The American Legion

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IS LEGION LEADER IN PARIS

Famous New Orleans Ace Heads American Volunteers of French Foreign Organization.

Edgar John Bouligny of New Orleans, famous Ace of the Lafayette Esquadrille and scion of an old French family has been chosen to head an association of veterans organized at Paris and called "American Volunteers of the French Foreign Legion." When Germany announced its intention of meeting "all comers," Bouligny was one of the first Americans to volunteer his services for France and was decorated four times for bravery with the esquadrille. He is a member of Alvin Callender post, American Legion.

Bouligny first served with the Second regiment of the French Foreign Legion. When transferred to the Lafayette flyers, his intrepid maneuvering over the enmy lines, eagerness to engage any plane bearing the maltese cross, contributed many of the thrilling chapters which comprise the history of that heroic group. He was transferred to the American air forces when this country entered the fight and became an ace. He also secured numerous remarkable photographs, among them being one of enemy shells bursting over the Rheims cathedral during the first bombardment of this historic structure.

The organization of which Bouligny is president, includes American volunteers who enlisted in the early days of the war, while their country was still neutral, and is intended to include "the bonafide American citizens who served honorably at the front with the Legion, for the purpose of keeping fresh the memory of fallen comrades and furthering friendship among those surviving."

BUSY FOR THE LEGION CAUSE

Head of Washington Woman's Auxiliary Says Workers Will Not Be Found Wanting.

Mrs. John R. Neely has been chosen head of the Washington State Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion. Born in Washington, D. C., Mrs. Neely later moved to the state of Washington where she has been active in club work of Spokane and the entire state. She is, in addition to being president of the state Legion auxiliary, head of the strong National Guard auxiliary, the mother organization and president of St. John's guild. She is the mother of five children, four sons and a daughter. One son fought with the Ninety-first division, A. E. F. Another was with the Twenty-third engineers, A. E. F. A third was an aviation instructor at Kelly Field, Texas, and Issodun, France. The youngest fought with the embattled Second division A. E. F.

"My work in the auxiliary will be a legacy from our beloved sons, who, sleeping in the sacred soil of France, have passed it on to the women of the American Legion," said Mrs. Neely. "It belongs to us by ties of blood. It means a pledge of service to the service men in the name of those they left behind. In the holding of that legacy, God helping, we will not be found wanting."

IS LEGION LEADER IN SOUTH

Florida National Committeeman Is One of the Most Active Workers in the State.

Dr. David Forster, of New Smyrna, Fla., who has been re-elected national committeeman of the American Legion from Florida, is one of the Legion's leaders in the South. He has been a national committeeman since the first convention in 1919. Doctor Forster is resident surgeon of the Forster sanitarium at New Smyrna. He was born October 24, 1870, at Fayette, Mo. He received his early education there and his medical training at St. Louis, later doing postgraduate surgery in large hospitals in the United States and in Europe. He was organizer and first chief physician of the St. Louis Maternity hospital at St. Louis, Mo. Served in the medical corps during the war.

Mixing Mash for Fowls.

When mixing mash for young or old fowls, make it crumbly, not sticky or hard. A certain amount of bulk is needed for health, but this should not exceed 5 per cent of the whole ration.

Satisfied Customer Best.

A small profit made from a satisfied customer will bring better returns in the long run than a large profit on a dissatisfied one—the latter sort of transaction generally acts as a boomerang to the seller.

LEGION MEN VISIT FRANCE

American Party on Tour of Former Battle Sectors; at Flirey Monument Dedication.

The new "A. E. F." is in France—on a mission much unlike that of the A. E. F. of 1917-1918. The new forces are only 250 strong. They comprise members of the American Legion who are touring the former battle sectors this summer as guests of the French government.

Every state and every branch of service is represented in the peaceful new A. E. F. They sailed from New York on the George Washington. There was a noisy "bon voyage" at the docks as the former presidential ship started on its course. Flags of the United States and the American Legion flew from the mast.

Commanding or rather heading the pilgrimage was John G. Emery, the Legion's national commander. Former commanders Franklin D'Olier and Henry D. Lindsley were present.

Arriving at LeHavre, the citizen expedition was received with great eclat, after which it proceeded to Paris under tow of French officials. From Paris the party set out by special train for Blois to attend the dedication of the Joan of Arc statue presented to the French city by the Joan of Arc Committee of New York.

While at Blois, the veterans invaded the old headquarters of the army reclassification board, known better by the doughboy as the "benzine board." Here the Americans staged a burlesque of a benzine hearing during which a score of the pilgrims were "blooyed" as they used to say in the days of the fighting A. E. F.

Every city visited by the former defenders has received them with arms wide-open. That France has not forgotten is everywhere evidenced by the cordiality of the receptions. At Bordeaux, the Legionnaires received the "freedom of the city" from the high officials. From there they went to Tarbes to visit the birthplace of General Foch. They placed a memorial tablet upon the house that first sheltered the famous generalissimo.

The former fighters were impressed by the rapidity with which many of the ruined towns have been rebuilt. Some Legionnaires have gone over the exact location where they fought the battle of liberty and where many of their buddies fell in action.

Probably the most impressive ceremony participated in by the Americans was the dedication of the Flirey monument. This memorial is a tribute to the valor of the doughboys who delivered the little town of German occupation. Flirey is familiar ground to many American soldiers. It is on the ridge which was the main line of resistance of the old Toul sector.

It was at Flirey that the Eighty-ninth, from Kansas and Missouri, went into conflict. Seventeen American divisions fought in the vicinity of the little town, which itself was occupied by regimental headquarters of troops holding the line.

At the close of their tour the Legion men will go to Paris where they will have three days A. W. O. L., after which they will sail on their return voyage. The party is expected to return about September 15.

YOUNGEST AUXILIARY MEMBER

Little Ruth Buell Thompson of Lewistown, Montana, Chosen Mascot of the State Department.

Her mother was a nurse and her father a doughboy, both having served in France. She is Ruth Buell Thompson, 31 months old, and the youngest member of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion at Lewistown, Montana.

Ruth Buell Thompson.

When the state department of the American Legion of Montana held its annual convention at Lewistown, Baby Thompson was unanimously selected to be the mascot. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Thompson, of Lewistown.

On Honeymoon Hike.

Ernest J. Jackson, who served in the First division in France, and who was wounded 14 times, has started with his bride on a honeymoon hike across the continent from New York to San Francisco. The pair stopped at Indianapolis on the 29th day of their walk, and paid a visit to the national headquarters of the American Legion.

Fall Pastures for Porkers.

The man who expects profit from pork will find it comes easier and with more regularity if he provides fall pasture.

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Valuable Soil Builder.

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OUR FEATURE SECTION

Department Devoted to Attractive Magazine Material

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By F. A. Walker

MOTHERS MAKE MEN.

SAMUEL MATTHEWS VAUCLAIN, head of the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia, has had wide experience in the selection as well as the handling of men.

He admits that he has a method, a secret, in making his selections.

HE FINDS OUT WHAT KIND OF A MOTHER A BOY HAS, and pays no attention to the father. In the course of a long business life he has made few exceptions to this rule.

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This theory of Mr. Vauclain has a negative as well as a positive side.

It explains not only why so many undistinguished fathers have distinguished sons, but also why so many fathers who are failures have sons who are successful.

There are two sides to the question. For one thing there is a tendency on the part of a boy to derive his predominant traits from his mother.

For another, the mother is obviously more instrumental than the father in creating the environment which plays a large part in the development of the sons.

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In the average home the problem of providing a minimum of income—which is the duty of the father—is much less complicated than the problem of making both ends meet—which is the problem of the mother.

Long before statesmen ever dreamed of a budget system, that method was familiar to the women. In one generation after another they have had to pay their way with resources that did not increase in proportion as the families grew.

The carefulness, prudence and foresight that a woman displays in running her house naturally show themselves in the bringing up of her menchildren. If she is incompetent and shiftless in one direction, she will be the same in the other.

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The mother, as distinguished from the father, has played a leading part in the formative period of men of conspicuous genius who have lifted themselves "by their bootstraps" into places of great eminence.

The mothers of Abraham Lincoln and Napoleon Bonaparte supply the only available explanations of the rise to leadership of two men who are types of success, under the most difficult circumstances.

In each case a powerful, dominant character made possible the passage from a log cabin to the White House and from Corsica to the leading place in Europe and an imperial throne.

In our own time the supreme qualities of Marshal Foch are traceable to the powerful individuality of his mother.

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From the dawn of history to the present day, in sacred and secular affairs, the influence of the mother has always been the greatest factor in the development of ability or genius. She has been the source of inspiration as she was the source of being.

Sometimes she has pulled the children, handicapped by the father's characteristics up to her own level.

Sometimes she has pushed them above both herself and the father by an indomitable determination that neither poverty nor ill fortune of any kind should interfere with her ambitions.

Mr. Vauclain's plan of selection will serve its purpose in the great majority of instances. He is safe in concluding that if the boy had the right kind of a mother he can count on his being the right kind of a boy.

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LYRICS OF LIFE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

LADY SEEKING BEAUTY.

LADY seeking beauty, who
Beautiful would be,
Where is beauty? Near to you
Waiting quietly
If you will but see.

Nature is articulate;
Can't you hear her call?
You need only imitate
Beauty by your wall,
Nature, that is all.

Here is beauty: 'Tis a rose,
'Tis a rose of red;
Yet she does not all disclose—
Beauty, be it said,
Shown too much is fled.

Only dignity may dare
Crimson harmonies,
Only women wise may wear
Colors such as these,
Lady, if you please.

Here is beauty: Quietness,
Modesty, repose;
Beauty is not fair unless
Dignity it knows—
Lady, here's a rose.

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SCHOOL DAYS

MOTHER'S COOK BOOK by Nellie Maxwell

Let the furrows be plowed deeply enough while the brain cells are plastic, then human energies will result in efficiency and the line of least resistence will be the right line.

THE FAMILY FOOD.

TAKE one pound of chopped round steak, form into cakes one inch thick. Make a depression in the center of each, remove to a hot dish and fill the centers with grated onion pulp. Pour over and around the meat balls the following sauce: Sift one quart of tomatoes, cook down until thick, add salt to taste, four sweet, green peppers, steamed and cut into shreds. Serve with a border of finely shredded cabbage.

Melon Cream.

Choose small nutmeg melons that are fine flavored, after removing the seeds take out the pulp and put through a sieve. To one quart of whipped cream add one-half cupful of powdered sugar, a teaspoonful of vanilla and one pint of melon pulp. Freeze until stiff and serve with a canton ginger sauce with some of the ginger finely minced sprinkled over the cream. A half cupful of orange or pineapple juice may be added to the above mixture and glace oranges may be used for a garnish.

Banana Cream.

Scald one pint of milk, add two well-beaten eggs, two cupfuls of sugar and, when cooked until smooth, one teaspoonful of vanilla. Add one pint of cream and partly freeze, then stir in one pint of banana pulp, the juice of two oranges and one-half of a lemon. Serve in glasses garnished with banana balls dipped in lemon juice and rolled in powdered sugar.

Melon Lilies.

Cut small melons in halves after scrubbing them well. Remove the seeds and cut them into pointed petals ten or a dozen. Arrange on a plate and serve a small ball of vanilla ice cream in the center of each. A melon leaf or a small leaf from a squash or pumpkin vine will make an appropriate doiley. A sauce of canton ginger syrup or a dusting with cocoa may be used over the cream if desired.

Frozen Fig Pudding.

Wash one pound of figs and let soak over night, add one cupful of sugar and simmer until the figs are very tender, then cool and cut into small pieces. Place one quart of rich milk in a double boiler, add two well-beaten eggs and cook until smooth, stirring constantly, add the juice and rind of a lemon. Cool, add figs and one pint of heavy cream and freeze as usual. Use one pint of water over the figs and cook until tender in the same water, adding the lemon juice and rind to the figs if desired.

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THE ROMANCE OF WORDS

"GOSSIP."

"GOSSIP" or "gossib," as Chaucer spelled it, was the name given by the Hampshire peasantry to the persons who acted as sponsors in baptism, the godfathers and godmothers. It was a compound word, made up of the name "God" and the word "sib," still used in Scotland in the sense of "akin"—the meaning being that the gossib was akin to God and stood in this relation to the child, a sense which is still extant in our own word "godparent."

Considering "gossip" in its ordinary use as one addicted to tattling or prattling or the carrying of tales and it appears to bear little relation to the word as originally coined. But it should be remembered that the "gossibs" were brought by a common sponsorship into a close familiarity with one another, which led eventually to trivial, idle talk and the carrying of information from one to another. That this falling is not peculiar to Anglo-Saxon godparents is evident from an examination of the French word commerage and the fact that commere has passed through precisely the same stages as its English equivalent.

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Like Salamanders.

Chinese stokers seem to be immune to the fierce heat of the fireroom on the ocean steamships, and can stand temperatures that would speedily prostrate white men.

THE GIRL ON THE JOB

How to Succeed—How to Get Ahead—How to Make Good

By JESSIE ROBERTS

OFFICE JOBS, PENURY.

I VISITED a woman who I greatly respect; the sort of woman who is a credit to America and an asset to her neighborhood. She has three daughters, the oldest just fifteen, and as we sat over our tea she began to discuss her plans in regard to the future of her girls.

I thought that it would be well to give them training in some business capacity.

"Yes. But I don't want them simply to be fit for an office job and penury. And I rule out teaching. The life is too hard—and, again, too poorly paid. I want them to know how to do something that will lead to freedom, not slavery. And I want them to work at something that will grow an interest, not become a bore."

It was quite a large order, and yet reasonable. One of the girls was distinctly an artist, and her mother was going to give her a course in commercial designing. The second daughter was to be trained in domestic science and catering, and the oldest girl was to take an agricultural course. For each girl the mother had invested a sum of money that, while not large, would give the required start in their different professions.

If there were a little more of this sort of scheming for girls, things would be a lot easier for them. Most girls are driven to office jobs as the easiest road to follow. Which is one reason why they are so poorly paid.

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BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

SCOUT LIFE SAVERS.

From October 1920 to July 1921 the following boy scouts have been awarded medals for heroic services by the National Court of Honor:

Gold medals—Dale Collier, Rock Island, Ill.; Joseph H. Mardis, East Liverpool, Ohio; George Noble, Charlton, Iowa.

Silver medals—Myers Chaires, Spring Hope, N. C.; Van Carmen, Kewanee, Ill.; Gordon M. Crowley, Pittsfield, Mass.; Frederick Doty, Plainfield, N. J.; Sam A. Fitch, Houston, Tex.; Walter Frick, Philadelphia, Pa.; Kenneth Gardner, New York; Marcus Ginsburg, Chicago, Ill.; John Hollings, Pleasantville, N. Y.; George J. Howell, Newport News, Va.; Robert R. Humphreys, Fresno, Cal.; Arthur T. Lee, Newark, N. J.; Leslie Lumbattis, Belleville, Ill.; Robert McGaffin, Topeka, Kan.; Gerhard McKee, Ontario, Cal.; Edward Moraves, Westfield, Mass.; Charles Pasho, Syracuse, N. Y.; Austin J. Power, Brooklyn, N. Y.; C. E. Ross, Wheeling, W. Va.; Arthur Sommerfield, Chicago, Ill.; Elmer R. Walker, Mott, N. D., and Harold White, Lowell, Mass.

Henceforth, there will be only one grade of medal awarded, made of gold and specially designed by Belmore Brown, the well-known explorer. The medal will be awarded only in cases of life-saving involving actual risk of life to the rescuer. For other service in saving of life and first-aid letters of commendation will be awarded. Dale Collier of Rock Island, Ill., will be the first recipient of the new design medal, which he earned splendidly by a spectacular feat of ice rescue last winter.

BOY SCOUTS IN HUNGARY.

Scouting is ten years old in Hungary and, though the war stopped its growth for a time, the movement was reorganized and put on a firm basis in September, 1919. In its earlier stages the Hungarian scout association was, like the German, a semi-military organization, but with its reestablishment it has rejected the military element and founded itself on the British and American nonmilitary basis. The dismemberment of Hungary was a severe blow to the progress of the movement inasmuch as more than 50 per cent of the Magyar troops are now in occupied territories. Officers, money and equipment are badly needed. Some of the boy scouts have no money even to purchase shoes, much less scout uniforms. Most of the leaders are professional men or clerks who have a hard enough struggle to earn their own living and yet they devote time and often money to the cause.

"We are all the more proud," writes a Hungarian old scout, "that despite hardships and sufferings, our scouts unfalteringly, with a strong soul and in a real scout spirit, follow the path which leads to our great goal—good citizenship and real humanity."

The Hungarian boys are particularly anxious to be included in the International Brotherhood of Scouts and offer and bespeak in turn good will, understanding and support in the spirit of true scouting.

WHEN IN DOUBT ASK A SCOUT.

Last April a letter from the state department of conservation and development asking for data as to the number and species of trees in the city of Long Branch, N. J., is said to have caused considerable consternation among the local authorities. Evidently a tree census was wanted at once, but who could or would do the job? The authorities didn't know but somebody else did. Hearing of the quandary of the city fathers, Scout Executive Ovenham came forward with the suggestion that the scouts of his district could and would undertake the census, if desired. They did, with excellent results to all concerned.

SCOUTS AS LIFE SAVERS.

Hal Cranton, a thirteen-year-old boy scout of Newark, O., saved the life of a six-year-old child who was swept away by the swift current while wading in shallow water and had gone down in a deep pool.

Among the many heroic deeds performed during the Pueblo flood is the story of the two boy scouts who, on hearing that several persons were stranded at the gas works and hanging from trees, hastened out to Mineral Palace park, captured a canoe, which they carried over to the swollen river, and paddled down in the fierce current, rescuing five persons.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SCOUTS ACTIVE

It isn't only in cities that boy scouts find community good turns to do. In Peterborough, N. H., the records show that, among other things, the scouts shoveled snow last winter and assisted at times around a home for aged, found a lost child, guarded autos and did messenger and guide service for I. O. O. F. convention, gathered evergreen and made wreaths for O. H. R. for Memorial day observance, and formed escort for dead body of soldier from overseas.

BOY SCOUTS ARE NEEDED.

Judge Foster of the United States District court, one of the founders of the New Orleans scout council, says no city can afford to be without its boy scouts. "I have never come in touch with a man who had scout training without finding him efficient and proud that he had been a scout," says the judge, and adds: "If every boy in the United States could be taught scouting, we could be assured of a patriotic, virile citizenry that would be a lasting bulwark against all enemies."

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

Sunday School Lesson

(By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D. D., Teacher of English Bible in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

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LESSON FOR AUGUST 28

FROM ASIA TO EUROPE.

LESSON TEXT—Acts 16:6-18.

GOLDEN TEXT—And they said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.—Acts 16:31.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—Rom. 15:15-21.

PRIMARY TOPIC—A Wonderful Dream.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Paul Crosses Over Into to Europe.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Beginning Work on a New Continent.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Paul Carries the Gospel to Europe.

I. Forbidden by the Holy Spirit to Preach the Word (vv. 6-8).

We have here a lesson on divine guidance. The inclination of Paul and his companions was to tarry in the provinces of Asia preaching the word, but contrary to their inclination they were hurried along. There were many people in Asia yet who needed the Gospel. They might have reasoned "What difference would it make as to where we preach, just so the Gospel is preached?" Though seemingly small, the question as to whether the Gospel should be preached among the people in the East or in the West has determined the entire history of the church. Had they preached among the people in the East, Christianity would never have become worldwide. On the other hand, by laying hold upon the Grecian intellect and combining with it the push and energy of the Romans, it became worldwide. In the guidance of the Spirit we find Him just as active and as faithful in closing doors as in opening them. "The stops as well as the steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord." We ought to as truly recognize God's hand in the "shut-ins" as well as in the "open-outs."

II. Called to Macedonia (vv. 9-12).

Being now hemmed in on all sides, a vision was given to Paul of a man from Macedonia pleading for help. This was the solution of the mystery of closed doors about them. There is a negative and a positive side to the Spirit's guidance. If we will note both we shall be able to determine with a surety the proper course of action. In order to be led aright we must be sure that we are willing to be led, pray definitely for leading, and then render willing obedience as fast as the light comes. As soon as the divine way was known they rendered immediate obedience.

III. The First Convert in Europe (vv. 13-15).

The missionaries went to Philippi and spent several days studying the conditions there. The Jewish element in this city was very insignificant; so much so that they could not afford a synagogue; therefore the devout people were accustomed to worship at the river side. To this humble gathering Paul came and preached to the women gathered there. A certain woman from Thyatira believed his message, and was baptized. The work of the Lord had a very humble beginning, but it was destined to transform all Europe and the world. Lydia was a woman of wealth, culture, and wide experience, and yet she had need of Christ. The steps in Lydia's conversion are worthy of note:

1. Attendance at the place of prayer (v. 13). This is the case with most people who are saved. The Spirit of God puts it into the hearts of the people to come to the place of prayer.

2. Listened to the preaching of the word of God (vv. 12-14). The instrument used by the Holy Spirit in the conversion of sinners is the word of God. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17).

3. Her heart was opened by the Lord (v. 14). Regeneration is a supernatural work. When the Gospel is preached the Spirit of God makes it living and active, opening the sinner's heart for the reception of Christ.

4. She was baptized (v. 15). It is natural for the one who believes in Christ to desire to be baptized.

5. Her household also believed (v. 15). Thus we see that her's was a typical conversion.

IV. A Spirit of Divination Cast Out (vv. 16-18).

As the missionaries went out from day to day to the place of prayer they were accosted by a young woman possessed by a spirit of divination. She was owned by a syndicate of men who derived large gains from her soothsaying. This act of the woman became a great annoyance to Paul who, in the name of Jesus Christ, commanded the evil spirit to come out. Here is a case of a spiritual medium, a fortune-teller, being freed from demoniacal possession. Many men today are making money by the degradation of womanhood, and they resent all efforts to destroy their infernal business, even try to destroy those who interefere with their business. Here as everywhere Satan blocks the way as the Gospel of Christ is carried into new fields, but the Lord is again triumphant.

Spirit of God in the Church.

There may be some who ask, "Does the Holy Spirit fill the church today and transform the hearts and lives of men as He did in the days of the Apostles? Yes He does, when the people of the churches become more anxious for the gift of the Spirit than for outward showing, when the most earnest prayers are uttered for the giving of the Spirit of God. In our devotion to organization, and clubs, and guilds, we sometimes forget the need of the Holy Spirit. And yet we know that souls are not saved by clubs and societies, and concerts, and by moving pictures at the evening services, but by the presence of the Spirit of God in the church, in both pastor and people.