

### TRACES KIN IN ARMY

#### Red Cross Will Keep Relatives Informed.

#### Bureau Will Get Information Regarding Men Wounded, Killed or Missing.

Washington.—The American Red Cross, through its bureau of communication, issued a request to the relatives of soldiers who are in the American expeditionary force, in which it asks these relatives to make inquiries regarding their kin who are in the army through the Red Cross bureau of communication in Washington instead of, as is the case in numerous instances, of communicating with agencies or individuals in Europe. The request was issued in the name of Harry D. Gibson, the American Red Cross commissioner in France.

Mr. Gibson points out the fact that in a majority of cases such inquiries are merely turned over by the individual or agency to the Red Cross, which has charge of such communication with soldiers' relatives, and which has developed special facilities for obtaining information about those reported killed, wounded, or missing, and those from whom letters have not been received. Congestion of cables and a loss of time and energy are also occasioned by making the request other than through the Red Cross. It has been known that as many as four separate requests have been received about the same men by different institutions.

Edward M. Day, acting director of the bureau of communication, said: "The function of this bureau is to give relatives all possible information which will lessen anxiety. Every inquiry is handled with full realization that a prompt and full reply is of serious moment to the happiness, peace of mind, and not infrequently to the health of the relatives. By writing to the bureau, relatives frequently will get immediately information at hand and may be sure that search is started abroad as quickly as the case warrants."

### MADE \$35,000, CAN'T PAY TAX

#### Soldier Told to Save Pay for Income Assessments, Says "I Blew It All."

Washington.—Difficulties of soldiers who formerly were successful business men, in paying last year's income tax on this year's pay, are illustrated by a story brought to Washington by an officer serving at one of the southern cantonments.

Last February, the officer said, he explained to the men of his command that all married men would have to pay a tax on all their last year's earnings over \$2,000, while all unmarried men would have to pay on all income over \$1,000.

Coming to him later one of the men, a private, said: "I guess I won't be able to pay that income tax. I haven't any money." "Oh, that's all right," replied the officer, "you have until June to pay it and you can save it out of your pay by that time." "I'm afraid I couldn't," responded the private, "I made \$35,000 last year and I blew it all in when I was called into the army."

### RABBITS A PEST NO LONGER

#### Australia Finds the One-Time Curse Now a Profitable Source of Revenue.

Washington.—Rabbits, which were once the curse of Australia, as they have been to a lesser extent in the southwestern United States, now are providing a profitable source of revenue and at the same time helping to win the war by increasing the food supply.

Official dispatches received here say the British board of trade has ordered 600,000 crates of skinned rabbits, which will require the killing of 21,600,000 rabbits, weighing 38,000,000 pounds after dressing. Previously the rabbits were shipped with the skins on, but inconvenience was experienced at hospitals in England in removing the fur.

How to dispose of the skins is causing the Australian speculation. There is a ready market for them in this country, but tonnage is scarce.

### WALKS 145 MILES TO ENLIST

Tulsa, Okla.—Chester Bunch, twenty, of Tonkawa, walked from his home to Tulsa, a distance of 145 miles, in order to enlist in the army, but was rejected because of a slight physical defect. The defect can be remedied by a slight operation.

Bunch has a desire to become an aviator. He has gone to work in order to earn enough money to pay for the operation.

### DRAFTEE GETS TIRED WAITING; JOINS POLES

Tarentum, Pa.—When the members of the draft board searched for Alexander Cymon, who failed to show up for entrainment for Camp Lee, they discovered that he had got tired of waiting for the call to service and had joined a Polish regiment and is now believed to be on the western front.

### SIAMESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

The Siamese have an instrument which they call the rannat, a species of harmonicon, with 17 different wooden keys, united by cords and resting upon a stand, each strip of wood giving a different note. The instrument is played with two wooden hammers.

### NO DOUBTING HIS MEANING

#### Corporal's Words Must Have Contained Full Information Even to the Most Unintelligent.

This week's story from the front: A certain company sergeant major was not popular with his men. They accused him of having cold feet.

One day the company went into a rest camp 20 miles behind the firing line, where it was an impossibility any shells could reach them. The ground, however, was very waterlogged, and a fatigue party was detailed to dig a drainage trench.

Presently a sergeant happened to pass that way.

"What are you digging there?" he shouted to the corporal in charge of the job.

A grimy face, from which the sweat was pouring, popped up from the trench. It belonged to one of the sergeant major's most persistent and relentless adversaries.

"Digging a communication trench from the sergeants' mess to the sergeant major's dugout," he shouted, in a voice well within hearing of the mess tent, at the entrance to which the N. C. O.'s question was standing.—Parson's Weekly.

### POSTAL SYSTEM IN DISARRAY

#### German Government at Its Wits' End to Stop Thievery From the Goods in Transit.

Extraordinary steps have been taken by the German government to call a halt to the thievery within the postal system. It was claimed that out of ten parcels sent three would disappear. Packages to soldiers at the front containing food, delicacies and clothing would disappear more frequently than any other shipments. All appeals to the patriotic spirit of the thieves were of no avail. The percentage of thefts increased steadily. Finally the government was compelled to take drastic and systematic measures. The military branch was called in and stations of control manned by non-commissioned officers and soldiers were planted at principal railroad points in the empire. The employment of mere youths is blamed for the deterioration of the postal service. Practically all the employees of military age had to join the army and their places were filled by boys and girls. Besides, the scarcity of food tempts many to steal.

### Remember.

When the war is over, no excuse will be.

Either you were in it or you were not.

Either you shouldered your gun, served in the trenches, or the Young Men's Christian association, the Red Cross or in some place where the door was opened, or else you did nothing.

If you could not serve, you could send your boys with a Godspeed as they marched out to the front, to hold them back stamped them as slackers.

Either you strained your resources to buy Liberty bonds or you forgot your obligation to those who fought and died for your flag.

Disqualification for active service is no justification for forgetting the boys behind the guns who sacrificed all thought of gain, and were willing to sacrifice their lives at their country's call.—Leslie's.

### "Orion" Type of Stars.

The youngest stars of which we have knowledge are the "Orion" type of stars. The constellation of Orion is composed mainly of them, as well as parts of Taurus, the Pleiades, and parts of Perseus. In color, they are much like the Sirius type, bluish white, and brilliant, but a spectroscope at once detects the difference between them. Stars like Sirius and Vega are surrounded by hydrogen gas, but the Orion stars have no hydrogen, and are made of helium and nebula. They often have great volumes of fine nebula dust about them, showing that they are still in the process of condensing out of the primitive star matter.

### Drop in Irish Birthrate.

The Irish registrar general's return for the first quarter of this year shows a drop in the Irish birth rate of 3.6 below the average for the previous ten years. The marriage rate is practically stationary. The death rate is 3.3 below the average.

The general prosperity of Ireland is reflected by the fact that the returns on Irish pauperism show a decrease of 3,122 in the average number of workhouse inmates.

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## Don't Always Blame the Telephone Operator When You Are Called By Mistake

Were you ever called to the telephone when another number was wanted? When this occurs, the operator, to be sure, may have humanly erred by ringing on the wrong line. More often, however, it is the fault of the person making the call. People often ask for 456, for example, when 546 is wanted and then either "hang up" when the mistake is realized or become impatient when the wrong person answers. Unfamiliarity with the work of telephone operating often prompts unjust criticism. Please don't forget the earnestness of the operator's effort when some occasional service difficulty does arise.

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## SOLDIERS OR WHEAT?

French Poster demands food economy to save ship-rooms

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Cela suffirait pour augmenter d'une Division par mois l'arrivée des renforts américains. (This will suffice to add a division to the arrival of American reinforcements each month.)  
En économisant sur votre nourriture vous économiserez des mois de tranchées à nos poils. (By saving your food you will shorten the time our soldiers must spend in the trenches.)

LOUCHEUR

OU L'UN, OU L'AUTRE. (ONE OR THE OTHER.)  
Français, choisissez!... (People of France which shall it be!)

### You Do Say, Mr. Fisherman!

J. W. Partridge, federal fisheries commissioner, is trying to encourage housewives to buy sea fish.

He was discussing the virtues of the sea fish the other day.

"Do you believe, Mr. Partridge," asked a bystander, "that the sea trout is as good a pan fish as the lake or stream trout?"

"Well, I wouldn't say for sure," says J. W. P., "that's all a matter of taste."—Indianapolis News.

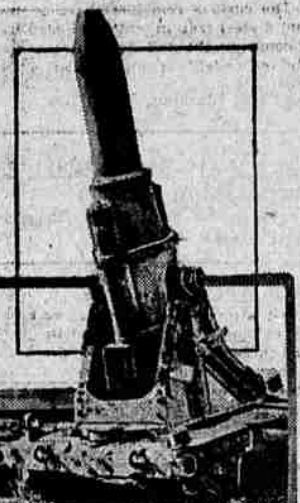
### Ask the Thief.

The lawyer was trying hard for his client, and was setting the points out in a logical manner. There was one thing he was not quite clear about and he accordingly said: "Now, sir, you state my client knocked you down and then disappeared in the darkness. What time of night was this?" "I can't say exactly," the complainant answered dryly. "Your client had my watch."

### Ability of the Aged.

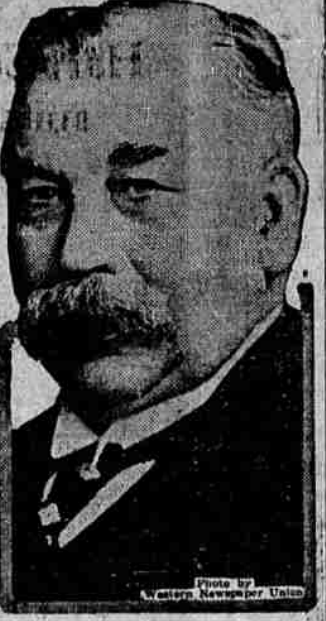
It has often been said that a man cannot learn a new trade after he is forty, but this statement has frequently been disproved. Peter S. Du Pont was eighty when he wrote his valuable treatise on the Cochiti-Chinese language, and had only then recently taken to the study; and the late John Bigelow was still an author turning out a book when he passed his ninety-fifth birthday.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

### CAPTURED "MINNIE" IN U. S.



This big mine thrower, or mine-thrower, as the German call it, was captured from the Huns and is a part of the great war exposition which the United States has been giving in various parts of the country and which will open in Chicago on September 2. The "Minnie," as the British have named the weapon, is shown in position with a big shell set in the muzzle ready to be thrown into the enemy trenches.

### JOHN HODGE



Rt. Hon. John Hodge, M. P., who has distinguished himself in labor questions, has been appointed England's new minister of pensions.

### Going Ahead Too Fast.

The young detective was enthusiastic but inexperienced. Rushing into his chief's office in great excitement he cried: "I've found the assassin! I've got him cornered so that he can't escape!" The chief regarded him with withering scorn. "Allow me," he said, "to draw your attention to the fact that at present we are looking not for the assassin, but for clues."—Judge.

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### SCRAPS

A submarine torpedo is a metal cylinder loaded with a high explosive and equipped with a detonating apparatus. Sometimes it is equipped with a propelling and steering mechanism, automatically operated.

The origin of the expression, "in union there is strength" is not known, but the sentiment in various forms has been current a very long time. A Latin author of ancient times said: "By union the smallest states thrive, by discord the greatest are destroyed." The American author of "The Flag of Our Union" said: "United we stand; divided we fall."

### What Saves Us.

The thing that saves us in this life is an occasional opportunity to smile at its follies.—Balthore Bun.

The Observer furnishes and prints Butter Wrappers.

### CLOTHING REGULATION

Footwear is to be regulated by the government. Chairman of the War Industries Board, in addressing himself to the National Dry Goods association, after referring to the agreement between the board and the shoe manufacturers, said: "After that will have to come the regulation and distribution of most all of the things which you gentlemen have to deal with. I don't want you to say it can't be done, because it must be done. It is unthinkable that only the man with the longest pocketbook can get the things that he needs." It has come to this, and unless regulation comes the majority of the people will find themselves in scanty apparel before many days.

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