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## THEIR TRIBUTE TO FIGHTER

Spontaneous Expressions of Admiration From Colonials at Sight of Gallant American Destroyer.

The next sunrise found us anchored at the entrance to an English harbor. Ahead and astern, as far as the eye could reach, stretched a line of ships waiting to carry food into England. That is how England is being starved by Germany! And that is how the British and American navies are doing their work!

After several deeply loaded ships had shot in past us we got our pilot and joined the procession. Bound out in the opposite direction a powerful destroyer of the latest type swept up, three black plumes trailing from her funnels and a great white bone in her teeth. She was the very spirit of dash and daring, with a tinge of swank.

"I say, that's a tophole," "Look at that," "Absolutely it," "Ripping," was chorused in the English of the isles. A big South African nudged me.

"Yank, look at that flag." It was the Stars and Stripes. More than all the speeches I had heard on the significance of this war to the Anglo-Saxons meant the quick glimpse of that fine ship under that flag outward bound to defend the shores of England.

"Come on, Springboks, a good one for the Yanks," yelled the big colonial, and the men who had licked the Germans in East Africa and who were going to lick them in France roared the Zulu war cry.—Gregory Mason in Outlook.

## INNER MAN WELL FORTIFIED

American Soldier, Ordered to the Front, at Least Did Not Set Out on Mission Hungry.

An American doughboy entered a restaurant in the Rue Richelieu and after carefully studying the menu, ordered dejeuner.

The waitress brought him bacon and eggs, cheese and a pint of beer. When he had finished eating, he paid his bill and called the waitress.

"Now I want some lunch." This time she brought him a plate of roast beef, vegetables and chicken, which he washed down with half a dozen cups of tea; then he paid his bill and called the wondering waitress back again.

"Now, my dear, I want dinner." He ate some beef, vegetables, apples and drank a bottle of wine.

At 1:30, after having taken all three meals at once, the soldier left the restaurant, and a little while later set out on a mission to the front.—Stars and Stripes.

## Nitrogen From Atmosphere.

There has been erected at the United States department of agriculture's experiment farm at Arlington, Va., the largest experimental plant in the United States for the production of nitrogen from air. The nitrogen so produced is combined with hydrogen to form ammonia, which can be used in the manufacture of explosives and fertilizers. Experiments with the view of increasing the efficiency of the process are now being conducted by the bureau of soils. The Haber process of manufacturing nitrogen is being employed. This process involves the production of ammonia from hydrogen and nitrogen. The two gases are mixed in the proper proportion, put under high pressure and subjected to intense heat. They are then passed over a spongy iron, whereupon a portion of the mixture combines to form ammonia.

## Fish-Skin Shoes.

At the recent exposition of the chemical industries at New York there was an interesting exhibit of leather made from the skin of fishes, shark, porpoise and tuna fish, which showed it to be as full of good qualities as leather made from the skins of animals.

Scientists of the Pratt Institute and the United States bureau of fisheries have been experimenting with fish skin as a substitute for leather, and the raw hide of sharks and porpoises already is in commercial use. Porpoise skin razor strops have been used for years, and other kinds of fish leather would have been on the market long ago, the scientists say, had it not been that there was an abundance of real leather.

## Industrial Exemption.

Conscription boards have their troubles, and occasionally a tragedy, but once in a while they have a little joke, too. The local draft board at Scottsburg thinks it has a "good one" on the third district appeal board.

Recently the Scottsburg board sent up papers of a man who sought exemption because of marriage since August 5, 1918. In due time the papers were returned by the appeal board with the ruling "deferred classification refused. Place can be filled by another."

It is presumed that the appeal clerk wrote a reason for refusal of an appeal for exemption on industrial grounds on the papers instead of the one intended for case.—Indianapolis News.

## Impedimenta.

How much stuff does a Yank take into the line? It all depends on the Yank.

In one squad you will see a man carrying full pack, including extra shoes and overcoat, and wearing a whole string of corned Willie cans much as a Fiji Islander wears a loin cloth. Another man in the same squad will go up minus his blouse, and carrying only a blanket, gas mask and helmet.—Paris Stars and Stripes.

## BRINGS HOME HUN SAVAGERY

Contrast of Present War With That of the Spanish-American Conflict Twenty Years Ago.

One night, 20 years ago, I sat in an army camp in Cuba during the Santiago campaign, listening to a discussion of war weapons. That day some 2,000 men had been killed or wounded in a three hours' battle, which involved all of Shafter's army corps at San Juan hill and at El Caney. The matter which created the most comment was the very small per cent of mortalities in the casualty list. The wounded would nearly all recover, and, except here and there, without permanent injury. Two American staff officers were discussing it and praising the Mauser rifle, which the Spaniards were using. I remember substantially the words of one of the staff officers. He said: "It is a more merciful weapon than the Krag, which we are using, because it is of smaller bore, makes a cleaner wound and puts the other fellow out of business just as effectively as the Krag does without inflicting as dangerous an injury."

I remember that they both agreed that the science of modern war was to knock the other fellow out without slaughtering him. I thought of that odd American conception of that twenty-year-old period while visiting yesterday a hospital where Americans were being brought in from the field. Some of the men are indescribably mangled; some wounds lie open as though they had been made with a cleaver—others are of the crushed, ragged kind. I went from this dangerously wounded ward into a neighboring tent, where 200 gassed men with bandaged eyes tossed restlessly. As I thought of the desperately wounded I had just left and of those poisoned men, called upon to defend themselves against an inhuman weapon which gave them no chance to strike blow for blow, I realized the utter savagery to which we have reverted since that gentle day in which we sank the Spanish navy and made guests of the Spanish army until the hour arrived when we might send the conquered home in chivalry and in honor.—Kansas City Times.

## Overcoming Hay Fever.

Hay fever is gradually becoming better understood. From the public health reports, it appears that recent investigations have shown only one person in a hundred to be susceptible, while the susceptibles differ widely in the effects produced on them by the various plant pollens that give rise to the disease. In the eastern and southern United States pollen of the ragweed finds the greatest number of sensitive subjects, the spring type of hay fever being therefore the most common. The smaller number of persons who are affected by grass pollen have the autumnal type of fever. Some persons have both the spring and the autumnal fevers, and about 8 per cent of the susceptibles are sensitive not only to the ragweed and grass pollens, but to various other pollens, including some tree pollens. Such unfortunate persons are liable to hay fever attacks throughout most of the year. Some patients are affected only when the specific pollen is at its greatest abundance, but others have the disease during the entire season of the plant's pollination.

## Perseverance Does It.

"It's the allies' perseverance that is going to win the war," said Senator Lewis.

"The allies suffered defeat after defeat, but from each defeat they learned something."

"It's like the advice the editor of the Cinnaminson Scimitar gave to an unlucky wooer who had been rejected by seven girls in turn. The editor wrote:

"Unlucky Wooer: Go ahead. Don't be discouraged. Never say die. You must have learned a lot by what you have gone through. Strikes us you must hold something like a record. Well, stick all your experience together and make love to the next girl who comes around and takes your fancy. If she doesn't reciprocate try another. Remember, you only want one girl to say 'Yes,' and she'll probably last your life."

## Army Nurses in Peace Times.

There is a corps of regular army nurses maintained in peace times as well as in war times. When nurses volunteer under the Red Cross organization and enter the army service they assume the same status as that of the regular corps of nurses. A nurse aid receives no pay for her services. Transportation and maintenance, however, are supplied. Nurses and nurse aids, sworn into the government service through Red Cross channels, and all nurses employed by the army and navy are under the order of the army and navy medical departments. If a nurse or nurse's aid is incapacitated through service, either in this country or abroad and thereafter, because of disability suffered while in the service, is unable to provide for herself, there is not known under the law any means whereby she can secure the benefits of a pension.

## Deaf Mutes Not Good Flyers.

Contrary to a report which has been widely scattered, deaf mutes do not make good airmen, as has been shown by recent tests made by the war department, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. This branch of the government is endeavoring to ascertain the source of the false report, which has led many young men to seek enlistment as flyers. In examining a number of deaf mutes it has been found that they are lacking in an adequate sense of equilibrium.

## ALMOST A WHOLE FAMILY PERISH.

Two sisters, sole survivors of a once happy family, greeted us pleasantly, as we visited in a sunny ward at the Muskoka Free Hospital.

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