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BRITAIN'S GARB

Britain, which went reluctantly to standardized clothing, is finding the change agreeable. To conserve material, "utility" clothing was designed for men and women by seven fashion experts. There are approximately fifty styles of women's gowns in fifteen colors and 5,000 variations. There are a hundred styles in shoes.

Mens ready-made suits range from \$11 to \$17.80 and tailor-made suits from \$15 to \$21.00. Womens suits from \$15 to \$21. Womens untailored suits from \$11 to \$14.30 and tailor-made suits from \$14.75 to \$18.50. All this utility clothing is exempt from the governments 33% purchase tax.

Ration books contain 51 coupons. With them the women may buy, in one year, a winter coat, a winter (or summer) dress, a nightgown, two pairs of stockings and four small handkerchiefs.

A man can buy a suit, an overcoat, a shirt, a pair of wool socks and a tie. If he forgoes a vest, he may buy a pair of shoes or an extra pair of pants. There are special allowances for children.

NO SHORT CUT

William M. Jeffers, rubber czar, recently struck hard at "loose and careless" talk about the rubber problem. The rubber problem is not licked; there is a definite rubber shortage; there will be tires for all only if the most stringent measures are applied and received with 100% cooperation on the part of the public. That is the grim truth.

There is no easy short cut to rubber conservation, or to the production of more rubber. "The facts are," Mr. Jeffers said, "that the Japanese cut off 90% of our supplies and that as a result the United States is compressing into two years the building of a tremendous synthetic rubber industry which ordinarily would take a dozen years to build."

"The greatest supply of rubber we have in this country is in the million tons of rubber in the tires of our passenger cars and trucks. We must stretch that million tons as far as it will possibly go—and then maybe a little farther."

DON'T SHOOT, PLEASE

A Washington doctor, fearful of a dangerous doctor shortage, has proposed arbitrary halting of further enlistment by medical men in the armed forces until a bureau has been created to "supervise and control the drafting and recruiting of doctors." Apparently, pending establishment of the bureau, our soldiers are supposed to keep out of the way of enemy bullets.

The military services are entitled to every doctor they need. And they are entitled to them without awaiting the pleasure of a bureau in Washington. As the American Medical Journal observes: "The least that the nation can do for those that offer their lives in combat is to provide them with the utmost that medicine can offer for the alleviation of the wounded and the prevention of unnecessary death." The armed forces are getting the doctors they need. They are getting them now; the best medical men in the world.

As far as civilian needs are concerned, the American Medical Journal points out that a weekly survey by the Procurement and Assignment Service maintains a

constant check on physicians in local communities. This service was created by the President of the United States. It works in close cooperation with the medical profession which does not propose to allow any lapse in the high and hard-won health standards of America.

KEEP ON THE JOB!

The home front can never be as productive of medals as the battlefield. However, the importance of the home front is coming more and more to be recognized, as indicated recently when one of the top men at selective service headquarters warned workers against changing jobs with any idea of getting draft deferment thereby.

Thousands of workers throughout the country have jumped their regular peacetime jobs and perhaps unglamorous jobs to go to work for defense industries.

Not only is this unlikely to result in a draft deferment, but it might hasten the day of the draft call, according to Lt. Commander Patrick H. Winston, assistant executive of selective service headquarters in Washington.

Addressing the convention of the National Association of Food Chains in Chicago, Lt. Commander Winston said:

"A man moving voluntarily from a non-essential industry to an essential industry in which he has had no previous experience does not improve his draft status. On the contrary, such action to prevent immediate induction might cause him to be called earlier."

So it appears that those of us doing what may seem to be prosaic jobs at home, had better stick to them. That advice is obviously based on the fact that the machinery of civilian life must not be disorganized by unplanned shifts from one place to another and one job to another.

The army wants us to stay put until we are needed. If we get impatient for a change, the Army may say, "O. K., Bud. If you're in such a hurry, c'mon and get your gun."

THE LITTLE MAN

In the much discussed "American way of life," we are losing much of its simplicity by the fact that the small scale business man is swiftly diminishing. Small concerns of manufacturing and selling are being forced out by the increased shortages and their failure to financially tide themselves through the duration. Also many of the small business men are of the younger group and naturally are to be draft material within a short time.

Something should be done to preserve a few of the "little man" group or our future economic standard will likewise suffer. The little man is the middle class man and he is generally the community man that energetically organizes and aids his own small surroundings. He is the man that supplies his community and buys and sells within his small boundaries, but financially he is finding "tough going" and within the next year many small businesses will have completely vanished.

The little business man is not necessarily a necessity or a "key" man but he has a place in the so called American system of living and when this war is ended he will be sadly missed in the reorganization scheme if he no longer exists. Surely some government loan or insurance plan could be compiled to save the little man, at

VETERANS OF SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR TO RECEIVE UNIQUE YULE GREETINGS



CAPT. WILLIAM McLAUGHLIN

Christmas and New Year Greetings, a unique departure from the customary, are being sent out this year by Capt. and Mrs. William McLaughlin, of Ashland. A neatly printed folder conveys the greetings.

Capt. McLaughlin served in the Philippines in the Spanish-American war 1898-1899, as commander of Company L of the Fighting First Dakota. There are 30 surviving members of the company.

The message of Capt. McLaughlin to the boys who served under and to the widows of those who made the supreme sacrifice reads as follows:

WHAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT YOU BAMBOO FIGHTERS, HIKERS AND SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL MEN by Civil and Military Leaders of a Great Nation

Mobilization, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, April 1898. When Colonel Frost looked down your backs on that memorable morning and said, "These are not the kind of men I wanted."

At muster out of the regiment he said, "L Company, one of the best if not the best company in the regiment."

At Manila, Philippine Islands on the morning of the 5th of February 1899, Colonel Frost to Captain McLaughlin, "We will attack the enemy at 9 a.m.—you will take your company straight for block house 4."

"The South Dakota regiment in a gallant charge hurled itself against the enemy at the Marilao river—loss in dead and wounded mostly confined to this regiment."—Cable to War Department—Otis

"The South Dakota regiment is just as far ahead of us regulars as we were ahead of the volunteers in Cuba."—Captain 6th U.S. Infantry

The South Dakota regiment chosen personal guard, commanding general, Malacanan Palace.

"The South Dakota regiment was the most outstanding regiment in the Philippine Islands."—Adjutant General, Washington D.C.

The hard campaign, Manila to San Fernando, February 4th to June 10th, 1899:

Without blankets, sleeping in uniform, nightly attacks of enemy—the toll of dead, wounded and sick. From eleven hundred officers and men, less than one-third remained at San Fernando—six army surgeons on examination reduced this to ninety-six or eight men to the company.—Report on file, surg. General's office, Washington D. C.

Awarded the special congressional Medal of Honor

"There goes the South Dakotans on their charge and all Hell can't stop them."—Gen. Charles King.

"I know of no regiment in the Civil War that saw harder service or harder fighting than the South Dakota regiment."—Arthur McArthur, Gen. Com., sec. Brig., sec. Div. 8th Army Corps.

"I shall go to South Dakota to meet that gallant regiment on its return home."—William McKinley, President of United States.

MY MESSAGE TO YOU BOYS OF COMPANY L OF THE FIGHTING FIRST SOUTH DAKOTA.

You as a company were not just gun-toters when the regiment's

least before the end of 1943 which will in all probabilities seal his doom. He cannot face shortages of raw materials or finished goods, neither can he survive long under a complete rationing plan. Especially now, with fuel and food shortages, we need the little business man. He may not be an "essential" man in the war effort but he is needed by his community—he is a part of our democratic American living.

LOCAL BOY WINS PLACE—

James E. Hobson, of Ashland, and James K. Hoey of Medford, were among those appointed as alternates to a military academy for 1943. Their nomination was contained in an announcement made by Senator Charles McNary.

WAR INTRODUCES

WOODEN SPRINGS GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Necessity, which works overtime during a war, has mothered another invention, wooden springs to take the place of the wire variety in furniture.

Many furniture men like their simplicity, and they are inexpensive. They are made of bent wooden strips of hickory, ash, oak, maple or pecan, ingeniously fastened together.

FUNDS AVAILABLE—

Following a visit of William Barton, Oregon field recreation representative for the Federal Security Administration, it is announced that the government has funds available for the remodeling, painting, decorating and furnishing Ashland U.S.O. clubhouse.

I don't feel like writing this column today, but you know that old saying: "Where there's a will—" well, there are usually relatives.

McGulp: "I hear that yer auld friend Hector has marrit a third wife."

McGulp: "Aye mon, Hector has been a verra expensive friend. He has cost me two wreaths and three presents in 18 years."

record was being made—You contributed more than your part in making that record. You were constantly on the firing line. You as a company could drill according to West Point standards; as evidenced when the Colonel commanding ordered all companies of the regiment to drill before him, one each day at the Malacanan Palace—the captains well knew what it took to make a score with the exacting Colonel Frost. L company made the grade a perfect score, no errors or criticism.

You as a company could also fight as well as drill and that according to General MacArthur's standard.

An urgent call for help came from the 13th Minnesotas—the regiment was ordered to their relief—it being a forced march one hundred rounds of ammunition per man, no rations could be carried—starting at noon back along the railroad a company left here and a platoon there and back we went and did you hesitate when one platoon of sixteen men of the company marched on and on reaching Bigan, the most distant designated point and that at 3 o'clock the morning of the next day, with no supper our breakfast consisted of a few chickens our foragers brought in.

You did not hesitate when you met the enemy in superior force at Rocky Gulch and whipped them unaided.

You did not hesitate when you alone met the enemy in that fortified trench at Pullian and fought it out at the point of the bayonet and the score in dead was forty five to one in your favor.

You did not hesitate when you crossed that quagmire moat and swamp, in the battle of Malolos, on a frail bamboo pole, one at a time and attacked the entraining force of Aguinaldo and whipped them in a running fight along the railroad embankment.

It's a matter of great pride to every First South Dakota man to know that he gave his service, to the last ounce, in that hard campaign Manila to San Fernando under that gallant leader, that taught Douglas MacArthur how to become a great general—General—Arthur MacArthur, and to know that MacArthur thought more of the South Dakota regiment than any other in his division. It was at the battle of Meyacuyan that the general ordered the Tenth Pennsylvania into the river bottoms, where there was heavy firing—the hesitation was too long—"Where is the South Dakota regiment, they will go in"—and we did. It was in the battle of Malolos that MacArthur tendered to the regiment the post of honor—the center of Gen. Hales brigade.—The regiment the personal guard of the General at Manila before hostilities commenced.—Also making the regiment Provost Guard (military police) at San Fernando what honors from a great general and finally General MacArthur and staff, mounted and in front of Aguinaldo's capitol at San Fernando, praised the regiment for their great service, and bid the little remnant of that fighting band farewell.

I need offer no apology when I call you Veterans, after that hard campaign with General Hale and MacArthur—you came back to Manila thinking to convalesce, but you were ordered as a company to hold a position out beyond block-house four the rainy season was on—big Sibley tents—wooden tent pins—shallow soil—rain in torrents and down would come your tents, it was out in the rain and try to keep them up—the poor cooks, how we pitied them, trying to prepare our meals—the rain would put out the fire and we were all full of malaria and every man had the dysentery, with no let up, out there by ourselves nine thousand miles from home and loved ones—it was our Valley Forge. We took it with a smile, a forced smile.

You know the horrible hell of war.
You met the enemy with determination
You met your hardship with a smile
Defeat you never met.

May you all now living enjoy another Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Captain and Mrs. William McLaughlin

LOST

Lost, a cough due to a cold—thanks to the soothing action of Smith Brothers Cough Drops. Smith Bros. Cough Drops contain a special blend of medicinal ingredients, blended with prescription care. And they still cost only 5¢ a box. Yes, a nickel checks that tickle.

SMITH BROS. COUGH DROPS
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This man is the reason you should avoid Holiday Travel

NOW, of all times, it is important for you to ask yourself candidly: "Do I have to take that trip?"

For now, and until early January, is the time for holiday furloughs. Those tanned, clean-looking boys with their freshly-pressed uniforms you see at our ticket windows will only have a few days at home with their folks this year and we want to make their trip home and back as pleasant as we can.

War's tremendous transportation demands—in carrying troops and war materials as well as civilians—have strained all railroad facilities to the utmost. Frankly, we're worried about the holiday season ahead. We know as you do, that a furlough at home does something fine for

a soldier. (And no one denies he's earned it.) But, to state the facts baldly, we can't carry the civilian holiday-takers and furloughing soldiers and sailors, too.

With such a good reason, most folks won't find a "sacrifice" in canceling a holiday trip. And if you're one of these, the thousands of us here at S.P. will give you a cheer. For railroad people aren't making holiday pleasure trips either.

So please write your family and friends you have changed your plans... that there's a lad in uniform who needs your seat to see his folks before he travels overseas—and needs it worse than you do. For, of course, you wouldn't want his seat when he tries to go home on his holiday furlough.



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