

# The American Legion

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## LEGION MEN ON HERO LIST

David O'Leary and W. W. Colton of Pasadena Post Rescue Victims of Explosion.

There came a deafening roar, and out of the building gushed the strong odor of ammonia gases.



David O'Leary, adjutant, and W. W. Colton, of the Pasadena, Cal., Post No. 13, American Legion, peered through the dark toward the post clubrooms.

"My God," O'Leary cried. "The boy scouts are holding a meeting up there. And the caretakers must be in there, too." The men ran into the building, fought their way through the deadly ammonia fumes, one in search of the caretakers, the other upstairs to the clubrooms, where the Pasadena boy scouts were holding their meeting. But the boy scouts, acting with the steadiness of nerve and calm discipline that are the result of their training, already were marching out of the building—and carrying, four of them detailed for the work, a crippled boy scout who had been overcome. They had even remembered to pull a pillowcase over the stricken boy's head, and they carried him out to safety and revived him.

Colton and O'Leary, staggering, groping their way, searched for and found Mrs. Maude Fishburn and Mrs. A. Hare, the caretakers, who had been sleeping in their quarters in the building. They carried both women to safety. First aid treatment revived them. The two Legionnaires also were resuscitated.

The post's clubrooms are over an ice plant, and it was an ammonia tank in the plant which exploded. It was declared that if it had not been for the bravery of O'Leary and Colton the two women would have met death.

## AUXILIARY WOMEN SET PACE

Under Leadership of Mrs. Rose Cravens, Missouri and Kansas Workers Conduct Benefit.

"Let's go," the rallying cry of the American Legion, went flying over Kansas recently when it was announced that the American Legion of Kansas and Missouri would take over the dedication of Kansas City's new \$500,000 speedway, sharing in the receipts. Mrs. Rose E. Cravens, president of the



woman's auxiliary, sounded the cry to all the members of the auxiliary in her state, and began immediately organizing flying squadrons of ticket sellers in every city and town of Kansas.

"We're working for the disabled veterans, and their dependents, and the dependents of the dead heroes," Mrs. Cravens told the auxiliary workers, explaining that the two American Legion departments would realize \$20,000 from the dedication.

The women responded with enthusiasm. Under Mrs. Cravens' leadership they conducted a campaign as strenuous as any held in war days. They gave of their time and energies to make the dedication a great success, and American Legion officials declared the women of Kansas and Missouri outshone the men in their activity.

## LIKE "BLESSSED HAVEN" IDEA

Wildwood (N. J.) Legion Post Establishes Retreat for the Convalescent Ex-Service Men.

That hiatus of loneliness and pain and weakness that often is the lot of the veteran as he leaves the operating room of a government hospital, and before he can go to his home, is being made one of pleasure and real rest by the Byron Pennington Croker post of the American Legion at Wildwood, N. J. The post has established what is known as Blessed Haven, a retreat for the convalescent ex-service men. It is the only institution of its kind in the state.

So successful has Blessed Haven been, and so thoroughly has it become all that its name implies, that other Legion posts are contemplating the establishment of like retreats. It is planned to have them in the more thickly populated sections in order to bring the boys as close to their homes as possible.

## TO AID LEGION'S AFFLICTED

Chairman of Rehabilitation Committee Shows Need of Care for World War Victims.

Many a former soldier boy is finding his old officers, who, like himself, have returned to the paths of peace, spending their time and energies and money fighting his battles for him these days, particularly those born of the war he helped to win. One of these has come to the forefront in smashing fashion



in the national dispute between Brigadier General Sawyer and the national rehabilitation committee of the American Legion over the committee's claim of governmental neglect and obstruction in providing hospitals for the disabled veterans.

He is Humphrey McBride, former lieutenant colonel, of St. Louis, and chairman of the rehabilitation committee of District No. 9, comprising Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska in the United States Veterans' bureau designation of territory. Following Sawyer's statement to A. A. Sprague, chairman of the national committee that "we now have hospitals enough except in two districts," Mr. McBride created something of a furor in making a detailed report of conditions in District No. 9, which was not one of the districts mentioned by the general, and supporting Mr. Sprague's strong claim that General Sawyer fails to comprehend the nature of the great problem the disabled present.

Mr. McBride quotes the government report of 1,348 beds available in Missouri for disabled veterans and asserts a careful check by his committee can locate only 1,143. He asserts there are 5,000 cases of insane with only 492 in hospitals, and that part of these are in contract institutions at an average expense of \$300 a day without any supervision whatsoever over the care given them.

"There are 518 insane comrades who should be receiving the best of care. In Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska," he declares. "They should be in hospitals. The district absolutely requires immediately up-to-date hospital facilities for treatment of 1,000 insane veterans."

"There is urgent need for satisfactory hospital facilities for 1,000 medical and surgical cases in order that the suspected insane or tuberculous veterans may be provided with observation and diagnosis, and that hundreds of totally or partially disabled veterans may be treated and re-examined as the occasion requires. There are, according to the actual records of the Veterans' bureau 6,000 ex-service men in this district suffering with tuberculosis; 191 are in hospitals within the district, 52 of them in contract hospitals, 139 in government loaned or leased institutions. Many more have been sent to the South or West far away from homes and families. This district imperatively needs two 500-bed hospitals located at points within the district, and easy of access."

## GIVES HOSPITAL TEA PARTY

National President Legion Auxiliary Helps Celebrate Anniversary of Surgical Patient.

Jack L. Hamill of the Twenty-third Infantry, Second division, had spent a year and a day in the Sacred Heart hospital in Spokane, Wash., when Mrs. Lowell F. Hobart, national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, visited there recently. He jokingly suggested a celebration of his anniversary as a surgical patient.

Mrs. John R. Neely, department president of Washington, and Mrs. Hobart immediately arranged a tea



Tea Party for One.

party for one, and the event was photographed, to preserve a souvenir for Hamill.

This institution was one of more than a dozen that Mrs. Hobart visited in a six weeks' trip through nine western and Pacific coast states in June and July. In every hospital she reported finding that the Auxiliary women were welcomed by the veterans and by the authorities in charge.

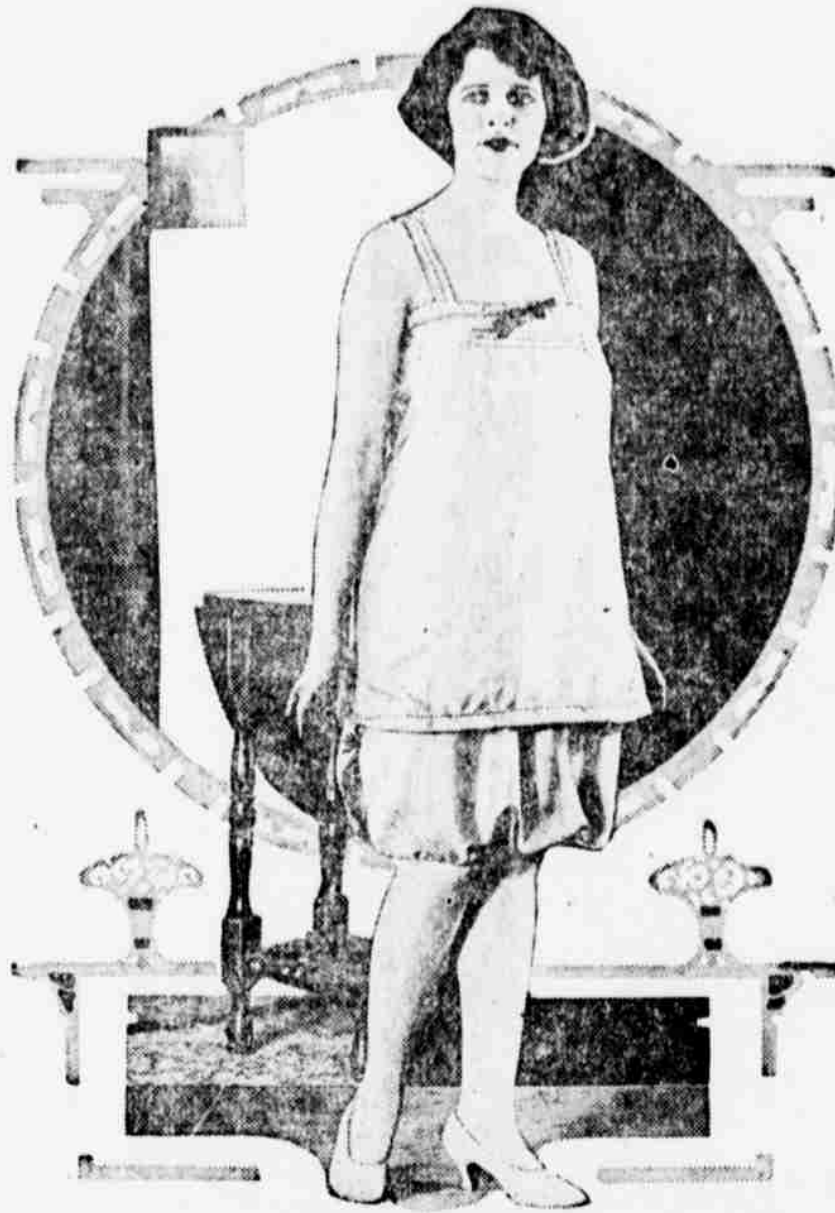
## DAINTINESS IN LINGERIE; FOOTWEAR FOR AUTUMN

THE melancholy days are come when summer lingerie is apt to be very much of a wreck and the business of replenishing confronts many a woman. But it is impossible to be melancholy in the midst of new lingerie. The shops had it assembled by the first of September and then their windows blossomed out with many-hued and lovely under things.

Many materials are represented in the collections—fine nainsook, batiste,

they are about hats. They will be daintily shod, come what will, and they like the strap slipper and silk stocking. Now comes the beautiful and dignified colonial shoe as a rival for the strap slipper.

During the autumn and until snow and ice compel something more protecting, the colonial shoe and the strap slipper are scheduled for a great success. Variations in the straps are unending. There are straight straps



Handsome Tailored Set.

crepe de chine, crepe-satin georgette and radium silk. For trimming were narrow laces, pin tucks, drawn work, hem-stitching and other needlework, and also narrow ribbons. Simplicity is written in the modes this season, and some lingerie is without trimming. A handsome tailored set of light pink wash-satin is pictured, with chemise and matching drawers, as an example of the untrimmed mode. These two-piece sets appear in all the sheer cottons, mostly in white, with narrow edgings, pin tucks and drawn work sparingly used for trimming. Belgian val lace, Irish pleat, plain net and fillet, continue the favorite laces for underthings. Long-sleeved nightgowns have reappeared and there are a number of high-necked models among

cross straps, double cross straps, wish-bone and slashed straps just to mention a few of them. The slippers are made in suede, patent and other kids with a generous proportion of satin among them. In black, bronze brown and some other colors. A very handsome combination appears in tan suede uppers with black patent leather vamp, a dressy saoe for afternoon wear, but dressy shoes are worn at all hours of the day. Many of the suede and satin shoes are decorated with beads, which take the place of those very expensive buckles of riveted steel worn on colonial shoes. Sixteenth century wooden buckles are among the novelties.

But with all this running after pretty things in footwear women have



Pretty Things in Footwear.

them. Ribbon shoulder straps appear to have replaced the shaped shoulders in chemise and the slip of radium, crepe-satin or saten finds place in every well-regulated wardrobe.

The negligee is another story—not so simple. It includes pretty and graceful bed jackets which can be worn with a slip to complete a negligee.

Will she or will she not, give up the low shoe for almost all sorts of wear when winter comes? Judging by the foremost fashions in fall footwear, she emphatically will not. The short skirt advanced the importance of pretty footwear and women have become as exacting about shoes as

not forgotten to be sensible. The very high heel is taboo for street wear and nearly all shoes may be had with the box, Cuban and baby French heels. For bad weather every woman will provide herself with a pair of black or tan oxfords and cloth gaiters to be worn with them on the street.

Some fascinating Russian boots are shown with wrinkled tops, but they conceal the trimness of the ankle and are not likely to become popular.

Julia Bottomley

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# A UNION OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

## Healthy Housewife---Happy Home

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For the ailing, half-sick housewife such a union is impossible. Often times even the slightest form of housework cannot be accomplished. Yet the work must be done.

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Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has helped thousands of just such women regain their health and strength. Just give your thought to the following letters and remember that the women who wrote these letters knew how they felt before taking the Vegetable Compound and again afterwards. It helped them—let it help you.

### Had Nervous Spells

Horatio, Ark.—"I had nervous spells and awful bad feelings. My right side and my back hurt me all the time and I had been going down in health for six or seven years. For three years I had not been able to do my work without help. I weighed only 95 pounds when my husband's mother persuaded me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Now I heartily recommend it to all suffering women, as I have gained weight and health. I can do all my work, anything I want to do."—Mrs. JIM REARICK, Horatio, Arkansas.

Reading, Pa.—"I was a nervous wreck and could hardly do my housework. I always had to have help or I would never have got it done. Through the advice of friends I have been taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for my nerves and Lydia E. Pinkham's Blood Medicine for my blood and I am feeling fine and doing my work all alone. I can recommend these medicines to any one, for they certainly helped me. I suffered for five years and Lydia E. Pinkham's medicines pulled me through."—Mrs. WALTER U. STOVER, 1218 Mulberry St., Reading, Pa.

### Recommends the Vegetable Compound

New Orleans, La.—"I have found relief from my troubles by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I praise it wherever I go. I could not do my work as it should be done for I would sometimes have to lie down because of the pains I had. A friend induced me to take your Vegetable Compound and I have got great results from it. I keep house and am able to do all my own work. I recommend your Vegetable Compound to my friends who have troubles similar to mine."—Mrs. T. FORCKLER, 1915 N. Derbigny St., New Orleans, La.

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Col. Thomas Powell of Columbus, Ohio, veteran of the Civil war and brother of the famous Gen. Eugene Powell, is the proud owner of "Lawnmower," the only living descendant of Mary's little lamb. The original Mary was Mary Sawyer of Sterling, Mass., who was eight years old at the time celebrated by the poem in 1814. The immortal verses, by the way, were written by John Roulston.—From the Argonaut.

Surprised.  
"Heavens!" said the visiting golfer, "I never played such a rotten game!" "Oh! Then you have played before?" asked the brave caddy.—Judge.

The man who could do just as he pleases probably would try to raise a bull pup that wouldn't mind.

### Taking Profits Both Ways.

"Yes," said the pilgrim in the elderly overcoat with the bulging pockets, "him an' me is in partnership, but we don't do business together."

"How's that?"  
"Why, he goes around sellin' a stove blackin' that leaves a stain on the fingers; I go around next day to the same houses with the only soap that'll take it off."—London Tit-Bits.

### Paradoxical but True.

"The human anatomy is a wonderful bit of mechanism," observed an apprentice. "Yes," agreed the foreman, "I patted Charles on the back and made his head swell."

### Keeping it Going.

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