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N. P. C. HOLDS HONOR AIR SERVICE NIGHT

Three American Aces Are Entertained in Washington This Month.

Fourth Ace Arrives Later in Evening to Complete the "Hand."

The National Press club "held" three of America's "aces" of the air on Thursday, February 13, for the greater part of the evening and drew the fourth just as the entertainment was closing. Captain Edward V. Rickenbacker, Captain Douglas and Lieutenant J. O. Donaldson were the guests of the evening and related some of their thrilling experiences at the front and told of going over the top in the air. Major James Meissner arrived late in the evening just in time to make the fourth "ace." To-gether these four fliers accounted

for forty-seven Hun planes.

Captain "Eddie" Rickenbacker,
ace of aces, with twenty-six Hun planes officially credited to him, told of his work and that of his associates. He told of how eleven German observation balloons were brought down in eight consecutive days by Lieutenant Luke of Phoenix. Ariz., who is missing.

"He was swallowed up in the air and no word has ever come through as to his fate," said Rickenbacker. "You know we have to learn to love and respect each other and then forget each other in a brief few minutes."

Lieutenant J. O. Donaldson of Washington, who flew with the British and was captured by the Germans when forced to land, is accredited with seven "Huns."

"We just jumped out of a secondstory window and walked away," he said. "Lieutenant Maddon and I tried to get away in a plane. Just when all was set a German showed up. In the encounter I received a flesh wound in the back with a bayonet. Maddon hit the Hun with the large flashlight and the Hun collapsed, just like Charley Chap-

"The people of the nation should be laught the value of the air service in peace," said Captain Douglas Campbell. "Aerial success in war depends upon the development of planes and engines in peace," said Captain Campbell. He further agreed with Captain Rickenbacker that the real heroes of the war were still in France, and urged that they be not forgotten.

Major-Maurice Connolly, pilot and formerly member of congress from lowa, said America now has four types of planes, better than any produced by the allies or Germany. He paid tribute to the men who were unable to get "their chance."

OVER MILLION YANKS ALREADY DEMOBILIZED

Washington, D. C.—Army dis-charges and demobilization in the United States have reached a total of 1,174,545 officers and men and the total number assigned for demobilization is 1,501,000. Of those discharged 71,235 are officers.

The figures were announced by General March.

Up to February 11, 305,000 sol-

diers abroad had embarked for home, 69 per cent of them being brought in American ships. In the first ten days of February alone 68,000 had embarked. The total landed was given as 227,000, the remainder being still at sea.

Reserve commissions have now been given to 15,419 officers re-leased from the army and applications for appointment in the regular army have been received from

General March announced that fifty-six cargo vessels now have been ordered converted into troop ships, giving an additional capacity of 120,000 men per month and forecasting great speed in the return of

Captain Raymond C. Pierce



Captain Pierce, former ylin charge of the hydrogen plant at Fort Omaha, has been transferred to Akron, O., for dirigible instruction. He may go to England later for an advanced course.

During his assignment to the U.S. army balloon school at Fort Omaha he devised many attachments and devices for use in the work with balloons.

All have been patented and adopted by the government.

Two of his most interesting inventions were the Pierce propaganda distributing machine, which spread circulars successfully on several trial trips, and an automatic sand ballasting machine, which operated on free balloons without passengers.

BATTLE DEATH RATE MORE THAN DISEASE

First War in Which Rate From Disease Has Not Excelled.

Washington.-The battle death rates in the American army during the great war exceeded the death rates from disease, General March announced in making public statistics prepared by the general staff. In past wars, disease killed many more men than lost their lives under fire.
The battle death rate for the en-

tire American army in this war was twenty per 1,000 per year. In the in all weather, that the training of expeditionary forces it was fifty our fighting air men might conseven per 1,000 per year. The distinue without interruption, I exease death rate was seventeen per 1,000 per year in the expeditionary forces and sixteen in the army at home.

Among the American forces the tables showed the battle death rate was only one-half that of the British expeditionary forces, which was given as 110 per 1,000 per

General March said that but for the influenza epidemic the disease death rate would have been cut in

The table of comparative battle and disease death rates per 1,000 per year for wars in which the United States has engaged since 1812 follows:

Battle Diease Death Death Rate Rate. 110

Civil war (north) 33 Spanish war 5 Present war (A. E. F..)., 57

Mexican war

Gen. Kenly Commends A. S. Officers and Men

War Department.

Air Service.
Division of Military Aeronautics.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 13, 1919.
General orders No. 12.

To the Officers and Enlisted Men of the Air Service:.

1. It seems fitting at this time to express my appreciation of the splendid work performed for the past year or more of war activities by the officers and enlisted men of the Division of Military Aeronautics. Many of you are now re-turning to civil pursuits with the regret that you were not among the more fortunate ones who experienced actual service overseas. To you who have labored night and day, undertaking hazardous duties press my sincere thanks for your steadfast devotion to a duty which so suddenly became apparent would involve little hope of commen-surate reward. The interminable grind of performing the same hazardous duties over and over again in order that others less experieuced might be fitted for the work

in hand, and then to have your former students sent to the front

while you "carry on," requires a quality of pluck and steadfast de-

termination which the fortunate few who have never experienced such heart-rending disappointment can never understand.
2. To those who serve overseas and return to this country with the satisfactory feeling of difficult duty well done. I offer my sincere

3. For those who met an untime-Iy end in our service, I am sure we all hope that they may receive the

complishments.

congratulations for your worthy ac-

Unauthorized Insignia.

The war department authorizes publication of the follow-

ing:
"It has been brought to the attention of the war department that post exchanges and similar places are selling unauthorized insignia such as service ribbons and gold and silver stars, to be worn on the uniform.

"Responsible officers will take immediate steps to have such practice discontinued by post exchanges and stores under their immediate jurisdiction. At the same time every effort will be made to influence stores located near posts, camps or canton-ments to discontinue the prac-

DEFEAT PROVISION FOR ARMY OF HALF MILLION

House Adopts Bill for Resumption of Voluntary Enlistments.

Washington, D. C.-Legislation providing for a temporary military establishment of about 540,000 officers and men during the fiscal year beginning next July 1, was eliminated from the annual army appropriation bill in the house after passage of the senate bill for resump-tion of voluntary enlistments in the peace time army, which would be restricted to the maximum of 175,-000 men authorized in the national defense act of 1916.

The senate measure now goes to conference and will become effec-tive upon its approval by President Wilson. The army bill also was adopted by the house without a record vote and now goes to the senate with its completion there at this session regarded by many leaders as doubtful.

It carries a total of \$1.070,000,000 for the war department for the twelve months after June 30.

It was explained by members of the house that the senate bill did not affect the present war time army, which under the selective within four months after peace is formally declared by presidential proclamation. Decision of the house to consider the senate measure was by a vote of 172 to 162.

Chairman Dent, by direction of the house military committee, had asked for a rule to make the tem-porary army legislation in the regular appropriation bill in order, but the rules committee took no formal action on the request.

Instead, it voted, 7 to 5, to report a resolution giving the senate measare the right of way. Ten republicans joined with 162 democrats in voting for the resolution in the house after a sharp debate. Before adopting the senate bill, the house amended it so as to provide that re-cruits should be enrolled in the regular army for only one year without further service in the reserve. Their pay was fixed by another amendment at \$30 a month, the wartime basis in the army.

BOILED BRIEFS.

A. J. C. Brookes, a British en-gineer, has carried measurement to the infinitely small limit of a millionth of an inch.

Secretary Baker warned a large Boston audience that "unless the league of nations idea prevailed, scientists would invent for another war weapons of destruction beyond the comprehension of those fought in the recent world conflict.

Through an organization known as the "French society for the interests of women" the women assert that all classes of French women request the incorporation of an international women's charter in the constitution of a society of

reward they so justly merit for the extreme sacrifice.

W. L. KENLY, Major General, U. S. A., Director of Military Aeronautics,

HEADS OF A. E. F. AIR SERVICE BRANCHES

List Published of Officers in Charge at Time of Armistice.

Major General Mason M. Patrick Was Commander Of Overseas Forces.

About the time of the signing of the armistice, the American air service overseas was commanded by Major General Mason M. Patrick, chief of air service, A. E. F., headquarters, Tours. He had two chief assistants: Brigadier-General William Mitchell, assistant chief of air service, army group, or zone of advance, and Brigadier-General Benjamin D. Foulois, M. A., assistant chief of the air service, service of supply.

On November 6, the chief of the air service, First army, was Colonel Frank P. Lahm, J. M. A. The chief of the air service, Second army, was Colonel Thomas DeW. Milling, M. A. When the Third army air service was organized, Brigadier General Mitchell took command, and on January 8, 1919, was stationed in Coblenz, Germany.

Colonel Milling was chief A. S., First army at Orquevaux, on January 8, 1919, and Colonel Lahm was chief of the A. S., Second army, at

Colonel Charles deF. Chandler. J. M. aeronaut, was head of the American balloon service, A. E. F. In Italy the headquarters of the American air service was at Rome, where Major Robert Glendenning

was in command. In England the Headquarters Air Service, Base Section No. 3 was under the command of Colonel C. R.

Paris headquarters were under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel

H. Dunwoody. Colonel Aubrey Lippincott commanded the air service replacement barracks at St. Maixent, where the complete organization and equipment of the squadrons was carried out, except the planes which were flown to the advance stations by the pilots from Orly, the aviation acceptance park, commanded by Colonel T. A. Baldwin.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hiram Bingham was in command of the Third

army instruction center, at Issou-dun, the largest flying school in the

world, having fourteen fields.
Colonel W. G. Kilmer, J. M. A.,
was chief of training, headquarters,
Tours. Lieutenant Colonel E. V.
Summer was in charge of air serve ice production center No. 2 at Ramorantin.

Colonel Whitehead was chief of staff for the air service at G. H. Q. November 11, 1918.

Zbyszko Flops Gardini.

Kansas City, Mo.—Wladek Zbys-zko won from Ranato Gardini here, with two straight falls, the first in 39:50, with a toe hold and wrist lock, and the second in 7:31, with

Send Two Million Books to the Soldiers Overseas

New York.—The American Li-brary association has shipped to soldiers overseas more than 2, 000,000 books-650,000 of them since the signing of the armistice-it was announced here.

The demand for technical works, used in connection with the schools established by the army education commission, is heavy, the statement said, 300, 000 such volumes having been forwarded to France in the past three months to meet the needs of men preparing themselves for re-entrance into civil life.

The association announced it had opened libraries, with the latest newspapers and magazines, and an average of one book to every four soldiers abroad, on all American trans-

ORGANIZATION NEWS

PERSONNEL OFFICE. P. s. Coluni.

Wanted, a good detective to solve the lemon mystery, which is still as clear as mud.

Sergeant First Class Zerbs, Corporals Davis and Cox started out to see Annette Kellerman on the Sabbath day, but they finally landed in the Gayety.
Sergeant Evans is "quartered" in

the post with wife and babe.

What is the matter with the rest of us? Lieutenant Warren and Sergeant Harrower were the only ones to receive valentines. Oh, yes, you should have seen the valentine of a sleepy clerk received by Sergeant First Class Ellwein.
Request that the management of

the Gayety theater notify Corporal Davis, care of this-office, whenever the chorus includes a sorrel top, as he surely admires them, and he al-ways slates them as the best on the stage.

Before I forget, Chauffeur First Class Martell.

Sergeant Cooper was to meet Sergeant First Class Zerbs at the Khaki club, but as there is nothing slow about our Sergeant Zerbs, he waited at the Castle hotel, while Sergeant Cooper enjoyed a threehour nap at the club.

Corporal Cox, our discharge clerk, is in an unsettled state of mind, the cause of it being love. Remember, boy, "'Tis better to Remember, boy, "Tis better to have loved and jost than not to have loved at all."

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

The following named men of this organization were among the lucky ones during the past week, having each received their honorable discharge and returned to their respective homes: Sergent First Class McFerrin C. Ritter, Sergeant First Class David D. Bailey, Sergeant Frank T. Plambeck, Sergeant Henry Allen, Sergeant Lawrence P. Swarts, Corporal Neil L. Kepple, Private First Class Phillip C. Kirkegaard, Private First Class Smith C. Kirkegaard, Private First Class John Cian, Private First Class Augusta Plomondon, Private Arends Private Fred F. Balnz, Private Fred DeShong, Private George C. Jackson, Private Stephen L. Krueger, Private Patrick O'Neil and Private Charles K. Ripley. Sergeant Oscar R. Bristow is now

our first sergeant, Sergeant First Class McFerrin C. Ritter, having been discharged during the past

First Lieutenant Matt F. Houston M. C., having been on detached service at S. A. T. C., Lincoln, Neb., returned to this hospital the latter part of last week and received his discharge from the service immedi-

First Lieutenant Walter S. Baver sanitary corps, reported to this hospital for duty during the past week. Lieutenant Baver comes here from Call field, Wichita Falls, Tex.

"Mr." Ritter paid the boys at the hospital a visit Sunday morning all dressed up in his "civies." He was just discharged last week but seemed exceedingly anxious to don the "faddish clothing." He will resume his position with a western wholesale canned goods concern as their representative in the territory surrounding this state.

What is wrong! Sergeant Reida is busily engaged in work this week. Take care, you're not used to it. Oh, yes! Sergeant Bristow is assisting him, too. There is surely something wrong.

Motor Transport Corps.

Maurice J. Frank. The big black car near the door of the winch department must be nearly ready to consume gas. ought to be as the whole gang has been working on it all their spare

Pete was looking for Pyrene the other morning to put a fire out. Don't you realize, Pete, Pyrene is dangerous to use internally?

Lieut. Krinsky has finished his inventory work and has left for another post. Lt. Hildum is still here working on the inventory of parts. Both officers are from the Motor Transport corps.

Chesehire and Buhrer are each in charge of a squad during the be-loved drill hour endured by the men of the 59th company.

and the slow but sure Jack Sheldon has been taking his place.

Chf. Huntington was down from the hospital to pay us a short visit the other day. Floyd looks a little pale, but we wish him a speedy re-

covery.

Pat was very jealous the other day when he heard Porter talking over the phone to a girl with a southern accent. No one can understand this as Pat seems to have lots of them like that around 24th and Lake.

We lost two of the M. T. C. men to come to this post, Coats and Burris left last week for Panama,

with five other men.
Chf. 1 class D. K. Graeff is no longer, Chf. Graeff, he has been promoted to the rank of Sgt. 1 class. Congratulations Dalias.

It seems that when you are once in the M. T. C. you can't stay away. Pirrone left once to be the 62nd company shoemaker, but he is back again riding pop-pops.

One thing we must not fall to publish; Harry Estep was out of the post and to town Sunday night. This is about the first time Harry has been out of an evening. Now maybe you think he was to church, but unbelievable as it may seem, he went to the Gayety. Oh! 'Tis a wicked world.

47TH BALLOON CO.
Sgt. K. Lovejoy.
Best wishes and good luck to our

discharged men.
The 47th Co., now has a balloon and a very nifty affair too. We hope that the balloon does'nt give as much trouble as the hangar did the first few days.

Drill days for the 47th Co., since

the Red Cross canteen closed. The prize gold brick of the 47th

Co., has been discharged. Success Private Goodwin.

We think Cpl. Moore is in training for some big event, as we note he stayed in for three days in succession.

Private Gamberg is recovering from the recent illness from which it had been reported he was suffer-

Sgt. Haney has decided that Shakespeare is not the great man he is reputed to be. He says that Shakespeare not only shows bad judgment and poor logic in his writings, but also there is evidence that his mind was actually totter-

ing.

The reason for this acrid outburst is that some one told him that Shakespeare is responsible for the

quotation, "How glorious it is to see one's name in print."

Our pet rumor that we were destined for the Hawaiian islands was blasted the other day when we drew a number of Siberian fatigue suits. It is whispered now that we are going as missionaries to Laplanders, in which case Cpl. Bar-nette will probably be up for pro-motion, he being at his best around

Let bells ring out and joy be unconfined, the impossible, the unthinkable, the unutterable has hap-neded, Private Cressy kept out of trouble for one whole day.
"Jack" the post dog, has been

transferred from air service and assigned to the 47th Co. After looking all the companies over for a year he has decided that the 47th Co., is "Home Sweet Home."

50TH BALLOON CO.

The following promotions have been made in the company: To grade of sergeant, Corporals Bowser and Reypens; to grade of corporal, Privates First Class Gooch, McCasland, Patterson, Scandreit, Wheeler, McAdams and Private Bamburg; to grade of chauffeur first class, Chauffeur McVicker and Private First Class Broderick; to grade of private first class, Privates Conger, Hartstack, Hale, Heath, Hanson, Jones, Olin, Rier-

son, Schroder, Spellman and Zogg. Example of Florence Field regularity: Doc Riggs' personal car arriving at 2 p. m. We would like to see the chauffeur.

reminder of war times: The M. P. bus standing in front of field headquarters.

The nth power of uselessness: Trying to get volunteers for the

dirigible service. Cook Sweeney was sure knockin' 'em dead with his wrap leggins and Qur best friend, the mail man, I overseas cap at the reception Bill Fluke, has been on a furlough given in Council Bluffs last week

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Sergeant John E. Johnson has been called to his home in Berkeley, Cal., on account of the death of two brothers. The men of the company extend their deep and sin-

cere sympathy to Sergeant Johnson Corporal Scandrett is spending a ten-day furlough at his home in Wessington, S. D.

The Fiftieth company men had a most enjoyable time at the dance given at Florence Field Wednesday

night by the D. T. A. girls.

We are hitting wood while we are saying this, but it is great to have a morning report with the following columns showing Blank "sick in hospital," "sick in quarters," "in arrest," "in confinement" and "without leave."

Can someone explain how "Top Kick" Stokes and Sergeant Jones shake off so much office work and at the same time keep up their so-cial affairs? Follow them and a popular blonde and brunette for seven evenings and you will have visited the following places: Fontenelle, Blackstone, Rome, Boyd, Orpheum, Kel-Pine and one of the many club houses in Omaha. Who

pays? Search me!
Privates Clark, Oldham and Randall were promoted to the Garde of "Mister" this week.

63D BALLOON CO.

Samuel Vorzimer. Will some one please tell us how our "Bread Sergeant" Houston, keeps so thin? We all believe he is

strying to beat Sgt. Zuber.

Something is going to happen,
Cook Carling spent all day Friday
in the post. What's the matter Dick,
did she disappoint you?

The cooks would like to know why the men who eat early chow come in 5 or 10 minutes before time.

Can you imagine our military police, Sgt. McGuilcuddy, being restricted to the post for three days on account of having his window up one night?

Our barracks was decorated with our noble Sgt. Steberg, who was re-stricted to the post for three days. Tis to bad Sgt. Steberg, especially when you only had three more days

in the army.

Skidmore, Huntington, and Aiz, are home enjoying a ten day fur-

The following men were given their honorable discharges: Samuel Vorzimer, Howard K. Steberg, Harry Higton, Perry Heistond. Private Harry G. Boring has just

returned from a furlough home. He is looking as spry as ever, and ready for any kind of hard labor. Something has happened, Sgt. Zuber is making some radical changes in the kitchen. Firing cooks and cutting down his force. We believe Sgt. Zuber has some advanced dope on discharge. If so Sgt. why not let some of us in on it.

81ST BALLOON CO. Corporal Frazier.

Sh! We have at last found one man in our Company that is sure leading a "highlife" and the best part of it is that he admits it. Smitty has a girl in that wonderful city called Council Bluffs, and every afternoon about 4:30 you can hear Smitty singing or whistling some of the latest song hits such some of the latest song hits such as "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," or some other thrilling melody. If one was to ask him why all the happiness, he would probably spring that "small town stuff" going to make Broadway tonight. (IT SURE MUST BE A GREAT LIFE.)

We regret to say, and on second

We regret to say, and on second thought we do not regret, that cute little Sergeant De Yarman, the boy with the baby eyes is about to leave us. James has his discharge and the 5:15 bound for "Chi" will soon be carrying a little Clad Boy to the big city and all its excitement. S'long Jim, you've been a good scout.

Mess Sergeant Ferrill is spend-

ing a ten day furlough at Hattisburgh, Miss.

Sergeant Braren is attending all the classes of the Company every day and has charge of one side of the balloon now and then so we can't just decide what he is trying to make but judging from the hours



"It's Good for You"

The Fairmont Creamery Company

for heroes from France. Must be he keeps, we think he would make great to be a hero, isn't it, John? a very good "night-watchman."

What would they do around here it wasn't for the 81st Company? We are sure getting popular when they call on us at 2:00 a. m. to parade out in the South Field and sweep off the "Balloon Hangar." We sure feel flattered!!!! we

Question-Pvt. 1st Class Ferrainolo would like to know which arm to wear his chevrons on?

Those roosters they gave us for dinner last Sunday must have belonged to the infantry for they sure were "Hard Boiled Birds."

Sgt. Brown has been transferred to Panama and his last words to the boys here were, "Well fellows, I expect to return in another year or so, and I will see all of you in Fort Omaha, then. Oh! Brown, why take all the joy out of life???

Since Private Stine is kept busy at the World-Herald posing for the Sunday edition, he can no longer be worried about the "South Side Mystery." Harry's motio is—2"If at first you do succeed, give 'em no rest."
The old Post Canteen will never

be the same again as Private Rosenblatt is now discharged and if you should happen to go down

there some time, we know you shall miss his smiling face and we wonder just how the Canteen will stay open now that he is gone, but this is a cruel, cruel world after all. One night last week Sgt. 1st Class Christopher came in rather

late and as he entered the barracks, he heard some very peculiar noise. Just then two of the other fellows came in and all three of them started to look for a supposed cat and dog fight. After looking all over the barracks, they hap-pened to think of the Sergeant's room and upon opening the door room and upon opening the door they found — what do you suppose? Corporal Fenstermaker laying in his bed, snoring to his heart's content. Evidently Fensty has forgotten that old saying, "Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone."

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Their Bravery Described in Letter From Roosevelt's Son.

New York-The story of the Sal-Army's overseas huts, "which have no closing hours," was told here by Miss Evangeline Booth, commander of the organization in America, who termed the baking of doughnuts and apple pies for "doughboys" at the front "an

example of practical religion."

The Salvation Army workers went to France early in the war, he said, with no guarantees but their expenses, and these made possible only through loans from banks. The first was for \$25,000, the second for \$100,00, "for our credit is good," the commander asserted, adding that the quality rather than the quantity of the work won the "generous appreciation" of the American people and promoted the inclusion of the or prompted the inclusion of the organization among the beneficiaries of the United War Work campaign.

of the United War Work campaign.

Nothing to Army.

Service in the "cold Flanders fields" was "nothing to an 'army accustomed to hardship," Miss Booth declared, adding that even under fire "our workers did not fail." She quoted statements by Marshal Haig and General Pershing commanding the efficiency of the Salvationists. Salvationists.

Brayery of unarmed Salvation Army workers was described in a letter to the late Theodore Roose velt from one of his sons, said Miss Booth. The letter, given to her by Colonel Roosevelt just before he went to the hospital, follows:

"You can't describe the letter of the hospital control of the hospital con

'You can't describe the bravery of these workers. I ordered one of them not to go over the top, but that worker, Major Atkins, went over and was then seen to return from No Man's land carrying the

body of a dying soldier."
"Our workers," Miss Booth said,
"are trained in devotion, in Sacrifice; trained to help those incapable of helping themselves and trained to seal their service with their life's blood, if necessary."

She told of the women's decision to provide the boys who were risking their lives with unlimited supplies of fresh doughnuts, hot cocca and apple pie-but principally doughnuts.

"Our workers," she added, "knew the fine, attractive coquetries of the round, brown doughnuts."

NAVY AVIATORS PLAN FLIGHT ACROSS OCEAN

Commander Towers Ordered to Take Charge of Preparations.

Washington, D. C .- Navy aviation experts are planning a flight across the Atlantic. Commander John H. Towers was ordered to take charge of the "development of plans and assembly of material and personnel for the proposed transatlantic flight."

Details as to how far the navy's plans have progressed have not been disclosed, but it was learned that a great deal of attention had

heen given to the project.
While it is not known what equipment it is planned to use in the flight or when it will be attempted, it is recalled that the navy department during the war developed a monster seaplane, equipped with three Liberty motors giving it in the neighborhood of 1, giving it in the neighborhood of 1, 200 horsepower.

This machine has as its body substantially built boat and has has carried as high as fifty-one persons in flights of considerable

GENERAL MENCHER RECEIVES DECORATIONS

General Menoher recently received through the state department two medals from the French government. One of them conferred the rank of commander of the Legion of Honor, and the other was a croix de guerre with palm. The citations to accompany these medals have not yet been received.

"CANNED BLOOD" ON ICE SAVES SOLDIERS

Stored Fluid Prevents Deaths of Many Soldiers Suffering From Hemorrhage on the Field of Battle.

ned blood," one of the remarkable developments of war surgery, was described by the surgeon general's office for the benefit of the families of hundreds of soldiers whose lives were saved by blood transfusion.

One of the heaviest causes death among wounded soldiers is hemorrhage. Immediately after the United States entered the war the medical department began organizing to reduce the number of fatalities from this cause and large numbers of medical men were put under training under Colonel Walter B. Cannon of Harvard university. It was early decided that methods to be used should be as simple as pos-

MILITARY AERONAUTICS

Letter From Col. M. F.

Davis Calls Attention to

Flying Fields.

The following letter from Colonel Milton F. Davis to Major General

William L. Kenly, director of mili-

On leaving my duties as chief of

training under your supervision, I desire to call your attention to, and to express in some way my appre-

ciation of, the no less than remark-

able accomplishments of our flying fields during the year ending No

vember 11, 1918.

Now that the war is over and the rush of training activities has ceased, we may take time to look over the past eighteen months and

calmly survey the remarkable results attained by our training schools during that brief time. Be-

fore taking up his new duties, the chief of training desires to express

his commendation and praise of the

splendid work done by the field

commanderrs, their administrative staffs and the remarkable body of

young flyers who have produced greater results in less than a year

than any other nation has done in

During the hurry of training and

preparation of troops to lick the Hun, few people took time to con-

sider the really marvelous work that was being done at the flying fields of the United States; and

few, if any, outside the air service

—as a matter of fact, many in the air service—have any conception of

The national defense act, author-

izing and expanding the aviation section of the signal corps and ap-

propriating the famous \$640,000,000 was passed July 27, 1917. At that

time America was unknown in the

air. She had a few old ships that had been battered around in the

Mexican expedition, one lonesome squadron and a detachment. There

were no airplanes and no factories in which to make them. There

were no flying fields and but a few

civilian flying instructors, whose time in the air was counted by min-

utes instead of hours. From prac-

tically the absolute zero of arithmetic, the air service started to grow August 1, 1917. In one year

its accomplishments are almost be-

yond comprehension; they are 20 well known that a repetition of fig-

ures is not considered necessary here. Suffice to say that in that one year the United States had

trained 10,000 fliers and the daring and initiative of our field command-

ers and their assistants had reached such a point that, at the

signing of the armistice, a colonel

of the British air service feelingly

expressed the idea that, had the

war contined a little longer, the allies would have been coming to us

to learn the art of flying and fight-

thus been accomplished have been

done by a bunch of youngsters who

in times of ordinary peace with its slow promotion, would be second

and first lieutenants. These young officers, who have been responsi-

ble for this splendid work and the

wonderful reputation of our training system, have built it up on

their own initiative by endless and

The world-wide results that have

ing in the air.

service on November 11, 1918.

magnitude of the U.S. air

thrice the time.

of directors, air service.

Washington, D. C.-Use of "can-, sible, because of limited facilities

for work at the front.

Development of the use of "canned blood" was a direct result of war conditions. During a heavy attack it was impossible to arrange for transfusion direct from persons, so the fluid was drawn previously, stored on ice in sterile flasks, then used in emergency cases. Where the wounded man could stand it, a blood substitute was injected, which sustained life until he could be removed to a hospital where more direct transfusion could be employed.

"By these methods many men were returned to the families who in previous wars would have lived but a few hours," the department's statement asserted.

gruelling grind and in spite of restricting regulations and, only too often, of lack of co-operation of powers higher up. Youthful ma-jors and lieutenant colonels have performed the work and handled the commands of brigadiers and major generals, and have done it

to the unqualified satisfaction of the chief of training. The greatest pride of his life is to have been associated with this bunch of live-wire young officers during their splendid work. Difficult problems have arisen which, in many cases, they have proceeded to solve with

out authority, but always with the one idea in view—to do the work tary aeronautics, is reproduced for the information of all. Colonel Da-vis has been assigned to the office and lick Germany.

The undersigned desires to express his boundless appreciation of the wonderful service rendered to the country by the corps of field commanders, instructors and enlisted mechanicians of the air service in America and to commend and thank them for having done so much in helping to bring the war to a speedy termination. The na-tion is epecially indebted to the personnel of the trained enlisted force of the flying fields, who, with little hope of geiting overseas, having worked unceasingly, almost night and day—at most fields sixteen hours was an average day's work-to keep ships in the air. These men for a soldier's pay have continuously and without complaint done twice the amount of work each twenty-four hours that any civil organization would have dared ask of its employes. Their work and splendid spirit is more than appreciated, and it is characteristic of America's spirit in the war.

MILTON F. DAVIS. Colonel A. S. A., Late Chief of Training.

MEN FURNISHED BY EACH STATE IN WAR

Washington, D. C.,-A table showing the number of men furnished to the army by each state during the war was made public at the war department. New York led with 367,864, and Nevada stood last with 5,105 in the total of 2,757,-624 men obtained by draft, voluntary enlistment or through the national guard.

The figures are complied up to November 11 and the grand total includes the overseas garrisons in Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines and in Alaska as well as the merican expeditionary forces and the army at home.

Nebraska furnished 47,805, Iowa, Other western states and posses-

ions furnished: Sions luffished:
Texas, 161,665; California, 112,514;
Washington, 45,154; Montana. 36,293;
Colorado, 34,393; Oregon, 36,116; South
Dakota, 29,656; North Dakota. 25,893;
Idaho, 19,616; Utah. 17,361; New Mexico,
18,430; Wyoming, 11,393; Arizona. 10,492.

Zibby Captures Match. Chicago, Ill.—Waldek Zbyszko, Polish wrestling champion, defeated Arvid Anderson of Boston in two straight falls of twenty-nine and nine minutes each, respec-

FIRING COMMANDS BY RADIO TELEPHONE

New Adjustment Cuts Time to Field Artillery Response by Four.

A field artillery brigade in action, with its artillery commander 2,000 feet up in the air observing and giving firing commands direct, is the latest situation in aerial adjustment brought about by the use of the radio telephone.

Obviously, it cuts the time in field artillery response. Under the old system of airplane observation, it took from an hour to an hour and a half to adjust the fire of one gun, the time being taken in giv-ing commands direct—as can be done by the aviator if he is a trained artilleryman—the time for making all shifts and range changes can be more than quartered in this same less-than-onefourth of the time, more than one gun can be brought into action, and

even the fire of a whole platoon. These are actual results from recent experiments with the radio telephone between an airplane from Rockwell field, San Diego, Cal., and a battery of field artillery training at Camp Kearney. The airplanes used in these ex-

periments have been the Curtiss JN4-H equipped with SCR 68 sets. An SCR 59 set has been used on the ground with SCR 53 antenna unit (radio phone). The practice

work is being carried on at regular intervals.

Brigadier General Hand, commanding the Sixteenth field artillery brigade, in giving his report of two days of co-operation between airplane and battery in the earlier days of this practice, has shown incidentally of what stuff aviators are made. Following is an extract from the general's report:

"Yesterday and today we have had firing by aerial adjustment from airplane using the telephone. The ground aerials were set up right, at the battery, the executive officer wearing the telephone headdress. All the conduct of fire was

by an aviator.

"We all were greatly pleased with the results, and to my mind it means a revolution in aerial adjustment. If the aviator is a trained artilleryman, he can handle this fire with the ease, speed and facility which one could do under the very easiest of terrestial observation conditions there was none of the long, tiresome delay such as I have been used to under our old system, as you know, it took us about an hour or hour and a half, if we were lucky, to adjust one gun by airplane. The ship flew at about 2,000 feet. I don't see why it wouldn't be possible to even pick up a fleeting target and adjust the shrapnel fire with all the guns. Of course, the height of burst might give him trouble, but take it on the proper proportion of air and graze, the trained field artillery-man should be able to handle it, and possibly one could get a very good idea after practice by rating the relation of the pattern to the burst, and be able to tell something about the height.

"However, to sum up my whole observation so far, I believe from now on, where the phone can be used, and we have trained observers, they should give the firing commands direct instead of sending sensings down, and waiting for the ground people to transpose them to the battery. The ship we used had only one-way communication, but in a few days they expect to have apparatus so that we can also talk from the ground. That will make everything simple.
"I forgot to tell you that we pur-

posely gave him a good error in de-flection each time he was up, and he had no difficulty in making the proper shift. The accuracy of firing speaks for itself. In one problem he had three target hits during improvement and in another

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CONGESTION OF MAIL DENIED BY PERSHING

General Reports No Delay in Movement of Correctly Addressed Matter,

Washington, D. C.—General Pershing cabled the war department denying reports that mail to and from the American expedition ary forces had become congested at French rail heads.

The general said there was no delay or accumulation of mail for the United States and no accumulation of correctly addressed mail arriving in France for the sol-

General Pershing said there were 1,210 sacks of incorrectly addressed mail at the central army postoffice in France now being redirected, while only 126 sacks of dead letters had been shipped to the United States during January. The incor-rectly addressed mail at the central office, he said, "could be placed in one American car."

General Pershing quoted from a report made to him by Colonel Howe, director of the postal express service, which said that "first-class mail moves on schedule passenger trains and reaches present rail heads of army of occupation in six days from time of arrival in France."

Colonel Howe said outgoing mail required an average of four and onehalf days for mail dispatched from divisional rail heads to reach Bordeaux terminal and an average of two and two-tenths days for mail dispatched from fixed postoffices on lines of communication to reach that terminal.

"Bordeaux terminal," said Colone Howe, "report their floors cleared of mail after each shipment to the states. If there is any delay in mail from France other than these figures show, it is on the water or

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PAULINE FREDERICK
in
"PAID IN FULL"
Feb. 27th and March 1st
JOHN BARRYMORE "HERE COMES THE BRIDE"

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Our Last Edition.

Next week the last edition of the Gas Bag will be published.

The last edition will consist of sixteen pages, of which four will be devoted to a pictorial supplement finished in half-tone. A review of the history of the post since declaration of war will be made. The work of each department in the post will be covered

The Gas Bag is the only outside activity promoted in the post which has paid financially. It has been a success since its inception last October, and the sole reason for its disorganization at this time is to forestall the eventual deterioration and decline which must of necessity result from the gradual demobilization of the post.

It is therefore planned to close His career while it is still at the zenith of its popularity and suc-

The Gas Bag was founded by a group of enlisted men who foresaw its advantage as a morale bolstering institution. Major P. E. Van Nostrand, at that time executive officer of Fort Omaha, became interested in the project and co-operated and assisted the founders in starting it.

Lieutenant Joseph P. Spang, jr. was appointed publicity officer and censor. Sergeant William A. Shea, whose idea the paper was, was made editor-in-chief, and Private E. Williams was appointed news editor. Private Albert Nolet was the business manager of the paper. Its success was largely due to his efficient effort.

Religion of the Cabinet.

The president's secretary in a letter gives the following memorandum showing the religious affiliations of President Wilson and members of the cabinet:

President Wilson, Presbyterian. Secretary of State Lansing, Presbyterian.

Secretary of Treasury McAdoo (resigned), Episcopalian. Secretary of War Baker, Episco-

palian. Attorney General Gregory, Pres-

Postmaster General Burleson, not personally affiliated; family most-

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Methodist.

of the Interior Lane Presbyterian.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston, Episcopalian. Secretary of Commerce Redfield,

Episcopalian. Secretary of Labor Wilson, Pres

byterian. The president is not a member of any secret lodge or organization

other than college fraternities. Kansas City Star.

Engle Joins Cleveland.

Cleveland, O.—Joe Engle, pitcher, was signed by the Cleveland baseball club, it was announced. He was a free agent. Last year Engle pitched for Byuffalo of the International league. Previously he had been with Washington.

Trial for St. Louis Lad. St. Louis, Mo.—Arthur Dunn, catcher, a St. Louis product, will receive a trial with the St. Louis National league club this season. He played with a semi-professional team and also with the San Antonio club of the Texas league.

Civilian Joy-Riding Banned

The Director of Military Aeronautics has announced that civilians will not be permitted to make flights or take joy rides in Army airplanes without authority from the Secretary of War. Paragraph 1586 Army Regulations provide

that:
"Flights in Air Service equipment for other than training or war purposes will be made only upon the express authority of the Chief of Air Service, and no person in the military service is authorized to permit other than the fol-lowing to be carried as passengers in such equipment: Heads of the executive and judicial branches of the Government, members of the Senate and House of Representatives, officers and enlisted men in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and members and employes of the

General Kenly directs that no exceptions will be made to the above regulation by the Division of Military Aeronautics. Civilians desire to take trips must first get authority from the Secretary of War before presenting themselves to the Commanding Officers of flying fields or the Division of Military Aeronautics with requests for flights. Applications for flights will not be forwarded to the Secretary of War through the Division of Military Aeronautics.

R. M. A.'S.

In accordance with recommenda-tions from the training section, the following named officers are rated as reserve military aviators, from the date set after their respective names:

Second Lieutenant Leland Bass, A. S. A., January 28, 1919. First Lieutenant A. L. Dade, Jr., A. S. A., January 29, 1919.

Second Lieutenant John M. Martin, A. S. A., January 29, 1919. Captain Wilbur F. Wright, A. S

A., February 1, 1919.
The following R. M. A.'s were announced recently but not printed in

the Weekly News Letter: Captain Charles G. Eidson, A. S. December 19, 1918.

First Lieutenant Hilton, M. Pat ton, A. S. A., January 4, 1919. Second Lieutenant Clyde V. Finter, A. S. A., January 4, 1919.
Captain C. A. Miller, A. S. A., January 20, 1919.

PERSONALS.

Major Thacker V. Walker, A. S. A., was assigned on January 22, 1919 to supply section.

Major Benjamin G. Weir, J. M. A. A. S. A., was assigned on January 21, 1919 to supply section.

Major Frederick T. Blakeman, A S. A., who reported February 6 to the director of military aeronautics, from London, was assigned to the training section.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lewis Brereton, A. S. A., who reported to the director of military aeronautics, from overseas, on February 6, was assigned to duty in the training section and granted leave for ten days.

FORT CROOK

HEADQUARTERS, FORT CROOK, NEB. Sergeant Dodd from the Signal

office, is now on a five day pass. Sergt. Cooper is still trying to stay in the post, but some winsome miss will not let him, as she al-ways has a nice large dinner wait-ing. Go to it Cooper, but don't forget us on your wedding day with those customary cigars.

Our post office is under new management now as Sergeant Sellery is awaiting his discharge, but the new postmaster is going to be almost as nice as he is good looking

Menard the night operator is still hunting the name of Ward's girl, but it is a hard job, as Ward will not tell him. Rivals with all these girls in Omaha! She must be some "bird." Well, go ahead boys, you have our good wishes.

QUARTERMASTER CORPS, FORT CROOK, NEB. By Franklin Eby.

The quartermaster personnel has been enlarged by a pair of aces in Al Gladwin and James Landon, who are being employed here during the rush season.

Joseph Moranville spent some days in the hospital, but it was all compensated for when he was granted a ten-day furlough upon his discharge from the hos-

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pital. He went to Perryville, Mo.,

wherever that is. T. N. Pation, acting mess sergeant, broke the ice for the Q. M. detachment by winning his discharge. He left on January 27 for far-away Idaho, accompanied by a large hunk of lead pipe, placed in his grip by the village joker. He failed to sign a receiving report for

the pipe, G. I. Arlie Spellman is the acting mess sergeant at present and he is doing up the job very neatly (knock wood). We have fish on Friday an' everything.

So the rumor flows Leland Gilbert Cashman is downhearted. His wife has gone to the country for a Quite the contrary to usual visit. etiquette.

Some of the detachment must been formulating ideas toward the management of a hostelry the way they try out the fascinations of bunk fatigue in isolated corners.

Some day there will be a rabbit hunt with no one to hunt the rab

Harry H. Eastman is marked "quarters" for a few days while he recuperates from an ailment.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES, FORT CROOK, NEB.

The Y. M. C. A. with its staff, now composed of Secretary Arthur C. Smith and A. F. Shafer, continues its services at Fort Crook to the men remaining at the post.

The programs which have been presented along with the selected movies, have been of a high order and appreciated by the boys.

Miss Pauline Mayo of St. Joseph, Mo., who gave an evening of impersonations and readings, won great favor by her gracious manner.

The service and calls at the hospital have been complimented by all the patients.

New problems are constantly arising in the "Y" work especially during these days of anxiety and a special endeavor will be made to meet all the requirements and be of service in every way possible.

It might also be interesting to know that Secretary Smith who is a minister has something to do with performing of the marriage

mony of Sergeant Gillin. If there is anything you want, ask the Y. M. C. A.

HOSPITAL, FT. CROOK. Hugh B. Cox has changed buddles

and is now seen chumming around with Lena Teatsworth. We are not familiar with all the details, but believe the book "Gutter Worm" would explain all. At least Coxie had a good time.

During a recent visit of the Red Cross, one of the boys was just in the act of taking a little nap in the war. Kinda off hand like she told him he looked a little dizzy, and after she left, Charlie said he knew he was dizzy, but didn't think he showed it so much.

Betting in the surgical ward has reached the point, where Beckley doesn't know his own mind. Gill is 25 cents ahead of the game, but someone said he used water. We don't care as long as we're not in on it, but Charlie ought to keep his eyes open, or Gill will have all his money (he's has left).

Lieutenant Engelmann received orders to report to Houston, Tex., and is on his way to that place. Sorry to see him go, but any place in preference to Crook, and we're just a little envious of his good luck.

Peterson and Jurgens believe in sleeping in garages when missing the last car. Peterson doesn't sleep just right to suit the office rat, and so they got out of the Saxon and jumped in a Ford. Both their hearts were full of rattles the next day.

If you don't believe it's hell to be a buck private and have to compete with a sergeant, ask "Rags," for The girl promised he sure knows. them at different times to meet each one at her home on Wednesday, and the buck private was put on duty two days ahead of his turn, which was Wednesday. And then wonder why the boys were glad to go "over the top."

Roche says it's time to get his bonds now. He's only got twelve patients left and they're all fit to travel, so it's only a question of the Liberty bonds.

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Affidavits are the "Rage" nowadays. Mourer handed one to the topkick the other day and it wasn't to get out of the army either. Anybody who knows McKenzie will know.

"Shorty" Albrecht has stopped smoking the dromedary type. Being dining room girl, and pulling out a fresh package at noon, when all the boys are assembled is just like pulling out a roll of green backs out of your pocket with a bunch of unlucky broke African golf players. His meerschaum am shore katchinhell now.

Moynahan put on a feed for the boys the other night, while he was sleeping. The nearest we could make out was "Ruth" and pork chops or tenderloin. He borrowed 15 cents and a street car ticket the next morning from his "Buddie," Mourer.

Chief Miles is trying to reinlist. He hasn't been up before a S. C. D. board either, so we're kinda doing a little unofficial observation.

60TH BALLOON CO., FORT CROOK, NEB.

Corporal Holden has a wonderful genius for organization. He recently instituted and organized the Royal Order of Fleas. The order has already secured a strong foothold in this company and soon will rival even the Elks (maybe).
Lieutenant Burgess has sold his

dear old Overland roadster. It is almost like losing an old friend to see the last of that car.
Sergeant First Class Burris has

gone. No, he is not discharged, but he has been sent to Panama. warned him to steer clear of the Spanish maidens down there. Sergeant Eurris served two years the air service right here in Omaha, most of his time being spent in the garage. We shall miss him with his cheery smile and his clever line. Sergeant Hildebrand, top kick

and friend of every man, has been discharged. Of course we are sorry to see him go, but we rejoice with him in his good fortune. others of our noble gang left with him; perhaps our own luck will change before long.

Sergeant Flanders has taken on the job of first sergeant and with it goes our wish for the best of suc-

Corporal Beall has returned from the wilds of historic Florence Field to enter in to the life of our comparatively civilized existence here at Fert Crook.

The company has moved again. True, we only went to the lower end of the barracks, but still we had to transfer all our belongings. Since there are only four Sundays in February, we couldn't pick one of them for moving day, so we had to take the best we could get, which was, of course, a rainy day. It was

Thursday, the 13th.

The snow is perhaps a blessing in disguise, as it does away with balloon ascensions. It also pro-vides more spare time for the rabbits. Privates Silva, O'Rourke and Trobaugh are the professionals of the company in the art of "rabbiting" and at present are plying their trade for all it is worth. It is understood they are giving lessons to anyone who will pay the price.

74TH BALLOON CO... FORT CROOK, NEB.

By George E. Gray. First Class Private K. K. Smith is once again in our midst. He has been confined to the hospital for quite some time, but has fully re-covered from his illness and looks nore the worse for wear.

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One of our boys remarked the other day, "that those that gave themselves to suffer for the cause of democracy sure have suffered. We wonder just what he meant by that.

Privates Finn and Fish of this company are keeping steady company with two very dear girls in Omaha, who answer by the names of "Herring and Trout." If they ever get hooked up. in a matrimon-

ial way, wont there be some variety of little fishes, later on in the game.

Private Hadden. otherwise known by the title of "Swift," is simply a glutton for work. It is almost impossible of late to keep him supplied with fatigue suits. No we don't know just what his duties are, but whatever they are its awfully hard on clothes.

Sergeant Farrell is having a time of it these days, trying to figure a way to get a detail of sixty men out of a possible forty. His expression of late, is one of disgust. Says he never did like figures anyway. But just the same he went to see Salome the other night and I think now he was just kidding us about nking figures, naughty, Bill." "naughty,

Well, Sergeani Gillin went and done it. He sneaked in on us about noon Monday, a perfectly brand new married man. He was heard to remark that, "this is a great world after all." That's a bit too deep for us, but anyway we wish him and the happy bride the best of luck in the world, etc.

Who is going to volunteer next. and make some girl happy? Speak up, boys.

I asked our cook, Harpham, the other day how he made the hash, and his answer was, "we don't make it, it just accumulates. This way out, please."

Cooks may come and cooks may go, but Shuck and Eckstein stay on forever. As builders of stew they have no equal.

Lieutenant Weimer is now in charge of the cinder path. You have our sincerest sympathy, lieutenant. There are several of the boys in

the post who persist in smoking when riding on the Fort Crook car, regardless of ladies being aboard. wonder if it is merely forgetfulness on their part, or the way they have been raised.

Cheer up, boys, they can't keep us in forever; besides rumor has it we will be out by October. "May-

Private Fleming is now at the telephone exchange. He says "number, please," so sweetly, that one would never dream that he once a moonshiner in the hills of old Kentucky.

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES

wishes to acknowledge its heavy obligations to the many persons of talent in Omaha who have made possible our excellent programs given gratis for the soldiers. An outstanding example of this was the recent program rendered by the excellent orchestra of Professor Henry Cox. The men were delighted and many thought the music rendered the best they ever heard, one man remarking that he had paid a dollar several times to hear concerts not nearly so good.

The concert to have been given Monday night by the Girls' Glee club of Council Bluffs, an organization of forty members, under the direction of Miss Middleton, of Omaka, had to be postponed for two weeks and will be given Mon-day night, March 3. The postponement was necessitated by the death of a near relatives of Miss Middle-

very pleasing entertainment was put on Monday night under the direction of Mrs. Thiem, who ar-ranged the program on twelve hours' notice, after we had re-ceived notice of the postponement of the visit of the Council Bluffs Glee Club. The program consisted of readings, instrumental and vocal music, violin solos and specialty dancing, all of which was much enjoyed by the men. The "Y" wishes here to acknowledge its great debt to Mrs. Thiem, who stands ready at any and all times to put forth every possible effort to entertain the men in the fort.

The movie on Tuesday night, entitled "Her Boy," proved to be one that was quite pleasing to the audi-

ence.
One of the most valuable talks delivered to the men in the post was the lecture by Dr. Palmer Findley, a lecture for men only. It is the purpose of the "Y" to have speakers like Dr. Findley, men who stand high in the scientific and professional world, talk to the men on subjects that give them the best scientific information in order that they may intelligently seek to live such lives as to attain the highest standards of manhood and efficien-

Thursday night at 8:30 a concert will be given by the forty-piece orchestra under the direction of Professor Frank Mach. This is sure to be a strong musical program and should be greeted by a large audience.

DINNER.

Mrs. Martin J. O'Brien, gave a dinner Wednesday evening at the Prettiest Mile club. It was a formal dinner dance and the guests in-

Colonel and Mrs. Wuest, Major and Mrs. Boettcher, Major and Mrs. Crockett, Major and Mrs. Crawford, Major and Mrs. Lindquist, Captain major and Mrs. Landquist, Captain and Mrs. White, Captain and Mrs. George Wooley, Captain and Mrs. Wedemeyer, Lieut. and Mrs. John J. Lancer, Lieut. Connolly, Mrs. Leo Stevens, Mrs. C. A. Young, George Clark, Mr. Clarance Canan, and Mr. George Wooley, sr.

"To Our Soldier Boys, Here and Everywhere"

Mrs. Elizabeth Mallory, who is so beloved by the soldier boys, and so well known through her War Community service, has written the following poem as a valentine to our

boys here and everywhere:

A year has passed, a blithsome,
busy year,
Filled with glad memories in which

Has doomed our waking thoughts, or tears our eyes,

Turned upward in our quest for fairer skies.

new day dawns; taps at each

waiting heart,
It smiles, entreats, implores, bids us depart From foolish shadows, that so often

dwell About mind's portals with a clanging knell.

It bids us guard our soldier boys now free

Who come to us a smiling o'er the

Lads with a heart and spirit so di-

Our dear ones they've protected, yours and mine,

Lads with a courage in their eyes so fine. Earth wakes and longs to be their

Elizabeth Allen Mallory. February 14,1919.

ON FLIGHT

Private Larkin was visited by his eousin, J. J. Larkin, of Sioux Falls,

Lieutenant and Mrs. Ralph Reyn olds are now living in the Post.
Lieutenant M. F. Houston and

Paul S. Johnson, chaplain, have been discharged.

Lieutenant Alfred W. Gross, in-fantry, has been assigned as assistant to officer in charge of instruc

Leave of absence has been grant ed Captain Judd A. Strong, M. C. and to Captain R. H. Harrell. Captain Harrell's wife is quite ill which necessitated his leaving for home.

Lieutenant Theodore Nelson has been assigned to the Forty-seventh

company.
Lieutenant C. R. Jacobson has gone to Camp Dodge to take examination for promotion in the regular army dental corps.

Victory Club Plans Party.

The Victory club is planning a very jolly party on Washington's birthday at the Y. W. C. A. The guests of the club will be the boys

Another interesting party at the Y. W. C. A. will be given by the Many Centers club, in honor of the soldier boys, on February 26.

Washington's Birthday.

A big Washington's birthday party at the Y. W. C. A. Saturday. February 22, 8 o'clock sharp, given by the girls of the Victory club. Everybody come, lois of fun and

vored the audience with vocal

selections in her pleasing mezzo

contralto, and though her voice is

somewhat limited in range, within

her attainable scope it is delight

fully sweet; resonant, clear and sus

tained as a cathedral bell. It was

a genuine pleasure to listen to her

Wept Beloved," "Te Souvient-il?"

Wept Beloved," "Te Souvient-il?"
"Pleading," and others. On one encore she sang "The Americans
Come," by Fay Foster, which was received with such acclaim when given by John McCormack on his secont appearance here and with

recent appearance here, and with but slightly less merit than his rendering. She is tender, yet warm in her expression, and her in-

terpretations were pleasing indeed

her enunciation was perfect, not a

single word missed. She was ac-companied creditably by Miss Grace

Slabaugh, save in the last number,

advantage to overcome in the first group of stringed instrument se-

The West Sisters had a great dis-

as she sang such numbers as,

FINE ARTS SECTION

By Merril E. L. Hooven

WOMAN'S CLUB MUSICAL | ficult German compositions.

CURRENT EVENTS

Mrs. Wuest has returned from Florida where she went to be with her father who has been quite ill

A great deal of credit should be given the W. D. T. club for its hospitality in entertaining the boys in khaki. This club was one of the first to entertain the soldiers, and a number of them have enjoyed the good times, pretty girls and, last but not least, the eats.

Wednesday evening the club gave a Washington's birthday party and banquet at Twenty-fifth and Brown streets. The music was furnished by a jazz band.

The Smiles club, which has been unceasing in its efforts to give the soldiers a good time, has decided soldiers a good time, has decided to reorganize, and is now known as the "Nautilus club," which name was taken from Oliver Wendell Holmes beautiful poem of that name. The club will be literary and social. The first party given under its new name will be a Washington, built december 19 ington's birthday party and dance at the Girls' Community hall for the soldiers of Fort Omaha, Fort Crook, and their friends.

Mrs. Charles Mallory will give an informal musicale Sunday after-noon, February 23, for Private John R. Lindaman, who is a violinist. Private Lindaman is attached to the medical corps.

A number of friends will be glad to know that Miss Grace Doolittle and Dr. David Isaacs were married last Tuesday evening at the home of the bride. The wedding was a very quiet one, only the intimate friends were present. They are friends were present. They are now on an extended wedding trip and will live in Omaha when they return.

K. C. NOTES

The Loyalty club gave a dance Wednesday evening at the K. C. hut, Fort Omaha.

The Joan of Arc club gave a dance at the Florence Field hut Wednesday.

evening there were Thursday moving pictures at the Fort Omaha hui, featuring Fatiy Arbuckle in "The Sheriff," which was greatly which was greatly enjoyed by the boys.

During the last two weeks Secretary Ryan has cared for eighty-five returned soldiers and sailors, in the way of meals and quarters.

Mrs. W. D. Burton, gave a tea Wednesday afternoon. A number of the ladies of the post were present, among which were: Mrs. Wuest, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Craw-ford, Mrs. Young, Mrs. White, Mrs. Wedemeyer, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Boettcher. On Tuesday evening each week.

the girls of the numerous clubs which have been formed for war service, meet in the Girls' Community hall where they have din-ner and an evening of fun. These parties are for the girls of the clubs. Each week one of the clubs serve the dinner to the others, and it is needless to say that the girls enjoy it immensely.

that the auditorium was much too small for the volume that was necessitated in the truthful rendering of the numbers selected, as that one was not able to obtain a very thought that, were those numbers given in a larger place, the result would have been all desired. In if one partially closes the eyes, their later numbers, with the string they can see a sunken roadway, instruments alone, they give charming interpretations that were brilliant; sparkling with life and indicative of the real character of the artists. "O Rain Song" was so realin interpretation that one needed but scant imagination to hear the rain beating in gusts against the window pane, and dripping from the eaves. That was one "Rain Song" we have heard that was not a combined cloudburst and electrical storm, which we acknowledge with grateful relief.

BURGESS-NASH TO GIVE SHOW FEBRUARY 27.

The Welfare association of the Burgess-Nash store is to give a combined minstrel and vaudeville show at the Brandeis theater Thursday night, February 27.

Fifty participants, about equally apportioned between the sexes, all employes of the Burgess-Nash employes of the Burgess-Nash store, are working industriously to complete their rehearsals under the direction of Mr. E. J. Berg, veloped great ability to follow dif- which was given by the entire group Display Manager of the store.

Wife of Captain Wise Is Very Talented Musician



Farrar School of Music and took a post-graduate course in New York upon the piano and pipe organ. She is much beloved by the men of her husband's company, and she frequently is persuaded to play for them.

Most of the embryo actors and the Metropolitan Opera House on tresses are practicing from 5:30 June 10th, 1918, which she organizactresses are practicing from 5:30 until 10 every evening, and are furnished their evening meal by the store, the management of which is boosting the affair in every possible manner.

This production will be of especial interest to the boys of Ft. Omaha, as many of them have friends who are taking active part. One of the many features will be a ten-piece orchestra.

Tickets will be on sale February 21; prices ranging from 25 to 75

MME. HUARD TO LECTURE.

Baroness Huard (who was Frances Wilson), will be heard at the Fontenelle Friday night, February 21, in a lecture on her life and experiences in war stricken France. Her thrilling narrations will be given before the Drama league.

CURIOUS ART WONDER.

Sometimes it happens that Na-ture is her own artist, as in the case of a remarkable natural landscape "painting" of Dame Nature by herself, in the hands of Mr. George Barker, who has it framed and hanging in his store at 10691/2 Farnam street. It is a metal flashing, blown from the roof of a house, that he picked up several years ago, and the corrosion on it from the weather has depicted a wonderful rural scene. At a distance of six or eight feet from it, with an arch of trees over it; high banks on either side of the road, and a tall poplar tree crowning the summit of the left bank. Visible under the archway of trees is the radiant glow of the setting sun, about one hour down from the horizon, and above the trees is the delicate reflection of the sun on the clouds. No master landscape painter could have achieved a better effect in composition, tone, harmony, or color value. In fact, it strongly resembles the work of early Italian and French artists.

FRANCES ALDA AT AUDITORIUM MARCH 7.

Be reason of her great and gener-ous service to the cause of liberty and humanity, the same of Fran-ces Alda, who will be heard at the Auditorium March 7th is a call to patriotic endeavor. An idea of the extent of her work in this cause may be had from the fact that during the season of 1917-1918, she appeared at thirty-seven benefits.

The most notable was the one at cal versatility.

ed and managed herself.

It was an event unique in musi-cal annals and will go down into history to the glory of the name of Frances Alda. Two notable achievements stand out. She succeeded in getting together on that occasion the world's five leading tenors, and in raising the astonishing sum of \$44,000, for the worthy cause of providing musical entertainment for the boys of Uncle Sam's Navy. As National chairman of the Music committee of the Woman's Naval Service, Inc., (Dept. of Recreation), she is directing a humanitarian work which means more than the

average citizen can well realize. But it needed not her war work to prove that she is thoroughly and up-to-dately American. Born in New Zealand under the British flag and English parents, she developed early in her career an affection for this country, destined to become the scene of her greatest triumphs. She will be assisted by Erin Baklard as accompanist and soloist. Miss Ballard is a pupil of Frank La

EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD BILL AT THE ORPHEUM.

The Orpheum is giving a bill of unusual interest this week; not a single act but can be highly commended. Of course, Annette Kellerman is the chief attraction, but she deserves to be, besides, it is her farewell appearance on the stage.

She is known to every one as the world famous swimmer and diver, who outclasses the fish in their own element, but comparatively few are acquainted with her stage existence. She is an adept in whatever she assumes, and whether it be fancy balancing stunts, or just a plain, every-day vaudeville. sketch, she gives it a grace and character all her own that makes

one glad they saw her.

The other acts are all very good. but as we can't mention them all, we'll call attention to the "Mystery" act, where a lady plays or sings any selection mentioned by anyone in the audience to her assisting Professor, who is down among the audience, completely away from her hearing. The question is, how, does she know what number from among the thousands of musical selections has been selected by the spectator? It would appear that she is under hypnosis and is influenced by mental telepathy, as that seems plausible. However, we are only guessing. If it is a fake, it is a good one, and at any event, the lady should be given credit for her must

Miss Paulson has received the greater part of her musical education in Germany, and has de-

matically, almost perfect.

IS APPRECIATED.

The fourth number of the con-

certs given by the musical depart-

ment of the Woman's club at the

Y. W. C. A. auditorium last Thurs-

day night was largely attended despite the unfavorable weather,

and the audience seemed well pleased with offerings of the West

Sisters, Mrs. Eldridge, and Miss

Corrine Paulson.

Perhaps the artist exhibiting the most highly developed technique

was Miss Paulson, whose strength

and accuracy were displayed to a

finished degree in Franz Liszt's "St. Francis Walking on the Wave."

It would appear, however, that Miss

Paulson had been almost too well

disciplined in the strict application

of treatment, allowing but small

latitude for interpretation, being a trifle inclined to coolness and

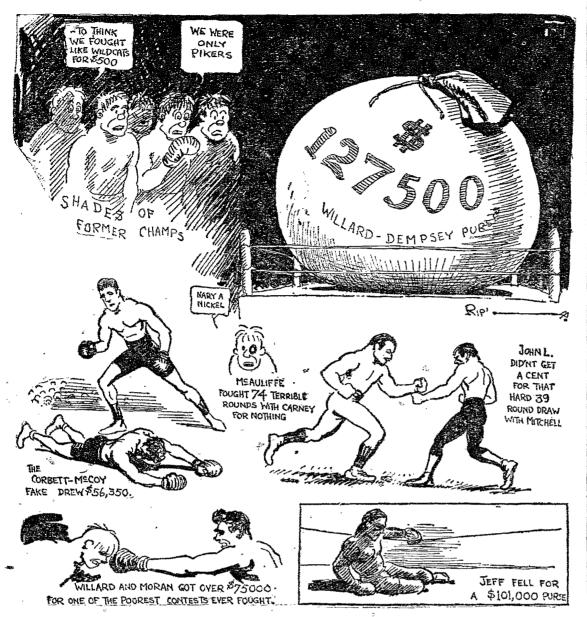
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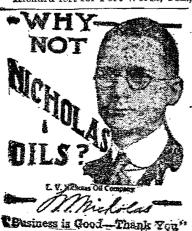
Site for Heavyweight Battle Still Uncertain-Many Places Bid.

Chicago, III.—Jess Willard, the heavyweight champion, has been officially advised that Jack Dempsey will be his opponent in the heavyweight championship battle to be stored from 1 Ter Bickers. to be staged July 4. Tex Rickard, promoter of the contest, so in-formed the champion at their conference here, although under the terms of their agreement Rickard had until March 25 to make his

selection.

"There really was no significance to our meeting," Rickard said. "I had planned coming to Chicago and then to go west on some personal business. Willard came here on some other business and decided to talk things over with me. There is no stipulation in our contract that I am to personally advise him who his opponent is to be I did that today

Rickard left for Fort Worth, Tex.



in connection with some oil busi-

Rickard said that his trip into the southwest had no connection in regard to a site for the heavyweight battle. He declared that he had received many bids, some of which were favorable beyond expectation, but that the site would not be picked until every consider-ation had been given all bids, which

probably will be several weeks.
Willard came to Chicago from
Kansas City, where he disposed of

states of the champion is now free to prepare for the contest.

"I expect to start light training within a couple of weeks," Willard said. "That may seem a little could but the court of t early, but I have not taken much strenuous exercise for so long that I plan to start easily."

CHRISTY MATHEWSON **BACK FROM OVERSEAS**

New York—Captain "Christy" Mathewson, former manager of the Cincinnati National league baseball club, returned on the transport Rotterdam, Mathewson was con-nected with the chemical warfare service of the army.

Mathewson expressed the belief

that not many of the big league players in the army in France will return in time to take part in the opening games of the season

baseball club.

NATIONAL BASEBALL PACT STILL IN FORCE

New York.—John Heydler, president of the National league, upheld the contention of President George W. Grant of the Boston Nationals that the Boston club should be granted permission to start training on March 19, instead of waiting un-til March 23, the official date selected for National league clubs to begin their training preparations. Heydler also notified the presi-

dents of the National league clubs that in view of a break between the National association and August Herrman, chairman of the National commission the National league con-siders the National agreement in force until further notice, and that all negotiations with minor league clubs must be made in accordance with its provisions.

DE ORO WRESTS CUE TITLE FROM CHAMP

Chicago, Ill.—Alfred De Oro, the Cuban cue expert from New York, wrested the three-cushion billiard championship from Augie Kieck-hefer of Chicago by winning the third block of their 150-point match. The total score was 150 to 148 in De Oro's favor.

Greb Beats Levinsky.

Mathewson did not disclose his Pittsburg defeated "Battling" Levin-plans for the future, but said that sky of New York in ten rounds here, he was not under contract with any all the way. Levinsky weighed 175, Greb, 164%.

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BILLY LUTT NO MATCH FOR VERN BREEDLOVE

Local Featherweight Champ Wins From Oklahoma Lad in Two Straight Falls.

Vernon Breedlove of Council Bluffs, world's champion featherweight wrestler, threw Billy Lutt of Tulsa, Okla., two straights falls at the Bluffs auditorium.

Lutt had an advantage of twelve pounds in weight, but was no match in speed for the local champ. Breedlove won the first fall in nineteen minutes and twenty seconds, and the second in three minutes and twenty seconds.

The match was refereed by Denny Ryan, Knights of Columbus athletic director at Fort Omaha.

It was a clean go from start to finish. For the first ten minutes Breedlove played safe-testing his opponent's skill and strength. Early in the game it looked bad for Breedlove when Lutt, with a halfnelson and a body scissors, had his shoulders within an inch of the

mat, but the local lad squirmed out of the hold and got on his feet.

From that time on Lutt was on the defensive. Breedlove won the first fall with a head scissors. When they grappled the second time Lutt was plainty recorded. time Lutt was plainly worried. He failed to recover his wind during the ten-minute intermission. Breedlove was cool and confident. Twice he secured a toe hold, but Lutt kicked loose. The third time he held on. Lutt turned white with pain and at the end of twenty-seconds both of his shoulders were flat on the mat.

DATES FOR BIG TENNIS TOURNEYS ARE NAMED

New York.—Dates for the four championship tournaments of the National Lawn Tennis association were announced here. The round of titular play will begin at the Philadelphia Cricket club, June 16, when a week will be devoted to the deciding of championships in the women's, girls', and mixed doubles

The men's clay court championships will be played at the South Side club of Chicago during the week beginning July 7 unless a change in this date is found to be desirable, when the entire season schedule is later arranged.

Play will begin in the men's grass court doubles at the Longwood Cricket club, August 11, and the singles title will be decided at the West Side club, Forest Hills, L. I., beginning August 25.

CHARLEY MURPHY BACK IN BASEBALL AGAIN

Chicago, Ill.—Charles W. Murphy, former owner of the Chicago National league club, and famous in baseball as the man who "ran a shoestring into a million," again is a stockholder in the club. Mr. Murphy against a characteristic of the club. phy admitted that he had just acquired some stock which he said did not carry with it the control of the club, and said that he bought it purely as an investment.

Murphy, under whose ownership the club won the league champion-ship four times—1916, 1917, 1918 and 1910—who made a fortune in the game, sold his holdings in 1913 to Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati. Mr. Taft sold out to Charles Weeghman of Chicago, and associates, who still control the club.

Milwaukee, Wis .- Richie Mitchell, lightweight, of Milwaukee, knocked out Johnny Schauer of St. Paul in the second session of a 10round, no-decision bout.

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the theater,
Military trousers may be worn for golf. Commissions,

Commissions, when properly framed and hung upon the wall, look like Harvard diplomas.

Spiral puttees can be cut up and nailed down for weather strips.
Silver eagles worn by a colonel
can pass on any woman's waist as a brooch.

Spurs can be used, after some practice, for cancelling checks and making hamburg steak.

An officer's whistle makes a neat gift for your favorite postman.

GIVE HIM CREDIT.

By Corporal Joe Frazier, There are heroes by the hundreds That you've read about no doubt. But there seems to be a hero They've forgotten all about.

We like to hear of anyone Receiving medals gold. But remember there's a hero That has stood up brave and bold

So, when passing out the honor, Don't think he is a fool. And give a little credit To "the good old army mule."

Right now a fellow who gets a furlough is considered unusually lucky. One chap in the 81st Balloon company managed to negotiate one of these favors very unexpect edly. A few had transpired to clean out his personal exchequer and in desperation he wired home, "Dad, have pass, send me \$25; I'm on the hog." Dad wired back:

hog." Dad wired back:
"Ride hog home—we're out of

SHOOT THE MOON.

Orderly Sergt .: Lights all out, Voice from the Hut: It's the

moon, Sgt.
Orderly Sergt. I don't give a damn what it is. Put it out.— Punch.

Some dudes In the army Are so sour That That Just After $\mathbf{Reveille}$ Even Their Dental cream

Curdles!

The Hardest Job of His Life. One afternoon in the trenches an Irish soldier discovered that an Englishman on his right was wear-

"How did you manage to get hold of them?" he asked enviously. The Englishman smiled. "I stole out of the trenches last night," he answered, in a whisper, "and I took the boots off a German I killed." The Irishman became thoughtful

and that night he disappeared. Early next morning he staggered back into the trench carrying a pair of boots. Making for his friend he whispered bitterly to him: "I've had the hardest job of me life. Had to kill fifty Germans before I found

WELL, WHY NOT?

a pair of boots to fit me,"

"How would you drain a radiator on a ship?" said the instructor in a motor installation class at the Air Service Mechanics' school to a

callow youth.

The kid looked at the ceiling (deep thought stuff), and mean-while the instructor anticipated the usual reply about taking out plugs at the bottom of the radiator.

"Er-fake off the radiator cap and loop the loop!" was what he got from the rookie.

The class is now one short. Kelly Field Eagle.

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TWO IN ONE.

"Some chowhound," said one fellow to another down at the Air Service Mechanics' school. "You eat two men's chow at every meal."
"Well, what about it," said the unabashed "hound." "I ought to

have two men's meals. They naturalized me at Camp Cody and again at Kelly Field, so I guess I'm two Americans."— Kelly Field Eagle.

SOME OPTIMISTS!
Talking of optimists," said Fursiston; "have you heard the story
about Woolby?"
"The following for the story biston:

"No," said his friends.
"Well, the folk in the town where he lives are getting up a raffle in aid of charity. There are ten thou-sand tickets at a quarter each, and the prize is a motor car. Woolby took one ticket. Now he's busy erecting a garage."
"Not bad!" said Johnson. "It re-

minds me of Joe Kelly. Ever heard

of him?"
"No," said the others.

"Well, Joe was poor, but he often used to go to a fashionable restaurant without a cent in his pocket and order oysters. He calculated upon paying for his supper with the pearls he hoped to find in the oysters."

THE K. P. RAG.

When I bent my back o'er that kitchen sink, Oh, Lord, how the fish pans and

the beaupots did stink, But when I was through washing

and put them away, I shrugged my shoulders and felt

so gay That I whistled a tune and started

to brag, And the tune I whistled was the K.

When I'm indistered out at the end of the war, Oh, Lord, I will pray for them to

pass a new law,
That will make it a crime to take
a dish-rag in the hand;

I'll read that law to all the ladies

of our land,
And Pll whistle this tune and try

not to brag, Of the time when I wrestled with the K. P. Rag.

Rag and a pan, pan and a rag, Grease in the pan, and grease on

the rag, To the flap, flap, flap of that sweet K. P. Rag, Gimme the soap, and gimme lots of

And let me scrub 'em till I hope

to die-Rag and a pan, pan and a rag, Grease in the pan, grease in the rag.

AN IMPORTANT POINT.

The wife of a professional man and advertised for a girl to do the housework, and was showing an ap-plicant over the house.

She had been very liberal in her promises of privileges, and it looked as though the two were to come to an agreement, when the girl suddenly asked: "Do you do your own stretchin'?"

"Do we do our own what?" asked the puzzled mistress.

"Stretchin'," repeated the girl solemnly. "Do you put all the food on the table at dinner and stretch for it, or do I have to shuffle it

Sympathy is a great institution. It makes you feel so good when you remark to a fellow that you have a bad tooth and he answers that HE always goes to a dentist twice a year whether he needs it or not, and HE hasn't had a thing the matter with HIS teeth for years. Sympa-

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WHY HE DIDN'T SALUTE THE PASSING OFFICER

A private in one of the canton-ments was severely rebuked by a lieutenant one day for lack of discipline. The next day the private passed the same lieutenant without saluting.

here," commanded the lieutenant. "Why didn't you salute me when you passed?"

"I thought you were angry with me from yesterday," replied the abashed soldier.

HIS QUANDARY.
A private in one of the army camps was asked if he would like to be promoted.

"It all depends on what you mean by promotion," he replied. "I don't know enough to be a sergeant, but I know too much to be a second lieutenant.'

Every Now and then You find one Who would -Never Be recognized As a soldier But for

Caduceus.

THE WEAKER SEX.

The weaker sex Is that portion Of the human race Who goes down town In zero weather . In a half masted lace waist And pumps To buy a muffler And woolen socks For her husband So he can go to work.

SIMPLE ENOUGH.

Upon being discharged from the hospital after an illness of several weeks with "jaundice," which made him valler all over, "Rookie" meandered into the A. L. A. and held communion with Webster as to what was the cause of his gastronomic downfall. Finding that gastroduodenitis was some times the cause of this oriental disease he turned to the page and found that it was inflammation of the duodenum. Duodenum was found to be a part of the jejunum and inasmuch as the jejunum is found be tween the duodenum and ileum and the ileum is the part between the jejunum and stomach, it wasn't long ere "Rookie" located the trouble and cause of his bedliness With all due credit to Noah.—Kelly

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"That's what I call a good soup," remarked the lieutenant, putting

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"Thank you sir," replied the mess sergeant, "but we have been serving it as coffee."

COMPANY CLERKS.

By Corporal Joe Frazier. Some of the foolish questions a company clerk has to answer: Say clerk:

What's chances of getting a dis-

charge? Will it do any good to put in my affidavits?

How many men on furlough now? Has my promotion gone through? 🐒 heard that etc., etc., (is that

Got any dope on when we will get out? Is that right about this going to

be an infantry camp? How's chances on a 2:00 a. m. pass tonight?

How about it, company clerks, do you agree with me?

THERE HE IS AGAIN.

Charlie Cobb was standing in front of Y. M. C. A. No. 151 when he was accosted by a newly arrived recruit who looked to be from Kan-

"Say, buddy, do you know where a feller can write a letter around here?" asked the rookie. "Right in there," answered Cobb,

pointing to a door in the Y. M. C. A. "But that sign says it's for en-

listed men."
"Well," said Cobb, looking in vain for the leather puties, etc., that

designate an officer.
"An' I was drafted," explained
the puzzled one.—Kelly Field Eagle. Dario Resta has signed Neil

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GRATITUDE AIN'T.

Edmund Bechtold has entirely lost his faith in human nature. He says there is no such thing as gratitude. Maybe he's right. You can judge for yourself.

Bechtold had a couple of tickets to the Majestic last Friday night and owing to the fickleness of fem-inity, had use for only one. So he gave the other one to a lonesome looking soldier who was standing in the lobby of the theater. A fellow likes to have company, you know, when he sees a show.
But when "Eech" got to his seaf.

he found that he had civilians on both sides of him. Upon investigation he found that the lonescme-looking soldier had sold his ticket

for forty cents.

And it had cost Bechtold eightyefive!—Kelly Field Eagle.

What Would Fanny Say?

A sergeant appeared before the board examining candidates for commissions direct. After the customary questions to test his mental equilibrium and memory or primary, geography had been asked, the chief questioner asked the would-be officer why he wanted a commis-

His reply came promptly: "Sir, I believe that I could be of greater service to my country as a commis-sioned officer." The reply was stereotyped and did not meet with

the approval of the board.

The sergeant made a second and third attempt to answer the question, but each reply was frowned upon. Finally he felt he'd have to tell the truth. "Sir," he started impetuously. "I've just got to get a commission. I had my picture taken in a second lieutenant's uniform and sent it to all the folks back home. Now I've got to live up to my picture."

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PIGEON'S DAY OF REST

By Frank D. Bianco

It was Sunday in camp and the themselves as in the days of boy-day of rest. So thought Pigeon, hood back home. He decided he would spend a quiet day from the trials and tribulations of a hard-worked corporal. And then again the gruelling test he had undergone during the storm had not worn off. His comrades, however, did not think so, and plots were being hatched for his benefit.

He stepped out of his tent, it was still early morning, and stretching his arms yawned at the rising sun just peeping from behind a grove of trees in the distance. His tent faced the east and he stood and admired the golden globe as it slowly topped the trees. Men were carretopped the trees. Men were carry ing water and washing and scrub-bing was the order of the day. It was their only opportunity, and besides they must be out of the way by 9 o'clock ready for inspection.

He turned to enter his tent again, when a mob of yelling coyotes phirled around his tent and seized him in their grasp. For a moment he was dazed and didn't realize what had happened but when he had recovered from the shock, he knew the boys had him. In a jiffy they had tumbled him into an army blanket and carried him into the company street in full view of the entire company.

"This is your initiation, Pigeon!" shouled the boys in unison.
"Ah—ah reckon hit am," stuttered Pigeon, "but ah—ah, don't zackly care foh hit."

Up and down he was tossed, first one way then another, and finally he was let down, thoroughly ex-hausted, from his bouncing initiation. He retreated to his tent and fell upon his cot dead to the world, while all about the shouts of laughter rang upon his ears. That was enough for Pigeon. He rose, tired as he was and left the camp. This was his day of rest and he was going to have rest if he had to leave camp. He started out across country, the bright sun throwing its cheerful rays all about and in-Titing him to move on and on.

Suddenly he came to a wide stream whose cool waters sparkled in the sun and he sat down on its bank to give his tired legs a respite from the long cross country journey. He sat gazing into the water and suddenly a silvery fish flashed up to the top of the stream, and then darted back again to the deep hole from which it had come He looked and another followed, then another, the whole stream was full of them. One long mass of shimmering bodies flashed before

He cast a glance behind him and spied some long supple willows. He cut a nice long one for a pole. Rummaging through his pockets he found a stout piece of twine for his line and a small safety pin from his black tie served as his A short distance away were bushes with bright red bersome He gathered these to use for

The line flashed into the water and the current, catching the hook and herry, swung it down the A streak of light flashed by at the same time and the berry disappeared down a rapacious The line drew taut and nearly jerked the pole from Pighappened. He pulled back and a bright sunny crappy sailed over his head onto the green bank.

A grin spread over Pigeon's face. This was like the old fishing hole back home. He left the fish lying in the cool grass and cast his line again. For half an hour he fished and one by one they sailed over his bead onto the green bank behind At last he counted them, six beauties. He stopped now and used his line to string his catch. He then hunted a cool hole in the stream, sheltered by rocks, where he deposited his catch and started

back to camp. Arrived at camp he hunted his Biree bunkies and together they Marted out again. His bunkies plied him with questions as to their desmation. But then he just whetted eir appetites with hints.

"Yo all am gwine to eat the best They bribed the cook for some

they would once again enjoy and made for it, but it always

They had just gotten out of camp when a yell behind them caused them to look around. The crowd that had caught Pigeon in the morning were after him again. He broke into a run with his bunkies behind him and the race was on. They had a half mile lead on the bunch, and telling his bunkies to stick close to him he cut across a corn field and reaching a barn they all climbed into the hay left.

Peering out of the loft door he aw the bunch come up to the corn field and a blank look spread over their faces and angry cries of disappointment floated up to them. Some started up the road, others down the road to look for him and his bunkies. In a few minutes he saw them all coming back, a dejected bunch and outwitted they went back to camp.

When Pigeon saw them retreat o camp he and his bunkies climbed down from the loft and proceeded to their rendezvous. When they arrived Pigeon went to his cooler and brought out his catch of crappies. The boys' eyes opened in wonder at their beauty. He gave them to one of the boys to clean and scrape. Another he directed to build a fire and the third he ordered to be cook. Each had their mess kits and as quick as one fish cleaned he was placed on the fire and soon the savory sizzling could be heard over the fire.

Well seasoned and spread over a thick slice of bread and butter the crappies soon disappeared. The whole six of them were devoured. And when none were left the boys started to fish again. Not to eat them, but for the pure sport of fish-As they caught them they threw them back into the water and caught them again and again.

Thus the afternoon was nearly half gone and the sun was hot as it was in the middle of June and high in the sky as yet, so each sought a shady spot for a nap. Sleep is the tonic of every soldier which he desires above all things Thoroughly fatigued from the after-noon's fun the boys slept soundly and forgot all time.

When they awoke the sun had dropped below the horizon in the west and it was late. Pigeon sprang up and woke his bunkies. They all rubbed their eyes sleepily and wondered what was wrong.

"Does yo all know hit am past re-

"What's that!" they all cried.

"Yes sah, hits past retreat and we sho will get put in the guard

The boys had slept long past rereat and were absent without leave. They had broken the rules of camp and would be court-martialed if caught. Pigeon scratched. his head furiously when thinking

"Our only chanct is to wait until dark and then rush the guards. If they don't see us we'll be all right, but if they get us, oh Lawdy, yo knows the rest."

They started back to camp and by the time they arrived at the grove of trees it was quite dark, but unfortunately a full moon was has given me as much pleasure, as up and as Pigeon peeked across and camp he could see the sentinel pacing in the open in the bright moonlight. He could see the opening of his own tent with its waiting refuge and wished again and again he were safely within its folds Such a splendid day and now it was to be spoiled by this unfortunate incident. He scratched his head again furiously. How to get that sentinel away for just two minutes.

"Yo all wait here fo' me, and don't dare make no noise neither." He was gone about ten minutes and came back leading a large dog with a piece of rope. He had seen the dog on his way back to camp and the dog had been friendly and followed them a little ways. No doubt it belonged to some farmer nearby. To the dog's collar he fastened two sticks that protruded about four inches in front of his mouth. To this he fastened a piece of the bread spread with butter, which they had left from their Specifically and pepper and a loaf feast, and then pointing the dog By order of Colonel Tillman:
W. A. GANOE,
The cares of army life directly at the sentinel let go. The
W. A. GANOE,
Infantry.

stayed just in front of him. He would snap at it and miss. Then he moved forward as though to catch it and before he realized he was running directly for the sentinel snapping and barking at the piece of bread. The sentinel saw him coming and turned to drive him back. Barking and yelping, the sentinel waving his rifle at the dog, he chased it, his back to the Pigeon and his bunkies slipped into the open door of their tent and fell upon their cots with a great sigh of relief. Far off in the woods they still heard the faint barking of the dog and just then the shadow of the sentinel passed their door, cursing softly at the

Next Week: Another Adventure

Returning Flight Meeting Obstacles

Major Albert D. Smith, in charge of the army transcontinental flyers, who made the trip east from San Diego recently, has experienced rough weather all the way west on his return trip. So far, in accidents due to the soft fields and high winds, he has lost three of the ships which left Washington, February 4. He himself is going on alone to California in the remaining ship.
The four ships arrived at Colum-

bia, S. C., in good shape on February 6, in 5 hours and 40 minutes, from Langley field, proceeding thence to Emerson field and Camp Gordon, Atlanta. On the flight from there to West Point, Miss. one plane hit a tree while taking off in the mud at Vernon, Ala., and was left behind; its pilot

was sent benind; its pilot and passenger going on west by train.
The three remaining ships left Payne field, West Point, Miss., on February 10 for Love field, Dallas, Tex., and made that distance, roughly 450 miles, in 7 hours and 28 minutes. 30 minutes. From Dallas the fliers on February 11, flew to El Paso, Tex., 570 miles, in 9 hours and 45 minutes against a strong head wind with one stop for gas at Big Spring. They were to leave El Paso at daybreak on February 12 but a strong windstorm of 65-mile velocity, struck El Paso at 4:00 o'clock in the morning, and badly damaged two of the three remain ing planes, necessitating their ship-ment to Rockwell field, San Diego Calif., by train. Major Smith wired last night that he expected to leave at the first opportunity for San Diego and complete the trip alone, but that the wind velocity was still 45 miles per hour, and directly against him.

Headquarters United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., Jan. 30, 1919.—General orders Jan. 39, 1919.—General orders No. 7. The following excerpt from a let

ter of the commander-in-chief of the American expeditionary forces written January 11, 1919, in reply to a cablegram from the superintendent, United States Military academy, congratulating the army of the United States on the win ning of a hard-fought battle on the western front, is published for the information of all the academy:

I want to say one thing, that is that no message that I have received from any source whatever much gratification, as much satisas the one from you, in which you speak of my being a representative of our dear military academy.

"What the academy stands for has always been my guide throughout my military career, and to have approached the high ideals of duty, honor and service to the country that are the real spirit of West Point, has to me a meaning that nothing else has. The longer I live, and the further I have gone on in the service, the more I reverence the things that inspire the heart and soul of young men at West Point.

"I can only add that West Point has again, in this war, demonstrated its usefulness and justified itself a hundred times over in fur-nishing to this great American army in Europe the splendid men who have served here in the old West Point spirit.

"Believe me, always, yours sincerely, JOHN J. PERSHING."

Adjutant;

Morale By Wayne Moore

It won the war. Keeping it up on it doesn't pay to "think." this side was probably harder than These organizations h "over there," because keeping it up of the fact that a certain restless-ness existed among the men, due to the prevalent knowledge among these men that, as soon as Germany surrendered unconditionally or agreed to the conditions of the armistice, their chances for witnessing the big pyrotechnical display on Flanders field would go glimmering.

The first form of amusement given the Fort Omaha men was baseball, and this enjoyed, of course, the usual attention given our national sport. The teams were organized by each company, but no post team was started, this fact probably being the cause of the lack of popularity and attendance. However, many good inter-company games and games between com-panies and amateur city teams were held and enjoyed by the men.

Next came football and with it better organization of play. was nothing lacking when it came to real football material, and before the season started the Fort Omaha boys could see a championship team in their midst, and morale ran the Fort Came Omaha against Cornhusker game. team was there and over in spite of the fact that Nebraska always has the best team in this part of the country. Nevertheless, in every good game there are dark moments for one of the teams, and this was a good game from the

During these moments when looks dark for the team, the rooting section usually comes into its own. But the Fort Omaha rooters had not been given the proper amount of training, and, the famous Cornhusker quently. cheer leaders led their team to a crashing victory. Fort Omaha's -going down! morale-

They wanted to see their most deserving team win, and to that end the boys set to work. Never again could the grid stars say that they had no supporting morale boosters in the grandstand. The yells were renovated and new ones written Mass meetings were held in the K. C. hut, to learn the new yells, but the boys found that the hall was far too small to hold the noise. Yes, they broke the windows out at the first meeting. After that, as long as the weather permitted, the meet ings were held on the bleachers on the parade ground, and the next game found the rooting section the talk of the town. Morale 100 per cent. Due to some injured players and other such stumbling blocks the team could not "hold 'em" a sufficient degree. Then, again, Old Lady Fate and Jupiter Pluvius got together and worked against the Fort Omaha scrappers. The field was a sea of mud, and rain fell during most of the game. But the big thing to do was to prevent the spirit from lagging at this time, and to that goal the boys set out. Each and every time the rooters "went to bat" they made a "home run," but the team could not seem to hit those stone walls for sufficient gains. Morale about 50 per cent at the close of the season.

But along came the armistice and spoiled all the good work. How-ever, one couldn't wish the war class athletics. After the armistics was signed, the problem of keeping the morale up to standard became a hundred-fold more complicated. A basketball tournament was inaugurated, but the discharging of the men destroyed the teams as fast as they were organized, and finally but two teams remained of the original

All soldiers know perfectly well just how much those fraternal organizations headed by the Y. M. C. A., the K. C. and Salvation Army have done to keep the men from becoming home-sick; and no amount of literary ability could fully describe the moral effect those organizations have had upon the fighters. When a man, away from home, either at the camps or at the front has a spare hour or two, dur-ing which time he does not care to sleep and does not feel in the mood to write to "Dere Mabel" or go jazzin' around, that's the time when he should be furnished with some sort of amusement at the "Y" or the "K. C.," in order that he shall not have time to get to thinking 'cause

These organizations have acted s the link between the men and the home, and will act in that capacity as long as there are camps (and men in these camps). The originator of this plan of morals upkeep is deserving of one of the congressional awards, and will foreves own a spot in the heart of every

American soldier.
Of course, we of the silver "See America First" stripes know practically nothing of the problem of keeping up the morale of our doughboys "over there," but we are of the opinion that it would be a much easier proposition than that of the same work on this side. Easier because of the natural excitement resulting from being so suddenly transplanted into the environment of romantic old France during her most dangerous period, when her very existence was threatened; and too, simply to know and realize that they were the party of the first part in the greatest adventure ever presented to mankind.

Yes, we missed the supreme op-portunity of all time, but we were ready and rarin' to go; and if this bolshevism isn't put on the shelf pretty soon, we may get another chance and we're here to tell the world that morale wins wars, and one of the best things the American soldier does is to keep his own morale. There's no "kamerad" stuff with him and though we admit that It may be hard to make them fight, unless they're sure they're in the right; but when they saw poor France's plight (altho' she seemed too darned polite) they went to work with all their might. It seemed but scarcely over night. they were ready with a smite that made the allied cause look bright. They gripped their guns and held em tight, they laid their eyes down to the sight—they way they sniped 'em was a a fright—and swung those bayonets aright. Allied morale soared like a kite. Und France began to see the light. They put Boche armies all in flight. Oh, boy! Those Devil Dogs did bite; they hardly even stopped to write, but they made each cursed kaiserite see a long, sweet vision of red all right (and also a lot of Blue and White) rid Belgium and France of the Hunnish blight, and hadn't even started, quite—when Germany said "Goodbye, good-nite!"

AT THE THEATERS NEXT WEEK

Orpheum, Week of February 23

—Hobart Bosworth in "The
Sea Wolf," by Jack London;
Lester Crawford and Helen Broderick; Grace Nelson, the American-made prima donna: "Four Buttercups," a novelty surprise; Ethel Davis and Freddie Rich in songs a la carte; Harry and Grace Ellsworth, song and dance; Archie and Gertie Falls in "A Few Hard Knocks;" kinograms, Orpheum Travel Weekly.

Sun, 23d to 25th—Mary Miles Minter in "The Amazing Im-postor;" 26th to 1st, William Farnum in "The Man Hunter.'

Rialto, 23d to 27th—Marguerite Clark in "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch;" 28th to 1st, Alice Brady in "The Hollow of Her Hand."

Strand, 23d to 26th—Paline Frederick in "Paid in Full;" 27th to 1st, John Barrymore in "Here Comes the Bride."

in "Here comes in ____ Empress, 20th to 22d—"No Man's Land," featuring Jack " "Journant in Canadian air forces, and Clarence Lydston; Ross and Le Due: Corrine Griffith in "The Girl Question;" 23d and 26th, "Corn Question;" 23d and 26th, "Corn Cob Cutups;" Cahill and Romaine; Bert Lytell in "Faith;" 27th to 1st, "The Rising Generation," teaturing ten juveniles; Harry and Etta Conley, "At the Old Cross Roads;" Bessie Love in "The Wishing Ping Man." Wishing Ring Man."

Gayety, Week of February 23— Watson and Cohan in "The Girls De Looks."

Muse, 23d to 25th—Louis Bennison in "Sandy U-Bar-U; 26th and 27th, Gladys Brockwell in "The Call of the Sour;" 29th and 1st, 'Tom Mix in "Hell Roar and Reform."