

PORTO RICO HELPS

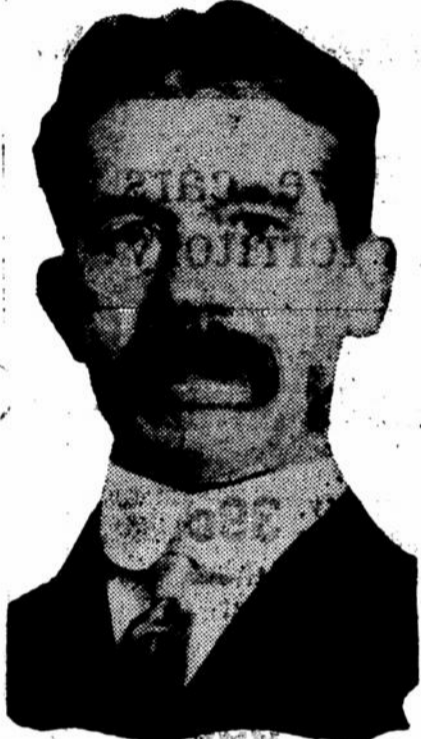
Fine Patriotic Spirit Is Shown In Our Island.

100 IN NATIONAL ARMY.

Training Camp For Officers' Reserve Corps Will Have About 200 Who Will Get Commissions as First and Second Lieutenants—Officers From the United States and Native Regiment.

San Juan, P. R.—The training camp for the Porto Rico contingent of the officers' reserve corps opened with 200 candidates in attendance. These applicants will be trained by officers sent from the States and by some of the officers of the Porto Rico regiment who have been called from the canal zone for the purpose. It is presumed that the officers who come from the States will remain to serve with the national army brigade which Porto Rico is expected to furnish. This brigade will number 7,000. Most of the applicants at the insular training camp will receive commissions as first or second lieutenants, a few gaining higher rank.

The course of instruction will be identical with that of the camps in the States and will last three months. The candidates will enlist for that period, at the same time agreeing to take whatever commissions may be offered them. The commission calls for an enlistment of five years, unless sooner discharged by the war department, through



ARTHUR YAGER, GOVERNOR OF PORTO RICO.

active service will be only for the duration of the war. The men will receive \$100 a month and 75 cents a day for food allowance, shelter and clothing, though it is suggested that the work will be facilitated if they buy their own uniforms before the camp opens.

Of the candidates thus far accepted twenty-five are continental Americans, with Porto Rico as their legal residence. The others are native Porto Ricans. Colonel Townsend reported to Arthur Yager, governor of the island, that he is much pleased with the general fitness of the accepted candidates, and he expects to see a fine lot of officers graduated. He has toured the entire island to examine applicants, thus insuring selection by an experienced officer.

The camp site at Cayey, where Henry barracks are located, is considered the best in the island for the purpose. The location is high and healthful, and the barracks have ample room to accommodate the student officers. The sandy soil of the camp grounds quickly absorbs the rainfall, making drilling at all times possible.

There is no doubt that through the selective draft a fine brigade will be obtained. Adjutant General John A. Wilson, exhibiting a letter received by him a day or two ago, said, "There will be no trouble in conscription as long as this kind of spirit is shown."

The letter from Mayaguez, signed by four young men, read:

"Signed below you will find the names of we four young men who, full of love for the nation that has built the general welfare of our beloved island and proud of being citizens of the greatest nation in the world, are willing to contribute, even with our lives, to the defense of the kingdom of democracy in the world and do hereby ask you to include our names in the first recruiting to take place."

RISKED U BOAT FOR PIG.

Germans Got Porker, but Barely Escaped Destroyer's Shell.

An Atlantic Port—A desire for the luxury of pork chops and other savory attributes of the pig inspired the commander of a German submarine on June 29 off the Azores to risk his boat to make a fine, squealing potter a prisoner of war. The pig belonged to the Norwegian sailing ship Sira, and the men of the submarine chased it around the ship several times before they captured it and bore it squealing to the submarine.

An enemy destroyer had been sighted bearing down on the submarine, and he got below the surface just in time to avoid a shell that struck close to the spot where she had taken the pig prisoner.

The destroyer took aboard the crew of the Sira, which had been destroyed by bombs, and they arrived at an American port.

SAILORS, TOO, ADOPT GAS MASKS



At the Great Lakes naval training station sailors in the making are learning how to fight gas the same as our soldiers have to.

UNCLE SAM'S BIG FORCE.

Fighting Total Second Only to That of 1864-65.

More men are actually in service under the flag either as soldiers or sailors than at any time in the country's history, with the exception of the closing year of the civil war. The government gave out the exact number of men at present under arms as nearly as it can be compiled. It shows that 943,141 men are now in uniform. This does not include any of the 987,000 men of the national army. It is estimated that already 100,000 have been accepted and by reason of that fact are now part of the military forces of the United States.

In the months elapsed since the war began approximately 1,300,000 men have offered themselves for service in the nation's fighting forces, or in other words have volunteered. This includes all rejections for the army, navy and marine corps.

Cleaning Alfalfa of Weeds.

Alfalfa which is two or more years old should be thoroughly disked or harrowed after the first cutting. Fields which are absolutely weedless do not need much disk or harrowing, but the ordinary field, where blue grass, redtop or similar grasses have come in, should be given a thorough disk or harrowing. On the average farm the disk is the best available tool which can be used, or the spring tooth harrow will do. The object is to tear out the grass.—American Agriculturist.

ALFALFA FOR PARK SPACES.

Oklahoma City Replacing Unsightly Weeds on Boulevard.

Alfalfa is to be used to replace the unsightly weeds along the twenty-eight mile boulevard which encircles Oklahoma City. The boulevard driveway is twenty-eight feet wide, and the park space on either side is about eighty-five feet from driveway to curb, says the American City. This space has heretofore been used by farmers for general crops. The part which was not cultivated grew up in weeds and was far from beautiful to the hundreds of automobile parties which make this trip for pleasure. When the crops are cut the conditions are even worse, for the weeds still stand with a cleared space behind them. With a good sod of alfalfa it is thought that this condition will be done away with and the result be more pleasant to the eye. The park department is undertaking the task this year and expects that the crop will be profitable to the city.

This method of being rid of the sore spots of harvesting near public drives and parks is worthy of emulation elsewhere. Many an owner or tenant has had the sad experience of an overgrown, ill kept lot adjacent to his own well trimmed lawn. Why not let the city set the example by growing an attractive grass along the sides of its boulevards when they reach out into the country and where velvet lawns are not to be expected?

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They arrived at an Atlantic port aboard an American steamship, whence they came to New York before leaving for the White mountains. Meanwhile, they said, they would try to crowd into twenty-two rooms at a hotel here. The senorita is the daughter of Manuel Luciano Diaz, Cuban copper king.

Status of Municipal Water Plants.

According to a recent decision of the supreme court of Maine, it is affirmed that when a city engages in the business of supplying water to its inhabitants for private purposes it becomes subject to the same legal liability concerning breach of service contracts or negligent operation as rests upon private water companies. So where a customer justly refuses to pay an excessive bill rendered for service and where insufficient service has been furnished him he is entitled to recover damages for failure of the city to furnish full service contracted for, as well as damages for wrongful disconnection of service.

To Protect City Trees.

Conservation of the trees in Philadelphia is the purpose of a new movement which has met with the emphatic endorsement of Raymond Pond, city forester, and the members of the Fairmount park commission. Thousands of boys of school age in Philadelphia and its environs have been organized into patrol bodies to keep constant watch over the trees and shrubbery in streets and parks. Their task is the detection of vandals and to report any decay of the trees. The organization is known as the Boys' Tree Sentinel society.

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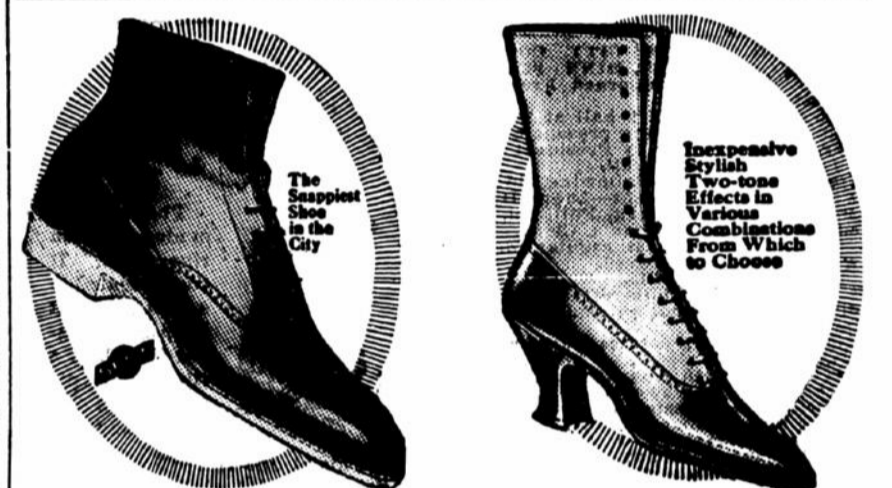
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