

REWARD OUT FOR TORSO KILLER

CLEVELAND (UP)—A reward of \$5,000 for discovery of the mad murderer of 10 Cleveland torso dead has been offered by a detective story magazine. It is the first reward offered for a solution to the multiple crimes.

200-YEAR-OLD TREE FELLED

WARWICK, N. Y. (UP)—A 200-

year-old tree, one of Warwick's oldest landmarks, has been cut down. The trunk measures 6 1/2 feet in diameter at the base, with a circumference of 24 1/2 inches.

COLLEGE IN CHINA AIDED

BERLIN, O. (UP)—Funds have been solicited at Oberlin college here to be sent to aid students and faculty of its China branch. Oberlin-in-Shansi, in war-torn Taiku province.

Army Brogans Wilt Japanese Reserve Units

Many Called to Colors After 10 Years in Civil Life—Soldier Pay Is Small.

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TIENTSIN (By Mail) (UP)—The Japanese soldiers arriving at Tangku from Japan during the early autumn were older men, obviously belonging to the second or third reserves. They were from offices, off the farms, fresh from civilian life and the requisite short training periods. All had participated perhaps 10 years or so ago in Japan's compulsory military education. Their rifles still had the varnish on them, their uniforms and equipment were new, and they were having trouble with their feet. The Japanese peasant does not wear shoes. He wears geta, a slab of board with clogs underneath and a strap which the wearer slips between the big toe and its neighbor. The shoes were hurting these reservists and many had discarded them temporarily, seeking brief respites before putting the shoes back on again.

Camps Not So Tidy

The Japanese, enjoying a reputation for personal cleanliness, are not so neat about their surroundings. I noticed in trips through North China that the places where Japanese troops were gathered were not as clean as, for instance, British or American troops would have kept them. The Japanese do not have the "policing" details which in other armies are so meticulous about even scraps of paper. Fruit remnants, bits of food, dirty clothing, refuse of all kinds were in evidence around railroad stations, outposts and buildings occupied by Japanese soldiers. The food would not remain long if stray dogs, those perpetually half-starved Chinese "winks," were permitted nearby.

The pay of a Japanese private is less than for an American doughboy. It is \$3 a month. His food allowance is 30 American cents a day. The salary scale for officers is low by comparison with other armies. A captain on war duty receives approximately \$135 a month. A lieutenant-general commanding a division receives \$240, but for officers there are food and other allowances which bring up their salary a bit.

Old Jobs Are Secure

Knowing of the place which women have taken in Japanese industry—they serve as bus and tram conductors and do most of the factory work—I asked about Japanese reservists. "Will they find after the war is over that women have their jobs?" "No," replied a Japanese consular official. "The jobs are guaranteed and in many cases firms are paying their full salaries to their families while the men are in active service." One day a Japanese hospital train rolled through the Tangku station without stopping and pretty Japanese nurses, in neat blue uniforms with the red cross on their sleeves, waved smilingly at Japanese soldiers guarding the station. The response was apathetic. There wasn't a single equivalent of the American "Hibabe!" or the "elle n'est pas mal" which a French poilou might have used as a salutation to prettiness. The Japanese looked; some of them smiled, but they weren't particularly interested.

No Romantic Attitude

The attitude of the Japanese man toward his women folk usually is based on strict utilitarian values. In that same Tangku station on the same night—I waited there in discomfort until morning because Tangku has no hotels—there were other incidents showing this characteristic. A civilian party of Japanese also spent the night—a grandmother, her son and his wife, and two children. The grandmother and wife sat up on discarded packing boxes all night while the man, the important member of the family group, was tucked in under a blanket and stretched full length on a bench. Another civilian party a Japanese family coming back to North China after departing hurriedly during the early fighting, was spread over an immense heap of baggage. The wife did not rest. She watched over the sleeping ones. She saw that robes were not tossed off in restless sleep and that flies were shooed away.

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Christmas Presents Range From \$4 to \$15, Plus Small Pensions to War Invalids.

VIENNA (UP)—A grateful fatherland will give Christmas presents, varying between \$4 and \$15, to 60,000 Austrian World War invalids. Those who fought, suffered and were permanently disabled in the war ordinarily receive modest material compensation in Austria.

A total of 21,951 men, whose earning capacity was decreased by less than 35 per cent, are furnished medical treatment free. In addition to this treatment, 14,876 veterans of 35 to 45 per cent disability, get a monthly pension of \$1.40 plus a Christmas bonus of \$4. The claims of only 8.5 per cent of applicants for this category were recognized by authorities.

The next category, comprising 9,336 veterans with a disability rating between 45 and 55 per cent, gets \$3.60 a month and \$6 for Christmas. Six per cent of claims presented in this category were recognized as valid.

There are 9,386 veterans, or 3.5 per cent of applicants for the category of disabled between 55 and 65 per cent, who receive a monthly pension of \$6 and \$8 at Christmas.

In the next class, comprising disabled between 65 and 75 per cent, 7,577 were accepted. Those men receive \$14.40 a month and \$10 at Christmas.

Those considered as disabled between 75 and 100 per cent total 5,829. They receive \$25.20 monthly, plus \$12 as a Christmas present.

The 815 invalids, considered as utterly helpless, receive \$26.40 monthly, and 338 blind, who are in need of a guide, receive \$39.60 a month.

For each child, supported by a disabled father, the pension increases by 10 per cent, and the Christmas bonus by 50 cents. The number of such cases has, of course, become negligible by now. The total expenses for children supplements during the last year was only slightly more than \$13,000.

The 9,829 widows, 14,146 orphans and 12,982 parents of soldiers, who fell in the war, or died subsequently of injuries, sustained in the war receive \$3 monthly and \$4 at Christmas. A total of 1,139 orphans and 2,782 parents are paid \$6 monthly and are given \$6 at Christmas. There are 20,024 widows who receive \$8.40 monthly and \$6 as a Christmas bonus. 681 widows reach the maximum of \$13.20 a month and \$8 as Christmas remuneration.

According to the federal office of statistics, the minimum cost of living per capita is \$18.80 monthly.

That the invalids and their families should be granted this level is the aim of war veterans' and war invalids' organizations in this country.

FISH EQUIPPED WITH NATURAL ROD AND BAIT

PLYMOUTH, Eng. (UP)—The habits of a fish which catches its food with a natural rod and bait are the subject of a study by Douglas P. Wilson, naturalist at the Marine Biological Association's Plymouth aquarium.

It is called the angler-fish and observation of its strange characteristics—begun by Aristotle—has always been regarded as difficult because the fish is easily bruised during capture and rarely survives in an aquarium for any length of time.

Wilson was able to study the habits of live specimens, and in the journal of the association he describes the method by which the fish capture their prey.

Their "rod" is an extension of the dorsal spine, which sticks out in front of the fish's mouth. The bait is a fly-like tag of skin.

"An angler, when hungry," writes Wilson, "erects the lure immediately any suitable fishes come anywhere near, and endeavors to attract one of them close enough to be caught. The lure is quickly jerked in and fro and as the rod is almost invisible, the bait simulates some tiny creature darting about. An attracted fish rushes up in an endeavor to catch it; the bait is skillfully flicked out of its way just in time and with a final cast is dashed down in front of the mouth. The jaws snap faster than the eye can follow."

Wilson describes the trip action of the fish's jaws as "a blur of rapid movement which defies analysis by straight forward observation." So vicious was one of the specimens in the Plymouth aquarium that to give it food with the fingers was dangerous.

SHARK MEAT MORE POPULAR

MELBOURNE (UP)—Shark's meat is becoming a common commodity and a common edible in Australia. It sells at 12 cents a pound, is practically boneless and tastes about the same as cod.

BUDAPEST OPENS NEW BRIDGE

BUDAPEST (UP)—An elaborate new bridge has been opened with fitting ceremony across the Blue Danube. It is the seventh structure to connect Buda and Pest, and is named for Admiral Horthy, regent of Hungary.

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