



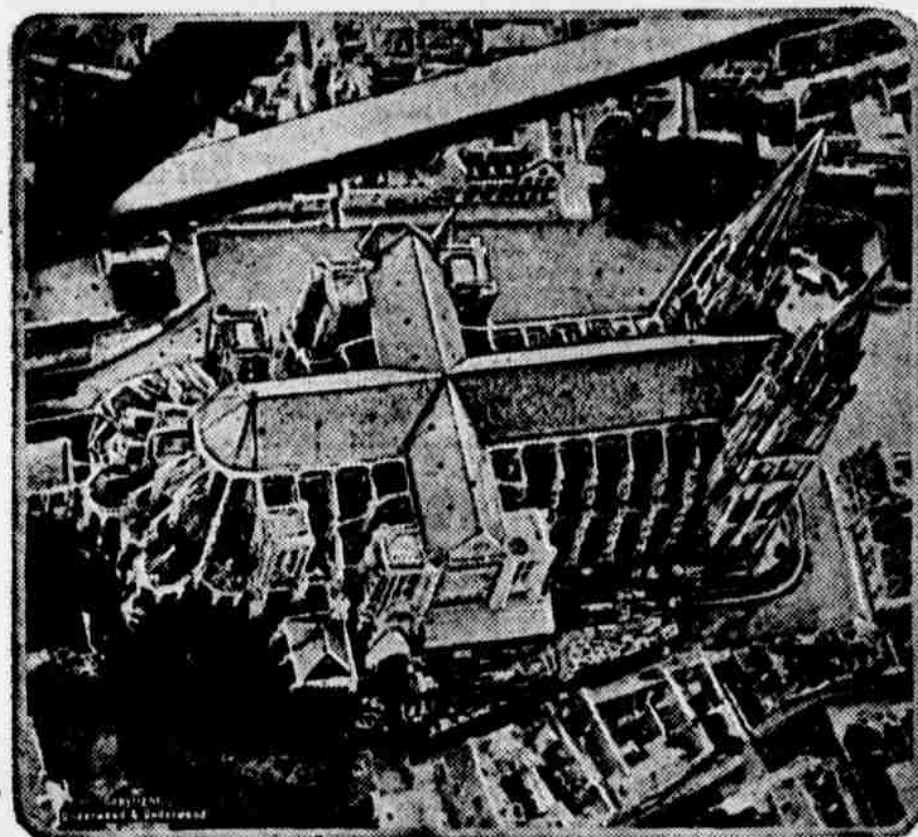
1—Mme. Blanche J. Blount, a teacher of French in the Washington public schools, who declares there are 150,000 destitute war orphans in France today, and that because of an insufficiency of food a majority of them are succumbing to tuberculosis. 2—French engineers restoring a railroad which the retreating Germans had just destroyed. 3—Life guards of Atlantic City at their daily drill; they have offered their services to the government.

**NEW OFFICERS OF DEFENSE SOCIETY**



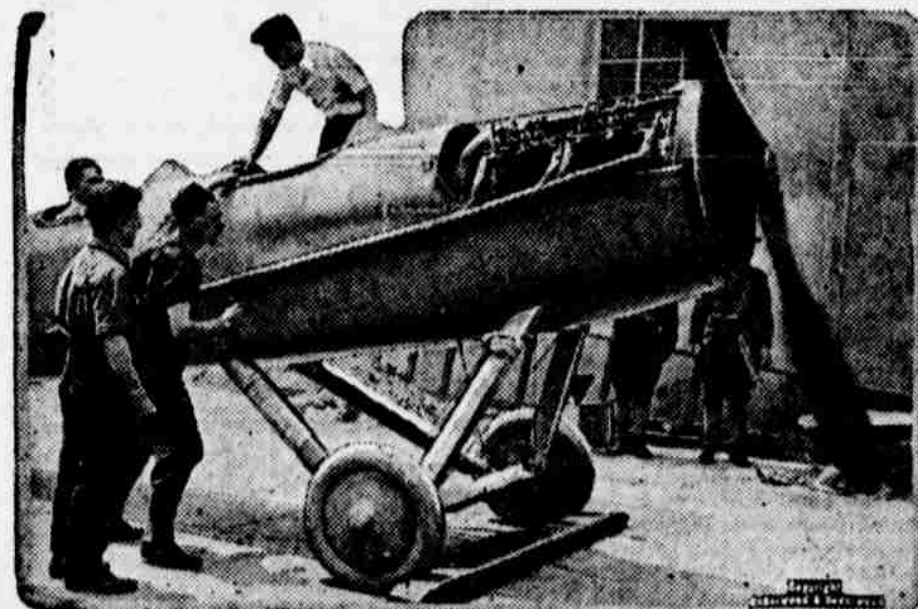
New officers were elected by the board of trustees of the American Defense society at a recent meeting held in New York. The officers are, left to right: Robert Appleton, treasurer; Henry C. Quinby, secretary of the Union League club, New York, chairman of the executive committee; Richard M. Hurd, president of the Lawyers' Mortgage company, New York, chairman of the board of trustees, and Maj. William Tutherly, secretary.

**CATHEDRAL OF CHARTRES FROM AIR**



This airplane view of the beautiful Cathedral of Chartres shows its singular architectural construction and the perfect cross made by its roof.

**RUSH WORK ON AMERICA'S AIR FLEET**



The American air fleet is being built as rapidly as possible, for it is recognized that the mastery of the air may settle the war. The photograph shows an almost completed machine being rolled out for a test of its motor.

**SOME POSTSCRIPTS**

Spain exports about 90 per cent of the cork that it produces.

A New York inventor's cleaning rod is intended to force its way around the most complicated bends in household plumbing.

Four working parties that are building a railroad across Australia keep in touch with one another by wireless telegraphy.

Siamese fishermen use boats with low, sloping white sides that frighten fish so that they leap over the sides into waiting nets.

**AMERICA'S WAR MEDAL**



Theodore Spicer-Simson, the noted medalist, at work on the medal designed by him and issued to commemorate the entry of the United States in the world war, both sides of which are shown. Copies of the medal in gold have been presented by Miss Anne Morgan to President Poincaré of France, Premier Viviani and Marshal Joffre, as well as to Sarah Bernhardt. Replicas of the medal in government bronze are now being sold by the American Fund for French Wounded.

**Ecclesiastics Win War Honors.**

War honors have been won by many French ecclesiastics who were formerly professors and scholars in the French Ecclesiastical college in Rome, Italy. The college has added to its "Golden Book" three nominations of the legion of honor, two military medals, two medals of honor for service in combating epidemics at the French front, and more than fifty citations in the order of the day for gallantry in the field. Among the holders of the legion of honor are the Rev. Father Catlin, professor at the seminary, a tall, keen-faced, soldierly type of priest. Recently he came to Rome on short leave after nearly three years' fighting, and Rome, old and indifferent as she is, woke up and rubbed its eyes to see his tall, spare figure, dressed half as a priest and half as a soldier, taking the air meditatively on the Pincian hill, wearing his legion of honor cross and looking like some old picture of chivalry.

**SAVES GIRL'S LIFE AND WINS BRIDE**

**Man With Arm and Leg Gone Rescues Young Woman From Drowning.**

New York.—The loss of his left arm and left leg did not prevent Ludger Gagne, Jr., of Boston, from being an expert swimmer or from saving Miss Louise King of Winchester, Mass., from drowning at Revere Beach last summer and eventually winning her for his bride.

When twelve years old, just half his present age, Gagne's swimming and diving records were considered mar-



Saved Miss King's Life.

vellous. Then he fell beneath the wheels of a train and lost a leg and an arm. After his wounds had healed, and although Boston Harbor was full of whitecaps and storm signals were set, he swam without trouble to Boston Light, six miles out.

Gagne was talking to a lifeguard at Revere Beach last summer when cries for help came from the water. A girl was struggling a considerable distance from shore. Gagne reached the girl first; she was Miss King.

Gagne and Miss King became engaged. Her parents favored the match, but advised the young couple to wait until Louise was twenty-one. They vetoed the suggestion, however, and were married here by Deputy City Clerk Cruise in the Municipal building chapel.

The bride is twenty.

**MARS FIRST AID TO CUPID**

**Couple Parted by Parents Are Reunited in Marriage When Man Becomes Officer.**

Gates Mills, O.—The whole world loves a fighter—not a lover. That's the way the adage goes now. Second Lieut. Charles S. Bailey of the Ohio Field artillery and Addie Schunck, eighteen, daughter of Robert J. Schunck, motor-car magnate, have found it out.

Two years ago the young folks, very much in love with each other, defied stern parents and were married in the office of a justice of the peace. The parents, however, were not to be outdone. They had the marriage annulled and broke a couple of hearts for the time being.

But since that time Bailey has been graduated from Ohio university and has been made an officer in the artillery and he's going away to France, and that changes things. They have been married again. The first affair was rather lonely and only two witnesses besides the contracting parties were present. The second event was one of the social events of the season in this little city.

**LIKES JAIL SO MUCH HE'S GOING TO STAY**

Hackensack, N. J.—Ten months ago George Wilkins of Englewood started a term in the Bergen county jail for embezzlement of funds from the Englewood Golf club.

During the ten months George has achieved things, to wit: Won admiration by songs, helped tabulate election votes, conducted Christmas reception, captivated reformers by his "sweet manners." Widespread was George's fame and plots were hatched to wean him away from Sheriff Caurter, but George liked his surroundings so much he refused to leave. And now that his term is up he is going to remain where he is—as the sheriff's confidential clerk.

**Hogs of Red, White and Blue.**

Hutchinson, Kan.—One Hutchinson swine raiser, L. E. Griffith, is patriotic to the limit. All of his hogs are red, white and blue. He has Duroc Reds, Chester Whites and new breed of blue hogs, known to breeders as the Sapphires. Griffith, who is nicknamed "Red" for obvious reasons, declares there is nothing blue about him, although he is shipping in corn at \$1.65 a bushel to feed to his red, white and blue hogs.

**STREET LOCKED UP BY OWNER**

**Inhabitants of North Adams, Mass., Are Forced to Trail With Goats.**

**IS UPHELD BY COURT**

**Those Who Pay for Keys Can Get In—Others Must Make Long Detour or Climb a Six-Foot Fence.**

North Adams, Mass.—When is a street not a street? While no general answer to that question has been given, the supreme court of Massachusetts has ruled that Francis street, heretofore a thoroughfare in regular standing, is not a street after all. As a result the "street's" owner has not only closed it, but has locked it up. Those who pay for keys can get in. Others must make a long detour or climb a six-foot board fence surmounted by barbed wire.

Several years ago Mrs. Rosa Betti decided that she owned Francis street. She began a legal action to establish her ownership. This was not considered seriously by those who contemplated building and several erected homes in the street. The congregation of the House of Israel erected a synagogue. The street became a much used thoroughfare.

**Fences the Street.**

Now the supreme court says that Mrs. Betti was right. While the mill of justice was slowly grinding Mrs. Betti sold her property, including the "street," to Peter Plante. The first action of Mr. Plante when the decision was given was to ask for financial contributions from those who crossed his property. When it wasn't forthcoming he built his fence.

While the "street" was a fake the fence is a first-class barrier. It is six feet in height and is surmounted by a strip of equally first-class barbed wire.



The Fence is a First-Class Barrier.

It has a self-closing gate which is equipped with a spring lock. Those who have made their contribution to Mr. Plante have received keys. Others go around the block, but the block in question contains a miniature mountain. The only things which have climbed it to date are the goats of those who must walk nearly a mile around its base to avoid enriching Mr. Plante.

**Tickles the Tailors.**

Much to the delight of the city's tailors, several persons have tried to climb the fence. It has been found that the barbed wire is just as effective as any barbed wire can be. Those who are the victims of the fence are urging the city to purchase the right of way for a street. Mr. Plante thinks his demands are not exorbitant. The city officials think they are. The victims say the fence will be made an issue in the next city campaign.

**FINDS OUT IT WON'T WORK**

**You Can't Double the Size of Your Bank Roll by Bolting, Ask Mike.**

Riverhead, L. I.—If you want to double the size of your bank roll try anything else but bolting it. Mike Botrinski of Easthampton tried it and found out that it was impossible.

Mike had a friend who told him bolting would make dollar bills separate into two parts, each of which would be just as good as new. Mike took out \$480 from a savings bank, went with his friend to a hut and watched his friend put the money in a large pot. The friend left and when Mike wanted to see how the doubling process was coming on he discovered that there was nothing but a soggy mass of plain, ordinary, every-day paper in the pot. With the aid of a cop Mike located his friend, who was dividing the \$480 in two parts—one for wine, one for women. It was costing him nothing to sing. "The 'friend' was held and indicted by the grand jury.



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**HE WAS WAITING PATIENTLY**

**Constant Attendant at Play Was Bound to Be on Hand When Erring Wife Was Caught by Husband.**

A problem play was being produced in Chicago. One evening it was discovered that a certain man, evidently from the rural district, had attended the play six nights in succession and always sat well down in front. Each night he leaned forward eagerly in his seat and drank in the words of the drama.

These facts were communicated to the theater press agent, who scented a good story. Approaching the interested spectator between the acts, he apologized for his intrusion and said: "Would you mind telling me just why you are so interested in this play? Do you know some member of the cast?"

"Nope," said the man from the outlands. "That ain't it. But I'll tell you about it. You know the scene in the private room of the restaurant, where the dark man and the other man's wife get up and leave by the left-hand door just a moment before the woman's husband enters by the right-hand door?"

"Yes," said the press agent expectantly.

"Well," said the interested spectator, "some night the husband's going to come in before they leave."

**Sociable.**

An orderly chosen from among the student officers at Ft. Harrison sits daily outside Brig. Gen. Edwin F. Glenn's office door. A different man is chosen each day, and the other day the post fell to the lot of Charles E. Shafe of Indianapolis, says the Indianapolis News. Shafe went on an errand for the general, and returned just after the general had wished to speak to an officer in one of the other rooms and there being no orderly to summon him, had gone after the man himself.

"By George," Shafe commented to the camp adjutant's orderly, a Tenth infantryman, fresh from five years in Panama, "the general did some of my work for me."

"Yeh, ain't that nice, now!" the adjutant's orderly returned. "Why don't you go in there now and do some of his work for him, just to be sociable?"

**Capable Housewives.**

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