

SAMMY'S UNIFORM IS CHANGED TO FIT WAR

Spiral Cloth Puttees and Caps Replace Hats and Legions at the Front.

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(United Press Staff Cor.)
With the American Expeditionary Army, France, Dec. 12. (By Mail.)—Sammy will never look the same as he did when he carried his punch to France. First off the sergeant's chauffeurs gave up their campaign hats on the road and wore instead the little khaki for-and-aft Belgian cap, cut just like the French soldier's cap, which is blue. Of course it was against regulations to wear an un-uniform cap, but the regulations never considered the flopping of a hatbrim against a chauffeur's eyes at 40 miles an hour. So at headquarters they winked at the violation. When the first battalions went into the trenches the slouchy campaign hat was the most awkward piece of equipment in Sammy's whole kit. He cried slinging the hat at his side, but it fell into the mud and was trampled on and lost. Never having worn their steel helmets for any considerable time before, the troops didn't know until they were in the trenches that the space between the band and the head permits the wind to blow through. This is fine in summer. But winter was only a week or two away. Some of the fellows discovered that

you could use the chauffeurs' type of Belgian cap for a head-warmer under the helmet. It also serves as a pad, taking up some of the pressure of the steel hat. And it is small enough to fit into the pocket when you're not using it. The quartermaster of the first contingent got busy on the doughboy's tip and ordered a French factory to turn out enough fore-and-aft caps of a special design to equip the whole outfit. Later the new cap was adopted for the whole army. Officers wear their insignia pinned to the front peak and the enlisted man's branch of the service is indicated by the color of a little braid sewed along the edges. The old familiar American leggings are about to go the way of the unwieldy campaign hat. In the mud of the fighting front our troops found that the leggings let in mud between the bottom of the leggings and the shoe-tops, and this mud seeps down into the shoes. Hereafter troops on the front will wear the spiral cloth puttees of the British. They get muddy, too, but they wind over the shoe-tops so as to prevent the mud from going inside the shoes. Sleeveless leather coats are another article of clothing which will make Sammy look like a different soldier. They will be issued to all branches on the fighting front and they are considered even better than the fur coats dealt to the British troops. Engineer units are receiving all-over water-proof oiled suits, especially adapted for bridge construction, where men are often compelled to stand in water of shoulder depth to do their work. The old-style American field boot remains. Though it has a rough exterior finish and looks like the Dickens even when new, this boot, when properly oiled, is as near water-proof as any leather boot of any army, according to the quartermaster. But for extremely muddy weather each man will have rubber thigh boots, which is something the old boche would like to issue to his men, but he can't issue because our blockade has killed off his rubber supply.

TWO SCOUT TROOPS VOTE ON 'Y' QUESTION

First Troop Solidly in Favor of Affiliating With Association; Second Opposes.

The first and second troops of Boy Scouts voted Friday night on the question of having a Scout council formed and also on affiliating with the local Y. M. C. A. Troop No. 1 voted unanimously in favor of both propositions. Troop No. 2, located in Fairmount, voted in favor of the organization of the scout council, but voted against affiliating with the Y. M. C. A. The reasons assigned by Charles Minturn, scout master for this action on the part of the troop are that they are located too far from the Y. M. C. A. to get much benefit from the membership. He stated that nearly all his troop are attending the campus high school and have free use of the University gymnasium, so that this feature of the Y. M. C. A. does not appeal to them. The third troop will meet Monday night and will act upon the question. Both these troops are more than full and the organization of the third down town troop is a certainty in the next few weeks if not in the next few days, and it is expected that the three down town troops will affiliate with the Y. M. C. A.

Brazilian Legation Is in Center of Circle

Washington, Jan. 10.—Brazil is represented in America by Domicio da Gama—dean of the South American diplomatic corps—with the title of ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary. Da Gama—who speaks classic English fluently—and who has a magnetic personality, was the first South American envoy to bring America the moral and material support of a great Western Hemisphere nation. Brazil declared war promptly against Germany, and gave "all-American solidarity" its first great impetus. Out on Massachusetts avenue—near Du Pont circle, the "hub of the universe," Ambassador Da Gama is installed in a handsome stone residence, the permanent quarters of the Brazilian diplomats here. On the first floor, where the chancery is located, Da Gama receives visitors. His many American friends find him especially interesting on account of his facility with the English language, which is probably very much more perfect and fluent than that of most American diplomats.

Portland Organizes Thrift Club for War Savings

Portland, Ore., Jan. 10.—The first "thrift club" in Portland for the purpose of saving systematically for the purchase of United States war savings stamps and war savings stamps, has been organized by the employees of the Prudential Insurance company, with John Pauer, local superintendent, as president. Members of the club have signed a pledge to save a given amount each week and check on the progress of each member will be made by the club secretary. Many other such societies are to be organized in Portland, and reports received at thrift campaign headquarters indicate that the plan will be general throughout the state.

Worst Storm

lars damage, Dixie today is recovering from one of the fiercest gales and torrential rainstorms in its history. Sweeping northward through Georgia, Alabama and other southern states, the terrific wind, snow and rain left in its wake wreckage, disabled telephone and telegraph wires and disrupted transportation. With practically all wires down south of here, reports filtering through from uninterrupted channels stated that seven were dead at Cowarts, Ala., and the town wrecked by the storm. Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga., suffered severely. Many tents were blown down and hospital quarters flooded. At least one death resulted—Private Harris being killed when the corral of the 121st infantry collapsed. Later reports may increase the number of deaths. The grandstand and race track at Central City Park, Macon, were demolished. A building in which wild animals were quartered also was destroyed. Several of the animals were killed, but others escaped. One kangaroo is still at large in the city of Macon. Fires broke out in several sections but were quickly extinguished. Railroad traffic was impaired while wire communication with outside points virtually was paralyzed. Wind, rain, snow and lightning visited Virginia, but as far as known no fatalities resulted. To ruins of the Monticello hotel and several other buildings in Norfolk, which were destroyed by fire several days ago, were blown down by the gale. MANY DEATHS REPORTED. Washington, Jan. 12.—A storm of cyclonic proportions hit Washington early today after sweeping through the southern Atlantic states last night, leaving reports of many dead and big damage behind it. All wires are down south of Richmond. Railroads are operating blindly, no communication having been established up to 10 o'clock along southern routes. The storm raging before a high velocity wind struck Washington shortly after 2 a. m. Slight damage was done here, its fury having apparently been spent further south.

BOARD DOUBTS REPLY TO QUESTIONNAIRES

District Organization Questions Accuracy of Many Answers Submitted.

The district exemption board is up to its ears in work over the classifications of the registrants under the questionnaires. M. Svarverud, secretary of the board, states that the board feels satisfied that in many instances claims for deferred exemption have been substantiated by statements which are not in accord with the facts. In every such case the local board has been asked to furnish further evidence in the matter and if proper evidence is not forthcoming the district board will turn the papers over to the federal attorney with a request for an investigation and that criminal prosecution may follow wherever untruth has been sworn to. Mr. Svarverud says that according to the affidavits of some registrants the surplus product raised upon the farms is almost miraculous considering the unfavorable season in Oregon. Several 40-acre tracts have produced net incomes which put their owners well into the income tax paying class. Many who have been married since the war opened have given this as a reason for deferred classification. On these the district board has looked askance and has not considered the marriage as giving preferred classification. Mr. Svarverud says that the need of parents for their sons has also become very marked.

Alex Trambitas Is Badly Beaten in Bout With Farren

Portland, Ore., Jan. 12.—Alex Trambitas' friends have abandoned all of their predictions that some day the boy will be lightweight champion. Alex met up with Frankie Farren of San Francisco last night and took the count in the second round after being badly battered. Billy Mascott and Danny Edwards went six rounds to a draw. The mix between Walter Knowlton, formerly coast amateur champion lightweight, and Dewey Smith, of Seattle, won by Knowlton, was so exciting that W. H. Smith, a spectator, dropped dead.

"Intolerance" Is Magnificent From Standpoint of Art

The William D. Griffith production "Intolerance" which was put on at the Eugene Theatre Friday evening and will be shown again Saturday afternoon and evening is a great production from the art standpoint. Like other Griffith productions it causes the thinking man to wonder what interests and motives financed so stupendous an outlay of money.

SHORTAGE IN SHIPPING PREDICTED BY DENMAN

Former Head of National Board Says Present Plans of Government Inadequate.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Two members of congress shared in responsibility for loss of more than fifteen steel ships to registry under the American flag, according to charges of William Denman, former Shipping Board head, made public today. Sending Chairman Fletcher of the congress ship probe committee an outline of his prospective testimony, Denman said he would disprove printed claims that fifteen ships were lost to the flag through neglect arising from the Goethals-Denman differences. "I will show," said Denman, "that I was one of the active participants in saving over a million tons of vessels to the American government." Denman's letter predicted a grave shortage of shipping, even with present plans.

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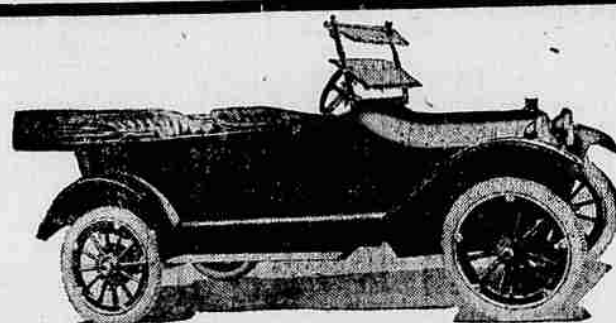
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