MacLachlan, 10 Jefferson Ave., Detroit, Mich.—Advertisement.

They'd Met.

Church was over, the congregation filed slowly out and gathered in little chattering groups in the churchyard.

Presently the vicar came up and joined a select little party. He introduced an old sea captain to the leading light of the village, a wealthy Mr. Smith.

"You must have seen each other in church today," said the beaming vicar.

"Sure," said the old salt. "I was sleepin' in the next bunk to me."—London Answers.

Up Against It.

"Good morning," said the suave stranger. "I'm introducing our easy method of learning to play musical instruments. In three months anyone can become proficient on the piccolo, saxophone, clarinet, or ukulele. I've sold to five in this house already."

"Merciful heavens!" exclaimed the tenant. "Five in this house? Then I'll have to move, and it's so hard to find a place."

Protection.

Ambassador George Harvey on formal occasions bears himself with a great air of dignity. Among his friends, however, he is very jolly.

A foreign correspondent told the other day of an intimate dinner in a Pall Mall club where Mr. Harvey appeared through some accident with a very shabby umbrella. He explained:

"I always carry a green cotton umbrella in London so that Englishmen won't think it worth stealing."

A steady source of discontent is wearing out a hat that one doesn't like. Is it worth it?

It is easier to make a good record for laziness than it is to make a good living.

Even the aristocratic passenger on a sleeping car doesn't object to a lowly berth.

In the game of hearts, when in doubt lead diamonds.

The oftener you look back the faster you don't go.

Most of the experience that a man gets comes too late.

It is cheaper to be married than to be engaged—yes?

Good fruit never comes from a bad tree.

One trick is met by another.