

The AMERICAN LEGION

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"BACK-TO-HOME MOVEMENT"

New York Post's Woman Commander Would Have Women Give Up Their Jobs.

Someone should start a "back-to-the home movement" for married women who toll unnecessarily in the business world, according to Mrs. Wheelock.



Mrs. Wheelock believes that "working wives make lazy husbands." She believes married women should give up their jobs in favor of unemployed ex-service men.

It was Mrs. Wheelock who successfully opposed the making of the American Legion strictly a man's organization. As a result there are today several women enrolled as Legionnaires and several posts composed altogether of ex-service women.

Mrs. Wheelock began helping the United States win the war as early as 1916 when she started a campaign to obtain stevedores and coal heavers for the navy. She caused to be presented to congress petitions for adequate preparedness and is accredited with having through her own efforts recruited 16,000 men for the navy. In recognition of her services she was made a chief yeoman in the regular service.

Mrs. Wheelock is active in social and civic affairs in New York and is widely known for her writings in both the English and French languages.

AMONG "BIRDS OF PASSAGE"

Editorial Asserts West Point Will Continue to Turn Out Crop of Second Lieutenants.

That the "second birds" of whom there were so many during the war, is more or less an institution of active warfare is shown in an editorial from the American Legion Weekly under the caption "Birds of Passage."

It follows: "Buried in the recent official list of the number of army officers of all grades who have contrived to survive the congressional guillotine appeared this inconspicuous entry:

"Second lieutenants (all arms), 233. Only 233 second lieutenants left! And once there must have been that many thousands. Who shall now deny that the war is over? Certainly while it lasted they bloomed like so many hardy perennials, emerging full blown from the training camps and finally from the ranks, for was not the top sergeant only a little lower than the angels?"

"After the Armistice, when divisional and regimental shows began to appear all over the A. E. F., the second lieutenant won fresh immortality in the quip which Mr. Bones passed to Mr. Tambo, and vice versa. It was a token of his popularity—for humanity does not poke gentle fun at what it hates.

"The second lieutenant is not extinguished. Most of him has graduated into a first lieutenant. West Point will, of course, continue to turn out its annual crop, but even these will within a few months enter the larger life of the silver bar."

POST NAMED FOR LIEUTENANT

First American Artillery Officer to Die in Action is Honored by Surviving Comrades.

The first American artillery officer to die in action in France has been honored by his surviving comrades, who have named their post of the American Legion in New York in his honor.

The post, which comprises members of the old First division, is known as the Jeff Feigl post. Jefferson Feigl was a first lieutenant of Battery F, Seventh field artillery of the First division. He was twenty-two years old, and had entered the service of his country immediately upon his graduation from Harvard university.

A year after the death of the young officer on the field of battle, his personal property was sent to his parents, Colonel and Mrs. Feigl, who reside at the Biltmore hotel, New York. In a hand-bag was a letter addressed to his parents, which Lieutenant Feigl had written a short time before he was killed. In the letter he forecast his death, and said, "Dame Fortune couldn't have picked a more gentlemanly manner for me to make my exit."



Carrying On With the American Legion

Daniel Chester French, sculptor, who created "The Minute Man at Concord," has been selected to design the memorial for Massachusetts dead in the World war which is to be erected somewhere along the American sector in France. Henry Bacon, designer of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C., will be associated with him.

The Community House at Camp Custer, Mich., purchased by a Chicago company for \$30,000, has been repurchased by the state of Michigan and will be presented to the American Legion for use as a hospital for sick and disabled veterans. The building will be improved at the expense of the state.

General Lafayette post of the American Legion, composed of New York City policemen, has mortgaged its Long Island clubhouse for \$1,000, the money to be used in helping unemployed veterans. The policemen-Legionnaires have pledged themselves to canvass their beats for jobs for their unfortunate "buddies."

"The Book of Misery" containing thousands of newsclippings and letters describing the plight of America's World war veterans in the recent period of unemployment will be presented to Congress by the Legion as documentary evidence in favor of relief for ex-service men.

Unemployed ex-service men sleeping in Bryant Park, New York, were awakened one recent midnight by the sound of a bugle mess call. Seven hundred of the unfortunate men lined up for "chow." A committee representing the George Dahlbender Post of the American Legion, led the men to a restaurant where each was fed at the expense of the Legion post.

The American Legion has asked the shipping board to permit the use of the giant liner Livliathan as a temporary shelter for jobless ex-service men. The liner has been idle at the Hoboken army docks for several months. During the war it transported 140,000 American troops to France.

Charles W. Seymour, of Hartford, Conn., tendered his resignation as state senator following his election to the commandship of the American Legion in Connecticut. Officers of the Legion cannot hold public office which is elective.

A twenty-acre park, known as "American Legion Park" has been dedicated by the city of Melrose, Minn., to the men of the city who were in service during the World war. The Melrose Legionnaires have established a children's playgrounds, a tourists' camping grounds and a baseball diamond.

Ex-soldiers and marines, members of the American Legion, were the heroes in the rescue work which followed the explosion of a tank containing 600,000 cubic feet of ammonia fumes in New York City. One of the former service men is accredited with having rescued ten persons from a tenement which had become filled with the fumes.

A "party" which is said to have cost \$10,000 was given by L. Gordon Hamersley, who served as a lieutenant in the Sixth Field artillery of the First division, at his estate near Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson. The guests were disabled soldiers of the First division and members of the Jeff Feigl post of the American Legion.

Emergency officers of the army disabled during the war "don't belong" on the retired list of the regular army. Secretary Weeks told officials of the American Legion, who are fostering a plan for the retirement on retirement pay of the emergency officers of the World war.

The first woman to hold the position of adjutant of a state department of the American Legion is Miss Honora H. Gittings, of California. Miss Gittings served during the war as a yeomanette in the navy. She is acting adjutant of the California department.

Failure to doff his hat when the funeral cortege of an American soldier passed, caused Adam Kosloski to lose his job as constable at Sauk Rapids, Minn. A complaint against Kosloski was filed by members of the American Legion.

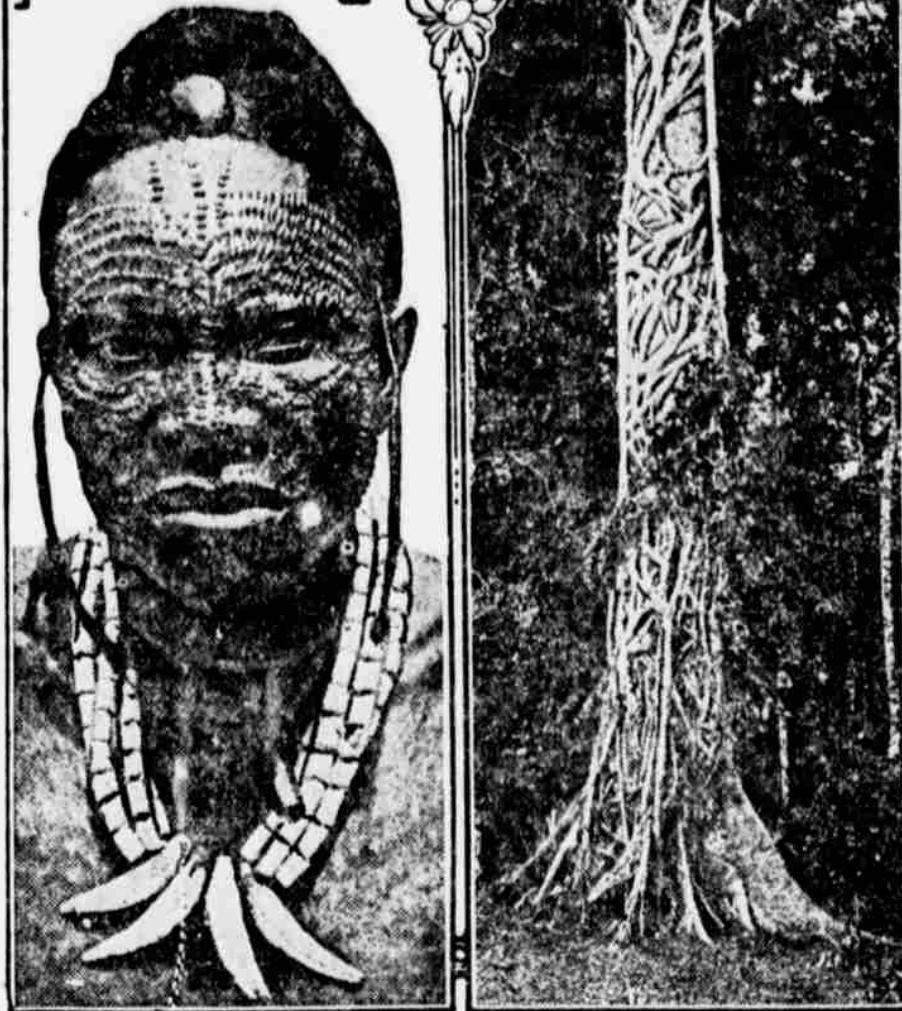
Five hundred deaf and dumb children of New York attended a showing of the film-play, "The Man Without a Country," as guests of the American Legion. Each child wrote an essay on Americanism based on impressions of the play.

Five hundred unemployed veterans of the World war in New York were given employment as movie supers in the studios at Mamaroneck, Long Island.

The Mark-Hamilton post of the American Legion at Minneapolis is organizing its own band, orchestra, glee club, vaudeville teams and dramatic company.

Nashwanuk, Minn., has turned over an abandoned school building to the American Legion for a club house. The building will be remodeled.

Natives of Belgian Congo



Chief of the Bapotos. Climbing Parasite in the Congo.

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

The natives of the interior of Africa are very different from those of the coast regions who have absorbed the worst that civilization has to offer, yet many a traveler, touching only the fringe of the Dark Continent, builds his ideas of its people on those corrupted by alcohol, European morals, and the passion for gain either by fair means or foul. In the Belgian Congo, for example, where there are to be met typical negroes of the tropics, one finds people who are frankly savages, to be sure, with customs disgusting to the westerner but who possess good traits for all that. If the tribes are approached properly hardly one will be found which is not naturally good-tempered, and in most instances hospitable and trustful.

Stanleyville, the chief station in north-central Congo, was a few years ago a strange mixture of an Arab, European and negro town. Whatever harm the Arabs may have done to the natives, and there is no doubt that in their slave-raiding expeditions they have slaughtered them by the thousands, they certainly have taught them many a good thing. It was the Arabs who introduced rice, Madagascarian potatoes, beans and many useful plants. They have taught the natives cleanliness and established schools in many centers.

The town is much used as an outfitting point for expeditions but at times it is disappointingly short of supplies. In making trips up the Congo river from Stanleyville one must cross the river below the falls and have his luggage carted to a point on smooth water above the cataracts.

Queer Bambala Customs. Among the people of Congo few possess stranger customs or present more curious contrasts than the Bambala tribe, who live in numerous villages on the banks of the Kwilu Jumba river in the southwestern part of the country. Each village is under its own chief, who holds the position by virtue of his wealth and is succeeded at his death by the next richest man of the tribe. His principal function is to act as money-lender to his subjects. No tribute is paid to the chief, but he has a right to the ribs of every human being killed for food and to the hind legs of each animal killed during the great hunts. If a chief is young enough, he acts as leader in war; otherwise one of his sons takes his place.

Intermediate between the chief and the ordinary freeman is an hereditary class called muri, who may not eat human flesh nor yet the meat of fowls. They are distinguished by an iron bracelet and a special headcovering of cloth, which may not be removed by any one under penalty of death, even if the offender did not intend to touch it.


The bracelet of a muri passes at death to the nephew (sister's son), who succeeds to the dignity, and the heir must steal the skull of his uncle. The corpse is buried for some two months, then the skull is exhumed, painted red, and placed in the house its owner used to occupy. The nephew must gain possession of it at night without being observed, and, after hiding it for a few days in the bush, take it home to his hut.

If a muri is killed in war, his bracelet is sent home, but the skull has to be stolen as before from the hostile village. The chief privilege of a member of this class is the right to a portion of each animal killed in hunting.

Ordeal by Poison. In disputes, where two people of the same village are concerned, a poison ordeal is employed as judge. Whether a man is accused of witchcraft, parricide or of some minor offense, he declares himself willing to take poison to prove his innocence.

The poison, which is derived from the bark of a native tree, is usually ground fine and mixed to a thick paste, from which are made five small loaves and these are administered one after the other to the defendant. During the next fifteen minutes, if it is a case of witchcraft, the bystanders call on Moloki (the evil principle) to come out. The poison usually acts very quickly; it may kill the accused or cause purging or vomiting. The last-named effect alone is regarded as a proof of innocence. In the second case the prisoner is compelled to dig a hole. He is then given a fowl to eat and enough palm-wine to make him quite intoxicated. After this he is laid in the hole, or possibly goes and lays himself down, and is then buried alive in order to prevent Moloki escaping with his last breath. A large fire is kept alight on the grave for two days, and then the body is exhumed and eaten.

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HERE'S GENUINE NEW YORKER AFTER THE FOOTBALL GAMES

You Can Always Tell Him—He Knows His Home City Like the Proverbial Book. Man Who Had Been There Knew There Would Be Only One Distinctive College Color.

The man who was born in New York and had lived there all his days gave a satisfied chuckle. "Yes, I know the old town as few know it. It's going to be a great pleasure for me to take you around, old man. This, of course, is Grant's tomb. Ha, ha!"

The westerner looked his surprise. "I laugh because it's so commonplace—so shopworn, so to speak. But while you're my guest you shall miss nothing from the usual to the most uncommon . . . by George."

"What is it?"
"Look—that big purple machine, with all the people. Looks like a delegation of visiting Elks . . . or . . . It can't be a new Fifth avenue stage. They don't build them so big . . . what in the name of time can such a big, clumsy—"

"New York city sightseeing bus!" yelled the man with the ballyhoo. "Takes you anywhere you want to go to see the sights."—Judge.

Other People's Property. "The charge is burglary," remarked the judge.
"Your honor," said the hard-faced prisoner, "I'm a 'human fly' an' when de cops nabbed me I wuz just practicin' me profession."
"Um. What's a 'human fly?'"
"Dat's a fellow what climbs up de sides of buildin' without any ropes or ladders, just usin' his hands an' feet."
"I see, but even if you are a 'human fly,' you are not expected to carry off anything valuable you happen to find after you get above the ground floor."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

A Student's Wish. "History repeats itself."
"Well, I wish arithmetic would sum itself up."

Adam had one cause for rejoicing—Eve made her own dresses.

Secret Revealed. Innumerable years yielded up a secret at the statehouse today. When a janitor washed the transom in one of the rooms occupied by Ora Davies, state treasurer, it was disclosed that one of the glass windows was of clear instead of opaque glass. The accumulation of dust of years had given the glass a frosted effect. Mr. Davies said he would leave the glass clear and not cover the transom as has become a bad among some of the officials of the new administration.

"I'll take a chance on anyone coming along with a periscope," said Mr. Davies.—Indianapolis News.

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