

SAVING ART WORK

Italian Army Has Special Department For This Purpose.

FEATURE IN PRESENT WAR.

Organized by General Cadorna, This Division Protects and Preserves Treasures in Fighting Areas, Not Only in Italian Territory, but in Places Taken From Austrians.

Headquarters of the Italian Army.—A department of fine arts is one of the features of the Italian army. It is attached to the general staff, and it has proved to be such a highly important feature in modern warfare that administration of it was expressed by General Joffre and the late Lord Kitchener on their visits to Italy.

This art department was organized by General Cadorna, commander in chief of the Italian armies, primarily to protect and preserve the art treasures in the fighting areas, not only in Italian territory, but in places taken from the Austrians. Ugo Ojetti, an art critic of international reputation,

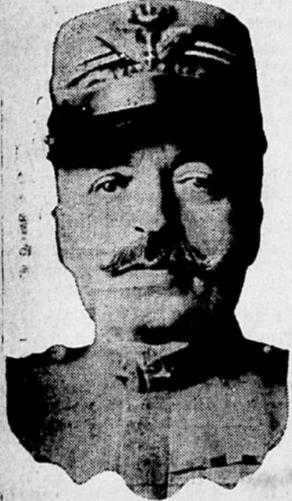


Photo by American Press Association. GENERAL CADORNA.

who has long been officially identified with Italian art and architecture, was appointed the head of the department just a year ago, since which time many million dollars' worth of art treasures have been taken in charge.

The art department is kept fully informed regarding any new advance on the part of the Italian army, and it frequently acts under artillery fire. Once the Austrian troops have been definitely dislodged the department conducts a thorough search for art objects and takes complete charge of those that the Austrians have left behind. The search often leads into graveyard tombs and into vaults under churches where the treasures are hidden for safe keeping in the early days of the war. But in many instances the Austrians have taken everything away with them.

The work of the art department in Venice has given that city the aspect of a much bandaged football player. All of its monuments have been carefully protected against the stray shells of Austrian aeroplanes. It is estimated that no less than 700,000 sacks full of sand have been placed around the finest buildings and monuments. By actual count 20,000 such bags protect the basilica of St. Mark's. In addition, so extensively have wooden supports been put about certain buildings that many of them, such as the ducal palace, seem to have been rebuilt. Because of the peculiar construction of the ducal palace it was feared that a single shell striking a given building might result in the collapse of the entire structure and the loss to the world of a priceless example of architecture. Bags of sand could not be used because their weight might cause the buildings to fall or sink. It was necessary to erect a full set of brick or wooden arches to catch the real ones should they be moved by the shock of a shell.

In an interview with a correspondent Lieutenant Ojetti told of his work and said that the war, instead of killing the artistic spirit, would make the art treasures of the old world more loved than ever.

"Within ten years," he said, "I look for the development of a new epoch in both art and literature not only in Europe, but in the United States. I expect to see the world developing a mainly literature embodying both human and eternal elements. Mankind will have come to a simpler and more profound way of thinking. Our old art treasures will be cherished because humanity will have a need of rest from worry over material matters, and objects of fine art are the consolation of a tired spirit. All art movements in history have originated in unhappy social conditions, in the need of mental refuge from material, earth to earth weariness.

"The new art period will be one of classic simplicity, with a vast amount of architectural production and solemn and impressive monumental sculpture, but with little painting.

"In literature the knell of the nervous, womanly, sentimental, weeping willow class of writing has been sounded. People in every condition of life have learned to suffer courageously and look with contempt on weakness with tears. Within the next decade or two the world will produce Virgils—a literature very clear, very easily read, calm in spirit, sober and truly profound."

HAS BEEN SERVANT IN ONE PLACE FIFTY-TWO YEARS

Tips Given Negro at Alabama College Would Make a Small Fortune.

Birmingham, Ala.—Fifty-two years a servant in one place is the record of Uncle Abe McClintney, who has waited on the dining table of the Judson Female college at Marion, in this state, ever since 1864. He is personally known and affectionately regarded by thousands of women all over the country who have attended that institution since the civil war. The alumnae of Judson recently donated enough to restore his home, which was destroyed by fire.

Uncle Abe is an old negro of war-times. His record for the same job at the college is said to be the longest in the country. Nearly everybody in Alabama and the south knows him, and his tips during his long service would make a small fortune.

In Marion there are almost twenty antebellum negroes whose attachment and service of early life bound them until death in the esteem of the white race. None are better known and more highly esteemed than Uncle Abe. He is still on the job, which he says he will hold down until he dies.

When Dr. O. L. Shivers was called by the trustees to Judson to take charge of the boarding department in an effort to keep the institution going when Alabama was prostrate from war he carried Uncle Abe with him, and the old negro has served through many administrations. At commencement time, when many seniors and alumnae return for the ceremonies, a fat purse is always made up for Uncle Abe.

PASTOR ADVISES HOW TO CHOOSE A WIFE

Helpmate, Good Housekeeper and Not Mere Toy Essential to Future Happiness.

Milwaukee, Wis.—A helpmate. A good housekeeper. A woman of sweet temper. And—none other than a good woman.

These are essential when selecting a helpmate, according to the Rev. W. O. Wallace, who recently preached on "Choosing a Wife" in Bethany Presbyterian church.

"Recognize the folly of choosing a mere toy wife," he said—"I mean one that is too fine, too ethereal. She should be one who can take her place in life, sharing its burdens and responsibilities and still keep growing more bountiful in character.

"Also look for a woman of sweet temper. Nothing can take the place of love in the home; nothing else can supply its lack.

"Again, let me say, choose a helpmate who is in thorough sympathy with you in all of life's work, one you can counsel with assurance that she sympathizes with you in everything. Such a one will rejoice with you when you are prosperous and will not accuse and find fault with you when adversity strikes you down. To fall him then or to chide only adds a hundredfold burden to heart and shoulders already nigh crushed.

"No more is the man of our times excused who makes a lifelong alliance with any one who, because of her habits, vanities or moral degeneracy, has the marks of the Philistine upon her life. There is no sufficient excuse for a man to wreck his prospects for life by tying himself to such debased womanhood.

"There is no other subject, next to their choice of redemption in Christ, in which young people need wise, loving counsel more than in choosing for marriage. There is a grave possibility of making a mistake, for getting married does not insure happiness, for, having made a mistake and taken the marriage vows, there is no honorable release."

PETTING SPOILS FIRE HORSE.

Loses Love of Work as a Result of Pampering by Women Visitors.

San Francisco.—Dick, the veteran fire horse which crashed through a Market street store window some weeks ago, will never again be fitted for fire service.

Veterinary surgeons declare he has regained his former strength and vigor, but his mental attitude has changed through pampering by women visitors and other sympathizers during his sojourn in the hospital, and he now refuses even to look at a fire engine.

Dick has been so "spoiled" that no amount of persuasion can induce him to return to work.

Gets \$15 From Prisoner.

Chester, Pa.—Posing as a "janitor," a stranger walked into the lockup here and flimflammed C. L. Bennett, a prisoner, out of \$15 and made a safe getaway. He told the prisoner the chief wanted the money for safe keeping. Bennett discovered his loss when he found the real janitor was a negro, while the flimflammer was a white man.

Old Ox Shoe Found.

Centralia, Kan.—An ox shoe has been unearthed in the J. P. Dorman garden. It had probably lain there for fifty years. Miss Dorman, who is a primary teacher, used the shoe to illustrate stories to the children of the early days in Kansas, when people rode behind oxen instead of in automobiles.

EX-PEDDLER RICH.

After Thirty Years He Distributes \$15,000 Among Employees.

BEGAN WITH NINETEEN CENTS

New Yorker Invested That Sum in Suspenders and Sold Them on the Bowery—Now is Able to Share Success With Those Who Helped to Make It.

New York.—Bernhard Blitzer of a gas and electric appliance company in this city arrived in New York from Austria thirty years ago with 19 cents in his pocket. He invested his 19 cents in suspenders and sold them on the Bowery. Recently he distributed more than \$15,000 among the twenty-seven heads of departments and salesmen employed by the firm of which he is the president.

Mr. Blitzer told the story of his life at a dinner in the Hotel Belleclaire given by his firm to the traveling salesmen.

"I came to America from Austria," said Mr. Blitzer, "when about eighteen years old, and when I landed I had just 19 cents. I met an Austrian friend who ran a small hotel near the Battery, and he offered me a room and meals on credit until I was able to pay for them. I accepted his kindness, and with my 19 cents I bought a few pairs of suspenders, which I peddled. When they were sold I put my principal and profit into suspenders and peddled again. I kept this up, always putting every cent of profit into more stock, until I rose to the proud position of peddler-merchant. In those days a peddler-merchant was one who had a cart and paid a man \$1 a day to push it while he sold merchandise."

After a time Mr. Blitzer was able to pay his landlord in full, and some time later he was able to marry. From peddling merchandise he went to work for the gas company of New York, and there he had his opportunity and his idea.

"I saw the possibilities of manufacturing and selling lighting fixtures," he told his salesmen. "I investigated and found that thousands upon thousands of New York homes were without either gas or electricity. I realized that sooner or later every home in New York would have one or the other, that many new homes would be built and that fixtures would be necessary wherever gas or electricity went. So I determined to go into the business of manufacturing and selling lighting fixtures. I took all of the money I had saved—it wasn't very much, but it gave me a start—and I persuaded my brother-in-law, now the secretary-treasurer of our company, Charles A. Gottesman, to put in all of his money, and together we began business at 133 Bowery. This was in 1903. Our place was small, and our business was little at first. I was the salesman, and Mr. Gottesman was packer, shipper, credit man, store manager and a dozen other things.

"It was slow going at first, but we were headed in the right direction. People began to use electricity and gas more and more, and we began to sell more and more fixtures. The rest of the story is simply one of steady growth, each year being better than the year before and last year being the best of all.

"And now I think we have got to the position where we can begin to share our success with the men who have helped us make it. We are therefore presenting a little gift to each man, and I wish to announce that in the future the profits of the firm will be shared with those who help make the profits."

At a dinner given previously to the heads of departments checks were distributed to the guests.

GIRL KILLS 7,200 FLIES.

Joliet (Ill.) Child Makes Record Slaughter in Two Days.

Joliet, Ill.—Joliet is a flyless city, due to the efforts of 3,000 school children, who killed nearly a million flies by actual count during three weeks.

Elizabeth Louch, ten years old, is the champion fly swatter of the city. In two days she killed 7,200 flies. She holds the record for fatalities for one day, turning in 5,500 as a result of six hours' work.

For every 100 flies turned in a ticket to the movies was given in exchange.

Dr. E. J. Higgins, health commissioner, estimated that the million flies killed in the early part of the year prevented 200,000,000 living later in the summer.

TWO WRONGS MADE A RIGHT.

Woman Falls, Dislocates Knee; Falls Again, Limb Gets Set.

New Martinsville, W. Va.—Mrs. Everett Shepherd of Clinton street was recently the victim of two accidents, in which one righted the damage done by the other.

She fell on the sidewalk and dislocated her knee. Her husband was near by and after assisting her to her feet started to carry his wife home.

As he mounted the steps to the porch he, too, slipped and fell. The fall remedied Mrs. Shepherd's dislocated knee, as the limb slipped into place again.

Rather Save Birds.

Stevens Point, Wis.—R. L. Pope, near Waupaca, has allowed his manure spreader to lie idle this season because a robin family has taken up quarters in the spokes of a rear wheel.

COUNTY NEWS

DAVIS CORNERS

Most of our farmers are through cutting oats and all seem to be satisfied with their crops.

The Mercelles Amusement Co. has been stationed at Davis Corners the past few days. The attendance was fair owing to the busy time.

Little Esther Bollinger is still a sick little girl but we think or hope she is on the gain.

J. C. Malek called on friends near Davis Corners the other evening.

Francis Dvorak made a flying trip to Cresco Thursday morning.

Mrs. Stanley Livingstone shopped at the Corners Wednesday.

James Kosak was a Lime Springs caller the other day.

Bollingers are entertaining company from Grundy county the past week.

Bertha Mercelles of Waterloo is at present staying at the Francis Dvorak home but will join her brother Bill and his show company in Schley the latter part of the week.

Bill Aberly was seen at the Corners early the other evening. He surely got around early for the show. May be there was a reason.

Mrs. Stan Livingstone called on Bollingers to see the little patient Wednesday afternoon.

Harry Houck is now the owner of a brand new Buick car and thinks it beats the old time horse and buggy all to smash.

WEST VERNON.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hanson and son Sammie spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lou Hanson of Granger.

Wm. Woods and family entertained company Sunday.

Mrs. H. Hanson and babe and Gertrude Darrow called on Mayme Schmelzer Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Frank Bouska and sons entertained relatives and friends Sunday.

A number of Clara Peters friends and relatives gathered at her home Sunday to help her celebrate her birthday.

Wm. Coughlin and family entertained friends Sunday.

Sorry to say little Lawrence Slifka is very sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hanson and babe and Gertrude Darrow called at Peter Hanson's Tuesday.

Mark Doolittle called on Elton Eldridge Monday.

Mrs. Wm. Crowe and family entertained company Sunday.

Wilma Hanson called on Mayme Schmelzer Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Halpine spent Sunday with their niece, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Eldridge and family entertained friends Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fish and son Charles entertained relatives Thursday.

E. Eldridge and family entertained relatives Thursday.

Wm. Slifka and family entertained relatives Sunday.

BONAIR.

L. E. Grabau left Tuesday for Waverly, where he will labor in the interest of the S. S. Union.

Mrs. Leon Phillips and daughter Elsie and Verda Garver came Thursday from Big Lake, Minn., to consult Dr. Kessel in regard to Elsie's health. We sincerely hope she may recover soon.

Mrs. P. W. Setchell is enjoying a visit with her sister, Mrs. Laurie, from Mendota, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Loo visited Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Bert Morris, who lives south of Lime Springs.

J. H. Nichols was on the sick list last Saturday. Mr. Albertson acted as mail carrier.

Mrs. Anna Owens, accompanied by her sons Donald and John visited at the Roy Owens home at Lime Springs Saturday afternoon.

There were no services at the church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Grabau visited the Davis Corners Union S. S. last Sunday.

The entomologist from South Carolina inspected the Bonair Nursery Wednesday morning.

A. Albertson and Nahla attended the funeral of Fred Wilhelm at Chester Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Goetsch returned to their home at Spencer, Iowa, after spending a month's vacation visiting relatives and friends here.



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ALBION

Harvesting and haying are about completed in our locality.

Mrs. Rant Andrews, of Cedar Rapids, is visiting at the James Holcomb home.

J. W. Wells and son Leslie visited at the Joseph Becker home, near LeRoy, Sunday.

Will Stockman and family, also Mrs. Len McIntire, attended the Winneshiok Co. W. C. T. U. convention on Friday of last week.

Rumor says that the Roth boys have purchased a new Ford.

Eva Wentworth, of Cresco, spent the first of the week at the home of her sister, Mrs. N. C. Peckham.

N. C. Peckham and family attended the funeral of little Naomi Merrill in Cresco Sunday.

Virginia Kurrey, of Oelwein, is spending a few days at the home of her aunt, Mrs. C. A. Holcomb.

Charley Bigalk, Phil DeGraves, H. E. and Glen Holcomb each had the misfortune to lose a horse by the heat recently.

No church or S. S. services at Albion for two weeks.

There will be an ice cream social and entertainment at the C. V. Johnson home on Friday evening of this week. Everybody come.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wells, of Cresco, visited Tuesday at the homes of their sons, J. W. and C. A.

Farms for Sale.

4 1/2 acre farm with good buildings, 3 1/2 miles from Cresco.

149 acres well improved, 2 1/2 miles from Cresco.

40 acres 4 miles from Cresco.

For prices and terms see

45-6t ANDREW SMITH.

"ROUGH ON RATS" ends RATS' MICE, Bugs. Die out doors. Unbeatable Exterminator. Used World Over, by U. S. Gov't. too. ECONOMY SIZE, 25c or 15c. Drug & Country Stores. Refuse substitutes. FREE. Comic Picture R.-E. S. Wells, Jersey City, N. J.

FOR SALE—A new Velie top buggy. AHERN BROS.

School Building, August 31st, Chester, Iowa.

Sealed proposals will be received by E. D. McWilliams, Secretary, Chester Independent School District, Chester, Iowa, at the German Savings Bank, until 3 p. m., August 31, 1916, for the erection of a two-story brick school building in Chester, Iowa, for all labor and material for general construction, and until 3 p. m., Sept. 14, 1916, for all labor and material for heating, ventilating, plumbing, electric wiring and equipment, all in accordance with plans and specifications furnished by F. H. Mosse & Co., Architects, Rochester, Minnesota.

Bids will be received separately. Bids to be submitted only on form of bid supplied by the Architects. Bids to be accompanied by a certified check for 2 1/2 per cent, or 5 per cent, of the amount of bid (as designated in the specifications), payable to E. D. McWilliams, Secretary.

Copies of above plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Architects, at the Builders' Exchanges, St. Paul and Minneapolis, at the German Savings Bank, Chester, Iowa, after August 17th, for general contract, and after Sept. 1st for other contracts.

Extra copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained on application to the Architects, with deposit of \$8.00 to insure the return of plans and specifications to the Architects and that a bonafide bid will be submitted. Successful bidders must furnish a surety company bond in full amount of contract. The right is reserved to accept or reject any or all bids.

F. H. MOSSE & COMPANY, Architects, Rochester, Minnesota.

E. D. McWILLIAMS, Secretary, Chester Ind. School Dist., Chester, Iowa, Aug. 1st, 1916.

LOST—Brown suit box containing one blue serge, pencil striped, gentleman's suit; also ladies' suit and wearing apparel. On the road between Cresco and Decraah and about 3 miles north of Ridgeway. Finder please notify LEIGHTON F. ORR, Decraah, Ia. Reward.

FOR SALE—A new Velie top buggy. AHERN BROS.

ARION STROTHER

No. 50809

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Division of Horse Breeding

ARION STROTHER, 50809, was bred by Enoch Strother, Cresco, Iowa, and was foaled in 1909; is brown in color and of good individuality, and with the blood of high-class and fashionable trotting families necessary to make him a sire of style and speed.

His sire is Arion, 18,000, record 2:07 3/4, the only harness horse in the history of the world that ever sold for \$125,000. Arion has the champion 2-year-old trotting stallion record of 2:10 3/4, and the champion 3-year-old record of 2:10 1/2, both made with the old-fashioned high wheel sulky and on that basis has never been equalled.

ARION STROTHER, through his sire, combines the Electioneer blood with that of Nutwood, the greatest sire of producing dams, and Pilot Jr., thus making the world's greatest outcross of Wilkes mares.

ARION STROTHER'S breeding on his sire's side is backed up by that of his dam, Dot Sprague, tracing to Princeps, sire and grandsire of 224 standard performers with records so low as 2:05 3/4. His dam can be seen at Strother's barn, and her breeding combines the producing blood of the Geo. Wilkes, Gov. Sprague, Gold Dust and Hambletonian families.

ARION STROTHER is a strongly bred horse—one that breeds directly from himself and his ancestors. It is not what a horse might do under the most favorable circumstances, but what he has done in his get, Arionite, a three-year-old colt that can be seen at my barn at any time, and I defy anyone to show a better individual, a better boned or a better gaited trotter. Also a two-year-old filly owned by John Holverson, of Cresco, that has been driven only about one month and can show a three-minute gait any place on a good road; a two-year-old filly owned by Wm. Stockman, and many other of his get, and I defy any stallion owner to produce anything better. Come and look them over,—they speak for themselves.

ARION STROTHER will make the season of 1916 at the Strother Barn, Cresco, Iowa. Fee \$20.00 to insure a live foal. Mares sold or traded will be considered in foal and service fee immediately due.