

The American Legion

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COMMANDER WELL KNOWN

C. D. Cunningham of Centralia, Wash., Was Prosecutor of I. W. W. Assaults of Legion Men.

One of the best-known men in the country in I. W. W. and other radical circles is the new commander of the American Legion of Washington. He is C. D. Cunningham, Centralia, Wash.



The nation was shocked on the first anniversary of Armistice day by the wanton killing by radicals in Centralia of four American Legion men who were participating in the parade. Firing from vantage points on the young veteran marchers, the I. W. W. slaughtered four outright, wounded others and took to flight, Cunningham was one of the leaders of the chase which captured Wesley Everessey, ring-leader of the radicals. The state turned to Cunningham as special prosecuting attorney in the ensuing trials of the murderers.

In the court proceedings, which held the attention of America for eight weeks, Cunningham was pitted against the best legal talent that the national organization of the I. W. W. could muster. Cunningham was victor, however. The radicals were convicted and a year later Cunningham won again, when the Supreme court upheld the verdicts.

During the war Cunningham served as an infantry private at Camp Pike, Ark.

HOW THE SERVICE MEN STAND

Checking Up at Washington by Legion Reveals That Many Members Are in Limelight.

When President Harding replied to Representative Lamar Jeffers, Alabama, and the legislative committee of the American Legion that there were no ex-service men of outstanding qualifications to be members of the American commission to the international disarmament conference, there was a checking up in Washington to determine how service men stand in the eyes of the American electorate.

A statement later issued by the Legion showed that the President appointed an ex-service man as secretary of the navy and another assistant secretary. His alien property custodian was in service during the war. The assistant postmaster general is an ex-service man. An A. E. F. veteran is head of the national budget. The President confided the task of organizing the new veterans' bureau to a former soldier.

The public has elected 20 men who served either in the army or the navy to the house of representatives and two to the senate. In nearly a dozen states service men are the governors. Eight members of Secretary Hoover's national committee on unemployment were ex-service men.

HELPS TO FIND EMPLOYMENT

Arthur Woods, Head of Hoover Special Committee, Proves Aid to Ex-Service Men.

Ex-service men throughout the country have benefited largely from the operations of Secretary Hoover's committee on unemployment. The former soldiers and sailors have had a special friend at court in Arthur Woods, New York, head of the Hoover special committee which has co-ordinated the nationwide effort to provide jobs for the jobless.

As a special assistant secretary of war in 1910, Mr. Woods rendered distinguished service in organizing and directing a national bureau for the establishment in civil life of service men. In that work he built up an organization whose activities encompassed the nation and proved his ability to get on with and understand men. Mr. Woods formerly was police commissioner of New York, and was the first chairman of the American Legion's national Americanism commission.

The Modern Fourth.

Here is a page from the diary of a boy of today:

"Today is the Fourth of July, once a glorious patriotic holiday. In the morning I took a bath and after dinner pa told me stories about Abraham Lincoln. After supper I had to stay in while ma read lessons from the Bible and then we all rose and sang 'The Star-Spangled Banner.' Then I went to bed."—American Legion Weekly.

LEGION GUEST HAS BIG IDEA

M. Charles Bertrand of France Plans Association of Veterans to Preserve World Peace.

An association of men of all countries who fought with the Allies against Germany as the most effective unit to preserve world peace is planned by M. Charles Bertrand, member of the French chamber of deputies and president of the Inter-Allied Veterans' Federation. Bertrand came to America with Marshal Foch as a special guest of the American Legion.

More than 3,500,000 Allied veterans now have assembled under the leadership of the Inter-Allied federation, and a meeting of the allied soldiers of all countries will be held in Paris soon. Representing American ex-service men, the Legion will send a strong representation to the conference.

Bertrand served as an infantryman in the French army from the beginning of the war to its close. He was wounded several times and severely gassed, and his company was replaced with fresh drafts on thirty different occasions, so disseminated was it in the fierce engagements into which it was thrown. The senator likewise is head of the French veteran society made up exclusively of men wounded in action.

In the formation of the Inter-Allied veterans' association, Bertrand has made frequent trips to Italy, England, Roumania and other allied countries. On his first trip to the United States he was the only civilian in the distinguished company of Marshal Foch, Admiral Beatty, General Diaz and Gen. Baron Jacques to receive the American Legion's gold medal for distinguished service.

SCHEMES TO COLLECT DUES

Novel Methods Are Being Employed to Induce Legion Members to Pay 1922 Assessment.

Novel means employed by American Legion posts to get in membership dues early in 1922 are causing comment in every community where a post is located, according to reports to Legion national headquarters in Indianapolis.

Around the top of the list is the story from South Dakota. A post is offering each service man who pays his dues before a set date a biscuit baked by the newest bride in the post women's auxiliary. Three of the biscuits being distributed contain cash prizes in coin—\$20, \$10 and \$5 in gold. The biscuits may not be broken open until the night of the post banquet when they will serve as cards of admission. Early recipients of biscuits declared they could not judge from their weight whether they contained gold pieces or bricks.

Out in Kansas a post gave its finance officer carte blanche in collecting 1922 dues early. A few mornings later Legionnaires were being routed out of bed at 4 a. m. by members of the committee who refused to let the slumberer go back to bed until he had paid up. The various state departments of the Legion are in a hot contest for the honor of being the first to send in the complete dues of the membership.

WILL HELP CHEER UP BOYS

Miss Rita Gould, Vaudeville Star, Offers Her Services to the American Legion.

"The boys need a little cheer now just as much as they did when they were in France, homesick, cold and miserable. I'll do my share," said Miss Rita Gould of the vaudeville stage in offering her services to the American Legion. During the war Miss Gould spent the period of America's participation in visiting the various A. E. F. billeting areas, staging entertainments for the soldiers.

After she had passed most of last summer in government hospitals and recreation camps entertaining sick and wounded men, Miss Gould informed the legion that on her theatrical tour of the winter she would give her services free to legion posts in all the towns she visits. Many posts are availing themselves of the opportunity to have a stage star feature their amateur theatricals for the benefit of needy and disabled service men.

Asking Too Much.

"I don't want to eat this egg, it's not a nice egg," protested the six-year-old daughter of the house at the breakfast table.

"Mary," said her mother sternly, "you are always complaining of your food. Eat what is placed before you—every bite of it—without another word, or else I'll have to give you a good spanking."

All was quiet for some minutes. Then from the other end of the table sounded a mournful voice.

"Mother, dear, do I have to eat the henk too?"—American Legion Weekly.

CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

Following an explosion that blew out the front of the store operated by the Sixberry Harness Co. at Bayard, and set the structure on fire, Hy. Sixberry, the proprietor, was found lying unconscious on a pile of brick with severe cuts and bruises about the head. He was unable to offer any explanation as to the probable cause of the blaze. He said he had unlocked the door and started to enter when there was an explosion and he remembered no more.

Loot worth more than \$6000, consisting for the greater part of dry goods, which officers at Plattsmouth believe were on their way from Omaha to some point in Kansas was uncovered in a straw stack on the Luther Meade farm by one of Meade's sons. The stack is near the railroad and it is thought the goods were thrown from the train by thieves who expected to get them later.

Several hundred hunters are expected to take part in a New Year's day wolf hunt to be staged January 2 in Washington county. The scene of the hunt will be extended over ten sections of land in the western part of the county. The hunters will be divided into four groups and all groups will converge toward the center of the area.

Hazel Gustafson and Eleanor Doreson of the Wahoo Canning club, and Vergene Mathiasen of the Minden club, were the Nebraska winners in a national canning contest conducted by a glass company of Wheeling, W. Va., in which more than \$300 in prizes were offered for the products canned in the company's glass jars, the agricultural college announces.

Work on the reconstruction of the Lyric theater building at Beatrice, purchased by the Elks some time ago, will commence in the near future. The building will be wrecked and \$35,000 will be expended in making the new Elks' home one of the finest in the state.

Governor S. R. McKelvie has returned to Lincoln following two weeks spent in the east attending the conference of governors and a meeting of the state capitol commission to pass on final plans of Architect Goodhue of New York for Nebraska's \$5,000,000 state house.

"Fifty-cent corn for Nebraska farmers and a plan to hold the corn until it shall reach that price" is the slogan of the Omaha committee of the War Finance corporation, according to John M. Flanagan, secretary of the committee.

The dedication of the Presbyterian church at Marion, in Red Willow county, gave that town the first church building, although it has been on the map for 15 years.

A meeting of the Traveling Men's Protective association of Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Wyoming, Kansas and Missouri will be held in Omaha December 27-29.

Motor licenses issued this year number 262,773, representing \$2,817,336 in fees, according to records of the state auto registration bureau. This is 38,000 more than in 1920.

Gen. John J. Pershing will spend Christmas and the holidays with his son, Warren and sisters, Mrs. D. M. Butler and Miss Mae Pershing, at Lincoln.

Sixty-three head of Poland China hogs, the property of the state, have died from cholera at the institution for feeble minded youths, at Beatrice, according to Superintendent Stewart.

The drive for the sale of stock in the Beatrice Hotel company will start shortly after the first of the year. The building will cost about \$300,000.

Omaha Elks have started on a drive to raise money for the construction of their proposed building to be erected at Eighteenth and Dodge streets.

Building of the municipal auditorium at Hastings will probably start in February or March. Bonds in the sum of \$175,000 have been sold at par.

The Nebraska Farmers union will hold its annual meeting in Omaha January 10-11.

Contract has been let at Pawnee City for seventeen blocks of paving, which will be put in next spring.

Cornstalk disease has taken a heavy toll of horses near Rogers, according to reports of veterinarians.

It has been announced that the construction on Nebraska's \$5,000,000 capitol building will start by the middle of June.

Rules to control Nebraska farmers, who retail, butchers complain have been "beating the game" by dressing their own meat and selling it direct to consumers, are about to be issued by Secretary Leo Stubb of the state department of trade and commerce. "Farmers will not be allowed to peddle meat from house to house, but they will be allowed to fill orders of dressed meat in halves and quarters," Secretary Stubb says.

Disbarment proceedings have been instituted against Thomas H. Matters, Omaha Attorney, convicted of irregularities in connection with the Pioneer State Bank, lately sent to the penitentiary and subsequently pardoned.

In a rabbit drive, organized by the business men of Oxford, over a ton of jack rabbits were killed. The men were divided into two parties of ten guns each, north against south, the side securing the least number of rabbits to furnish an oyster supper. The score resulting was, North, 135; South, 176.

Festus Carrothers of Kyanna, prominent rancher and member of the last constitutional convention, has sued the state of Nebraska for \$12,000, alleging damages in the sale by the state of a section of school land in 1916, which surveyed short of the regular 640 acres. Assistant Attorney General Mason Wheeler, who admitted the survey actually gave Carrothers short measurement, said the suit was for loss of potential hay, grain and grazing. Carrothers would have had with a full measurement of ground.

Elkhorn farmers and business men are prepared to make Elkhorn another Bloomfield so far as telephones are concerned if the state railway commission allows the Northwestern Bell Telephone company to put into effect the new rates asked and on which a hearing will be had before the commission.

The air tank in the Thomas Lane fire shop, at Grand Island exploded while being filled and Thomas L. Peterson and William Menefer, had an exciting experience. Nearly all the windows were broken from the building and equipment was hurled everywhere, but both men escaped uninjured.

Recent burglaries at Herman have led to the organization of a vigilance committee of more than a score of armed men, who, when notified by alarm of an attempted burglary, take positions assigned them, guarding every road out of town.

Complaint has been filed by County Attorney Yasey of Beatrice against Dr. William Page, veterinarian at Wynmore, charging him with selling narcotics without a license. According to witnesses Dr. Page has been selling morphine for the last few years.

Sixty thousand pounds of copper wire have been unloaded at Superior by the Southern Nebraska Power company to be used in building their power line to Guide Rock and Lawrence. A large force now is at work on the project.

A horse with cornstalk disease broke into the farm home of Roy Lewis near Marquette, breaking the kitchen stove, destroying dishes, cooking utensils and furniture. The horse finally pushed its head thru a window, cutting its throat. The owner was compelled to shoot it.

December 20 will be "Bridge day" in Central City. The occasion will be a fitting celebration of the opening of the new state aid bridge, which spans the Platte due south of this city and which was built at a cost of \$100,000.

The first case of "black" smallpox to be found in Nebraska was reported from Falls City by Dr. E. R. Hays, according to an announcement by Dr. L. H. Dillon, chief of the state bureau of health.

The home of Lieutenant Governor P. A. Barrows of Lincoln, was slightly damaged by fire. Mrs. Barrows subdued the blaze with pails of water until firemen arrived.

The possibilities of a community sales barn are being investigated at Superior. Plans are being made with the hope of interesting stockmen in this part of the state.

Fire thought to have started from defective wiring caused considerable damage to the postoffice building and fixtures in the office at Fullerton.

In Omaha the automatic has displaced the verbal telephone in the business part of the city. Of the Atlantic exchange 7,600 'phones are affected.

The Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions' clubs all will join with the chamber of commerce in erecting a municipal Christmas tree and arranging a Christmas program for Hastings.

Hundreds from all sections attended the dedication of the new county high school building at Harrison. Prof. J. Wilson of Chadron normal gave the main address.

In a drive to raise funds for the improvement of its building, the Omaha Young Women's Christian association obtained pledges amounting to \$30,000.

For the aid of the old and poor a fund of nearly \$5,000 was left by the will of S. S. Pennell, filed in probate court at Geneva.

The Scottsbluff farm bureau has passed a resolution urging a high protective tariff on sugar.

The 100-acre farm of Ralph Ellis, four miles from Beatrice was sold to Gerhardt Buss of De Witt for \$25,000.

A milk cow census of eight western states recorded Nebraska second with 454,700 cows.

The winter wheat in the vicinity of Table Rock is in great need of moisture.

The E. D. Gould Cattle company elevator at Riverdale has been destroyed by fire. About 1,000 bushels of grain were stored there at the time. The loss is estimated at \$7,000 with no insurance, an existing policy having been permitted to lapse about a month ago.

J. Iossel, a Box Butte county potato grower, has shipped a carton of Triumph (red) seed potatoes to Brownsville, Tex., for which he received a fancy prize. Iossel planted fifty bushels of certified seed on seven acres of ground. His average yield was 190 bushels per acre.

Governor McKelvie has called a special session of the legislature, which will meet about February 1st, to place a special tax on gasoline. This will raise about \$787,264 to be used on road work. The cost of holding the special session will be \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Heber Hord, Central City, has been appointed member of the federal reserve board for the tenth district, according to Governor McKelvie. The appointment is the result of the governor's fight for more liberal policy toward agricultural interests. Hord is engaged in agricultural work.

PROVERBS HELD IN COMMON

Remarkable Similarity of Ideas Noted Among Nations, Both of the Old and New World.

The similarity of ideas all over the world is found in the similarity of expressions to convey the ideas. The old English proverb, "A fool and his money are soon parted," finds its counterpart in the phrase, "There is no medicine for a fool." But the Japanese also claim that by good management they can do something even with fools, when they say, "Fools and scissors move according to the mode of using them." Some of us carry our Latin with us all our lives, just because we find a good teacher. To these, the old Latin saying, "The eagle does not catch flies." (Aquila non capit muscas) will recall old memories of the pride and sarcasm of the Romans. So also will they be pleased to read the Japanese aphorism, "The falcon does not peck at ears of corn," which is true, as falcons, especially those of the peregrine type, are much more likely to seize and carry small animals like lambs, rabbits, chickens. —Philadelphia Ledger.

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Things to Teach Child.

Teach the children to help in making and keeping the house attractive, says Mother's Magazine. Needless marring and scratching of furniture means money and labor expended needlessly. If children are taught how to make small repairs, they will be interested in the condition of the house. The saving of fuel and light should be taught. The careless use of fuel is exactly the same as burning money. Show them why they leave the room, and teach them to use the gas or oil stove economically. When the boy is old enough to tend the furnace, show him how to take care of it properly. He will be interested in the saving of coal. The amount saved by the more careful use of light and fuel might well be invested in something for the benefit of the whole family.

A Fou! Thrust.

Averill Harriman, the steamship magnate, was talking about modern dances—the shimmy and suchlike.

"These dances," he said, "may be suggestive, but I am sure the American girl dances them innocently. To the pure, you know—"

"Yes, I am sure the cynical foreigner was quite wrong in his comment on our dancing. A brother foreigner said to him:

"These American dances are infernally difficult. I wonder if I'll ever be able to dance them the right way."

"Don't bother about that," his cynical companion answered. "American girls only care to dance them the wrong way."

Armchair Hint.

Economy Hint—When corn and beans are high eat succotash.

When one is so flabbergasted that he can't think of a retort, he "stands on his dignity."

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OCEANS HARD TO IMAGINE

People of the Middle Ages Found It Difficult to Conceive Extent of Waters.

Erastosthenes was right; the earth was a globe. But what philosopher ever imagined that it was so large! Homer was right when he sang of the "mighty flood," but he was thinking of the insignificant Mediterranean. What poet had imagination enough to picture the vastness of the Pacific! Many had surmised the truth, but none had realized its extent. When the caravels of Columbus had sailed and returned the wise ones of the Renaissance were astonished by the story brought home. It seemed impossible that there could be so much water. And still the girth of the seas was uncomprehended. It was only when Magellan's Santa Vittrria had circumnavigated the globe and dropped anchor in the Bay of San Lucear that a realization of the world of water began to dawn. The Atlantic was astonishing enough in all conscience; but the Pacific was overwhelming and dumfounding.—John C. Van Dyke.

HAVE NEW RINGWORM CURE

Röntgen Rays Are Being Used Successfully in Treatment of Most Annoying Affliction.

Ringworm is now successfully treated by removing the hair with Röntgen rays and then applying a lotion which will penetrate the hair follicles and kill the parasites that are the cause of the trouble.

Drs. Howard Fox and T. B. H. Anderson, both of the United States public health service, describe in the Journal of the American Medical Association the latest technique and cite a few of the strange results that have followed when the new hair grew in again.

They have observed that sometimes a golden-haired child is transformed into a brunette, a straight-haired into a curly-haired and the kinky wool of negroes becomes straight. But they express much doubt as to the permanency of these changes.

Land Needs Awakening.

Patagones is a romantic city in the Rio Negro valley, but surrounded by a pampa so abandoned and dreary that no one goes there if he can help it. An imaginative writer has fancied the town as a Sleeping Beauty waiting for the railroad, her Fairy Prince. No railroad reaches Patagones yet. The houses are all built around the little church, whose bell used to toll warning of Indian invasions. Though the Rio Negro valley still lies desolate for want of transportation, the Great Southern railway is pushing a branch now up into that lonely land that could be fruitful.—New York Evening Post.


John the Baptist.

At one of the Protestant churches in Hendricks county the subject of baptism was the theme for the classes in the Sabbath school. John the Baptist was mentioned several times. A seventeen-year-old girl, besides giving attention to the lesson, kept turning her head to see the young men who entered the door. Just as she turned her head for the seventh time the teacher quickly asked her: "Mary, who came in at the door?" "John the Baptist," said the girl, somewhat confused.

From the day on Mary gave close attention to the lesson.

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