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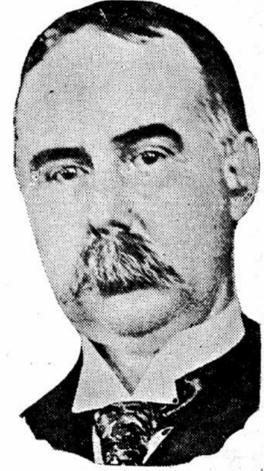
## MINE FIELDS LAID.

### Entrances to Important Harbors Are Quickly Protected.

## COAST ARTILLERY IS READY.

Every Square Foot of Water Near Port of New York Made Unsafe Even For Rowboat—Rear Admiral Knight Set About Safeguarding Narragansett Bay Naval District.

Washington.—When the break with Germany came two of the most elaborate and intricate mine fields that a nation ever devised for the safeguarding of a city's water gates were planned by the coast artillery and the corps of engineers to protect the entrances to the waters immediately about New York. It was a task which was completed in all save the last detail, the actual laying of the mines, and these were stored by hundreds at Fort Totten and Sandy Hook, ready for the message from the war department which would send the mine layers out with their gingerly handled burdens. The aggressiveness and determination with which an attack can be delivered are a lesson of the European war which has not been lost upon the military and naval officials of this country.



REAR ADMIRAL KNIGHT.

It has certainly proved of vast value to the coast artillery, which as a second and third line of defense will be entrusted with the defense of New York. The first line is the navy, the fourth is the mobile army.

Newport, R. I., the seat of a torpedo factory, a mine base, fuel station, munition magazines, the naval war college and other departments of high naval importance, was formally transferred from the control of Collector of Customs Fitzsimmons to Rear Admiral Austin M. Knight. The latter immediately set about protecting the harbor and the entire Narragansett bay naval district against any emergency.

Mines were collected at Fort Greble and Adams ready for distribution in the waters of the harbor approaches. Every strategic center was placed under double guard, the public was refused admission and troops refused leave of absence except in special instances. Officers received what is known as the "mobilization state," indicating the posts which they will be called upon to fill in the event of an actual mobilization order.

The naval torpedo factory was especially busy. Extra time by workers and operation in shifts have been ordered, while efforts were made to recruit 400 additional machinists. Three torpedo boat destroyers, with a full quota of torpedoes, are protecting the factory and ready at the same time to perform such other duties as the commandant may order.

## "IT'S REAL SPORT."

This Fighting of Duels in Air, Aviator on Furlough Says.

Cleveland, O.—"It's real sport," said Robert Rockwell, a member of the French aviation service, who is home on a furlough.

"The Americans in the service," said Rockwell, "look upon it as sport. They forget it is war. When we come back and, laughing, tell how some enemy birdman escaped, our officers remind us we are 'at war.'"

Rockwell went to France two years ago as a member of the hospital service. He joined the air squad last March. He will rejoin the service on the Somme front. His cousin, Kiffin Rockwell, was killed in an air duel.

## U. S. LAYS SUBMARINE NET.

It Blocks Entrance to Hampton Roads and Is Two Miles Long.

Norfolk, Va.—As a protection against hostile submarines a powerful steel net has been placed in Hampton Roads between Fort Wool and the government pier at Fort Monroe. The net blocks entrance to the entire channel of the roads and affords absolute protection to Fort Monroe and Old Point Comfort.

The net was laid with so much secrecy that its presence was not known until masters of vessels were forbidden to pass over it without authority from the commanding officer of the navy patrol boats now on duty in the roads. The net is about two miles long. Its efficiency was proved by the capture of the steamship Madison.

## WRIGHT MAY ORGANIZE AERIAL ARMY FOR U. S.

### Favors Small, High Climbing Plane With but a Single Gun.

Dayton, O.—Orville Wright, inventor of the aeroplane, announced that in case of war with Germany he would abandon his private affairs and offer his services to the government to help organize an aerial army.

"While I could not duplicate Henry Ford's offer to manufacture war machines because I have disposed of my interests in the manufacturing end of the business," Wright asserted, "I certainly will do everything I can for the country."

"We have a pitifully small number of military and licensed civilian pilots to meet an emergency, but that need not trouble us a great deal if we meet the situation promptly."

"It takes but about two weeks to develop and train a good military aerial observer. It takes two weeks more to make him a competent fighting man."

"As for the type of aerial defense, I would favor the small, high climbing plane, light and unarmored except for a single gun. It can jump in and do a lot of damage and get away while heavier planes are getting started."

"I would be especially against the manufacture of Zeppelins or dirigibles except for observation purposes. As an offensive weapon in war the Zeppelin has been a flat failure."

## UNCLE SAM SWAMPED WITH-SPY APPLICANTS

### Several Linguists Say They Could Make Themselves Agreeable to Foreign Diplomats.

Washington.—Uncle Sam will never run short of spies. He has been fairly swamped with applications for appointments in the secret service since the diplomatic break with Germany.

Judging by the number of applications coming in, every family must have at least one husky young movie fan who yearns for the exciting life of a daring, dashing, omnipresent, well dressed, swagger and handsome secret service agent, spending the winter in Florida watching foreign diplomats and spies, with nothing much to do except keep his flannel trousers well creased all the time so that he may be ready on a moment's notice to rush out from ambush, hop in an automobile to follow some fair foreign enchantress to a secret rendezvous, there to make the grim, stern, heart-breaking choice between enchantress and cold, gloomy duty, nobly rising to the occasion, grabbing her traveling bag and returning with the plans and specifications of an explosive doughnut to the waiting chief of the secret service in Washington.

Of course all the present war fever applicants for jobs in the secret service have special qualifications. Several of them know foreign languages. Many of them are expert dancers and could make themselves agreeable to foreign diplomats and their families, particularly the diplomatic daughters, who are bound to "leak" a lot of state secrets to a first class fox trotter maybe.

## RIDS TOWN OF TRAMPS.

### "Knights of Road" Confronted With Sign of Skull and Bones.

Nesquehoning, Pa.—While almost every other community throughout the state and probably throughout the entire country is being bothered with the tramp nuisance, these "knights of the road" are giving Nesquehoning a wide berth.

One day a "Weary Willie" had the audacity to come into the town and attempt to eke out an existence without working. It was decided to rid the town of him and thereby discourage others from leading a free and easy life. Various ways were discussed, and it was finally decided to place him in a barrel and roll him down a hill. Before being put into the barrel he said:

To Nesquehoning I bid adieu, And I'll never come back again to see you. He reached the bottom of the hill, more dead than alive and after extricating himself made a dash for the wilds of Brown mountain. That was the last ever seen of him. His treatment reached the ears of many other tramps, who to this day fear even to pass through the town.

## "SHORT SKIRTS MAKE 'EM EAT"

### Lecturer Would Cut Living Coat by Changing Fashions.

Philadelphia.—Short skirts and silk stockings made a girl eat so much she becomes bad tempered.

An inch from the skirt means a pound of beefsteak inside. Highly colored dresses are very dangerous and make a girl irritable. A calico dress is better than imitation silk.

A woman's first duty is to make herself as beautiful as she can. These are a few excerpts from the law of clothes laid down by Miss Jane Newcomb, a State college extension lecturer, in a talk to a group of women at the Friends' Central school.

Miss Newcomb first gave warning that the less a girl wears the more she must eat to keep warm. In the day of short skirts and high living costs Miss Newcomb has in her investigation into the folly of fashions come to the conclusion that to lengthen the skirt is to shorten the grocer's bill.

## MOUNTAIN TRAIL BELLS TO HELP OUT TRAVELERS

### Located Thousands of Feet Above Sea Level in Rockies.

Denver.—Travelers accustomed to the sound of fog bells on the Atlantic or Pacific coast will be amazed, perchance, to hear the warning ring next summer from 10,000 to 14,000 feet above the sea level in the Rocky mountains.

The tragic end of the Rev. Thornton R. Sampson of Texas, who disappeared in the Rocky Mountain National park while on a walking tour, has resulted in plans to safeguard the precipitous and dangerous trails of the park.

L. C. Way, supervisor of the Colorado playground, has devised the plan of having fog bells scattered along the trails at intervals from a quarter to a half mile apart on Flat Top, Longs peak, Halletts glacier and Halletts peak. The bells will be of deep tone and will be operated by a system similar to weather vanes.

The bells will be placed on posts about seven feet high. Suspended over the bell will be a small, light wooden paddle. The slightest breeze will tilt the paddle and ring the bell. There probably would not be one day in the year when the breeze would be insufficient to ring the bell.

While the mountains are not too dangerous for travel, even the most experienced traveler sometimes will lose the trails in the mountains. About 11,000 feet above sea level and above timber line heavy clouds sometimes totally obscure the sight of the traveler. Walking in the face of the wind with his head lowered, he is apt to lose his bearings.

## LARGEST WIRELESS PLANT AT SAN DIEGO

### New \$300,000 Station Is Made Ready For Work After Satisfactory Tests.

San Diego, Cal.—The new \$300,000 wireless telegraph station was recently completed and officially put in commission after suitable tests. It is the largest and most powerful radio station in the western hemisphere and is capable of carrying for 12,000 miles messages from the British fleet cruising in the North sea, from the high powered German plant at Berlin and from American ships and from Australia have been intercepted.

Three units in the globe encircling radio service of the United States are now completed. These are the stations at San Diego, Arlington and Darien (Panama canal zone). A fourth is under construction at Manila.

The three 600 foot aerial towers form a triangle. They contain 1,000,000 pounds of fabricated steel and are the largest radio towers in the world. They are 150 feet in width at the base and eight feet at the apex. They are placed 1,100 feet apart. Huge porcelain insulators embedded in concrete form the base of each leg of the towers.

The receiving room is absolutely sound proof, the walls and floors being padded with asbestos. There are four distinct and complete controlling sets installed in the receiving room, enabling any one of the four operators or all four simultaneously to send and receive messages.

The aerials or antennae weigh sixteen tons and have a sag between towers of 100 feet. They are twice as large as those strung from the Eiffel tower in Paris. The helix is fourteen feet in diameter and eleven feet in height, or nine feet higher than the helix used in ordinary naval and commercial stations.

Undaunted by Submarine Menace, Miss Floretty Sails to Meet Lover.

Philadelphia.—Believing that woman's place is in the home, after all, Miss Nellie Floretty of Liverpool has given up her job in an English munitions factory to marry a Clifton Heights shoemaker.

Hereafter Miss Floretty's pretty hands will make bread instead of bullets. She became the bride of Samuel Koooyomjian, an Armenian shoemaker, employed in a shop at Clifton Heights.

This ending—or perhaps beginning—a romance that had its origin five years ago when Koooyomjian deserted the Turkish army and made his way to Liverpool.

Undaunted by the Kaiser's submarine warfare, Miss Floretty, twenty-three years old, pretty and blond, left Liverpool, landing in New York on the steamer Kronland.

Bible Saves Man's Life.

Philadelphia.—An old Bible tucked in his vest pocket saved the life of George Tustin, forty-four, when, according to the police, his companion and roommate, Frank Hatfield, stabbed him just below the heart. The knife penetrated his breast after passing through the Bible, inflicting a serious wound. Hatfield has been arrested.

## THIS MAN LEARNS TO READ WITH TONGUE

Chicago.—The loss of his sight and both arms in a mine explosion in 1906 failed to cause despondence to William McPherson of Highland Park, Ill. He has since learned to read with his tongue by means of raised letters on porcelain slabs. Now he has been fitted with artificial arms and can feed himself, for the first time in eleven years.

Hannibal Gets Mark Twain's Chair.

Hannibal, Mo.—A willow chair, which was Mark Twain's favorite seat, has been presented to the boyhood home of the humorist in Hannibal by Albert Bigelow Paine. Accompanying it was a photograph taken by Twain seated in the chair in 1909, upon which the humorist wrote: "This is my best, Mark Twain."

## FUNSTON'S ESCAPE

### Narrowly Missed Being Shot by General Fitzhugh Lee.

## LEE DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM.

Captor of Aguinaldo Had Long Hair, Unkempt Beard and Gaunt Appearance and Approached Lee Cautiously, Got Aboard Steamer Next Day Without Arousing Suspicion.

Washington.—There are many stories told here of Major General Fred Funston, whose death occurred recently. One of the stories has to do with General Fitzhugh Lee, now dead, who often told how near he came to shooting the intrepid captor of Aguinaldo, the Filipino chief.

Just before the Maine was blown up General Lee received many threats that he would be killed and was in daily fear of his life. Soon after being warned of a plot to slay him the American consul general at Havana got one of the worst scares in his life.

He was alone in his office when the door opened and one of the worst looking men he had ever seen looked in at him. The man had long hair, unkempt beard and a gaunt appearance. His hat was full of holes, his shoes about all gone, and he had no clothing apparently but a linen duster. He approached General Lee cautiously, and the latter instinctively grasped his revolver. "If that fellow had once put his hand under his duster I am positive I would have shot him without waiting for a word," said General Lee.

Funston was satisfied he had been hired to come and kill me. When he approached me by speaking in Spanish I asked him to speak in English if he was General Lee. I told him I was General Lee. I told him I was and asked him who he was. He said he belonged to the Cuban army, was General Gomez's chief of artillery and wanted to go back to the United States.

"He said he was from Kansas and had heard of the Cubans. I told him he was taking his life in his hands by coming into the Spanish lines and if he was caught they would make quick work of him as a spy."

"He said he didn't care. I was satisfied he was telling the truth and sent him out for a bath and hair cut. When he came back in a new suit of clothes you wouldn't have recognized him as the same man. I got him aboard a steamer the next day without arousing any suspicion. He landed safely in the United States. That man was General Funston, who captured Aguinaldo."

## INTERSTATE BRIDGE OPENED.

### \$1,750,000 Structure Between Washington and Oregon In Use.

Vancouver, Wash.—In a din of steamboat whistles, changing bells and cheers from thousands of spectators the new \$1,750,000 interstate bridge between Oregon and Washington was opened.

The structure is one of the longest in the world, four miles, including approaches. It spans the Columbia river between Vancouver and Multnomah counties a few miles from Portland.

When the great central draw was lowered into place a street car crowded with officials and noted visitors crossed slowly. That was the signal for an outburst of noise such as the old Columbia river never heard before.

A procession of flag bedecked automobiles followed the car, and another long line of machines started at the same time from the Washington side. They passed in the middle.

## SHE BRAVES U BOATS.

Huge Animal Fights With a Regiment on French Front.

Petrograd.—Fighting with the Russian army in France is a huge bear from the Caucasian mountains, who seems to enjoy his sojourn on the French front fully as much as his masters enjoy theirs.

He is the mascot of one of the Russian regiments that were transported halfway round the world from the Russian to the French front to show the solidarity of the allies.

When the time comes for the bear's regiment to go to the front line trenches for its six days of duty the bear goes along. He keeps the all night vigils with the sentinels, and as there is nothing else to eat but the regular rations brought up from the rear he permits the soldiers to divide their share with him.

## COUGARS EATING DOGS.

Live Canines as Bait Very Popular Among Mountain Beasts.

Los Angeles.—John B. Miller, president of the Southern California Edison company, has encountered a problem which he did not consider when he built his country home in Liveoak canyon, north of Pomona, last summer. The problem is how to get rid of the mountain lions.

It is not only worrying Mr. Miller, but threatens to spread to the county authorities for determination of the question whether or not live dogs may be used for bait.

Reports from the Miller home were that the tracks of the lion were as large as a man's hand and that the distance it covered when it leaped on the animal killed was fifteen feet.

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## OFFERS A CONVICT REGIMENT.

### Commissioner Lewis Would Recruit 1,200 From City Prisons.

New York.—New York gangsters may get their fill of the exploits of the apaches of Paris on the firing line, and the American gun man and the French blue devil may yet be fighting side by side. Bertrand G. Lewis, commissioner of correction, announced that he had been in consultation with Major General Leonard Wood regarding the advisability of recruiting a regiment of workhouse and penitentiary inmates in the event of war between the United States and Germany. Commissioner Lewis also consulted with Major General O'Ryan, commanding the national guard.

Commissioner Lewis spoke of the exploits of the apaches of Paris, the force of the boulevards, who are comparable to the gun men and gangsters of New York. In the fall of 1914, when the German army was almost at the gates of Paris, a force of apaches so distinguished itself for desperate fighting that it won the sobriquet of the blue devils. The commissioner of correction believes that the same reckless individuality and excess of physical endurance which enter into the personality of gang leaders and gang men would tend to make New York's workhouse and penitentiary population a valuable fighting force if officered by strict disciplinarians.

## POSTOFFICE AIDS AIR RACE.

### Designates Transcontinental Course as an Official Mail Route.

Washington.—Delivery of United States mail by aeroplane will be a feature of the cross continental race planned for next June, as the route of the contest will be designated as an aerial mail route by the postoffice department.

In accepting the Aero club's offer of co-operation the second assistant postmaster general, Otto Praeger, says in a letter read at the aeronautics exposition in the Grand Central palace, New York, by Alan R. Hawley, president of the club:

"The field superintendents of the railway mail service have presented to the department thirty-seven practicable aeroplane mail routes. The postoffice department will appreciate it if you will designate a committee to co-operate with this bureau in making an investigation as to the designation of such cities in various states as aerial mail stations, where satisfactory landing places can be provided."

## SLATES MAY COME BACK.

### High Price of Paper Forces Them Into Use in New Jersey.

Penns Grove, N. J.—Slates may come into vogue again in south Jersey schools, in spite of objections to them on sanitary grounds, as a result of the shortage and increased cost of paper. County Superintendent of Schools Dixon has already issued an order to pupils of the Salem county schools to use both sides of the paper in preparing written lessons.

A number of organizations and church societies throughout this end of the state are collecting and selling old paper as an effective method of raising funds for their various schemes. The most systematic paper saving campaign in this part of the state is being conducted at the new Du Pont villages, where a salvage department has been established.

Old paper is regularly collected in wagons, and presses have been set up for baling it into 100 pound bundles for shipment.

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New Orleans.—Fishermen here have gone to hunting man eating sharks. It is to become a highly profitable as well as thrilling sport, it is said. According to the bureau of fisheries at Washington, the skin makes superior shoe leather, the best hide being that of the blue shark.

Several weeks ago H. Serkovich of Cincinnati offered to buy a large quantity of skins. This caused hundreds of boats to be fitted out for pursuit of the terror of the gulf and Caribbean sea, which are plentiful at this time of the year.

First Party at Seventy-five.

Massillon, O.—Frank Hossler of East Tremont street is breaking into society at the age of seventy-five years. He was given a reception recently by a number of friends and relatives. It was the first party he had ever attended.

## OUR GIRL SCOUTS

### Hundreds Joined When Break With Germany Came.

## RECRUIT TO FULL STRENGTH.

### Mrs. Low Works Energetically to Get Organizations to Take Up Training Instituted For Women by Navy League—English Girls Render Assistance In War.

New York.—Hundreds of girls and young women have joined the National Girl Scouts since the outbreak with Germany, and Mrs. Juliette Low, the national president, announced from the headquarters, 527 Fifth avenue, this city, that to meet any emergency the organization will be recruited up to the strength of the Boy Scouts of America. Mrs. Low telegraphed to Elliott Wadsworth, vice chairman of the American Red Cross at Washington, offering the services of the girl scouts. They are to co-operate with the nearest Red Cross branch.

It is Mrs. Low's ambition to make the girl scouts, already 100,000 strong, the greatest girl's organization in the world. Mrs. Low is prominent socially in England and Scotland as well as in this country.

The Girl Scouts of America is the same as the Girl Guides of England and the continent and is adapted to fill the same need in girl life that the boy scout movement fills for lads. Mrs. Low became interested in this work for girls through her observation of the boy scout movement in England by Sir Robert Baden-Powell and the almost simultaneously similar movement for girls started by his sister, Miss Agnes Baden-Powell. Sir Robert and his sister visited Mrs. Low upon her estates in Scotland and assisted her in starting the work among the Scottish lassies. They have recently come into the advisory board of the American organization.

Mrs. Low is now working energetically to get the organizations in the various cities to take up the training instituted for women by the Navy league. She has arranged for classes of girl scouts to take these courses and has offered prizes in that connection.

Mrs. Low saw the necessity for this work after watching the assistance rendered their country by the girls of England during the progress of the European war. She says there are innumerable things that girls can do in wartime to help their country if they are properly trained.

Mrs. Low will hold meetings in the cities she visits under the auspices of the women's clubs. All women who are interested in the movement looking to the uplift of American girlhood are invited to attend these meetings. Girls from educational institutions are especially invited, as are also college sororities and associations of college women. Mrs. Low, a brilliant speaker, is in demand both in the west and the east to explain the work.

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## WAIST LINES TIGHTER.

### Men to Wear Longer Coats and Not Padded.

Columbus, O.—Coats will be much longer, shoulders will be wider, with no padding, and coats will be high at the waist line in men's suits this coming season, according to styles set here by the fashions committee of the International Custom Cutters' association.

The cutters say trousers will be wider, waistcoats will be cut low and will be tight at the waist line, and buttons will be the proper shade, for spring clothes. They also indicated that the Norfolk jacket will again be popular.

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## SHIP'S CREW PANS GOLD.

### Skipper Gave Them a Day For Search After Steamer Was Loaded.

San Francisco.—Every member of the crew of the steamer San Pedro, which arrived here recently from Navidad bay, thirty-five miles from Manzanillo, Mexico, had a bag of gold washed from the sands of a creek that tumbled into the bay near where the steamer was loading cedar logs.

One of the crew discovered the gold. All hands quit loading logs and with dippers, pans and skillets started gold mining.

The skipper finally promised that if the men would finish loading the steamer he would give them a whole day to hunt gold. He kept his word. They averaged for the day's work \$90 apiece. One man had more than \$200 in previous dust.

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