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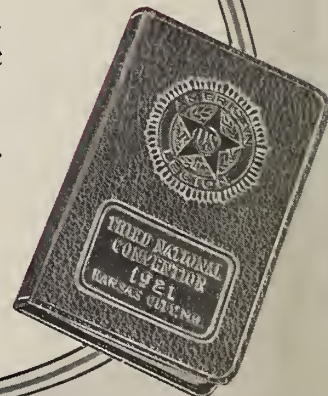
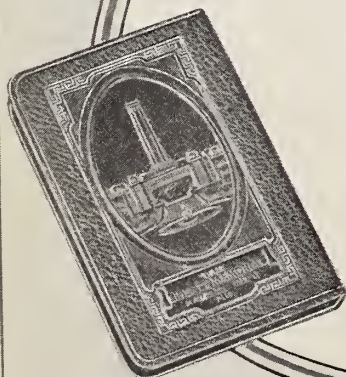
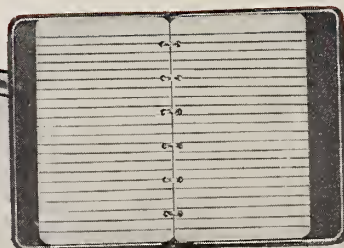
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This great school is a training place for men. It makes men successful.

I want to show you through, and show you the actual facts about the jobs now open and the demand for Sweeney Trained Men, at \$50 a week and up.

And remember—that I'm rooting for the American Legion. All thoughts of self interest aside, I'm glad from the heart to welcome you to Kansas City. I'm glad from the heart to do anything I can to make this trip enjoyable and memorable.

Most sincerely yours,

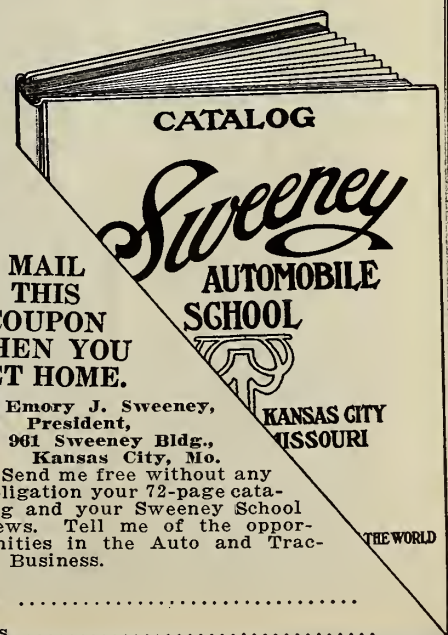
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# How I Found a \$10,000 Job in a Waste Basket

Truth is often stranger than fiction as evidenced by the fact that I found an opportunity in a waste basket that quickly placed me in the \$10,000 a year class.

By Philip Wilson

If anyone had told me a couple of years ago that I would be in the position I am in today, it would have made me sore, because at that time my prospects did not amount to a row of beans. After ten years drudgery as a bookkeeper I was only earning \$35.00 a week. Further promotion was almost impossible and even if it came my way, it could only mean five or ten dollars more a week at the most.

From morning until night I worked on endless rows of figures, punched the clock on my arrival and again on quitting and had no relaxation whatever during the day. Frankly, I was sour on life and just felt that I was one of those mortals put on this earth to slave away at monotonous work until the breath of life left my body. And then, as though by a touch of magic, my entire prospects changed—thanks to a dilapidated old waste basket.

And now for the other side of the picture. At the present time I am earning about \$10,000 a year, have a comfortable home, earn enough to enjoy the luxuries that make life worth while, have a bank account that is growing each month, to say nothing of the fact that I am engaged in work that seems like play, that fascinates, thrills and enables me to live like a gentleman.

The funny part of it is that if anyone had told me two years ago that I could make good in my present profession, I would have scorned the idea as impossible.

It may seem peculiar for me to say that I found my opportunity in a waste basket, but opportunity comes to us in many strange forms and places. In my case I was eating lunch in our stock room because I could not afford to go to a restaurant, and while munching away on a sandwich, I looked around for something to read. In the corner of the room I noticed a waste basket that can best be called a "relic." Sticking out of it was a dirty looking old magazine—but it was something to read and I picked it up. Not finding anything of interest among the articles, I idly turned over the advertising pages when something stopped me. For fifteen minutes or so I studied the page before me carefully. Then I took it over to the stock room clerk.

"What do you think of this, Jim," I asked him.

Poor Jim, who is still in that stock room, only read the headline and sniffed in contempt.

Anyway the advertisement set me thinking although my negative condition at that time made me feel somewhat the way Jim did, but they say a "drowning man clutches at a straw" and probably for the same reason I ripped that advertisement out of the magazine and stuffed it in my pocket.

Several times that afternoon I pulled it out and studied it carefully. Every time I read it my pulse quickened, because if true at all, it pointed a way for me to increase my earning power many times over, to say nothing of getting away from the drudgery of bookkeeping.

"Why couldn't I do the same?" I asked myself.

Then Old Man Negative whispered in my ear that I was foolish to even think about it—that I was not cut out for it. So I put the advertisement in my desk and for the time being I forgot it.

Several weeks later I ran across it again and this time I acted. My only regret now is that I allowed several weeks to intervene between the first time I read the advertisement and when I mailed the coupon in for particulars.

## The Secret of My Success

### What Others Have Done

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My earnings for the past thirty days are \$1,562.00 and I won Second Prize in March, although I only worked two weeks during that month. C. W. Campbell, Greensburg, Pa.

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When I applied for a position as a Salesman to one of the firms to whom you had recommended me, I sold my services to them in about thirty minutes, took a territory in Illinois and Wisconsin and made a success of it from the very first week.

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The N. S. T. A. dug me out of a rut where I was earning less than \$1,000 a year and showed me how to make a success. L. P. Overstreet, Denison, Texas.

\$554.37, this week they will go over \$400.00." Then there is Chas. Berry, Winterset, Iowa, formerly a farmhand, who earned \$1000 the first month as a result of the wonderful N. S. T. A. system. On record in the Association files are hundreds of similar



Philip Wilson, who tells on this page how chance brought to him, from a dilapidated old waste basket, the secret that suddenly lifted him out of the rut to wonderful success and big earnings.

cases, and the most amazing part of it all is that these successful men had no previous selling experience before the N. S. T. A. trained them and helped them secure sales positions.

In my own case for instance, it may sound like a fairy tale but at the end of my first month I received a letter from my salesmanager congratulating me on my success. I had made a record for my territory.

## Previous Experience Unnecessary

Salesmanship is not a natural gift—it is an Art and Science that is open to any man of average intelligence. There are many fundamental rules and principles that anyone can learn and put into practice. There are certain ways of doing and saying things in selling and once you are master

of these selling secrets, the world is before you. The man who understands the underlying principles of salesmanship has a two fisted grip on prosperity. He can sell his services a hundred times over, for there is an enormous demand for his highly specialized knowledge.

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Dept. 75C, Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.

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Street.....

City.....State.....



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# Foreword

by

The Editor

**I**N presenting this program to the Third National Convention of the American Legion, the Publicity and Printing Programs Committee, members of which undertook the task, feel that theirs was a wonderful incentive to produce a publication that would be thoroughly in keeping with the great occasion it will commemorate.

In this task, it has been their unusual pleasure to have the unstinted and valued co-operation of leaders among the men and women of the United States. From President Harding down to the most humble member of the Legion there has been a ready and welcome response to every request for aid that was made. Only a small portion of the evidence of this statement is contained in this publication.

The Convention Executive Committee, which had general supervision over all Convention preparations, takes this opportunity to publicly express its deep gratitude to those who have so cheerfully contributed to make this program something of a literary masterpiece. The list of contributed articles is a long one, and one that represents the best in American literature. George Ade, Coningsby Dawson, Mary Roberts Rinehart, Henry J. Haskell, Maud Radford Warren, Burris F. Jenkins and Frank A. Marshall make up a notable array.

When these authors were asked to contribute something for the program of the American Legion Convention the response was immediate. Each of them expressed a cheery willingness to thus aid in making the Convention a success, and every article from the pens of those eminent writers was especially prepared for the Legion program.

Thus it was with the two artists whose contributions are contained in the publication. McCutcheon, the dean of American newspaper cartoonists, has given the American Legion a pen and ink reproduction of a situation, the existence of which can only be stamped out by concerted and determined action of the American Legion. In the same ready manner did Goldberg, whose drawings have placed him in the fore of American cartoonists, respond to the request of the committee.

From all sections of the nation came the offers to aid in the preparation and success of the program. The greatest merchants and manufacturers, whose products are known in every quarter of the globe, expressed their desire of being represented in the program.

"Here's our advertisement; please find a place for it in your program," was the manner in which one great firm wrote. That sentiment was typical of the others whose names and products appear in these pages. They wanted to help and be a part of, as far as it was possible for them to do so, the American Legion Convention.

It is the earnest hope of the committee that this program will be preserved by the members of the Legion as a record and souvenir of this convention—the greatest and most significant in the history of America.



# *Kansas City Welcomes You!*

Office of Mayor  
Kansas City, Mo.

JAMES COWGILL, MAYOR  
J A EAMES, SECRETARY

September  
16th, 1921.

TO AMERICAN LEGIONNAIRES

Kansas City extends to you the heartiest greeting, for it is not unmindful of the part you have played in the great world war. All men know, but for your presence, but for your thrusting yourself as a living wall before the triumphant hosts of Germany when our allies were worn out and about to give way, the armies of the Kaiser would now be masters of the earth.

All men know but for your courage and heroism, the civilization of a thousand years would have been overthrown. The strain which the world has felt in safeguarding civilization has greatly unsettled society and produced a profound unrest which is still threatening the foundation of government; and we look to you again to save the world, not from the Hun, but from itself; from selfishness and greed; from lawlessness and violence.

Again Kansas City bids you welcome

*James Cowgill*  
MAYOR.



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INDIANAPOLIS, IND.



To the Delegates and All Legionnaires:-

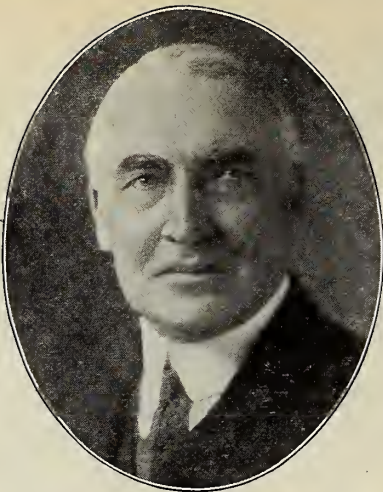
The business of this Convention is the business of America. The forces converging mark it as one of the truly significant gatherings in American history. This statement need not be qualified, with leaders of not only the nation but the world as our guests. The issues which we face demand all that we can give in thought and energy. As ever, our motto will be service; our watchword tolerance and common sense.

In the blending of ideas and ideals, the will to go forward must ever be dominant. We meet as friends with sincere opinions born of experience in war and peace. Divergent though these may be, our cause is the same, our principles those for which thousands of our comrades gave their lives. Our jealousy will be for this cause alone, our zeal but for God and country.

In the presence of these leaders of the Allied armies, you will give in return for their inspiring counsel, proof of your consecration to service and devotion to mutual helpfulness. The impetus gained by this great meeting should carry us far in the tasks of the coming year and make of the Third National Convention an event which we will long cherish in our memory.

*John E. Emery*  
Retiring National Commander.





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 24, 1921

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION,  
IN THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION:

It had been my earnest hope that I might be able to come to Kansas City for the Convention of the Legion at the end of October and beginning of November, but I have found this impossible owing to the demands of public business and, to an engagement, made nearly a year ago, which will take me to another part of the country, at almost the same time.

I would have been glad to greet the Veterans in person and to express the sentiments of admiration and devotion which I feel for them. That being impossible, I am taking this method of assuring them that the Administration will at all times hold their highest interests among its first considerations. The American people would never permit their government to adopt any other attitude toward the men whose splendid services have constituted one of the heritages of honor and glory to our country.

*Warren G. Harding*



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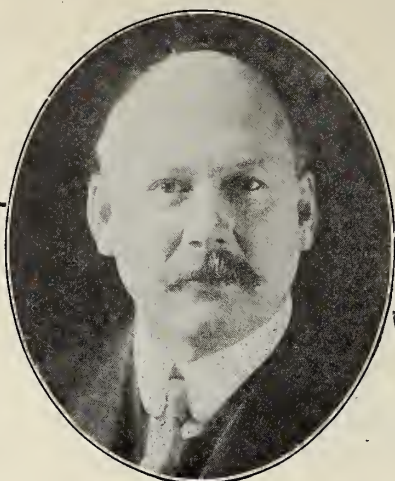
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WASHINGTON.

SEP 21 1921

Mr. A.-E. Hutchings, General Chairman,  
Convention Executive Committee of the American Legion,  
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mr. Hutchings:

Your letter of Sept. 8, 1921, with reference to the Third National Convention of the American Legion, has been received.

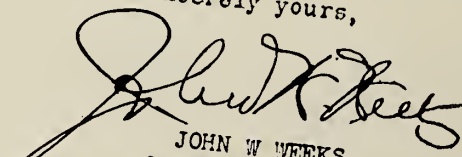
It is with great gratification that I avail myself of this opportunity to extend my heartiest greetings to all veterans of the World War. May I assure you that I am in accord with the efforts of all patriotic organizations for the maintenance of the high ideals and the principles of liberty and justice that have made and preserved our country.

To you who have not forgotten how to fight for a righteous cause and who have gathered together in reunion and to discuss no doubt some of the problems of civic responsibility, I commend the same high motives of common welfare and patriotism that inspired you in war.

It has been the practice of the United States upon the outbreak of war to erect a great war organization with a vast expenditure of treasure and human lives, and to then demolish that organization after the emergency without providing any means of bequeathing its priceless experience. I desire to call your attention to the fact that for the first time in our history there is now a definite national military system built upon the perpetuation of the organizations developed during the World War so that its tremendous cost can be funded as a permanent investment for all time; and to remind the country at large that the American Legion early advocated such a military policy.

I wish for each of you all the joys and benefits of intimate comradeship.

Very sincerely yours,

  
JOHN W. WEEKS  
Secretary of War.

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.  
WASHINGTON

October 3, 1921.

Comrades of the Legion:

It is with a feeling of genuine pride that I thus address the hosts that will assemble at your annual convention. Representing the great company of Americans who served on land and sea in the World War, I know you will meet in the true spirit of comrades in arms, with high ideals and ever increasing loyalty to the land we love.

The American Legion should represent those principles that will make of all its members good citizens, men who, trusted and tried in the battles of war, will be equally true and courageous in the handling of the problems that have come with peace. Such a body will stand as a solid bulwark against perils that may beset our country.

Best wishes to you all!

Sincerely yours,

*Edwin Denby*





GENERAL OF THE ARMIES  
WASHINGTON

To the Third Annual Convention  
of the American Legion:

Two years have passed since the American Legion came into being. Your ranks have swelled and daily you have grown stronger. Much has been accomplished for the public good. The rights of the disabled veterans are being safe-guarded. Above all, you are keeping alive the spirit of patriotism and public service, which too frequently dims in our busy national life.

My heartiest good wishes for the success of this Convention and my keen hope that your aspirations will continue in keeping with the high standards of your creed.

A large, stylized handwritten signature of John J. Pershing in dark ink.

Washington, D.C.,  
September Thirteenth,  
Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-One.





Marshal Foch



# Admiral Earl Beatty

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THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of the entire grand fleet of England, "the mistress of the seas," Admiral Sir David Beatty comes "amongst us" as a comrade. American men who served with the Sixth Battle Squadron, a part of the grand fleet in the North Sea during the recent war, know something of the personality and inspiration of leadership that is emanated from the "infant prodigy" of England's navy.

At the age of 50 years, Admiral Beatty is the youngest Admiral in the British navy. He also was the youngest Captain back in the days when he was starting on his progress upward.

"Don't forget your comrades of the mist," was the Admiral's parting word to the American sailors on board the New York, just as they were leaving the North Sea after the war was over.

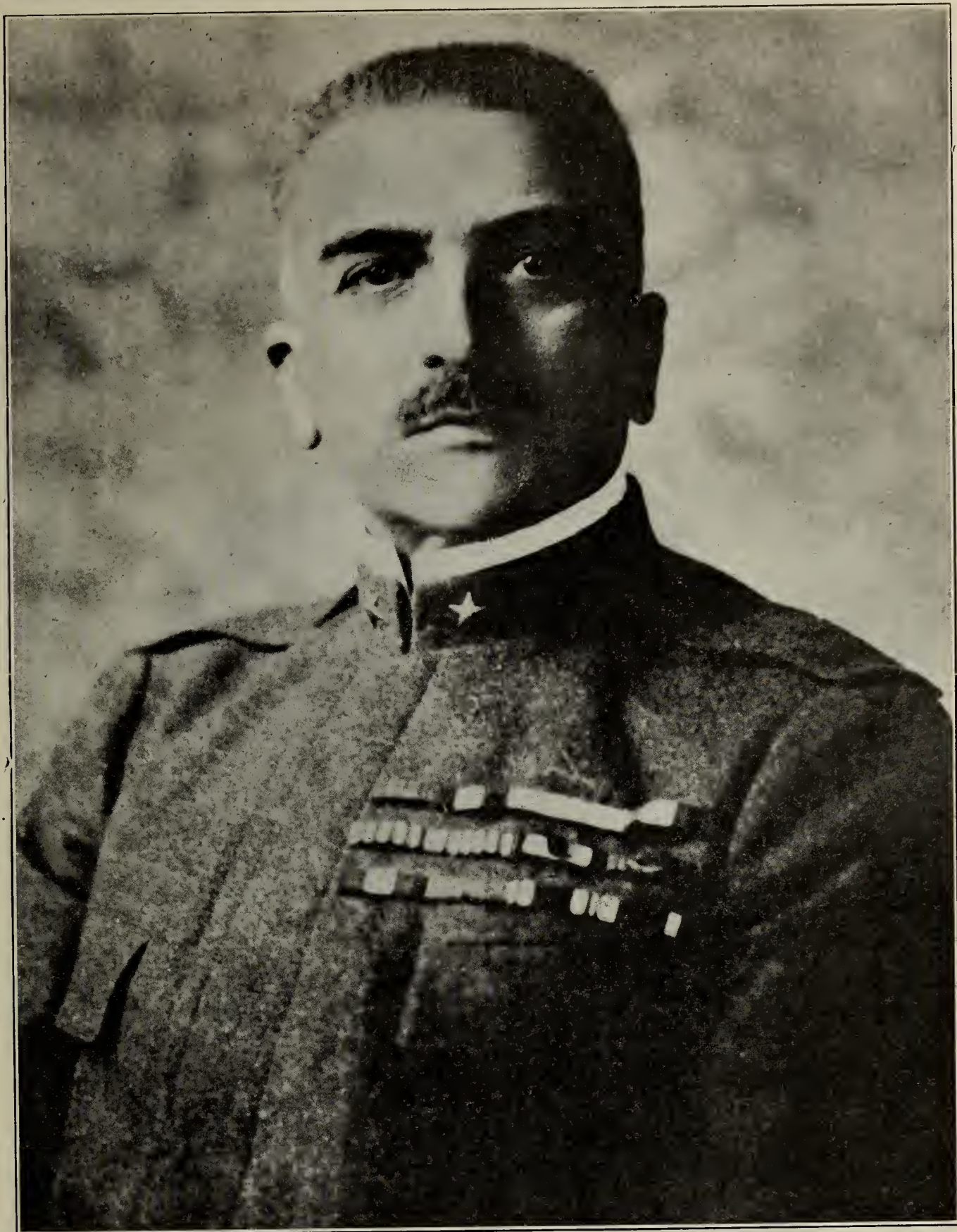
The Admiral of the grand fleet, "our comrade of the mist," is with us again to renew the spirit of mutual ideals and understanding. In our own land of sunshine and Indian summer. From the North Sea, where he was entrusted with the guardianship of the cause, when American and British tars together braved the dangers of the foe and the gale of the elements, the first sea-lord of Great Britain is here to meet with the men of America who helped him make history in the World War.

It was in that common task of booting the Kaiser for a goal and putting a crimp in his imperial majesty, the clown prince, that has made a great comradeship of allied soldiers and sailors. The Admiral, with his cap pulled down a little a-tilt over a keen eye that bespeaks a strength of character and a sternness moderated by good nature, is an embodiment of England and the virtues that Americans found in their service with stalwart cousins of a common race and tongue. As a song of the able seaman, the hero of "Pinafore:"

"He himself has said it,  
And it's greatly to his credit  
That he is an Englishman."

Admiral Beatty married an American girl. Lady Beatty formerly was Ethel Field, only daughter of the late Marshal Field, of Chicago.





GENERAL ARMANDO DIAZ.

**G**EN. ARMANDO DIAZ, commander-in-chief of the Italian armies, the man who retrieved his country's military fortunes after the costly and amazing disaster of M. Caporetto, in which the Austro-Germans captured more than 200,000 Italian soldiers and 700 guns, was the Phil Sheridan of the great war.

When all the world was bewailing the debacle on the Isonzo front late in October, 1917, and declaring that

"Italy, like Russia, is out of the war," a silent, tenacious and daring Italian soldier, with the spirit displayed by the great American cavalry leader at Winchester, arose to snatch victory from defeat. It was Diaz's smashing tactics that drove the invader from beautiful Venice, and brought about the collapse of Austria. This was followed shortly by the downfall of the Hohenzollern dynasty, and the surrender of Germany.





LIEUTENANT-GENERAL BARON JACQUES.

**W**E will now salute a hero of Liege and Dixmunde. When anguished Belgium in her dark hour stood to the defense of civilization, Baron Jacques can be looked to as one of the elements that entered into the struggle to make a victory from what seemed to be an impossible situation.

When general mobilization was ordered in the defense of Belgium at the beginning of the German invasion, he

organized the defense of Vise and played a hero's role in the battles of Liege and Antwerp. He was wounded twice at Dixmunde. Since the war he has been decorated by all the allied nations.

General Jacques is one of the most popular officers in the Belgian army. He first gained recognition in campaigns in the Belgian Congo.





## The Legion's Loss

THE life of Commander Galbraith was the price paid by the American Legion for the magnificent accomplishments of his administration; for the late Commander actually gave his life in the service of the American Legion. It is a story well worth the retelling.

During the evening of June 8, 1921, while at National Headquarters, the Commander received a telegram from A. E. Hutchings, general chairman of the committee which arranged this great convention. It was an urgent appeal for Colonel Galbraith's presence the following day at a conference arranged by Mr. Hutchings with the representatives of the great railroad companies. Upon the results of that conference hinged the outcome of the tremendous efforts that had been exerted to the end of obtaining passenger rate concessions for Legionnaires to the Kansas City convention. The Commander wired Mr. Hutchings that he would be at the conference the following morning.

That evening he was one of the speakers at a meeting held at the Indianapolis Country Club.

Being the last on the program Colonel Galbraith left that meeting shortly after midnight, and with a minimum time allowance to board the Chicago train, was speeding towards the Indianapolis railroad station in a motor car when the accident occurred which shocked the nation and deprived the American Legion of its leader.

The dramatic manner in which Colonel Galbraith's life was taken wrought a profound impression upon the railroad officials when they gathered for the conference in Chicago the following morning. When Mr. Hutchings stood before them and in brief sentences related the tragedy that had befallen the man who was to have appeared before them to plead the Legion's cause, the first great obstacle that had barred the way to the one cent a mile rate was removed in a twinkling.

Colonel Galbraith's death was the dramatic close to a life that had been dedicated to the service of his comrades, and it has truly been said that he gave his life in the performance of his duty to God and Country.—The Editor.

## Galbraith--Soldier, Legionnaire, Man

WHEN the word came to the suite of private offices from which Colonel Galbraith directed the affairs of the Legion, it was a little blue-eyed stenographer who broke the hush that fell.

"His flags," she said. "Should not something—"

In another minute the girl had the flags—the Colors and the National Commander's official ensign—flying at half-staff from the windows.

Such was the first spontaneous tribute to the memory of our Chief, gone to join the High Command.

In the highest and finest sense Frederick William Galbraith, Jr., was a patriot. The stenographer thought first

of the flag because instinctively she had come to know that to Galbraith the flag was a holy thing. She had seen him, worn and weary, driven to the limits of human endurance, turn from his dictation, remove his reading glasses and gaze intently upon the folds of the flag which flies from his window; gaze in abstraction until a new light would rekindle the tired eyes, when he would resume the endless dictation refreshed by the inspiration conveyed by contemplation of that flag. This sounds like romancing. It is solemn fact. There are, indeed, such men, and the Legion's late leader was one of them.

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# Galbraith--Soldier, Legionnaire, Man

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If the flag was Galbraith's religion, The American Legion was his church, for he saw in it the instrument by which the flag, our country's symbol, should be exalted to heights in the world's esteem never before attained by a nation. The crowning tragedy of his passing is that Galbraith leaves us just at a time when his most momentous plans for America and for the Legion were beginning to take encouraging form.

Had he lived the first public intimation of the project would have been broached in the newspapers of June 20, when there would have been published a statement by the Commander taking issue with certain extremists who were reported to be about to advocate disarmament by the United States "as an example to the other powers." In consequence of the Commander's death portions of it were published, accompanying reports of the fatal accident. The significant paragraph of the original statement reads:

"The American Legion is an institution of service, and the goal of goals to which it aspires is to do something which shall make impossible of repetition the devastating horror from which the heart of the world still bleeds, namely, war. The task is stupendous, but plans looking toward its fulfillment are being shaped. It is an affair no nation can achieve alone. There must be co-ordinated activity by interested and influential groups within the various nations.

"We have in all the Allied countries organizations of veterans. These associations are bound together in an international federation of which The American Legion is a member. I believe the time is near at hand when the Inter-Allied Veterans Federation will come to enjoy the same high prestige in international affairs which it is apparent to me The American Legion enjoys in American public affairs. When the time does come the dream of world peace should be no longer a dream."

The statement went on to assert that "for the United States to disarm now or at any time before other nations likewise simultaneously disarm . . . would be foolhardy and dangerous."

World disarmament and universal peace; such was the goal of goals Galbraith held for the Legion.

When Commander Galbraith was honored with the Legion leadership last year at Cleveland—an honor unsought by him—he announced that his first aim would be to make the Legion a more active and more vital factor in the national life.

The disabled campaign was first. The nation was aroused to the shocking condition of affairs that existed. The country was "barn-stormed," to use the Commander's word. Through the press and from the platform the Commander and his aides thundered their message, their exposure and denunciation of the disgraceful plight of the disabled of the World War. With the country completely aroused, sympathetic and eager to help, the Commander came forward with the Legion's program for remedy of the intolerable conditions that had been revealed. For weeks committees and commissions of experts had been working unobserved by the public studying every angle of the many-sided situation. At the propitious moment their recommendations were announced and sympathetic public opinion was mobilized behind them.

Incorporated into legislation, these recommendations are now before Congress, and it is one of the ironies of fate that the Commander died on the eve of the certain passage by Congress of the legislation basically necessary to the redemption by the Government of the worthless draft by which it attempted to pay its debt of honor to the men who will carry through life the marks of their service to their country.

While this program of service to our suffering comrades was under way there came a call for service to our country, and under the leadership of the National Commander the Legion responded. Early in the year reports from various sources began to come to National Headquarters of a revival on a national scale of German propaganda efforts in the United States. Investigation brought

out the fact that a German organization with direct Berlin connections had been established in this country and would soon start a nation-wide movement to drive a wedge between the United States and our former Allies and to reconstruct in America the old pro-German political machine of the von Bernstorff days and elevate it to a place of power and prestige in our public affairs. The prelude of the whole business was to take the form of a series of "Rhine-Horror" mass meetings throughout the country.

The pro-Germans were led to believe they had so cleverly masked their opening preparation that Commander Galbraith could be deceived into accepting an invitation to address the first of these meetings, thus disarming the Legion against the moment when, later on, the schemesters should bring their game into the open. Dr. von Mach called on the Commander at a Washington hotel to convey this invitation. The world knows the result. Dr. von Mach, on being shown the door, proved he knew how to use it. It was too late to call off the first mass meeting, scheduled to be held in New York the following week. It was held and the world knows the result. But not all of the world knows that Legion men, the Commander among them, entered Madison Square Garden that night on forged tickets and distributed themselves strategically about the hall for the sole purpose of suppressing any possible outbreak on the part of indignant citizens. Galbraith knew the meeting would defeat its own ends, and it did.

Not until conclusive victory for the disabled was definitely assured would the Commander permit active advocacy before the Congress of the Legion's adjusted compensation measure. It was only during the last week he lived that he gave the signal for a full-force drive for compensation.

These measures—disabled relief and adjusted compensation—instead of standing as the marks of a personal triumph will become monuments to a memory.

To these and a myriad of related and independent activities in which he plunged himself in the name of the Legion the Commander brought to bear the force of a vivid, a powerful and an amazing personality, the product of a life of picturesque adventure and astonishing achievement.

Frederick Galbraith, the restless spirit of an old New England family, was born near Watertown Arsenal, in Massachusetts, in 1874. He left home at the age of ten, went to California with his father, and became a track-walker on a railroad. At thirteen he was back in Massachusetts, and three years later was the youngest "man" in the crew of which he was foreman in a manufacturing plant at Springfield. He decided to go to sea and studied nights for the entrance examinations at Annapolis, which he passed first on the list only to find he was six months too old for admission. He entered the Massachusetts Nautical Training Academy, however, finished a three-year course in one year, and at nineteen was third mate of a sailing vessel bound for Japan.

After six years at sea, mostly in foreign waters, he gave up navigation at the request of his family and found work addressing postal cards at three dollars a week in a factory office in Springfield. In a year he was treasurer of the company. The next year he took a bankrupt packing concern and saved \$100,000 for the stockholders in twelve months. Thenceforth his rise in the business world was rapid.

Commander Galbraith was in his forty-seventh year when he died. He was over forty when he became a soldier by joining the First Ohio Infantry. He was its colonel when, in 1917, it became the 147th Infantry. He led it overseas, through the war and back. He was wounded in the Argonne. He won the D. S. C., the cross of the Legion d'Honneur and the Croix de Guerre. Immediately upon his return to his home in Cincinnati he became active in The American Legion. He was commander of the Department of Ohio when he was elected National Commander.—From The American Legion Weekly, June 17, 1921.





# INCONQUERABLES!

**W**ITH the convening of the Third Annual Convention of The American Legion, when the public has just reason to reaffirm its gratitude to the millions of young men who were in the military service, we are not unmindful of the loyalty, the manhood, the sacrifices, of six hundred and fifty-seven members of The Long-Bell Family who took their places in the marching columns of *Inconquerables!*

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# Kansas City's Memorial

By Henry J. Haskell

The Kansas City Star

(Editor's Note:—The Liberty Memorial, which is portrayed on the front cover, has been graphically described in the following article by Mr. Haskell. He has summarized its history from the date of its conception down through the period in which the great fund was donated by the citizens of Kansas City and the international contest by which the architect was chosen.)

THE year that marks the coming to Kansas City of the convention of the American Legion marks as well the city's adoption of plans for the most notable war memorial so far projected in the United States. Designs have been worked out elsewhere for fine buildings commemorating the sacrifices of the war. But Kansas City has taken the lead in undertaking to erect a monument of surpassing dignity and beauty, a constant reminder of the dominance of the things of the spirit.

The idea of a great memorial was proposed two years ago by a group of citizens under the chairmanship of R. A. Long, one of the city's business leaders. Several hundred men and women took part in the campaign to finance it. Subscriptions were obtained for two million dollars from eighty-six thousand persons. The form the memorial should take received careful and extended consideration. A representative committee was formed to receive suggestions. Conferences were held with architects and other specialists from every part of the country. Out of these conferences emerged the idea of making the structure the gateway to a possible group of buildings to be erected later by private generosity. Such a scheme, it was hoped, would prove an invitation to men of means to provide funds for the Art Gallery, Music Hall, Museum, and similar structures that every city needs.

An appropriate location presented itself in the rough, high land across from the monumental Union Station. The city already owned eight acres. It undertook to acquire thirty-three more by condemnation at public expense so that the entire fund raised by subscription might be devoted to the memorial proper. A national architectural competition was arranged, with a jury of nationally known architects to make the award. Its decision went unanimously last June to the design submitted by Harold Van Buren Magonigle, of New York City.

Mr. Magonigle's conception is that of a stately entrance to a hall a third of a mile long, which eventually may be lined with semi-public buildings. The Memorial is to be a soaring shaft of unusual design, rising from a massive base flanked by two low buildings; one a possible assembly place for ex-soldiers, the other a museum for records and memorabilia. The height of the base is to be one hundred feet and the shaft is to rise two hundred feet more. The summit of the hill on which the Memorial is to stand is one hundred feet above the Station plaza. So the shaft will tower four hundred feet above the immediate surroundings and will be visible for miles in every direction. The monument is to culminate in a huge bowl, supported on the wings of four angels. From this bowl are to issue cloud effects by day and flames by night. The architect has said his design signifies "the flame of Inspiration guarded by the spirits of Courage, Honor, Patriotism, and Sacrifice, burning forever upon an altar, high-erected in the skies, a pillar of cloud by day, a pillar of fire by night."

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# The Women's Auxiliary

**W**HILE the members of the American Legion throng the streets of Kansas City to greet Marshal Foch, Admiral Beatty, Generals Diaz, Jacques and Pershing at the Organization's third annual national convention, the Legion's Women's Auxiliary will hold a meeting of almost equal importance.

Organized only one year ago, the Auxiliary is holding its first annual convention in conjunction with the Legion gathering. More than 1,000 delegates and 8,000 guests representing every State and Hawaii are in attendance. The Kansas Auxiliary department alone made reservation for a delegation of 3,600.

The accomplishment of a national organization is the main purpose of the Auxiliary gathering. Only a few months ago the Women's Auxiliary had no permanent organization; it was an intangible miscellaneous assemblage of relatives of ex-service men who desired to aid the American Legion in its work in behalf of veterans of the World War. It was one of a number of similar organizations..

At the first convention of the American Legion at Minneapolis in 1919, a number of women's organizations sought recognition as the official "Little Sister" of the Legion. The convention delegates voted to consolidate these groups under the name of the "Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion" as the official organization of mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of Legion members and of men who died in the service. Its field was declared to be the same as during the war and its principles to be based on those of the Legion.

The growth of the Auxiliary was so extensive that greater freedom in its workings became necessary. The second convention of the Legion at Cleveland recognized this situation and voted a "hands-off" policy, but agreed to back it with all the machinery of the Legion.

Authorization for the formation of State departments, the holding of State conventions and the annual assembling of a national convention was granted by the Legionnaires.

The result of this action was that the Auxiliary membership has grown more than two hundred per cent during the past year, and the number of its units has increased since January 1 from 1,342 to 3,600. It is organized by departments in thirty-five States and ten other departments are in process of formation.

Two vital questions which will be considered at the Kansas City Convention are the name for

the organization and qualifications for eligibility. Some departments desire that the name, "Women's Auxiliary," be retained, but others wish to have the organization assume the name of "The Women of the American Legion." A large group of Auxiliary workers feel that the limitation for membership to the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters is too severe, and that the more remote relatives should be included. National officers to serve for the coming year will be elected and a national organization effected.

The delegates for the Auxiliary from the State department organizations have been determined by the size of membership. One delegate is allowed for each thousand paid-up members. Five delegates at large will be accredited from each department. The unorganized departments will have five delegates who will have the privilege of the floor but no vote.

Club and Auxiliary members in Kansas City have made extensive plans for the entertainment of the visiting women. They will be housed in the best homes; business and social clubs will be opened to them; automobiles will carry them through the beautiful parks and boulevards of the city. Likewise, the plans include thoughts of comfort for the wives of Legionnaires who bring children.

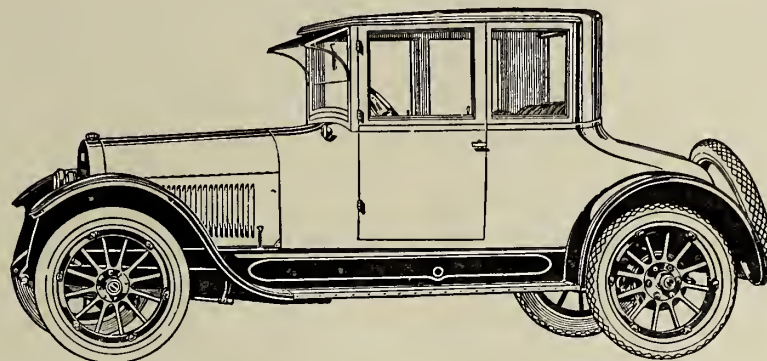
Miss Pauline Curnick, of Indianapolis, a leader of numerous welfare activities for the benefit of sick and disabled service men during the war, has acted as national organizer and director for a year. She will preside at the convention until the newly-elected officers assume their duties. John G. Emery, national commander of the Legion, will open the Auxiliary meeting. Mme. Schumann-Heink will sing and a number of the distinguished visitors will speak.

Mrs. Richard B. Teachenor, a charter member of a Kansas City Auxiliary unit, is chairman of the executive committee in charge. She is assisted by committees on housing, publicity, program, halls and seating, distinguished guests, information and registration.

During its period of existence the Auxiliary has aided the Legion in its work among sick and wounded men in hospitals in many parts of the country! Its members are now active in the Legion's national canvass for jobs for the hundreds of thousands of unemployed veterans of the World War. It is believed that the coming convention will formulate plans in furtherance of this undertaking.



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# The 35th Divison

## "Official Communiques"

"Sept. 26th. This morning, northwest of Verdun, the First Army attacked the enemy on a front of twenty miles. . . . Pennsylvania, Kansas and Missouri troops, serving in Major General Liggett's Corps, stormed Varennes, Montblainville, Vauquois and Cheppy after stubborn resistance.

"Troops from other corps, forcing the Forges Brook, captured the Bois de Forges and wrested from the enemy the towns of Malancourt, Bethincourt, Montfaucon, Cuisy, Nanthillois, Septsarges, Dannevaux, Gercourt, Drillancourt.

"The prisoners thus far reported number over 5,000."

"Sept. 27th. Northwest of Verdun the First Army continued its attack begun yesterday. The towns of Charpentry, Very, Epinonville and Ivory were taken. The number of prisoners has risen to more than 8,000, including 125 officers. . . ."

"Sept. 28th. The attack begun on Sept. 26th continues to develop successfully. Today our troops, advancing in the face of heavy infantry, artillery and machine-gun fire, have reached the outskirts of Eriuelles and Exermont."

"Sept. 29th. Our troops have continued to meet with determined resistance on the part of the enemy, who has been forced hastily to bring up and engage divisions from other parts of the front. Between Clerges and the valley of the Aire we have met and repulsed heavy counter-attacks."

The foregoing quotations from the American "Official Communiques," as they appeared at the time in the Paris "New York Herald," show with vivid simplicity the outstanding features of the great American "Meuse-Argonne Offensive" in its first four days from the "jump-off." It is a matter of satisfaction to those interested in the 35th Division to note that among the achievements then deemed worthy of recording no small portion were those of the Kansas and Missouri volunteer soldiers who constituted that division. Varennes, Vauquois, Cheppy, on the first day; Charpentry, Very and Exermont (Exermont, the memorable)—all places through which the intrepid valor of the 35th Division's men led them; with the 91st Division in Epinonville on their right, and the 28th Division in Montblainville and the Aire Valley on their immediate left—the bare record of events shows the critical nature of the task assigned them, and the brilliant response they made.

How, with its no less gallant comrade divisions of three years ago, whom it now welcomes to the heart of the Central West which is its home, they challenged and drove back the invader from the positions which he had held since the First Battle of the Marne, is now a part of our country's history.

The 35th Division was formally organized as such by G. O. No. 10, Hq. 35th Div., Sept. 13, 1917, at Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma, where the Missouri and Kansas National Guard were encamped, following mobilization by units already existing, in their various home communities on August 5th, 1917, as follows:

New Designation.	Old Designation.
Division Hdqrs. and Train.....	(1st Kan. Cav.)
137th Infantry .....	(1st and 2d Kan. Inf.)
138th Infantry .....	(1st and 5th Mo. Inf.)
139th Infantry .....	(3d Kan. and 4th Mo. Inf.)
140th Infantry .....	(3d and 6th Mo. Inf.)
128th, 129th, 130th Mach. Gun Batt'ns and 110th Trench Mortar Battery .....	(2d Mo. Inf.)
110th Engineers .....	(1st Kan. and 1st Mo. Engs.)
110th Field Signal Batt'n .....	(Kan. Sig. Batt'n)
110th Sanitary Train.....	(Mo. and Kan. Amb. Co.'s and Field Hosps.)
128th Field Artillery.....	(1st Mo. F. A.)
129th Field Artillery.....	(2d Mo. F. A.)
130th Field Artillery.....	1st Kan. F. A.)

The Division's first commanding General, and the one who took it across to France, was Major General William M. Wright.

In Camp Doniphan, in pyramidal tents with boarded floors, the Division spent the fall and winter of 1917-18—months to which, in spite of wind and dust and cold, of vigorous training and endless drill, with back-breaking work at digging trenches and dug-outs in the rainless, sun-baked soil and rock around Signal Mountain, they still look back with a certain pleasure and satisfaction.

In April, 1918, all of the units of the Division except the artillery and the Supply Train (which followed in May) entrained for the East, and sailing from New York, were eventually assembled in Northern France, near Eu. After some weeks of training here with the British, the 35th in the latter half of June assumed its first independent position in the front line, in the Wesserling area of the Gerardmer Sector, in Alsace. Here they were joined by their own artillery, the 60th F. A. Brigade, which after leaving Camp Doniphan in May and arriving in France in early June, had taken its French training for a month near Angers, and then for several weeks in Camp Coetquidan, near Rennes, Brittany.

The weeks in Alsace were characterized by more or less constant artillery "harassing" fire by both sides, with raids of our infantry, was a stirring experience.

On September 12th, as part of the Army Reserve (along with the 91st Division), the Division bivouacked in the Foret de Haye, near "The 5 Trenches," west of Nancy, in readiness for participation in the St. Mihiel Offensive. The efficient work of the men in the front-line divisions, however, left them little to do; and on the night of September 15th the westward movement was resumed. Most of the Division was carried in trucks to points in readiness for its new positions in the prospective Argonne Offensive; but the artillery, and the animal transport with its supplies, marched overland, by forced night marches on crowded roads, and after the longest march of any division then assembling, arrived at its destination on time. It is worthy of remark that the 35th Division, unlike many divisions, was always served by its own artillery, the 60th F. A. Brigade, which, in addition, on two occasions, supported other divisions, the 1st and 81st Divisions, respectively, when they had come into line in relief of the 35th infantry.

In the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, nine divisions constituted the "front-line" of the American First Army on September 26th. From west to east they were the 77th, 28th and 35th (constituting the 1st Corps under Major General Hunter Liggett), the 91st, 37th and 79th (5th Corps under Major General Cameron), the 4th, 80th and 33d (3d Corps under Major General Bullard), with the 92d, 32d and 3d Divisions in Reserve. The 35th Division was now under command of Major General Peter E. Traub, who had come to it in Alsace in July, following a month under the command of Brigadier General N. F. McClure. The front of 20 miles extended from and included the Argonne Forest on the left to the Meuse River on the right. Between these extremes was a rolling country of hills and valleys and winding streams, of woods and fields and ruined villages, with the heights of Vauquois and Montfaucon overlooking the intervening defenses which the Germans had held and fortified since 1914. The Aire River, running through Varennes (now in ruins), was the 35th's left flank; and before them Vauquois Hill, Boureuilles and the Bois de Rossignol, of the hostile "First Position."

At 4:20 a. m. September 26th the wire-cutting barrage began across the whole front. Then at 5:30 began the


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**Let's see ---**

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in Germany,  
isn't he ?**

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# The 35th Division

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rolling barrage, moving forward in 100 meter increments. Under this barrage the infantry pressed on. Passing on either side of Vauquois Hill, now torn and bare (where a battalion of the 139th infantry, with a confidence in their efficiency which the event fully justified, was left to "mop up" this and Rossignol Woods), they moved swiftly and confidently forward. On the left, the 137th Infantry leading, with the 139th Infantry in support, over-ran the now crumbling concrete "strong-point" of Boureuilles, pushed on into and through Varennes; then at evening formed their lines across the hill facing Charpentry and Baulny, with the little stream known as the Baunthe on their right.

On the right the 138th Infantry, the 140th Infantry in support, with lines broken by the heavy fog, and in the face of machine-gun opposition which took a heavy toll, did not pause until Cheppy and Very had been taken and passed, and established their new front on the brow of Hill 218 overlooking Charpentry from the southeast. Here they "dug-in" for the night.

At 7:40 a. m. the 129th F. A., in position on Hill 290, northeast of Neuville, had ceased firing and moved forward behind the infantry, while the 128th F. A. and the 130th F. A. continued the barrage. The roads were torn and the fields deep with mud, but the 129th pressed on, and that night took position at Hill 221, north of the Bois de Rossignol. The 128th F. A. followed, taking position nearby; while the 130th F. A., with its heavier guns, moved up the Route Nationale on the left, toward Varennes, where they established their guns next day, back of the ruined cathedral.

Meantime, the 110th Engineers, some following close with the tanks, some in squads constantly in support of the infantry with supplies of entrenching tools, others serving as wire cutters, and the regiment as a whole busy with the repair of roads and the bridging of trenches and ravines, were giving active and efficient support.

On the 27th, after holding their new lines under heavy hostile fire of both artillery and machine-guns, and preparing for further advance, the infantry drove forward again at 5:30 p. m. Following an artillery barrage which started from Charpentry and the ravine northeasterly from it, and swept the Buanthe Valley to Baulny and the high ground beyond, and with an indomitable spirit which stopped at nothing, they captured Charpentry and Baulny and the ridge to the north of those towns, known as Baulny Hill. Some of their detachments advanced even as far as Montrebeau Woods, and the new line for the night extended from the Route Nationale, opposite Apremont, on the west, through or near Montrebeau Woods and to the eastward, a half-mile north of Chaudron Farm. This line was nearly 10 kilometres, or about 6 miles, from the trenches from which they started 36 hours before—an achievement not surpassed and hardly equalled on the whole front.

All day on the 28th they strengthened and stabilized their positions, "digging in" in the open and securing their hold on Montrebeau Woods, in the face of a murderous machine-gun fire from their front, and at the same time under the never-ceasing hostile shell-fire from their left flank and left rear. The left of the American 1st Corps, in its necessarily slow progress through the strongly defended fastnesses of the Argonne Wood proper, had fallen far behind the 35th's advance, leaving that division exposed to a direct enfilading fire from the enemy batteries, along a flank of two miles on the west. An account of the battle by Major Herman von Giehl, Chief of Staff of the German 16th Army Corps, says of this day's operations on the American front:

"The Americans launched their main attack on both sides of the Valley of the Aire,"

(i. e., by the 35th and 28th American Divisions.)

"The enemy infantry suffered particularly from the flanking fire of 13 German field batteries, which from their position on the eastern edge of the Argonne constantly held up the advance."

The 35th Division artillery, following actively on the heels of the infantry, had by mid-day of the 27th taken position in the outskirts of Cheppy, on the northwest of which town the observers from the 129th F. A. had even become mingled with the lines of the 137th Infantry. Early on the 28th the artillery occupied Charpentry, where, also, the 110th Sanitary Train maintained its forward station, under fire. Here, too, the 110th Ammunition Train early established its ammunition dump from which the forward elements of the division were supplied.

The machine-gun battalions, the 128th, 129th and 130th, were aggressive and alert, and suffered heavy casualties.

The enemy along the whole front was now fighting hard against the steady American advance. His "Second Position" from Baulny Hill to Montfaucon, and on to the Meuse at Dannevoux, was in American hands—territory that for four years had been well back on the German side of the fighting line, and vital to his whole line in France; and knowing the stake, his resistance was desperate.

In and around Exermont the Germans had concentrated some of their best troops; among them the 1st Guards, the 5th Guards, the 52nd and the 37th Divisions (and one known in the German reports as the Tiefland Division). Against this stronghold and under the galling shell-fire from their flanks, detachments of the 35th descended the hill north of Montrebeau Woods into the Exermont Ravine, crossed it, and entered the village beyond, facing Hill 240. Here they "dug in" and held their line—the most advanced salient, for the moment, of the whole American front—for several hours. Under fire from three sides, their numbers dwindling, their own supports held up and a circling movement by the enemy threatened, they were compelled to withdraw. This they did gradually and in good order, to the line which the 110th Engineers of the 35th Division, brought in as reserves, had established on Baulny Ridge. Here their worn and sadly thinned ranks were re-formed; and on this line the counter-attacks of the Germans, on this and the following day, were abruptly repulsed. Here they were relieved on the night of September 30-October 1 by the infantry of the 1st Division, who had been in Army Reserve.

The German account by Major Giehl, above mentioned, describing this action, says:

"From 6 a. m. on the Americans once more attacked after a heavy artillery preparation. . . . The main blow of the Americans was at this time directed against Exermont and the Valley of the Gesnes, running thence eastward. At 10 a. m. the enemy, assisted by tanks, had broken through at Exermont and beyond, but was flung back again on and past Exermont by the entrance into the struggle of two regiments of the Fifty-second Division. . . . The German counter-attack was stopped by the bringing up of strong American reserves, together with fighting and bombing squadrons. The 28th and 35th American Divisions bore the brunt of the fighting here and suffered exceedingly heavy losses, partly due to flanking fire from artillery in the Argonne."

The "strong American reserves" referred to were the 110th Engineers of the 35th Division.

Operations Reports for these dates of the 3rd German Army, which held the front against the American 1st Army Corps, contain the following:



# The 35th Divison

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"Fighting has begun south of Exermont, after a heavy preparatory barrage by enemy artillery. . . . The counter-attack of the 52d Infantry on the enemy who broke through at Exermont under cover of tanks was successful. The two Guard divisions regained contact. . . . According to prisoners' statements, the especially esteemed 28th and 35th American Divisions suffered losses up to 80% of the strength of their companies from the counter-attack of the 52d Division and the enfilading fire from the Argonne. According to statements of our own troops, hundreds of dead Americans are lying near Montrebeau (a hill)."

The artillery of the 35th Division (the 128th, 129th and 130th F. A.), with the 110th Ammunition Train and the Ambulance Sections of the 110th Sanitary Train, remained on duty for two days more after the withdrawal of the division, in support of the 1st Division, whose artillery had not yet taken position.

In this offensive, in the five days from the "jump-off" till the night the 1st Division relieved them, the 35th Division advanced and held (not counting the Exermont salient) a distance of nearly 10 kilometers, through the German First and Second Positions, with losses aggregating 7,000. No division made a greater advance in the same time, or in any equal length of time, until the new big offensive of November 1, when the old intrenched positions had long been passed.

Their casualties, over 7,000, amounted to nearly half their fighting strength, including more than half their officers, so that several of their companies were in command of sergeants.

After a week spent in recuperation, re-equipment and replacement, the 35th was again ready for action, and took position in the Sommedieue Sector, east of Verdun, on a front made historic by the life and death struggle

there in 1916. Here, on the easterly side of the Meuse Heights and in the Woevre Plain below, it remained for several weeks, holding the "pivot" as the American advance swung steadily to the north and east toward the Meuse. With patrols and raids, and more or less constant shell-fire, the sector was a busy and important one. It extended directly to the north from the main Verdun-Metz highway, while through the tunnel in the hills, under the very feet of our artillery positions, and thence directly across our infantry trenches, ran the only railway to the east in a distance of 40 miles, north and south. It was the opening of this railway and the driving of the Germans from its eastern outlet which constituted one of the objectives of the final drive in this sector just before the armistice.

On November 6th the infantry of the division was withdrawn to the Commercy area, to become part of the newly organized Second Army, preparing for the anticipated drive to envelop Metz. Their place on the line was taken by the 81st Division. The 81st had no artillery of its own with it, so here, as in the Argonne, the 35th's artillery (the 60th F. A. Brigade) remained in support of the incoming troops. With them it took part in the new offensive of November 9-10-11, which immediately preceded and was stopped by the armistice.

In March, 1919, the division moved to the area around Le Mans, where General Wright again took command. In April came the last movement in France, to Brest and St. Nazaire, and from those ports the voyage back home. Most of the division's units landed in New York. By the middle of May they had all received their discharges, and the 35th Division, its record made in the great events which called it into being, passed into history.

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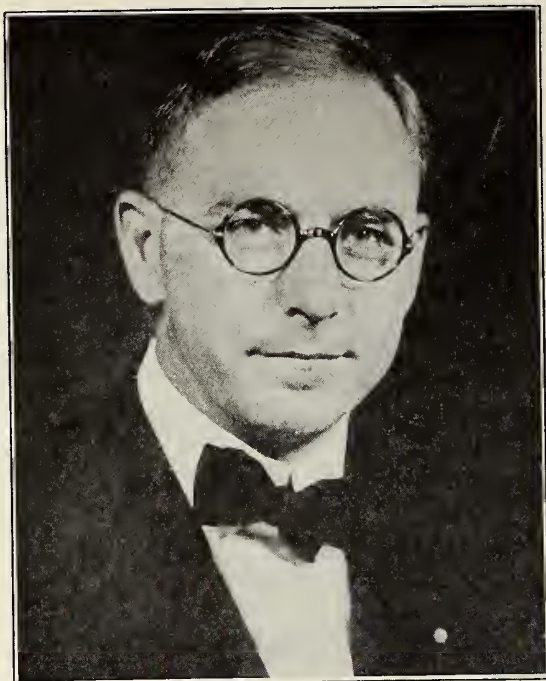


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**JOHN G. EMERY**  
National Commander

**W**AR has its opportunities for service; so has peace, but seldom are they met. But in the figure of John G. Emery, the National Commander of The American Legion, both are epitomized in service rendered. He has served his country in war and peace, and continues to serve. Recognizing in him a leader who combines exceptional qualities for leadership, the National Executive Committee met to choose the successor of the late Commander Galbraith, elected him without opposition.

Mr. Emery was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., on the anniversary of the birth of this nation, July 4, 1881, one of thousands of American boys who had no particular advantages or handicaps; he was the average American boy educated in American schools. But upon reaching his majority he began to exert an active interest in community life. Without becoming involved in politics, he engaged enthusiastically in the welfare of his city and was elected one of the seven commissioners who govern the city of Grand Rapids—later becoming the chairman of this commission, virtually the vice-mayor of the city. In private life he was a realtor and served as president of the Grand Rapids Real Estate Board.

When the call to arms came, Mr. Emery entered the second officers' training school at Fort Sheridan, Ill., August 27, 1917, and was commissioned a captain of infantry and ordered overseas November 27, 1917. He attended various schools of warfare instruction in France, and was assigned to the 18th Infantry of the 1st Division, commanding F Company of this regiment in the Montdidier-Noyon and Aisne-Marne offensives. He received his majority on September 1, 1918, just prior to the St. Mihiel and Argonne offensives, commanding the first battalion of the 18th Infantry in these. He was severely wounded by shell fire October 9, and was invalided back to the United States and discharged from the hospital and army on March 31, 1919.

He is a member of the Military Order of Foreign Wars, and recently on his mission with The American Legion to France received the Croix de Guerre with palm from Marshal Foch for gallantry in action. He is commander of the Legion of Honor of France and commander of the Order of Leopold Militaire of Belgium, which honor he received by virtue of his office in the Legion. He is a member of the National Board of Directors of the Big Brothers' Association.

Mr. Emery was active in organizing the Department of Michigan of The American Legion. He is a member of the Carl A. Johnson Post of Grand Rapids. He became a member of the Michigan Department Executive Committee prior to the Cleveland convention, and at this na-

tional convention last September was elected one of the five National Vice-Commanders of The American Legion. He was largely instrumental in the framing of the Legion's Four-Fold Adjusted Compensation bill which was embodied in the Fordney bill now pending in Congress and has always been a fearless and indefatigable fighter for this measure. He is also president of the First Division Club of Grand Rapids. He is married and has two daughters.

In regard to the Legion, his friends say he is willing to listen to reason, in fact, will compromise with the friends or enemies of the Legion on a fifty-fifty basis, provided the Legion gets both fifties.



**HENRY D. LINDSLEY**  
Past National Commander

**T**O guide the American Legion during the first crucial days of its existence was the mission entrusted to Col. Henry D. Lindsley, past national commander of the American Legion, who served as official Legion head from the national caucus in St. Louis, May 8, 1919, until the close of the first annual national convention at Minneapolis, November 12, 1919.

A graduate of the Second Officers' Training camp at Plattsburg, Mr. Lindsley was commissioned a major on Nov. 8, 1917. He went to France in December, 1917, and was appointed chief of the War Risk Section, American Expeditionary Forces, Feb. 13, 1918. He was promoted to the rank of colonel Sept. 25, 1918.

Colonel Lindsley's efficient direction of the War Risk Bureau resulted in the award of the Distinguished Service Medal with the following citation: "For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services." He conducted with extreme devotion to duty and marked zeal the many activities of the War Risk Bureau in France. Due to his executive ability he contributed very largely to the successful development, extension and administration of that important service.

Mr. Lindsley was voted the first past national commander and received a medal in commemoration of his services at the Minneapolis convention of the Legion. On Nov. 20, 1919, he was decorated by the French government as Officier de l'Instruction Publique, gold palm, Order of University Palms. He was designated on the "Initial General Staff Eligible List" and later received a commission as a colonel, Staff Specialist, Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States Army.

While a member of the American Legion party touring France, Colonel Lindsley received the decoration of Officer of the Legion of Honor from Marshal Foch and the decoration of Commander of the Order of the Crown from King Albert of Belgium.



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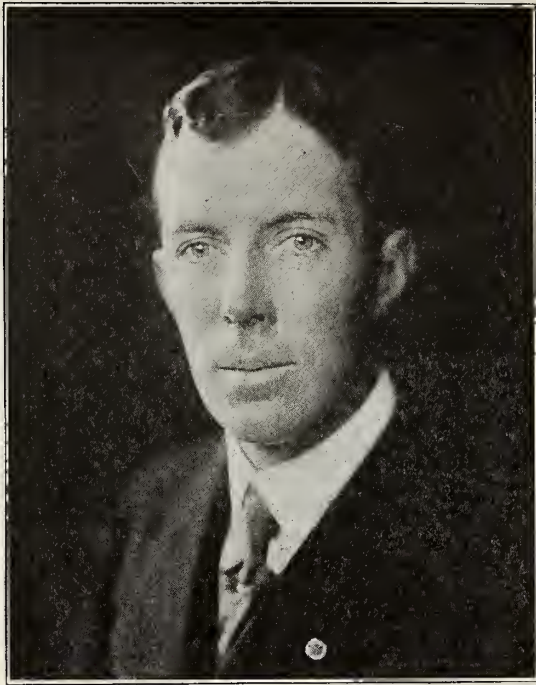
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FRANKLIN D'OLIER

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**F**RANKLIN D'OLIER was one of the original twenty men who initiated the American Legion in France, February 15, 1919, and attended the Paris caucus of The American Legion on March 15, 1919. After his discharge from the service Mr. D'Olier joined Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who, early in 1919, was perfecting the preliminary organization of The American Legion in the United States preparatory to the St. Louis caucus, May 8, 9 and 10.

Mr. D'Olier was chairman of the Pennsylvania delegation at the St. Louis caucus and a member of the National Executive Committee from Pennsylvania. After the St. Louis caucus, he was placed in charge of the state organization division at National Headquarters, 19 West 44th street, New York, and gave his entire time without remuneration, to American Legion work in preparation for the Minneapolis convention.

A graduate of Princeton in 1898, Mr. D'Olier has distinguished himself as a public spirited business man. He became associated with his father in the business of William D'Olier & Co., commission merchants in cotton and cotton yarns. Upon his father's retirement from business the firm name was changed to Franklin D'Olier & Company.

He entered the service in April, 1917, was sent to France in August, 1917, where his business ability and zeal for service brought his promotion to the head of the newly organized salvage service in January, 1918, and he has the distinction as commander of the first salvage depot operated by the American Army. For his service he received a Distinguished Service Medal from the United States government and the Legion of Honor from the French government. He was elected National Commander of The American Legion at the National convention in Minneapolis, November 12, 1919.



THOMAS J. BANNIGAN

National Vice-Commander

**T**HOMAS J. BANNIGAN, national vice-commander of the American Legion, was one of the first workers for the Legion in the Eastern states. He was an organizer and the first adjutant of Ray Locke post at Hartford, Conn., where he had long been prominent in business circles. He later became first adjutant of the Connecticut Department.

As chairman of the Connecticut legislative committee of the Legion Mr. Bannigan led the campaign which resulted in the state appropriating a \$2,500,000 fund for the care of its disabled and needy ex-service men and their dependents. He organized and became supervisor of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Club at Hartford, maintained by that city for two years, and which gave lodging and supplied a home for thousands of ex-service men, including transients from practically every state in the union.

In recognition of his work for ex-service men, Mr. Bannigan was, in 1920, re-elected by the Connecticut Department, for a term of three years, the first instance in which any department in the country had so honored an officer. At the last department convention he was chosen national committeeman from Connecticut. Mr. Bannigan was consulted by the late Commander Galbraith on many of the national Legion problems and was one of a small group of Legionnaires whose advice was most highly regarded by the late commander.

During the war, although defective vision kept Mr. Bannigan from the firing line, it did not prevent him from a long and useful army service. As a captain in the quartermaster corps he was in charge of the Reed Street plant of the Schuylkill Arsenal at Philadelphia, where 5,000 enlisted men and civilians were employed making equipment for overseas. He was selected for further duty in France, but the Armistice prevented his sailing.

The national vice-commander started in life as a newspaper man and was a feature writer and member of the editorial staff of several widely known papers. He later became sales manager for a tobacco corporation carrying on a national business and has held executive positions with other leading companies.



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**THOMAS GOLDINGAY**  
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**T**HOMAS GOLDINGAY, National Vice-Commander of the American Legion, was mate of the first steel ship built in the United States. At twenty-one he was master of a sailing ship. He participated in the bombardment of Alexandria and saw some of the fighting in Egypt. In 1894 he assisted in the organization of the Naval Reserve of New Jersey and became commanding officer of the Newark unit. He served in Cuban waters during the Spanish War on the U. S. S. Badger.

He was commissioned a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy on April 6, 1917, and served as gunnery officer on the U. S. S. Massachusetts and as first lieutenant of the U. S. S. Michigan. He was retired with the grade of lieutenant commander.

Commander Goldingay has served as a member of the New Jersey Assembly and as an officer of the Spanish War Veterans. He is engaged in the lumber business in Newark.



**CLAUDIUS G. PENDILL**  
National Vice-Commander

**C**LAUDIUS G. PENDILL, National Vice-Commander was born in Marquette, Mich. He graduated from the Northern State Normal School in that city in 1911, and from the University of Michigan in 1913. At present he is New England representative of a large manufacturing company.

Mr. Pendill enlisted May 8, 1917, as an apprentice seaman in the U. S. Navy and was sent to the Great Lakes Training Station. He received his commission as ensign May 1, 1918, which is a record for promotion in the regular Navy. He was assigned to the U. S. S. Oklahoma as Signal Officer and served in foreign waters from the summer of 1918 to December of that year. He resigned July, 1919, with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade. Mr. Pendill was elected commander of Kenosha Post No. 21 of the American Legion in January, 1920, and under his leadership the membership increased from 260 to 1,100. He was elected Department Commander June 30, 1920. He is a direct descendant of Captain Lawrence of "Don't give up the ship" fame.



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**E. JACKSON WINSLETT**  
National Vice-Commander

**E** JACKSON WINSLETT, National Vice-Commander of the American Legion, comes from the little town of Dadeville, Alabama. "Jack," as he is more familiarly known, served in the infantry, took part in five major operations under British, French and American commands, and was severely wounded in action. After his convalescence he was attached to the General Staff of the Intermediate Section, serving in various capacities, such as Assistant Chief of Staff, Assistant G-1 and J. A. He was one of the last to leave France.

Mr. Winslett attended the first caucus of the American Legion in Paris, being a representative from the Intermediate Section, the largest section of the S. O. S. Upon his return from the army and to Alabama he was very active in the work of organizing his state. His activity in his own state was rewarded by his election as National Executive Committeeman. His service and activity was again recognized and rewarded at the Cleveland Convention by the support of all sections of the South in his candidacy for Vice-Commander.



**JAMES G. SCRUGHAM**  
National Vice-Commander

**J**AMES G. SCRUGHAM, National Vice-Commander, was born in Lexington, Ky., January 19, 1880. He was graduated from the State University of Kentucky in 1900, and received a degree in mechanical engineering in 1906. He is married and has two children. Mr. Scrugham was professor of mechanical engineering from 1903 to 1914 and dean since 1914 of the Engineering College of the University of Nevada. He was made state engineer of Nevada in 1917.

He was commissioned a major of artillery in December, 1917, and assigned as Production Engineer in the Ordnance Department at Washington. He served on various special assignments connected with artillery production until after the signing of the armistice.

Mr. Scrugham is a member of Darrel Dunkle Post No. 1 of American Legion, Reno, Nev., and served as state commander from May 19 until August, 1920. He was a member of the National Executive Committee and was chairman of the special committee that drew up the Legion four-fold plan for adjutsed compensation which was later embodied in the Fordney bill.



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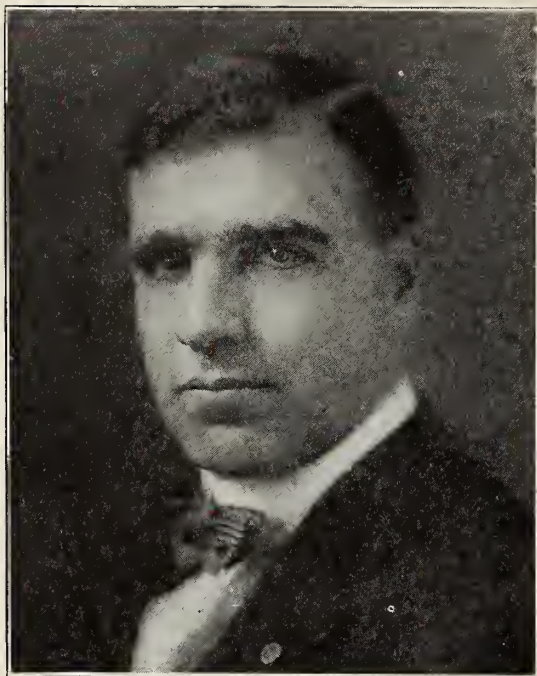
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LEMUEL BOLLES

National Adjutant

**L**EMUEL BOLLES, National Adjutant of the American Legion, has held office under three Legion national commanders, Franklin D'Olier, F. W. Galbraith, Jr., and John G. Emery.

Mr. Bolles was born in Minneapolis on August 21, 1885. He moved to Washington in 1904 and attended the University of Washington Law School. From 1907 to 1915 he was employed by the First National Bank of Yakima, and was assistant adjutant general of the State of Washington.

Mr. Bolles served in all grades in Company E, 2d Infantry, Washington National Guard, and commanded that company from 1911 to 1914. He went overseas with the 41st division in December, 1917, and served as Lieutenant-Colonel, General Staff of the First Army Corps from May 1, 1918, to March 3, 1919.

On his return to the United States in July, 1919, he was discharged from the service, and was requested by the Legion national executive committee to assist in the organization of the Legion in preparation for the Minneapolis convention. Mr. Bolles was one of the original delegates to the Paris caucus of the Legion. During his terms of office the organization has grown from a few posts scattered over the country to a mighty force of 12,000 posts distributed in every state and all over the world.



PAULINE CRANSTON CURNICK

Secretary and Organizer, Women's Auxiliary

**P**AULINE CRANSTON CURNICK was born in Springfield, O., where her father was pastor of the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church.

She was educated in private schools in Detroit, Mich., and Terre Haute, Ind., and was tutored by her father, who was formerly a professor of sociology. Upon the completion of her education Miss Curnick acted as secretary for her father and engaged in various phases of social work. During the war she took an active part in entertainment work for the soldiers. After the cessation of hostilities Miss Curnick entered into welfare and organization work for the National Child Labor Committee and later became employment manager for an eastern industrial concern.

For a time missionary work in the Union Country occupied her attention. Miss Curnick is a member of the Writer's Club and has found time, in addition to her other duties, to contribute to various literary publications of merit.

Since joining the headquarters staff of the Legion Miss Curnick has devoted her entire time to Women's Auxiliary work.

Since taking over her office the membership of the Auxiliary has increased 180 per cent in the number of units attached to posts. Miss Curnick has personally supervised the formation of 40 state department organizations, and has been present at the formation of 22 departments. Miss Curnick's primary interest has been the effecting of a national organization.



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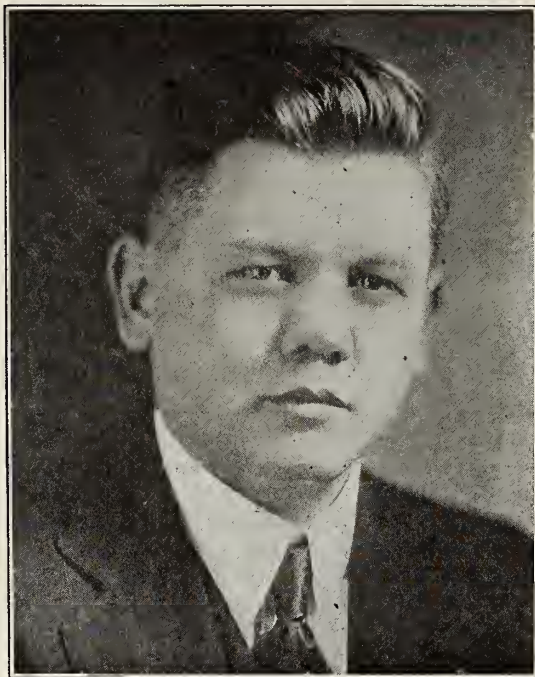
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THE REV. JOHN W. INZER, D. D.

National Chaplain

**T**HE Rev. John W. Inzer, D. D., National Chaplain of The American Legion, was born in Hamilton county, Texas, January 6th, 1890. After two years in college, at the age of nineteen, he surrendered to the ministry. On leaving the seminary four years later he began his first pastorate in one of the Baptist churches of Birmingham, Alabama, in 1913.

The Legion Chaplain volunteered his services in the army after the outbreak of the war and served until the end of hostilities. He was most of the time with the 14th Infantry in the Northwest, and at Camp Dodge, Iowa, where he was senior camp chaplain for three months. Being thus denied overseas service it was while in the Northwest that he began making his stirring speeches on Americanism. He resigned his commission at Camp Grant, Ill., after the close of the war.

The Rev. Inzer first achieved prominence in the Legion by his address before the St. Louis caucus, which address brought immediate order to a restless body, and is said to have gone far toward shaping the spirit and principles of the Legion. From this he was made a member of the national executive committee and one of the three national speakers, and toured the country for six months that year making addresses and helping perfect the organization. He resigned his work with the Legion in November, 1919, to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., which position he now holds. He was elected National Chaplain of the Legion at the Cleveland convention.

This year Rev. Inzer has traveled more than ten thousand miles in his capacity as National Chaplain and has delivered sixty-five addresses to more than one hundred and fifty thousand people in fifteen states. He has offered to perform the marriage ceremony free of charge for all ex-service men who wish to avail themselves of his services during the convention.



ROBERT H. TYNDALL

National Treasurer

**R**OBERT H. TYNDALL, National Treasurer of the American Legion, is a veteran of three wars, and as a recently commissioned brigadier-general in the national guard, is ready for another should occasion arise. His home is at Indianapolis, where he was born May 2, 1877.

When twenty years old he entered his military career as a private in the National Guard. After serving in the Spanish-American War and in Porto Rico with General Miles' expedition, he returned to Indianapolis, and entered the reorganized National Guard and rose from corporal to major. With the latter commission he disposed of his business at Indianapolis to lead the Indiana artillery to Llano Grande, Texas. In the World War he was promoted to the rank of colonel and commanded the 150th Field Artillery in the Rainbow Division.

During eighteen months overseas he led his regiment through five major operations. He was cited by the 4th French army, and by the Armies of the North and Northeast under General Petain.

Mr. Tyndall succeeded Gasper G. Bacon of Boston, resigned, as National Treasurer, and has served continuously without salary. He also is treasurer of the Legion Publishing Corporation.



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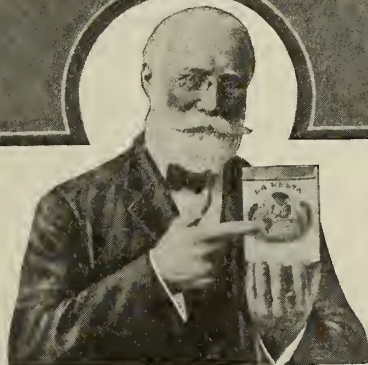
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## EBEN PUTNAM

National Historian

**V**ARIETY, some adventure, and much hard work has been the life of Eben Putnam, National Historian of the American Legion. He was born at Salem, Mass. In youth as assistant to his father, Frederic Ward Putnam, he engaged in archaeological explorations, and the love of outdoor life thus early obtained a foothold. Barred by age from examination for commission in the line, for which he was prepared, he accepted a commission as captain Q. M. R. C., and was called to active duty before the more liberal age limits were established, and served as assistant to depot quartermaster at Boston and at Nantes, at the latter station being in charge of the storage and warehousing branch, including gasoline, oil and fuel. He observed his 50th anniversary in France. While convalescent from pneumonia he was ordered to a division, but not permitted to report.

After returning to this country he was stationed at Headquarters, Northeast Department, as assistant to Insurance Officer, dealing with the perplexing problems brought forward by discharged service men concerning insurance, allotments, back pay, etc. Honorably discharged August 22, 1919, after more than two years' service, he resumed the work in which he had been engaged previously to the war.

He has long been deeply interested in local history, genealogy, eugenics, care of archives and immigration, having made extensive investigations here and abroad in these subjects over a long series of years, and is author and collaborator of several books and papers, including Military and naval annals of Danvers, Mass. He is also a practical business man, has had experience in mining and in printing and publishing. His home is in Wellesley, Mass., where he has from the formation of the Legion Post there been interested in the work of the Legion. He was Post Historian until chosen Historian of the Department of Massachusetts at the first annual convention, and was also a member of the executive committee of that department. He was appointed National Historian following the Cleveland convention, where he was a delegate from Massachusetts, having during part of the preceding year acted in advisory capacity to National Headquarters in matters similar to what now pertain to his office.

He has held office and important committee assignments in many societies, and is a member of the military history committee of the American Historical Association.



## RUSSELL G. CREVISTON

Assistant National Adjutant

**R**USSELL G. CREVISTON, Assistant National Adjutant, The American Legion, is a member of the National Staff of Community Service, Inc., 1 Madison Avenue, New York City, which organization loans his services to the Legion.

A Hoosier by birth, Mr. Creviston enlisted in May, 1917. After serving as a private for five months he was selected as a candidate to the Second Officers' Training Camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison and commissioned as a first lieutenant of infantry and assigned to the general staff of the 84th division in charge of the Co-Ordination Administration Section.

On April 5, 1918, he was selected by the committee on education and special training to help establish the vocational training system. As a result of his efforts he was promoted to the rank of captain and assigned to the Inspector General's Department, in which department he served for fourteen months, during which time he gave special attention to government contracts and general morale questions.

Upon being discharged, Mr. Creviston took up residence in Minneapolis, Minn., where he immediately enrolled as a charter member of the Theodore Peterson Post No. 1.

During the summer and fall of 1919 he assisted in the organization of the Department of Minnesota, which organization he represented in the preliminary arrangements for the first national convention of the Legion. Following the first national convention, upon the request of Past National Commander D'Olier, Mr. Creviston was assigned to the National organization December 11, 1919, and placed in charge of the organization work, in which capacity he remained until after our second national convention, at which time he was appointed Assistant National Adjutant, which position he now holds.



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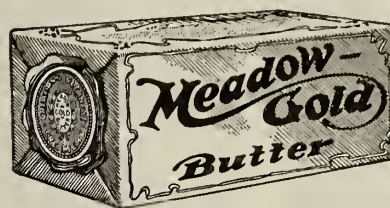
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**ROBERT A. ADAMS**  
National Judge Advocate

**R**OBERT A. ADAMS, National Judge Advocate of The American Legion, rose from private to major during his army career. He served overseas with the 31st Heavy Artillery Brigade and participated in three major offensives. After the armistice he was assigned to duty in the Judge Advocate General's office at G. H. Q.

The duties of the National Judge Advocate consist of the general supervision of all matters of legal importance in the Legion, the interpretation of questions of constitutional provision, resolutions and the proceedings of various committees, the decision of matters of eligibility and general care and supervision of all questions which necessitate the attention of a lawyer.

Mr. Adams has practiced law since 1916 and is associated with a prominent Indianapolis law firm. He is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College and also attended Harvard Law School. He is thirty years old.



**ALVIN M. OWSLEY**  
Acting Director of the Americanization  
Commander

**A**LVIN M. OWSLEY, acting director of The American Legion Americanism Commission, has gained distinction as a soldier and a statesman in the Lone Star state. He resigned a position as district attorney at the outbreak of war to attend the first training camp, and was assigned as a major of infantry in the Thirty-sixth Division. In this capacity he had recruited his own battalion and a large portion of the division in northern Texas.

After serving as division insurance officer and senior instructor of the third officers' training school at Camp Bowie, Tex., Mr. Owsley went overseas with his division. He was made adjutant of the division and took part in two major engagements in Champagne and the Argonne.

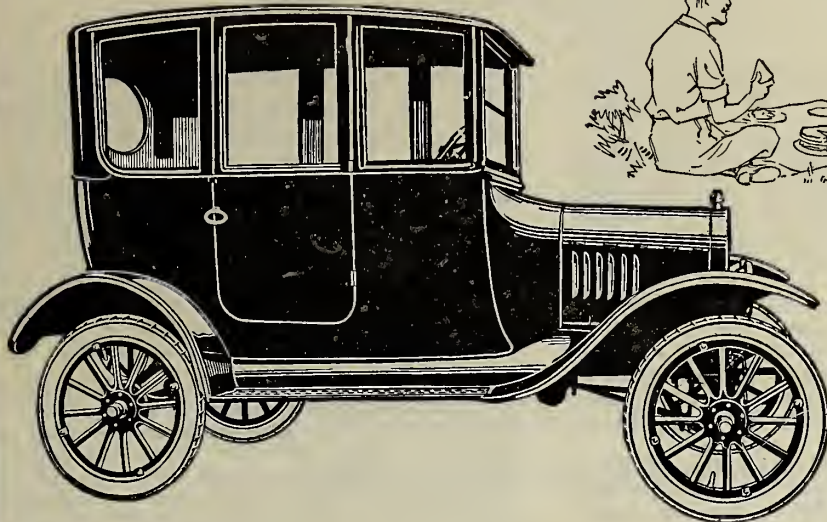
After the armistice Mr. Owsley went to London, where he attended the courts of law and studied English procedure. He resumed the practice of law immediately following his discharge in July, 1919, and was appointed assistant attorney-general of Texas. As head of the Legion's legislative committee in that state he won out in a fight for a \$2,000,000 hospital for disabled service men, the bill being passed by unanimous vote. He resigned his position as assistant attorney-general in February, 1921, to become assistant director of the Legion's National Americanism Commission.

While engaged in national work and speaking throughout the country in the interests of better citizenship, Mr. Owsley retains his membership in the Arthur McNitzky post of the Legion at Denton, Texas, his birthplace. He enlisted the services of the boy who gave his life to his country and his name to this post while serving in Mr. Owsley's battalion.



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# Bravest of the Brave

by

Frank A. Marshall

**W**HO were the bravest soldiers of history?  
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Were they the heroic Ten Thousand who marched with Xenophon to the sea, or the immortal Three Hundred Spartans of Leonidas at Thermopylae, holding back the Persian hosts at the Gates of Fire; or were they the Athenians at Marathon, scattering the hordes of Xerxes, their deathless glory borne to all the corners of the earth by the winged feet of Phidippides?

Were they the legions of imperial Caesar, hurling the Germans across the Rhine, to teach the world 2,000 years later that it could and must be done again, or were they the Germans themselves—strange irony of history—crushing the Huns of Attila at the Marne, as their descendants were overwhelmed centuries later on the banks of that same historic stream?

Were they the rustic bowmen of Harold dying on Hastings field to save Saxon England from the conquering Norman; or were they the English of Edward, breaking on the field of Crecy the might of France?

Were they the Swiss of Winkelried, who took into his heroic heart the Austrian spears and making way for liberty died; or were they the Poles of Sobieski and Kosciuszko, the Greeks of Marco Bozzaris, or the red-clad patriots of Garibaldi?

Were they the snowy heroes of Gustavus Adolphus, wrestling freedom from the bloody paws of the Russian bear, or the belted barons of Runnymede, wringing from the grudging hands of John the Magna Charta?

Were they the embattled farmers of Lexington and Bunker Hill or the soldiers of Washington at Valley Forge, marking in its red snows the footprints for Liberty to follow in?

Were they the sailors of John Paul Jones and Perry, the gaunt heroes of Mad Anthony Wayne or the Old Guard at Waterloo?

Were they the Light Brigade at Balaklava, "theirs not to reason why, theirs not to make reply, theirs but to do or die"; or were they the soldiers of Scott and Taylor, remembering the Alamo at Cerro Gordo and Palo Alto, at Monterey and Chapultepec?

Were they the blue-clad men of '61, fighting above the clouds of Lookout Mountain with Hooker, standing beside the Rock of Chickamauga, battling with Grant at Shi'oh and the Wilderness, at Cold Harbor and Antietam or following Sherman to the sea?

Were they the gray-clad men of Pickett and Wheeler and Gordon and Stonewall Jackson and Lee, reaching the pinnacle of human courage at Gettysburg when they hurled wave after wave against the stone wall at the summit, flinging a bloody foam of Armistead's dying men over the top and going down to a defeat that held no shame, because the victors were Americans like themselves?

Were they the sailors of Dewey at Manila bay, the soldiers of Lawton and Wood in the forests of Luzon, the Black Legion at San Juan or the sailors of Sampson and Schley at Santiago?

Were they the little brown men at Port Arthur and Chemulpo or the Spaniards who only the other day died on paynim spears in a hopeless fight on the red sands of the desert?

Were they the British at Mons, the French at the Marne, the Belgians at the Yser, the Italians at the Piave or the Yanks in the Argonne, at Cantigny and Seicheprey, at Chateau Thierry and St. Mihiel?

Nay, the heroes of every righteous cause set the standard of human bravery so high that in the crimson mire of war races disappear and flags and uniforms take on the universal hue of a cosmic courage that glorifies humanity.

God forbid that, blinded by national pride, any man should arrogate to his own country a supremacy of valor or say that his comrades were braver than the brave.

But, standing on that epic height, America can lay its fadeless wreaths of praise upon the graves of all who died for the cause they believed to be right and can still contend that, where all were brave, the annals of history record no sublimer heroism than that displayed by the boys who went from America's towns, her factories, fields and plains, her wide spaces and her busy marts, crossing 3,000 miles of deadly waters; braving the perils of sea and land and air, baring their breasts to sword and shell; facing gas and bayonet, the waiting trench and the heroic charge; fighting to the last gasp, the last breath, yet laughing, praying, cursing, singing on, till on a hundred fields Christ-like men died again for men, and as the veil of the temple of each man's life was rent in twain the shadow of the Ancient Sacrifice fell across the world and the very sun in the heavens dimmed to a golden star in the service flag of God.

Fighting thus and dying thus, not on their own soil, not defending the sanctity of their own firesides, not guarding the periled honor of their own women and babes, but to vindicate faith in the pledged and plighted word of peoples as of men; to make covenants something more than scraps of paper; to make all childhood sacred and restore to the universal womanhood its violated birthright of unpolluted purity; to make the air and land and ocean free; to make the wide streets of the world safe for the nations to walk in and the air of the world fit to breathe.

You meet today not to sound the timbrels of your own high deeds but to send forth a bugle call of service to the living that shall make the sacrifices of the deathless dead offered not in vain. They sleep in many soils in the little green tents that are pitched, some in the holy western homeland; some in the frozen north; some in the hot sands of the east; some in Italy's sunny south; many—ah, how many—over there where the flowers are as red as the poppies of France, as white as the fleur des lys, as blue as the forget-me-nots of Belgium—that trinity of colors sacred to all who love liberty and hate ambition's ruthless greed.

Only as we who live today, and those who shall live in the years to be, consummate that heroic sacrifice by dedicating it to truth and right and freedom and humanity and civilization and to the one God of all races, shall we and they be worthy of those altars of valor, wet today with tears and blood. Only then shall the crosses in their long white rows be arms that open wide to save nations and a world worth salvation. Then and only then shall the nation become truly strong because it is loyal to the weak; great because it is true to every fine ideal and brave because it will fear only to do the wrong.



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# War and Near War

by

George Ade

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**F**AR be it from me or you to belittle the service rendered by any American citizen during our slight fuss with Spain in 1898. Every man who went to the front had to take his chances with disease germs and bad chow. The Spanish foe was merely incidental and more or less in the background. Compared with the recent gigantic struggle, the misunderstanding of 1898 was a ten-twenty-and-thirty war. It was about as much like the Argonne as croquet is like athletics. It was, to all intents and purposes, a moonlight picnic. We were fighting a lot of guitar players who didn't want to fight. When a man is going into battle, nothing encourages him more than the knowledge that the other fellow is looking for a chance to climb a tree. I am told by the boys who went to Europe about four years ago that the Heinies never liked to turn around and go the other way unless they were urged. Furthermore, I am assured by many veterans of the G. A. R. that the Confederates, known at one time as the "Johnny Rebs," were absolutely stubborn in the belief that they had a right to go anywhere they wanted to at any time.

The members of the American Legion engaged in the most stupendous three-ring affair that was ever put on by the military. If we count up the number of men taking part and the money spent and the size of the projectiles, we may come to a wrong conclusion and decide that the old Civil War, of which grandpa speaks so feelingly, wasn't very much after all.

Boys, it must have been a whale of a fight, because the fellows on each side of the fence were fighting mad. Probably our tussle with Germany was a little handicapped because some of the participants didn't know what it was all about. One fellow thought he was fighting to make the world safe for democracy and another was out to avenge the Lusitania and a third was indignant because German had been taught in the public schools. Even now, three years after the armistice and after we have had plenty of time to talk it all over, there doesn't seem to be an absolute agreement as to what we were after and those who think they know what we were after are not positive that we got it. All hands agree that it was a fine scrap while it lasted.

The only result of the war of which we may be absolutely sure is that the Spanish-American War has been put back into the same class as street carnivals and high school track meets. We realize now that in 1898 we were simply playing tag, hide and seek and drop the handkerchief with any Spaniards that we could catch up with. It wasn't much of a war, but it was the first we had enjoyed for over thirty years and we didn't know when we would have another, so we made the most of it. It produced a new crop of heroes and it gave us something to talk about for several years. We called it a war until we got mixed up with the Germans and now we know the difference.

The members of the American Legion may or may not be keen to repeat the experiences that came to them between April, 1917, and November, 1918, but no matter how they feel about what they have been through, they can be sure of one thing—they went to a real show.



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# The New Front Line

by

Coningsby Dawson

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**L**IFE is nothing but experiences. The greatest experiences of men who were in uniform was gained at the late World War. Whatever we lost by going, and however we have been disillusioned since our return, we are still infinitely the richer because we went. The poorest man alive today is the slacker.

Under the stress of hardship endured and terror ignored, we learned a wisdom that could have come to us in no other fashion.

We learned that the chief of all virtues is courage; that the courageous man is invariably a comrade; that self-pity is a betrayer; that reinforcements always rescue the unconquerable optimist who spare his lips, smiles and hangs on.

Life is nothing but experiences. The difference between success and failure is the difference between the use we make of our experiences. Some of us devise a strategy from our old encounters with which to tackle new situations. Others of us wipe the past clean from our remembrance and are always starting afresh as amateurs.

Since the war ended, there's been an epidemic of forgetting. When the last shot was fired, the men of all nations who had served had a generosity in their hearts which could have made the world reasonably habitable. The spirit of sharing of the old front line had eliminated class contempts. National disparagements amongst the Allies who had stood shoulder to shoulder seemed a thing of the past. We viewed each other as brothers. We had risked our lives side by side. We had come to each other's rescue. We hadn't budged, and we had conquered. Very many of us had even learned to be sorry for our enemy. If we civilians in uniform had had the daring to carry that spirit forward, we could have insisted on a reorganization of society along the lines of the ideals for which we had fought.

But even before we were demobilized, the insane propaganda to forget the war was started. We came home to find the old selfishness, which had made war possible and had sent us out to die, firmly enthroned and busily demolishing everything we thought we had accomplished. To have been a soldier or a sailor was a detriment. Slackers were preferred and were holding our jobs. We had been temporary heroes—and how temporary! We found our sacrifice forgotten when the chance to die was ended. In our bitterness, too many of us caught the frenzy. We sank below ourselves and forgot.

The American Legion is gathering together the old comrades, that it may establish a new front line for righteousness. Its aim is to make our temporary heroism permanent, so that it may be a force to be reckoned with in civilian life. It stands for the spirit of sharing, the despising of cowardice, the true patriotism which appreciates the nobilities of other nations. It calls to us to prove ourselves as capable of chivalry in peace as we were in war.



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# The Preamble of the American Legion Constitution

by

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**A** LITTLE piece of literature that is destined to live and grow and take its place beside Lincoln's Gettysburg speech and other gems, is the preamble to the National Constitution of the American Legion.

In its very first line it appeals to God and country; binding together religion and patriotism in an invincible association.

Then follows a series of infinitive clauses declaring the purpose of the Legion to defend the Constitution of the United States; to foster one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories of the days when its members were associated in the world war; to teach a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat autocracy, both of the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to guard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; to sanctify comradeship by devotion to mutual helpfulness.

In the preceding paragraph an attempt has been made to condense that preamble, but it is impossible of condensation. It is all in that paragraph. Wonderful ideas are these expressions of the Legion. To live up to them is the whole duty of the citizen and patriot and the devotee of religion; the man who lives in the spirit of that preamble can never be a privilege seeker for himself, and can never countenance privilege seeking in others. He can never be selfish, nor stand for selfishness in other men.

Such a pronouncement might have been made by the great Fathers of our Republic. George Washington, Samuel Adams, and Thomas Jefferson, could not have done better. One would think that these great Fathers had held the hands of the young men who devised this preamble; those great spirits certainly hovered over the assemblage that adopted it. Those exalted Fathers are with us today as the Legion meets in Kansas City to cement its ties and to promote its ideals; their influence is in this great convention; their fondest dreams of the Republic are more than outdone in the character, purposes, and achievements of the young men who are guests in this city today.

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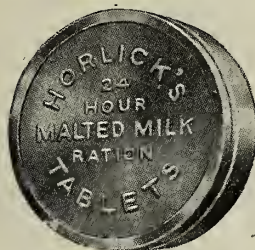
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# What The American Legion Has Done Through National Legislation

by

John Thomas Taylor,

Vice-Chairman The National Legislative Committee

THE AMERICAN LEGION at its Annual Convention decides upon its national policies and upon legislation of a national character for the benefit of ex-service men and women, and fully seventy-five per centum of the resolutions which are passed at the Convention request the enactment of national laws. These resolutions generally express the desire of the American Legion to correct discrimination against ex-service men, to better their present condition and to further the general welfare of our country.

In the presentation of these matters before Congress, your National Legislative Committee represents not only the paid-up membership of the American Legion but every ex-service man and woman in the country. This Committee has taken as its mandate the instructions of the National Conventions and the National Executive Committee, and has confined itself strictly to resolutions passed by these two bodies. And, in order to carry out the will of the Legion on these matters, it maintains liaison with every State Department and practically every Post.

The Committee at this time desires to extend its sincere thanks and appreciation for the co-operation and the help it has received from National Headquarters, from the Departments and the ten thousand Posts of the Legion, for it is through their combined effort that Congress has been persuaded to act favorably upon so many of the resolutions passed at the previous conventions.

The Senate, the House of Representatives and the Executive Departments of our Government, on the whole, have endeavored to meet the wishes of the ex-service men expressed in these resolutions. Frequently, however, we find that the Government and department executives are not in sympathy with our program and it has only been through continued effort with the entire force of the Legion behind it that this Committee has been able to accomplish the results attained. It can be stated with definiteness that no other organization, whether educational, religious, patriotic or historical, has left its impression upon the history of the Nation as has the American Legion. Since the last report submitted to the Convention, your Committee has contributed to the passage of the following laws and the securing of the following results:

Public Law No. 67, which provides for the return to the United States of the body of an unknown, unidentified service man and for the burial of the remains with appropriate ceremonies on November 11th at the Arlington Amphitheater, Washington, D. C., and Public Law No. 67, which also provides for the bestowal upon the unknown hero the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross.

By the enactment of Public Law No. 338, Congress also bestowed upon our comrades in arms, the unknown, unidentified British soldier buried in Westminster Abbey, London, and the unknown, unidentified French soldier buried beneath the Arc de Triomphe, Paris, the Congressional Medals of Honor.

Through the efforts of this Committee, Congress appropriated sufficient funds to return to this country several thousand ex-service men stranded in Europe. We also secured an amendment to the law providing for the

settlement of claims of officers and enlisted men for the loss of their private property as a result of military service.

## Our Comrades Who Are Asleep.

The American Legion at previous Conventions passed resolutions discouraging the return of the bodies of our dead comrades, and the Government, in carrying out this sentiment, has returned to this country for burial in the United States only those bodies requested by the nearest of kin. More than thirty millions of dollars have been spent by the Cemeterial Division in caring for the remains and graves of our comrades in Europe. The Bureau of the Budget has developed with the Fine Arts Commission the plans to maintain in France five cemeteries, as follows: "Muese-Argonne" at Romagne, "Aisne-Marne" at Balleau, "Somme" at Bony, "Oise-Aisne" at Seringes-et-Nesles, "St. Mihiel" at Thiaucourt, "Suresnes" near Paris, and "Brookwood" near London, England.

Many of the bodies of our returned comrades have been buried at Arlington Cemetery near Washington with appropriate ceremonies provided by those Posts of the American Legion located in the nation's capitol.

## Disabled Men.

The American Legion has always considered as its first duty service to our disabled comrades and to that end this Committee has fought continually for national legislation which would provide the proper care and treatment to which they were entitled. Since our last report, we have aided in securing appropriations for the following purposes:

Senate Resolution No. 59, which provides for the appointment of a Committee by the Senate to investigate in its entirety the problem of the disabled.

Public Law No. 384, 3rd Session, 66th Congress, which provides for an appropriation of \$18,600,000, of which \$12,500,000 shall be used to construct five new hospitals. The balance, \$6,100,000, shall be used for remodelling and extending existing facilities. It also provides for the transferral from the War Department to the Public Health Service, to be used for hospitals for disabled ex-service men, Fort McKenzie, Wyo., Fort Walla Walla, Wash., and Fort Logan H. Roots, Ark.

Public Law No. 18, 1st Session, 67th Congress, which provides that at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, any part of the total appropriation of \$18,600,000 for hospitalization may be allocated to the National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers upon the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

An appropriation of \$750,000 for the completion of a hospital at Dawson Springs, Ky.

An appropriation of \$500,000 for the completion of Speedway Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

An appropriation for a deficiency of the Rehabilitation Division of the Federal Board for Vocational Education, \$15,000,000.

Public Law No. 389, 3rd Session, 66th Congress, which provides an appropriation for the Bureau of War Risk

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# What The American Legion Has Done

## Through National Legislation (Continued)

Insurance, \$158,100,000; Rehabilitation Division, \$65,000,000; Marine Hospitals taking ex-service men for care and treatment at Cairo, Ill., \$25,000; at Fort Stanton, N. M., \$20,000; at Louisville, Ky., \$10,000; at Mobile, Ala., \$30,000; at San Francisco, Cal., \$15,000; at Stapleton, N. Y., \$15,000; total appropriation of \$300,000, not to exceed \$50,000 on any one station.

### National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

Marion, Ind.—\$50,000—614,300.

Johnson City, Tenn.—\$686,500.

St. Elizabeth's—\$1,136,000.

Public Law No. 364, 3rd Session, 66th Congress, which provides an appropriation to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance of \$7,400,400 for personnel.

In addition to the above, and as a result of our fight for over a year and a half, we secured the passage of the Sweet Bill to consolidate, co-ordinate and decentralize all of the agencies dealing with the ex-service men and which will simplify the administrative difficulties of the Government in providing prompt and efficient care for those men who suffered disability as a result of their military service. It provides that disabled ex-service men may now re-instate their lapsed Term or Converted Insurance and they, therefore, will be no longer penalized for a disability they incurred in the service. It provides for the establishment of fourteen regional offices and one hundred forty sub-offices so that the bureaus thus decentralized may actually deal with the disabled man through personal contact. It provides that the veteran will not have to prosecute his claim against the Government to secure compensation, vocational training or hospital care and treatment, and it authorizes the Postmaster General to collect the premiums upon Term and Converted Insurance. It relieves from the payment of insurance premiums those men who are temporarily totally disabled, or who are in hospitals. The success of the American Legion in its fight for the disabled men has left a lasting impression upon the Nation.

### Employment.

This Committee, foreseeing the present period of depression and unemployment, more than a year ago opened negotiations with Executive Departments to retain ex-service men when reductions were made, and also to give ex-service men preference in the matter of employment. We succeeded in having Congress pass a Veterans' Preference Clause in the Appropriation Act for the Postoffice Department, so that any ex-service man who now accepts employment under the Civil Service with the Postoffice Department receives credit for every day of service he rendered in the Army or the Navy, and those veterans who left the Postoffice Department for military service upon returning after their discharge will receive credit for every day of service rendered.

The National Prohibition Act also carries a Veterans' Preference Clause providing that preference in employment shall be given to those who served in the Naval or Military service during the War.

### Land.

This Committee has secured the passage of several bills to adequately protect those men who had settled upon land prior to their enlistment. Any ex-service man honorably discharged on account of physical disability and unable to return to his homestead will be given a patent for the land upon which he settled. Under Public Law No. 6, relief is granted the ex-service men whose rights to make entries on the North Platte Irrigation Project were defeated by intervening claims, and as a result of the work done by this Committee, the Secretary of the Interior issued an order reducing the amount required as a deposit by ex-service men when drawing for lands open for homestead entry from \$5.10 per acre to \$1.70 per acre.

### Draft Evaders and Slackers.

After insistent demands by this Committee, the Secretary of War finally authorized the publication of the

so-called "Slacker Lists" and through our efforts, these lists were inserted in full in the Congressional Record, where they will remain permanent record for all time. Congress also passed H. R. 12, which provides for an investigation of the escape of the most notorious of all slackers, Grover Cleveland Bergdoll. John Thomas Taylor, vice-chairman of this Committee, served as counsel for this Congressional Committee and steps have been taken by the State Department and the War Department to apprehend Grover Cleveland Bergdoll and return him to this country to serve his sentence. In the meantime, all property owned by him has been seized by the Alien Property Custodian.

### Americanization.

We have had introduced in the House and the Senate several bills to further Americanize the vast number of aliens who have entered this country, and in obeying the mandate of our resolution, assisted in the passage of Public Law No. 5, which limits the immigration of aliens and provides further for preferential rights of entrance into this country of dependents of those men who served in the military or naval forces during the War.

### Retirement of Emergency Corps Officers.

We have consistently demanded legislation for the retirement for disability incurred in service of Emergency Officers with the same rights accorded officers of the regular establishment. Acting under the specific instructions of the St. Louis Caucus, the First and Second National Conventions, we have labored to have this discrimination removed. During the last session, of Congress, we succeeded in having the bill reported favorably by the House and during the present session, reported favorably by the Senate, but to date it has not been voted upon.

### Adjusted Compensation.

With the administrative problems of the disabled solved, our objective is now to secure the passage of the Adjusted Compensation Bill. This Committee would be derelict in its duty if it allowed this opportunity to pass to tell you that there is one group or class that prevent ex-service men from realizing an adjustment of compensation. This one group or class may be described as the great financial interests. In several ways, they have organized to counteract the quite evident desire of the people to adjust the compensation of the ex-service man and to persuade the Congress that the claim of the ex-service man is not justifiable. The House of Representatives has passed the bill; the Senate Committee on Finance has twice reported it favorably for a vote in the Senate, and Congress acknowledges the validity of the claim. By devious methods and innuendo, these large and powerful groups try to defeat the will of the people and the desire of Congress.

To reach our objective, it is necessary for every member of the American Legion to make known the will of the organization. It is the duty of each member to bring his force and power in a combination to secure favorable consideration by his Senators and his Congressmen. We must show to the people and to the Congress that our claim is only justice; that it is proper; that we need it; and the previous actions of the National Conventions are expressive of the whole sentiment of the Legion. It was necessary for the American Legion to fight to secure relief for the disabled. We will have to fight to secure the passage of the Adjusted Compensation Bill. We may make some enemies but we will make more friends.

As we have saved the country, as we now defend the country, and always will, we should have no fear of those enemies who seek to prevent us from securing action upon a principle which is conceded by all to be merely justice. Our mandates, our expression of will, must prove as strong as those of our opponents. With good organization, perfect team work, and one determination to reach our objective, we can secure the passage of the Adjusted Compensation Bill.



# Where Do We Go From Here?

by

Maud Radford Warren

**T**HIS was the question you soldiers of the A. E. F. asked when you were called to the colors. You said it always with humor, but always, too, with underlying seriousness. It became, in a way, your slogan. An unknown soldier torpedoed out of the Tuscania reached a raft so overloaded that those on it warned him that if he joined them they would all drown; he swam away saying, "Where do we go from here?" You said it marching up from second to first lines, and in the trenches, and dying on the field, and slowly getting well in the hospitals. You said it on the day of the Armistice—and some of you are saying it still.

It is not a new question. The cavemen asked it of one another when, to protect their homes, they finished the first battle with the enemies beyond the next ridge. They wiped their stone hammers, buried their dead, and wanted to know what next. Doubtless, the more active warriors began to invent stone weapons warranted to make mincemeat of all opposing heads, while those with a glimmering of philosophy reminded the warriors that the enemies were likewise not idle in armament, and, counting the dead, the maimed, the widows and orphans, they asked what had been the real profit, and what should be the next move.

Down through the long ages, scarred with wars which have seemed to carry utter waste of life and happiness, every generation has counted the losses, asked what the gain was, and inquired, "Where do we go from here?" From the first battle of the cavemen till the latest struggle on the Argonne, the gain has been the same—not territory, or wealth, or power, but just this: the shining spectacle of great loyalties; courage, self-sacrifice, devotion to homes, devotion to country. And in all the nations, during all the ages, none have shown and stood by these great loyalties more valiantly than you soldiers of the A. E. F. Thoughts of your people and your homes were with you from your first day in camp till your last hour in France or Flanders or Germany. From your first training in back areas and "quiet" sectors, through Cantigny and Champagne, in the drive from the Marne to the Vesle, in the St. Mihiel and the Argonne drives, you showed supreme endurance, matchless courage and self-forgetful service for buddies and officers. These high qualities were doubtless in you before you went overseas, but they were intensified

by your experience in war. There is a long and glorious tally of your deeds of self-sacrifice, small and great, from little personal denials to the greatest and final test—for many who sleep now in the American graveyard at Romagne, literally laid down their lives for their friends.

Something like three years ago you came home to a country that no longer needed you for war. Many of you were disappointed and perhaps discouraged with what you found. You have had your own personal problems, but they have not completely absorbed you; beyond them you have seen your country urged on this side and that with many propagandas, swayed with cross-currents of feeling. It is hard to tell what causes are worthy; sometimes what really is worth while seems shoddy because of the people associated with it. But in all the confusion, this fact is sure: you are growing to be more and more a power in the land. Precisely as much as it needed you in war does your country need you now.

All the big social feelings you developed overseas have been linked up with war. But has not the hour come to apply them to peace, and to peace only? In the years to come, could you really preserve your country by fighting? Can safety come through any future wars? Stone hammers are not much more out of date than the weapons of seven years ago; we have gone so far in our inventions that one bomb of the latest poison gas will destroy all life within a radius of two hundred miles. Modern means of destruction are so deadly that the homes you would die to preserve could be obliterated in spite of you. Does it not seem as if gas and bombs have about run their course, and that the only safety for the world is to suppress these frightful agents of destruction?

The answer is with you. Three years ago you turned your back on destruction. Before you now, with increasing influence, lies the chance for construction. Here is the vast power of human production of this century, but it is still wasteful, still imperfectly organized. Here are the modern industrial, social and moral problems. Here is the chance to interpret real democracy. You can help make the terms of the new civilization; you can help put the times into joint. During the war, by grace of your great loyalties, you saved us. Will you help save the future for us? Where do we go from here, boy?



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# The 89th

Editor's Note—(Brief histories of the 35th and 89th Divisions—those units made up of men from the section of the middle west of which Kansas City is the commercial and agricultural center—have been included in this program, because the societies of those two divisions arranged their annual reunions in conjunction with the Third National Convention of the American Legion.

These units were thoroughly representative of the great middle western district of the United States. The 35th was composed of national guard units of Missouri and Kansas and the 89th was the draft division made up from Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.)

The 89th Division, called the "Middle West" Division, was organized at Camp Funston, Kansas, August 25, 1917, Major General Leonard Wood being the first Division Commander. The Division insignia is a black "W" within a black circle.

The men came from the states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico. Subsequently replacements were received from many other states.

Regimental and higher commanders were officers of the Regular Army. Junior officers came from the First Officers' Training Camp at Fort Riley, Kansas.

After a training period at Camp Funston, during which it sent many thousand men for special service in France and elsewhere, especially replacements for combat divisions which preceded the 89th to France, the Division, again recruited to full strength, left Camp Funston for overseas service in May, 1918.

In France it trained in the Fourth (Reynel) American Training Area, located about half way between Chaumont and Neufchateau. The Artillery Brigade trained at Camp De Souge. The Division entered the line in the well-known American Sector "north of Toul" about August 5, 1918, where it relieved the 82nd Division, and held a sector some 16 kilometers long until the St. Mihiel offensive, in which it participated as a unit of the 4th Corps, advancing as a first line division on a sector extending from a point just west of Limey to a point just west of Flirey, with the 42nd Division on its left and 2nd Division on its right. After the St. Mihiel advance the Division continued to hold the new line, organizing the Flirey Sector, and later extending to both left and right taking over the Pannes Sector from the 42nd Division and the Limey Sector from the 78th Division, the front line being located north of St. Benoit, Xammes and Jaulny.

The Division was relieved October 9th by the 37th Division, after about sixty days continuous service in the line, including participation in a major offensive.

The 89th Division then moved by bus and marching to the Meuse-Argonne area, re-entering the line as a unit of the 5th Corps, along the Sommerance-Romagne road, where it relieved the 32nd Division on October 19th. In "mopped up" the Bois de Bantheville during the next few days, and advanced in the final phase of the offensive on November 1st, with the 2nd Division on its left and the 90th Division on its right. Twice during this offensive the 5th Corps offered to relieve the Division, but on each occasion the Division Commander requested that the 89th be permitted to continue in the advance.

When the Armistice went into effect, November 11th, it was still in the line and advancing north of the Meuse River, occupying the line from Stenay (inclusive) to a point west of Pouilly. In fact the advance was so rapid and communications so difficult to keep up that a brush of patrols took place after eleven a. m. in which casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

Battle casualties officially reported were 7,291.

According to official reports of the War Department the 89th Division, although 14th in casualties and 11th in length of time in contact with the enemy, among American Combat Divisions, ranks 3rd in the number of German prisoners captured, 5th in the number of kilometers advanced against the enemy, and is tied for second place in the number of Medals of Honor won by its members.

From time to time the Division received special official citations and commendations from Higher Headquarters and from Commanding Generals of other divisions. A few of these are quoted below.

Shortly after the Division first went into the line in the Toul Sector the following was received:

H. Q. August 16, 1918

32nd French Army Corps  
Staff  
Third Office  
No. 4131/3

General Order

No. 141

The General Commanding the 32nd Army Corps highly congratulates the patrol of the 356th I. R. U. S. which, on August 14th, having encountered an enemy detachment, succeeded capturing four prisoners.

For a long time, in that difficult sector where both adversaries have been using best artifice, we had not taken any prisoners to identify the troops in front of us.

This action shows the care taken by the 89th D. I. U. S. in the preparation of night raids.

It also shows the Go and Dash of the soldiers of this fine Division.

The General Commanding the 32nd A. C.  
(Signed) PASSAGA

To the 89th Division.

Taking over a front line position in the Argonne, always and everywhere a difficult operation, brought the following letter:

HEADQUARTERS 32nd DIVISION

American Expeditionary Forces  
France

October, 1918.

From: Commanding General, 32nd Division  
To: Commanding General, 89th Division  
Subject: Relief of 32nd Division by 89th Division.

The Brigade and Regimental Commanders of the 32nd Division have reported on the conduct of the troops of the 89th Division in making the relief of that Division October 19-20. Each and every report indicates most excellent discipline in the organizations of the 89th Division. The Brigade and Regimental Commanders had previously, by reconnaissance and the collection of information, informed themselves as to the location of our elements, and when it came to make the relief hardly any guides from the 32nd were necessary. This was most fortunate, as you are aware that our troops were very much worn out by the long fighting they had in this sector. It therefore, gives me unusual pleasure to express to you the great satisfaction that my division felt and we are all hoping that the two divisions may serve close together in the future.

(Signed) W. G. HAAN,

Major General, U. S. A.



# The 89th

(Continued)

Shortly after the relief above mentioned, the 89th Division received the following from Army and Corps Headquarters:

## HEADQUARTERS FIRST ARMY AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES FRANCE

### OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

October 26, 1918.

From: Chief of Staff  
To: Commanding General 5th Corps, A.E.F.  
Subject: Commendation on recent success of 89th Division.

The Army Commander directs that you convey to the Commanding General, officers and men of the 89th Division, his appreciation of their persistent and successful efforts in clearing the Bois de Bantheville of the enemy.

(Signed) H. A. DRUM,  
Chief of Staff.

ebh. Hq. V Corps, Received October 27, 1918.

## HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY CORPS AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES FRANCE

October 28, 1918.

From: Chief of Staff, V Army Corps  
To: Commanding General, 89th Div. U. S.  
Subject: Commendation on recent success of 89th Div.

In transmitting the inclosed letter\* to you, your officers and men, the Corps Commander desires me to add his commendation to that of the Army Commander, and to congratulate you on the morale and spirit of your Division as shown by its recent work.

(Signed) W. B. BURTT,  
Chief of Staff.

\*Letter from Chief of Staff, First Army, printed above.

The following translation from a captured German order from the 88th Division Headquarters (German) is of interest, as an expression of the opinion of the enemy.

"The division is again opposite the 89th American Division as in the St. Mihiel region. This division is, as at that time, still known as a good American shock division which undertakes many strong patrol movements. In the present sector the 89th Division is probably in line with three regiments in the front line, the fourth regiment in reserve. The Division is at full strength, its combat strength is high: namely 5 officers and 250 non-coms and men per company. From the words of prisoners brought in in the last few days the Division has been placed in the present sector for an advance. From various maps and other notes it attempts to take as its objective the line from BUZANCY heights southwest of STENAY."

At the end of the first day's advance in the final phase of the Meuse-Argonne offensive, when the 89th and 2nd Divisions had made a seven kilometer advance and the Heights of Barricourt had been taken, the following was received from the First American Army:

2 November 18  
01:35 Hour F. J. L.

Telegram (received by telephone)

To: Commanding General 89th Division.

Army Commander desires to record and express to you his appreciation for the work done this day. He desires you to convey his appreciation to Virginia\* and Peggy\*. Please have this information transmitted to all organizations as far as practicable this night.

DRUMM†.

\* 89th and 2nd Divisions.

† Chief of Staff, First American Army.

The Division was chosen as one of the Units for the Army of Occupation, marching through Belgium and Luxembourg into Germany as a unit of the 7th Corps. In the occupied area it held the four kreisen (or counties) of Prum, Bitburg, Trier (land) and Saarburg, furnishing the garrison for the city of Trier, which was Advance General Headquarters of the American Expeditionary Forces, and guarding the Luxembourg-Germany frontier.

Following his inspection and review of the 89th Division just before it returned to the United States, the Commander-in-Chief wrote the Commanding General of the 89th Division a letter from which a single paragraph is quoted:

April 27th, 1919.

My Dear General Winn:

\* \* \* \* \* Please extend my congratulations to the officers and men of your Division on their appearance at inspection as well as their splendid record in France. They may well return home proud of themselves, safe in the assurance of the admiration and respect of their comrades in the American Expeditionary Forces.

Respectfully yours,  
(Signed) JOHN J. PERSHING.

The Division was relieved and returned to the United States in May, 1919.

The Division Commanders were: Major General Leonard Wood, Major General William M. Wright and Major General Frank L. Winn.

The post-war organization, the War Society of the 89th Division, was formed in Germany during the period of the occupation. All men who served with the 89th Division, whether overseas or in the United States, are eligible to membership.

Its officers are:

Frank L. Winn, President.

F. R. Baker, Vice-President.

Burton A. Smead, Secretary.

Spencer Bartlett, Treasurer.

Charles W. Bartlett, Assistant Treasurer.

The Society has published the complete "History of the 89th Division," a volume of 512 pages, measuring 7½ by 10½ inches, and almost 1½ inches thick.

The address of the Secretary is 718 Symes Bldg., Denver, Colorado.

The first reunion of the 89th Division will be held at Kansas City, Missouri. October 30-31st and November 1st, 1921. William Paul Pinkerton, 809 Scarritt Building, Kansas City, Missouri, is Chairman of the 89th Division Reunion Committee.



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But it was neither too hard nor expensive for an enthusiastic, up-and-coming organization of seventy young airmen composing the Flying Club of Kansas City. "Leave it to us," said the members of this aerial organization, and then they went to work.

The thousands of delegates and visitors at this convention can thank the Flying Club of Kansas City for the splendid program of Aerial events scheduled. In less than a week after they went to work, members of the Flying Club of Kansas City raised more than \$20,000, so that worth-while prizes could be awarded in the greatest aerial meet of its kind ever held. The Legion Flying Field site was

selected, put in spic-and-span shape, and everything made ready to receive the flyers of the world. "Come on!" was the invitation issued nation-wide.

Although organized little more than a year ago, the Flying Club of Kansas City has already taken a high place in the ranks of Kansas City's progressive organizations and is known throughout the aerial world as one of the foremost organizations of its kind.

Since its organization the Flying Club of Kansas City has sought the establishment of a permanent, up-to-date flying field for Kansas City, so that this city may be added to the trans-continental air route of the United States Postal Service. Every indication is that the Club's plans will finally be fruitful.

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# THE LEGION'S GROWTH

That the American Legion is an international organization is proven from the fact that its organization has extended to twenty-six possessions and foreign countries, eight of which have perfected department organizations under prescribed authority of the national organization.

A total of 10,734 posts are in existence, 5,967 of which have been permanently chartered since the last convention. In addition to this 3,536 local units of the Women's Auxiliary have been chartered. Thirty-three states have completed department organizations with a total enrolled membership of 400,000.

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\*Department organizations perfected.



# “Carrying On”

by

Mary Roberts Rinehart

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THERE are a number of fine things to be said about the American Legion, but perhaps the finest is that it is not standing on its record of past achievement. As a member of the Auxiliary, with a husband and two sons active members, I have watched with keen interest its progressive, non-partisan and strictly national attitude.

The Legion is an actual cross-cut section of America, of no class but of all classes, of no sect but of all sects, of no party but of all parties. It speaks, then, with the voice of the nation, represents its mass common sense, is, in a word, the only organization in this country today which should seek nothing for itself, or its members, but be dedicated solely to a sturdy and progressive Americanism.

It speaks, moreover, with the voice of authority, for it knows, as no other body of men can know, the cost of preserving to the nation its peace and its integrity. And it realizes that the saving of a nation during war is not enough.

A people that ceases to advance dies. Nations live and progress by the onward thrust of each generation as it comes. And what was progress in the last generations ceases to be progress in the new. Yesterday's poison gas atrocity becomes today's accepted warfare.

The soldiers of America, at the coming of peace, could have claimed that they had done their work, delivered their onward thrust. But they had been formally dedicated to their country, and their country still needed them. It needed, in the chaos of re-adjustment, a sane, unselfish and patriotic body, truly democratic, entirely national, and thoroughly unified, to fight the forces of disunion which were and are struggling to pull this nation apart.

Around this feeling of continued responsibility was gathered that first meeting in Paris, where officer and private soldier gathered in equal conclave, and the nucleus of the Legion was formed. The original purpose of the organization has never altered.

The problems which will face this Convention are those which face the country. Radicalism. Industrial discontent. An alien and unassimilated population. The placing of the world on a basis of permanent peace. And its decisions will go far with a people which not only sees in the veteran of a war a symbol, like the flag itself, of nationality and a high and unselfish patriotism, but which sees in the Legion, as in no political assemblage, America itself.

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# Kansas City's Part In The Convention

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THE Convention Committee herewith presents to the members of the American Legion a convention which cost \$100,000 in the making.

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There was rejoicing on all hands and from every quarter in the fall of 1920 when word came from Cleveland that Kansas City had won the 1921 convention of the Legion. Men and women in private and public life felt the great honor that was to be theirs, and all were willing to help in any manner possible.

Preparations for such a momentous occasion as this convention required money, and there were a thousand other requirements which had to be satisfied before the finished plans could be turned over to the guests of the city. The groundwork for the convention was laid last fall, and the drive for the money to finance the mammoth undertaking was made in the spring.

The first step after the formation of the general convention committee was the making of the budgets for the sub-committees. These budgets showed that a round \$100,000 would be required to develop a convention program that would be a credit to the American Legion. To get the money was the immediate problem to be solved.

The Chamber of Commerce was requested to undertake the gathering of the fund. The Chamber responded and that problem was taken from the shoulders of the convention committee.

How the Chamber of Commerce obtained the fund is an interesting sidelight on the whole-hearted support this convention has received from the citizens, and the hearty welcome which the veterans have reason to expect from the city. There was no quibbling over the amount of money, and no dilly-dallying with the task.

The time for the fund drive was set. The old personnel of the war-drive days again were called into action; the business district was divided into classes; quotas were set for each and the drive was started.

On the morning of May 10 last, sixty committees started after the fund. They had been allotted three days in which to finish the task. Determined, they stormed the business houses, their ears deaf to the word "no."

The work was a pleasure to the committee members. Business men responded generously, glad to help make the convention a success. There was so much willingness on the part of the business men, and such untiring effort on the part of the committee members, that at the end of the first day of the drive \$70,000 of the fund had been pledged.

This phenomenal success in raising money for the convention was reported at a luncheon on the second day of the drive. Committees announced astounding totals, it appearing that the fund would "go over the top" before the complete roll was called. But not so. The leader called for a report but silence met his appeal. He scanned the crowded room.

Down half the length of the speakers' table a hand went up. In it was a piece of currency.

"Here's \$10," said a deep, resonant voice, as the hand flourished the bill. The donor was William Jennings Bryan, who was in Kansas City that day. He had answered for the absent members of the "beverage section."

That afternoon the fund workers went forth and obtained pledges for the remaining \$30,000, finishing the task of getting the money for the convention within two days. With a day to their credit the committee members turned again to their professions and businesses.

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## The American Legion Film Service

By James E. Darst, Director

THIS newest activity of the American Legion, its Film Service, is the result of requests from posts in all parts of the country for aid in obtaining entertaining motion pictures. The organized effort to furnish such films on demand was started August 1, 1921.

The immediate purpose of the Film Service has been two-fold; first, to supply motion picture "bills" or programs; second, to supply projection machines. Posts can now obtain a complete, entertaining film "bill" once a week, once every two weeks, or as often as they desire. The Film Service obtains the pictures and sends them to the posts. The films are regular "movies"; primarily entertaining; not "educational," but interesting. Posts can use them at regular meetings or at special shows in the post club rooms, charging admission; or in the local theatre by arrangement with the owner. The "bills" average six reels, or an hour and a half in length, and \$20 to \$25 in cost, including transportation.

Experience has shown that the average post can pay this cost out of box office receipts. There are also four bills that can be furnished to posts free, except for transportation cost.

Some posts desire to purchase their own projection machine, especially since such an investment can be made to pay for itself. Arrangements are about completed for the Film Service to supply the most suitable types to posts. The cost is from \$250 to \$500.

This summarizes the activities of the Film Service up to this date. Those posts that have climbed on the bandwagon during the formative period have had the usual hardships of pioneers—consisting in this case of delays, small choice of subjects and other annoyances. But the roughness is being ironed out.

In addition to this immediate and necessarily impromptu service, the Film Service has what the highbrows call "a vision." It has been believed, and some two months of preliminary organization work strengthens the belief, that motion pictures can do an immense service of benefit to the Legion; first, to individual posts by making meetings and general activities more interesting, thereby holding old members and attracting new ones; second, by serving as a new agency of liaison between national and the various state headquarters and posts and auxiliary units; third, by bringing the Legion message, in the most striking possible manner, to the American general public; and last, and perhaps not least, by earning revenue.

The Film Service, because of its nature, is working in close co-operation with the Legion's three other propaganda agencies: The Weekly, The News Service and The Speakers' Bureau. A co-ordination of these four agencies has been effected in the interests of increased effectiveness and economy.

In the future, the Film Service hopes to make motion pictures of outstanding Legion events—conventions, ceremonies, outings—and distribute these pictures through commercial channels to the general public. It hopes eventually to aid in disseminating Legion Americanism doctrine through the always attractive medium of films. It hopes to develop a chain of Legion posts, that will obtain their periodical picture programs from this central source and that will be accessible, with small loss of time, to important messages from other posts and from national and the various state headquarters.

So much for the future. At this third national convention the Film Service isn't old enough to boast a record. It never will be old enough to disregard advice. It is looking for it now, and for friendly tips, information—and orders. These will be welcomed at the Film Service office at national headquarters. Requests for more detailed information than the above will be promptly answered.

## THE CITIZENS OF NO MAN'S LAND.

Why is it that, although we settle down  
And live the lives we lived, a strange  
unrest,  
A something, haunts us as we work or  
play—  
A restlessness too vague to be exprest?

Is it that we who, out there, walked with  
Death  
And knew the fellowship of Fear and  
Pain,  
Are citizens for ay of No Man's Land,  
And never shall be as we were again?

To those of us who played the Game out  
there,  
And saw brave men, who failed to win,  
lose all  
Where Fate was dealer, Life and Death  
the stakes,  
Shall other games forevermore seem  
small?

'Tis true that home is dear, that love is  
sweet,  
And pleasant are our friends to be  
among,  
Yet something lacks, to us from No Man's  
Land—  
Is it that no man can speak our tongue?

We cannot tell them what befell us there,  
For well we know they could not under-  
stand,  
So each sits quiet, by his own hearth fire,  
And sees therein the sights of No Man's  
Land!

We have a secret way to judge of men—  
It is a way we learned to judge out there,  
But what, or how we learned it, none will  
tell—  
It is a secret that we cannot share!

See this rich fool, here, fling his newgot  
gold  
While waiters fawn and bow and watch  
his hand!  
Here he is king, but we look on and smile—  
Gold could not buy your way in No Man's  
Land!

And this smooth orator who thrills the  
throng  
With tales of noble deeds in No Man's  
Land,  
If he had seen, as we saw, brave men die,  
He'd have no rhetoric at his command.

They feel our strangeness, too—those at  
our side  
Who chatter of the things of every day;  
They mark our silences, our strange reserve,  
"Ah, he is changed!" they shake their heads  
and say.  
They saw the dead return not, but I think  
We know, who have come back from No  
Man's Land,  
How ghosts must feel, to walk familiar  
ways,  
And yet find no one there to understand!

ROSELLE MERCIER MONTGOMERY.

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(Jones, Hezekiah)—

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Blodgett, Abihu,

Saunders, Elihu—

He will bite his name in the crust of Hell  
and pass his plate for more.

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Bunker Hill;

He squared his God with a nasal psalm and  
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Still bravely singing; soaring high,  
Away above the cannon's roar,  
Scarce heard amid the guns as yore,  
Before you slept in Flanders Fields.

The faith with you we've kept and battled  
with the foe;  
On crimson fields by you we've slept where  
poppies blow.

The torch you flung to us we caught;  
With blis't'ring hands we've bravely fought  
To hold it high to guard you thro' the  
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And at the Dawn to guide you to the Light,  
When you awake from Flanders Fields.

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When earth is green and skies are blue,  
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Back home again! What magic words!  
Dear mother's love and sweetheart true,  
And little hands, and songs of birds,  
And apple blossoms peeping thru—  
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O, God of Fate! Those left behind,  
In Flanders Fields and Argonne Wood,  
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To all their fiendish tricks of war, but how  
their eyes stuck out  
When Yanks at Chateau Thierry gave this  
thrilling Yankee shout,  
Let's Go!

"Can we depend on them?" asked the  
Frenchman in command,  
And General Dickman answered so that he  
could understand;  
And when the Germans tried to put the  
Yankee lads to rout  
All their plans went awry for the Yanks  
began to shout,  
Let's Go!

And when the Germans were pursued across  
the river Marne  
The *poilu* felt uneasy lest the Yanks should  
come to harm;  
But when the Yank kept chasing Mr. Hun  
beyond a doubt  
The *poilu's* heart was quickened by this  
thrilling Yankee shout,  
Let's Go!

And when the Yankees started on their  
drive at St. Mihiel  
The thunder of ten thousand cannons didn't  
drown their yell;  
Nor did the wondering Germans know what  
it was all about  
Until they heard the Yankees give this  
thrilling Yankee shout,  
Let's Go!

And when that shout was echoed in the  
Forests of Argonne  
The boche began to realize his fighting days  
were done;  
So when the Armistice was signed he didn't  
peeve nor pout,  
But started for the Faderland when Yanks  
began to shout,  
Let's Go!

Let's Go! became the slogan of "steen" mil-  
lion Yankee boys  
Who took an oath to make the boasting  
kaiser stop his noise;  
'Twas born in seventeen-seventy-six, it never  
will die out,  
For the Yankee Doodle spirit's in this thrill-  
ing Yankee shout,  
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When we read History to the Children they think we're kidding. By Ruben Goldberg

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#### ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP.

The eligibility clause of the Constitution provides that any person shall be eligible for membership in the American Legion who was regularly enlisted, drafted, inducted or commissioned, and who served on active duty in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States at some time during the period between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, and also those persons who, being American citizens at the time of their entry into such service, served in the military or naval forces of any of our Allies.

The National Constitution provides that there shall be no form or class of membership except an active membership. This specifically prohibits the granting of honorary membership.

The Students' Army Training Corps was a part of the Army and all persons who were fully and completely inducted into the Students' Army Training Corps are eligible for membership in the Legion.

Members of welfare organizations such as the Y. M. C. A., Red Cross, K. of C., the Jewish Welfare Board, the Salvation Army, etc., are not eligible for membership in the Legion.

Officers of the United States Public Health Service, even though serving with the military forces, were never members of the Army, and, therefore, are ineligible.

Red Cross nurses and doctors never having made a part of the Army are not eligible for membership in the Legion.

It has been the ruling of National Headquarters that the holder of a discharge from draft is not eligible to the Legion, inasmuch as he was never fully inducted into the Army.

Members of the National Guard who were both called and drafted into the Federal service are eligible for membership in the Legion. However, both operations are necessary to place a former Guardsman in the Army.

All civilian employees serving either with the Army or Navy, members of the Draft Boards, athletic directors, librarians and all similar employees not recognized as a part of the Army and Navy are not eligible for membership in the Legion.

Army Field Clerks, being members of the Army, are eligible.

#### INTRODUCE THE AMERICAN LEGION TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

When it comes to selling the American Legion, its principles, purposes and accomplishments to the community, Benewah Post No. 25 in the little city of St. Maries, Idaho, might well be awarded the palm. Field Representative R. A. LeRoux, in endorsing the plan adopted by this post, states "There is scarcely a man, woman or child in St. Maries and its tributary district, which claims a population of 2,500, but who is familiar with the Legion and its program for the care of the sick and disabled and to foster Americanism."

And the plan is this: The meetings of the post are so arranged that a social meeting is held once a month, at which meeting different groups of people in this community are given an opportunity to become acquainted with the Legion. For instance, one night is given over to the employes of one of the mills, on another occasion the employes of another mill are the guests, then in turn, the business men are invited, the professional men, the Boy Scouts, the teachers, and so on.

Entertainment in the form of boxing and wrestling exhibitions, novelty fights, such as barrel and cup fights, one-handed boxing matches, vaudeville stunts, songs, etc., is provided. One of the Legion men is then called on for a short talk on our organization, and one of the visiting men is asked to make a few remarks. And the evening generally ends with a feed.

And the result?—The American Legion is the best advertised and best known organization in the community and has the whole-hearted co-operation of the townspeople in all its activities. It's a plan worth not alone considering, but following.





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Pictures of the World  
War.



THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
WASHINGTON

14 September, 1921.

My dear Mr. Hutchings:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 8, 1921, wherein you desire a letter of greeting from myself to the American Legion, which may be published in your program.

As a native of Missouri, in whose soil lie the remains of five generations of my family, I am proud to know that Kansas City has been chosen as the meeting place of the American Legion this year, and I feel sure it will be a most interesting and largely attended convention. We live in wonderful times and in the aftermath of war it behooves us Legionnaires, as good and loyal American citizens, to keep our heads steady and to endeavor in every possible way to see our country safely through present conditions and have it again placed on the high road to prosperity and contentment.

Very truly,

*R. E. Coontz*

R. E. COONTZ, Admiral, U.S. Navy,  
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by  
Charles Phelps Cushing

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You, General John Pershing, commander of the A. E. F.

You, the men of the Legion, rank and file, doughboys and leathernecks and gobs—

What would you say if you were told that you were attending a young lady's birthday party?

Step right up, then, doff your caps and say it!

For this is Miss Kansas City's birthday—a cake with a hundred candles on it is set forth to celebrate the occasion—and congratulations are in order.

You, our distinguished visitors from France, might well be the first to extend your greetings, for it was a little company of hardy Frenchmen, M. Francois Chouteau and his band of early-day *poilus*, who, after paddling a twenty-day voyage up the Big Muddy into the wilderness, established on this site, a hundred years ago, an outpost of the fur trade. A *petite ville* with a population of only 31.

And you, General Pershing, will not be slow to extend the felicitations of a Missourian to Missouri's second city; to a community distinguished, from first to last, by the kind of fighting spirit that you so successfully instilled into the men of the A. E. F.

And you, the men of the Legion, most of you young and making your way in the world these days against considerable odds, will read in Kansas City's story a lesson of how well it pays to be game, and will find in this place that speaks of herself as "The Heart of America" something of a kindred spirit. For, from the very beginning, Kansas City was never favored with "the luck." She won against her rivals chiefly because she had more vision and courage, more spunk, more grit, and because she was always willing to pay the price of success.

In briefest form, the writer here sets forth some of the most salient facts of Kansas City's story, and quotes a few paragraphs from a little book\* published here this summer to celebrate the city's centennial:

Colony established by French fur traders, 1821.

Settlement devastated by a flood of the Missouri River, 1824.

For thirty years dwarfed in importance by the rival town of Independence, ten miles down the river.

Devastated again by flood, the worst in the Missouri's turbulent history, in the summer of 1844.

Then for a dozen years or more overshadowed by another rival, Westport, and derisively nicknamed "Westport Landing."

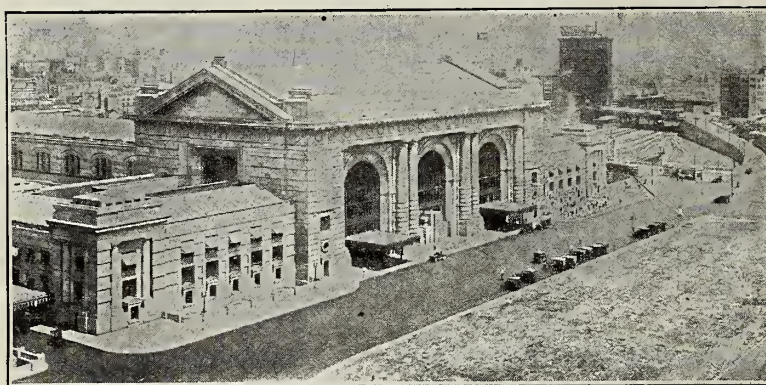
Population in 1855—478.

Six years of boom times, and

the population swells to 7,180.

Then another staggering blow—the Civil War. Picture what follows in this quotation and you will understand what the town had to face in "reconstruction days:"

Kansas City lay on the south side of the river and so close to the fighting waged along an open flank that her situation might be compared to that of a French village in Alsace. Battles were fought in both Independence and Westport when Confederate forces attempted to break through and flank Grant's army from the West. The Battle of Westport, ending after three days in a clear victory for the Union, was as important an engagement as anything that happened west of the Mississippi River. Though Kansas City never was actually invaded, the fighting in her back yard was so noisy and uncomfortably close that business was nearly paralyzed, as in Paris when the Big Berthas were popping. The population dropped off from 7,800 to 4,000 in the first



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# Kansas City's Birthday Party

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year of the war; then kept on slowly dwindling until at the close of the conflict the census showed barely 3,500.

Leavenworth, the garrison town twenty-five miles up the river, protected with a big fort and safely removed from the battle area, had profited greatly during the war on Kansas City's misfortunes, and when peace was signed in '65 had a population of 15,000 as against the 3,500 left in Kansas City. The little "City of Kansas" had to make a new start in life, like a convalescent just out of the hospital, and all her hope for success lay centered in railways, for the golden era of steamboating had closed in the decade just passed. She had seen forty miles of track extended into Kansas and ten miles reaching hopefully toward St. Louis.

But that was all, and not bright with promise, for meanwhile the settlement at the Kaw's mouth was threatened with being cut off like a lost battalion from the line of supplies and communications to the north, open from Cameron to Hannibal and connecting there, over the Mississippi, with the populous East.

To make matters worse, the Missouri River must be bridged before the "City of Kansas" could hope to handle freight at competitive rates. In the eyes of our lost battalion the river was a giant moat, an obstacle more formidable to cross than the miles of barbed wire and concrete trenches of a Hindenburg Line.

But again you must reckon upon the old Kansas City Spirit. Little as the place was at the time, as compared with Leavenworth, poor in purse and war-stricken, she had the same old vision and the same old courage. Though Leavenworth was already boasting that her contract to become the terminus of the Hannibal railway was "let and cinched," the "City of Kansas" would not give up the fight.

In fact, she cast everything she had into the battle, "gave till it hurt," and presently emerged victorious, with a bridge across the river and everything else she needed. Then and there she licked Leavenworth to a standstill. By 1870 the "boom" had been revived, the population had jumped from 3,500 to 32,260, and she boasted of

seven railways, a stock yards and a packing house.

Other misfortunes followed in due time, but Kansas City always met them in the same spirit, always overcame them with the same old courage and big vision.

This Convention Hall in which you meet today is a monument to a latter day misfortune, a trial out of which the city emerged just as triumphant as from any of the troubles of the pioneer era. It was built by popular subscription in 1899, and made ready for the Democratic National Convention of 1900. A concert by Sousa's band opened the big hall, and it was a grand and glorious occasion. But another blow impended. If you have the patience to listen to the story, here is an account of it:

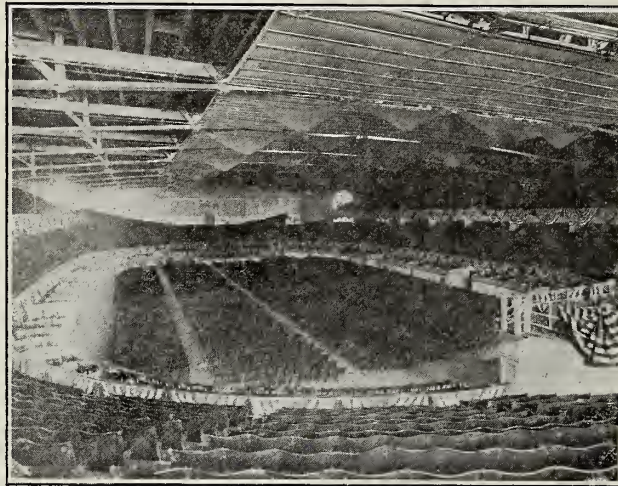
A youth of twenty years ago vividly recalls the afternoon of April 4, 1900, when warned by a mammoth pillar of smoke from the west side of town and a thrilling din of fire bells, he ran with hundreds of

other breathless citizens, young and old, to Thirteenth and Central Streets, and there stood gasping, stunned. Convention Hall, from basement to rooftop, was a mass of flames.

For a count of several seconds Kansas City was again knocked out—then up from the mat she bounced, once more grimly fighting. While the fire was raging hottest and iron beams were wilting in the furnace like wires of a crushed bird cage, solicitors began to raise another popular subscription, which before sundown had mounted to \$20,000. A new hall must be ready for the convention in ninety days!

The "wise ones" said it couldn't be done. Money enough would be available, for the insurance companies, like good sports, paid up promptly and without a whimper. But to gather again the thousand and one materials necessary, to assemble them and construct such a huge building in only ninety days was deemed quite out of the question. First of all, the steel could not be delivered in time. After that, a thousand other shipments might be delayed in transit—lack of any one of which on the precise moment when it was needed would tie up the whole works \* \* \*

It couldn't be done! (Concluded on next page.)



CONVENTION HALL.

Hundreds of thousands of people meet annually in the hall where the American Legion proceedings now are being enacted. The hall holds 13,000 easily and has held more than 20,000. It was in this building in 1906 that Mme. Sarah Bernhardt played "Camille," to the largest audience that ever witnessed a dramatic performance in America. The building is located in the heart of the business district, three blocks from the downtown hotels.



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# Kansas City's Birthday Party

## Concluded

But it WAS done.

In fourteen days the site was cleared. Then the first shipment of building materials began to arrive. Scouts from Kansas City had scattered far and wide to trace these shipments. Men from Kansas City had settled themselves like determined bill collectors on the front door steps of steel mills and brick kilns and lumber yards, camping

day and night, rebuilding a structure "bigger and better."

It couldn't be done—but it was. On July 4, 1900, the last nail was driven home, and to the minute of their schedule the Democrats met in Kansas City and hopefully but rashly sent William Jennings Bryan to bat for his second strike-out.



THE INTER-CITY VIADUCT.

Back in 1907, Mayor Beardsley, of Kansas City, Mo., and Mayor Gray, of Kansas City, Kas., rode from opposite ends of the newly-completed viaduct, descended simultaneously from their carriages and shook hands across the state line painted in black on the smooth surface of the bridge. The original cost of the Inter-City Viaduct was \$3,224,444, and was three years under construction. Kansas City, with its unique contour lends itself especially to the use of viaducts as efficient traffic-ways. Not since the days when the seven hills of Rome learned the use of viaducts and aqueducts and bridges, has there been a city built just like this one in the heart of the Middle West. The Inter-City Viaduct connects the northern ends of the two cities, while the Twelfth Street Viaduct carries traffic for the central portions.

there and eternally pestering until the goods they sought were delivered to them in person and loaded on freight cars. From the source of every shipment to Kansas City's own back yard, these men ate and slept in the cars; then they rode the wagons that delivered the goods at the site of Convention Hall. And here relays of steel workers, masons and carpenters and painters worked

It is this spirit, as much as such visible things as skyscrapers and parks and boulevards and beautiful residence district, that should endear Kansas City to you men of the Legion. Miss Kansas City deserves your congratulations on her birthday—and from fighting men nothing will sound sweeter in her ears than a few words from you to this effect: "There's a town that has real spunk!"

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The American Legion has it within its power to exercise a great influence over the future of our country -- an influence for good or evil, depending upon The Legion's guiding mission and the faithfulness with which it is adhered to.

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I can wish this organization no greater blessing in the years to come than the satisfaction of a patriotic duty so faithfully performed as to win from the American people as grateful a recognition of its devotion in time of peace as it won for its devoted sacrifices during the Great War.

Very sincerely yours,

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**T**O travel and see the world on land and sea and to enjoy a life of adventure is the theme of the pretty posters that Uncle Samuel hangs up around the recruiting office during his continual quest for husky hired hands to join the Marine corps.

An account of Maj. Gen. Lejeune's long service in the corps indicates that the recruiting posters are more or less correct—at least more so than some would believe. Back in March, 1889, when the General was a naval cadet on the U. S. S. *Vandalia* he was shipwrecked in a hurricane at Apia, Samoa.

In the stirring days when Americans were remembering the Maine he was in command of the marines on board the *Cincinnati*, and later was in command at the Isthmus of Panama, and in the Philippines. He commanded a brigade at the capture of Vera Cruz in April, 1914, and had a regiment in the army of occupation of that city.

Commissioned a Major General July 1, 1918, he was on duty with the 35th Division in Wesserling, Alsace Sector and Vosges Mountains. Later he commanded the 64th Brigade, 32nd Division, then in the Suarce Sector, on the Swiss border, thence in command of the 4th Brigade of marines of the 2nd Division, A. E. F. He participated in the occupation of the Marbache Sector, the battles of St. Mihiel, Blanc Mont ridge, Meuse-Argonne, march to the Rhine and the occupation of Coblenz bridgehead.

"Who's Who" is not printed often enough to give all the activities of the general up to date, but the fact remains that the boss marine himself, the commandant, has indeed traveled, and has seen the world, and has had adventure, just like the recruiting posters have it pictured.



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**T**HERE is a soft spot in the heart of the American doughboy for his Canadian "buddy," for the Canadian is also an American, and he is first cousin to the man of the United States. In the days before the great issue over in Europe was so plainly a matter of "making the world safe for democracy," the hardy "Canuck" was answering the call to king and country. Many men of the United States at that time "joined up" across the line, not for the purpose of serving a king or some other country, but for a chance of getting in where the fighting was good, and to serve the world ideals that were unfolding themselves as the war went on.

General Sir Arthur William Currie, the commander of the Canadian forces in the war, is welcomed as a neighbor and a soldier of a great country that borders our own. It is a country of common speech, common customs and common ideals, and as its representative, the leader of our neighbor "buddies," the American doughboys now in convention extend him the felicitations of comradeship.





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# Kansas City

## The Heart of America

**K**ANSAS CITY is truly the heart of America and the city of greatest industrial opportunity in the country today. It has no waste territory, no deserts, lakes, oceans, mountains or international boundary lines to restrict its sales possibilities from extending in every direction. It is gateway to the great West and Southwest territory. It is here that the products of this territory are marketed and in return Kansas City sends back into the territory the manufactured products, necessities and luxuries manufactured here or assembled from all parts of the world.

Kansas City's central geographical location, splendid transportation facilities, wonderful marketing territory, labor supply, raw materials and cheap power are responsible for its exceedingly rapid growth.

In 1880 the population of Kansas City was 55,785; in 1920, 324,410, with more than one-half million people in Greater Kansas City.

Kansas City buys and sells everything.

### AN IMPORTANT MANUFACTURING CENTER

Few people realize how great a manufacturing city Kansas City really is. More than \$6,000,000 worth of products are manufactured in Kansas City every year, including a wide variety of articles. The products of Kansas City's plants are well and favorably known throughout the world, more than \$20,000,000 worth of export business being enjoyed annually.

Many new manufacturing plants are at present in course of construction or have just been completed, including a \$1,000,000 open hearth steel plant, a steel wire plant, a steel fabricating plant and a \$7,500,000 plant for the manufacture of corn syrup and glucose. Many other plants are in contemplation and will be built as soon as industrial conditions warrant.

Kansas City is as far west as raw materials can economically be shipped for manufacture, and as far east as the finished product can be economically obtained for the great West and Southwest territory. It is an ideal location for economical distribution, enjoying as it does substantial advantages in the matter of freight rates to this territory. It is actually several days nearer to this territory as far as freight transportation is concerned, and one day nearer so far as express and passenger service than other large markets serving this territory. Its natural geographical location and railroad facilities make it possible to serve this territory to better advantage than any other large market.

### A BIG WHOLESALE MARKET

Of even greater importance from an industrial standpoint is Kansas City's wholesale business, Kansas City having long been known for its large and well-equipped wholesale market. Practically every line of importance is jobbed, including dry goods and clothing, millinery, hats and caps, shoes, hardware, furniture, groceries and drugs. Merchants coming to Kansas City find complete and well selected stocks. The wholesalers are live business men, having at all times the interest of their customers in mind.

Kansas City is the logical market for the West and Southwest territory. It is close to the merchants in the territory, has unequaled railroad and express facilities, lower transportation rates, and it has the goods they want when they want them. All lines are well represented and the merchandise is always fairly priced, and these mer-

chants have the added advantage of dealing with men who understand their merchandising problems. Merchandise sold by Kansas City houses can be depended upon.

Quick deliveries are assured by the thirteen trunk lines of railroad that serve Kansas City, and Kansas City is twenty-four hours closer to its trade territory than other large markets. The savings in freight charges alone on goods shipped from Kansas City are worthy of consideration.

Almost \$900,000,000 worth of merchandise are distributed through the Kansas City wholesale market annually. This business has increased rapidly within the last six years, which is an excellent indication of the rapidly increasing buying power of its trade territory. The growth in population and in wealth in this territory through the development of the agricultural resources, live stock and oil interests have resulted in the remarkable growth of this market.

### BRANCH HOUSES

Recognizing the strategic position that Kansas City enjoys, many large eastern houses have established branches in Kansas City either in the form of manufacturing plants, assembling plants or distributing warehouses. These frequently have their beginning in a sales office, the placing of sales organizations here generally being followed by a regularly established branch. These plants cover many distinct lines. Recent examples are the enormous plant of the National Cloak and Suit Company, costing more than \$2,800,000, as a distributing house for all of the territory west of the Mississippi River, the Riegel Sack Company which is establishing a plant for the manufacture of burlap sacks, and the Pennsylvania Tank Car Company, a plant for the manufacture and repair of steel tank cars.

### A LIVE STOCK MARKET

The great live stock producing area of the West and Southwest has made Kansas City the second largest live stock market in the country. Almost 7,000,000 head of live stock were received at the Kansas City Stock Yards in 1920, and more cattle were sent back to the farms for feeding and breeding than from any other market.

Kansas City is the second largest meat packing center, more than 4,100,000 animals having been slaughtered in the packing houses in Kansas City in 1920.

Buyers come to Kansas City from nearly every state in the Union because no other market offers such liberal supplies, comparable quality and excellent distributing facilities.

Kansas City is the second largest horse and mule market in the United States.

The Kansas City Stock Yards have been completely rebuilt during the last four years at an expense of \$2,500,000, giving to Kansas City a stock yards plant second to none in the country.

### GRAIN AND MILLING

Kansas City is the third largest center in the country for grain and grain milling. One hundred million bushels of grain were received in Kansas City in 1920. Kansas City is the largest primary winter wheat market in the world.

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# Kansas City -- The Heart of America

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Kansas City has a flour milling capacity of 22,000 barrels daily, including the largest flour mill in the Southwest with a daily capacity of 7,200 barrels. Thirty-eight grain elevators have a capacity of 25,000,000 bushels, of which 21,000,000 is public storage, which carries an extremely low insurance rate.

The total flour output of Kansas City mills during 1920 amounted to \$37,000,000. Several new mills now under construction will greatly increase Kansas City's flour output.

In this connection it is pertinent to state that a very large sample grain market is maintained, the second largest in the country, giving every opportunity to get samples of all kinds of wheat and other grains for buying purposes.

## OIL

Kansas City is the principal headquarters for oil development and refining interests throughout the Mid-continent fields. More than one-half million barrels of crude oil are refined daily in Kansas City's immediate territory—Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas, by more than one hundred and thirty refineries.

The petroleum industry in Kansas City's trade territory has grown within the last few years until now more than fifty per cent of the total production in the country is found in this territory.

Kansas City plants contain the most modern facilities for refining crude oil into all varieties of by-products, including all grades of lubricating oils, greases, waxes and petroleum. Several of these plants have direct pipe line connection with the oil fields, eliminating any possibility of a shut-down due to interruption to rail transportation supply. A \$5,000,000 addition is now being made to one plant, doubling its capacity.

The output of Kansas City refineries amounted to \$41,500,000 in 1920.

## AUTOMOTIVE

Kansas City is credited with being the largest distributing point in the country for farm tractors and agricultural implements, more than \$75,000,000 worth having been distributed through the Kansas City gateway in 1920.

Kansas City is also one of the largest distributing centers in the country for automobiles and accessories, the sales through Kansas City houses in 1920 amounting to more than \$83,000,000. As an evidence of the city's importance as an automobile center, the Ford Motor Company several years ago established an immense assembling and distributing plant in Kansas City, which has twice been enlarged.

## TRANSPORTATION

Kansas City is one of the largest railroad centers in the country, with thirteen main trunk lines and numerous branches radiating in all directions. As an evidence of Kansas City's importance as a railroad center a \$50,000,000 terminal system has been built, which includes a \$6,000,000 passenger station, the pride of the city from a transportation standpoint. This terminal railway is a modern project, operating an extensive system of depressed tracks upon which are located various sub-freight stations looking to the accommodation of the shipping public.

A peculiar condition exists in Kansas City from a distributing standpoint in that the main freight stations of all the railroads are closely huddled together in what is known as the West Bottoms district, to which there is

a down-hill pull, a very great advantage in the distribution of outgoing less-carload freight.

From a transportation standpoint, meaning both the matter of service, including car supply and rates, to that territory west of the Mississippi River, Kansas City has great advantage over any point on the Mississippi River or east thereof.

## LABOR, POWER AND FUEL

American labor predominates in Kansas City, only a small per cent of the total population being of foreign born parentage. Workmen are well paid and operate under exceptionally good conditions, much attention being given by employers to the comfort and welfare of their employees.

Local manufacturers consider the labor situation in Kansas City, both from the standpoint of supply and efficiency, very satisfactory.

Coal for industrial or domestic consumption is easily obtainable from Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Illinois fields.

Fuel oil comes from the Mid-continent fields, within two hundred miles of Kansas City, which produce approximately fifty per cent of the crude petroleum of the country.

A number of Kansas City refineries have direct pipeline connections with the oil fields, eliminating any possibility of a shut-down due to interruption of car supply.

A new \$7,500,000 power plant of the Kansas City Power and Light Company furnishes power and light for the city at a very minimum cost, comparable with all competing cities.

Water is supplied from a municipally owned and operated plant.

## TRADE TERRITORY

Kansas City's trade territory comprises a population of more than 18,000,000 people, including the western half of Missouri; Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming. A considerable business is, of course, transacted with the east.

## BANKING

Kansas City's standing as fifth in bank clearings among American cities readily indicates the city's position from a banking standpoint. It is the reserve city for Federal Reserve Banking District No. 10.

An indication of the growth of Kansas City's trade territory is well shown in the increasing bank clearings from \$775,000,000 in 1900 to \$11,615,000,000 in 1920.

That no mistake was made in selecting Kansas City as a reserve city for District No. 10 is indicated in the building of a \$3,500,000 Federal Reserve Bank Building, now almost completed.

Much might be said regarding Kansas City's retail establishments and hotel facilities but space will not permit. But it should be said that the retail stores in Kansas City are the equal to those of any other city, with large, well selected stocks and courteous treatment, which are responsible for the upbuilding of our great mercantile establishments in all lines.

Unusual hotel facilities are to be found in Kansas City, with fifty hotels in the downtown district having a total capacity of 4,000 rooms, all first class.

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# Carnie-Goudie Mfg. Co.

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Tents

Awnings

Army Goods

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Opposite Union Station  
Kansas City, Missouri



# Kansas City -- The Heart of America

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Exterior view of Convention Hall.  
Seating capacity 13,500.

The Kansas City schools enjoy a national reputation, including eighty-four elementary schools, two trade schools, nine special schools, five high schools and a Junior College, which includes a teachers' college and an intensive business school of college rank.

This review would not be complete without mention of our fine residential sections of the city, a distinguishing feature in Kansas City. These compare with the finest and larger older cities. It is a city of beautiful homes in keeping with the parks and boulevards surrounding them.

Kansas City claims to lead all other cities in America in the beauty and extent of its park and boulevard system, which has been in course of construction for more than twenty-five years.

Forty supervised playgrounds, with more than eighty tennis courts, twenty basket-ball, baseball and hand-ball courts, provide places of recreation and amusement for all classes.

## CONCLUSION

The one big civic commercial organization of the city is the Chamber of Commerce, which has a membership of five thousand of the leading business men of the city. It has for its motto, "Make Kansas City a Good Place to Live In." It has for its purpose, like other chambers of commerce, the upbuilding of the city from a civic and industrial standpoint.

It has an Industrial Department well organized and prepared at all times to furnish trustworthy information on the industrial situation in Kansas City and its manufacturing and distributing possibilities. This department invites correspondence with out of town concerns considering a new location either for a manufacturing or distributing house, or a sales office. Full and complete data on Kansas City will be furnished on request.

The Convention Bureau assists local organizations in obtaining conventions, and after they have been obtained aids in making room reservations, furnishes free meeting places, registers the delegates, sends out letters to build up the attendance and prepares the general publicity matter. The Bureau's purpose is to serve all conventions meeting here.

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I extend to you my heartiest greetings and wishes for your unbounded progress and development. My interest in the American Legion and especially in the success of the Kansas City Convention is intensified by reason of the fact that I am a native Missourian and a Legionnaire of the Department of Missouri.

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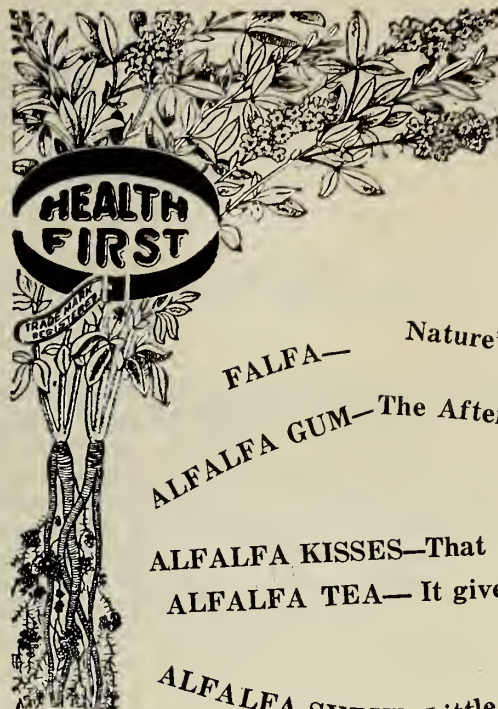
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The following list is descriptive of a few of the articles to be exhibited, the space allotted in this program prohibiting further enumeration:

### Group A.

- 1—Browning Machine Gun M-1917 including Tripod, Belt Filling Machine, Amm. Box, Amm. Belt, etc.
- 1—Browning Auto Rifle M-1918 with Mag., Mag. Filler, Bandoleers right and left, Carrying Case, etc.
- 1—37 M/M Gun with Cover and including Gun Mount, Gun Mount Trail, right and left, and Gun Cart.
- 1—Anti-Aircraft Mach. Gun with Ped., Cygnet Type.

### Group B.

- 1—Rifle M. 1917.
- 1—Rifle M. 1903.
- 1—Trench Knife, M. 1917.
- 1—Trench Knife, M. 1918.
- 1—Pistol, Very Mark IV.
- 1—Pistol, Colt Cal. 45, M. 1911.

### Groups C, D and E.

- 1—155 M/M Gun Carriage and Limber, M. 1918, including Breech Cover, Muzzle Cover, Sponge Cover and Sponge and Rammer.
- 1—75 M/M Gun and Carriage, British, M. 1917, including Sight Cover, Breech and Muzzle Cover and Sponge and Rammer.
- 1—75 M/M Gun and Carriage, American, M. 1916, including Gun Sight and Sponge Cover, two Cushions, Axle Seat and Sponge and Rammer.
- 1—3" Gun and Carriage, M. 1902, including Caisson, Gun Limber and all Implements.
- 1—75 M/M Gun and Carriage, French, M. 1897, including Caisson with Reel, Carriage Limber, Caisson Limber, Battery and Store Wagon, Forge Limber, Store Limber and all implements pertaining to the above vehicles.
- 1—155 M/M How. and Carriage, M. 1918, including the How. Carriage Limber, Caisson, 6-Horse Reel, Cart. and all implements pertaining to these vehicles.
- 1—4.7 Gun and Carriage, together with Gun Carriage Limber, Caisson, Caisson Limber, Forge Limber, Store Limber, Battery Wagon, Store Wagon, and all implements pertaining to these vehicles.
- 1—3" Trench Mortar and 1 6" Trench Mortar.

### Group G.

- 1—Five-Ton Tractor, M. 1917, with its implements.
- 1—1½-Ton Tractor, M. 1918, with its implements.
- 1—Six-Ton Tank, M. 1917, with its implements.
- 1—Artillery Repair Truck, M. 1918, completely equipped.
- 1—Mark VIII Tank (to be shipped from Ft. Leavenworth).

### Group F.

- For 155 M/M How. Car., M. 1918; 1 Sight, Quadrant M.

- 1918; 1 Peep Sight; 1 Panoramic Sight, M. 1917.
- For 4.7 Gun Car., M. 1916; 1 Rear and 1 Front Sight; 1 Panoramic Sight, M. 1917; 1 Quadrant Range.
- For 3" Gun Car., M. 1902; 1 Rear and 1 Front Sight; 1 Panoramic Sight, M. 1917, and 1 Quadrant Range.
- For 75 M/M Gun Car., M. 1897, French; 1 Sight, M. 1901; 1 Bracket Sight Bar; 1 Sight Extension Level; 1 Angle of Sight Level; 1 Auxiliary Angle of Sight.
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- 1—Shell, Stokes 6" Trench Mortar, Practice.
- 1—Shell, Sectionalized, for 155 M/M Gun or How.
- 1—Shell, Sectionalized, Shrapnel for 155 M/M How. or Gun.
- 1—Grenade, Defensive, Hand, Mark II, Practice.
- 1—Grenade, Offensive, Hand, Mark II.

### Group O.

- 1—Colts Mach. Gun, Cal. 30, M. 1902, with tripod.
- 1—Colts Mach. Gun, Cal. 30, together with Carriage.
- 1—Vickers Mach Gun, Cal. 30, M. 1915, and tripod.
- 1—Vickers Mach. Gun, Cal. 30, M. 1915, French Type, and tripod.
- 1—Maxim Mach. Gun, Cal. 30, M. 1904, and tripod.
- 1—Chauchat Auto. Rifle, Cal. 8 M/M, M. 1915, and bipod.
- 1—Hotchkiss Mach. Gun, Cal. 8 M/M, and tripod.
- 1—Lewis Mach. Gun, Cal. 30, M. 1917, and bipod.
- 1—Lewis Mach. Gun, Cal. 30, M. 1916, and bipod.
- 1—Benet Mercie Mach. Rifle, Cal. 30; M. 1909, and bipod.
- 1—Mausier Espanel Magazine Rifle, Cal. 7 M/M, 1893, manufactured by Loewe, Berlin, 1894.
- 1—Austrian Musket, Cal. 45.
- 1—English M. L. Musket, Cal. 59, Keen, London.
- 1—German Mag. Rifle, Cal. 7 M/M, Fabrique, Nationale, Herstal Liege.
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by

F. DeForsha Brightman

**S**OLDIERS, visitors in this ambitious city, many of you from rural settlements, the nearest small town to you today is called Independence. Magic name to all who left home at country's call; whether you were held in barracks or went overseas.

Independence is a typical Missouri town, with Southern traditions predominating, but absolutely one hundred per cent American. It is a continuation of that indefinable "Main Street" that traverses our good old U. S. A. where they are always blowing bubbles from the stuff dreams are made of.

Many of these airy spheres die on their authors' lips and many never get across because the pitcher's foot slipped in a wet place in the grass. But because of its strategic position, since the days of the Louisiana Purchase, in the development of our commonwealth, many citizens of this ancient town have seen their visions materialize magnificently.

From prehistoric times the aboriginal name of this high place was Doytalissee, Bowl of Winds. It was the scene of council fires when Seminoles from the southwest met Sioux from the northwest, and Mohawks met Apaches.

Wrested from the Red Men by the aggressive arms of pioneers, the eminence was christened to deeds of vast enterprise and universal scope. Old Indian traces were renamed Santa Fe and Oregon trails. Brave parties, adventurous expeditions and holy pilgrimages sprang from its prolific soil. Its subtle skeleton-key unlocked empires at trails' ends and states bloomed along their branching roads. Trappers, muleteers, cowboys, bullwhackers, wagon-masters, gold-seekers and home-finders thronged its streets. Bubbles, bubbles, bubbles, splendid, prolific, but wholesome. And its inhabitants still breathe the breath of romance and are ready for conquest, civic or warlike.

There was first heard and answered the cry of the Alamo, and for years the old white mule that dared to penetrate Death Valley into the Spanish possessions in California, pastured peacefully till his end at the town's border.

There the last soldier who watched beside Lincoln's bier meets the Confederate who fired the last gun at Appomattox and the last survivor of Pickett's charge at Bull Run. The old veteran in blue who beat the drum at Chancellorsville with descendants of the members of Lincoln's cabinet and Henry Clay's family. There may be found more descendants of Oliver H. Perry's family than elsewhere. There is the elderly lady born on Bunker Hill and the old gentlewoman who treasures the quilts and silverware of the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

In Independence, over their back fences, women tell each other about serving as missionaries in South Sea Islands, where London's Snark merely touched the isolated shores, to women who carried Protestant faiths to Greece and were stoned in Italy as having caused earthquakes by their creeds.

A man whose great uncle was hanged by the British for attempting to annex Canada is writing a letter to the

President in behalf of the soldier killed in the Mexican stockade, and another letter to a congressman in behalf of a daughter of Morgan, the Raider, and still another asking for a pension for a descendant of the great Admiral Farragut.

Here lives the mother who first sent five sons to the Mexican border, and the father who sent ten sons, all black as the ace of spades, to the World War.

Here every call for men or money went over the top big. Here came a number of the few Croix de Guerre awarded in Missouri. Here came back the first body wrapped in a French flag, a fine, talented young Mormon, and here came back for burial a few days ago the body of the youngest soldier of the war. Here the town elected for its mayor a boy who went over as a private and came back as captain, but with a dangerous wound in his thigh. Here the citizens raised the first howl against the niggardly \$15 a month given the boys on the Mexican border, and here was the first move to award lands to returning soldiers.

Here the T. J. Ford post of the American Legion is the forefront, backed by unanimous public opinion, for a special session of the state legislature to enact bonus legislation at once. Attaboy.

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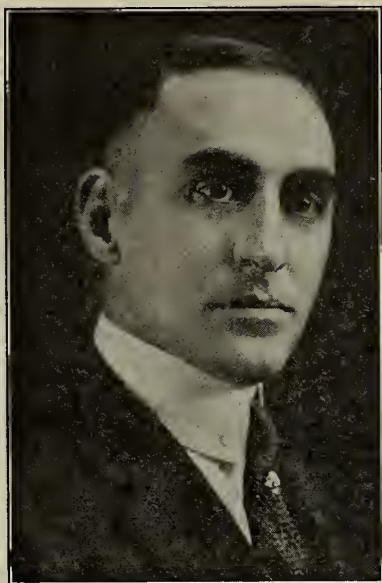
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# History of Missouri Department

by

Edward J. Cahill, State Adjutant



Commander of the Missouri Department, Dr. Harry F. Parker, Warrensburg, Mo.

THE preliminary organization of the American Legion was started in Missouri April 15, 1919, and the late General Harvey C. Clark, Adjutant General of Missouri, and Edward J. Cahill of Jefferson City were appointed chairman and secretary respectively to carry on the organization work in the State of Missouri.

Missouri might be called the birthplace of the American Legion because on May 7, 8 and 9, 1919, the first caucus of the American Legion in the United States was held in St. Louis. Missouri was represented at this caucus by 32 representatives, two from each congressional district in the state. These representatives were selected at mass meetings held by ex-service men over the entire state.

The First State Convention of the American Legion was held in the State Capitol, Jefferson City, on October 6 and 7, 1919. On the date of the opening of the convention, 158 posts had been chartered in the Missouri Department and practically all of these posts were represented at this convention.

Sid Houston of Kansas City was elected first State Commander. On January 1, 1920, Mr. Houston moved from the state and Robert M. Clayton, state Vice-Commander, of Hannibal, succeeded Mr. Houston.

The Second Annual State Convention of the Missouri Department was held at Sedalia, September 3 and 4, 1920. Three hundred and thirty-five posts were represented at this convention, showing a gain in the number of posts in one year of 177, in addition, a gain in membership of 10,000. John F. Williams of Joplin was elected State Commander.

The Third State Convention was held at St. Joseph on September 19, 20, 1921, and was represented by 371 posts, showing a gain of 36 posts during the year. The Missouri Department also showed a gain of approximately 4,000 in membership over the previous year. Dr. Harry F. Parker of Warrensburg was elected State Commander.

The Missouri Department extends a hearty welcome to all State Departments of the American Legion and various Legionnaires from all parts of the world.



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## Introduction

**K**ANSAS CITY lies on that unmarked border where the South meets the North; here the East ends and the West begins. It is the heart of a nation. It is but natural that the American Legion posts of Kansas City should better represent the nation as a whole than those of any other community.

The membership is made up of Northerners and Southerners; Easterners and Westerners. Sectional lines, however, are unknown. The result is a blending of ideas, of types and traditions. Far removed from oceans and border lines, it is able to absorb with comparative ease the newcomers from other lands. For this reason the ideals of true American citizenship are given a greater protection from the influences which seek to elevate the powers of radicalism and discontent. This has tended to bring about a strong and healthy spirit of Americanism, unfettered by foreign dogma or creed.

The American Legion of Kansas City reflects these conditions. Since its conception early in the days following the close of the World War it has consecrated itself to their maintenance. As, in the war, it served for the purpose of preventing the destruction of these ideals, so, in peace, it is serving for the purpose of making them a permanent fixture in the life of the community. It realizes its own shortcomings and is striving to overcome them, its members are at all times willing to serve in any undertaking that is for the public good. In this way it feels that it can do its part in the realization of the great aim of the Legion as a whole; the preservation of the things for which it fought.

It is but natural to assume that around this great hub of the nation the wheels of the American Legion in America will some day turn. The Legion of Kansas City takes this occasion to assure its comrades from other sections that should that day come there will still prevail the spirit of the pioneers; the spirit of the men who followed Doniphan, and Lee, and Grant, and Roosevelt, and Pershing; the spirit which immediately following the great conflict, enabled Kansas City to prepare a memorial to its fighters and greet, in its Third Annual Convention, the great American Legion. The Legion of Kansas City hails the Legion of the Nation.

## THE CITY CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The American Legion of Kansas City was born April 30, 1919. On that date, under a call issued by the late Harvey C. Clarke, then Adjutant-General of Missouri, a temporary organization was perfected according to the lines laid down by the national organization. The first meeting was held at Convention Hall, and, under the direction of temporary officers representatives were elected to the First National Convention of the American Legion at St. Louis, May 8, 9 and 10.

Clyde Grimsley, one of the first prisoners captured by the Germans from our ranks, and a soldier of brilliant reputation, was chief of the delegation. The temporary officers were Leigh Hunt, president; C. L. Atterbury, vice-president; James B. Nourse, secretary, and Jerry F. Duggan, treasurer.

Immediately after the preliminary organization was perfected, the legionnaires divided themselves into various posts, Mr. Hunt going to the William T. Fitzsimons Post, Mr. Atterbury to the Sanford Brown Post, and Mr. Duggan to the Murray Davis Post. Later other posts were or-

ganized and representatives elected to serve on the City Central Executive Committee, which was to direct the city activities of general interest of the entire organization. There are now twelve posts. At the present time of writing the City Central Committee stands well up among the civic organizations of Kansas City, a glowing tribute to the men who at various times have served in its councils. It has placed the Legion in Kansas City on a stable footing and has functioned in such a way as to have the respect of the entire community.

The present committee members have served the majority of their year. In that time they have brought about much that is favorable to the former service man, irrespective of Legion membership. Two memorial fountains, a successful city beautification campaign, excellent service at more than one hundred and ten funerals, a state bonus, a strong unemployment agency, increased care of sick and disabled veterans, a great deal of entertainment, establishment of a U. S. Public Health Service Hospital, increased membership from 1,400 members to more than 5,000, and various kindred matters have been handled successfully by the committee, and a precedent in accomplishment established which augurs well for future years.

The personnel of the present committee: James B. Nourse, William T. Fitzsimons Post, chairman; John S. Cannon, William J. Bland Post, vice-chairman; Jerry F. Duggan, Murray Davis Post, secretary; James Kemper, Sanford Brown Post, treasurer; the Rev. James Small, Joseph Dillon Post; Charles R. Jenkins, Arthur Maloney Post; Paul A. Buzard, James Cummings Post; John P. Swift, Grover Metzger Post; Bernard Hurwitz, Joseph Liebman Post; Ernest Swearingen, Hewitt-Swearingen Post, and B. H. Muldrew, Wayne Minor Post.

All members are heads of committees, thus keeping each post actively interested in all affairs. The vote on the committee is in proportion to the representation at state conventions. In addition to the representative post members, Henri Warren, Edward P. Hellar, Gustave Sarachek, Paul Pinkerton and E. Wood Tebbe head various civic committees. Each Legion post has the chairmanship of a Legion activity, which keeps an even balance in Legion endeavor.

## MURRAY DAVIS POST NO. 10

**N**AMED in honor of Murray Davis, 140th Infantry, 35th Division. Major Davis was killed September 29, while gallantly leading his men in the Argonne drive. He was a favorite with both officers and men and was but 31 years old at the time of his death.

He was a graduate of local schools and of the University of Missouri, practicing law here from graduation until entering Federal service. His military career began in May, 1913, when he enlisted as a private in the Third Regiment, Missouri National Guard. He filled all offices from Corporal to Captain of Company L. His regiment was called into active service in May, 1917. Later, while at Camp Doniphan, he was promoted to the rank of Major. A leading attorney in civil life, he was called on a great deal during his army career to act as Judge Advocate of Courts Martial, doing ex-



ROY D. NORTH.



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cellent work in many important cases. He is remembered in Kansas City as a rising attorney, an energetic civic worker and an intense patriot.

The Murray Davis Post is one of the oldest in Kansas City, having been organized June 7, 1919, shortly after the return of the 140th Infantry, 35th Division, from France. The women's auxiliary of the old Third Regiment took a prominent part, and a short time later became the Legion auxiliary of the new post. The original roster contained but twenty-four names, but the magic name of Murray Davis soon brought the membership roster to above the one thousand mark. The men who aided in the original organization maintained their interest and today the roster contains more than 1,300 names. The first officers were elected at a meeting at 1121 Grand Avenue. They were: Dr. E. W. Slusher, commander; John W. Keys, vice-commander; H. C. Gray, adjutant; J. P. Kane, historian, and the Rev. E. A. Edwards, chaplain.

The 1920 officers were: Sidney J. Johnson, commander; W. A. O'Hare, vice-commander; Jerry F. Duggan, adjutant; J. T. Stinson, finance officer, and Alexander Saper, historian. The present officers are Roy D. North, commander; Homer D. Grant, John Constable, Harmon Wagner, Leo Crabbs and O. E. Stark, vice-commanders; Louis W. Kane, adjutant; Dr. J. A. Horrigan, finance officer; Frank C. Peake, historian, and the Rev. James Small, chaplain.

An active interest has been maintained by the post at all times in national, state and civic affairs, both those pertaining to the Legion and to the community in general. It has been among the leading posts in the state in the matter of preparing and supporting measures of all kinds intended for the benefit of the former service men. Its women's auxiliary is the oldest and strongest in the state and is active in all Legion affairs. Members of this post took prominent parts in both the first national convention in St. Louis and the second national convention in Cleveland. The post itself is well financed and has been highly successful in all ventures undertaken.

## WILLIAM T. FITZSIMONS POST NO. 8

NAMED in honor of Lieut. William T. Fitzsimons, M. C. Lieutenant Fitzsimons was the first American officer killed in the World War. He was stationed for a time at Paignton, England. On the night of September 4, 1917, he was serving in a base hospital near the French coast. He was preparing to end the day's work when five bombs were dropped in rapid succession from a low flying German airplane. One exploded immediately in front of the Kansas City officer and death was instantaneous. Lieutenant Fitzsimons was 28 years old and had already shown great ability. He volunteered immediately with the American Red Cross at the time war was declared in Europe and sailed with the first relief corps on September 13, 1914. He was among the first medical officers to arrive in France in American service. A letter from Secretary of War Baker to his mother, Mrs. Katherine Fitzsimons, said in part: "The cruelty of his death is, of course, but one incident marking the barbarous policy of



RAYMOND W. HALL.

a ruthless enemy of mankind, but the nature of his service and the nature of the cause to which he was devoted will cause his name to be remembered reverently by our whole people, who are the partners in his loss." Lieutenant Fitzsimons is buried in Etaples, France.

The William T. Fitzsimons Post was organized June 13, 1919, at a meeting held in the Grand Avenue Temple, Ninth and Grand Avenue. The first officers were: Charles Curry, commander; John H. Thatcher, vice-commander; James B. Nourse, adjutant; J. B. Hardaway, finance officer, and the Rev. Curtis Tiernan, chaplain.

The William T. Fitzsimons Post is one of the two largest in the state and was the largest at the close of the last electoral year, when the apportionment of delegates to the state convention was recorded. At the present time there are more than 1,300 members. There are five vice-commanders, corresponding to the national organization, each at the head of a committee.

The women's auxiliary has been active in both civic and state matters and is constantly broadening its field of activity. The post itself has concerned itself with all legislation having to do with former service men and is on the "firing line" in all matters relating to the public good of the Legion in general.

The officers for 1921 are: Raymond W. Hall, commander; Dr. Paul V. Wooley, senior vice-commander; Samuel W. Adams, Fred J. Huttig, Harry S. Truman and Chester T. Start, vice-commanders, and Chester Parker, adjutant.

## WILLIAM J. BLAND POST NO. 50

NAMED in honor of Maj. William J. Bland, 356th Infantry, 89th Division. Major Bland was commissioned a captain at the First Officers' Training Camp at Fort Riley, Kas., receiving his promotion in January, 1918. He was killed September 12, 1918, while leading his men in the first day of the St. Mihiel drive. His body lies in Arlington Cemetery at Washington, D. C. Major Bland was graduated at Kenyon College, Ohio, after winning a Rhodes scholarship. He attended the University of Oxford, England, where he was graduated from the school of law in 1913, with high honors. He returned to Kansas City soon afterwards and was recognized as one of the most successful among the younger attorneys. At one time he was assistant city counselor. He was intensely interested in all civic and state affairs and was a favorite among his associates. He was among the first to apply for the first officers' training camp, and while there soon showed an executive ability and talent for leadership that attracted the attention of his superior officers. His appointment and promotion followed rapidly.



GEORGE H. ENGLISH.

The William J. Bland Post was organized August 19, 1919, at a meeting of about eighty former members of the 89th Division at the Kansas City Athletic Club. It was originally intended to make the post a nucleus for former members of the 89th only, but, as no restrictions

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were laid upon memberships, this idea was abandoned and the post grew rapidly into a large cosmopolitan aggregation. It is now the fourth largest post in the state of Missouri, with 600 members.

The first commander was Ingraham C. Hook and, in 1920, Joseph Brown and Mort Jones. The present officers are: George H. English, commander; Dr. R. H. Meade, vice-commander; Dinwiddie Groves, adjutant; Charles Stevenson, historian, and D. S. Adams, Rulif M. Martin, Frank Loren, Raymond Barnett and Leland Hazard, members of the post executive committee.

The Bland post has been active in Legion affairs, in social events, athletics, and in civic and state movements. It was the only post with a baseball team last year and has furthered athletic events to a great extent. Charles W. Bartlett, an active charter member and prominent in city Legion matters, was named as one of the seven legionnaires on a state committee to choose a site in France for the erection of a monument to Missouri soldiers who gave their lives for the nation. This site will be on the battle area where the majority of Missouri soldiers were killed. While in France Mr. Bartlett presented Marshal Foch with the official invitation of the Kansas City convention committee to attend the national convention of the Legion this year.

## SANFORD BROWN, JR., POST NO. 124

NAMED in honor of Capt. Sanford Brown, Jr., adjutant, 139th Infantry, 35th Division. Captain Brown was killed in action September 29, in the Argonne drive. He was born March 19, 1893, and was graduated from Central High School in Kansas City and from the University of Missouri at Columbia, Mo. At the outbreak of the World War he was among the first to apply for enrollment at the First Officers' Training Camp at Fort Riley, Kas., entering May 15, 1917. At the end of the three months' training he was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry and transferred to Camp Cody, N. M. Later he was transferred to Camp Doniphan and assigned to the 139th Infantry, 35th Division. He was promoted to a first lieutenancy before leaving the United States in April, 1918, and after his arrival in France was again promoted. He was one of the best liked officers in his organization, and his work was of a nature to draw the commendation of his superior officers. He was prominent among the younger Kansas Citians before his entry into army service and a member of the Ivanhoe Masonic Lodge, A. F. and A. M.



DR. A. F. SCHOPPER.

The Sanford Brown Post of the American Legion was organized in September, 1919, at a meeting held at the Ivanhoe Masonic Temple. It is restricted to members of the three Ivanhoe Masonic bodies, Ivanhoe Blue Lodge, No. 446; Kansas City Chapter, No. 28, and the Kansas City Commandery, No. 10. At its organization there were fifteen charter members.

The progress of the post was slow during the first year, and in the second year the membership was but one hundred and forty-six. Since then, however, the growth has been rapid, and today the membership is more than 450 members.

The first commander of the post was E. L. Bohrer, and the commander in 1920 was E. Wood Tebbe. The present officers are: Dr. A. F. Schopper, commander; L. Dooly, vice-commander; L. L. Watts, adjutant; the Rev. Sanford Brown, chaplain; E. L. Bohrer, historian, and Edgar Treffney, sergeant-at-arms.

The post has taken more than an active interest in all Legion affairs. It has a strong organization, and its meetings are among the best attended of any post. It has carried out a broad entertainment program annually, and both by positive action and by resolution has taken part in all public matters, both those pertaining to the city at large and to the former service men in particular.

## JAMES CUMMINGS POST NO. 130

NAMED in honor of James Cummings, a Kansas City boy who enlisted in the regular navy early in April, a few days after war was declared. Young Cummings early demonstrated his fitness for naval duty and was assigned to the now famous destroyer, Jacob Jones. This destroyer was assigned to duty along the Irish coast to guard American and British transports from submarines. It was a long, arduous duty, and the work of Cummings, according to information in the hands of the Navy Department and communicated to his friends and relatives, was of high order. On December 6, 1917, the ship on which he was serving was ordered to patrol a particularly dangerous strip of coast. During a fog the Jacob Jones was fired on and sunk by a German submarine. A heavy loss of life resulted, and among those who were lost was Cummings. He was among the first Kansas City boys to give his life for the Great Cause, and among the first of the nation.



JOHN W. HILL.

The James Cummings Post is known in Kansas City as the "Gob" or Sailors' post. It was organized in September, 1919, at 1108 McGee Street. The post is recognized as one of the most active in the city. There are about 125 members at the present time. Although at first limited to sailors, the post has since expanded to admit marines.

The first officers were: James N. Beery, post commander; Howard H. Talbot, vice-commander, and Richard B. Dale, adjutant and finance officer. There were twelve charter members. The officers in 1920 were: Howard H. Talbot, commander; Jack McCleary, vice-commander; F. D. Sigler, adjutant, and M. A. Sigler, finance officer.

The present officers are: John W. Hill, commander (succeeding J. J. Jones, resigned); Joseph Nerstheimer, vice-commander; Dr. Hugh J. Duffy, adjutant (succeeding F. D. Sigler, resigned), and Mrs. Elizabeth Lodge, finance officer. The post has an active auxiliary. It also has taken an enthusiastic part in all drives, campaigns and other Legion work.

## WYANDOTTE POST NO. 83 (KANSAS)

ONE of the largest and most active posts in the state of Kansas, named after the county in which it is located. It is the only post in Kansas City, Kas., and in order to perpetuate the memory of all the men from that city who



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had died, the county name was decided upon.

The post had its beginning in the spring of 1919, shortly after the news of the formation of an American Legion had arrived. It was decided, however, to withhold decisive action until after the return of friends and "buddies" from camps at home and from overseas. The actual organization took place at a mass meeting held on September 7, 1919, at the Electric Theater in Kansas City, Kas. The speakers were Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and Chaplain John W. Inzer of the Legion. The theater was filled to capacity and a strong organization assured.

The campaign for membership lasted but a short time, and soon there were 1,500 members enrolled. The first meeting was held September 11, 1919, and the following officers elected: James Barclay, commander; Walter Reed, vice-commander; George West, adjutant; Walter Herndon, finance officer; Fred M. Sheely, historian, and R. L. Robinson, sergeant-at-arms.

The present officers are: Walter Reed, commander; Frank R. Cole, vice-commander; A. J. Stanley, Jr., adjutant; Earl Clark, finance officer; A. J. Rieder, historian, and P. K. Cubbison, sergeant-at-arms.

Since the organization of the post its members have taken an active part in every campaign waged for the betterment of Kansas City, Kas. It has been prominent in state affairs, and the present high rank of the Kansas state Legion is due in no small manner to their efforts. In Legion affairs affecting Greater Kansas City (Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kas.) it has more than carried its proportionate share of the burden.

An outstanding feature of the work in Kansas City, Kas., by the Wyandotte Post has been in the aid granted "buddies" by those who were more fortunate. Help has been given to all who needed it. Its members rank high in the community and include all ranks of the army, navy and marines. It is a typical American Legion post.

## JOE DILLON POST NO. 81

NAMED in honor of Sergt. Joe Dillon, Medical Detachment, 140th Infantry. Sergeant Dillon was killed at Charpentry, France, on September 29, 1918, while in the act of administering first aid to a wounded soldier. The 140th Infantry was formerly the Third Regiment, Missouri National Guard. Sergeant Dillon had been a member of the organization for more than ten years and was considered by both superior officers and comrades as a soldier of unusual loyalty, patriotism and devotion to duty. While at Camp Doniphan the work of Sergeant Dillon was noticeable for his aptitude at mastering the details of his work and for his cheerfulness and disregard for personal discomfort. While in France he had the same qualities which had endeared him to



WALTER REED.



DR. H. H. WARNER.

those who knew him in camp. He had the confidence of his officers and was trusted by the men in his detachment. In the various engagements of the 35th Division he distinguished himself by his disregard for danger and for his willingness to aid a wounded comrade at all times.

The Joe Dillon Post was the first post in Kansas City to be named in honor of an enlisted man. It was organized September 19, 1919, at the old Signal Corps Armory, 3608 Main Street. There were present at this time about twenty-four members of the 110th Sanitary Train, 35th Division, all of whom became charter members of the post. It was the original intention to have this post consist of men from the detachment only, this idea being abandoned later.

Dr. William L. Gist, formerly in charge of the Ambulance Corps of the 35th Division, was the active organizer and commander of this post for two years. At the beginning of the present year Dr. H. H. Warner was elected post commander; Dr. Everett Gilbreath, vice-commander; W. D. Knox, adjutant, and John J. McLaughlin, finance officer.

The post is closely allied with the Murray Davis Post of the Legion due to both having been organized by men of the 35th Division and to the fact that many members of the latter post served with Sergeant Dillon in France and knew him intimately. As a result, the Dillon post for the past few months has been meeting with the Murray Davis Post, although maintaining its own charter and functioning accordingly.

The post has taken an active interest in Legion affairs, especially all matters pertaining to hospital work and the welfare of the wounded men in Kansas City.

## ARTHUR MALONEY POST NO. 93

NAMED in honor of Private Arthur Maloney, Company F, 140th Infantry, 35th Division. Private Maloney was accidentally drowned in March, 1917, while engaged in guard duty in Kansas City, Mo., just previous to the regiment's entrainment for Camp Doniphan, Okla. The regiment was then known as Company F, Third Regiment, Missouri National Guard.



GEORGE J. GABRIEL.

The Arthur Maloney Post was formed on September 3, 1919, at a general meeting of the former service men in the employ of Montgomery Ward & Company. As Private Maloney had been the first member of the company's organization to lose his life during the war, it was decided to honor his name in the post organization.

A charter was applied for and issued on September 23, 1919. Lieut.-Col. C. R. Gray, Jr., was elected as the first post commander, to be succeeded later by H. B. Stevens and William B. Carson. The charter membership consisted of thirty-five members. Today it is more than one hundred.

The present officers of the post are: George J. Gabriel, commander; H. L. Covault, vice-commander; D. A. Kassel, adjutant; P. M. Peterson, finance officer; George E. Hatch, insurance officer, and H. L. Lytle, city committeeman.

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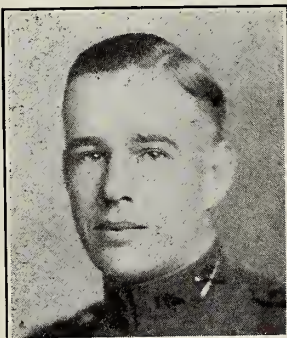
The Arthur Maloney Post is restricted to a large extent to the men employed by the mail order firm where it maintains its offices. It is a leader among local posts in furnishing entertainment features for its members, and has taken an active part in all social and other affairs of the merchandising organization.

In addition it has been an active worker in many city enterprises of the Legion through its representation on the city central executive committee. Its representative on the city central committee, Charles R. Jenkins, is credited largely with the growth of the Legion in Kansas City during the past year.

## GROVER METZGER POST NO. 224

**N**AMED in honor of Private Grover Metzger, 89th Division. Private Metzger entered the service early in the war and was sent to Camp Funston, where he was placed with the 89th Division. Soon afterward he was taken ill with pneumonia and died in the base hospital at that camp. He was a popular figure with the stock and cattle dealers at the Kansas City stockyards, where he was engaged in the cattle business.

The Grover Metzger Post was organized in December, 1919, by former friends of Grover Metzger, the majority of whom, however, had served in Headquarters Company, 129th Field Artillery, 35th Division. Their first officers were: Fred Olander, William F. Guthrie, Jack Swift, Willard Olander, William Baucus, William F. Tamblin and Robert Wilson. The same men are still prominent in the work of the post, and nearly all of them have official duties of some kind at present.



FRED OLANDER.

The post is generally known in Kansas City as the "Stockyards" post, as the great majority of its members work in the stockyards district. During the Third Annual Legion Convention in Kansas City this post will stage a rodeo and roundup that is expected to match any seen during the early frontier days. They have already had two very successful rodeos. The money received has been used in aiding disabled or unemployed service men. They have handled the problem in their own district with excellent results and have figured in all city, state and national campaigns of the Legion.

Both the post officers and members have always been quick to respond when a call was made for their services. They have supported all measures intended to serve the good of the public and former service men.

## JOSEPH LIEBMAN POST NO. 148

**N**AMED in honor of Private Joseph Liebman, Company G, 354th Infantry, 89th Division. Private Liebman was born in Kansas City and was graduated from Kansas City schools. He entered the service in July, 1918, and was

sent to Camp Funston in time to leave with that division for France. He was killed September 12, 1918, while engaged in carrying messages along the front lines and maintaining communication between various units. His organization was engaged at that time in the St. Mihiel drive. Private Liebman had many friends in Kansas City, many of whom are now members of the post which bears his name. He was 25 years old at the time of his death and was killed by the same shell that ended the life of Maj. William J. Bland and six comrades. His body was returned to Kansas City a few weeks ago and buried with military honors.



A. L. EPSTEIN.

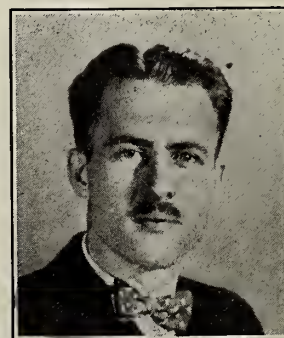
The Joseph Liebman Post was organized in November, 1919, by about twelve comrades of Joseph Liebman. The post received a charter, but due to inactivity the charter was suspended and little was done for nearly a year. In October, 1920, another attempt was made to organize the post, which was highly successful. A meeting was held at 3126 Troost Avenue and temporary officers were elected.

On January 3, 1921, the following permanent officers were elected: A. L. Epstein, commander; Ben Jacobson, vice-commander; Sam Kahn, adjutant; Ansel Adler, finance officer; Dr. A. Clasen, historian, and Lee Selig, war risk officer. The club rooms of the Young Men's Hebrew Association were offered the post as a headquarters and were accepted.

The post has taken up its share of the burden in Kansas City since its reorganization and has done excellent work. It has had many programs of entertainment, all of which were successful. It aided in the general work of the various Legion committees and has taken care of all assignments given by local Legion officials in excellent shape. One of the post's members, Bernard Hurwitz, was elected a delegate to the national convention at the state convention held in St. Joseph a few weeks ago.

## HEWITT J. SWEARINGEN POST NO. 201

**N**AMED in honor of Hewitt J. Swearingen, private, 117th Ammunition Train, 42d Division. He was born in Kansas City, Mo., on July 18, 1898, and lived in Kansas City until his enlistment in June, 1917. He was an excellent soldier and a fit representative of the young manhood of Kansas City. On July 31, 1918, his organization was on duty in the hotly contested Chateau Thierry sector. With his comrades he was busily engaged in supplying ammunition to the men who were engaged with the enemy on the front lines. He made many hazardous trips during the battle and set an excellent example to his comrades. On the afternoon of July 31 he was in charge of a truck which was carrying a load of ammunition to the front lines. Near Beauvarde, France, the train



HARRY S. DAVIS.

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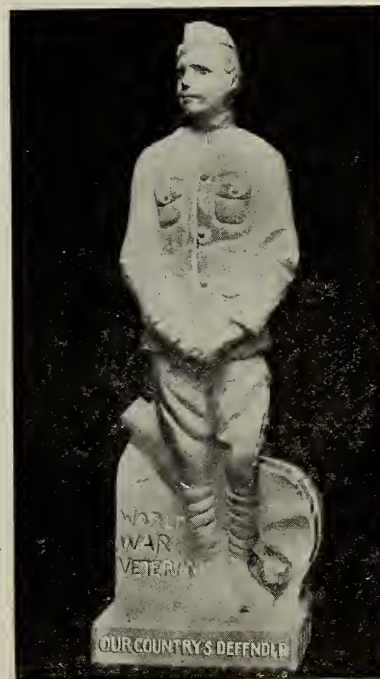
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in which was the truck on which he was riding was sighted by a German airplane and bombed. The truck was hit direct, and Private Swearingen, with three of his comrades, was killed.

The Hewitt J. Swearingen Post is one of the youngest posts in Kansas City. It was organized in the summer of 1921. Its growth, however, has been rapid. Starting with but fifteen members, it has grown to more than two hundred. The present officers are the only ones the post has had.

They are Harry S. Davis, post commander; Chester Cook, vice-commander; Dr. B. C. Turner, adjutant; S. R. Everingham, finance officer, and E. T. Swearingen, city committeeman. All the officers have been active in the work of the post and have been aided largely in the organization by a young but strong and active auxiliary.

## WAYNE MINOR POST NO. 149 (Negro)

NAMED in honor of Private Wayne Minor, 92d Division. Private Minor entered the service early in the war and was assigned to the 92d in one of the infantry regiments. During the last week in August the division was sent to relieve the 5th Division on the St. Die sector in the Vosges Mountains. This had previously been a quiet sector, but had been stirred up when the Fifth had bayoneted its way into Trappelle. As a result, the relief was

made under heavy shell fire, and Private Minor was killed shortly after his unit took its position. He was buried within range of the enemy's guns.

The Wayne Minor Post was organized in the fall of 1919 in what was then known as the War Camp Community Soldiers and Sailors Club, Eighteenth and Vine Streets, by Homer Roberts, a former member of the 92d Division.

The membership of the post during the first year was less than thirty. Mr. Roberts was made commander of the first organization. The next year T. E. Gaillard became commander and a better organization was perfected. The present officers are: B. H. Muldrew, commander; A. H. Hamilton, vice-commander; James O. F. Thomas, adjutant; Marshall Jackson, finance officer; P. R. Crutchfield, historian; Norval Lemons, chaplain, and John Graves, sergeant-at-arms.

The coming of the Third National Convention of the Legion to Kansas City aroused a greater interest in Legion affairs among prospective members of the organization and the enrollment increased from 44 to 125. The post is doing a great deal of active work in regard to vocational training, compensation and relief work for the disabled.

The post will aid in entertaining the negro delegates and visitors to the national convention.

## Supplemental Roster, Women's Overseas League

### U. S. Army Signal Corps:

Madeline Feys.....Chaumont and Tours

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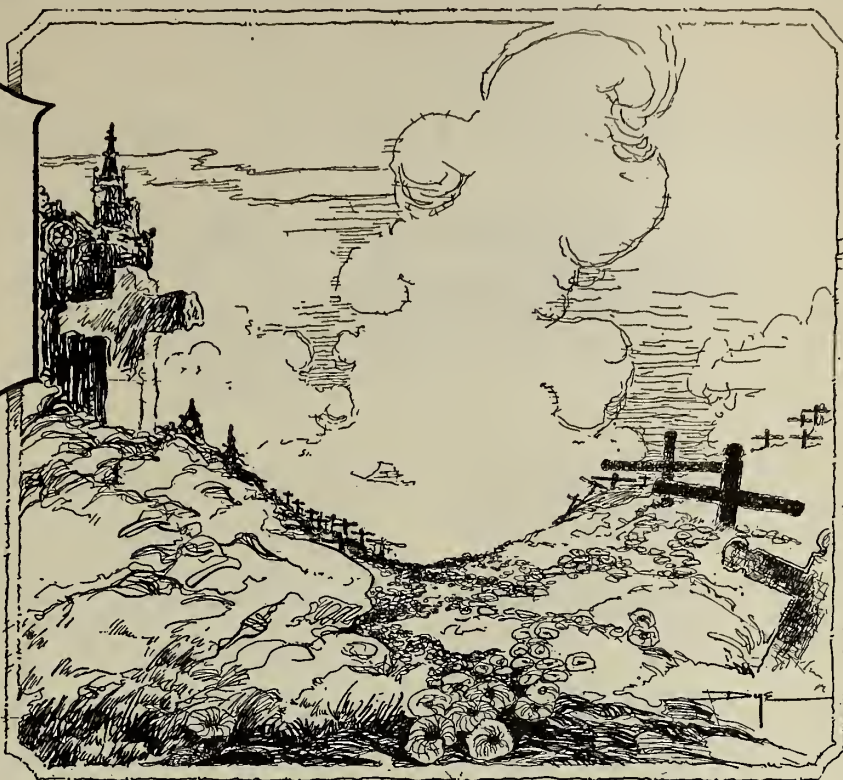
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## In Flanders Fields

By Lieut-Col. John McCrae  
Canadian Expeditionary Forces

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow,  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!  
To you, from failing hands, we throw  
The torch; be yours to lift it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
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# Program for the Dedication of The Liberty Memorial Site

November 1, 1921—11:00 A. M.

*On the eight acres of that portion of the  
Memorial Site opposite the Union Station.*

**T**HE Board of Governors of the Liberty Memorial Association, acting as a Committee of Escort, will be responsible for the presence of all guests of honor in the reservations held for them on the Memorial Site not later than 10:45 A. M.

The site will be decorated with flagstaffs bearing the flags of the Allies and of the forty-eight States, and one larger permanent staff planted in the very center of the eight acres to bear the Stars and Stripes.

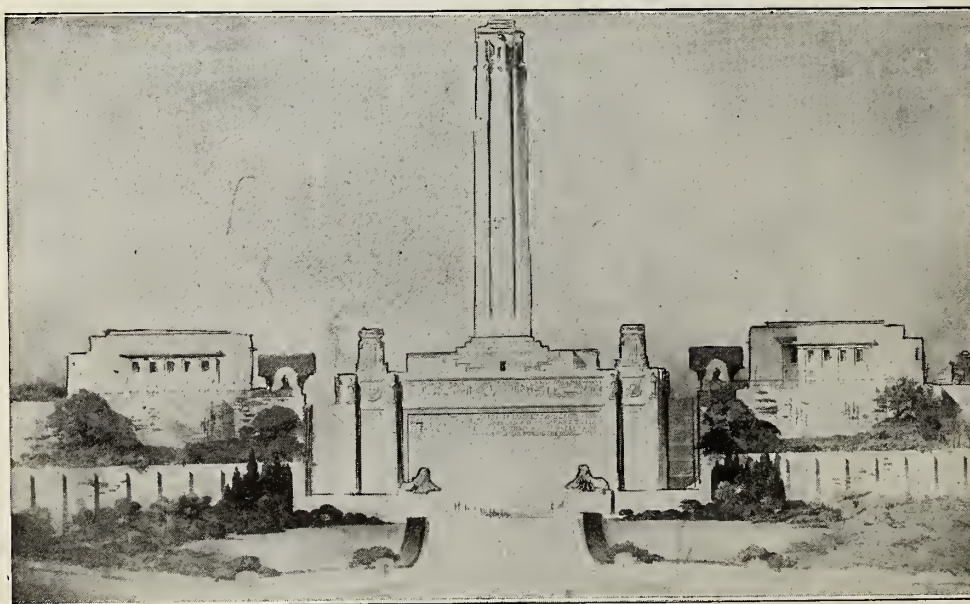
On the north center of the land there will be erected an Exhedra, a Tribunal and an Altar. The Altar, by means of a mechanical arrangement, will provide the "Flame of Inspiration," represented by a large volume of white smoke, to be kindled during the ceremony.

A space, approximately one hundred feet square will be roped in around the Altar of Liberty, wherein will stand

the distinguished guests and the high officers of the Liberty Memorial Association and the American Legion.

Beginning at 8:00 a. m., cannon situated south of the site, will fire at intervals of one minute, until the presence of the highest ranking visitor is announced, at which time a salute for such rank will be given—the firing then to cease until, as noted below, the Flame of Inspiration is kindled, at which time the battery will deliver a volley and then permanently cease firing.

Beginning at 8:00 a. m., aeroplanes will continuously hover over the Memorial Site, at an altitude of not less than 1,500 feet, dropping flowers, and continuing until signal that the speeches have begun. They shall then descend. No aeroplanes must be in commission near the Site during the ceremony.



THE LIBERTY MEMORIAL.

## CEREMONY—BEGINNING AT 11:00 A. M.

Doxology.....Ararat Shrine Band  
Introduction of Mr. R. A. Long, Chairman of the  
Liberty Memorial Association, by.....  
.....Mayor James Cowgill  
Prayer of Invocation.....Bishop Lillis  
"Columbia".....Ararat Shrine Band  
"The American Legion".....Commander John G. Emery  
International Medley—Belgium, Italy, Great Britain  
and France .....Ararat Shrine Band  
Introduction by the Chairman of the Liberty Memorial  
Association of:

General Jacques .....Belgium  
General Diaz .....Italy  
Admiral Beatty .....Great Britain  
Introduction of Marshall Foch by.....General Pershing  
"America".....Ararat Shrine Band  
Prayer of Dedication.....Rev. C. A. Arnold, D. D.  
"Lead Kindly Light".....Ararat Shrine Band  
Lighting of the "Flame of Inspiration".....  
.....Chairman of Liberty Memorial Association  
"Star Spangled Banner".....Ararat Shrine Band  
Prayer of Benediction.....Rabbi Mayer  
"Onward Christian Soldiers".....Ararat Shrine Band

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# American Legion Memorial Fountains



THESE two drinking fountains will be erected by the Kansas City American Legion posts from a fund of \$20,000 appropriated by the city council. They will be dedicated to the American Legion posts of the city.

Robert Merrell Gage, a local sculptor, designed the memorials. The fountain with the tall shaft will be erected in the center of the intersection at Ninth and Main Streets. A "safety island" will be constructed around it. The other fountain will be placed in Swope Park, north of the flag-pole and east of the shelter house at the main entrance.

The ceremonies attending the dedication of these works of art will be a part of the American Legion convention program. Congressional Medal of Honor men and other distinguished guests will have an important part in the exercises.

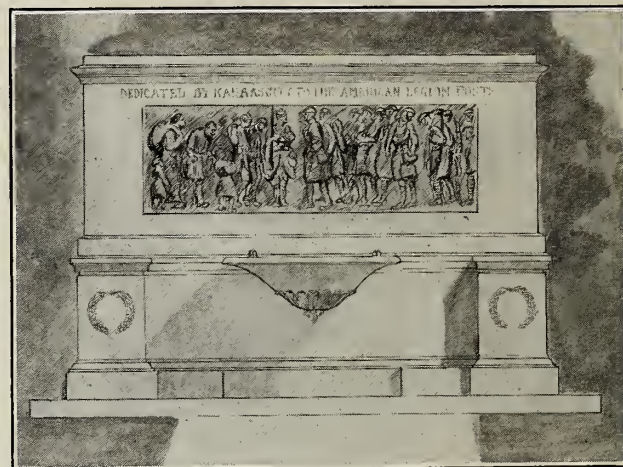
The appropriateness of the fountains as memorials to the Kansas City posts can be seen in the intimate usefulness associated with them. The Liberty Memorial, impressive and formal, carries an idea of solemnity and the ideal. The drinking fountains, erected in the places where passing throngs will see them and use them, sets forth an informal tribute of people of Kansas City to the men who are among them again, mingling in the city's activity and industry and achievement.

G. B. Franklin is the architect of the Swope Park fountain, and Wilkinson & Crans are the technicians for the artist's design to be set up at Ninth and Main Streets.

The formal program for the dedication ceremonies follows:

## THE DEDICATION OF AMERICAN LEGION DRINKING FOUNTAIN AT NINTH AND MAIN STREETS, WEDNESDAY, NO- VEMBER 2ND, 1921, 12:15 NOON.

Fanfare of Bugles—To the Colors.  
America.....Community Singing Led by Band  
Presentation of Fountain.....Mayor James Cowgill  
Fountain to be draped with American flag and



Gold Star flag. During the presentation flags to be slowly and reverently removed, so the fountain will stand revealed at conclusion of presentation address, the unveiling to be done by sixteen Legionnaires.

Acceptance on Behalf of Legion.....Distinguished Medal of Honor Men  
Placing of laurel wreath by child, relative of a deceased hero, and during the episode the Battle Hymn of the Republic to be sung by Otley Cranston and Raymond Havens, after the solo the band to continue playing the hymn.  
Dedicatory Address.....Hon. Alvin M. Owsley  
Chairman of the Americanization  
Committee of the American Legion  
Star-Spangled Banner by band, to be followed by other national and classical airs

## THE DEDICATION OF AMERICAN LEGION FOUNTAIN, SWOPE PARK, SUNDAY,

OCTOBER 30TH, 1921, 2:30 P. M.

During dedication planes will circle the park.

Band to play America. Community singing.  
Fountains will be draped with American flag and Gold Star flag and will be undraped by sixteen Legionnaires.

Presentation of Fountain by Hon. George Harrington,  
Chairman of Finance, Upper and Lower Council.

Acceptance on behalf of Legion.....Distinguished Service Man  
Solo.....Mme. Schumann-Heink

Dedication.....Chaplain John W. Inzer  
National Chaplain, American Legion

Patriotic Air .....Band



# The Convention Rodeo

THE "bulldogging" of a steer from an automobile will be a feature of the round-up to be staged at Association Park during the third annual convention of the American Legion. The Grover Metzger post of the American Legion, composed for the most part of employees of the Kansas City Stock Yards, will have charge of the rodeo, which will eclipse the famous "Frontier Day," an annual feature at Cheyenne, Wyo.

A total of \$6,000 in prizes will insure keen competition in the twelve events that will be put on every day during the three days of the meet. The bronco riding and trick riding events will be open to both men and women. Trick roping and wild steer riding and steer bulldogging and the other events of western prowess will fill the daily program.

Star bronco busters and steer ropers, many of them service men who have gone through the elimination contests staged by the various meets through the west during the past season, are among the entrants. The events will be open to all. The Legion Post at the stock yards have obtained a formidable string of outlaw horses, such as Headlight, Dynamite, Nut-Cracker, Dixie Fly and others of peculiar nomenclature and notorious repute, which have figured in the rodeos throughout the west, even as the stables of blooded racers have become famous in the racing circuits of the east.

"Cotton" Smith, a wrangler employed in the Kansas City Stock Yards, has been groomed by the local post as a champion to meet the wild riders of the west. He is one of the kind who can hook his spurs into the side of a halibut-eyed mustang, jerk the bridle off and use it for a whip, wave his hat with the other hand, and "let 'er buck."

Some of the jocular side of cowboy prowess will be shown in the milking contest, which is planned for the meet. Wild cows will be turned into the arena, and the cowboys in pairs will single out the "bossie" on which they will operate. One will rope her and hold her by the horns, while the other engages in the supposedly gentle, pastoral art of extracting the lacteal fluid. One pint

of milk from the discontented cow is the requirement, after which the two cowboys will mount their horses and ride to the grandstand.

Another feature with the team-work eliminated is the maverick race. A wild horse is turned loose and the cowboys ride after him. The one who first gets his lariat over the fleeing bronco gets the animal for his prize. Another feature will be a bronco race, with the cowboys mounted on wild buckers that never before have been ridden.

Entrants in the rodeo show are not restricted to the masculine bronco busters for "Prairie Rose" and Rose Smith of Cheyenne, Wyo., Princess Mohawk, Texas, Gene Hafley, Colorado, and Elois Fox Hastings of Montana are to participate.

Hugo Strickland, who won the bronco busting championship at the meets at Walla Walla, Wash., and at Pendleton, Ore., recently is contending against Jim Harmon and Lloyd Saunders of Kansas.

Mike Hastings, expert bulldogger, will be entered in the steer roping and bulldogging exhibits. Bulldogging, one of the most spectacular and difficult feats of cowboy prowess, is reduced to a fine art by Hastings. Mounted on his well-trained cow pony the westerner goes full tilt after the fleeing steer and throws himself on its back from his horse. Grasping the animal by its horns, he throws it to the ground and sits on its head.

The cash prizes, awarded for first, second and third places, will be distributed as follows:

\$1,000—For steer roping.

\$1,000—Men's bronco riding.

\$1,000—Steer bulldogging.

\$500—Trick roping.

\$500—Men's trick riding.

\$300—Women's trick riding.

\$300—Wild horse race.

\$300—Relay.

A bulk of the prize money will go to the contestant with the best final average. Strict rules and competent judges will govern the events.



# Program of American Legion Flying Meet

October 31st, November 1st and 2nd

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**Event No. 1.**

- 1-A. Altitude Test, Single Seaters.
- 1-B. Altitude Test, Two Seaters.
- 1-C. Altitude Parachute Test, Men.
- 1-D. Altitude Parachute Test, Women.

**Event No. 2.**

Exhibition of Formation Flying by Army and Civilian Planes.

**Event No. 3.**

Exhibition of Parachute Jumping.

**Event No. 4.**

Exhibition of Plane Changing.  
Wing Walking.  
Standing on Top Wings while plane loops.  
Other spectacular stunts the nature of which the performers will not divulge.

**Event No. 5.**

Acrobatic Contest (competitive open).

**Event No. 6.**

Efficiency Trophy Sport Model Planes (competitive open).

**Event No. 7.**

- Relay Race (competitive limited). Open to JN-4-D and Canuck Type Curtiss Planes.
- Distance: 1 lap (5 miles) around triangle course.
- Limited to five teams (4 ships to each team).

**Event No. 8.**

Legion Junior Derby (competitive limited). Open to any type plane with an air speed of less than 100 miles an hour. Distance 18 laps (90 miles) around triangular course.

**Event No. 9.**

World Championship Looping Contest (competitive open).

**Event No. 10.**

"On To Kansas City Flight." Ships must start 600 miles away. Time and date of start must be confirmed from reliable sources.

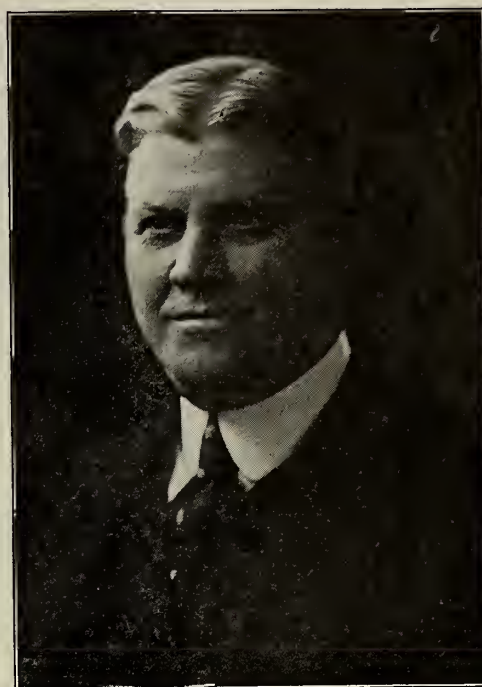
**Event No. 11.**

Legion Derby (competitive unlimited).

# A Loyal Friend of The Legion

**J**AMES M. KURN is very properly entitled to the name of "A Loyal Friend of the Legion." To Mr. Kurn's efforts, the American Legion is largely indebted for the nationwide concession made by the railroads of the United States which resulted in the granting of a one cent a mile fare to members of the American Legion to the Convention at Kansas City and return.

The foregoing statement sets forth in brief a story, the beginning of which had its origin almost a year ago when Kansas City was awarded the 1921 convention following the Cleveland meeting. Mr. Albert E. Hutchings, Chairman of the Convention Executive Committee, decided that the most important task that confronted him was to obtain, if possible, a railroad rate for Legionnaires to the Kansas City convention that would make it possible for former service men to come to Kansas City in greater numbers than has ever been recorded in the history of conventions in the United States of soldiers and sailors. At the outset he was discouraged on every hand. For many years the railroads had been besieged on every hand by great national organizations to grant reduced rates for their respective national convention, and all had failed. Among the first to whom Mr. Hutchings went in his efforts to obtain the rate reduction was Mr. Kurn. As President of the "Frisco" lines, Mr. Kurn occupies a commanding position insofar as railroad rates related to Kansas City and the Legion Convention. His position, as president of these great lines, was strengthened by reason of his being the dean of railroad men in Missouri.



JAMES M. KURN

When the subject was first broached, Mr. Kurn at once manifested a deep interest in the cause of the American Legion and especially the success of the Kansas City convention. He was among the first to recognize the justice of the claims presented by Mr. Hutchings in behalf of the American Legion. He readily agreed to the statement that the American Legion was entitled to the same consideration from the railroads as the Grand Army of the Republic and the Confederate Veterans. The G. A. R. and Confederate Veterans, along with the American Legion, make up the only three veteran organization that have ever been granted a charter by Congress and because the older bodies had been given railroad rate concessions, it was felt that the American Legion was justly entitled to the same reduction. Mr. Kurn expressed himself very strongly on this point.

Despite the strenuous opposition that was aroused among the railroad officials of the nation, Mr. Kurn at no time wavered in his expressed determination to aid in bringing about the rate reduction which is responsible in no small measure for the tremendous attendance at this Kansas City convention. He labored unceasingly with his friends in the railroad offices of the country, imploring them to relent in their opposition to the demand for a one-cent a mile rate. How well he succeeded is best testified to in the fact that the attendance at the Kansas City convention constitutes the greatest gathering of service men in the history of the world.

Because Mr. Kurn has been such a valiant friend of the American Legion and has worked so tirelessly in their behalf, the thousands of American Legion men who are gathered in Kansas City for this great convention owe an everlasting debt of gratitude to him and in a much larger sense is the American Legion, as a whole, indebted to Mr. Kurn because the granting by the railroads of a one-cent a mile fare for American Legion men to attend the Kansas City convention has established a precedent which will, without question, govern railroad rates for all national conventions of the American Legion.

Mr. Kurn is peculiarly qualified for the fine and sympathetic understanding he has of the men who make up the American Legion. He has risen to his position from the ranks, starting as a telegraph operator. He has at all times manifested a keen interest in behalf of any movement for the benefit of the community, state and nation. During Federal control of railroads, he had an active part in the movement of troops and war material. Under his orders troops were moved with unusual expedition and the comfort of the soldiers had his first attention.

We of the Legion are grateful for the opportunity of greeting Mr. Kurn at our convention. He is with us and we hope that he will derive great satisfaction from the knowledge that the many thousands of service men who are on all sides of him during the three days of the Kansas City convention were enabled to come to Kansas City and greet their "buddies" because the railroads of the nation made it financially possible for them. THE EDITOR.



# Our Former Commander

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(Editor's Note—The following letter from the secretary to the former President, Woodrow Wilson, clearly explains the inability of the man who was Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of the United States during the World War, to attend the Third National Convention. A cordial invitation had been issued to Mr. Wilson by the Convention Executive Committee to be with those whom he commanded during 1917 and 1918.)

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2340 S Street, N. W.

WOODROW WILSON  
Washington, D. C.

10th October 1921

My dear sir:

Mr. Wilson asks me to reply to your letter of October sixth and say that—in an effort to complete his convalescence at the earliest possible moment—he is asking to be excused from all writing at this time. He is sorry, therefore, that he will be unable to send you the message which you desire.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) John Randolph Bolling,

Secretary to Mr. Wilson.

Mr. A. E. Hutchings,  
General Chairman,  
Kansas City, Mo.

JRB\*C

# The Denver Spirit

TO the American Legion Posts of Denver goes the credit for what will be one of the most novel and interesting features of the Third Annual Convention. Under the direction of the Denver Central Committee, the Legionnaires of the Colorado metropolis have been working for many months in preparation for bringing to Kansas City the 1921 Legion show, "NAME IT." The performance will be presented at the Auditorium Theatre each evening of the three days the convention is in session. The entertainment is in the form of an elaborate musical revue to be staged and directed by Daniel MacDonald, a producer of international fame. Mr. MacDonald will be recalled by many in connection with his presentation of the 88th Division show, "Who Can Tell," in France and the Navy show, "Biff Bang," at the Century Theatre, New York City.

No expense was spared in preparation of this undertaking. It is the hope of the Denver American Legion that it may be able to provide a pleasing entertainment to all Legion members and their friends who may be in Kansas City during the National Convention and in return they solicit their patronage and co-operation. In order to partially defray the expense of the venture a moderate scale of prices will be charged for reserved seats, and in the securing of reservations it is the intention to give Legion members first preference.

The show will be made up of 60 of the most beautiful of Denver's Junior League girls, aided by 100 Legion men, many of whom are noted for their stage fame.

Some \$22,000 in production and costuming is being spent and the show will well rival many of the elaborate Broadway offerings.

In addition to the vast undertaking entailed in bringing to Kansas City an entire musical production of such size, the Denver delegation has come to the Convention prepared to write the name of their city indelibly on the minds of the thousands of their comrades who are in Kansas City. More than three months ago almost 1,000 of the Denver Legionnaires announced their intention of attending the Convention. Arrangements were at once made with one of the railroad lines for two special trains, and in order to be on hand as "greeters" to aid their Kansas City "buddies," the Denverites left their city on the evening of October 29, thus arriving in Kansas City at least twelve hours before the opening day of the Convention. Their special trains carried the show troupe, the Colorado delegates to the Convention, Legion members and a number of special guests.

Cook's Drum Corps of 100 pieces has been brought with the show to enliven the undertaking, and the delegates cannot well afford to miss the opportunity presented them to be guests of the Denver Legion on the opening Monday night, and at the Denver Legion's expense. Marshal Foch and General Pershing have been invited to be guests of honor on this night, and the general public will not be admitted. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Wednesday matinee will be open to all.

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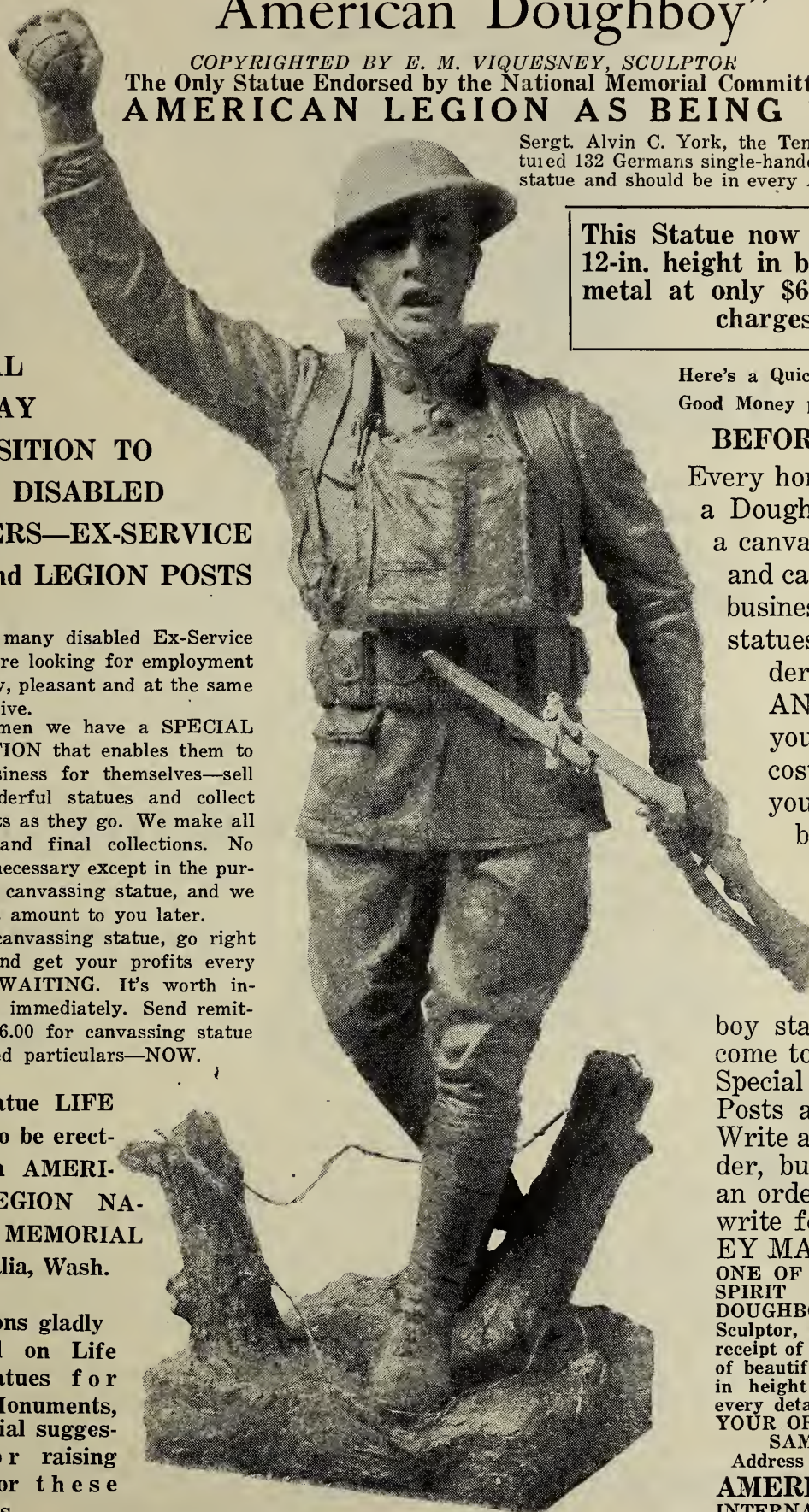
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# OFFICIAL PROGRAM

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

MONDAY OCTOBER 31st

Convention Hall, 13th and Central Streets

A. M.

8:30 Music.

9:00 Call to Order by National Commander, John G. Emery, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Invocation—National Chaplain, the Rev. John W. Inzer, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Addresses of welcome by Hon. James M. Cowgill, Mayor of Kansas City; Dr. Harry F. Parker, Commander, Department of Missouri.

Response for the American Legion.

Report of Committees:

- A. Credentials.
- B. Permanent Organization.
- C. Rules.

Presentation of Vice-President Calvin Coolidge.

Reports of National Officers:

- A. Commander John G. Emery.
- B. Adjutant Lemuel Bolles.
- C. Treasurer, Robert H. Tyndall.
- D. National Judge Advocate Robert A. Adams.
- E. National Historian Eben Putnam.
- F. National Chaplain Rev. John W. Inzer, D. D.

Committee Reports:

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12:00 Memorial Service to National Commander Frederick W. Galbraith, Jr., who lost his life in the service of The American Legion at Indianapolis, Indiana, June 9th, 1921.

- A. Prayer by Rev. John F. Herget, Cincinnati, Ohio.
  - B. Memorial Address by Milton J. Foreman, of Illinois.
- Music by Madame Schumann-Heink.
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12:30 Adjournment.

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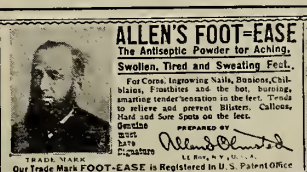
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# Official Program

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 31st

## AFTERNOON SESSION

P. M.

1:30 Music.

2:00 Convention called to order.

Addresses by distinguished guests:

General Armando Diaz, Commander-in-Chief of Italian forces.

Music led by John R. Jones.

Lieutenant-General Baron Jacques, Commander Iron Division  
of the Belgian Army.

Major-General John A. Lejeune, United States Marine Corps.

Greetings from official representatives of other organizations:

American Federation of Labor.

Grand Army of the Republic.

United Confederate Veterans.

Spanish-American War Veterans.

British Legion.

Great War Veterans—Canada.

Committee Reports.

Unfinished Business.

New Business.

5:00 Adjournment.

## EVENING SESSION

8:15 Music.

8:30 Convention called to order.

Addresses by distinguished guests:

Admiral of the Grand Fleet, Earl Beatty, G. C. B., England.

Admiral Coontz, United States Navy.

Adjournment.

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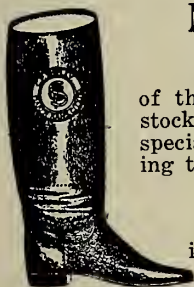
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

## MORNING SESSION.

### A. M.

8:15 Band concert.

8:30 Convention called to order.

Committee Reports.

Unfinished Business.

New Business.

9:00 Reception of Marshal Ferdinand Foch, Commander-in-Chief Allied Army.

General John J. Pershing, United States Army.

11:00 Dedication of Liberty Memorial Site (see separate Memorial Program, page 124).

### P. M.

2:00 American Legion Parade.

## EVENING SESSION.

7:00 State dinner to Distinguished Guests and Officers of the Legion, Hotel Baltimore.

8:00 Convention Hall. Called to order.

8:30 Unfinished Business.

10:00 Adjournment.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

## MORNING SESSION.

A. M.

8:30 Music.

9:00 Convention called to order.

Presentation of Charles Bertrand, President of the Inter-Allied Veterans' Association, member of the "Chambre des Deputes", by Alton T. Roberts, Chairman National Committee on Distinguished Guests, Marquette, Michigan.

9:30 Committee Reports.

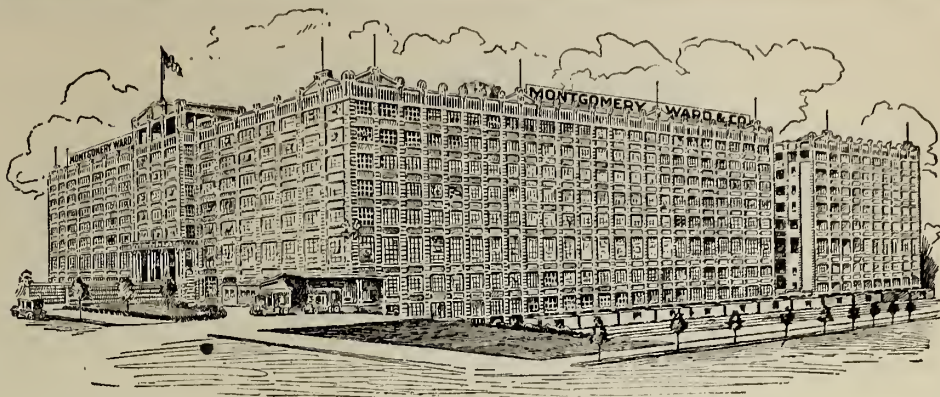
Unfinished Business.

New Business.

Election of Officers.

Official presentation of Trophies in Aerial Meet and Band Contest.

Adjournment.



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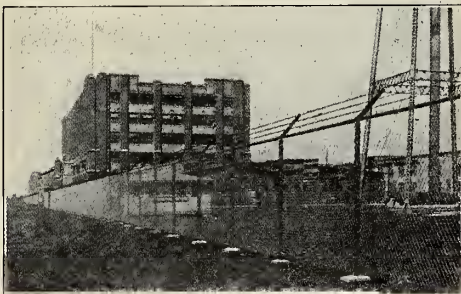
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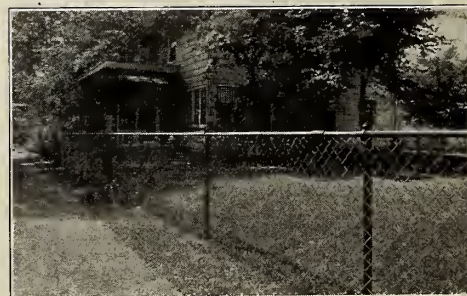
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The American Legion City Hospital Committee calls your attention to the fact that this is one of the best functioning hospitals in the government service and urges that you do not leave the city without inspecting it and learning the work that is going on. Go out there and see how the men are faring, and do not leave the city without giving a word of cheer to your "buddies," "for whom the war is not yet over."

## Grand Military Ball

Convention Hall - Tuesday Evening

9 P. M. - November 1st

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Convention Hall - Tuesday Evening

7:30 P. M. - November 1st

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October 31st, 1921  
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# The States Greet The Legion

(Editor's Note—The following messages have been received as a greeting to the American Legion from the various governors and the states over which they preside:)

## CALIFORNIA

The American Legion is a wonderful organization, patriotic in purpose, constructive and conservative in its policies and destined to play a most important part in keeping the American people the freest, the best governed, the most liberty loving, law and order observing nation on earth.

WM. D. STEPHENS, Governor.

## WYOMING

I have been much interested in the American Legion, and have been hopeful that eventually practically every man who wore the uniform of this country in the great war would be enrolled in the Legion. I feel that the Legion itself can be of great service and help to the ex-service man, and further, on account of the principles for which the American Legion stands, that it can be of great benefit to the country. The efforts of such an organization, properly directed, can result in great good and do much to bring about better government, and also to back up in times of emergency officials of the various states and of the nation.

ROBERT D. CAREY, Governor.

## FLORIDA

With zealous pride I greet the American Legion in its Third Annual Convention. Each member is a living sponsor for our warriors who, in the Great Beyond, know, as we cannot know, how glorious it is to die for one's country. Your patriotism is inspired by the ideal that it is equally glorious to live for one's country.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

## MAINE

The American Legion has already justified its existence by its unselfish work for the moral and material welfare of the American Soldiers of the World War, and has already become a factor in the councils of this nation. Its aims are lofty, its leaders sincere, and its members are determined to make a definite contribution toward maintaining the traditions of our country.

May the American Legion's influence for good increase with each passing year.

PERCIVAL B. BAXTER, Governor.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

I am very glad to send a brief message of greetings and congratulations to the American Legion at its third annual convention in your city. This organization of the men who saved the world already has shown itself an important factor for good in our national life and with the best wishes of the entire nation behind it the future holds tremendous possibilities for achievements of usefulness and honor to be added to its record.

ALBERT O. BROWN, Governor.

## IDAHO

Any organization having such high purposes as the American Legion, and whose members have shown their mettle as you men have, is certain of a long, influential career. To wish you success would be presumptuous. I congratulate you upon your accomplishments.

D. W. DAVIS, Governor.

## CONNECTICUT

The work done by your organization is certainly of the highest order. The assistance given in the administration of our Soldier Relief Fund has been patriotic, earnest and efficient. In these early days of your organization, mistakes will probably be made, but we are assured by the quality of the service already rendered that the result of these mistakes will be unimportant and almost unrecognizable when compared with the magnitude of good.

EVERETT J. LAKE, Governor.

## MISSOURI

Missouri greets the American Legion. The whole nation is proud of its deeds in the past, of its will for the future. America looks to the Legion for the preservation of those lofty ideals and free institutions in time of peace with the same sure confidence as it did in time of war, knowing that she will not be disappointed.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, Governor.

## WASHINGTON

The American Legion—not now but in the future. Not what it has accomplished, but what it will accomplish. Upon the shoulders of the boys who fought the great war will fall the task of preserving the principles for which they fought. The Grand Army passes, the American Legion ascends.

LEWIS F. HART, Governor.

## MISSISSIPPI

Allow me to tender my cordial greetings for a most pleasant and profitable session. America is grateful for your most excellent services in the recent war. You have followed in the footsteps of our forefathers and have met the tests in accordance with the highest traditions of this Republic. In the times of peace, we believe you will serve this country as unselfishly and patriotically as you did in times of war.

LEE M. RUSSELL, Governor.

## OREGON

It gives me extreme pleasure to send this brief greeting to the American Legion, assembled in its third annual convention. The three years of existence of your organization has demonstrated its splendid worth. I trust the third convention will be the most successful of any you have held and I look to see the American Legion grow in strength as a powerful factor in the development of everything right and just in the life of our nation.

BEN W. OLCOTT, Governor.

## UTAH

Loyalty to the tenets set forth in our preamble will make the American Legion one of the greatest constructive and defensive forces in the nation.

In greeting the organization through its delegates in convention assembled I wish to extend my sincere hopes that the teachings of this inspiring instrument shall be more generally promulgated.

CHAS. R. MABEY, Governor.  
Legionnaire.



# The States Greet The Legion

## (Continued)

### COLORADO

The ideals of the men who formed and now maintain the American Legion are the foundation stones of American civilization. As a citizen of the Republic I join you in dedicating the organization to a continued support of those high purposes which have erected and preserved the nation.

OLIVER H. SHOUP, Governor.

### VERMONT

Vermont sends greetings to the members of the American Legion in convention at Kansas City. There is no more important organization on the planet than the American Legion. The natural leaders of our national progress are the ex-service men, whose spirit in the advance of civilization makes the best basis for heroic, courageous and sound national policy for times of peace.

JAMES HARTNESS, Governor.

### MASSACHUSETTS

War tests the virility of a nation. It is our glory that America has never failed when tried. May the day come when war shall be at an end. In war or in peace may the nation always have leaders and defenders with character and patriotism of the sort possessed by the men who assemble for national convention of the American Legion.

CHANNING H. COX, Governor.

### NEBRASKA

I congratulate the American Legion upon what it has accomplished in the three years of its existence. I believe that during the next fifty years it will exert a greater influence for progress and an observance of the principles of government underlying the Republic than any other organization.

SAMUEL R. M'KELVIE, Governor.

### OHIO.

Ohio post of the 1920 convention sends its greetings to the nation's patriotic young manhood, of which your organization is representative. We wish you a most successful session and unceasing progress in the fulfillment of your aims and purposes. We believe Ohio will approve adjusted compensation for service men.

HARRY L. DAVIS, Governor.

### ARIZONA.

Arizona, baby state of the nation, extends greetings to the defenders of our country in convention assembled and in this inadequate way acknowledges the debt of gratitude placed upon us by their heroic sacrifices. May the American Legion ever continue a present potent factor for the upholding of those principals which assure the perpetuity of popular government.

THOMAS E. CAMPBELL, Governor.

### WISCONSIN.

Kindly convey to your delegates assembled the greetings and well wishes of our state. Adherence to the fundamental principles of our government and mutual aid and assistance for the welfare of service men will bring joy and hope for the future to all.

JOHN J. BLAINE,  
Governor.

### MARYLAND

America's appreciation of the service and sacrifice of her sons will never diminish.

I hope the spirit of devotion to country will be perpetuated in your organization, composed of those who have already shown this spirit and will be reflected in your resolutions and activities. This record to serve as a monument to the great brotherhood of service men and an inspiration to posterity.

ALBERT C. RITCHIE, Governor.

### ARKANSAS

Please convey to the third national convention of American Legion my best wishes. The American Legion in Arkansas stands for the best in society and government. I am sure this is characteristic of the organization generally. Our common country should be proud of the Legion.

THOMAS C. M'RAE, Governor.

### IOWA

As Chief Executive of Iowa, I extend the cordial salutations of the Commonwealth to the American Legion at Kansas City. The great State remembers with increasing gratitude the incomparable sacrifices you suffered, and it exults with abounding pride in the imperishable glory you achieved. May Heaven bless you, one and all, now and evermore.

A. E. KENDALL, Governor.

### NEVADA.

I send you Nevada's greeting on the fifty-seventh birthday of this "Battleborn State." Nevada sent more than seven and one-half per cent of her entire population to fight with you and looks with pride on that second grand army of the Republic which you represent. Long life to you.

EMMET D. BOYLE,  
Governor.

### OH LET ME SLEEP IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders Fields, O let me sleep,  
And wake me not and never weep  
For me. I rest in perfect peace;  
And till all earthly strife shall cease,  
I shall in silence slumber deep.

You do me wrong to stir and sweep  
Away my fondest hopes and keep  
Me from my rest and just release,  
In Flanders Fields.

Disturb me not, but let me sleep  
Right where I am and never weep  
Again, for I shall never cease  
To live and make my light increase,  
As Time rolls on in silence deep,  
In Flanders Fields.

HENRY POLK LOWENSTEIN.



# THE BAND CONTEST

**V**ISITING bands and drum corps, besides covering themselves with glory during this convention of the American Legion, can take home with them cash prizes totaling \$2,100.

This is how it is to be. Bands and drum corps will be scattered through the line of the parade, which is to be held the afternoon of the second day of the convention. Each aggregation will put on its "stunt" as it passes the reviewing stand. By their playing, appearance, march discipline and number of instruments shall they be judged.

No Kansas City band can compete in this contest. It is to be confined strictly to the visiting musicians. Although several of the local musical organizations will be in the parade, their musical output will be ignored by the judges for the band contest.

To be sure that no mistakes are made, each of the visiting bands and drum corps will be identified by a banner to be carried at the head of the aggregation. The local bands also will be identified, but for safety's sake only.

All visiting bands will be judged. No formal entry for the contest is required. Band and drum corps leaders, however, are requested to register on arrival at the contest headquarters in Convention Hall. This formality is desired so that the committee will know how many bands it will have to provide for in the parade.

All visiting musical organizations will be assembled after the parade and organized into a monster concert group. Moving pictures will be made of the spectacle, which, it is believed, will stand for many years as a record.

Edward E. McKeighan is chairman of the band contest committee. Other members are Ernest B. Black, Claude H. Congdon, Bruce Dodson, Jr., Samuel Greenbaum, Paul A. Jenkins, James T. Kemper, Frank K. Lott, James N. Russell and J. Neil Smith.

Judges of the contest are: Carl Busch, H. O. Wheeler and Dr. E. M. Hiner.

The judging in the contest will be on this basis for the bands:

Playing .....	perfect	75 points
Appearance .....	perfect	10 points
March .....	perfect	10 points
Number of instruments.....		5 points

The prizes in the band contest:

First prize .....	\$1,000
Second prize .....	500
Third prize .....	250

Judging points for the drum corps contest:

Playing .....	perfect	50 points
Appearance .....	perfect	20 points
Marching .....	perfect	20 points
Number of instruments.....		10 points

The prizes for the drum corps contest:

First prize .....	\$250
Second prize .....	100

# Parade of the Largest Band and Drum Corps in History

The afternoon of November 2nd, all the Bands and Drum Corps will be assembled as one mammoth band and parade as such.

Moving Pictures will be taken recording this event, which will probably not be surpassed in ages.

**WILL YOU BE THERE?**

All Bands and Drum Corps will report to Band Contest Committee, Convention Hall, at 1 P. M., November 2nd.

# Soldiers of Tomorrow

"The Boy Scouts are out for service; use them."

That is the broad offer made to visiting members of the American Legion and the Women's Auxiliary by Edward C. Wright, scout executive, on behalf of his army of willing workers. There are fifteen hundred of them scattered here and there throughout the activities of this convention, and whoever needs a service and sees a boy in scout uniform needs only to call on him.

These boys, willing and anxious to do a good deed, will be runners for you if you need a messenger; they will lend a shoulder or a hand if you need guidance or assistance; they are capable of rendering first aid in time of need. And there are fifteen hundred of them to call on any time anything is needed anywhere. Isn't that satisfying?

The Boy Scouts' primary duty in the convention is to make this city seem like home to every visitor; render service that will please and help. Mr. Wright has instructed. And, you all know, Boy Scouts obey.

The line of march in the parade will be watched by the police department, but each officer will have at his command a detachment of scouts to help him. They will dart up and down the line of spectators in each block and keep the crowds back from the marchers. They will perform these functions courteously. The crowds can make their task easier by complying with requests. The boys will be insistent and will call help if necessary, for their work will be serious and in some instances urgent. So, get the spirit and make the youngsters' work as easy as possible.

And, at the dedication services for the Liberty Memorial site these boys will be asked to hold the lines against the pushing thousands who will attend the exercises. There, too, your obedience to their instructions is asked. It is all intended to maintain order and give everyone a fair chance to observe the spectacles of the convention.

But the boys are not to be regarded always as "law enforcers." They are merely that for the time being, and as soon as they have completed these two large tasks they will return again to their posts in various parts of the city to serve the wishes of the visitors.

Hundreds of them will be at the information booths to run errands, act as escorts and guides, and do anything which will in any way lighten the worries of visiting Legion men and women of the Auxiliary. Any stranger can call on a uniformed scout and feel assured the scout will perform the task with distinction and pleasure.

Program of  
First National Convention  
**Women's Auxiliary**  
The American Legion

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Sessions at Grand Avenue Temple, 9th and Grand Avenue.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st**

A. M.

- 8:40 Invocation by Dr. Burris Jenkins.
- 8:45 Introduction of Commander John G. Emery, by A. E. Hutchings, General Chairman.
- 9:00 Selection of temporary chairman.
- 10:00 Presentation of Admiral of The Grand Fleet, Earl Beatty, G. C. B., England.
- 10:30 Adjournment for Dedication of Liberty Memorial Site.

P. M.

- 2:00 American Legion Parade.
- 7:00 State Dinner for Distinguished Guests, Mission Hills Country Club.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd**

**MORNING SESSION.**

A. M.

- 8:30 Organ concert.
- 8:45 Convention called to order by temporary chairman. Convention singing led by Ethel Lee Buxton.
- 9:05 Invocation by Rev. John W. Inzer (National Chaplain).
- 9:15 Presentation of General John J. Pershing and Marshal Foch, commander-in-chief of the Allied Armies.
- 9:30 Convention business—election officers, etc.
- 12:00 Adjournment.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

P. M.

- 1:00 Band concert.
- 1:15 Convention called to order.
- 1:20 Singing by Ethel Lee Buxton.
- 1:30 Convention business.
- 4:30 Adjournment for Delegates' Tea at Women's City Club.

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- 3:00 to 5:30 Tea for Ex-Service Nurses at Hotel Muehlebach, Monday, October 31st.





1. Albert E. Hutchings,  
General Chairman.
2. Joseph E. Brown,  
General Secretary.
3. R. Kirk Askew.
4. Chester T. Start.

5. Charles W. Bartlett.
6. Karl D. Klemm.
7. J. B. Nourse.
8. Morton T. Jones.
9. E. M. Stayton.
10. Dennis P. Carey.

## The Convention Executive Committee





11. Ruby D. Garrett.  
 12. Frank J. Dean.  
 13. Edward J. Cahill.  
 14. Jo Zach Miller, III.  
 15. Ben Jacobson.  
 16. Dr. John F. Binnie.

17. Dr. Ernest W. Stusher.  
 18. Inghram D. Hook.  
 19. Mrs. R. B. Teach-  
 enor.  
 20. Walter H. Negbaur.  
 21. Marvin H. Gates.

*of the Third Annual Convention*



# Heroes of the World War, who were decorated with the Congressional Medal of Honor



- (1) Joseph B. Adkinson, Memphis, Tenn.
- (2) Garey E. Foster, Inman, S. C.
- (3) Ernest A. Jansen, New York City.
- (4) Harold A. Furlong, Pontiac, Mich.
- (5) Thos. A. Pope, Chicago, Ill.
- (6) Earle D. Gregory, Chase City, Va.
- (7) Nelson M. Holderman, Washington, D. C.

- (8) John C. Villepigne, Camden, S. C.
- (9) Richmond Helton, Westville, S. C.
- (10) Arthur J. Forest, Hannibal, Mo.
- (11) Ralyn Hill, Byron, Ill.
- (12) Philip C. Katz, San Francisco, Calif.
- (13) Louis Van Iersal, Passaic, N. J.

- (14) Harold Turner, Seminole, Okla.
- (15) John L. Barkley, Blairstown, Mo.
- (16) Clayton K. Slack, Lampson, Wis.
- (17) H. I. Johnston, Denver, Colo.
- (18) Alan L. Eggers, New York City.
- (19) M. Waldo Hatler, Kansas City, Mo.
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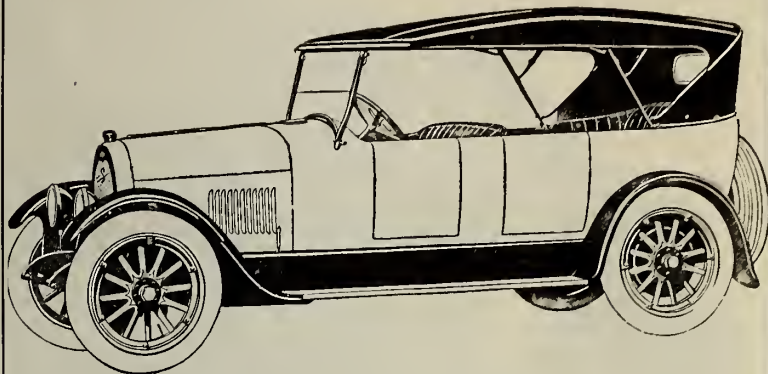
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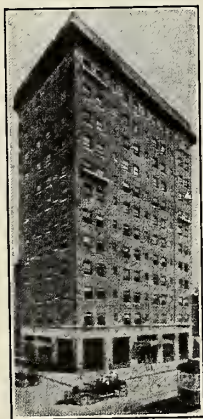
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Established only fifteen months ago, the News Service is recognized by newspaper men as one of the most efficient news distributing organizations in the United States.

The News Service collects, writes and distributes to the press of the country news and pictures of Legion activities; prepares special bulletins, pamphlets, memoranda, etc., for national headquarters, and acts as advisor to national headquarters on matters of Legion activity and policy as affect the general public by medium of the press.

Through arrangements with the Associated Press, United Press and International News Service, the Legion's organization sends wire stories to 20,000,000 readers in all parts of the country. Feature articles are released in the mail by means of the same services. The Western Newspaper Union is provided with two columns of Legion news and pictures every week, which appear in 2,500 newspapers. The Newspaper Enterprise Association, Central Press Association and a number of other features and picture syndicates also co-operate with the Legion News Service in enlightening the readers of America with respect to the Legion.

The News Service also maintains its own distributing machinery, which reaches about 1,500 daily newspapers and 3,500 weeklies. Legion and ex-service newspapers and magazines obtain their national Legion news through News Service releases.

All Legion national convention publicity, both local and national, is handled by staff writers of the News Service. This includes arrangements for placing the convention news in the hands of the writers and correspondents of the biggest newspapers in the country.

Headquarters of the News Service are at 627 West 43rd Street, New York City. Branch offices are located at Indianapolis, Washington and, temporarily, at national convention headquarters, Kansas City, Mo.

Although the aim of the American Legion News Service is the propagation of Legion ideals, it is in no sense an organization of propaganda. Its motto is, "Facts, Not Opinions." It deals with actual news events.

To this working spirit may be attributed its enviable reputation and standing with the national press.

## INFORMATION SERVICE

**W**HERE do we go from here?" was the oft-repeated query that became a classic, along with "When do we eat?" back in the days when such little details of life were done by the numbers, and according to the drill reg.

The convention Information Bureau is on the job to solve all problems for the Legionnaire and visitor. It is the bureau's purpose to tell you all you want to know.

In the first place, the Legionnaire and visitor should register at the earliest opportunity, and first tell all that is required concerning himself. The information service is working in close liaison with the registration committee, and such data is used when your buddy comes to the information booth to locate you. Similarly, you can find where your buddy is "hanging out," if he has registered.

Information booths are located in Convention Hall, Baltimore Hotel, Muehlebach Hotel, Savoy Hotel, and the Coates House, in addition to the six booths on various street corners in the down-town district. In the outlying districts booths will be conducted at the Y. M. C. A., at

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A circular, "Where To Go," which sets forth the numerous entertainments and attractions of the city and the convention will be available for applicants at all the booths. The information bureau also will issue a daily bulletin concerning additional attractions that will come up. Ben Jacobson is chairman of the information service, and the registration is under the direction of Edward Cahill, the state adjutant of Missouri.

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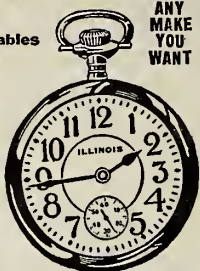


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