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Retiring early seems to be healthful for the modern army.

The memory of old timers goes back to the poverty stricken days of dollar wheat.

DOCTORS TO RATE THE MORAL STATUS OF BIRTH CONTROL

By George Martin.
 (United Press Staff Correspondent.)
 NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—John S. Sumner, Anthony Comstock's successor as arbiter of Gotham's morals, can't decide whether birth control is a vice or a virtue.

Sumner has put it up to the New York County Medical society, which is itself divided three ways on the point and promises to stage a lively fight at today's discussion of the subject that Mrs. Margaret Sanger made famous.

If the disagreeing doctor men don't tell Mr. Sumner whether he is Mrs. Sanger's friend or her enemy today, New York's Comstockian vice censor just won't know what to do. It is Mr. Sumner's desire not to be directly quoted in the matter, but it has been discreetly and modestly intimated that the attitude of the Society for the Prevention of Vice toward birth control will be influenced by what the doctors say today.

The Medical society has been pulling and hauling around the subject for a year, taking it up and dropping it suddenly several times. The situation today reveals one faction of the society favoring a resolution advocating the right for physicians to give advice to married men on the subject of birth control and to amend the state law that prohibits dissemination of such information. Another faction is opposed to having anything to do with the subject while a third is opposed to the society taking any action as a society regarding the change in the law.

Should the society declare in favor of birth control education by physicians it would present several unique situations. Probably it would be the first medical society to take such a radical step. It would be a big boost for Mrs. Sanger, who has been officially howled down all over the country, and it would, if Sumner does as he has intimated he will do, link the New York anti-vice hand in hand with Mrs. Sanger, whose activities have been denounced by many courts, including the U. S. federal court of the New York district, as not at all proper or virtuous.

The outcome of today's meeting is being watched closely by the pros and antis of birth control throughout the country; and particularly by Mrs. Sanger and her lieutenants, inasmuch as Mrs. Sanger's trial on the charge of operating a "nuisance" in her birth control clinic, which comes up early in January, is more or less looked upon as a battle royal between the two factions.

Want Ads only ONE CENT a word.

BEND ABOUT READY FOR A PERMANENT FEDERAL BUILDING

(Oregon Journal.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—Bend, Oregon, collected just \$721.88 less in the last year in postal receipts than is required to come inside the standard fixed by the treasury department as a minimum amount that should be collected before a new postoffice is erected.

The difference is so small that Senator Lane, who has been inquiring into the question of a public building for Bend, probably will ask the postoffice committee of the senate to consider the claims of the Eastern Oregon town, if the public buildings bill pending in the house comes over to the senate.

Assistant Secretary Newton, of the treasury department, in charge of public buildings, says it is not deemed advisable to erect buildings in towns of less than \$15,000 postal receipts. Bend, for the year ending with September, reported \$14,278.12. If the fiscal year ending with June were taken as the basis, the receipts shown would be only \$12,435.

Mr. Newton goes on to say that the government is paying \$600 a year rental for postoffice quarters there, and if a public building were erected the cost of maintenance would be from \$3000 to \$4000 a year. Further, he says, the rental now received by some citizen would be taken away, land purchased for the site would be taken out of taxation, and probably the public would be no better served than it is now.

In the pending omnibus buildings bill the standards proposed by the treasury department as to postal receipts are repeatedly violated. Postal receipts, alone, would not keep Bend out of the bill, but it is an unwritten rule that only one building shall be appropriated for in the same congressional district, and Hood River is already provided for in the Second Oregon district, making it improbable that another town could "get in," and if another did, Klamath Falls is thought to have the first call.

AMERICAN GIRL IS SCOUT IN ARMY OF ITALY DURING WAR

By John H. Hearley,
 (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

ROME, Dec. 26.—An American girl has scouted for the Italian army, it was learned here today. She is the Countess Dentice del Frasso, stepdaughter of Henry Seigel and former Georgiana Wilde, of St. Louis.

In the disguise of an Italian officer the Countess motorcycled up and down the battleswept Carso. Several times death almost caught up with her. She was paired with her husband, the Roman nobleman, a messenger for the general staff.

Her exploit is unique in Italy's war. The one time St. Louis belle is the only woman who has crawled through shell-swept trenches and been face to face with battle on the Italian front. During her 10 years' residence in Rome, Countess Dentice has lost her American accent, but not her Yankee curiosity. When she first told her husband she wanted to go to the front he would not listen to her. She pleaded and he finally consented to let her don an officer's uniform and pose as his assistant, riding in the side basket of his motorcycle. Over the natty gray green uniform she put a long military dust cloak. She tucked her hair up under her cap and put on big goggles.

The start was made early one morning. The Count had messages to carry to the Carso. The Countess acted her part perfectly, as she certainly looked quite like a young officer by his side. No sentinels bothered her, taking her husband's credentials as sufficient also for his companion.

One of the first stops was made at St. Michele. Here the American girl saw the bloody trenches and caught the vile odor of the open tombs. Several times the weird whistle of an approaching shell drove her to cover, as she was within easy range of an Austrian battery. Once a shell exploded within 20 yards of

her, the smoke from it spreading over the trench wherein she hid.

Womanlike, she shed her tears over the rude cemeteries that lined the roadsides. In them Italians and Austrians sometimes mingled, enemies in life but brothers in death.

They passed the first night in Gradisca. The Count and Countess slept in a military establishment. A terrific cannonade awakened them early the next morning. The Austrians were bombarding the city.

"The buildings on each side of our lodgings were tumbled into ruins," declared the countess. "It was terrible, looking through the window at the bursting shells. Providentially our quarters escaped destruction."

"But it was the war I had wanted to see, and I had enough of it right there. Next morning we motorcycled back to our starting place. I soon stepped out of my unaccustomed clothes and got into more comfortable ones. Then I came back to Rome, and peace, leaving my husband with the war at the front."

MILLER-MARTIN GO EXPECTED TO BE FAST TONIGHT AT HIP

Max Martin, of Bend, will engage Ernest Miller, of Sand Point, Idaho, former featherweight wrestling champion, in a fast mat contest tonight at the Hippodrome under the auspices of the Bend Athletic club.

Miller arrived in Bend several days ago for training and reports that he is in the best of condition to meet Martin. Local fans who have seen Miller work out say they believe that Martin is due for his Waterloo tonight, as Miller is equally as fast as Martin and is clever.

This will be the first time in Bend that Martin has met a man of his own weight, having previously met men heavier than he. Martin has been working out constantly for the last two weeks and reports to be in the best of shape for tonight's contest.

Manager Doudlah has planned several fast preliminaries. Ted Hoke and Kid Jeff will wrestle a curtain raiser.

NEW WRESTLER IS NAMED AS COMING CHAMPION ON MAT

By H. C. Hamilton,
 (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Charles S. Shorman, veteran western sports writer, and one of the keenest judges of a wrestler in the country, has delved into the wilds of Iowa and picked out a brand new wrestling marvel. Sherman declares the new phenomenon easily is as good as Frank Gotch, also an Iowan, when that wonderful grappler first began to appear in public.

Considering the fact that it was Sherman who first recognized the ability of Joe Stecher and literally boosted him into prominence, his endorsement of the farmer youth he calls Earl Caddock carries some weight.

Caddock, says Sherman, is a farmer boy from Anita, Iowa, and has been in the ranks of the professionals only a year. His rise, it is stated, has been just as phenomenal as that which shot Joe Stecher into the limelight, and, like Stecher, the Iowa youth never has lost a fall in a match.

Sherman writes he was most impressed with Caddock's performance, when that youth met and defeated Mort Henderson, the original "masked marvel." Henderson, in his time, has met and held his own with some of the best in the wrestling game, and for that reason Caddock's backers were somewhat reluctant to allow the youngster to meet the time-tried veteran of the mat game. Their doubts were dispelled within a very short time after the bout started when Caddock sped behind the eastern wrestler and pinned his shoulders to the mat in just ten minutes. The second fall was achieved in six minutes.

The versatility and variety of holds with which the young farmer boy fought his adversary was astounding, Sherman writes. "Not even Gotch in his palmist days ever smothered an able opponent with such ease as did Caddock in flattening Henderson's shoulders against the pad."

Sherman concludes a letter with the assertion that it is only a question of time until Caddock, Stecher and Strangler Lewis must meet and decide who is going to take Frank Gotch's place as the world's champion wrestler.

LITTLE STRENGTH SHOWN IN BOXING IN PASSING YEAR

By H. C. Hamilton,
 (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A year of inaction by fighters and their managers, another year of demands for enormous sums to box, and a year in which some of the flabbiest champions ever produced have been content to sit securely on their laurels, is the pugilistic analysis of 1916.

Championship bouts of high caliber have become so scarce that the man who formerly became all worked up over the prospect of seeing a champion and a near-champion get together grows very little excited nowadays when the word is passed

THE GERMAN SOLDIER HAS HIS TREE, TOMMY HIS TURKEY, FOR CHRISTMAS



FRITZ'S CHRISTMAS TREE AND TOMMY WITH HIS TURKEY

Photos by American Press Association.
 Christmas is the time for "heimweh" (homesickness) among men of the German army, parted by the war from their families and compelled to spend the holiday season in the trench. Officers, solicitous for the welfare of their men, know the extra strain to which the soldiers are subjected at this time and do their utmost to relieve it by making special efforts to forward letters and packets from home and by aiding in getting up Christmas parties like the one shown in the upper picture. The Christmas tree, as is natural, since Germany is its original home, plays a prominent part in the German soldier's Christmas festivities. The lower picture shows two British "Tommyes" with their Christmas turkey sent from home to the

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