

# The Citizen Veteran

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WHAT long and rocky hill in Montigny le Roi was a cause of much trouble for those who on various occasions chanced to herd their flocks up its grades. Could its cobblestones talk today? They that would make a mule "skinny" green with envy.

A jitney had been driven half way up the hill one morning in August, 1918. The driver was too steep and the car stalled. Its driver had alighted and with wrench in hand had crawled under the vehicle. He searched for troubles in the mechanism he swore.

"Blankety blank that blank Henry Ford," declared the driver in no certain terms. "But under the car came a stream of 'cuss words.'"

The attention of two American doughboys was attracted.

"Holy Moses, how do you that fellow swear pretty?" declared one. "Let's listen to him for a minute. It's an education in itself just to hear him. He must be a 'ficer,'" commented the second man as he gazed at a pair of leather puttees that were protruding from the car.

"If he is he is probably a colonel," returned the other. "No ordinary officer could cuss like that."

The driver had a look at his puttees and pulled himself out from under the machine. His face was covered with oil and dirt and his clothes were covered with dust. "Holy Mackinaw," gasped one of the onlookers. "Do you see what I see?" That pointed to a Y. M. C. A. man. He pointed to the car.

"The man in the triangle on the man's cap."

"Brother," declared the other member of the duo as he advanced to the driver, "take my hand. You are good. Whenever you get back to the States just let me know where you preach and I'll be on the front seat every Sunday."

"Preacher, hell, I'm not a preacher," responded the Y. M. C. A. man. "I'm a soldier. My eyesight's so bad I can't get into the army so I signed up as a Y. M. C. A. man. My chief occupation is to give out cigarettes and such stuff for birds like you fellows. Come on, help me push this thing up the hill. If the other two men who helped that car up the hill today would help into a Y. M. C. A. and hear the membership secretary that driver in 1918 talked to his car on the hill in Montigny le Roi, they would be shocked. Such things are not being done in Y. M. C. A. circles right now. But in war days things were different. That driver won the hearts of those two enlisted men to such an extent that throughout their service in France they always refrained from knocking the institution which he represented. They looked upon him as exceedingly human, as one of their kind.

A soldier who had been in France for several months was directed one day to receive a letter from an old college professor. The writer, who was a religious man, stated that he wished that he might be in France where he could talk to the soldiers about their souls. Would his friend, the recipient of the letter, be kind enough frankly to tell him whether he could properly fit in such a capacity in France?

The soldier did not like to offend or hurt his old professor, but he wanted to recite the truth.

"Men in France are not thinking of their souls," he wrote.

Problems regarding the future had been pretty well settled when they set foot in France. The man who talks religion in the States is through a package of cigarettes or a bar of chocolate.

The men who represented the Y. M. C. A. in France were subject to the same human frailties that other men are. They had been organized into their ranks erept men who had no business being there. They were the type of men who did not or would not realize what was necessary for them to do.

Some of them believed that they were entitled to the same courtesies that were those of the American officers. Others overcharged their patrons in olive drab in the canteens. Still others clung in their belief that they were ordered to be the spiritual advisers of the men of the commands to which they were attached. These gave their organizations more than their "black eye."

The big bulk of the men of the Y. M. C. A. however, were men from the ground up. They went into the Y. M. C. A. because they saw an opportunity to do service. Perhaps they had been barred from service through physical defects. Many of them had large families, entirely dependent upon them and could not afford to accept the salary of an army enlisted man. They were either in action or had just returned from the front, had left their businesses and gone to France to do their duty as they saw it. They adapted themselves to conditions as they found them; took their hardships without murmuring or wishing that they had never entered the service of their organization.

At the front the Y. M. C. A. man acquitted himself well. He did everything in his power to minister to the needs of the men who were in need of those things of which he had to dispose. Many of the Y. M. C. A. men were either killed in action or later died of diseases brought on by exposure. They were not all like the man who, back of Vercy in the Argonne, in September, 1918, was found distributing tracts to soldiers who passed by.

The Y. M. C. A. was under government control. The military authorities laid down rules by which it was to do its work. Under such conditions it could not be perfect. The military authorities themselves made many mistakes.

Would it be fair to criticize the entire organization? The E. F. because an artillery outfit was sent to the front in the last days of the war without ammunition of any kind to fire? Would it be fair to criticize the entire army because certain generals, colonels, majors and others failed to do their duty and were taken to the rear and reduced? Would it be fair to say that because of the many mistakes that were made by officers and men alike that the entire army was no good?

The spirit back of the Y. M. C. A. was right. The majority of its men did the right thing. They made mistakes, to be sure, but these mistakes in most cases were of the hand and not of the heart.

The average man who wore the uniform of the Y. M. C. A. is to be honored.

Last week the members of the American Legion of Bandon started floating a bond issue in order to raise funds with which to purchase the old school building, which will be converted into clubrooms.

Members of the American Legion of McMinnville are making preparations for holding a county fair in the latter part of September. Last



John H. Hibbard, who takes an active interest in the affairs of veterans' organizations in Portland.

year they held a successful celebration which lasted three days.

The legionnaires of Bend are hard at it again with another membership drive. S. R. Brown is in charge of the campaign, and an effort is being made to recruit all non-members into the legion.

Legion members of The Dalles are taking the chances of the delegates to the state convention overleaping while in their city. They are organizing a bugle corps. This organization will assemble in the streets each morning and blast forth with the old calls that awakened them from their slumbers in the days of the war.

Legionnaires who attend the national convention to be held in New Orleans in October will be granted one-half fares on the United States shipping board vessels, according to word that has been received by state headquarters. The rates on operating passenger service in the North Atlantic and on the Munson steamship line operating between New York and the east coast of South America.

The new legion clubhouse which has been erected at the cost of approximately \$21,000 will soon be ready for occupancy. The building occupies a space of 100 by 120 in size and is thoroughly modern in every respect. It has a dance floor 80 feet by 100 feet in size.

After two months on a trip over the Pacific coast, Richard Murthwaite, commander of the American Legion of Baker, dropped in on Portland last week and spent some time conferring with local legion officials. He was accompanied by G. B. Kellogg, finance officer of the B. K. post.

Dwindled to a mere remnant of the famous "men of iron" who saved the day at Gettysburg and South Mountain, an "iron brigade" of only 100 survivors will be reunited this year during the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Des Moines, Ia., September 24 to 28. This 56th annual meeting of the old fighters who called "Mickey" and "held like iron" will be one of the most interesting of all reunions to be held in connection with the national encampment, according to Comrade Frank Dagie, secretary of the iron brigade and chairman of the national encampment committee on reunions.

Of the 800 surviving members only 100 will be in a physical condition to attend this year. Dagie said. The brigade, which is composed of 2d, 6th and 7th Wisconsin, 19th Indiana and 24th Michigan infantry, and 4th Wisconsin light artillery, sustained the heaviest losses of any brigade in the civil war. At Gettysburg 1153 out of 1837 of its members fell in battle.

Reservations have been made at Des Moines for the reunions of 300 war-prisoners of war, 100 navy and marine veterans and 100 civil war musicians. The Association of Army Nurses and the Vicksburg veterans have yet to come in. Separate reunions have been planned for every Grand Army of the Republic department in the United States. Separate reunions for each department and auxiliary, and "dog watch" for the marines have been included in the plans of the local reunion committee.

Stanley Myers was chosen chairman of the Portland post delegates to the national convention to be held this month, at a meeting convened Thursday. Earl R. Godwin was elected secretary and James Ball, treasurer. John A. Beckwith, Arthur Murphy, and Wilbur Henderson were appointed to present to the convention resolutions regarding the country afterwar, convened committee headquarters has been advised.

Captured by the adjutant of Custer post of the legion in Miss City, the young coyotes will make the convention trip as an advertisement of the productiveness of Montana.

Their capture was effected when the legion official crawling into a coyote hole with a flashlight, took the pups from their mother, who, blinded by the light, offered no resistance. The pups are now about a month old and are eager to sharpen their milk teeth on unprepared

Traveling through the air with wild animals seems to be a habit of Montana legionnaires. An airplane took a fiery bobcat from the Montana wilds straight to the feet of Marshal Poch on the Legion convention platform at Kansas City last year. When the French leader toured the country afterwar, under the auspices of the legion, all the diplomacy of his staff had to be called into play to handle the Montana animal. It is now one of the problems of Paris zoo attendants.

A decided step toward the promotion of the most amicable relations between the forces of organized labor and the world war service men was taken when the delegates to the national convention of the American Federation of Labor applauded the address of Hanford MacNider, national commander of the Legion, who spoke by invitation before the convention on "The Legion and Labor."

Commander MacNider expressed the hope that the American Legion, composed of the defenders of Ameri-

can ideals and American democracy, would never get into politics. He said, however, that the Legion and the American Federation of Labor should stand together "pledging themselves to the task of keeping America as the members of both organizations worked and fought that it should be American."

"Both of us have as common enemies those who would destroy the lawful integrity of the nation," the commander declared.

That organized labor, which furnished the government almost 700,000 men and women during the world war, has every reason to be interested in the welfare and activities of the service men's organization—the American Legion—was pointed out by George L. Berry, vice-commander of the legion and president of the International Pressmen's union.

"We propose that the legion and the federation join hands in a great campaign for Americanism," Mr. Berry said. "The bringing of Mr. MacNider here today, I believe, will cement the relationship between the two organizations so firmly together that misunderstandings, many of which have occurred in the past, will be eliminated in the future, and we shall all work henceforth for greater union which will result in better things for all America."

State officers of the Missouri and Kansas departments of the American Legion have contracted for one of the most notable undertakings yet attempted by the legion in the 300-mile sweepstakes automobile race to be held in Kansas City September 18. The race will open the new half million dollar speedway, and the two departments are in a fair way of making a handsome sum which will be used for the care of disabled and otherwise needy veterans.

It is estimated that a chance of doing something really worth while," J. K. Noonan, adjutant of the Missouri department, said. "We can participate in one of the greatest sporting events, and at the same time provide for the relief of thousands of war veterans."

The race is estimated to be worth \$100,000. Mr. Noonan, Frank Samuels, adjutant of the Kansas department and E. E. Peake, secretary and general manager of the Speedway Association, that 75,000 persons will attend the races.

Part of the legion's programme is to have in attendance Generals Pershing, Harbord and Crowder, Admiral Cootner, cabinet officials and the governors, senators and representatives in congress of the two states. The American Legion also has been intrusted with the dedication of the new speedway. Tentative arrangements contemplate the dedication to take the form of a spin around the mile and one-quarter bowl by Commander Hanford MacNider with Captain Rickenbacker in a racing car.

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Their travels through France took them to the Argonne, where Burgard served with the 51st division. Cheppy, Vercy, Ivroy, Geaux and other towns familiar to all men who served with the "Powder River" outfit are still in the destroyed state that they were following the war. Some work of reconstruction has been done at Epinonville, according to Burgard.

"France is short of man power and the work of reconstruction in the devastated areas is going on very slowly," he said. Epinonville a few old men were at work, but they were doing very little. All through the Argonne the destruction is practically as it was when the war ended."

Men who as veterans of the 36th field hospital, the 3rd and 4th divisions in France in war days met last night in the Benson hotel in their annual reunion and dinner. Most of the members of the old company reside in Portland, but since discharge some have moved away to other towns, and last night they returned to join with their old comrades who engaged in "fighting the war."

Letters from General Pershing and other officials in mid-Argonne by James Vranizan, General Johnston, who was commander of the 51st division during the war, sent his greetings from Germany, where he is stationed. Among those in charge of the arrangements were: John Helmer, Harry and James Carroll, Leonard Kauffman and James Vranizan.

Preparations are being made by members of the legion of Foreign Wars for the entertainment of delegates to the national convention when they pass through here en route to Seattle in mid-Argonne. Headquarters has been established in the office of J. D. Bobroff, 1027 Chamber of Commerce building, and from there efforts will be made to line up automobiles and make other arrangements for the care of the delegates. They are making an attempt to bring delegates by the local veterans to formulate a campaign which will land J. W. Jones in the office of national commander of the veterans. Jones is senior vice-commander of the organization and is a past commander of Over the Top post.

Plans are being made to send a delegation of several hundred to Seattle for the convention. The attendance there will be increased through the fact that during the same week the 51st division holds its annual reunion in the city. The legion is planning to meet with their "Powder River" comrades in the mid-Argonne. At least two special trains from California will carry veterans to the gathering, according to W. J. Coyne, lieutenant in command of Washington, who is president of the 51st division.

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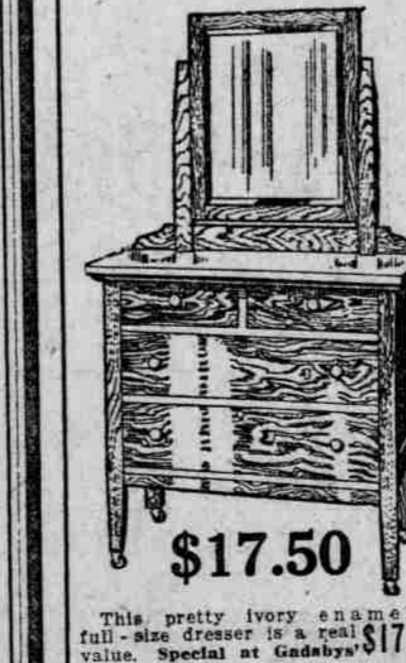
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