HAD "GONE WEST"

Pathetic Incident in Hospital Bombarded by Huns.

Wounded Young French Infantry Officer Thought He was Going "Over the Top," and in That Belief Passed On.

The head nurse watched the stretcher bearers clatter slowly and awkwardly down the path and disappear in the darkness bearing between them a silent, blanket-wrapped figure. Then slowly and thoughtfully she turned and entered the field hospital tent. The pale little nurses' aid, garbed in the picturesque blue of the American Red Cross, rose and came to meet her. In subdued whispers, scarcely audible in the big vacant stillness of the tent, she told the story of shy changes which had taken place in the condition of the boys who lay so bravely silent on the 50 tiny cots.

"Bartrand, that young infantry officer in bed No. 9, with the bad chest wound—he does not seem right," she said softly. "His lips are blue, and he sleeps so much."

"Bring your flash," replied the head nurse, as she led the way over to the dark corner, where, in a bed separated from the rest, the young Bartrand lay, apparently sleeping. Leaning over him lightly, with a mother touch she laid her hand on his forehead. The boy's eyes opened, dazedly, and blinked in the glare of the aid's flashlight. Then, as with an effort, he smiled.

Suddenly the tent flap nearest them opened. The Scotch orderly entered, reached quickly for the knob that governed the big center tent light and switched it off. Without a word the aid covered her flash and sprang to extinguish the desk light, while old Macdun, the trusty, crept along the tent wall behind the beds to be sure that each window was tightly closed.

Overhead there gradually came into hearing a steady, regularly interrupted drone, like that of a malignant insect—then a flash—a great roar, not very far away—and the tent shook like a leaf in the wind. At the first sound of the raid Bartrand had started, sitting upright in bed. The head nurse, helpless in the intense darkness and fearing to make him more restless by attempting to put him down, held him in her arms. Soon, says Modern Hospital, in relating the story, he began to call out orders rapidly, precisely, like a man who was used to being obeyed, and then still louder, with more spirit, until his voice rang and reverberated through the open spaces of the tent. "Attention! — Allons, mes enfants! — En avant!"

From somewhere in the darkness the voice of the aid, a trifle shaky, said: "He thinks he's going over."

Another flash—another detonation—this time nearer. The head nurse felt something warm and wet soaking the front of her uniform. Then a silence—it seemed for ages. Finally Macdun, flashing on the light, called out: "They're gone, the beggars!"

He came over to the bed and gave one look at the burden the head nurse held in her arms. Then, taking off his hat, he held it, folded, in front of his coat.

"You can lay him down, miss. I think there's just work for me and the stretcher bearers now. The pair laddie's gone west."

Mule Objected to Burden.

An observer attached to the First army had been up for several hours making notes on enemy infantry operations when he was suddenly attacked by a single-seat combat plane, says the Popular Mechanics Magazine. The balloon crew on the ground immediately began to haul the big gas bag down, but the observer was running no chances and took to his parachute. This drifted well back of the lines and deposited him in the midst of a number of grazing army mules, and right astride one mule. The mule, not taking kindly to the sudden load forced on him, began to rear and plunge, starting quite a commotion among the herd, and the observer was rescued with difficulty from his precarious position.

Process Developed by War.

Making parabolic mirrors by chemical deposition on a glass mold is described as one of the war-quickened processes. A layer of silver was deposited chemically on a highly polished glass mirror, and was thickened electrolytically, after which it was given a sixteenth inch plating of copper and a suitable backing of strengthening material. Difference in expansion on heating gave a ready means of loosening the metal from the glass. The silver surface was given a waterproof and heatproof coating of lacquer, and was ready for use in much less time than would have been required for grinding and polishing a glass mirror.

Age of Cedars of Lebanon.

Several efforts to calculate the age of the famous cedars of Lebanon now standing have been made by counting the rings in the heart wood of those that have fallen. These estimates, according to Prof. A. Henry of the Royal College of Sciences for Ireland, in an article in Country Life, vary from 2,000 years to 2,500 years, although it may be that they are of slower growth than the specimens tested in other countries. The largest of the cedars is 13 feet in diameter.

First Advertisement.

Although the first periodical paper which contained news in England appeared in May, 1622, the first newspaper advertisement published does not seem to have been until nearly twenty-five years afterward. The advertisement related to the sale of a book "applauded by the Clergy of England."

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SERMONETTE.

"Blessed be the Lord my Rock, Who teacheth my hands to war, my fingers to fight." Psalm 144:1.

No one possesses a strong man's quota of spiritual strength until he can meet and vanquish his secret enemy alone. Few realize how much men depend upon those about them for spiritual support. It is easy to silence the seductive voice of an evil desire when the force of swift rebuke or contempt. But a strong man, spiritually, is one who alone in the closet, in the midst of the forest, or in the midst of uncounted treasure, with no likelihood of being observed—with every opportunity for giving free rein to the plea of his secret enemy—urged on by all the push of our common humanity's lust and insanity—in the midst of these all, then and there reasons the matter out; meets the enemy on his own ground; reviews and thoroughly understands all that he promises and refuses to so much as lift a little finger. He who can do this is truly strong. He who can do this many times—and the strong man does do it many times—he becomes a seasoned veteran in spiritual warfare. He can be depended upon among men, for he has won out in the severest test alone, unsupported, save by truth, friendliness but for God.—Dave Kim at Rose, Portland, Oregon.

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Merle was fond of bananas. When his father took him into his mother's room to see the new brother that had arrived the night before the child was given a banana as he left the door. "Gee," he cried delightedly; "a new brother and a banana, both the same day!"

Howard Palmer of The Dalles has a peach weighing 16 ounces, and measuring 23 inches in circumference each way.

Enthusiastic over the results of applying sulphur to alfalfa land, Klamath county farmers are ordering large quantities of this article for use this fall and next spring. Already 150,000 pounds of sulphur has been ordered.

Only a few days more for good picture taking; soon it will be too windy or too cloudy. Why not drop in and buy or hire a good Kodak, at Silverthorns. 9-16tf

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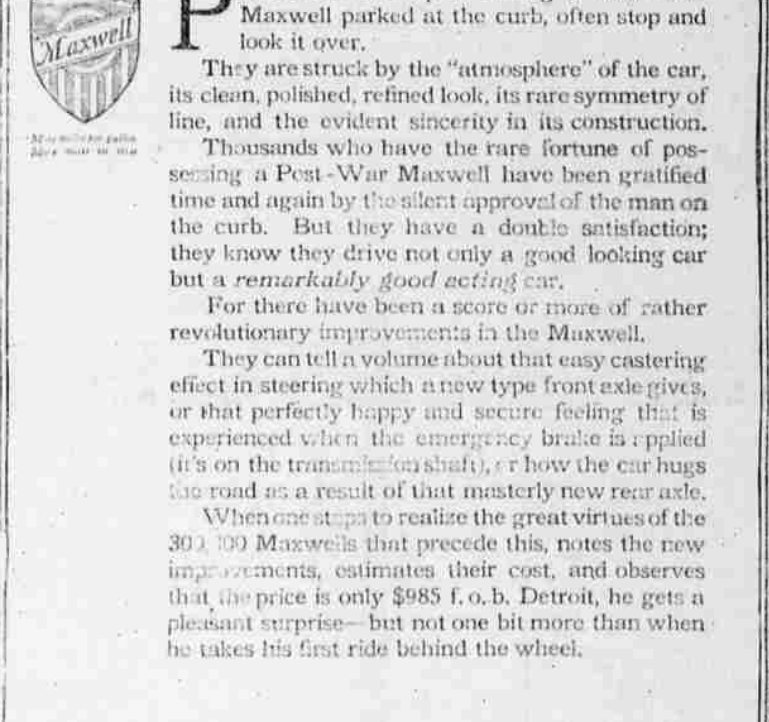

A Post-War Maxwell Gets Many a Longing Look

PASSERS-BY, upon seeing a Post-War Maxwell parked at the curb, often stop and look it over.

They are struck by the "atmosphere" of the car, its clean, polished, refined look, its rare symmetry of line, and the evident sincerity in its construction.

Thousands who have the rare fortune of possessing a Post-War Maxwell have been gratified time and again by the silent approval of the man on the curb. But they have a double satisfaction; they know they drive not only a good looking car but a *remarkably good acting* car.

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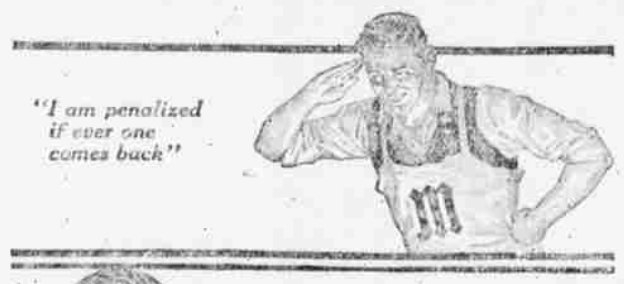

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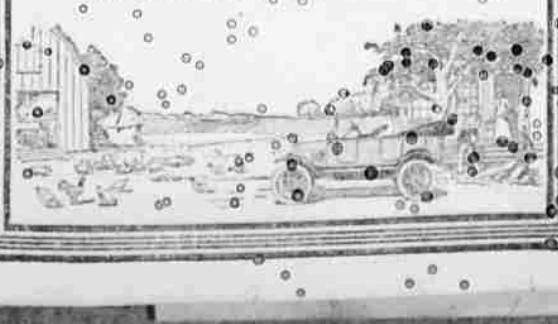

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