

ARMY ASKS BIDS ON SIX FIGHTING TANKS

Wants Powerful But Light Armored Machines.

Washington, D. C.—Six fighting tanks of a type far superior to the World war machines with which the army now is equipped will be acquired by the War department within the next few months. Letters asking manufacturers to bid on contracts for constructing the new tanks and an armored car were sent out at the direction of Gen. Charles P. Summerall, army chief of staff. Delivery of these vehicles will give the army its first service protected tanks since World war days.

The new machines will be modeled on the Christie combined wheel and track laying tank and armored car demonstrated to the army and members of congress last summer. The specifications call for tanks protected against projectiles from the side and rear. The armored car is to be protected by armor plate against side-jacked bullets.

Speed and Stability Sought
The new machines are to be seven times as fast as the World war light tanks and will have at least four times as much fire power. They will have far greater mobility of action and more stability. Whereas World war tanks had to be overhauled every eighty miles, the new Christie vehicles are expected to travel more than 500 miles before needing repairs. They will travel on solid rubber tires on hard roads and on caterpillar tracks across country.

The specifications call for tanks which can travel 40 miles an hour over roads and 30 miles an hour over fields. They will have four speeds forward and one in reverse. They also must be able to operate at one mile an hour. The tanks will have eight wheels, be from 17 to 20 feet long, and have spring suspension tracks. Protection will be provided by nickel steel plating from one-half to five-eighths of an inch in thickness. Eighty gallons of gas will be carried in specially protected tanks.

Engines to Be in Rear.
Because of trouble experienced with tanks not providing proper visibility for the drivers, the War department has directed that the new machines be built with the engine in the rear and the driver's place in front. The specifications call for a turret built so that the gunner can fire in all directions except directly up. A 37 millimeter semi-automatic weapon capable of 30 to 40 rounds a minute and a 30 caliber machine gun will be installed in each tank.

Before being accepted the new tanks must show ability to cross ditches three feet in depth, climb a 35 degree dirt slope without detachable grousers, and display ability to go through barbed wire. They must also run 100 miles on hard roads in eight successive hours.

Marriage Commissioner

Named by Richmond, Va.

Richmond, Va.—J. H. Binford Peay is Richmond's new marriage commissioner, succeeding the late "Parson" James D. Lyle, who died recently at the age of eighty-nine. Lyle succeeded "Parson" James Madison Macon, the first to hold the office. Macon was appointed to the post 20 years ago by the late Judge Sam Witt of Hastings court, for accommodation of couples regularly ordained ministers refused to marry because one or the other had been divorced.

"Parson" Macon advertised widely that he specialized in marrying divorced people. As a result, he did a land office business of matrimony. "Parson" Lyle was more conservative, doing little advertising. He was the last survivor of a Richmond military company which did guard duty at Charles Town, W. Va., when John Brown, abolitionist, was hanged.

An Elopement Cure

Crops Up in Nagasaki

Nagasaki, Japan.—Because a young inspector of the Kobe customs house eloped with the wife of a millionaire brewer, local customs officials have ordered all young men in the service to have their hair cropped. Girls will not fall in love with young men with shaved heads, the customs chief believes.

Lost Glass Eye Used by

Boys as Marble Target

Brookton, Mass.—William T. P. Nelson, well known local character, lost his glass eye while being forcibly arrested for drunkenness recently, and when he again sighted the false optic it was target in a game of marbles. The youngsters who found the glass eye had won 500 marbles with it. Nelson redeemed it with a piece of silver.

Riches Came Late

Capetown.—The romance of the Kimberley diamond field was revived here when a digger who had lost his entire stake was being treated to a farewell drink by his friends and a native rushed in to tell him that a 50-carat diamond, later sold for \$20,000, had been found on his claim.

To Electrocute Germs

Albany, N. Y.—Authorities at Albany medical college are experimenting with high-frequency electric waves in an effort to determine their potentialities as a bacteria-killing medium.

Work of the Lungs

From twenty to thirty cubic inches of air are normally changed with each act of breathing. Nearly 600 cubic feet of air passes through the lungs of an adult each day.

Unchanged by Time

An old lady, while on a vacation in the country, hearing somebody say the mails were irregular, said: "It was so in my young days—no trusting any of 'em."

A Wife for Asa John

By GENEVRA COOK

MISS LUCY LEAVITT touched her sister's shoulder. "Susan, did you notice that Asa John walked home with Mrs. Wilson's Olive tonight?"

"Yes," nodded Susan Leavitt heavily. "Olive Wilson is only twenty. So?"

"And Asa John is thirty-nine." "May and December."

"Hardly that, Lucy—May and September, I should say."

"And Asa John is a confirmed old bachelor."

"Doesn't look like it if he is being Olive Wilson around," said Susan and dropped off into the nap from which Lucy's gossip had aroused her.

When Asa John looked wistfully across the village street toward the post office where a group of young people made merry over the cousin of the evening mail. He did not hear Olive Wilson's laugh for she was a little thing and very ladylike.

"I thought Asa John with the weighty judgment of his thirty-nine years."

By this time Asa John was walking slowly toward the river road, and just as he stepped into the shadows, three women joined him with apologetic jokes and laughter—his two sisters, Lucy and Susan, and their bosom friend, Amelia Baxter.

"You and Amelia go on ahead, Asa John, Lucy and I will come along after," said Susan. "The river certainly looks lovely tonight."

"I adore it," gushed Amelia, with an arch upward flash at Asa John's tall form. "Don't you think the river road is romantic, Asa John?"

"It has that reputation," replied Asa ponderously.

"Remember when we all went to school together?" chirped Amelia brightly. "When we came and went by this road because there was always something doing? Remember, Asa John, how you saved Mamie Wilson's life that winter when she fell through the ice and she said she was going to marry you when she grew up?"

"And Asa John told her not if he knew it," supplied Lucy.

"Humph!" said Asa John. Susan sighed. "Well, we're all middle-aged and Mamie Wilson married Ben Jones Wilson and there's Olive their only child going to marry a pretty creature but only twenty!"

"Olive going to be married?" shrieked Lucy.

"Really?" gasped Amelia.

"Who is she going to marry?" asked Lucy.

"Mamie said Olive told her yesterday—that she was going to marry the nicest man in town if he'd have her!"

"That might be most anybody," commented Amelia, her quick eyes on Asa John's disturbed countenance.

"I guess Mamie knows who Olive means—you know that handsome young fellow that works for Asa John?"

"Not William Norton!"

"Yes," panted Susan as she hastened to keep up with Asa John's long strides. "Don't hurry so, Asa. William is a nice boy, isn't he?"

"No one better in the whole town," said Asa John.

"There, who should know better than Asa John, when William has worked for him for two years?"

Amelia patted Asa John's gray coat sleeve. "Asa John, you know very well that William isn't the nicest man in town, don't you?"

"Humph!" grunted Asa John impotently, while Miss Lucy and her sister clung excitedly to each other. Amelia had long cast a predatory eye upon their good looking bachelor brother, but she had never "pounced" on him like that before.

At the corner, where the river road swerved to join the village street they parted, Amelia disappointedly walking on with Lucy and Susan while Asa John returned along the river road for a quiet pipe, he said.

Strolling back along the river road, Asa John Leavitt did not notice the white gleam of moonlight on the river nor hear a whippoorwill singing heavily in some near wood. His thoughts were unhappily brooding over the absurdity of a man of his years falling in love with the brightness and youth of Olive Wilson, the daughter of his old schoolmate.

As he neared home again, people were coming out of the church. Wednesday evening prayer meeting was over and as he threaded the little groups giving greeting here and there, he saw Olive Wilson dismissing William Norton. "No, thank you, William," she was saying. "I can get home quite all right—I see Mr. Leavitt coming and he lives next door."

"So you are going to be married to William?" observed Asa John at last, and he told her what he had heard Olive burst into a trill of happy laughter.

"Of course not—I never dreamed of such a thing. William is entirely too young!"

"Too young—for you?" gasped Asa giddily.

"I was joking with mother and told her I was going to marry the nicest man in the village," Olive hesitated, "but it was a joke. The nicest man would think I was young and foolish."

"Nonsense! I wish I was the nicest man!" said Asa John boldly.

"Why," stammered Olive, "of course you are!"

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Effect of Anemia

Normally, red corpuscles average about 5,000,000 per cubic millimeter of blood. In victims of pernicious anemia the number may be reduced to 1,000,000 or even less.

Let's Have It All

"In our diet we need copper as well as iron," says a hematologist expert in Woman's Home Companion. Why not zinc and lead? Enough people already have plenty of brass.

BARES REVENGE IN KILLING OF BRIDE

Murderer Leaves Note for Young Husband.

Ottawa.—With the self-confessed slayer already under arrest, police are still seeking to unravel a web of mystery which shrouds the death of Mrs. Olga James, nineteen-year-old bride of Reginald James.

William Neilson, sixty-one, has confessed that he strangled the young woman in her home, leaving a note to her husband as follows:

"This is your dirty work, that you have done on me. It may be a lesson to you not to treat any other man that way. You got this woman to play the most rotten game she could play on a man. Now see what you have done."

Keeps Motive Secret.
But Neilson, although admitting the crime, still maintains silence as to the motive which prompted him, and refuses to explain the note which he left. The slayer, a painter by trade, was employed in decorating the James home last fall, just after James and his bride had moved into it. He still retained a key to the front door, police state, and effected an entry in this way.

James discovered his wife dead when he returned home for lunch. She lay in her bedroom, still in her nightgown, a six foot length of cord from a window sash weight knotted around her throat.

Trace Slayer.
Neighbors told of having seen an elderly man enter the James home soon after the husband had left it in the morning. The contractor who had built the home stated that the description fitted Neilson, one of the painters who had been engaged on the house. Police arrested Neilson, a widow, at his rooming house, and found bloodstains on his clothes.

Mrs. James was well known in Ottawa's younger social set, being the daughter of Edward Nelson, secretary treasurer of the Ottawa Institute for the Blind.

West Point Is Worried

by Lack of Territory

West Point, N. Y.—The United States Military academy here faces a serious problem because of the lack of its own water supply, aviation field and inadequate space for its artillery ranges, according to Maj. Gen. William R. Smith, superintendent.

It may even be necessary to move the one hundred and fifty-year-old institution from its present site in order to remedy this, Maj. Gen. Smith said.

The academy gets its water from two nearby lakes, both off its property, when there is an overflow. When there is no water, according to Maj. Gen. Smith.

He said the use of the old artillery range has been rendered impossible by building of Storm King road, and that the only desirable airplane landing field is the Cragston club property, nearby. The academy expends \$25,000 annually to send its pupils to an aviation training, he said.

Bandit Quits Holdup

for Limberger Cheese

Newark, N. J.—Resting an arm on the counter, a timorous bandit hesitantly displayed an automatic revolver to Edward Cohen, delicatessen dealer, of 133 Wilson avenue, the other day, and said: "Hand over \$10."

Cohen demurred.

"Why should I give you \$10? I'll buy the gun, maybe," he said.

The bandit looked doubtful.

"I can't get up the nerve to shoot you," he sighed. "I ought to do it, I suppose."

Moments of embarrassed silence on the part of both followed. "Well, give me a quarter's worth of cheese—limberger," the bandit said finally and threw down a quarter. Cohen complied and watched his bandit-customer disappear. That's the story he told later to Detectives Joseph J. Kenny and John F. Bowbliss.

Sword of Stuyvesant

Given to N. Y. Museum

New York.—Peter Stuyvesant's sword, worn by the last Dutch colonial governor of New York nearly 300 years ago, has been presented to the Museum of the City of New York by De Lancey Kounze, according to announcement from the museum. The sword is 27½ inches long, with a wooden grip and a tightly laced leather scabbard bound in brass.

Through six generations the weapon came down to Henry Stuyvesant, who died in 1919. The latter gave the sword to Mrs. Annie Parsons Kounze, his cousin, in 1895. She in turn gave it to her son, the present donor.

Child's Fists Rout Dog

After Attack on Brother

San Francisco.—Without even looking for a club, Laura McFarland, thirteen years old, beat off with her bare fists a police dog that had attacked her four-year-old brother while the latter was petting the animal. The attack took place in the woods near here and after driving off the dog Laura carried her brother through a dense growth of poison ivy to the road and hailed a passing car.

Doctors said the boy, although severely torn by the dog's fangs, would recover.

Spanish Coinage

The Spanish gold dozent was worth \$2.32. Spain issued silver dozent worth 90 cents to \$1.10.

One on Shakespeare

The word "dollars" occurs once in Shakespeare's plays: Macbeth, Act I, Scene 2. This is an anachronism of 500 years, as the first European silver pieces called "thalers" were not coined until 1518.

The Cure and the Chance

By CORA BENNETT

THE water was turquoise green, the air was cool and soft, when Jack Allen, tired of swimming, clambered upon the sloping rock that marked deep water. For awhile he sat there, watching the gayly tinted crowds that thronged the beach and scattered into the water. Then he would swim again, sliding down the rock until his feet almost touched bottom, and soon he would come up again, buoyant and alive, ready to swim out to the point and back again some more.

It didn't turn out exactly as he had planned. Jack slipped down the rock, feet first, but he knew nothing of the stout and elderly gentleman who was floating on his back just beneath the surface, almost-somnolent with the joy of the day.

It was mere chance that the flounder rounded the rock just as Jack decided to submerge. The result was as startling as it was mortifying. There was the moment of contact, a fish-like leap on the part of the unhappy Jack, a momentary glimpse of a pair of elderly feet and a red and wrathful face.

Jack went back to the rock. "I am sorry, sir," he said apologetically. "Of course I could not know you were there. I hope you are not hurt, sir."

"How can I tell that until I have seen my doctor?" asked the victim indignantly. "I would like your card, sir."

"Of course I haven't got one here," said Jack in a peevish voice, "but my name is John Allen and I am at the Cliff hotel."

"Suppose you will go kiting off in a high-powered car as soon as you get ashore," muttered the injured one. "My name is Flood—I'll get you where ever you are."

As Jack swam away toward the ocean, he told himself grimly there was just one thing for him to do now—get himself drowned for good and all.

Had he not just become engaged to Daisy Flood, the most charming of the Flood twins, and was he not waiting around to meet Daisy's father to put the important question? Mrs. Flood was willing, but Amos Flood, the well-known lawyer!

Daisy's father! And the prospective son-in-law had almost killed him! Jack had reached the point by this time and lay panting on the sand. He was still miserably going over the accident when a motor boat whuffed over a wave and edged along the beach. The genial face of the life guard mooned at him.

"There you are, Mr. Allen," he called.

"Here I am—what has happened? Come to arrest me. Miss Daisy Flood says there's sharks out there."

"There's sharks ashore," retorted Jack grimly.

The guard laughed heartily. "I saw you do it," he chortled. He was a college student on vacation, and had a strange sense of humor. "They put the old gentleman to bed and sent for a doctor and a specialist. Money flowing like water."

"How is he?" growled Jack with a faint show of interest.

"I don't know. But I've orders to bring you home, dead or alive."

Jack made himself comfortable in the boat, and then rushed back to the hotel, where he found a note from Amos Flood asking him to call at his suite that evening at nine o'clock.

"I'll get mine sure as shootin'," gloomed Jack, and packed his trunk and bags before he dressed for dinner. Exactly at the hour named, looking very pale and handsome, the unfortunate man presented himself at the Flood suite.

Mrs. Flood welcomed him with tearful eyes. Daisy squeezed his hand sympathetically, and Jenn nodded in her brusque little way. There was nothing to indicate that this was anything except a death bed scene.

"Oh, Jack," whispered Mrs. Flood. "It does not seem possible."

"Has he—passed away?" asked Jack, horror-stricken.

Daisy exchanged a startled look with her sister. "Of course the poor boy doesn't know," she whispered.

There was a mellow laugh in the distance, the aroma of a good cigar and Amos Flood ambled into view, smiling cheerfully like an amiable cockatoo.

"You have saved my life, Jack," he said, extending a hand.

"I thought I had killed you."

"It proved to be the kindest thing you ever did! That drastic treatment was what I needed and I have just concluded a full course of dinner of indigestibles, and my doctors say you have cured me by your supposed carelessness."

"I am very glad, indeed, Mr. Flood," said Jack dizzily.

"Now," bustled the great lawyer, "I understand you want to marry Daisy."

"He is going to," said Daisy, possessing herself of Jack's arm.

"I'll say that you would never have had a chance winning her if you had not cured me," said Mr. Flood. "Because there's two or three good-looking young doctors been after Daisy and well, call it a day. Come mother, come Jesus—he isn't courting both of you—good luck, Jack."

"Thank you, sir," said Jack, and took all the luck that was coming to him, including Daisy herself.

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World's Deepest Lakes

The deepest body of fresh water to be discovered as yet is Lake Baikal in Siberia. It is 5,350 feet deep. The second deepest body of fresh water known is at Tanganyika, Africa. It is 4,190 feet deep.

Operator's Uncanny Gift

If there is no such thing as telepathy, how does the long-distance operator know just when you are in the bathtub?—Vincennes (Ind.) Sun.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

In 43 of the 85 fires in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, during April, rural properties suffered damages in the amount of \$122,805, or two-thirds of the aggregate of \$185,395. This information was contained in a report of Clara A. Lee, state fire marshal, issued recently.

Agricultural and manufactured products of southern Oregon will be displayed before representatives of 21 Latin-American countries at Sacramento August 25 to 30, during the Pan-American reciprocal trade conference, according to word received from the California city.

Lakeview fire department received from Pendleton a high-powered fire truck. The purchase of the truck, plus some changes in the water mains which Lakeview will make within the next 30 days, will give Lakeview new fire insurance rates considerably lower than the present ones.

A total of 195,850 seedlings have been shipped this spring from the Oregon Forest nursery near Corvallis, says a statement by State Forester Elliot. Most of the stock went to farmers for shelter belts, windbreaks and woodlots. This is nearly 75,000 more than was shipped last year.

The total enrollment for the year 1929-1930 at the southern Oregon state normal school, according to Miss Katherine Vincent, registrar, is 721. Of this number, 250 students were registered from Jackson county. Coos county is next in representation with 63 registered, and Douglas a close third with 62.

The elm tree beetle is ravishing the elms of Jackson county. These beetles cause the trees to lose their leaves during the early summer months. County Agent L. P. Wilcox has declared war against the insects and warns citizens that two seasons of such happenings will result in the death of the tree.

The Oregon Feed Dealers' association at a meeting in Eugene recently went on record as being against the practice of using old sacks for the sale of poultry and dairy feeds. The dealers stated that in the use of the old sacks there is a danger of contamination and the spread of disease among poultry and domestic animals.

The first barrel of this year's crop

of strawberries harvested by the Grants Pass and Rogue River growers was sealed recently at the new plant of the Allen Packing company at Grants Pass. The gross weight of the barrel is 500 pounds. Officials of the company say that it requires 450 pounds of berries to pack the barrel.

The Elks' lodge and the American Legion will put on the annual "Days of '49" again this year. Plans are rapidly nearing completion for a ten-acre mining camp with buildings and houses of logs where the calendar will be turned back for a week each year to the gold rush days of '49. This year the event will be on the week of July 4.

Try this one on your bedstead. Miss Claire Thomen, student at the University of Oregon, climbed into bed and immediately left it—with a shriek. Sinewy arms had gripped her about the ankles. Students found a small octopus, measuring five inches from tip to tip, in the stomach of a shark and placed it in Miss Thomen's bed for "cold storage purposes."

A flow of natural gas was reported to have been struck in a well drilled at the Vincent Preschman place, near Roseburg. In an effort to secure water for domestic purposes, a well was bored 140 feet, where a heavy flow of water was struck. The water came in faster than it could be baled out, and later was found to be impregnated with gas. Flames shot high into the air when a match was applied to it.

First-half taxes for the year 1930 have been received at the state treasury department in the amount of \$1,169,839.87, according to announcement made by Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer. Total collections for the first half will aggregate \$2,318,533.92. The counties which have paid their first half taxes in full include Multnomah, Clatsop, Columbia, Curry, Hood River, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Morrow, Polk, Union and Wallowa.

E. Gramse, deputy fish warden, made an unusual catch on the Des-

Pacific Mystery

Easter Island is called the "Unsolved Mystery of the Pacific" because of the scattered presence of hundreds of immense heads carved out of stone which are to be seen, some standing erect while others are down upon the ground. Their meaning is only conjectured and no one has ever offered any explanation which is generally accepted. Apparently Easter Island was chosen as the graveyard for the chiefs of a large island archipelago which suddenly disappeared. The thousands of slaves who were kept at work carving out these images were left without food and fell upon each other until only a few remained. The story of all these events was never recorded and can be read only by inference.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. 17, of Sherman County, State of Oregon, that a SCHOOL MEETING of said district will be held at the School House, on the 16th day of June, 1930, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of discussing the budget hereinafter set out with the levying board, and to vote on the proposition of levying a special district tax.

The total amount of money needed by the said school district during the fiscal year beginning on June 16, 1930, and ending June 14, 1931, is estimated in the following budget and includes the amounts to be received from the county school fund, state school fund, elementary school fund, special district tax, and all other moneys of the district.

BUDGET

Estimated Receipts

Balance on hand at beginning of school year (third Monday in June) for which this budget is made.....	\$1250.00	From elementary school fund.....	1400.00
From county school fund.....	960.00	From county high school tuition fund for tuition and transportation.....	3500.00
From state school fund.....	390.00	Total estimated receipts (items 1 to 9, inc.).....	\$7500.00

Estimated Expenditures

	Elementary	High School	TOTAL		Elementary	High School	TOTAL
I. GENERAL CONTROL—				ance of buildings and grounds.....	300	300	
1. Personal service:				3. Other expense of maintenance and repairs.....	200	200	
(1) Superintendent.....	\$ 275	\$ 275		4. Total expense of Maintenance and Repairs.....			1150.00
(2) Clerk.....	25	25		VI. AUXILIARY AGENCIES			
4. Legal service (clerk's bond, audit, etc.).....	35	30		1. Library:			
6. Total expense of General Control.....			665.00	(2) Library books.....	30	45	
II. INSTRUCTION — Supervision				5. Total Expense of Auxiliary Agencies.....			75.00
1. Personal service:				VII. FIXED CHARGES			
(2) Principals.....	275	275		1. Insurance.....	50	50	
2. Supplies, principals and supervisors.....	100	100		5. Total Fixed Charges.....			100.00
5. Total expense, Supervision.....			750.00	VIII. CAPITAL OUTLAYS			
III. INSTRUCTION — Teaching				4. New furniture and equipment.....	255	255	
1. Personal service:				7. Total Capital Outlays.....			510.00
(1) Teachers.....	5000	5450		IX. DEBT SERVICE			
2. Supplies (chalk, paper, etc.).....	150	150		1. Principal on bonds.....	\$1000.00		
6. Total expense of Teachers.....			10750.00	4. Interest on bonds.....	600.00		
IV. DEBT SERVICE				9. Total Debt Service.....			\$1600.00