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**OFFICIAL COUNTY AND CITY PROCEEDINGS****IN ECLIPSE.**

Occasionally our metropolitan newspapers make casual mention of the deaths of French deputies on the western front. There were two more in the first week of September.

The items are generally in some obscure corner of the back pages, and consist of six or eight line paragraphs. In French papers they get more space, but not much. Deputies shouldering rifles are numerous, and to become illustrious each must acquit himself illustriously in battle. It is not easy to shine pre-eminently when so many do their best.

Yet it is unfair to say that the French belittle the functions of a legislator. Circumstances have combined to cause a readjustment of values. They have ruled that an average man with a bayonet is more important than an average deputy, congressman or parliamentarian.

Many who have answered the 45 year draft call should find a deep contentment herein. There are those who do not hope to attain even the dignity of a congressman, and yet feel that experience has given them executive capacity and aptitude in specialized lines of endeavor which would be wasted in the trenches. But if they have the supreme quality of physical soundness, and do not include in their makeup something peculiarly necessary to military or industrial establishment here at home, they are likely to find themselves in training camps.

They will be in good company. The elect representatives of the French people measure up to the standards of eloquence and political sagacity maintained in American and English legislative bodies, but rhetoric and electioneering dexterity are surprisingly easy to dispense with when wars are to be won. Many gifts of mind are at present subordinate in importance to strong limbs and sound digestions.

**SMILEAGE BOOKS IDEAL SOLDIER GIFTS.**

Now that Christmas is coming on apace, and the holidays will have much to conjure with, it is recalled that Bemidji has been a little negligent with the entertainment of her boys in camps, reference being made to the Smileage books, and our attention has been called to this fact.

The gifts received by a soldier are usually a surplus of sweaters, some linen collars and some fearful and wonderful samples of socks. Straw hats even find their way into training camps. Sizes don't seem to cut much figure, either, in this class of gifts. But candy and smokes are always welcome.

The Smileage books are not expensive. They allow a soldier to attend movie pictures in the Liberty Theaters of the cantonments. These shows run a couple of hours. The books can be used at any time and afford a great deal of entertainment and recreation for the fortunate possessors. The cost is small, and any one interested should see W. Z. Robinson, president of the Commercial club, and interested in the Smileage book campaign.

**YANKS GET WHAT THEY'RE AFTER.**

It is stated that 5,000 miles of telephone wire were laid in the St. Mihiel salient and along its borders by the Americans before their attack on the salient. When the battle opened, trucks laden with wires started north, unreeing the wires through No-Man's-Land, and 6,000 telephone instruments were used to connect these wires in the battle zone. The telephones were also supplemented by several thousand carrier pigeons. When the American army wants information it gets it.

**HERE'S DRIVE THAT'S WORTH WHILE.**

Now that there is considerable improvement being made in the business district and also that stocks for winter are arriving, many nails are finding their way into sidewalks and out onto the pavement. We have long had a habit of picking up all nails discovered by us, and also anything that would puncture an auto tire, and would respectfully suggest that all auto owners do likewise and all others see that they are not careless in allowing nails and tacks to get onto the pavements.

**WHY DEFACE COURT HOUSE LAWN?**

It would seem from the movement inaugurated by the park board for the improvement of lawns and parkings of the city, that foot ball on the court house lawn might come under the ban. It certainly won't add to the attractiveness of the grounds and it might not inconvenience anybody to abolish the use of the lawns for gridiron practice.

In November we shall probably have two million soldiers in France. Your contribution to the Fourth Liberty Loan will help provide them with food, clothing and shelter. Subscribe to your limit.

The words "Giants" and "Phillies" and "Cubs" and "Sox" are blotted from our vocabularies until the close of the war.

A hundred and forty years ago the minute man was the man of the hour. Now it is the duration-of-the-war man.

The ex-German liners used as transports are doing their bit toward the destruction of the Hindenburg line.

If the cost of butter goes up much further it will soon be found only on the tables of the munition workers.

It is time for the Sick Man of Europe to take his medicine, and the allies are seeing that he does it.

"Can any good come out of Nazareth?" There is certainly some good being done there.

**NEWS AND LETTERS FROM BELTRAMI CO. SOLDIERS-SAILORS****CONDITION UNCHANGED.**

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Brown received a message last evening, stating that the condition of their son, Hector Brown, remained unchanged. Mr. Brown, who is stationed at Camp Lee, Va., is suffering from Spanish influenza and pneumonia, and his wife left Saturday morning for the camp, having received word that his condition was serious.

**MARKHAM REGISTER**

Saturday and Sunday visitors at the Markham were Irene Irawite, Bowles; H. L. Harris, LaPorte; D. H. Purchase, N. Y.; R. E. Grochowsky, Duluth; C. A. Fossum, Pequot; Miss Benson, Minneapolis; W. D. George, Minneapolis; G. D. Holcolm, Minneapolis; Robert Conkey, Mendota, Ill.; J. Dempsey, Chicago, Ill.; S. B. Clelland, St. Paul; W. Feulghum, Mason City, Ia.; D. B. Fuller, Minneapolis; W. L. Beier, Rockford, Ill.; R. M. Day, Long Prairie; F. J. Mills, Minneapolis; C. P. Hawkinson, Duluth.

**Field Marshals.**

The "baton" borne by generals in the French armies and by the marshals of other nations is emblematic purely—simply a mark of their office. The title of "field marshal" is not known in the United States army.

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Next in favor to the modest gingham is printed cotton or percale, and it makes a charming gown, especially when the material is spotted or striped.

One of the virtues of plaid gingham is the delightful way in which it combines with plain materials. For sport wear a frock of gingham may be made very chic by the plain one-tone trimmings, or the jacket or Russian blouse may be of the plain materials, while the skirt and blouse trimmings may be of the plaid.

**COAT THAT ASSURES SERVICE**

Every woman with a sense of clothes that instantly recognizes a beautiful achievement in any garment, will admire the coat pictured here. It is of broadcloth with large, convertible collar of Hudson seal, and there are two fur balls on the back. The sleeves are novel and graceful with wide cuffs and there is a girdle across the front fastened with large ornamental buttons. Other fur than seal might be used for the collar and balls.

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