

# BEWARE!

OF THE

## MYSTERIOUS

## ELEVEN



WHO IS IT ?

WHAT IS IT ?

### Mlle. Verdun ARISTOCRATIC GOLD STRIPER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—"Born on the battlefield"—this is the sobriquet proudly worn by Mlle Verdun, probably the most aristocratic equine in the United States, and only an army mule.

No recruit is full-fledged in the Fifteenth field artillery, now in Texas, until he is permitted to groom and otherwise doll up this regimental mascot—introducing you to Mlle Verdun, gold striper, from France.

She was foaled on April 16, 1918, on the red and bloody slopes of Verdun, just four hours after her dam had finished hauling shells for Battery E. Fifteenth field artillery, Second division, she being a wheel mare in that crackerjack battery of the famous "Indian Head" division.

Mlle. Verdun first saw the light of day, or rather night, on this fateful globe of ours at 3 a. m., when the artillery fire was at its height. She scorned to die of fright, but thrived, and a few days later the battery marched ten miles, and the new-born mascot with it, under her own power. Before she was a month old she had hiked another thirty miles in two days, and not a major offensive did the Second division pull off that Mlle Verdun was not in the thick of it. For good measure she hiked a hundred miles to the Rhine, keeping watch with the rest of the Army of Occupation.

"How are we going to get her home?" asked many a first-class private of the vet, and the vet passed the buck to the quartermaster. An ironbound ukase had gone out that no animals or such were to go back to the United States, even if they were regimental mascots.

"Oh, very well," said the boys of Battery E. "We haven't fought in France two years for nothing." And behold, Mlle Verdun, mysteriously missing for many a day, bloomed forth again at quarantine on this side of the Atlantic, too late to be sent back. There a relentless veterinary officer thrust her into quarantine, but now she is free, and queen of all she surveys, at Camp Travis, San Antonio, Texas, where they are now recruiting the famous Second up to full strength again.

If Mlle Verdun were the only child of a millionaire family she could not be more groomed and manicured, petted and fed than she is. To a man the veterans of the Fifteenth field artillery down at lively San Antonio, where the only shell fire one hears is the safe and easy practice at the targets under summer suns in winter, have sworn to make her lines fall in the pleasantest possible places.

### ITALY IS INSTALLING MANY NEW SCHOOLS

VIENNA, Dec. 1 (By Associated Press).—The state opera and the state theater, formally subsidized by the crown and now subventioned by the republic, show a deficit of about 26,000,000 crowns for the year. As a result, prices are to be increased heavily. In the old days the best seats were seven crowns while now they are 75. Boxes formerly cost 80 crowns as against a minimum of 500 now. Gallery seats have risen correspondingly and now sell at 18 crowns.

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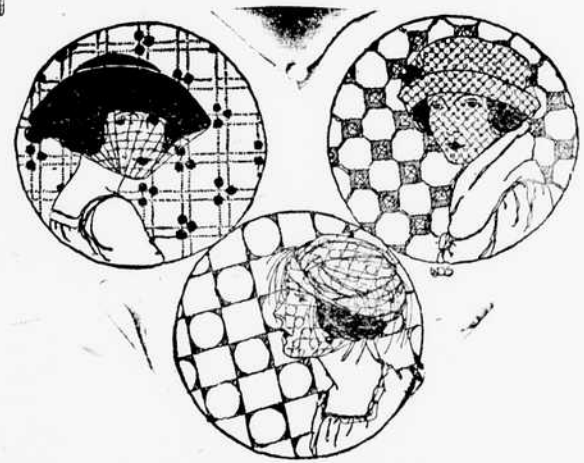


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### PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES UNDER SOCIALIST BAN

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"The districts of the capital, assembled in congress, re-affirm that our party is a party of class internationalism and that patriotism, or the idea of country, has served up until now only to misguide the labor movement from its true interests, and resolves that its representatives in the deliberative bodies abstain hereafter from taking part or in any form intervening in acts of patriotic homage."

### MANY GERMANS ARE ENTERING MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 1 (By Associated Press).—German immigration to Mexico is rapid, 100 families having arrived at Vera Cruz in the latter part of October. They were preceded by several other hundred families, most of whom settled in the state of Chiapas, where they are engaged in agriculture.

### BANK IN GERMANY INCREASES CAPITAL

BERLIN, Dec. 1 (By Associated Press).—The Deutsche bank has increased its capital by 125,000,000 marks, which brings its capital up to 400,000,000 marks. It thus becomes the greatest bank in Germany, a title formerly held by the Disconto Gesellschaft, with a capital of 310,000,000 marks.

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### CREATE RECREATION PARK IN MONTANA

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 1 (By Associated Press).—Plans for a 5,000-acre recreation spot in the Big Blackfoot country, north and northeast of Missoula, and northwest of Helena, to save what are said to be the largest trees in Montana, are being promoted by the Lewis and Clark county commissioners. State and, possibly, federal aid, is to be sought, according to present plans.

The country is a picturesque one. It abounds in yellow pines from six to eight feet in diameter, and is a noted fishing and hunting ground. The land it is sought to dedicate to public recreational purposes is mostly privately owned, the principal owners being the W. A. Clark interests and the Anaconda Copper Mining Company. The state also holds some of the lands. The proposed reserve embraces the town of Lincoln, toward the

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west end of the park. The matter for forming the park is to be taken up first with the state forester, it is announced, and is to be taken to the state legislature if necessary. Splendid roads have been built into the country and the Lewis and Clark county commissioners feel that the forest should be preserved, at least in part, for posterity.

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