

VAIL MEDAL PRE-TENTED WOMAN

Mrs. Mildred Lothrop, Who Saved Hundreds From Flood, Given Award.

RECEIVES MEDAL AND \$1,000

Frank H. Forrest, of Dakota City, who Also Distinguished Himself During the Flood, Received Secondary Award.

Homer, Neb.—Two thousand persons from northwest Nebraska, Omaha and Sioux City witnessed the presentation of medals and money awards to Mrs. Mildred Lothrop of Homer and Frank Forrest, Dakota City, Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. employees, who on May 31, 1920, during a flood following a cloudburst distinguished themselves by remaining at their posts, notifying the populace of the danger, at the same time risking their own lives.

The medals and awards are known as the Theodore N. Vail awards for noteworthy public service.

Mrs. Lothrop, at the time of the flood was in charge of the Bell company's office at Homer. She was awarded a gold medal and \$1,000 in gold.

Mr. Forrest at the time of the flood was manager of the Bell's lines in northwest Nebraska, with headquarters at Dakota City. He was awarded a silver medal and \$250.

Presentation of the medals was made by W. B. Bell of Omaha, president of the Northwestern Bell company. Addresses were made by Governor McKelvie, Guy H. Pratt, vice president of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Co.; H. G. Taylor, chairman of the Nebraska state railway commission, and Thomas Ashford, mayor of Homer.

Troops Restore Quiet in Mine Field. Pittsburg, Kan.—Arrival of National guard troops, the issuing of an order directing all "loyal union" men back to work and steps by authorities for the prosecution of women mob leaders were developments in the Kansas coal field. This district has been in a furor all week over activities of women strike sympathizers who sought to deter nonstriking miners from working.

Guardsmen had established camps in Franklin, Ringo and Mulberry, mining communities which have been the scenes of most serious disorders.

Urges Suspension of Immigration. Washington, D. C.—Suspension of immigration for five years was advocated before the house immigration committee by J. T. Taylor, vice chairman of the American Legion legislative committee, who said the Legion had gone on record in opposition to the assistance into the United States of any aliens except husbands, wives and minor children of naturalized citizens.

Strike Appears at Deadlock. Chicago, Ill.—Both union officials and spokesmen for the packers indicated that the strike of packing house workers had apparently developed into a deadlock not likely to end immediately unless the government intervenes.

Secretary of Labor Davis conferred with federal labor conciliators and expected to hold further meetings.

Popocatepetl in Violent Eruption. San Antonio, Tex.—Wireless warning relayed from Mexico City to Point Isabel, picked up here, stated that Popocatepetl is in violent eruption and that all towns in the vicinity have been warned that the eruptions are the most serious of any since the volcano suddenly started to spout ashes and lava two days ago.

Open Municipal Meat Shop. Kansas City, Mo.—Kansas City's mayor has started a municipal meat shop in order to ascertain whether or not the retail prices of meats are too high. Nothing but best will be sold, but careful estimate of all costs will be made, and butchers are warned not to cut prices in order to compete with it, to raise them again if it were put out of business.

Flu Epidemic on the Rhine. Coblenz.—Many of the American soldiers are in the hospital suffering from influenza, which is epidemic. There are at present 150 cases of the disease, which is of a very moderate type.

First State Dinner at White House. Washington, D. C.—President and Mrs. Harding gave their first state dinner, entertaining in honor of the members of the cabinet and their wives. There were about sixty guests present.

Decorate Medal of Honor Men. Washington, D. C.—American soldiers who won the congressional medal of honor during the war will receive the Italian war cross. It was announced. They will be presented this month.

Reclassify Federal Workers. Washington, D. C.—Reclassification of the federal government's civilian employees, with the exception of those in the postal service, for standardizing salaries is provided in a bill passed by the house.

AGREE ON NAVAL RATIOS

American 5-5-3 Plan Adopted But Total Tonnage is Slightly Increased. Britain Will Build Two.

Washington, D. C.—The first great stride toward a five-power treaty limiting naval armaments was taken when the United States, Great Britain and Japan announced a final agreement on the American 5-5-3 ratio.

The next step—elaboration of the agreement to include France and Italy—was initiated immediately within the new naval committee of fifteen.

Under the plan, Japan retains the superdreadnought Mutsu instead of the old battleship Setsu, and the United States retains two additional ships of the Maryland class instead of the Delaware and North Dakota.

Great Britain as an equivalent will build two superdreadnoughts similar to the Maryland and Mutsu types but of greater tonnage, scrapping four old battleships of the original retained list suggested by the American plan.

The agreement includes a status quo understanding on fortifications of the Pacific islands in open waters and exclusive of Hawaii and islands off the Japanese, Australian and New Zealand coasts.

With these exceptions the agreement coincides with the original plan of limitations, but questions as to submarines, possible modifications of the ten-year naval holiday and tonnage allowances in aircraft carriers and other auxiliary types are reserved for consideration by the new naval committee of fifteen.

Under the agreement, it was originally estimated that the United States would save from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 over the original proposal of the American government.

Increase Number of U. S. Judges.

Washington, D. C.—By a vote of 197 to 90 the Walsh bill providing for appointment of 22 additional federal district judges was passed by the house and sent to the senate after an amendment which would have required federal judges to devote all their time to judicial duties had been ruled out on a point of order.

Creation of the judgeships was advocated by Chief Justice Taft, Attorney General Daugherty and a group of federal judges and district attorneys which made a survey to determine the causes and extent of docket congestion in various districts and the means of expediting the handling of cases. Districts to which new judges will be allotted under the bill included Montana, Arizona, Northern California, Southern California, Northern Texas, Middle Tennessee and Southern Florida, one each.

New Altitude Record Made.

Washington, D. C.—A new altitude record for two-engine airplanes has been established, according to officers of the army air service, by Lieut. Leigh Wade, attached to McCook field, Dayton, O.

An official report received here stated that on December 8 he reached the height of 25,000 feet in a bombing plane, equipped with a "super charger," when his gas supply gave out and he was forced to descend.

To Raise Salary of German President.

Berlin.—President Ebert is now paid a salary equal to \$2,000 a year. Consequently, the reichstag budget commission has agreed to raise his stipend, in view of present high prices and hard times. The president also is to be given an expense allowance of 400,000 marks in addition to his salary of 300,000 marks.

Would Pay Transportation.

Washington, D. C.—Parents and wives of former service men who died overseas and whose bodies have not been brought back, would be furnished free transportation to Europe by the government if they wish to visit the graves, under a bill introduced in the house.

Members of Congress Takes Life.

Washington, D. C.—The body of Representative John A. Elston of California, who has been missing, was found floating in the Potomac river. A note found in the congressman's coat said he was caught in "a chain of circumstances which spelled ruin."

Marine Guard May Face Court-Martial.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Denby announced that Marine Mail Guard Hanson, who shot a civilian in Wisconsin while guarding a mail train, would be tried by a naval court-martial if investigation warrants it.

Schooner Reported Burned at Sea.

Washington, D. C.—The American schooner Blue Peter, owned by the Wyanogre Line, Inc., burned at sea on December 12, according to a report to the state department from the American legation at Montevideo, Uruguay.

Use German Property of Offset Claims.

Washington, D. C.—The use of German property seized by the United States government to offset American claims against Germany was recommended to congress by Thomas W. Miller, alien property custodian.

Japanese Rear Admirals Discharged.

Washington, D. C.—In anticipation of a naval limitation agreement, ten rear admirals of the Japanese navy have received honorable discharges, according to advices which reached the Japanese delegation headquarters.



That pictured halo o'er the Saviour's head
No shepherd saw, no wisdom's men beheld;
'Tis but a fancy, cunningly bespread
By loving art, that thus His glory spelled.

Yet no mere idle fancy unveiled
With peace the Child born to this troubled sphere,
More than the myrrh, and frankincense, and gold
The painter in his vision pictured here:

For this small peace must ever grater grow
Till all the world shall bend beneath its bow.



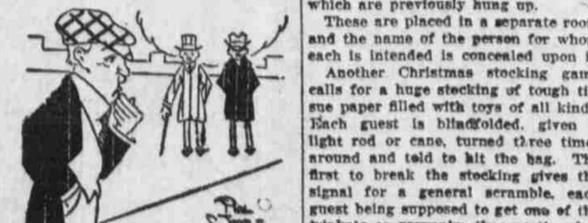
Christmas Festival

THE INSTITUTION of the festival of the birth of the Saviour is attributed by some authorities to Pope Telesphorus, who died A. D. 138.

In the early days of the Christian religion it was one of the most movable of feasts, being often confounded with the Epiphany and celebrated by the eastern churches in April and May. In the fourth century the urgency of St. Cyril of Jerusalem obtained from Pope Julius I. an order for an investigation to be made concerning the day of Christ's nativity. The result of the inquiry, made by theologians of the East and the West, was an agreement upon the twenty-fifth of December.

As told in the gospel of St. Luke, Christ was born in the night. Therefore, divine service is performed on the night of December 24-25. It is the custom in Roman Catholic churches to usher in Christmas day by the celebration of three masses, one at midnight, the second at early dawn, and the third in the morning. This custom dates from the sixth century.

Preparatory to Christmas the bells



Jones—Christmas will be a sad day for Twobble.
Smith—Why so?
Jones—He'll have to give up the toy steam engines, automobiles, railroad trains and airplanes he's been playing with every night for the past two weeks.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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GOES TO PRISON FOR BUDDY

Harry W. Haley, Canadian Soldier, Serves Time to Save No Man's Land Comrade.

A story of personal sacrifice, unique in annals of the World War, is that of Harry W. Haley, who served in Leavenworth prison to repay a war-time buddy for his life. Haley has written the American Legion the first account of his action.



Wounded and left in no man's land, Haley, a Canadian soldier, was slowly dying from loss of blood when he was picked up by Private Thomas G. Jones, an American. After taking his buddy to safety, Jones disappeared. Back in the lines again, Haley was captured by the Germans and lost all trace of his rescuer.

On May 20, 1921, Haley arrived at the home of his sweetheart in Canada. His wedding was to occur at 8 o'clock and the guests were assembled.

Then Private Jones reappeared. He had deserted the army at Fort Slocum, N. Y., because, he said, they were going to send him back to Germany. He was suffering from mustard gas burns and had a wife and two children dependent upon him.

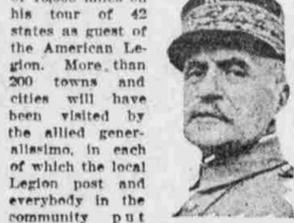
Haley acted quickly. Telling Jones to return to his wife and keep quiet, he informed his fiancée of his intention. She declined to wait while he served the term Jones would have to spend in prison. At the hour of the wedding Haley took a train for St. Paul, Minn. He gave himself to the first police officer he encountered, declaring he was Private Thomas G. Jones, wanted for desertion.

Tried by court-martial at Fort Crook, Neb., Haley was sentenced to dishonorable discharge and six months in prison. He had served all but 18 days of his sentence when authorities, by checking fingerprints and identification learned of the substitution. The Legion is petitioning President Harding to purge the dishonorable discharge from Haley's record.

NOTED LEGION GUEST BUSY

Marshal Foch Nearing End of Tour of Forty-Two States and Jaunt That Totals 16,000 Miles.

When Marshal Foch sails for Paris and much needed rest, he will have traveled a total of 16,000 miles on his tour of 42 states as guest of the American Legion. More than 200 towns and cities will have been visited by the allied generalissimo, in each of which the local Legion post and everybody in the community put forward their best to entertain the French hero.



The Legion tour takes Marshal Foch from coast to coast and from New Orleans to Minneapolis. Despite his seventy years, the eating of artistically gotten up banquets which are more or less digestible, and almost as many speeches each day as there are hours, the marshal will go back to France "feeling fine." He likewise withstood the administration of the degree of L.L.D. conferred upon him by 17 universities and colleges.

One of the marshal's last photographs, taken in an unguarded moment, depicts his "fighting face," according to his aide's, American Legion members of the Foch party, however, declare it moreover shows the effects of the long strain on the allied leader.

Above the Draft Age.

John Sylvester Myers, one hundred and two years old, walked from his home at Lime Ridge to Bloomsburg, Pa., to address a meeting of the Bloomsburg post of the American Legion. Myers told how he tried to get into service during the World war, but was rejected, because he was "above the draft age." The centenarian told an interesting story of his life. He had served in the Mexican and Civil wars, and was rejected from service during the Spanish-American war because of his age. He has also served in the navy. He has been married three times, his last marriage being at the age of ninety-two. "I feel just as good as I ever did," declared the veteran.

He is Not Dead but Sleepeth.

"So the sailors are dead," mourned the overseas veteran, returning to the land of the free, for the first time since 1917.

"Yes," answered his friend cheerily, "but you can communicate with their spirits."—Evan Legion Weekly.

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No Offense.

Chairman Lasker of the shipping board said, in an interview:

"These men are taking needless offense. They were taking offense where none is intended.

"A tall, gaunt, vinegar-faced woman walked into Wawa station one day and said to the ticket agent:

"Give me a ticket for Chester Heights."

"Single?" asked the agent.

"The woman's eyes flashed steely sparks.

"None o' yer darn business," she hissed. "Goot knows, though, I might have married a dozen times over if I'd been willin' to grab onto some shiftless, potty-faced monkey like yourself."

Cuticura for Pimply Faces.

To remove pimples and blackheads smear them with Cuticura Ointment. Wash off in five minutes with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Once clear keep your skin clear by using them for daily toilet purposes. Don't fail to include Cuticura Taleum. Advertisement.

The Height of Deception.

"Why were you not suspicious of that thief who grabbed a tray of diamonds and darted out of the door?"

"He disarmed suspicion," said the jeweler.

"Yes?"

"He said he wanted to look at some engagement rings, and the fellow asked the part so well he actually stammered and turned red."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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