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Many Americans Get Jobs in **Overseas** Cities.

TITLE PROBLEM AT HAND

Dnly Professional Soldiers in America Can Afford Knighthood. Politics Are Banned.

general we met near Coblenz? He looked all right" So the fat American general is sur-

prised to read in the papers that he has become "Sir Gaseous Gloom, K. C. E., and that he is entitled to social honors in England. Usually the rewarded one wishes on his adjutant the job of writ-ing a chaity letter to King George, in which the monarch is thanked for the honor and posted on the chit-chat of Rhine society. Then Sir Gaseou probably grunts:

"Send this nighthood letter home to my wife at Paint Creek, Wyo., and tell her that she is now Lady Gloom. Haw,

But the new-made knight knows in his heart that he automatically bars himself out of politics when he ac-cepts knighthood. Only a professional soldier can afford the extravagance. Plain Americans, who hope to be mayors and congressmen when they get home from the war, wouldn't touch a builthhood with conther man's role knighthood with another man's pole a knighthood with another man's pole. The mere thought of it makes them faint They can call up before their inner eyes a picture of the walls in their balliwicks emblazoned by the enemy after this fashion: "Vote for Sir Gaseous Gloom for sheriff. God save the king."

Anyhow, to be fair to the new knight it appears that knighthood does not permanently adhere to the victim unless he developes a receptive mood. Most of them are parts of the new military problem: When is a knight not a knight?

not a knight? In the case of Sir John J. Pershing, for example—or, not to be invidious in this matter, in the case of any of the other American K. C. B.s and Knight Commanders of the Order of St. Michael and St. George—it appears that he is only a sort of an entered apprentice knight. He has been exposed to knight-hood, but it has not yet taken. If he wishes to assume the title now or at any future period he may do so

or at any future period he may do so upon going through certain formalities upon going through certain formations. If he does not want to join the order now his right to be a regular knight simply remains in abeyance. If at any time a passion for black slik tights and mean a passion for black slik tights and a small sword overcomes him he may sign a receipt and sweea to something or other and presumably pay a fee-the stamp tax in England on honors such stamp tax in highly lucrative—and be-come a Knight commander in good standing. Meanwhile he may or may not be referred to as "Sir" in the Eng-

Admiral Sims has been knighted, but Admiral Sims has been knighted, but he does not wear the honor. It is cur-rently reported that he found it neces-sary to ask the British press not to speak of him as Admiral Sir William Sims, which is the accepted formula. It is also currently reported that humor on this topic is not encouraged in that partition of the Atlantic finest mblue is portion of the Atlantic fleet which in directly under Admiral Sims' ave



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A LAUGHTER-FLOODED PLAY DELIGHTA



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Admiral There is an American general in England, however, who is always referred to by the British press as "General the Honorable Sir So-and-So," Evidently he

likes it. This British passion for knighting our generals and admirals is a mat-ter of no particular cousequence one, way or the other. It has been said that to accept the honors, and profes-sional soldiers have had very little to do with shaping the course of American thouset in times nast

In Canada some time ago a very de-termined urotest was made to the home government against knighting eminent Canadians. It was felt that a weak man might perhaps be influenced to regard Canadian affairs foo much through the Canadian affairs too much through the

Canadian affairs too much through the eyes of Downing street. Great Britain, too, has shown a real delicacy in th. distribution of decorn-tions been biven D. S. O.s and what-not have been held deserving by their com-rades. As much cannot be said of the distribution of the ribbon of the Legion of Honor in France. It has often puz-aled those in touch with the situation to know precisely why some Americans to know precisely why some Americans were thus decorated, even conceding that the ribbon of the Legion is rather widely distributed now. One French

cynic made me this explanation: "There are three classes of Ameri-cans upon whom the Legion of Honor

is conferred," said he. "They are: "Those who ask for it hard enough. "Those who have done something for France.

"Those who may do something for France."

France." Perhaps the cynic is too cynical in suggesting that the third class of rib-bon wearers—those who may do some-thing for France—is either large or im-portant. It is only human, however, to be flattered by the presentation of a decoration, and it is highly probable that many of these more and that many of these men and women have in all honesty and all unconscious-ness permitted their cours to be influ-enced by the compliment. Some are too big to be swayed from absolute straightforwardness by such means, however, and few of the big men of France expect it. But some of the lesser men or an other bits

France expect it. But some of the lesser men are optimistic. Some months ago an American news-paper proprietor who had recently been decorated printed three very illuminatdecorated printed three very huminat-ing articles upon conditions in France. Every word was true, but the effect upon the French official public was al-most catastrophic. They surged and demonstrated. On every side one heard this comment

"How could he do it? Why, we had just given him the Legion of Honor!"

FREE ZONES DEMANDED

Foreign Traders Declare Essential

to Merchant Marine.

NEW YORK.—Free zones at the principal American ports are essential to the successful operation of our mer-chant marine and to the proper equipment of our overseas commerce to meet the competition of foreign countries. That is the judgment of the foreign That is the judgment of the foreign traders of the country as expressed in the final declaration of the sixth na-tional foreign trale convention which has just been held at Chicago. Approx-imately 2000 delegates from every sec-tion of the country and representing all phases of American commerce, in-dustry and finance were in attendance dustry and finance were in attendance. The statement of principles which was adopted unanimously at the closing session authoritatively represents the consensus of opinion of American over- 10-Piece Orchestra and Monte Austin



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