

AMERICAN LEGION NOTES

With the incoming of a new administration, the American Legion is keenly alive to the duty of protecting all ex-service men and women now in the government employ under the civil service and also to the possibility of increasing the number of veterans in government service. At present, only about one-twentieth of those in the civil service, 20,000 out of 420,000 are veterans. This condition exists in spite of the fact that 85,000 ex-service persons have sought government jobs; 70,000 of them passed the examinations and measured up to all requirements and 46,000 have been recommended or certified for appointment by the civil service.

The law requires the civil service commission to submit the names of three eligibles for each appointment to be made, including the ex-service person making the highest mark, and leaves the appointment of one of the three to the head of the executive department. The fact that in 26,000 out of 46,000 cases the department heads have preferred civilians to veterans is not at all satisfactory to the Legion, according to State Adjutant F. B. O'Connell, who admits that the national legislative committee intends to see that a better showing is made in the future.

A national census of service men in hospitals of thirty states, conducted by the American Legion, show that one-third are Legion members. According to the state officers, the figures are lower than the average in Nebraska, proof that the wounded and disabled veterans appreciate the fight the Legion has made and continues to make in their behalf.

A plan by which thousands of American Legion members might be given a free course in government is proposed by Representative Hamilton Fish of New York, himself a legionnaire. Mr. Fish suggests that each member of the house and senate take a legion member to Washington for three months as one of the secretaries permitted in his office and replace the veteran at the end of that period with another one and so on. He has already started a relay of New York legion men in his office.

The American Legion at its second national convention passed a resolution urging newspapers not to emphasize the fact that he is an ex-service man when a veteran gets into trouble with the law. This policy will be observed by the Associated Press, according to orders issued to its superintendents and correspondents.

The poppy has been adopted as a memorial flower by the American Legion. On Memorial day these flowers, thousands of which have been made by the women of France, will be worn and used as decorations. The American and French Children's league is aiding in the distribution.

General John J. Pershing, whose home is in Lincoln, Neb., will pay home folks a visit in June when he comes to deliver the commencement address at the University of Nebraska. The announcement of the general's arrival was made by Chancellor Samuel Avery, a legionnaire, at a meeting of the Lincoln post, of which General Pershing is "Member No. 1." The post is making arrangements to entertain the distinguished guest during his visit at the state capital.

The American Legion is represented in the official family of President Harding by two members who have taken a prominent part in the formation of the ex-service men's organization.

Edwin Denby, the new secretary of the navy, is a charter member of the

Michigan department of the legion, a member of Charles A. Learned post of Detroit and served on the first executive committee in his state. During the Spanish-American war Mr. Denby was a gunner's mate on the U. S. Yosemite and when the world war broke out he enlisted as a private in the marine corps. He retired from the service with the rank of major in the reserve.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., assistant secretary of the navy, served as a lieutenant-colonel in the 26th Infantry of the First Division and was wounded in action. He was one of the founders of the American Legion at its first meeting in Paris and was prominently mentioned for the first commandiership until he refused to allow his name to be used as a candidate.

"Americanization week" or citizenship week was observed in the schools and by patriotic societies of Nebraska during the seven days ending March 4. Reading of patriotic quotations, American poems, patriotic addresses and pageants were among the features of programs given throughout the state.

AT THE MOVIES

William Russell in "The Challenge of the Law" is the feature of tonight's Imperial program. It is a high-colored story, written by E. Lloyd Sheldon, with scenario by Denison Clift, and directed with infinite care by Scott Dunlap. The story deals with life at a fur trading post in the Far North, where life is still primitive. The role of a captain in the Royal Mounted police is admirably suited to William Russell, who gives a stirring characterization of a red-blooded, two-fisted guardian of law and order.

"Isobel" or "The Trail's End," is the attraction for Saturday, and House Peters never had a role better suited to his typical ruggedness and natural talent. Peters is a member of the Royal Northwest Mounted police—a strong and likable character, while Miss Novak is cast as the beautiful and faithful wife of the man the officer has sworn to capture dead or alive. It was inevitable, of course, in a Curwood story, for the officer to fall in love with the woman—but it was a sort of spiritual love which both the woman and her husband understood. There springs up a wonderful friendship between the three, and it is the development of this theme that makes the story. The officer saves the man and woman from the clutches of a villainous member of the force, and wanders about the northland for nearly a year. He finds—but to relate the story is to spoil it.

"You Never Can Tell," with Bebe Daniels, the pippin, is the Sunday movie. The fair young maid was an expert handler of checks, but alas for her soaring ambition, they were but checks, not bank checks. And she did need money badly, too, for her folks at home were about to be dispossessed because they couldn't pay the rent. Her face would have to be her fortune, she decided. At that, you would have thought her a millionaire's child. How this audacious little moth fluttered about among the real butterflies of high society makes one of the smartest comedies you can imagine.

Monday comes "Tiger True," in which Fritzi Brunette makes her appearance as a fearless girl proprietor of a soft-drink saloon and soup kitchen in the roughest part of the slums. The character of a man of fashion who hungers for adventure and who becomes a "bouncer" in a cheap underworld cafe in order to keep his eye on a girl of the slums in whom he becomes interested, is an unusual one, but it is played with much charm and skill by Frank Mayo.

RANDOM SHOTS

We refuse to believe, from now on, that business is rotten. One Alliance firm, organized less than a month ago, at a time when every merchant was down in the mouth over the outlook, has made a most astounding success, and has doubled, redoubled and again redoubled the value of its capital stock.

We refer to the R-H Company, Incorporated, which was organized with a capital consisting of three hundred and fifty-seven thousand gazabos (equal to eighty-five cents in United States money) and three 12 1/2 cent buffet checks.

The object of this company, we understand, is to furnish amusement to tired business men whose wives are temporarily (or permanently) out of the city. There are but two shareholders, and to date but two customers. Of course, there would be thirty or forty if the facilities of the company permitted taking care of the business that would flock to them upon invitation.

Despite its unproven success, the R-H Company, Inc., will go out of business some time before St. Patrick's day, unless two wives decide to lengthen their visits.

We have been promised an option on the company when the owners go out of business, and beginning next Monday, sealed proposals will be received at our office from those who desire to become a partner in this enterprise. Naturally, we reserve the right to reject any and all bids. All bids must be accompanied by a cash deposit of at least 32,000 gazabos, or something like 10 cents, which may or may not be returned, depending on how much we need the money.

Today's Best Story.

In the brave days of old before Volstead's name was listed in Who's Who, there was a certain farmer who formed the habit of celebrating on his monthly trips to town for his supplies. One afternoon, at the close of one

low, he stumbled to where he had left his team, only to find that someone had unhitched the horses and driven them away.

"Ezra Perkins," he said to himself sadly, passing a hand over his brow, "if you're Ezra Perkins you've lost a pair of darn good horses. But," brightening, "if you ain't Ezra Perkins you've found a darn good wagon."

Someone was wondering just why it is that the freight tonnage has slumped to such an alarming extent. We do not presume to pose as an expert, but yesterday we had our attention called to one instance which may throw some light on the subject. A small typewriter stand, weight nineteen pounds, was received from Toledo, Ohio. Cost of stand, \$9. Freight charges, \$3.40. Cost of same item by express, \$1.40. Thank our lucky star that stand came prepaid.

We recall the significant statement in some college paper that although there are some towns too small to have newspapers, all of them have sewing circles.

Cal Hashman is organizing a new society for the benefit of oppressed married men. The chief advantage is that the membership card is in the form of a permit to be signed by the wife which reads about as follows:

PERMIT
This is to certify: That I, _____ the legally wedded wife of _____ do hereby permit my husband to go where he pleases, drink what he pleases and when he pleases, and I furthermore permit him to keep and enjoy the company of any lady or ladies he sees fit, as I know he is a good judge. I want him to enjoy life, as he will be a long time dead. Signed, _____

That form of permit is hereby recommended to the R-H Company, Inc., for use with customers whose conscience bothers them.

Cal said that one man showed his permit to his wife and asked her to sign it. Her reply was that if she could

was quite certain that he'd be a long time dead, all right, and would begin soon.

We learn later, from authentic sources, that the thinny clad fireman didn't wear a raincoat. It was a slicker. The rest of the story is true.

One of the things that continue to get our goat is that occasionally it doesn't appear in print as we wrote it. This is due to the devilish machinations of either the op, or the proof-reader. It's a wonder that there aren't more murders in printing offices.

For instance, last week we printed a little squib from the pen of the editor of the Potter Review, who had been accused by the unthinking of manufacturing home brew, when in reality the culprit was his predecessor. The op, and the p. r. omitted to credit the article to the Review, and only the fact that we have hitherto lived a pure, spotless and noble life prevented people from concluding that we were mixed up with Gus Hyers or Charley offers. It's risky enough, you understand, without attempting to make it.

A preacher reminded us this morning of the S. P. C. S. C. P. G., and wanted to know if we belonged. He said that all celebrities with a first name the same as ours had enlisted in his cause. As soon as we learned the name of the organization—the Society for the Prevention of Calling All Sleeping Car Porters George—we sent in for half a dozen membership blanks, and will distribute them among the Georges of our acquaintance.

We clipped a good story for this column yesterday, but the office boy cleared our desk and it's lost.

It is surprising news to hear that a telegraph messenger boy has been killed. Most people thought that they were indestructible.

Another thing which we suppose would happen if we should have hard times would be that hotel clerks would get polite again.

In 1922 the Plasters' union gained their great victory, the five-hour day.

In 1924 the bricklayers, after doing no work for six months during which their wives took in washing, achieved the three-hour day.

In 1926 the Affiliated Unions of Hod-Carriers and Waiters landed the two-hour day.

In 1927 the unions of carpenters, joiners, barbers, surgeons, butchers, motormen, ballplayers, paperhangers, janitors, lemonade bartenders, school children, brakemen, plumbers, burglars, mule-drivers, caddies, chiropractors and clergymen obtained the one-hour day. All the other unions automatically adopted the new world capital, Wilsonopolis, District of Democracy, to same working period.

In 1928 the universal convention of organized labor met to consider the ominous question, "What next?" "Brethren," said the chairman, "we seem to be up against it. What can follow the one-hour day? There is nothing left to conquer. Our occupation as walking and talking delegates is gone."

"Not so," responded the gentleman from Bolshevikia. "We have not yet reached the limit. Hitherto we have been agitating for shorter hours for labor, but all we've gained has been fewer hours. The hours are as long as they ever were. From now on let our slogan be: 'A shorter hour for labor.'"

In 1928 organized labor secured the thirty-minute hour, with time and a half for overtime and fifteen minutes for lunch.—Life.

England confesses to being tired of American "movies." Can even that great English-speaking bond survive this blow?

That drive on smallpox is likely to succeed more quickly than the drive on crime. Nobody wants the smallpox.

Maybe that man in Washington who was carrying three automatic revolvers, three razors and two dirk knives was a lobbyist for big armament.

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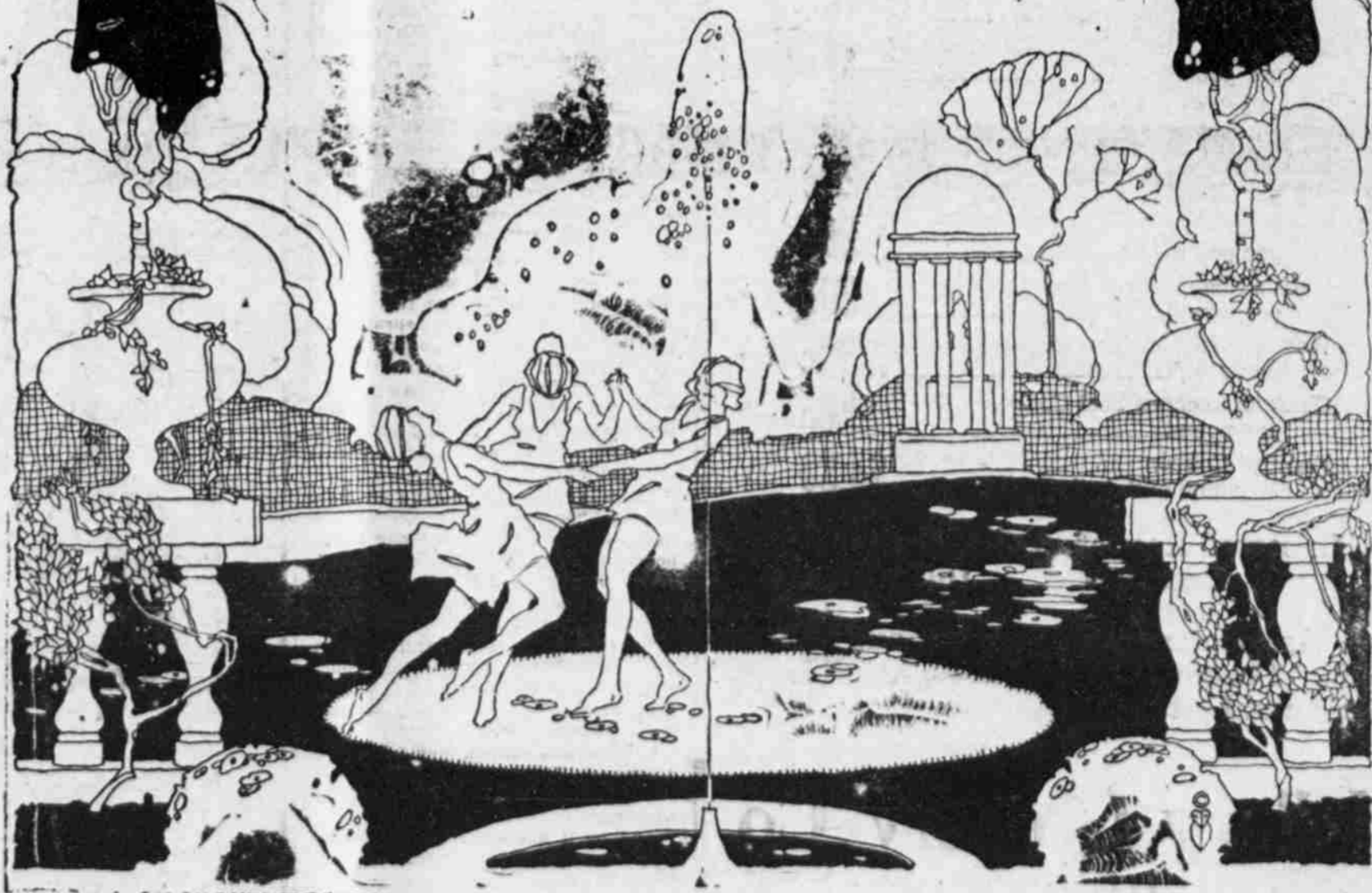
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