



South Bend Legion Post No. 50 Meets One Week from Tonight. Be There—at the Chamber of Commerce.



THE POST MAIL

Those A. E. F. Executions. To the Editor: I see by what Mr. Dooley calls the "dignified" Sen. Tom Watson of Georgia thinks a lot of us over in the A. E. F. were hanged, drawn, quartered and dragged downhill in nail-lined barrels by horses going four different ways, if you get what I mean. He says he wants evidence to the contrary. Well, here's some.

The only non-Boche-inflicted casualty in my outfit was a corporal who swallowed some coffee which a dizzy K. P. had held a lantern over, letting a couple of drops of kerosene fall into it. The corporal didn't feel like eating for a week and washed his mouth out with commissary soap, just as he'd once had done to him when he said "naughty things."

Of the men who went to war from my town, not one was shot at sunrise or any other time for wearing boots at reveille. This is a shameful record, and I hate to publish it, but as Senator Watson wants the truth I am willing to make the sacrifice.

Of the eight members of my squad, of which I never attained the front rank, seven escaped the war unchanged. The eighth roams in an honorable grave on the slopes below the village of Romagne. He died of a machine gun wound in the face of the enemy—not, Senator Watson, of a taut rope in the presence of a lot of gawking lieutenant-colonels.

But there's one thing they would have let us privates in on. They might not have let us see all these company punishment executions Senator Watson tells about, but don't you suppose the underground wireless of soldiery would have spread the news around? If there had been any promiscuous hangings, don't you suppose they would have shown up every time a G. I. wanted some privates supplied? The only hanging I ever heard about was given wide and official notice, apparently as a matter of discipline. It happened in one of the base ports and every man in that base section had to stand at attention for the whole while it was going on. I was told, personally, I think that a pretty ineffective way of helping along morale, but whatever the big idea was, it was certainly the opposite of suppression.

I think the Senator got the wrong foot or else strayed into the wrong army.—W. S.

Who Started Them? To the Editor:—Does any Legionnaire know where the phrase "I feel the world" originated? I'm afraid they'll have to go back farther than the war, because some private investigations which I have been conducting into the origin of army expressions have taken me back in some cases more than a century.

"Cut of luck," for instance, I used to think was a Western phrase. But in reading Arthur Young's "Travels in France"—and Young did his A. E. F.ing in 1789, just before the French Revolution—I found that he expected to find some mail awaiting him at Dijon, of all places, but was "out of luck," as he says.

"Doughboy," too, I have traced back as far as General Custer, who wrote his wife, after a dusty cavalry march, "We were glad we were not doughboys," but I have looked through considerable Civil War literature in vain for the word.

If any readers can supply previous instances of these or any other well-known service terms, citing if possible the exact book or periodical they take them from so as to establish the date, I think they will give us some mighty interesting information. Anyway, I'd be glad for assistance on "I'll tell the world."—Henry Dwight.

Legion 'Santa' For Disabled; Have Big Task Establishes Precedent Year Ago in Bringing Xmas Cheer to Thousands.

It was a conspicuous precedent which the American Legion set for itself last year in making Christmas a merry one for the disabled ex-service men in hospitals. It is one of the legion's most noteworthy accomplishments in its date. There were Christmas dinners, Christmas entertainments, Christmas trees and Christmas cheer. To practically every man then confined in a public hospital the message was carried that the friendship formed in the service is a real one.

This year the legion is going to duplicate its accomplishments—and more. After the observance last year posts in many communities realized that while they had cared adequately for the men actually in hospitals they had neglected, to a greater or less degree, others who were no less in need of attention, disabled men and their dependents outside of the hospitals. Many posts early announced their plans for observance this year which would include all disabled and their dependents in and out of hospitals and to be certain that the idea would gain general adoption, National Commander MacNider several weeks ago addressed a letter to all department commanders. The suggestions from national headquarters will already have been fitted into departmental programs and forwarded to posts when this is read, but for the interest of all members, the substance of the letter on the subject is presented here.

Every Post Has Chance. Every post has in its community, in or out of hospitals, disabled veterans and the dependents of disabled veterans who are having a hard time of it on the money they are getting from the government. If they get any. The identity and whereabouts of others can be determined from the membership at the

meetings, from the Red Cross, local medical organizations, city or county officials, and, if necessary, by house to house canvasses by legion committees. Posts should see to it that all disabled men and their dependents are visited Christmas day by Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary and, if possible, see that some form of material Christmas cheer arrives as a present.

This is not a charity affair—it is the Christmas thought of one ex-service man to another who would expect his buddy to remember him if the positions were reversed. It should not matter whether the lad is a legion man or not—it is a Christmas greeting between ex-service men. Any individual who wants to assist should be allowed to do so, but only through the legion or the Auxiliary. This is a legion obligation and a legion privilege and the contact should be entirely legion.

Not only should this work be a real satisfaction to the men who do it (and if the whole post cooperates it will make Christmas mean more to every member), but it should furnish the legion with valuable data to help fight the battles of the disabled.

If national headquarters can help, however, is word from Indianapolis.

Something For Bonus Opponent To Think About

Even Washington Realized Need of Extra Compensation to Aid Soldiers.

Opponents of The American Legion's plan for the payment of Adjuster Compensation to World War veterans are composed principally of two classes, those who are against compensation because of the increased taxes they imagine they would have to pay, and those who are against compensation on "patriotic principles," embodied in the belief that American veterans would be dishonored if they put a "price on patriotism"—that they would break sacred American traditions if they took cash as a substitute for glory.

This latter group refuses to concede that society today is built upon an economic system which places an overwhelming burden in wartime upon the soldier actually doing the fighting, enables those who remain at their ordinary occupations to obtain extraordinary profits and rewards. They see nothing inconsistent in the fact that it costs the government to fire one shot from a three-inch gun as much as it costs to fire a private soldier for a full month, and that it costs to fire one shot from a sixteen-inch gun as much as it costs to maintain that soldier for a whole year.

Practice of Middle Ages. As a matter of fact, the low pay of soldiers in modern war is only a survival of the customs of the Middle Ages, when the common man was expected to produce food for nothing, carry on the industries for nothing and serve as a common soldier for nothing in order to maintain a feudal aristocracy that found its way pleasant and profitable. In a democracy, founded upon the idea of equality of obligations and burdens, the least society might be expected to do for those of its members it exposes to its most hazardous task is to make their compensation proportionate to that of its members who in wartime remain in undisturbed pursuit of their ordinary vocations.

But the opponent of the adjusted compensation proposal, who will not concede that the nation should give back pay to the men it employed without sufficient compensation prefers to talk only of the "price on patriotism." Particularly is he wont to speak of the present proposal as a violation of American military tradition, implying that the World War veterans are grasping and avaricious and are seeking to obtain an advantage which never was given fighters of other wars.

If one considered seriously what these anti-compensation men say one might imagine that the shade of George Washington, the shade of Abraham Lincoln, the spirits of all those who camped at Valley Forge and at Gettysburg, would be hovering over President Harding to strengthen his purpose not to give further compensation to those who fought in the World War.

Americans Are Generous. But if we examine American history even casually, we learn that the American people have never been stingy toward those who fought for the nation in any war; that, on the contrary, financial inducements were offered in almost every war to offset the financial sacrifices which men incurred by leaving their daily work and putting on the uniform in response to duty's call. Furthermore, in both the Revolutionary War, the Mexican War and the Civil War, soldiers were given special compensation—call it bonus, or bounty, if you will—in advance. Those who stayed behind have always recognized the fairness of equalizing the compensation of those who went to fight their country's battles. A brief study of the country's military history proves this.

The very first financial inducement given American soldiers was offered before the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In January, 1776, the Continental Congress offered each recruit for the Continental Army, four dollars, this "for further encouraging the men more cheerfully to enlist in the service of their country."

New England States recommended that the Continental bounty be supplemented by an additional bounty from each state of \$33.33 for each man of the 88 battalions which had been created. Massachusetts and New Hampshire doubled this extra bounty, making a total of \$66.67 for each recruit from state and federal sources. In 1778 Congress increased the Continental bounty by \$10 for recruits enlisting for three years, and in 1779 Congress authorized Washington to grant a bounty of not exceeding \$200 to each veteran or recruit who should re-enlist or enlist.

KLAN SEEKS SLAYER OF PITTSBURG MAN

PITTSBURG, Dec. 14.—A Ku-Klux-Klan angle added further mystery today to the strange shooting and killing Monday night of Leroy Holmes Morris, federal vocational teacher.

Morris was shot to death in an Allegheny park. The police claim they found a Ku Klux application in the dead man's pockets. A "want ad" inserted in a morning newspaper offers \$100 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the slayers of Morris.

Those having any information are directed to address E. Y. Clarke, Klan Crest, Atlanta, Ga.

BOOZE CACHE FOUND IN BARKEEPER'S SOCK

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 14.—The wrinkle in the socks of Alfred Capasso, proprietor of a "soft drink bar," has caused a new interpretation of the search-warrant clause of the prohibition law.

When federal officers raided Capasso's place they found 10 small bottles of "mule" secreted in his socks. No booze was found behind his bar. Special Asst. Atty. Gen. John Dwyer ruled that Capasso could not be prosecuted because the search warrant did not provide authority for officers to search his socks. He was released.

STINNES LEAVES TO CONFER IN LONDON

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—Hugo Stinnes, foremost industrial magnate and financier in Germany, is enroute for London today to confer with British officials on the reconstruction of Russia.

Herr Stinnes and other German economists claim that the reconstruction of Russia is essential to European recovery and is the only means of preventing German bankruptcy.

SEVEN SAW PATH TO FREEDOM FROM JAIL

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 14.—Seven inmates of the city jail here sawed their way to freedom last night. The delivery was not discovered until early this morning.

BULGARIAN COMING HERE

LONDON, Dec. 14.—M. Stam-boulek, the Bulgarian prime minister, is to visit the United States next spring.

She'll be delighted with a curling iron, toaster, grill or iron if it comes from Moran's, 132 N. Michigan st. 348-11

The Biggest Lamp Values in South Bend are at Moran's, 132 N. Mich. 348-11

Do Your Xmas Shopping at Moran's, 132 N. Mich. 348-11

25 percent reduction sale, Ver-nor's. 334-11

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Duds, Whizbangs and H. E. From the St. Joe County Sector

There can be no doubt of the success of the American Legion in South Bend. The manner in which the new regime has taken hold prevails all manner of triumphs for 1922.

"Deak" Keltner, post adjutant, was on the job early and late during those trying days of fixing up our new dug-out headquarters in the Chamber of Commerce. Now, a few sticks of furniture and some books and magazines and the post will be sittin' pretty.

Bailey Wright of Kalamazoo, Legionnaire and exponent of the 49 Hommes, 8 Chevaux has taught but praise for South Bend Post 50, and for Indiana's department officers. Bailey wants to help put the work on when the inner circle is organized here, and hopes George Ford is No. 1 to ride the goat.

Harry Engel is breaking 'em loose on the membership end. "If we've gotta have entertainment, we've gotta have funds, and if we've gotta have funds we've gotta have members—so, Buddies, get yours now!" That's Harry's admonition, and it's a good one.

Nationally known speaker on economics for next meeting, thanks to Dr. E. G. Freymuth. Doc has done a lot for Post 50. As a member of the city park committee, he's great deal to increase the potential membership!

Bob Thiem, formerly of Fort Wayne, and late commander of a live New York post of the Legion, is in the city permanently. Bob lives out by East Jay and hopes to hoax Bud into a meetin' one of these nights.

Ralph Slick's night shift sorta keeps him away fro headquarters—but Ralph's a good hater and a hard worker none the less.

Down in Kansas City, Ted Roberts was asking one of his returned comrades what had become of the old company bugler, sort of a favorite in any outfit, you know. "Why," pipes up the ex-Yank, he's got his hands full selling alarm clocks to jobless ex-service men now."

Leon Livingston hopes to be out of the trenches by Xmas.

View-Commander Klockow as entertainment supervisor will in a few months recall with pleasure his days as an army cook.

Stanley Becker wants Pvt. Bob Martin to spend a few weeks as his guest some of these fine years about 1939.

Jay White is again hiring ex-service men. When Studebaker's are going strong meeting the demands of "another Studebaker year," headquarters is a cheery place.

Walter Clements, attorney-at-law, Citizens' National Bank bldg., prompt service and reasonable fees, says that every time he sees the post commander he's going to ask the time so as to get his money's worth out of the watch the post gave him.

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a night with a general and a couple of colonels when one realizes that they have to make a train which leaves just an hour before reveille!

The Keltner, Hardy and Ford babies are about to write their memoirs. Such genius! But then, look at their paternal ancestors!

About five new members from the Studebaker service station the first of the year! That'll help.

Charles B. Sax is functioning 100 per cent as a friend of the Legion.

Frank E. Hering promises to set aside an iron-clad rule and speak for the post some of those nights.

John G. Emery of Grand Rapids, past commander of the Legion, has said he will bring a crowd of Michigan boosters down to the dug-out soon.

By the way, this dug-out is OUR DUGOUT, with a welcome day and night sign on it. All we need is to salvage a couple of balls and a few cues and we'll be settin' on the world for entertainment.

Jake Engel submitted a tentative design for the green top of the billiard table that made a hit with every one but Frank Green.

Leave the dominies at home when you visit the dug-out.

Lions Hear White Discuss Tax Issue at Noon Lunch

"The relation of taxation to community development," was the topic of a discussion by John Z. White of the Henry George Lecture association, given before members of the Lions club at their weekly luncheon Wednesday noon at the Oliver.

Mr. White discussed advantages and disadvantages of our tax law and general taxation and dealt principally with the single tax.

Reports on business of the club completed the program.

Reale, Alleged Murderer, Denies Killing Italian

John Reale, indicted for murder in the first degree by the last grand jury pleaded not guilty to that charge in circuit court Wednesday morning.

Reale is charged in the indictment with killing Michael Rainco last September. Reale is about 25 years of age.

JUDGE CALLS IT 'SOLID IVORY'

A good judge of jewelry dropped into Schueller's jewelry store on W. Jefferson Blvd., and after examining the Ivory Sets advertised for Christmas pronounced them the genuine article. Also on display are Wrist Watches South Bend watches and diamonds beautifully mounted and a pronounced reduction. 247-11

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All 30c cigarets, 3 for 50c, Engel's. 338-11

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Fill out and mail to George Ford, Farmers Trust Co., South Bend, Ind. I want to become a member of the American Legion. Please accept this blank as my application for membership in South Bend Post No. 50.

Dog, 15, Loses Mistress, But Reward's for "Bill"

An out-of-town dog, with a lengthy pedigree, is lost, strayed or stolen. The dog, only a little one, according to a report made to the police, is of fox terrier breed and 15 years old. But there is a dollar reward for every year of the canine's life, and its mistress is eager for its recovery.

The terrier is described as white with the exception of a "beautiful" black spot on the left side. Further, that despite its age and a slight deafness, apparently brought about by riding in the subway, it answers to the name of "Bill."

Mrs. Mary Eager, registered at the Jefferson hotel, is the fond owner of "Bill" and is sponsor of the \$15 reward.

Niles Rotarian Tells Club Here How to Grow Mushroom

Ben Bird of the Niles Rotary club was the speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting of the South Bend chapter Wednesday noon in the Rotary room at the Oliver.

Mr. Bird gave an interesting discussion on "Mushroom Raising."

The club voted to change the constitution of the South Bend chapter of Rotary, to conform to international constitution.

NEW GIFT IDEAS. Many new and attractive Christmas gifts are to be found at the Book Shop, 119 N. Michigan st. Books, calendars and many other useful articles may be had at prices attractively low.—Adv. 328-11

Featherweight Arch—Supports made to fit your feet. Will relieve your foot trouble. 916 West Washington av. 457am

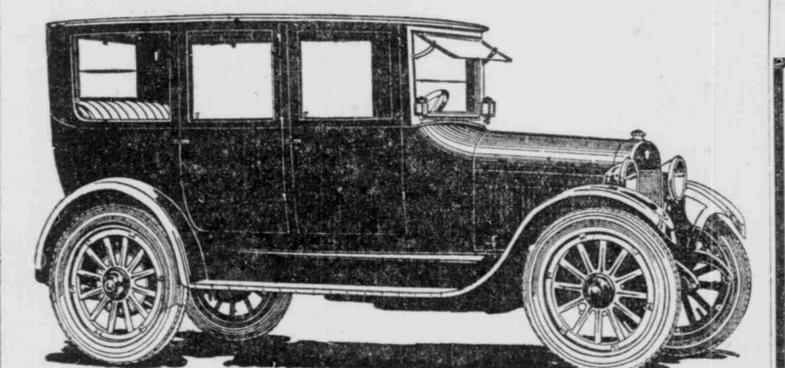
FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS CIGARS. Go to Goldie Mann's Cigar Stores. There are five centrally located. 341-11

Gift boxes of Roses, potted plants, or poinsettias—either would make a delightful token on Christmas morning. Assorted fresh-cut flowers are 'deal. Call Williams the Florist, Main 769. 341-11

SHOP—AT BLUE BIRD SHOP. The Blue Bird Shop, 122 N. Main st., is now filled to overflowing with appropriate Christmas gifts. Electric appliances, lamps, phonographs, washing machines—hundreds of ideal presents. 334-11

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A REO SEDAN

Will make a handsome Christmas Gift

What finer gift could you present to your family on Christmas day?

A handsome exterior, a beautiful interior and, above all, the marvelous Reo motor—imagine this as a gift!

Come in and talk it over.

FARNEMAN-TASHER MOTOR CO. 515-517 South Michigan Street—Main 4110

Advertisement for Victor Records, featuring 'Elbel Bros' pianos and records. Includes text: 'Hear the New Victor Elbel Bros Records', 'Fit ALL Machines', 'Struck Her 20 Years Ago', 'Mate Says in Decree Plea', 'Niles Rotarian Tells Club Here How to Grow Mushroom', 'Reale, Alleged Murderer, Denies Killing Italian', 'JUDGE CALLS IT 'SOLID IVORY'', 'PRINTING SERVICE'.

Advertisement for Vernon's clothing store. Features a large image of a patterned necktie and text: 'Yes, Madam, This is "His" Store', 'You make no mistake in coming here for "his" gift. For the merchandise you select is identical with the kind he would pick out for himself. We are certain of that—for long years of experience has taught us exactly what he wants in Furnishings.', 'VERNON'S "Every Inch a Clothing Store"'.