

FUND FANS AT FRONT SHARE IN TOBACCO

Thousands Who Helped Over Here Derive Benefits "Over There."

CAT SHOW WILL GIVE AID

Columbus Day Filled With Events to Supply Smokes for Soldiers.

When the cantonment to be called Camp Upton was building at Yaphank the young soldiers waiting in New York used to express their envy of those who had preceded them to Europe because this advance party got the good of the Sun fund tobacco. But as soon as they were in training at camp this feeling was lost in a desire to help the fund; they did help, and on the way to England they participated in entertainments and by getting up shows of their own.

A share of this money was always voted to the Sun Tobacco Fund, for the fund was the only one that was not a "war fund." "If we help you now in your laudable effort to keep the Yanks 'over there' supplied with tobacco, why, when we've got there, we'll be sure to get our share of the good things that we need."

They are over there and have been for a year. The particular regiment that the smoke fund has in mind who are such willing donors has since made acknowledgment of tobacco gifts to themselves with a reminder that they had helped and now felt as if the bread they had cast on the waters was returning to them tenfold.

The letter printed in the box on the first page to-day from H. W. Clark is but one of the hundreds that have been sent to the fund for transmission to its contributors and it expresses without waste of words the sentiment of them all.

They are grateful for the tobacco they are receiving in scenes where tobacco can't be had from any other source, and they are self-congratulatory because they laid out a dollar or two to get it. They are proud to be fighting men and are now being soled in the same way and by the same means.

Gratitude of Soldiers.

Few of the present donors of the Sun Tobacco Fund can have this kind of return for the money they give for smokes, but do they ask for a higher return than gratitude from their brothers in arms? It is their duty to do so.

As has been true of the fund folk they are not satisfied to make individual donations and to stop there, but many of them are continuing and projecting plans by which the smokes for soldiers shall increase by leaps and bounds.

What the Shawnee Country Club is doing for the Sun Tobacco Fund is one of the best and many other weeks before by other clubs. Latest for the fund to know about is the projected golf match to be played for the Sun Tobacco Fund at the Fox Hills Golf Club at Stapleton, Staten Island. The Fox Hills professionals will play three worthy of them from the Englewood club of Ocean City.

Another set show the Empire Club, has offered the net proceeds of its annual show to the smoke fund. It will be held in one of the leading hotels early in December and will last for two days.

Columbus Day will be more than usually glorious this year, so rendered by the desire of many people to boost the fund. It will last for two days, and be celebrated for that day in different parts of the city. One of the latest to be reported is a block party and flag raising in the 17th street district.

INFLUENZA ATTACKS U. S. TROOPS AT SEA

Outbreak Aboard One Transport Under Control.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun and the Public Ledger. Copyright, 1918; all rights reserved. LONDON, Oct. 5.—The Daily Mail (Saturday) morning prints the following: "A sharp outbreak of Spanish influenza attacked a convoy of United States troops on the way to England. The outbreak, however, has not led to rumors of wholesale poisoning by an enemy agent."

"Brig.-Gen. Francis A. Winter, Chief Surgeon, U. S. A., told the Daily Mail that the outbreak is not viewed with alarm and is well under control. It is confined almost to a single convoy and the nature of the disease precludes the possibility of poisoning by an enemy agent on board ship or in New York."

"This time of the year on the Atlantic is known," he said, "as the pneumonia season, and the men from the plains, many of whom never have seen the sea, are brought together in thousands on board ship the outbreak of influenza is not unusual."

"Only about fifty deaths have occurred at sea since we first began to send troops overseas, and on the vessel which is being especially cited, there was only one death as a result of the outbreak."

ASSAILS McHARG AND TUDOR.

Lewis Seeks to Remove Chiefs of Commonwealth Company.

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Mr. McHarg was Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor under President Taft and formerly campaign manager for the United States in 1908. He is a prominent member of the Massachusetts bar and a director of the Puritan Trust Company of Boston, as well as of the Commonwealth Finance Corporation in New York City.

The contemplated action of the Attorney-General is the result of an application made by stockholders of the corporation for the removal of the officers, who are charged with "wasting and misappropriating" its funds. It is capitalized for \$17,000,000 and is engaged in the business of financing automobile dealers who sell cars on the installment plan.

PLAGUE SPREADING OVER A LARGE AREA

Extreme Measures Taken in Chief Cities to Combat Influenza Epidemic.

SHIPBUILDING AFFECTED

Army Camps Show Death Rate Increase for Week of 30 Per Cent.

Telegraphic reports from a wide area in the United States last night showed that the epidemic of Spanish influenza had reached such a stage that the highest medical authorities of the land found it necessary to advocate extreme measures to combat the spread of the disease.

The death rate in army camps in the United States for the week ended September 27 was 34 per cent, an increase of 30 per cent over the week preceding. The increase was due to pneumonia and influenza. There were 1,046 deaths, as compared with 172 for the preceding week.

Headquarters of the Public Health Service were established at Trenton, N. J., with Surgeon-General Clegg in command. He ordered 61 doctors and a large corps of nurses to points where the disease is prevalent.

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Subway Air Is Dangerous.

"I regard the subway as the most dangerous place in the city," Dr. Copeland said, "for one does not get fresh air and sunshine there. The crowding in it at the peak hours is ideal for the spreading of the disease. The 'L' and surface lines do not present the former phase. However, they are crowded, too."

"There is no danger to a person if he or she does not secrete an exhalation a sufferer from the disease, so we believe it is perfectly proper to keep the schools, theatres and churches away from the subway, particularly the schools, for the children are under hourly medical supervision there, which they would not be if they were on the subway."

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SEVENTH WOODEN SHIP DELIVERED.

The Foundation Company, which operates ten wooden shipbuilding plants on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, yesterday delivered to the Government its seventh vessel constructed on the Pacific river at Kearny.

WILL DOUBLE SMALL COIN FUND.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—To meet the big demand for small coins a bill increasing the minor coin fund of the United States Mint from \$100,000 to \$200,000 was passed to-day by the House and sent to the Senate.

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Instruments at St. Louis and Washington Agitated. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 4.—Earth tremors lasting several seconds shortly after 3 o'clock this morning were reported from Pine Bluff, Ark. The seismograph at the St. Louis University recorded a small earthquake at 3:22:48 this morning, the shock being estimated as between 200 and 400 miles distant.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ORDERS

FENSION. The following member of the force is relieved and dismissed from the police force: Charles J. O'Connell, 1st Prec. from 1:10 P. M. to 1:15 P. M. O'Connell, 1st Prec. To take effect 12 P. M. October 5.

PATROLMEN

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