## The Push Cart Peddler Who Made Good

How Nick Kronies, Greek Fruit Vender Who Had Been "Moved On" by the Police, Proved by Splendid Heroism in Battle What America Will Owe to Her Foreign Born



fore He Enlisted. Of the American Field Ambulance Service in France.

The story of how America's foreign born people have rallied to the cause of freedom in the great war has not yet

Eventually it will form a glorious page in history. It will tell how Greeks, Slavs, Hebrews, who had found safe sanctuary in the New World, rushed back into

the European conflagration, even be-fore the United States declared war, to fight, and die if need be, for the brethren they had left behind. It will tell how they later stood shoulder-to-shoulder with khaki-clad Anglo-Saxons in the volunteer and draft army, and how, in the final great melt-

ing pot test, they came out pure gold. Meanwhile it is only through stories of individual achievement that the public can glimpse the racial epics that will be written later.

Word has just come from France of how Nick Kronies, a little pushcart peddler from Twenty-third street, New York, has become one of the immortal

The humble Greek fruit vendor whom the traffic cops used to hustle across the street under the Third avenue "L' has been kissed on both cheeks by an admiring French general, and now wears on his breast the "croix de with the palm leaves that mean citation in the presence of an entire army.

Humble Career of Nick Kronies Nick's full name is Nicholas John Karagianakapoulos, but that doesn't make any difference. The name that will go down to fame is plain Nick

He was born in Mistra, Sparts, about 20 years ago, in a neighborhood made famous by the heroes of Thermopylae

His father and mother, Spartans for a living.

streets of the East Side. At night his mother read to him the old legends of Agamemnon and Hector, so that he they awaited what seemed certain

Although he had to leave school to humble sort of job until he finally got a little banana cart of his own, his mother never let him forget he was a

He knew, much better than any American-born schoolboy, the story of how Luonidas and his immortal 300 held the pass against the Persian hordes, and how his followers died to a man because they were Spartans, though it was counted no disgrace for the other Greek troops to retreat.

And so, when the great war came, it found Nick Kronies selling bananas the East Side, but it also found him dreaming of Sparta and the old heroes. Away back in 1914, long before America awakened to the call, his heart | buds and the tender green of the trees. sensed that France was fighting the

battles of humanity and freedom.

Did his parents try to discourage him? Did they talk of the so-called practical things of life and try to persuade him to continue selling bananas? Did they remind him that he might be killed and leave them desolate in their old age?

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a letter bearing a French stamp and marks showing it had been opened by

In it was a picture postcard of their boy. in the uniform of a legionnaire, on his breast shone the palm leaves and

Nick said little in his letter about his exploits, but he told his parents that he was still alive and well, and was about to be transferred from the Foreign Legion to become a volunteer in an American regiment.

The story of how he won the war cross was learned in detail later, through letters sent by others to a Greek newspaper in New York. Nick's mother and father are proudly

showing the photograph to their friends at neighboring fruit stands and candy stores, and to the sympathetic cop on the beat.

The former banana peddler has become a hero. Nick Kronles' story is given in detail because it happens to be known. But if one were able to go into thousands of other Greek fruit stores and restau-

rants and candy shops from one end of America to the other, he would hear of many similar heroes whose exploits are unknown to the general public. Many Unnamed Heroes. Nicholas Kaska, member of a wellknown Athenian family, who came to America, was one of the first men to die in Alsace-Lorraine; Demetrius G. Hadjidakis, from San Prancisco, was one of the first men to be seriously wounded with Pershing's troops in France; Pavlos Skuropulos, Nicholas

the Greek names one finds in the lists of wounded. Among the Slavs and Poles, that other great element among America's foreign-born population, the response

Christy and scores of others are among

has been equally herioc. Among the Hebrews, one would have to go back to the Old Testament days and the wars of Maccabees to find cases of parallel heroism, Their response has been the more magnificent because the Jews for many generations have not been a martial people. For centuries, with few exceptions, the military uniform and the sword have been the symbols of oppression for the Jewish people. Yet now, when the sword is drawn for the cause of liberty, they, too, have learned to wield it. Records from the front and from the training camps show that they have made good

soldiers. That the Italians, French and British home countries are directly involved. The great thing is that all foreign born American elements, barring only enemy aliens, have joined in the re-

## SPRING ARRIVES AND BIRDS CAROL IN ENGLAND AS THOUGH PEACE RULED ALL

Perfume of Growing Things Seems Sweeter Than Before Fratricidal Struggle Engaged Europe-Lusty Voices of Birds Outrivaled by Drone of Airplanes.

BY EDITH E. LANYON.

Somewhere in england, May because the airman promptly replied:

"Yes, if you bring your own sugar with the perfume of young buds and the tender green of the trees. When I opened the front door to go to the hospital yesterday morning a delightful whiff of this scented air greeted me. Never before have I noticed that it was so sweet.

The birds sing lustily as soon as it is light, trying to outrival the noise of the airplane engines, but the big battle planes can outdo the birds.

When a "sausage" airship went over of the airman promptly replied:

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I went over the Red Cross work-rooms here last week and was really surprised to see how much the workers accomplish.

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They, too, were Spartans. They kissed his curly head and helped him relse the money to go to France, and when he sailed away there was a light in their eyes that tears could not dim. Nick enlisted in the Foreign Legion. Nick enlisted in the Foreign Legion. For three years he fought bravely, but he was still one of the unknown millions.

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His legion had been thrown into one a half miles in to town to put a shilling of the most desperate sectors at Verdou to win back terrain that had been thrown the been through the first and the been taken by the Germans.

As his regiment charged toward the German trenches, enemy re-inforcements were brought into play and the French troops, outnumbered ten to one, were forced back.

The officers in his company were killed.

Another dear old lady of \$2, who lives in an almshouse, walked two and a half miles in to town to put a shilling in the tank to help on the war funds. Some sensible official added enough to her shilling to get her a bond, and she went home delighted. The shilling was all she could afford to give.

Some oid ladies are very up to date.

One told me with gusto the other day that she was out with a friend for a walk and a man in an airplane let down a telephone to them and said: "How do you do?" She felt she ought to say something, so she nonchalantly called back, "Can I come up and have a company were killed.

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There is a rumor that we are to be rationed on dogs next. I do not mean that we are to be fed on them in the form of sausages, but that people are not to be allowed to keep so many.

The rule is to be "One house one dog." Dog biscuits are scarce and it is now against the law to feed dogs on

food fit for humans. There is to be an effort made to preserve the lives of pedigreed dogs whenever possible. I have had several letters from the U. S. troops in France. The universal

men have everything they need at Present.
The chaplain from Portland, speak-

The chaplain from Portland, speaking of woollies, sensibly remarks: "It is neither possible nor desirable to lay up against a cold-or rainy day."

I have already alluded to "rust" and no doubt "moth" would be only too glad to corrupt our nice knitted things if they get half a chance. So I will keep the surplus ones under my personal supervision until they are needed. In the meantime, I am replacing amongst our own men the things destroyed in the recent fighting by mud. blood and shrapnel.

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My leading torpedoman, grateful patient, has got somewhere at last. In the theater. I put my hand in my candy,

cellent health and varies things by re-marking in his letter of today; "Dear Nurse: I hope you haven't got cooking to do in your hospital." Think-of the eggs he is not there to boil for

me, I suppose.

I did make a cup of cocoa for some-body today, too. I have an idea that

the food question excepting that we are to be allowed to buy five pounds of ham for two ment coupons, but are to be allowed less butcher's meat.

As each person is to be allowed the haven't forgotten him" from that an hand, yards and yards and yards of it. ham for two meat coupons, but are to be allowed less butcher's meat.

As each person is to be allowed the privilege of storing up 50 eggs for Winter use (if they can secure them), ham and eggs are surely looming in the hear future.

That ordinary bought jam combined with an equal weight of fresh cocked with an equal weight of fresh cocked fubbarb and cooked together for 10 minutes will make a very edible jam without the addition of an extra grain another day, as the censor would not allow it." So there you are. Bother the censor.

He is evidently acie to be allowed to be ham know we have outdistance the hand, yards and yards of it. The other configuration all over the place. I got thoroughly tangled up in it and it looked just like big guns the Huns use on Paris.

Of his further doings and adventures en route, my sallor says: "Dear Nurse: I would like to tell you of some of the sights I have seen on my way out, but that must be left for another day, as the censor would not allow it." So there you are. Bother the censor.

As soon as a child understands the meaning of numbers he can begin meaning of numbers he can begin

meaning of numbers he can begin to measure accurately; and he likes to do it. Playing store is the ideal way of leading a child to an understanding often lacking in a grown-up person. Concerns which sell school supplies provide, at popular prices, a balance scale weighing up to four pounds, a dry measure set such as hucksters use. body today, too. I have an idea that dry measure set such as acceptance best bis unknown station is very near my sailor boy's unknown waters. They do not even know each other, so unless to this a yardstick and a pair of blunt they get to comparing hospitals and nurses some time I shall never know if they meat.

We have several nice boys from 12 the lawn has been moved so you can have the fresh-cut grass for spinach. to 14 years old as patients at the ineak-firmary. One of them was badly hurt
"It in a colliery accident. Although his
lay dressing is a most painful one, he
never even groans whilst it is being
and done. He is a brave boy with a brave
too
log Our boys' taste in literature runs to

After the play store comes the real store. Thoughtful mothers will plan errands for the children with a view to their carrying home the articles pure chased and producing the proper change. This is a joy to the child and an excellent method of co-operating with the school teacher-Maude Barnes Miller in the Mother's Magazine for

Pure block sugar or maple sugar is