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IDENTIFICATION OF U. S. GRAVES IS PROGRESSING

PARIS, Dec. 14.—(By Mail.)—American officers believe very few unidentified bodies will lie among America's soldier dead in France when the Army Graves Registration Service completes a thorough checking of records now in progress. Every grave record is being checked against the army's casualty list. Each little white cross—or six-pointed star over the Jews—is having an embossed aluminum strip placed on the back, duplicating the name, rank and organization already painted on the marker. This is being done as a precaution against the possibility of winter weather wearing away the stencilled information. Nearly 70,000 American boys are buried in the eleven districts of France, the Belgian battlefields and the Duchy of Luxembourg. There are 38 cemeteries of 300 or more graves, cared for by discharged soldiers. The largest of these is in Romagne, north of Verdun, where lie 23,000 of our men. The next in size is that at Thiaucourt, with 4,500 graves. Many of those who fell in battle are sleeping in British and French military or the French communal cemeteries. A few were left where they were first put in the ground, as in the Vosges Mountains.

All graves are under the care of the commanding graves officer in the eleven districts, and a caretaker watches over them. Officers make periodical inspection. Where practical, grass has been sown on the battle burying grounds, and in the spring this work, previously hampered by the task of grouping the bodies, will be carried on.

When the present graves service administration took over headquarters in Paris, in August, the records were found to contain a list of 12,000 names of men buried, but without giving the exact location of the grave. The present check includes the compilation of a complete directory of every American grave. In the first 18,000 graves recorded a fourth of these unlocated ones were found and properly marked.

Inspection of battlefield burying grounds has been the slowest, but the American officers said they expected the work when finished would leave few of those tragic mounds wherein would lie an American soldier, "name unknown."

Many of these are expected to be identified later when the description of the body, marks in the clothing, and sometimes a letter from home to "Dear Jim," sent back to the War Department, are seen by those who have been grieving over their boy listed among the "missing."

None of the bodies may be returned to the families yet, but mothers and fathers have been coming to France to look at the grave of their boy. Welfare organizations have organized services to facilitate these visits and at several of the American cemeteries the Young Men's Christian Association has provided rest rooms.

CAT CONVICTED OF STEALING TRINKETS

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Jan. 5.—"Tootsie", a tabby-cat of San Bernardino, has been proved to be a shoplifter. She is the pet of a lunchroom proprietor and she lives in his lunchroom.

He saw her entering the lunchroom early one morning with a shaving-brush in her mouth. He watched. She carefully deposited it in an especially prepared "nest" in her own especial corner. In the "nest" were found more than a dozen other shaving-brushes.

The owner of a nearby drugstore identified the brushes as his property.

The theory has been advanced that "Tootsie" thought the brushes were kittens, which would account for her great care in removing them from the drug store to her "nest."

RELAX RESTRICTIONS

LONDON, Dec. 15.—(By Mail.)—English and American travelers may now obtain visas from the French consulate in London to visit France for as long as one year, it is announced here. This eliminates the necessity of obtaining a visa each time it is desired to cross the Channel and represents an easement of war-time passport restrictions.

MATRIMONIAL BUREAUS UNDER POLICE PROBE

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Matrimonial agencies operating in Chicago, Denver, Kansas City, and San Francisco are finding many clients at present in the East, according to detectives who recently saved a young white woman, 20 years old, from North Carolina, who came to New York expecting to meet "a Cuban gentleman of moderate means."

The advertiser said he was "educated and home-loving." He proved to be the negro janitor of a Bronx apartment house. The girl, with a letter from him in her handbag, arrived at the Pennsylvania station from her small home town. She had never been in New York before and a railroad porter turned her over to a Travelers' Aid Society worker, who agreed to accompany her to the home of the man she called her "cousin." Disillusioned, the young woman was given shelter for the night, her family telegraphed and funds received which permitted her to return home, the townfolk being none the wiser.

In the police investigation of the janitor which followed, the man displayed letters from women who were members of two correspondence clubs, one in Oakland, Cal., and the other in San Francisco. Lists found in his apartment described women varying in age from eighteen to sixty-seven, as follows:

"Beautiful California maiden, 24, sixty-seven inches, 133 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, Protestant, college education, musician, with \$50,000; wishes to marry a refined business gentleman."

"Pretty American maiden, 18, resides in Indiana, sixty-three inches, 129 pounds, dark brown hair, blue eyes, well educated, musician; member of a wealthy family. She has no use for society and wishes to marry a home-loving companion."

"Widow, 67, sixty-two inches, 130 pounds, dark grey hair, blue eyes, Baptist, comfortable income, can play the piano some, with between \$25,000 and \$36,000. Very lonely; resides in Illinois."

The letters were confiscated, but the janitor was not arrested, although his case is still under investigation.

BRIDGE SOCIAL CHASM ACROSS MEXICAN LINE

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 5.—With sympathy and understanding as its masonry, an intangible international bridge is being constructed here by Mrs. Georgia B. Burlingham, wife of Lloyd Burlingham, American consul at Salina Cruz, Mexico.

Mrs. Burlingham is the director of the hospitality house that is maintained on the American side of the Rio Grande by the national board of the Young Women's Christian Association. This institution helps the new immigrants into the United States from Mexico—especially the women and children—by taking care of their bank checks furnishing them with lists of reliable boarding houses, and providing them with a place to rest in while their passports are being arranged for.

Effort has been made to interest Mexican officials in Juarez to co-operate with the American authorities in taking care of the new arrivals here. It is reported that of all the Juarez officials that have been approached so far, none has refused to aid in the work. The underlying plan is to bring the two countries to a closer understanding.

At the hospitality houses there are sewing machines where neighbors may drop in and saw, and twice a week sewing classes are conducted by volunteer teachers. Classes in English are also held two afternoons a week for women and girls who live in the neighborhood. A piano and a phonograph are part of the equipment. Requests for "jazz" music are seldom received but grand opera is a favorite.

The hospitality house, it is said, aims to be a "laboratory of Americanization."

The English law is that a child born in England or within the British dominions is a British subject, whatever the nationality of the child's parents.

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MILK SHORTAGE IN HONOLULU

HONOLULU, T. H. Dec. 4.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press) Honolulu is facing a perpetual milk shortage, which will grow more acute as the population of the island of Oahu increases and production decreases—this is the statement of Frank Anorade, a Manoa valley dairyman, who recently reduced his herd from 100 to 50 cows and contemplates making it still smaller.

The lack of pasture and difficulty in obtaining feed are forcing dairymen to curtail their activities or go out of business altogether, said Andrade, who added: "College Hills, once a pasture, now is a fashionable residential suburb, while the valley beyond is mostly taro patches and rice fields."

The acquisition by the army of large areas throughout the island, it is pointed out, further has reduced pasture room, while the improvement of roads and the rapid increase in automobile owners have turned pastoral scenes of former days into homesites.

SAYS MANY STARVE IN CENTRAL EUROPE

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—Sidney Rich, formerly United States consul at Chemnitz, Saxony, who lately returned from a five months' tour of Austria, Hungary, and Germany, says children are starving by thousands in Europe.

What he had seen of the reconstruction and relief work done by Americans made him proud of being an American, Mr. Rich added. He urged that the United States give moral support to the German government in its effort to down the "red" element in that country.

"In German cities I have seen crowds about grocery store windows," said Mr. Rich, "where under glass cases American food was placed on view as a curiosity. People still obtain rations on 'food cards' and get a quarter pound of rice or coffee once every two weeks."

HOUSING NEED IS GREAT IN SOUTH

CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., Jan. 5. Housing conditions in and around this city have become so acute that a corporation, with a capital of \$500,000, has been formed by the Chambers of Commerce of Charleston, South Charleston, and St. Albans to provide homes for 1,500 additional federal employes.

These men will be employed in the government ordnance factory, now under course of construction here, and will be in need of shelter in the early spring. Every house in the three communities is now occupied.

The St. Albans Chamber of Commerce has arranged to take \$100,000 of the stock. The announced purpose of the company is to buy materials in large quantities and to let contracts for houses in such number as to bring the cost to the minimum in order that they may be sold at reasonable prices.

COMPLETING ROAD

SEWARD, Alaska, Dec. 2.—(By Mail)—Heavy locomotives will be pulling long trains over the Seward Anchorage division of the Alaska railroad next spring, if the coming winter mild enough to permit work on the road bed and trestles, according to C. G. Jones, superintendent of the terminal division. At the present time, only light trains are making the trip.

The southern division and the completed section of the northern division passed on December 1 into the hands of the operating department. Offices of engineers-in-chief and resident engineers were abolished and it was announced there would be several transfers of members of the operating staff at Anchorage and Seward.

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MINERS AND OWNERS DIFFER IN CREEDS

CARDIFF, Wales, Dec. 15 (By Mail).—Two divergent creeds, from the opposite extremes of the mining world, which have just been published, are attracting considerable comment. Henry Radcliffe, one of the Cardiff millionaires, said:

"God has placed coal in this island for our use, and we are out to get it. Is there any harm in getting a market price for an article, even if it is £5 per ton?"

This viewpoint has been strongly challenged by the miners' leaders. Vernon Hartshorn, Labor member of Parliament, counters with the following:

"Against this creed of Radcliffe's I put the creed of the miners, which is this, God has placed coal in this island for the benefit of the nation, and we are out to get it for the good of all."

AUTO TRUCKS AID IN DEVELOPMENT

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 5.—Six thousand automobiles, trucks and trailers worth more than \$6,000,000, are supplementing the railroads in development of commerce in the southwest out of El Paso. A radius of five hundred miles covers the commercial activities carried on from this border city into Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and old Mexico.

Indicative of the extent of the automobile business here are figures showing \$4,000,000 spent for automobiles in the past year; \$2,750,000 for gasoline; \$500,000 for tires.

DON'T WANT BOOZIE

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 5.—Efforts to discourage the exportation of liquor from the United States into Mexico are being made by Mexican border authorities, according to customs officials at this port. The Mexican view is that ports of entry like Juarez, for example, are being made "dumping grounds" for liquor that shall have to be disposed of before the prohibition constitutional amendment becomes effective, January 16, 1920.

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