

54 SERVICE MEN ROBBED IN HOTEL

War Camp Community Lodgers Lose \$2,000 and Battle Trophies.

GENIAL PORTER SOUGHT

Favorite Story Teller Disappears at Same Time Money Is Missed.

"Mac," the porter and favorite story teller of the War Camp Community Service Unit No. 12, at the southeast corner of Lexington avenue and 127th street, went A. W. O. L. during the early hours yesterday morning, and simultaneously the night clerk found that some \$2,000 in cash, German marks, watches, chains, passes, two franc piece rings and other knickknacks of some fifty-four soldiers and marines also had disappeared. It was just ten minutes past 5 when the clerk left his desk, which is surrounded by a cage, on the second floor of the six story building to escort a soldier to one of the upper dormitories. Glancing about the assembly room he saw only one man, he told the police, and that was "Mac," who appeared to be the porter who had been seen in the morning.

Ten minutes later he came down stairs and discovered that a drawer of the desk in which large envelopes are placed containing all the weekly correspondence of the uniformed boarders had been rifled. Some of the envelopes, still unopened, were on the floor. In another drawer there were several hundred dollars in cash and change which the robber had failed to take.

Detectives learned that the porter had been working for the club only a few days. He had a very good record in stories which went across the Pacific to the Philippine Islands, Vera Cruz and the Mexican border. The police further learned that the porter was at one time a top sergeant at Fort Slocum, N. Y., and that he had done recruiting duty in Brooklyn.

The soldiers and sailors became indignant when they came down stairs yesterday morning and learned that their money and other valuables had been gone. A number of the officers from the W. C. S. busily engaged in questioning the fifty-four men who had been victims of the robbery that they would make good every cent. One sailor said he had \$250 in his pocket, and a doughboy told callers he was not disturbed over losing his \$20, but he had several rings which came from German prisoners in the Argonne. He had some money, watches, chains and passes which allowed them furloughs in the city from camps in Jersey and Long Island.

They all agreed that "Mac," the porter, had soldiered with the regulars, and said he kept many of them up long after taps with his weird tales of army life. The police sent out a general alarm through the five boroughs for "Mac." He is described as being 5 feet 5 inches in height, dark hair and clean shaven.

EXPORTERS TO GET SHIPS.

More Tonnage Will Be Available After July 1.

Exporters received with interest yesterday a statement from John H. Ritzio, Director of Operations of the United States Shipping Board, in which he backed up a recent pronouncement of Food Administrator Herbert Hoover to the effect that after the first of July a great amount of tonnage now used for exporting foodstuffs to Europe will be released to the exporters for commercial purposes.

Director Hoover said that the release of the ships for export purposes is to be begun this month, present indications showing that soon there will not only be a larger fleet of merchantmen available to carry manufactured articles, but also tonnage for the shipping of cotton and coal, for which there is a large demand now in Europe.

FREE PEW SYSTEM BEGINS IN TRINITY

Bishop Dunn Preaches at Morning Services.

The free pew system went into effect in Trinity church yesterday in accordance with a resolution made by the trustees. The rental system had been in vogue since the foundation of the church, 220 years ago.

The Right Reverend Arthur Dunn, Bishop of British Honduras and Central America, preached at the morning services. His discourse, he said, covers an area of 292,223 square miles, and he is trying to raise funds for the purchase of an auxiliary steamboat to enable him to make visits to all parts of the region. Many sections of the diocese haven't been seen by the bishop, he said.

Bishop Dunn also made an appeal for workers and for mission halls. Included in the diocese are Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, San Salvador, Guatemala, Spanish Honduras and the colony of British Honduras. There are nearly 1,000,000 unbelievers against 150,000 Christians. The conversion work being done by the British, he said, but there is great need for America to assist.

GEN. BADEN-POWELL COMING.

Founder of Boy Scouts Expected Here Next Monday.

All the different varieties of boy scouts were again yesterday when they were officially through their scout masters that the boss of the whole Boy Scout movement, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Smith, Baden-Powell and Lady Baden-Powell—chief guide of the Girl Guides of Great Britain—are about to descend upon Manhattan via Canada.

Gen. Baden-Powell, hero of Marston in the Boer War, and organizer of the Boy Scouts of Great Britain in 1908, is expected to reach Canada with Lady Baden-Powell on the Baltic next Wednesday. They will visit Boston next Saturday and this city a week from today. Then after a short trip to Washington, the general and Lady Baden-Powell will come back to Manhattan on May 16 and remain here about three days. In the course of which a big programme of scout activities will be carried out in honor of the founder. At one of these celebrations, to be held on the Sheep Meadow of Central Park on May 17, 20,000 Boy Scouts of America will take part.

Manufacturers to Convene May 19.

Just a few of the absorbing topics to be discussed at the twenty-fourth annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers when they convene here on May 19 will be the return of the railroads to private ownership, Federal supervision of and stabilization of trade prices, new aspects in employment relations, revision of patent law, systematic employment of soldiers and sailors, spending of war contracts, claim payments and other miscellaneous trade problems. The convention is to be held at the Waldorf and will last three days.

MISS DICKSON'S CAR RUNS DOWN WOMAN

Victim Lies Unconscious in Hospital in Montclair.

Montclair police are trying to ascertain the identity of a woman who is lying unconscious in the Montclair Hospital as the result of injuries received Saturday in Bloomfield avenue, Montclair, when she was run down by an automobile driven by Miss Elizabeth Dickson of Lawrenceville road, daughter of William B. Dickson, vice-president and treasurer of the Midvale Steel Company.

The accident happened in front of the Municipal Building. Miss Dickson had stopped her car on the north side of Bloomfield avenue to allow the traffic to pass, and then started her small runabout across the street. In the center of the avenue her car struck the woman, who was knocked down. The rear wheel of the car passed over the woman, who was picked up by two policemen and suffered a fractured arm, fractured leg and probable fracture of the skull.

Miss Dickson drove her car to the police station and was released on her own recognizance to await the result of the woman's injuries. Witnesses of the accident say that Miss Dickson was driving slowly at the time. She stopped her car within its own length after the woman was struck. Miss Dickson said she did not know she had struck the woman until a policeman called to her, as she sat at first on the curb and knocked down one of the traffic signs.

ANDERSON STARTS LEAGUE OF CITIZENS

Anti-Saloon Man Will Wage War on All Lawbreakers.

Now that there is to be no more saloons in New York, William H. Anderson has found new worlds for his head, William H. Anderson, to conquer. Mr. Anderson announced at the Sunday Night Forum of the Unity Church, Irving place, Brooklyn, last night that he is now president of the "Allied Citizens of America."

The organization, he said, was launched by the Anti-Saloon League to see to it that the prohibition amendment is enforced and he promises that as the Anti-Saloon League "incidentally uncovered the activities of the German-American Alliance in the course of its fight against the saloon, so now it will uncover all sorts of lawbreaking in a campaign to see that the prohibition amendment is enforced."

Among the blessings which Mr. Anderson claimed for prohibition last night was the abolition of the capitalist, by enabling every man to save his money and become a capitalist, the sobering of the country at the time that Bolshevism must be suppressed, and the departure from the country of the irreconcilables among the foreign born who are opposed to prohibition. Of them Mr. Anderson remarked, "Good riddance to bad rubbish."

GIRL HELD CAPTIVE FOUR DAYS, SHE SAYS

Found in Room Over Restaurant in Brooklyn.

Lucy Donnelly, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Mrs. Martha Donnelly of 170 Hopkinson avenue, Brooklyn, told the police yesterday when they found her in a room above the restaurant of James Hixie at 137 Fulton street, Brooklyn, that she had been kept a prisoner there since last Wednesday afternoon by Hixie and Charles Giglio of 2372 Pacific street, Brooklyn. Hixie and Giglio tried to escape when the police broke into the room, but were arrested and locked up, charged with assaulting the girl. They will be arraigned to-day in the Gates avenue court.

Miss Donnelly, who is studying at the Teachers Training School, told the police that last Wednesday afternoon she went to visit her friend, Miss Georgiana Young, at 208 Knickerbocker avenue, and that on her way back she passed Hixie's restaurant, which she entered to get something to eat. She told the police that she heard music and upon Hixie's invitation went with him into the back room, where there was a player piano. Giglio was there, she said, and the pair made her go up stairs. She said they had kept her there ever since, threatening to kill her if she made any outcry or attempted to escape.

MANY JOBS FOR SERVICE MEN.

Recruitment Bureau Places 200 of 1,120 Applicants.

There was an optimistic note in the report which the Bureau of Jobs for New York City for Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, 105 Pearl street, sent out yesterday to 50,000 employers in the city and suburbs, in connection with the first week of operations.

Director Smith said in his report that there is an especial demand by employers for shop boys, stock clerks, stenographers, typists, auto mechanics, tool and die makers, printers, machine wood workers, cabinet makers and other skilled trades. Of 1,120 men who have applied to the bureau for jobs almost 900 were told where the jobs they wanted could be found, and of this number more than 200 ex-fighting men took the trouble to visit the bureau that the jobs had been secured.

WILL CAMPAIGN FOR A FIVE CENT LOAF

Mrs. Julian Heath Opens Headquarters Here.

Mrs. Julian Heath, founder of the National Housewives League, announced last night that she has opened headquarters in the Hotel Pennsylvania from which she will conduct a campaign for "five cent bread." The league is not identical with the movement.

Mrs. Heath declares she is in possession of facts "to prove that food is plentiful and is being cornered."

"If the consumer were assured of five cent bread, which would mean a downward scale on all foods," she said, "the Fifth Liberty Loan would be subscribed in full in twenty-four hours. The consumer would no longer be depressed and could afford to subscribe."

Mrs. Heath has established a daily telegraphic service at her headquarters and will be telephoning to the main floor with Chicago. She says she will make public daily the secrets of food exchanges.

"I will ask the consumers of America to write their Congressmen to enact legislation to limit exports of foodstuffs unless we get five cent bread, and get it at once," she said.

Mrs. Heath said she telegraphed yesterday to the managers of the Coliseum in Chicago asking rates and dates for a three days consumers convention for "five cent bread." She added she believes her national headquarters should be at Chicago, from which point she proposes to conduct a national telegraphic campaign "unless the consumer gets immediate relief from a Bolsheviki breeding breed."

WOUNDED SOLDIERS ENJOY AIR THRILLS

Taken to Van Cortlandt Park, 3,000 See a Variety of Stunts.

AMUSED BY STAGE FOLK

Motorcycle Committee Provides Outing—Parachute Descents Made.

Three thousand wounded soldiers from Greenbush, Fox Hills, Gun Hill Road, the Grand Central Palace, St. Mary's, Hoboken, and other debarcation hospitals in the vicinity of New York enjoyed a day's outing yesterday at Van Cortlandt Park and were entertained with a variety of stunts which delighted the soldiers and some ten thousand other spectators.

The Victory Convalescent Soldier Motorcycle Outing Committee, 123 West Sixty-fourth street, provided the outing and transported the men from the various hospitals to the park in motorcycle side cars. The motorcycle dealers and owners of the city and suburban territory had been planning the affair for several weeks and so well had all arrangements been made that the thousands of motorcycles were mustered in division and moved to the park with the precision of a well drilled army.

After their arrival at the park luncheon was served to the men by the canteen division of the National League for Women's Service. The Victor Band and a navaal band alternated during the entire afternoon in playing patriotic airs and marches.

A number of stage folk, among them Beesie Wynn, who wore the uniform of a V. D., to which organization she served for more than three years with the British; Anna Chandler, Harry La Mar, Eleanor Kerns and Roy Atwell, M. J. D., who was with the British; Carlton of Bayville, L. I., entertained the men, but the piece de resistance of the afternoon was furnished by U. S. Army Captive Balloon T-29, headed by Capt. A. D. Jones and a detachment of officers and men from the balloon school at Lehigh, Va.

Free Ascensions Given. The balloon was attached to a motor truck equipped with a winch. Free ascensions were given to a number of persons who had subscribed to the Victory Loan. Several parachute descents were made by officers of the air service. Lieut. Elmer J. Dowling was the first to attempt this method of reaching terra firma. He jumped from a height of 200 meters. He landed safely at the north end of the parade ground. Capt. Jones's crew gave an exhibition of the rapidity with which the big gas bag could be brought to earth and promptly secured by the squad of enlisted men.

H. K. Lorentzen of 60 Grand avenue tested a device which he has devised for releasing a balloon from the ground by means of the slender cable which holds the balloon captive. With the envelope at a height of 100 meters, Mr. Lorentzen attached himself to the cable by means of the harness which he designed and the balloon was raised until the inventor was 200 meters above the ground. He looked to the spectators like a fly clinging to the slender cord. When the balloon had reached the desired height the inventor made his way up almost to the basket and then started the chain to the ground. He occasionally wove his arms at the thousands below, demonstrating the fact that his hands were both free as long as he remained at rest.

Perfecting Device After Armistice. Mr. Lorentzen said that he had worked on his device for some time, but unfortunately had not been able to perfect it until after the armistice was signed and the necessity for quick descents from captive balloons had vanished.

Lt. J. C. McManis and Lieut. H. J. Mills then got in a little practice in traversing the atmosphere between the balloon and the ground. The former was blown by the wind across the parade ground to the rocky knoll with its clump of trees at the north end, but he skillfully steered himself into a small open space and landed without accident. An army airplane appeared overhead and the balloon was hauled down to attach several streamers to the cable, thus making its position clear to the aviator, who did loops and circles around and over the balloon.

Late in the afternoon the wounded men were returned to their hospitals in the motor cycles which brought them to the park. The patients for each hospital left separately and no attempt was made to maintain a parade formation on the return trip.

BUILDING NOT TO BE CHEAPER.

Lumber Manufacturers See No Prospect of Lower Level.

According to the news service of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, "Build Now" advocates are emphasizing the fact that there is no prospect of building material becoming any cheaper.

"In fact," the service says, "many think that a new price level has been reached and the fact that prices are high is not now so much a matter of concern to most business men as is the stability of prices. Lumbermen are every where anxious to cut prices and are cutting prices and offering prices are substantially less than at present, and so the reasoning goes in a circle and leads back to the original promise that lumber prices are not likely to drop for a long time to come. Mills in every section of the country are operating now at a loss or are barely making expenses."

CHURCHILL WAITERS ARE TO BE UPLIFTED

Cafe Owner to Establish "Green Room" for Them.

The well known and handsome Broadway altruist, James Churchill, who has a cafe and trimmings fame, stated on his word of honor last night that he had hit upon an idea which will make the semi-illiterate waiters strike as rapidly as a freshly cut porterhouse steak. His tauter Churchill, who stays up all night—or as late at night as the dining room is open—has been thinking of doing something to help the waiters and to other well known men about town, now has turned his altruism in the direction of the waiters.

He is opening what he calls a "Green Room" in his cabaret, where his 300 employees may eat, drink and be merry. He will also have a "Green Room" in his cabaret, where his waiters will be able to get a hot meal and a hot drink. That's all the waiters need, argues Mr. Churchill, to make them content with their unprosperous and wealthy life—just a little chance to noddle themselves and be cocooned in a room on the order of his "Green Room," where the waiters may have meals a la carte from the regular restaurant menu, card tables, periodicals, especially foreign—and things like that.

And Mr. Churchill says that if the other restaurateurs and hotel men will go and do likewise their waiters would deliberately refuse a tip rather than delibe-

DOG KILLER ENDS LIFE WITH POISON

"Only a Stray Dog Myself," He Remarks.

Frank McAndrew, 61 years old, employed at the Newark city dog pound on the meadows, to kill stray dogs, committed suicide yesterday by taking a dose of the poison used on the dogs. He had been working at the pound for several years. No one knows his history. He was killed by the owner of John Wisniewski, with whom he was slightly acquainted, asked for a drink and said, "I'm tired of living. I'm only a stray dog myself."

He dropped a quantity of poison into the glass of water offered him and drank it before Wisniewski knew what he intended doing. He died in a few minutes.

\$200,000 FOR FRENCH BLIND.

Large Sum Forwarded From U. S. in Four Years.

Almost \$200,000 was contributed in the United States and sent to France during the last four years for reeducating French soldiers who lost their sight in the war, according to the annual report issued yesterday by the Committee for Men Blind in Battle of 111 East Fifty-ninth street. A cash total of \$180,751.61 has been forwarded to the committee by the donors during the war supplies valued at more than \$16,000 were contributed and sent to the sightless soldiers, including a large number of "light glasses" especially built for blind workers.

Miss Winifred Holt, who organized the committee in 1915, announces that the committee now has five "light glasses" in operation in France for the instruction of blinded French officers and enlisted men. Included in the report is a letter from the committee praising the committee's achievements warmly.

MERCHANTS ATTACK BILL BOARD LITTER

Dangerous to City's Health and Offensive to Eye.

The anti-litter bureau of the Merchants Association, which is making an investigation into bill board conditions in New York City, has issued a series of photographs showing that bill board operators permit the scattering of refuse in front of and particularly back of bill boards. Conditions are thus created, the bureau reports, which are dangerous to health as well as offensive to the eye. Four of these photographs, reproduced in the Bulletin of the Merchants Association's weekly bulletin, show piles of bills and posters scattered at the rear of bill boards and on the roofs of buildings. The city ordinance states specifically in chapter 23, article 16, section 212, paragraph 3, which has to do with signs and show bills.

"Maintenance. Any person occupying any vacant lot or premises with a bill board, sign or other advertising structure or device shall be subject to the same duties and responsibilities as the owner of the lot or premises, with respect to keeping the same clean, sanitary, unobstructed and free from all noxious substances in the vicinity of such bill board, sign, structure or device, and with respect to the removal of snow from sidewalk and curb in front thereof."

"Regardless of this law very little is done to keep the premises on which bill boards are located free from the unsightly and unsanitary conditions which are a menace to the health of the city and a disgrace to the city," says the bulletin. "Millions of dollars are spent every year in an effort to keep down, check and prevent epidemics. Epidemics are encouraged by such conditions as those found behind bill boards and other places throughout this city."

"If the Police Department would do its duty there would be no conditions in the city such as those that now exist. The laws governing sanitation should and must be enforced. If the chances of epidemics are to be lessened."

The Department of Labor appears to have Confused Dates. Those who combined the observance of "Employment Sunday" yesterday and the annual day of Mother's Day because of erroneous mind working in and around the Federal Department of Labor, so Miss Anna Jarvis, founder and president of the Mothers' Day International Association, said yesterday. Mothers' Day, according to the authoritative word of Miss Jarvis, officially will be observed next Sunday.

The Department of Labor, said Miss Jarvis, somehow in the absence of a previous public statement from her association had got the notion that Mothers' Day had been set for yesterday. The Department therefore made the error of calling for a joint celebration of the Mothers' Day and Employment Day ceremonies. Miss Jarvis hopes that on next Sunday even those who celebrated for the mothers yesterday will do it all over again.

“The greatest human interest story in the world today”

So some one has characterized the latest publication of D. Appleton & Co.

BELGIUM, by Brand Whitlock

It tells of Belgium and the German invasion. The man who wrote it was the U. S. Minister to Belgium during the country's four years of agony.

When the Germans invaded Belgium and the diplomats moved their official residences from Brussels to Havre, Brand Whitlock, defying precedent, refused to leave the Belgian people and remained in Belgium during the German horrid ravaging, pillaging, crushing the Belgian people day by day he stood between the temporary conquerors and their helpless victims, the last hope of those tortured folk; night by night he recorded in his diary the outrages he saw committed in mockery of all laws of decency, order and civilization.

This book contains those records—living witnesses to the rape of a nation. The burning of cities and cathedrals, the gutting of innocent firms, the unprovoked bayoneting of women and children, the deportation of young girls—all are here. The brutal story of Nurse Cavell's murder is told in full by the American whose utmost efforts to save her from her hideous fate, fruitless as they were, have earned him the thanks of her whole nation. A powerful writer, his very soul seared by the tragedy, Brand Whitlock has given the world the epic of Belgium. It is a book that will live; a work that every public and private library should possess.

Two volumes, octavo, with portraits; cloth, gilt top, uncut edges; library edition, \$7.50 net.

The Book Store, Eighth Gallery, New Building.

JOHN WANAMAKER

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Closed All Day Tomorrow

New York, May 5, 1919. Good morning. The weather today will probably be unsettled.

This is a time to think as our fathers did while planning for 1776

In your mind's eye you can see little groups of the leaders meeting at each other's dinner tables, walking together—Washington and Franklin, Jefferson and Randolph, Hancock and Pinkey, Carroll and Witherspoon, and others, in close and anxious conference as opportunity offered, weighing carefully the dangers and duties of the hour, with bowed heads, sensible of the grave responsibilities they were carrying.

The same spirit is in the air that prevailed one hundred and forty years ago.

It is the Nation that is in the scales again.

This is a time to put in the balances principles rather than parties.

Every man must find a way to prove his patriotism by taking Victory Liberty Bonds. He will have the securities of the Government which pay interest and are mortgages upon not only the honor of the Nation but upon all its real estate, its interest-paying, secured loans to other Nations, and its revenues from many sources.

[Signed] Joe Wanamaker

Citizen, May 5, 1919

Conservatory of Music Art

will give a concert in the Auditorium today, May 5 at 2:30 p. m. Otto Jablonski, musical director.

ARTISTS: Pianists—Helen Jacobson, Gertrude Ammermuller, Edith Sheehan, Miriam Shamow.

Violinists—Evelyn Goldstein, Walter Saloman, Ethel Worms.

Singers—Pauline Lasky, Cecilia Richards, Miriam Oppenheim, Ruth Schoemaker, Dorothy Schneider.

First Gallery, New Building.

Women's dresses at \$29.50

Our \$39.50 to \$45 grades—five in printed chiffon, one in foulard. Printed chiffons are in charming designs on grounds of navy blue, French blue, taupe, walnut and white. All have gracefully draped skirts. Ore model has the plain round neck—the kind that the Parisiennes prefer; others have dainty collars of white mousseline de soie and Georgette crepe.

Foulard dresses are in navy blue-and-white and taupe-and-white. Excellent quality of silk. Model is the type adapted by the best dress-makers. Sizes from 34 to 40.

Second floor, Old Building.

Women's low shoes \$4.50

Remember, please, that \$6 to \$10 are the prices at which we have sold these good shoes for more than a year. Monday's price—\$4.50 pair, 109 500 pairs—is less than we can replace them today at wholesale.

Miscellaneous collection of styles and sizes. Tan, black and patent leather low shoes for street and "dress" wear; also white canvas and white buckskin. Broken-size lot—widths AA, A and B—widths 2 1/2 to 8; and C and D—widths in sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2.

First floor, Old Building.

Motor rugs, at \$12.50

50 that were \$18.50. Dark green plaid. Good weight for all-year-round use.

Motor Shop, Burlington Arcade floor, New Building.

Bicycles for less

Today begins Bicycle Week. Marking the week manufacturers have made concessions, and we have done our share. So that men's, women's, girls' and boys' bicycles, regularly priced \$45, here will be \$35 and \$38.

\$42.50 bicycles, 16 in. from saddle, to treadle \$35. \$45 and \$47.50 bicycles, 20 and 22 in. from saddle to treadle, \$38.

All these bicycles are guaranteed for one year. They have sturdy tread tires, coaster brake, mud guard, spring saddle, roller chains.

TIRES—special—\$8.50



Good Morning! Couldn't sleep last night?

What's the trouble? Perhaps it was the...

\$7,055 saved on dining-room suites

Cotton mattresses at lowest prices in two years.

There are 37 suites. Regular prices aggregate \$21,150. To be sold today for \$14,105. They were made by one of the most reputable and successful manufacturers of good furniture. A little crowding of our floors—a desire to help some mothers to spruce up the home for the boy's return—these are all the reasons for the reduction. The furniture is perfect. And in the best of taste.

One 10-piece suite, mahogany, Adam design, \$400; regularly \$600.

Six 10-piece suites, walnut, Chippendale design, \$353.25; regularly \$500.