

VIRGINIAN IS HONORED WITH SERVICE CROSS

Captain Handy, of Emory, Student at V. M. I., Given Recognition for Bravery.

FRENCH OFFICERS DECORATED

One Came to Rescue of Americans While They Were Receiving Baptism of Fire—Medical Sergeant Dies a Hero.

(By Associated Press.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 26.—The honor of being the first man outside the American service to receive the Distinguished Service Cross has fallen upon two French officers—Major Jacques Corbaron, of the French mission attached to the American forces which were north of Luneville, and Lieutenant de la Gliglais, of the French artillery. Both officers gave assistance to the American troops while they were under heavy fire.

The Distinguished Service Cross has also been awarded to the following Americans:

Colonel Douglas MacArthur, Colonel George E. Leach, Lieutenant-Colonel William A. Donahue, Captain Thomas T. Handy, Captain Philip J. McCauley, First Lieutenant W. E. Word, Captain Charles A. Casey, Captain J. J. Ross, Captain Richard Smith, First Lieutenant J. P. Rosenwald, of the medical corps. All these officers distinguished themselves in the fighting on the line on the Luneville sector.

General Pershing has sent a special message to the next of kin of Medical Sergeant Peterson, who was wounded in action March 5, and who died later. Notwithstanding his wound, Peterson supervised the care of wounded brought to the dressing station. The cross was awarded him for his devotion to duty.

Major Cobaron participated in an assault on an enemy position March 9 in the salient of Du Fex, which later was occupied by the Americans. When three lines had been overrun Major Cobaron voluntarily joined an American company, which underwent a severe enemy fire for three hours. The communication announcing the bestowal of his cross as sent to Washington says:

COURAGE AND COURAGE

GREAT AID TO AMERICANS

"This officer, by his coolness and conspicuous courage, had a marked effect in the American organization undergoing its baptism of fire.

Lieutenant de la Gliglais entered a quarry where an American battery was under a heavy fire March 5 near Luneville and aided materially in encouraging the American artillerymen.

Colonel MacArthur and Captain Handy participated in the March 9 engagement, and received the same commendation as Washington as Major Cobaron. Colonel Leach and Lieutenant-Colonel Donahue were with Lieutenant de la Gliglais, Captain McCauley and Lieutenant Word conducted the movements of their battery in the same action, together with Lieutenant Terrell, who already has been mentioned for keeping up the morale of the men.

LEUTENANT TWICE BRAVES

Lieutenant Rosenwald, while attached to an artillery regiment, "twice entered a battery position under heavy fire in order properly to care for wounded."

General Pershing has sent the following message to the War Department at Washington:

"I request that you express my personal sympathy to the nearest relative of Sergeant Peterson, mortally wounded, he gave instructions for the care of wounded and made a first-aid post in order to save the lives of the men about him. He was a gallant soldier, and I awarded him the Distinguished Service Cross.

CAPTAIN HANDY WAS FORMER V. M. I. STUDENT

BRISTOL, TENN., VA., March 26.—Captain Thomas T. Handy, who won the Distinguished Service Cross, is a son of Rev. and Mrs. T. R. Handy, of Emory, Va. He is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, and entered his service in December, 1917.

Stop Trades in March Corn.

CHICAGO, March 26.—The Board of Trade will be closed on Good Friday, as announced to-day. Trading in March corn was ordered stopped, the settlement price being fixed at \$1.25.

Twenty-Nine Quarts.

C. K. Taylor, of 410 West Grace street, was arrested last night by Patrolmen Caldwell and Sneed on the charge of transporting whisky. Taylor said to have had twenty-nine quarts of whisky in his automobile when arrested by the policemen last night at Harrison and Main Streets. He was taken to the Second Police Station.

From Calcium to Trenches.

PITTSBURGH, PA., March 25.—From playing "girl" parts in a musical comedy to digging trenches is a long leap, ussell Lavelle, a Canadian football player, arrested here as a slacker, preferred the jump to confinement as a raft evader and enlisted.

City Official Fined.

DAYTON, OHIO, March 25.—Jack Campbell, local cop, who carries no "Who's Who" with him, and who declares "they all look alike, anyway," was there were no red light indicating construction work on Fifth Street last night. Street Commissioner H. P. Limer said guilty before Police Judge Udree and was assessed \$5 and costs.

Chicago "Betsey Ross."

CHICAGO, March 25.—Mrs. Belle M. Coker, the "Betsey Ross" of Chicago, who crocheted a large American flag for President Wilson, has completed work on two more flags, one a French color for General Joffre and another American banner for General Pershing. The flags are now on view here at the Red Cross bureau.

The Weather

(Furnished by U. S. Weather Bureau.) Forecast for Virginia—Fair Wednesday and Thursday, continued cool.

Local Temperature. 12 noon temperature, 56; 3 P. M. temperature, 58; Maximum temperature to 8 P. M., 59; Minimum temperature to 8 P. M., 58.

Local Rainfall. Rainfall last twenty-four hours, None; Excess in rainfall since March 1, .32; Excess in rainfall since January 1, 1.65.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Table with columns: Place, Temperature, High, Low, Weather. Cities include Asheville, Atlanta, Boston, Buffalo, Charleston, Chicago, Denver, Hartford, Havana, Kansas City, Montgomery, New Orleans, New York, Norfolk, Oklahoma, Savannah, Tampa, Washington, Weymouth.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

March 27, 1918. Sun rises, 6:04; Morning, 4:23; Sun sets, 5:27; Evening, 5:04.

GUYNEMER MAY BE ALIVE

French Military Authorities Reopen Inquiry to Determine Whether Famous Aviator is Really Dead.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.) PARIS, February 11.—While belief at the War Office is strong that Captain George Gwynemer, noted French aviator, is dead, reiterated reports that he is still alive are responsible for the decision of the military authorities to reopen the inquiry, in order that all doubts may be set at rest and out of respect for persons whose hopes have been revived.

One of the reports is that Gwynemer fell behind the German lines, but was picked up by Belgians, who are declared to be sheltering him from the enemy, presumably until an opportunity is afforded him to escape to France. Another rumor says he is in a hospital at Brussels. It is recalled by the aviator's friends that there have been numerous instances of soldiers reappearing many months after being incurred as dead.

Gwynemer, whom army records credit with having brought down fifty-three German machines, was reported last September as having been killed in a battle with German aviators near Poelcapelle. A German aviator taken prisoner by Canadians told this story. Subsequent reports had him buried at various places, including Poelcapelle and Brussels, each time with enemy honors. So confident were some of his associates that he was dead that they held memorial services for him last November.

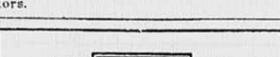
BOOKS FOR MEN

Drive Under Way in New England to Send Volumes to Soldiers at Front.

BOSTON, March 25.—The drive to send fifty tons of books in a month to General Pershing's forces in France is under full swing in New England. Local libraries are making the collections and tons of books are being delivered daily at New England headquarters in this city. The goal set for the nation is 2,000,000 books.

Student Invents Bomb.

EUGENE, ORE., March 25.—A student in the University of Oregon battalion has invented a bomb that will explode at any given distance of "drop." The bomb can be hurled horizontally and will not explode, but when dropped it is so arranged that it will explode after any number of feet fall—the length of harmless fall being regulated by an attachment. If the bomb proves satisfactory under tests that are now being made it will be turned over to the War Department for use by aviators.



Advertisement for Dabney's Men's Shoes, featuring 'The Dabney Windows for the New Styles in Men's Shoes!!' and 'Army Shoes and Puttees'.

CHAIRMAN HURLEY TELLS OF VAST SHIPBUILDING

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winter. They had the same spirit and demonstrated the same pluck and unflinching as the men in the trenches. And they have virtually completed the job of building America's new shipyards—the new yards that will make us the greatest shipbuilding nation.

"It has been an uphill struggle. I am willing to confess there have been times when we have been discouraged, not at the magnitude of the task, but through a doubt of human ability to accomplish the stupendous work in the short time allowed.

"But we have had our moments of elation when we have felt that we are making progress. The record made by the Skinner & Bradley Co., of Seattle, is a case in point. That company laid the keel for an 8,800-ton vessel which was launched in sixty-four days. She was delivered to the Fleet Corporation on January 5 and started on the first voyage on January 14. This record accomplishment shows what can be done in live, wide-awake, efficient American shipyards.

"Then a few days ago we received a telegram from the Moore Shipbuilding Company, of Oakland, Cal., announcing the successful launching of one of their large vessels. Twenty minutes later we received another telegram from the same company announcing the launching of a second ship of the same type, and forty minutes afterward a third telegram saying that a third vessel of similar character had gone overboard. This was the record of one American shipyard. The launching of three 5,400-ton vessels in a single afternoon—an accomplishment which I believe is unrivaled in the world's annals of shipbuilding.

TWO METHODS FOR THE FIGURING OF TONNAGE

"There are two methods for computing the construction of tonnage to show what is accomplished. One is by showing the tonnage in the water. The other is by showing the tonnage under construction. But when a great many ships are put under construction at the same time, the question is asked, how are they all progressing; how near to completion is the vast program? Here is the answer: "The total amount of our steel construction on March 1 was \$2,265,703 deadweight tons. This is made up of 5,160,590 deadweight tons under contract with the Emergency Fleet Corporation, and 3,045,498 deadweight tons of requisitioned vessels.

"Of this total steel construction, 2,121,563 deadweight tons, or approximately 23 per cent, has been completed. That means that in addition to the building of our big new yards we have also been building ships. That is, the program for steel ships has advanced 23 per cent toward completion. Of the amount of steel ships under contract and under requisition, 655,456 deadweight tons, or approximately 8 per cent, were actually completed and in service on March 1 of this year, nearly a month ago. This amount of floating tonnage exceeds our total output in 1916, including steel, wooden and sailing vessels, by approximately 50 per cent.

BAD WEATHER AND EMBARGOES ALSO HAMPERED PROGRESS

"In the yards which we have already completed and those which are nearing completion the progress will be cumulative from this time on.

"Thus while we have been building the yards and training the new forces necessary to construction, we have also been building the ships. "Notwithstanding the difficulties of organization, of the handicaps of bad weather conditions, of transportation embargoes and railroad congestion, nearly as much tonnage has been constructed in American waters in the past three months as by all the other maritime nations of the world combined.

"We have had to build up a tremendous administrative organization, with expert ship architects, expert traffic and operating heads, and at a time when the demand for such talent greatly exceeded the supply. We have had to negotiate for neutral tonnage. We have had to requisition and prepare for the operation of the entire existing American merchant marine; we have had also to provide skilled supervision for the repairs of interned German ships which were seized.

"The Germans thought that by crippling their own vessels in American waters they would be able to prevent us from using them. American ingenuity and resourcefulness gave the answer by restoring these vessels to efficiency. With the expenditure of a little less than \$8,000,000 we have succeeded in placing in our war service and in the service of the allies 112 first-class German and Austrian vessels, representing a carrying capacity of nearly 800,000 deadweight tons.

TRAINING TOO SEVERE

Divisional Medical Officer Thinks It Responsible for Prevalence of Diseases at Camp Travis.

(By Associated Press.) SAN ANTONIO, TENN., March 26.—The theory that the prevalence of pneumonia, mumps, measles and milder diseases at Camp Travis was due in part to decreased resistance as a result of too intensive training of recruits, has been advanced by Major Joseph Heller, division sanitary inspector. As a result he has recommended that training for the men of the second draft during their first month shall be much milder than that received by the men of the first draft. If his recommendations are adopted, the next contingent will have only light drills and exercises for a month, in order to permit them to readjust their muscles to the more active demands of an out of doors life.

Major Heller's investigations have shown, it was said, that in many cases incipient ailments have developed under the extreme changes from civilian routine to the hard drill in camp. Each case of pneumonia that has developed since the arrival of the first increment of selected men is being investigated. Already 104 cases have been examined and the causes responsible for them have been tabulated. Most of the cases had been preceded by bad colds, it was learned. Some of the men had slept in the upper stories of the barracks, others had slept with their heads too near open windows. Sudden climatic changes also were held partly responsible for the prevalence of disease. In one case in January the thermometer dropped to 22 degrees from 78 within a few hours, chilling the men and lowering their resistance to disease.

BROKEN HEARTS, \$2.98 EACH

Verdict of Jury Trying Breach of Promise Suit at Dawson, Illinois.

DAWSON, ILL., March 25.—A "broken heart" is worth only \$2.98 here. Such was the verdict of a jury trying the breach of promise suit brought by Miss Myrlan Cooper against Thomas Peedie. Miss Cooper asked \$25,000 heart bail.

It took the jury five minutes to decide the case after the defendant proved he "wasn't always" mentally responsible. The Red Cross benefited by the trial to the extent of \$70.50. The court permitted them to charge an admission fee from the public.

Japanese Shipbuilders Strike.

TOKYO, February 21.—Six thousand workmen in the employ of the Uraga Dock Company, near Yokohama, went out on a strike to-day for increased wages. A number of persons were injured. Labor in Japan has always been noted for its quiet docility and submissive attitude towards employers. Recently, however, strikes have been on the increase.

STOMACH UPSET?

Get at the Real Cause—Take Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets

That's what thousands of stomach sufferers are doing now. Instead of taking tonics or trying to patch up a poor digestion, they are attacking the real cause of the ailment—clogged liver and disordered bowels.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets arouse the liver in a soothing, healing way. When the liver and bowels are performing their natural functions, away goes indigestion and stomach troubles.

If you have a bad taste in your mouth, tongue coated, appetite poor, energy, troubled with undigested foods, you should take Olive Tablets, the substitute for calomel.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are a purely vegetable compound mixed with olive oil. You will know them by their olive color. They do the work without griping, cramps or pain.

Take one or two at bedtime for quick relief, so you can eat what you like. At 10c and 25c per box. All druggists.

COMRADES IN COURAGE

By Lutet. Antoine Hedier. Net. \$1.40. DOUBLEDAY, PAGE & CO.

Advertisement for Black Jack chewing gum, featuring the slogan 'a Stick a day keeps "Bad Habits" away' and 'BLACK JACK Pure Chewing Gum'.

Advertisement for J.B. Mosby & Co. Clover Day sale, featuring 'A FEW SAMPLES OF THE EXCEPTIONAL VALUES OFFERED TO-DAY--THE FIRST DAY' and lists of silks, neckwear, stationery, and handkerchiefs.

Advertisement for Thalheimer Brothers Blouses, featuring 'Blouses of Incomparable Charm' and 'Novelty Stripe Crepe de Chine Blouse'.

Advertisement for Adams Pure Chewing Gum.

Advertisement for Black Jack chewing gum, featuring 'a Stick a day keeps "Bad Habits" away' and 'BLACK JACK Pure Chewing Gum'.

Advertisement for Rountree Cherry Corp. Rugs, featuring 'Upon the blending of its colors depends the beauty of the rug' and 'In buying rugs great care must be taken to get those that harmonize with each other, with the curtains and the furniture in the room.'