

Theater News

FOURTEEN LIVES ARE LOST TAKING WAR FRONT VIEWS

Actual motion pictures taken on the western front at the cost of the lives of 14 members of the signal corps of the United States army, will be shown at the Arcade theater tonight under the auspices of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The name of this remarkable signal corps picture is "On Flanders Field" and it is an authentic picture released by the government as official. If you don't grip threads of your hair and become excited at many of the scenes in

"On Flanders Field" it must be because you didn't "get" the world war while it was on. Anyone who can see such a sight and not feel a tightening of the throat or be profoundly stirred certainly must be impervious to the instinct of patriotism or humanity. Nothing could be more eloquent of the fact that the boys made tremendous sacrifices and displayed magnificent courage. When you see on the screen hair-raising action—when fine, strong, young men are seen to rush forward and suddenly crumple in a heap—you realize that you are watching one of the greatest dramas ever enacted—the first time in history that the happenings of a war have been pre-

served in visible form just as they happened. You will be more thrilled when giant steamers turn on end and plunge to their watery grave as shown in the "Log of the U-35," the German submarine picture captured by our destroyers, which is also being shown. As the years go on such scenes will have more and more value, and will be a powerful deterrent to those who make war for aggressive purposes. "On Flanders Field," showing as it does the soldiers as they worked, played and fought is a powerful drama of real life that everyone should see.

Every school teacher should carry as standard equipment a rear-view mirror.

Too Much Mechanism for the Modern Mind?

Complete civilization will be here when our modern conveniences do not annoy us as much as they help us. Disquisitions are multiplying in the public mind on the perils of the mechanical results of our inventive ingenuity. It requires such vigilance and intense application to carry on all this machinery of our civilization.

The complaint is made that the mind is left no time for abstract thought or contemplation or even for a healthy following. Can we live "on the jump," and live long and profitably? Every moment of our time feels the demand of some new distraction.

We are not in Alaska, where they can "set and think," through the long winter nights, and the advantages of "setting and thinking" are not to be belittled. By and by, Alaska may begin producing our sages and philosophers. Down here in sunnier and busier climes, we have no time for Platonic ratiocination.

A generation or two ago we reasoned out a fairly tenable philosophy on "What is man?" and "What are his purposes?" but now we are not so sure. W. G. Wells, somehow, is not so convincing as John Stuart Mill, and what giants have arisen since Darwin and Spencer and Huxley and Tyndall? Machinery, machinery! — St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Cultivation of Hobby Remedy for Overwork

Many remedies are suggested for the avoidance of worry and mental overstrain in persons who over prolonged periods have to bear exceptional responsibilities and discharge duties upon a very large scale. Some advise exercise, and others, repose. Some counsel travel, and others, retreat. Some praise solitude, others, gaiety. No doubt all these may play their part according to the individual temperament. But the element which is constant and common in all of them is change.

Change is the master-key. It is not enough merely to switch the lights which play upon the main and ordinary field of interest; a new field of interest must be illuminated. The cultivation of a hobby and new forms of interest is therefore a policy of first importance to a public man. To be really happy and really safe, one ought to have at least two or three and they must all be real.—Rt. Hon. Winston S. Churchill, in Hearst's International Cosmopolitan.

Fish Change Color

Many species of fish can change color at will to suit temporary needs. Experiments in aquaria have shown that the changes in color depend entirely upon the sight of the individual, since the color of blind specimens remains unaffected by changes in the color of their environment. The method by which a fish changes color is well known, says Nature Magazine. The color cells in the skin may contain red, orange, yellow and black pigments, and the variations in color result from muscular action, conscious or subconscious, upon one or more of the color cells. The changes of color, generally under the control of the individual, are chiefly made for the purpose of concealment; but they are also made for many other reasons, including the capture of prey, for mimicry or for courtship.

Joke Had Rebound

A Rockland girl was entertaining her beau, a policeman, from a neighboring town, and the maid's young brother thought he would like to put on the handcuffs the caller carried in his pocket.

The genial copper was willing to oblige and the wristlets were fastened on the youngster, who was confident he could get them off without any aid. But they were obstinate, and finally the courting cop was asked to unlock them. Then the officer began to get chills and fever. A hunt of one pocket after another failed to locate the key.

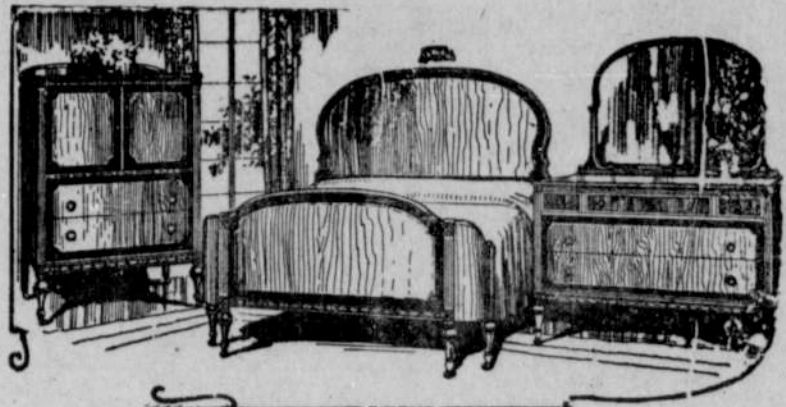
As a last resort the flustered officer of the law was obliged to bundle up little brother and carry him to the home in another town where the key had been left. All that occupied quite a lot of time and that Sunday evening was practically wasted for the kid's sister. —Brockton Enterprise.

Odd Idea About Birds

Hibernation of birds was accepted by some early writers. It is mentioned by Aristotle, while much later, in 1702, in London, another idea related to bird migration was made public in an anonymous treatise. In it, it was solemnly declared birds escaped cold weather by flying directly to the moon, where they spent their winter days. The journey was supposed to require 60 days' time, according to the estimators of that date, the birds flying constantly and without food, life being sustained by the abundance of fat the little feathered travelers had stored on their bodies. The book is said to have had wide circulation and its teachings were accepted by many.

Many Tobacco Varieties

A variety of types and grades of tobacco are grown in the United States. Some are suitable for use in the manufacture of two or more kinds of product. The bright blue-colored type, grown mostly in Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia, is the principal cigarette tobacco. More of this type of leaf than any other is exported. Burley, grown chiefly in Kentucky, is used mainly in the manufacture of smoking and chewing tobacco, but largely also in cigarette production. The dark-jud type, produced for the most part in Kentucky and Tennessee, is used in the manufacture of snuff and smoking and chewing tobacco.



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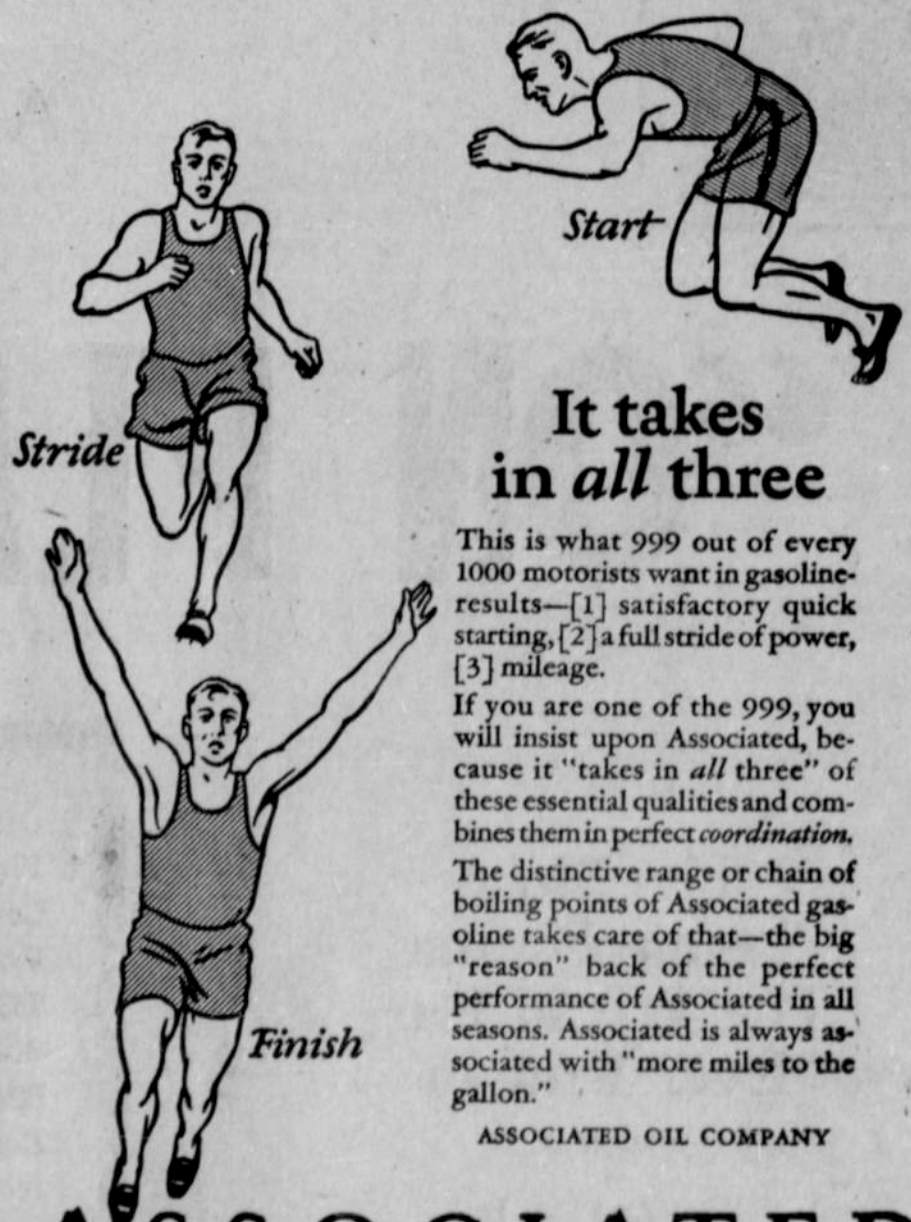
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