

The AMERICAN LEGION

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WOULD GIVE LEG FOR LEGION

Colonel Miner Who Lost Limb in Service, Is Proud of Membership in Organization.

"The loss of my leg is more than justified by the privilege of being a member of the American Legion," declared Asher Miner, president of a large milling company at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who suffered the loss of a leg in France as the result of a shrapnel wound received while leading his men. Mr. Miner was a colonel in the Twenty-eighth division and since has been appointed brigadier general of the Pennsylvania National guard.



Mr. Miner was among the guests of honor at a banquet tendered American Legion officials by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation upon the occasion of the first trip of the new liner "American Legion." He was one of the speakers. He did not tell, however, how after he had suffered the amputation of his leg he insisted upon being carried out to his men to inspire them in "carrying on." This was told by one of the other speakers, who knew of the colonel's courageousness.

The military record of Mr. Miner begins with his enlistment in 1884 in a Pennsylvania militia company. He saw active service in the Spanish-American war and in 1907 was appointed colonel of the Ninth Infantry. At the expiration of his commission he was reappointed and commanded the Third Pennsylvania Field artillery on the Mexican border. He went to France in 1918. He was cited for bravery and awarded a Distinguished Service cross and later received a Distinguished Service medal.

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ACTIVE IN VIRGINIA LEGION

Kate Waller Barrett, an International Figure, Is Chosen President of Women's Auxiliary.

Kate Waller Barrett, Alexandria, Va., one of the foremost women sociologists of this country, and an international figure in women's organizations, has been chosen president of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion for the department of Virginia. She has been called four times to serve as a special representative of the government on important missions, and has been national president of the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations.



While serving as president of the National Florence Crittenton mission, co-operating with the United States public health service, which position she still holds, Mrs. Barrett was a leading spirit in the conference on the care of delinquent children, called by President Roosevelt. She was a delegate to the international conference of women, a special representative of the government to investigate conditions in Europe surrounding alien women, delegate to the peace conference at Zurich in 1919, and special representative of the bureau of immigration in Europe the same year.

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WAS IN SERVICE ON ONE LEG

Nervy Member of Medical Corps Unit Was Not Discharged From Duty for Eleven Days.

Eleven days after being inducted into the service without claim of exemption, Logan E. Dillman was summarily discharged. The medical corps unit to which he was assigned had discovered that he had a wooden leg!

"Stumpy," as he is known by his comrades, registered at Trinidad, Colo., and when called was transferred to Fort Dodge, Ia. Evidently there was little ceremony about his introduction to the khaki. He made no complaint because of his desire to serve, if possible. But after five days of drilling, he said that the amputated limb became so sore that he couldn't make it work any longer.

"The sergeant did excuse me from play sometimes, but I drilled right along with the rest of them," Dillman said.

Even when discharged from the draft after his 11 days of service, Dillman's paper stipulated that the act "does not operate as a permanent bar to his subsequent entry into the military service" and "does not excuse the holder from obedience to the process of exemption boards." However, no subsequent call was made by the authorities.

Dillman is now a member of Harry E. Everist post No. 115, American Legion, at Mankato, Kan. The post claims to be the only one having a member "who entered the service on one 'pin'."

MANAGES TOUR TO WAR ZONE

Member of Legion Executive Committee in Charge of Party—Fooled Air Service Examiners.

When the American Legion accepted the invitation of the French government to send a party of former service men to France for a tour of the old war zone, John J. Wicker, Jr., a member of the Legion's national executive committee, was called to New York to manage the pilgrimage. Wicker is especially qualified to conduct a tour to France or any foreign land.

Before going into the practice of law, Wicker spent some time in the organization and conduct of travel parties to Europe, Palestine, Egypt and the Orient as well as to all parts of the United States, Canada and Alaska. When the World War started he was in Rome with a travel party of 54 persons in his charge. After many thrilling experiences he succeeded in getting his party through France on military trains and finally back to the United States.

Wicker served in the aviation service in France. After being four times rejected because of defective vision, he memorized the letters on the eye test chart and fooled the air service examiners, who were the keenest in the army.

Russia's "Wild East"



A Citizen of Siberia.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.)

A sled drawn over the deep snow by terrified horses, a driver wildly beating them, and a pack of ferocious wolves breaking in pursuit from a dark pine forest—this is a picture that has given many a person a faulty idea of the Siberia of today.

An American woman who had laughed at an Englishman when he complained that during his ten days in New York city he had not seen a single Indian asked upon her arrival in Vladivostok if there was any danger from wolves in the city. As a matter of fact, one may spend a considerable time in Siberia and cover large areas without seeing a wolf, or a pine tree, and what little snow he will see will probably not be more than a few inches deep, though there are sections where it is quite deep. And one may meet thousands of people without seeing either exile or criminal.

One is not likely to be disillusioned about the climate. The American soldier said, "Siberia has two seasons—July and winter." This is nearly true, for there is practically no spring; the foliage does not appear until June. July is as warm as the winter is cold. The brief fall is beautiful indeed, and there is something very thrilling about the intense cold of the winter, when the temperature goes to 60 and 70 degrees below zero in some sections.

Everybody dresses and prepares for the cold, and on the whole it is possible to be more comfortable in the steady winter of Siberia than in the changeable American winter.

Beautiful Wild Flowers.

Siberia's wild flowers—a feature which does not fit into the picture of a frozen waste—are worthy a volume in themselves. There is a wild rose that blooms hugely on big, sturdy bushes. Then there is the mauve and gold of the "Mary and John," that is loved most by the Siberians. This lovely flower is named after the Virgin Mary and the loved disciple.

Siberia is, above all, an oriental country. Out there the traveler sees every phantasmagoria associated with the East. Oriental sunsets, equal to any and inferior to none, thrill the senses with splendors of color ranging from volcanoes of rubies to the myriad mysteries of the kaleidoscope. Then one sees all the peoples of the Orient—Chinese, Japanese, Tartars, Manchus, Koreans—men and women of every color and condition.

For the most part the Russians have Russianized the country. Even so, one could easily believe the Tower of Babel incident to have occurred in Siberia, for one hears so many languages and sees so many different national customs. Chinese "sammans" and Japanese "dambes" ride the roadstead of Vladivostok along with Russian craft and American motorboats, and on the highways and caravan routes camels and oxen are passed by modern automobiles, mostly of American make.

Native Life Fascinating.

One gets wonderfully attached to Siberian life. There is something charming and fascinating about it. The natives, in spite of the scourges of typhus and cholera, in spite of the hunger and cold which they have experienced so frequently during the last six years, are devoted to their homeland; yet apparently they are indifferent to the rich opportunities of their country.

Siberia is a land of rich agricultural potentialities, in spite of the shortness of the summer season, and even American tables have been served with Siberian cheese and butter. But the most alluring opportunities of the country are presented in its mineral

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Out in the Philippines. First Marine—Why does Mac look so glum over that letter he just got from his wife? Second Marine—He wrote and told her that she didn't seem to miss him much, and he was going to put in to stay in the Philippines for the rest of his cruise. First Marine—What did the wife say? Second Marine—She advised him to extend his enlistment!

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