

NEXT OF KIN RECEIVE FRENCH MEMORIALS



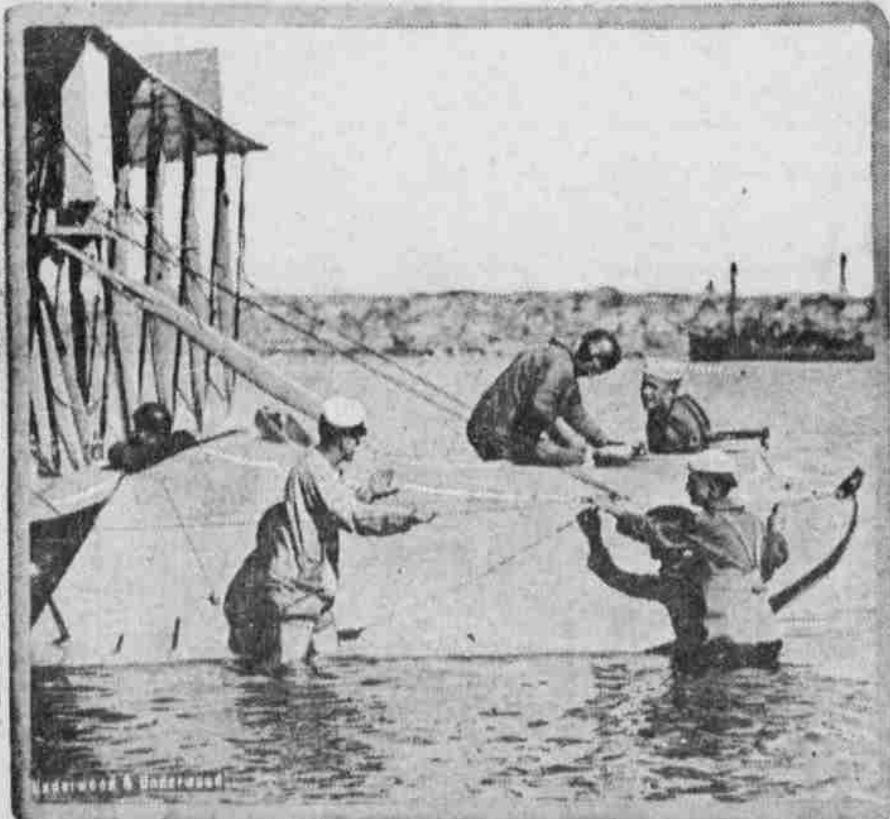
Next of kin of American soldiers, sailors and marines who died in the war receiving the French certificates of honor in the Twenty-second Regiment armory in New York city. At the left, B. L. Cunningham, Jr., holding tight the memorial of his father, who was killed in France.

NEW MILITARY SCHOOL OPENED IN MEXICO CITY



Elaborate ceremony marked the opening by president Carranza of Mexico's new military academy at Mexico City. For years the academy for training officers occupied a building connected with the palace of Chapultepec on the summit of the hill by that name. Lack of sufficient drill ground and the dilapidated condition of the building led to the erection of the new school. This photograph shows a front view of the new academy.

GETTING READY FOR A FLIGHT AT SAN DIEGO



United States naval aviators getting a seaplane ready for a flight at the North Island naval-air station at San Diego, Cal., the largest naval-air station on the west coast.

ALONE IN SYRIA FOR YEARS

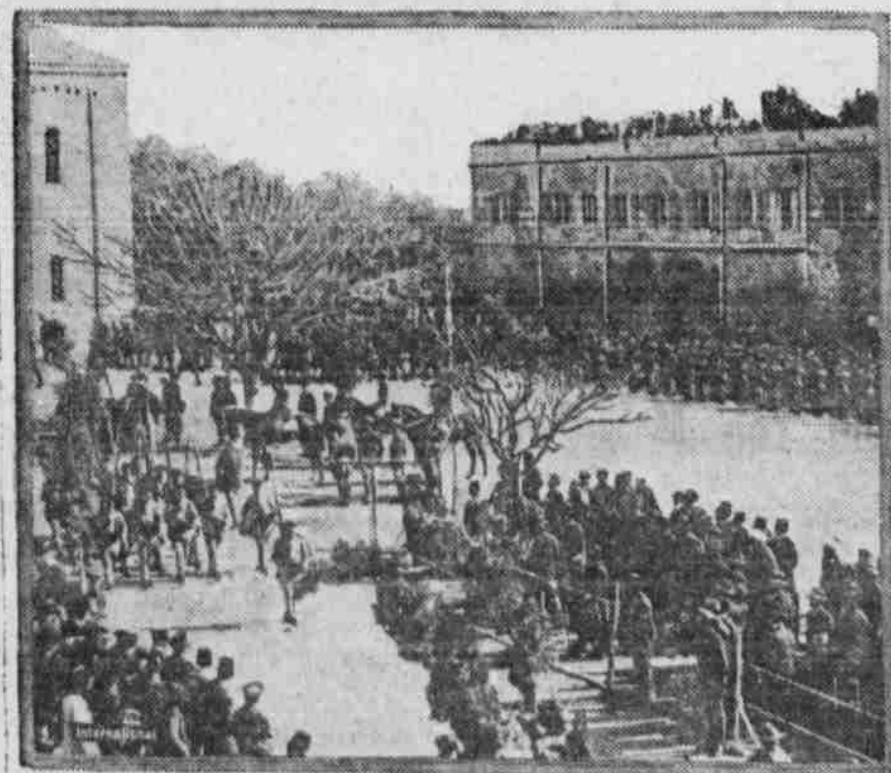


Joseph Hajjar, Jr., twelve-year-old son of J. Hajjar of Boston, Mass., is once more with his father after a separation of five years during which time he wandered alone in Syria depending entirely on his own resources. In 1914 with his mother, two brothers and a sister he went on a visit to his grandfather. The war came on, food became scarce, his mother died, then his brothers and his sister. His grandfather, who did not survive long, strangled the boy's infant sister, saying she were better dead than slowly succumbing to the pangs of hunger. The boy tagged on to the Syrian, Turkish, German, French and British armies in turn. A British captain questioned him, communication with an American consul started search, and the father was found. Hajjar, senior sent \$500 for his son's passage to America and in charge of a Red Cross worker bound home, he started on his way.

Self Mastery.

It's the biggest business of life to think character into rounded fullness. There is no royal road to it. Men of wealth and men of poverty must travel the same road and make the same sacrifices. Only the rich man makes more of them. Full-blooded life is heaven's greatest gift. It is every man's right. The price men pay to win and retain it is complete self-mastery. That means definite principles of living. It means a set goal and forcing the life to make every deed contribute toward realizing it. Call it visionary if you will. By so doing you confess to failure of realizing life's guiding principles. To win the highest worth you must keep the mind focused on making the life reach the perfection to which it is heir by creation. It can be done.

VICTORY CELEBRATION IN JERUSALEM



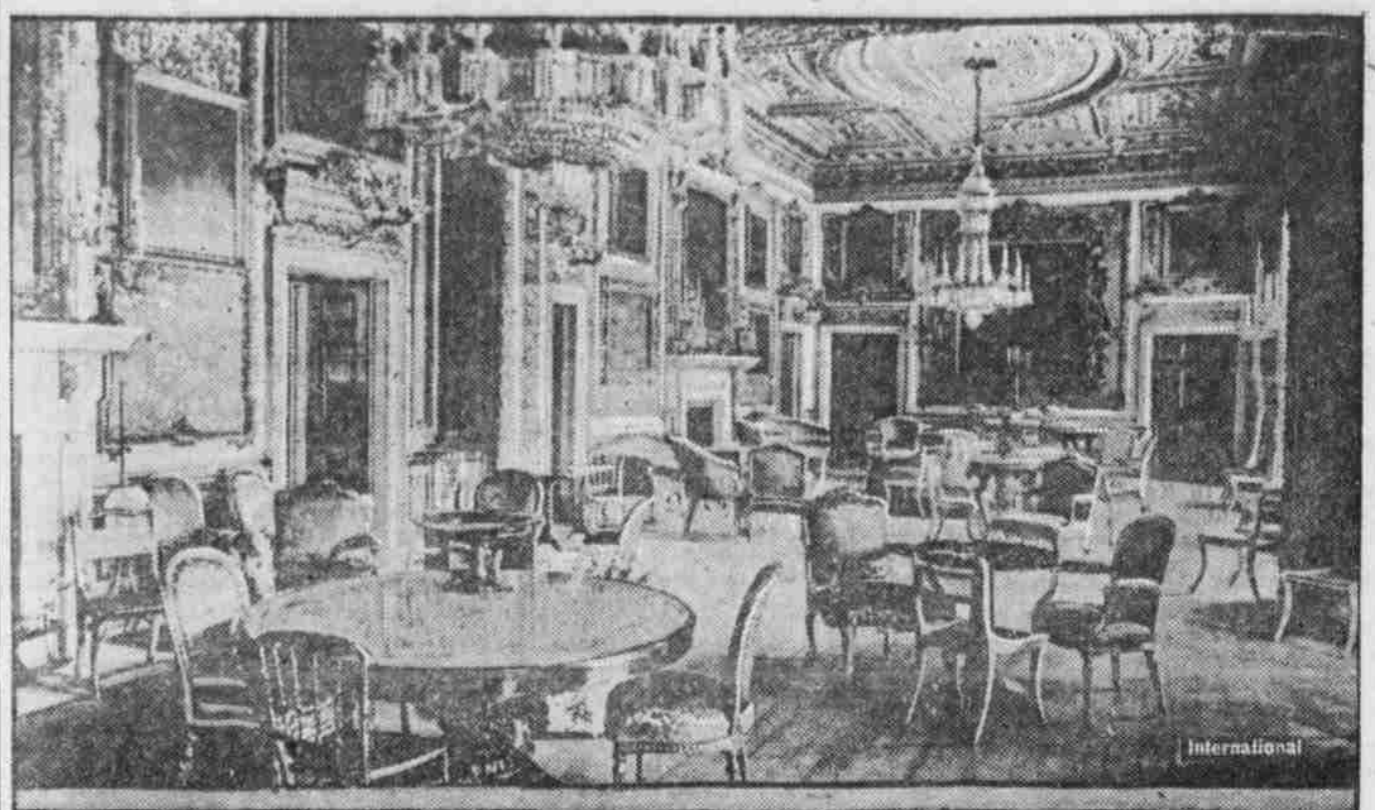
French troops of the allied guard in Jerusalem passing in review before Major General Shea of the British army during the big victory parade and celebration in the holy city.

GATHERED FACTS

No gold has been coined in the United Kingdom since October, 1917. Chocolate was introduced from America to Europe by the Spaniards. The South American sloth is capable of going without food for many days. Next to the elephant the hippopotamus is the largest living terrestrial animal.

Brazil soon will be added to the list of countries maintaining aerial mail services. The ceramic industry of Turkey formerly enjoyed considerable fame, but nothing now remains of its former glory but a memory. Prior to the discovery that cottonseed could be made to yield a plentiful supply of oil, millions of pounds of seed were destroyed or left to decay in heaps.

DEVONSHIRE HOUSE TO BE A HOTEL SITE



The famous Devonshire house in Piccadilly, London, home of the duke of Devonshire, is reported about to be purchased by an American, with a view to using it as a site for a monster American hotel. The photograph shows the gorgeous ball and concert room of the mansion.

LIVE SNAKES FEATURED AT THIS BANQUET



At the annual dinner of the Reptile Study Society of America in New York, snakes were much in evidence. Many of the several hundred guests brought their pet snakes along. The photograph shows Dr. Allen S. Williams, founder and national director of the society, with Mrs. Williams.

AMERICAN GOBS LOOK DOWN ON RIO



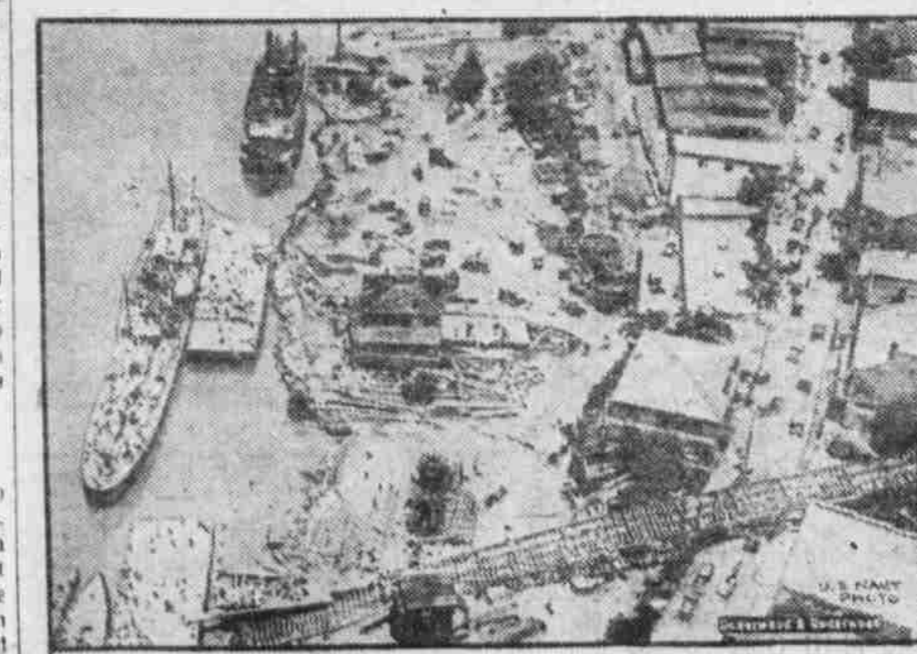
Sailors of the battleship Idaho, which recently returned from the South Atlantic and the Panama canal, viewing the wonders of Rio de Janeiro, from a mountain top.

HUNTING THE ALLIGATOR



These alligator hunters, photographed in a marsh in Louisiana, are trying to get their bearings. They are after the hibernating alligators and use a long pole with a hook with which the animal is hauled from his place of concealment.

DESTROYER AT ANCHOR AT NATCHEZ



Airplane view showing an American destroyer at anchor at the town of Natchez, Miss., on the Mississippi river. This view was made from a navy flying boat.

BRIEF INFORMATION

The sun is 600,000 times brighter than the full moon. For picnic purposes a folding table that has a shelf beneath the top has been patented.

In deference to the superstition of the actors, most theatres have no dressing-rooms numbered 13.

Although grapes are grown in Arabia, no wine is manufactured there. It is said that "the Koran made Arabia 'dry' long time ago."

Recognize Weaknesses. There's nothing gained by disregarding weaknesses. The fact that the ostrich buries her head in the sand does not remove the danger of attack. Men cannot scoff at deficiencies and make headway. They must be respected for what they are. Only virile treatment will remedy them. Left alone they are sure to increase. They must not be disregarded, they must be cured. In this the mind is the great factor. It made the bed-ridden little maid of Kentucky to become the founder of the flower and sunshine committee. It made Lincoln a master of logic and of circumstances. The thing to do is to recognize the need and then supply it. A man is always stronger for having overcome himself.—Exchange.