

FRENCH GIRLS WON BY U. S. BOYS, BUT MARRIAGES FEW

Birth Certificate Required of All Americans Involves Delay and Military Moves Are Made.

AUTHORITIES HAVE FROWNS

Despite Setbacks Now, Many French Belles Will Come to U. S. When Kaiser Falls, Said.

That the course of true love runs smoothly for American soldiers in France is attested by no less authority than the Spiker, the official paper edited and published by members of the Eighteenth Railway Engineers in France. In which regiment many Portland men are included—but the nuptials are another matter. The editor of the Spiker explains this little detail in the following article:

"Getting married in France is much more difficult for Yankee soldiers than getting engaged. Romances there are many and might very well come, but married there they are very few. Authorities Discourage Romances."

"There are many obstacles thrown in the path of the 'soldat American' who would take unto himself a French girl as a wife. First, there are the American authorities who are frowning upon romance. They insist that this is a man's war and the soldier's interest should be wholly devoted to the front. While not absolutely refusing to give their consent to some marriages, they have done all in their power to discourage the project until, at least, 'prise au guerre.'

"But the greatest stumbling block the would-be-buddies have encountered is the French law requiring that birth certificates of the contracting parties be submitted with application for the marriage license. No union American-French is possible without them. At least this always has been the case. The time has arrived when the soldier can go to the States for the needed document and receive it, more than likely his regiment has been moved out of the bride's community. Permissions are rare and hard to get. Consequently there's generally a French woman left 'waiting at the church' and the wedding bells fail to ring."

Birth Certificate in Demand.—The birth certificate demands has appeared almost insurmountable to some of the wavers in the Eighteenth. At least one of them, having received in turn the coveted "yes" from the demoiselle, her parents, his skipper and others in authority, encountered the birth certificate ultimatum and sent home to the paper he lives in San Francisco. He had forgotten about the 1904 fire which destroyed the public records, but the letter from home reminded him of it. He had no birth certificate and never, in this war, will be able to convince the French authorities that he was actually born. He's still single.

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the spoils in the great world conflict now raging.

"It would be idle to estimate the number of 'apres la guerre' matings there are floating around France today. But no inconsiderable per cent of the French belles will confide to you that they have been promised a trip to 'America' when the Kaiser is licked. Even now they have visions of a cozy flat in Harlan or life on a Montana ranch. Some of these are home-to-lander promises and no doubt when the troop ships get through sailing westward the vessels that follow will carry many of France's extra women to become the wives of former American soldiers."

Clyde Rumbough is with the infantry having left with the old Third Oregon. He writes to Portland friends of his experiences and among other things America can that are "good enough for him" are American (and particularly Oregon) girls and barbers. He says he will never forget his first shave in France, seated in an ordinary chair and experiencing the uncertain feeling of one about to be executed.

Mrs. H. S. Waiste, 1929 Gantebain avenue, has received a card from her son, H. A. Waiste, announcing his safe arrival in France. Mr. Waiste was stationed at Vancouver Barracks for six months with the Fourth Engineers and then sent to Camp Grant and last to Camp Martin, Calif. On April 1, about a month ago after five months' encampment in the East. He is with the Second Battalion of the Fourth Engineers. Mr. Waiste comes of a family that has given much patriotic service to the country. His grandfather was a Civil War veteran and his father and uncle were both in the Spanish-American war.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Preble have had recent letters from their son, F. W. (Ted) Preble from Rockwell Field, San Diego, where he has just entered the flying training camp for the aviation. He was formerly with the 36th base hospital at Camp Lewis, but recently secured a transfer to the aviation. Mrs. Preble (Maybelle Crawford), a bride of January, left Saturday to join Mr. Preble in San Francisco for short leave.

Captain Harry B. Ingrie, U. S. A., who is with the base-hospital at Camp Lewis, has returned to American lake after passing a few days here last week at the Multnomah.

Allen Jr. and Adams F. Joy, sons of Allen Jr. and Adams F. Joy, Portland attorney, and grandsons of Mrs. Julia C. LaBarre, are both with Engineers in France, and from recent letters are now thought to be at the front.

20 or 30 Hun Planes In Raid Over London

London, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—It is estimated that there were between 20 and 30 German airplanes in the hostile squadron that attacked London and the eastern coast Sunday night and early Monday morning, killing 37 persons and wounding 161, many of them innocent children.

The Goths approached London by way of the Thames river estuary. It is believed that the Germans lost seven machines, but these figures have not yet been officially confirmed.

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TRAPSHOOTING

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Racine, Wis., May 21.—(U. P.)—Bob Mohr of Milwaukee won a decision over Phil Harrison of Chicago here last night in a quiet 10 rounds.

Memphis, Tenn., May 21.—(U. P.)—Earl Pal Moore took a decision over Earl

Portland shipyards for the benefit of the Red Cross. Judging from Hans' picture, he is built on the "Strangler Smith" style and looks as strong as a topgallant.

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Puryear of Denver here last night after eight rounds. They are bantams.

Rockford, Ill., May 21.—(U. P.)—A championship fight to top the Camp Custer Grant boxing tournament here Thursday was assured today between Rookie Eddie McGroarty of Grant and Mike O'Doud of Custer, claimant of the middleweight crown.

San Francisco, May 21.—Captain of Police Dan O'Brien, who is in charge of a benefit boxing match for the Red Cross Friday evening, today wired Fred Fulton in Seattle, inviting him to meet Willie Mehan in an exhibition bout.

A reply is being awaited.

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Bident, who declined to report to Toledo, it was been purchased by the Yankees, it was stated. He will fill the place left vacant by Bob McGraw, who has joined the army.

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Why We Urge All Patriots to Wear RICE & HUTCHINS EDUCATOR SHOE

THE New York Evening Mail not long ago called attention in an editorial to the fact that in a physical test of 40 young men eager to enlist in the army, 22 were rejected of "broken arches, distorted toes, callouses, bunions, corns, troubles from which they would break down on the march."

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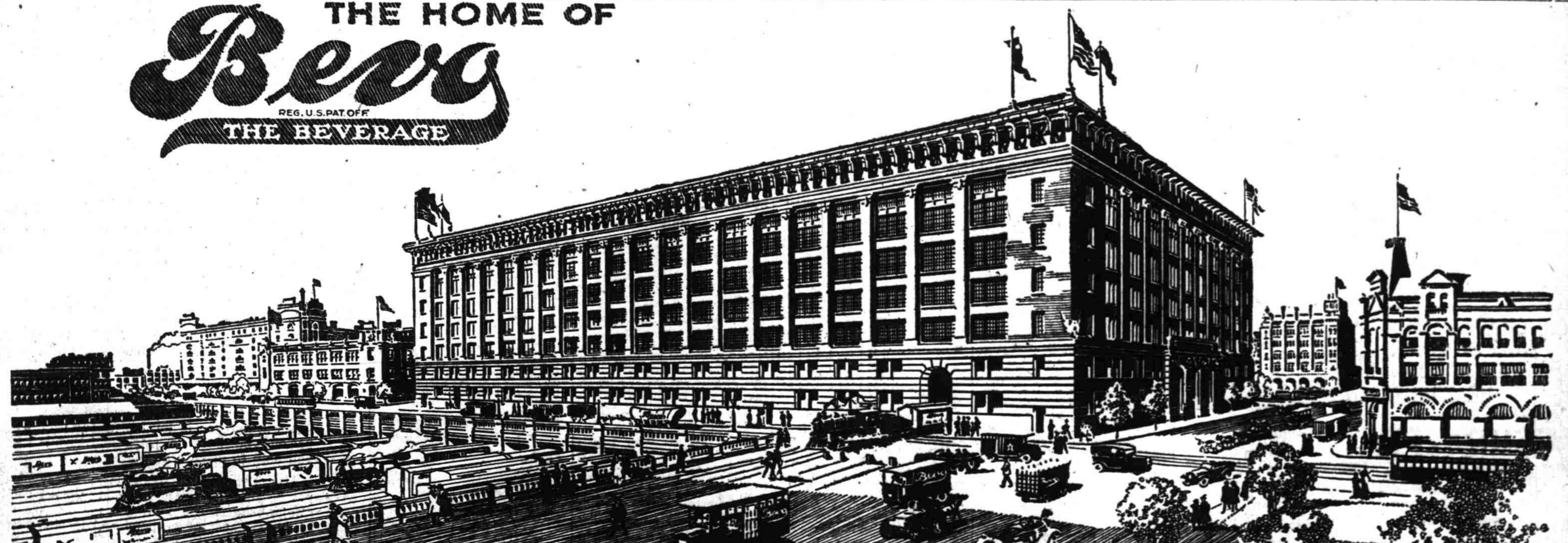
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