

**THOSE LATE STAYERS.**  
 Miss Nye—The doctor says you mustn't call any more.  
 Cholly Stayton—Well, he says that I need eight hours' sleep.—Boston Transcript.



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**GEN. KUHN REFUTES DISSIPATION TALES ABOUT SAMMIES**

CAMP MEADE, Md., Feb. 19.—Another high officer of the United States army today stands aligned against those who have preferred charges of drunkenness and immorality against members of the American expeditionary forces in France.

It is Maj. Gen. Joseph E. Kuhn, commander of this camp, who declares such charges "gross and malicious slander," and intimating that the agitation may be fostered by German propagandists.

"Some of the men who have been brought up along narrow lines," he said, "see red and blue every time they hear of wines, and are apt to give the wrong impressions in writing home. The wines that the French soldiers drink would never make any one drunk."

**Water Is Polluted.**  
 "In the warring countries, the water supply in a great number of places has become polluted. To make this water drinkable it is necessary to treat it by a chemical process that gives it an extremely bad taste."

General Pershing, therefore, gave his men permission to follow the custom of the country in which they find themselves, by drinking light wines.

"These wines can harm no one. They cannot possibly make a man a drunkard. The charge that drunkenness and immorality are widespread is a gross and malicious slander."

**Profess Men's Conduct.**  
 "I can say that the conduct of our men abroad is such as to make Americans proud and to be a source of consolation to wives, sisters, mothers, and sweethearts who have had to part with them.

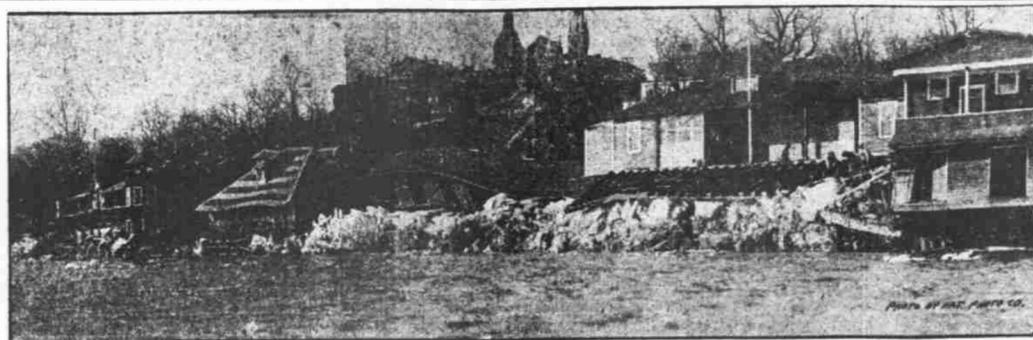
"They reflect great credit upon the nation and put their unpatriotic and slanderous detractors to shame.

"As to the morale of the army, it is splendid. I have returned to America an optimist. The result of the training of our men is an eye-opener even to men who have had many years of experience in the army."

Macaroni or spaghetti, per lb. 12c  
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 Red kidney beans, per can, 15c  
 Gunpowder tea, per lb. 40c and 50c  
 Blue label coffee, per lb. 25c

**J. T. D. PYLES STORES**

**Ice Damage to Boathouses on Georgetown Shore**



Boathouses along the entire shore from Aqueduct bridge to the Three Sisters are greatly damaged. The first floor has been cut out of the Dempsey house, farthest up stream, as though it had been done with a knife, and the front end of the second floor is resting on the wharf. Next to it to the right another Dempsey house with the first floor cut away is pitching forward into the river. To the left the Washington Canoe Club house is left standing, but the ice damage is clearly seen. Farther to the left is Moore's boathouse, completely wrecked, and as far up the river as the camera eye could reach are tossed and jumbled boathouses and homes.

**RECONSTRUCTION WORK IS BEGUN ON RIVER FRONT**

It will probably be days and even weeks before the full extent of flood and ice damage along the Georgetown waterfront as a result of the recent thaw will be known. It will be many days before the wharfs and boathouses are cleared of the huge ice packs that are piled into them, in most instances completely filling the first floors.

The river is back to normal high tide level today, and crews of men are at work clearing away the ice.

The river channel throughout its length is practically clear of heavy ice, only small floes and pans moving downstream. Service on the Norfolk and Washington steamboat line between this city and ports on Hampton Roads was resumed last night on regular schedule.

Red Cross workers, members of the Washington Needlework Guild, the Associated Charities, and the Rev. George W. Atkinson, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, are today working out a plan to begin the reconstruction work among the homes demolished in Georgetown during the

**SIXTH PRECINCT CITIZENS DEMAND MORE POLICEMEN**

While three or four policemen patrol the Sixth precinct, fifty or more gather nightly at Billy Sunday's tabernacle, "where there are good people who don't need bluecoats around."

This is the situation existing today in the district civilly represented by the Central Citizens' Association, according to President Martin J. McNamara, who lambasted this alleged condition at last night's meeting of the association. The Washington Railway and Electric Company also came in for caustic criticism on the score of its service around the Union Station.

**Precinct Important.**  
 "The Sixth precinct," said McNamara, "is a most important one containing many valuable properties and homes. Our committee on fire and police protection will confer with Mayor Kullman to see whether we can't have this state of things rectified. On Sunday night, which was a lightless night," three policemen were

**SEMI-ANNUAL COTTON REPORT IS ISSUED**

Cottonseed, less reshipments, received at mills in the United States during the six months' period from August 31 to January 31, amounted to 2,544,809 tons, the Census Bureau reported today.

Cottonseed crushed during the period amounted to 2,707,628 tons, and still on hand at mills January 31, 879,595 tons.

Production of crude cottonseed oil during the period amounted to 816,186,391 pounds; of refined oil, 565,811,512 pounds; of cake and meal, 1,298,827 tons; hulls, 421,172 tons; linters 696,652 bales, and hull-fiber, 120,997 bales.

Crude oil held on January 31 amounted to 192,993,112 pounds, and refined, 208,439,610 pounds.

**VAN SCHAICK SAYS STUDY OF GERMAN HERE SHOULD GO ON**

Encouragement for the study of German in the District's public schools is given today by the Rev. John Van Schaick, president of the Board of Education, who is in France with the American Red Cross, in a letter to George E. Hamilton, acting president of the board.

"We ought to continue the study of German in our schools so that our children may better know the great German people. We hope to live in peace with the German people long after von Tirpitz and Hindenburg have lost their control, and besides we need it for our business relations in both peace and war," says Dr. Van Schaick.

Writing from Paris, Dr. Van Schaick gives his support to the teachers' fight in urgent words. He says:

"We must drive harder for a higher paid teaching force so that Indiana, apoll and Minneapolis, New York and Boston cannot draw away the people whom we need most. In fact some of the teaching blood and idealism of every part of our country ought to be drawn into the schools of Washington.

"For the sake of the children we must get away from the idea that these places in the public schools are jobs to which everybody once appointed has an inalienable right. We must tackle this problem from the two sides of paying our people enough, so we get the best and keep the best, but at the same time fearlessly put out the mediocre, as well as the incompetent."

**EISENMANN CONTINUES ON DEFENSE COUNCIL**

Secretary of War Baker explained today that Charles Eisenmann, Cleveland, recent storm center in the Congressional war inquiry, was no longer connected with the quartermaster branch of the army, but was still a member of the Council of National Defense.

A letter Baker wrote Senator McKellar gave the impression yesterday that Eisenmann was not connected with the Government in any way now.

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**SLIGHT FIRE STARTLES SHOREHAM GUESTS**

A spark from the controller of an electric freight elevator in the Hotel Shoreham, Fifteenth and H streets northwest, at 9 o'clock this morning ignited grease and oils in the shaft and caused a slight blaze, which resulted in alarm among several of the guests.

As an elevator boy was starting the lift from the basement, the spark splurged from the controller and fired the grease and oil. A bucket brigade was formed, and employes extinguished the fire with water and chemicals before the firemen arrived. Assistant Manager Collins said the fire caused no damage.

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