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States Food Administrator has + relied on the voluntary support 4 of the American people is shown + by a statement made by the + United States Food Administra- + tor speaking before the Senate + Agricultural Committee less 4 than three months after this + country entered the war. That + he was justified in his implicit 4confidence in the strength of democracy has been clearly reflect- 4 ed by the measure of support we have lent the Allies.

"If democracy is worth anything," Mr. Hoover declared, "we can do these things by co-operation, by stimulation, by self-sacrifice, by the patriotic mobilization of the brains of this country. If it cannot be done in this + manner it is better that we accept German domination and 4 confess to failure of our political + ideals, acquiesce in the superiority of the German conception and send for the Germans to in-

HONORED BY FRENCH

Yankee Doctor Wins Commission as Captain.

Highest-Ranked American Citizen In French Army During

Paris.-The highest-ranked American citizen in the French army during the present war is Dr. Henry Michel of Augusta, Ga., who earned a captain's commission in the service of our ally before transferring over to the United States army.

Doctor Michel came to France at the beginning of the war and volunteered in the French army. Owing to the crying need for surgeons, he was at once commissioned as a second Hentenant and assigned at a base hospital. His hard work and ability won him promotion to a first lieutenancy after the Verdun offensive in the first half of 1916 when he was stationed at Troyes, the great evacuation center for the French wounded.

Afterward Doctor Michel was transferred to Lyons and was placed in command of a military hospital there and promoted to captain. The For-eign Legion has its base depot at Lyons, and Doctor Michel knew almost all of the Americans enlisted in of United States Consul Jones at

A year ago Doctor Michel offered his services to the A. E. F. and was sent to American Red Cross hospital No. 1 at Neullly, the former American He is also surgeon in chief of the American hospital for civillans in Neuilly.

Only a few other Americans have ever received commissions in the French army, and they were all second lieutenants with the exception of William Thaw of the Lafayette Escadrille, and Sweeny of the Foreign Legion and later of the tank corps, who were first lieutenants. The aviator pilots of the Lafayette Escadrille were only sergeants, with the exception of Dudley Hill, an adjutant. Lufbery was only a second lientenant.

MUTE HERO OF WAR



Marshal Foch is one of the 18 collies that were given to the government for service in the war.

BROTHERS EACH ENLIST, THEN MEET IN PARIS

Delaware, O .- Private H. J. Stricklin and Corporal Clifford Stricklin live in this city. Nelther brother knew that the other was in France. Each knew that the other was headed for a comp in the United States for training. They met on the company street in the same camp near Paris.

DOCTOR FOOLED BY TWINS

Candidates for Merchant Marine So Much Alike One of Them is Examined Twice.

Boston, Mass .- Two nineteen-yearold brothers-James R. Miller and Earl W. Miller of Chadbourn, N. C .- are the twinniest twins that ever hit Uncle Sam's merchant marine training ship

The examining surgeon was the first to be fooled. First he examined James

R. Then he furned to his desk to make out his record, taking for granted that James would pass to the next room. But he didn't. He thought there was more to come. And of course he was examined again, "Gosh," he thought, "they do a pretty thorough job here,"

"Earl," said the doctor, still talking to James, "you sure are an image of your brother,"

Just then Earl entered the room. "I'm through with you, James," said the doctor, speaking to Earl.

"Don't I get examined?" inquired Earl. And then a great light dawned on the doctor.

Work Certain for Heroes. Olympia, Wash,-Placing 3,000,000 icres of arid land in this state under rrigation at a cost of \$250,000,000 and furnishing work for thousands of returned soldiers and sallors is part of plan being worked out by Gov. Ernest Lister. By this plan it is expected homes may be made for 50,000 families.

BURIALS AT CROSS ROADS

Events That Led to the interment of the Sulcide With the Executed Criminal.

In pre-Christian days, suicides were terribly frequent, and it was generally agreed that a man might escape the burden of life in this manner, without discrediting his memory. that unit. He was also a great friend | Christianity with its higher code of morals, taught the wickedness and cowardice of self-murder, in the strongest terms. When consecrated churchyards were set apart as the resting place of the Christian dead, it was felt that these who died in deadly sin, in fingrant rebellion against their Maker, had cut themselves off from the falth, and had no right to await the resurrection with faithful Christians. They were believed to have put themselves outside of soclety, and to have forfeited their right to share its burial privileges. In those early days, before churches could be built, it was the rule to preach and conduct divine services at the crossroads. Wooden and afterwards stone crosses were erected to mark the situation where services would be held. Some of these have been preserved to this day, being memorials erected to the dead, or dedications of thanksgiving. Since suicides might not be burled in the churchyard or other consecrated ground, pity suggested that the next most holy spot was the ground near the old cross, where service had once been held, or was then held. They buried the poor suicides there, because they were unwilling to relinquish hope for them. Afterward, for the sake of greater publicity, the gibbut and the gallows were set up at the crossroads, and criminals were buried beneath them after their execution. The law decreed that suicides should lie with these criminals, in ordoe to mark the detectation in which the erime of self-murder was held. And so what was once a signal of Christian hope and charity, became a legal indignity imposed upon the dead bodies to mark an immensely serious breach of the law of the country,

Share and Share Alike,

The Russian revolution was not without its lighter side, as the following account of what happened in Petrograd will show:

A woman communist was holding forth, asserting that all were equal and all wealth should be divided equally. On this a man in her audience produced coins amounting to about a dollar and one-half from his pocket. "I agree with you," he remarked. "You have convinced me." Turning to a bystander he asked him to change one of the pieces for him. He obtained two notes,

Facing the lady orator, he said: "This is all the money I possess, I will halve it with you," and he held out the seventy-five cents. She had to take it, and was about to commence her oration again when her questioner continued: "No, no. How much have you in your purse? We must now divide that, since we are to share equally in our wealth," Reluctantly she produced her purse. It was opened and found to contain twenty dollars. The man pocketed ten dollars of this, thanked her for her interesting lecture and withdrew.

Latest Infant Prodigy.

The latest "infant phenomenon" halls from Philadelphia. Her name is Edith Gruenberg. At the age of eight months Edith, from the confines of her cradle, mimicked the call of the quall with such conviction that

age of two she could distinguish all the colors of the spectrum. One month later she was discovered in the act of humming Schubert's "Serenade," and at three and one-balf years she could recognize 100 popular airs. Three months later Edith's favorite composers were Tschalkowsky, Wagner, Leoncavello, Handel, Rubinstein, Liszt, Sul-Hvan, Puccini and Beethoven. Edith could pronounce all these names withen out slip.

Two Canine Heroes.

Two French war dogs, which well deserve the honor, have had their names and numbers posted up at all the French army kennels for a deed of valor. The story is that, at the time of the German of ensive, the dogs' keeper stayed in the rear to the very Inst moment, waiting for his dogs to return with an important message. When they did come, the only way left to escape capture was by swimming the Marne, and the man could not swim, so he coupled the dogs together, and clinging on to their iron chain, was dragged across the river by them, the three escaping unburt in spite of a rain of bullets from German rifles,

Clouds.

"The height mainfained by clouds is very variable and is generally less than you might suppose," writes Jean Henri Fabre, "There are clouds that lazily trail along the ground; they are the fogs. There are others that cling to the sides of moderately high mountains, and still others that crown the summits. The region where they are commonly found is at a height varying from 500 to 1.500 meters. In some rather rare instances, they rise to nearly four leagues. Beyond that, eternal screnity reigns."

Beet Sugar Cement.

An interesting by-product of beet sugar is cement. The scum which colleets in bolling 100,000 tons of sugar beets contains about 6,000 tons of carbonate of lime, When this calcium carbonate is mixed with clay and burned, a very good cement to ob-

The Useful Penny.

Introduction of the penny transfer in the operation of the Indianapolis street car system, which caused the Indianapolis Traction and Terminal company to supply itself with 8,000 pennies the first day, brought to the mind of J. J. Mahoney, superintendent, a story of the eighties when Tom Johnson, afterward mayor of Cleveland, was treasurer, and a supply of ennies in the hands of the company helped to stop a run on a bank. Mr. Makepey has been connected with the Indianapolls street car system for a long, long time.

In those days passengers dropped a nickel fare in a box and sometimes they put in five pennies. The conpany was usually overstocked with pennies, and had to send them to the United States mint to get rid of them The pennies were put in bags. It happened that the company had a lot or bags full of pennies when a run started on a bank. There was a great throng of people at the bank demanding and getting back their deposits. Through an understanding, the bank and the street car company resorted to camouflage. Several street car employees were called in and directed to carry the bags of penales into the bank. It was an impressive sight, as bag after bag was passed through the cashler's window, and Mr. Mahoney says It had the desired effect.

"Hard" and "Soft" News.

Japanese newspapers, according to Prof. F. L. Martin of the University of Missouri's school of journalism, divide their news into "hard" and "soft." The hard news consists of serious, important events. The soft news includes all sorts of "human interest" incidents, What is called the "third page" of the soft news department consists of trivial stories which would be called gossip in this country. Here is a sample of "third page" soft news:

"Since Etsunaka, a resident of Osakusa, has separated from her master, a coal dealer, she has lost a good opponent for her noted powers of quarreling. The neighbors are breathing freely again at the prospect that they need no longer hear embarrassing quarrels which have made the neighborhood famous. The reaction has been so great that Etsunaka has been downhearted. She says: 'I feel sick now that I have no one to quarrel with." "-Outlook.

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