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THE MAN WITH DOUBLE BRAIN

Hayward Thompson, Memory Shocked During World War, Writes With Both Hands.

The majority of us do well to write legibly with either of our hands, but when a man is found who can write with both hands simultaneously, and more than that—when he can write forward with one hand and backward with the other, it is evident that he has a perfect right to the title of "Mystery Man." Hayward Thompson, an ex-service man in Denver, Colo., is just such a man. Due to a severe injury to his head, received during the war, he has what is known as a "double brain." One side of this brain directs the writing of one hand while the other side governs the other hand.

Thompson's memory reaches back only to the time when he left a hospital some months ago. He remembers nothing of his life before that time. It was through the veterans' bureau that he established his identity as Hayward Thompson. Of his family, former friends, his work and home before the war and his activities during the war, he has been able to learn nothing. The veterans' bureau and the Colorado department of the American Legion have been making every effort to help Thompson learn of his past.

THE REAL UNKNOWN SOLDIER

Child of Streets, Picked Up by Kind-hearted Brothers, Never Knew Who He Was.

Tragic though the story is of a soldier whose identity was lost after his first gunnery on the front of battle and whose name in Flanders simply was "Unknown Soldier," his story is not that different from many patriotic stories of the story of a lad who never knew when he was and who gave his life for a country in which he had never known a mother's love or a father's pride. Every mother who does not know just where her son is buried, weeps over the grave of the unknown soldier, thinking that perhaps he is her son. Over the grave of the boy who has always been unknown there are no mourners.

A tiny bundle of humanity was picked up in a Baltimore street some twenty years ago; it was a baby boy. When after a thorough search, no one was found who would claim him, he was taken to be reared by two brothers who gave him the name of Edward John Emmet Smith. When he was old enough, they sent him to Mount Saint Mary's school to be educated. In 1917, before the boy's education was finished, a Marine recruiting officer visited Mount Saint Mary's. His story of the country's need for men caused "Smith" as he had come to be known, to enlist. He went overseas and took part in every engagement in which the Fifth regiment of Marines participated. On the morning on which the armistice was signed, one of the last German bullets being aimed "Smith" as his victim.

Wells Haverley, "Smith's" captain, has started a fund to erect a monument to "Smith"; a child of the street, an unknown lad in school, the real unknown soldier.

WOUNDED ON ARMISTICE DAY

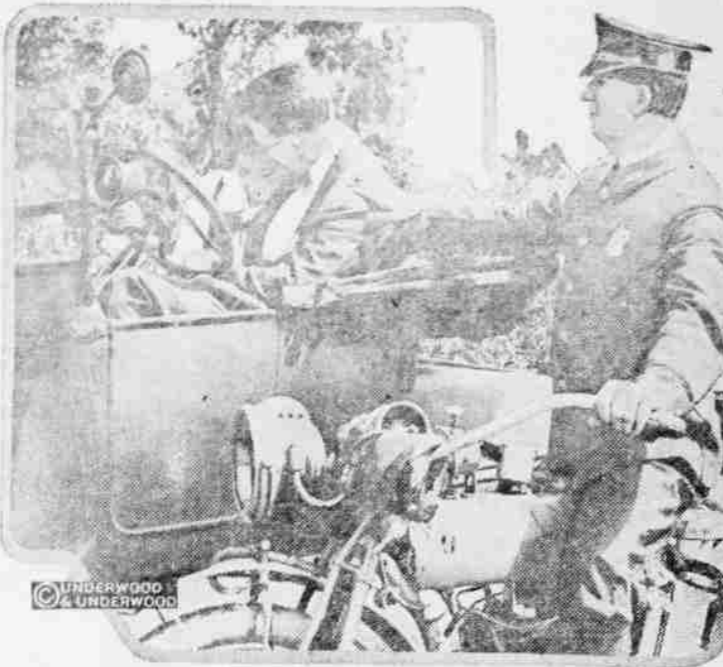
Barlays Naval Officer Holds Distinction of Being Injured in Action After Close of War.

C. O. Ruff of Toledo, O., holds the unique distinction of being a United States naval officer who was wounded in action after the signing of the armistice which ended the World War. As a naval lieutenant and executive officer of a transport ship, Ruff was severely wounded when his ship was sunk on the German submarine on the night of November 11, 1918. After several months in hospitals in England and on the continent, Ruff returned to America and resumed the practice of law in Toledo.

Soldiers Classed With Idiots.

Soldiers and sailors, along with felons, idiots and insane people are denied the right of suffrage in certain states of the Union. It is pointed out by a writer in the American Legion Weekly. He quotes from the World Almanac, which says that because of their occupation, soldiers and sailors are not allowed to vote in the following states: Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Texas and West Virginia.

No More of This in Rock Creek Park



"Look here, young man, we don't allow this," says Lieutenant Carroll, chief of the U. S. park police in the District of Columbia, tapping the shoulder of the young man who has stopped in the park to give his "sweetie" a squeeze and a kiss. Blocking traffic and disorderly conduct are the charges, for which the offender pays \$25 each. This is now a regular treatment for drivers who park their automobiles after dark in Rock Creek park.

MIDSUMMER FROCKS ARE OF PRINTED FABRICS



PRINTED foulards and crepes, embroidered linens and crepes and printed cottons are among the fabrics that make midsummer dresses distinctive and brilliant. The crepes are naturally in the lead in these figured fabrics, simply because they are crepes and this is a crepe season. They are followed by foulards which make light cool dresses, and both these materials lend themselves to the fashionable draperies that vary the straight-line figure while they preserve the slender silhouette. Embroidered linens and crepes are even more sharply designed than their printed rivals, but simplicity is characteristic of frocks made from all fabrics having large, all-over printed or embroidered figures.

Costume suits make use of the same printed materials when the pattern shows figures smaller and colors a little more sedate. The printed silk is used for a long overblouse, worn with a plain, wool skirt, and a cape or, perhaps, a coat, of wool like the skirt, lined with silk like that in the blouse. But dresses insure hot weather comfort and many of them show combinations of printed and plain silks, as in the two models pictured. In the dress at the left, a refreshing affair in black and white has a bodice and skirt in white and a skirt in black and white foulard. Tan and light blue crepe make a summery combination in the frock at the right, with bodice and skirt in the plain color. The skirt is finished with long silk fringe.

Both these dresses indicate that designers are experimenting with a higher waistline and that they like to relieve and set off a figured fabric by introducing a plain one in the same position.

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LOVELY TAFFETA FROCKS



Breathes there the woman with soul so dead as not to want a taffeta frock in her summer wardrobe? If such there be, she is invited to look at the new display of taffeta dresses or to study the picture above. She will want one and cannot spend her money to better advantage than to buy it. Taffeta frocks are fashionable, inexpensive, becoming. The same one will do for afternoon and informal evening wear. The model pictured is embellished with embroidered floral motifs.

Photographer Catches Thieves.

Two men photographed in a London studio were seen to steal some money from the till as they passed through the shop. The woman photographer developed the negative quickly, took the photograph to the police, and the men were arrested.

Comets Make Short Visits.

The visits of comets to our region of space are generally of brief duration. Two years is the longest time a comet has been continuously visible through the telescope.

West African Tornadoes.

The "tornadoes" of West Africa are thunder squalls, totally different from the exceedingly violent small whirlwind storms that bear this name in the United States.

RIVAL OF AMUNDSEN



Maj. Trygve Gran, Norwegian adventurer, who seeks to beat Capt. Roald Amundsen to the North pole, using airplane to reach his objective. He aimed at secrecy, to bar competition, and is making his start from Spitzbergen. Gran has been in the Far-North country since early in May. His route carries him in just the opposite direction that the Amundsen party will travel.

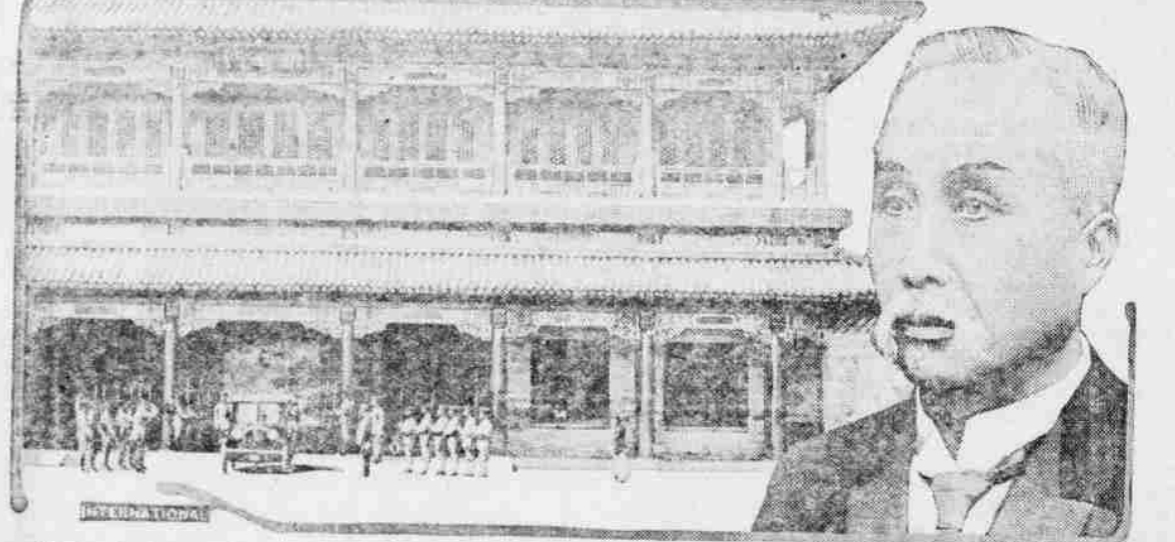


William E. Crow of Uniontown, Pa., newly appointed United States senator to succeed the late Philander Chase Knox. Senator Crow was born on a farm in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He started life as a school teacher and has been a successful newspaper man, lawyer and legislator. He will serve by appointment until the election in November, 1922.

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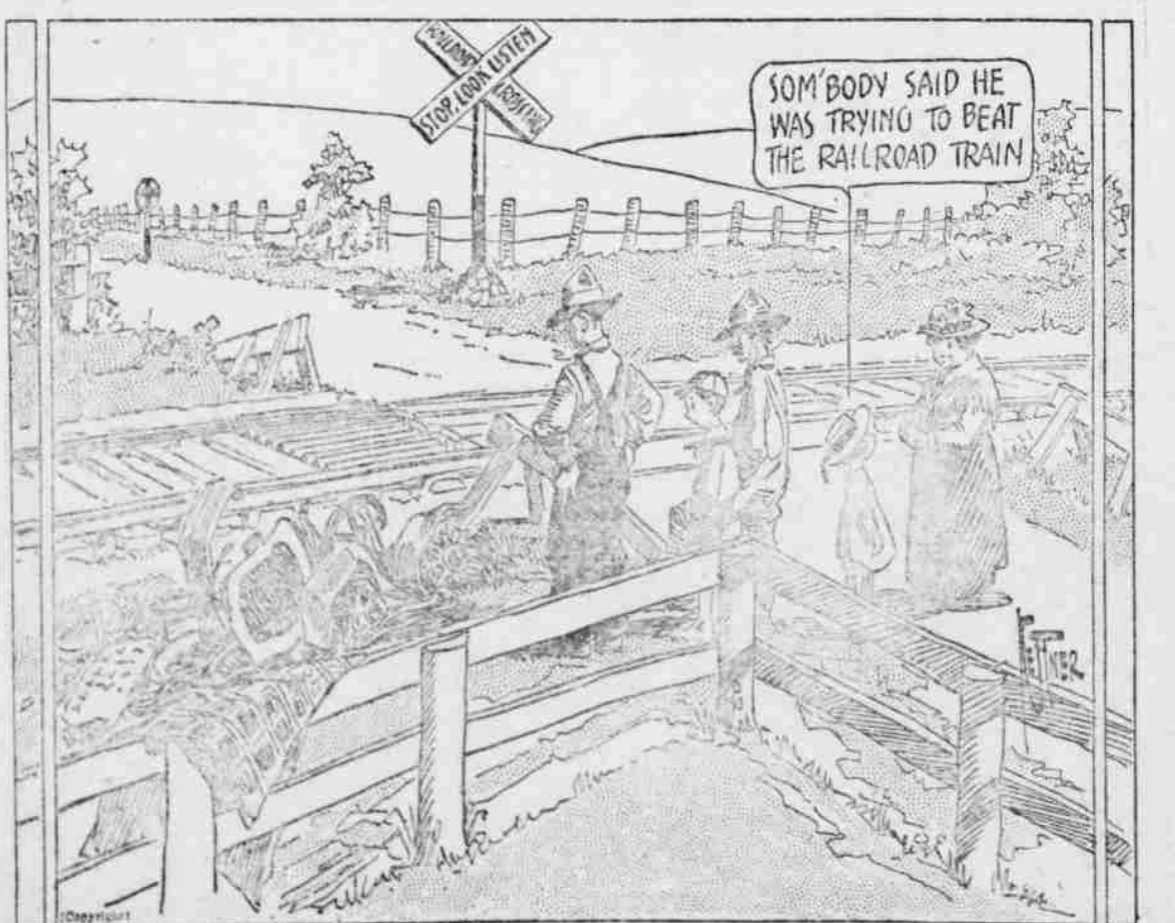
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Abdication of Hsu Chih-Chang as President of China



The only photograph made of the actual abdication of President Hsu Chih-Chang of China, who was compelled to vacate his office following the outbreak of Civil War. A newspaper correspondent was able to sneak around the guard after being driven from the courtyard of the Chinese Royal Palace, and make the picture of the president's car just as it was leaving with the president. Inserted is a late portrait of Hsu.

The Mourning After



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THERE were 5,270 similar accidents during the year 1920 in the United States, killing 1,273 and injuring 3,977 persons, and an increased number during 1921. When statistics are available for November 1921 it will show that month as being one of the worst in history. Isn't it about time automobilists were coming to a realization of the necessity for stopping before proceeding over railroad grade crossings, not only for the safety of themselves, but also occupants of their cars whose lives they have in their hands, as well as persons on trains. The great number of accidents occurring would indicate that travelers on public highways misjudge the speed of trains and do not look for them in both directions. Many accidents occur by reason of the fact that automobiles proceed over crossings after train passes without knowing whether or not another train is coming in the opposite direction.
STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN for trains on all tracks before attempting to cross.