

NO WONDER SHE WAITS

HE'LL BE SOME HUSBAND WHEN HE COMES BACK



Taps Will Soon Blow On Govt. Insurance

It is getting along toward April 12, which means that the final respite given delinquent American soldiers to insure their lives with the government is about to expire.

No government has ever been as generous to its soldiers as the United States. A precedent was established when the American government decided to insure the lives of its fighting men—men whom private insurance companies would not touch with a forty-foot pole.

Although a soldier may not have anything in the world but the thirty per he is drawing from Uncle Sam, he can immediately create an estate of \$10,000 by taking out a policy with the government. This \$10,000 is payable to his mother, wife, child or other relatives in case he does not come back. If he returns totally disabled it is payable to him.

Only a small percentage of the soldiers in the training camps failed to take out insurance before February 12, the original time limit set by the government, but there are still some men who have failed to avail themselves of the government's generosity.

It is better to register than regret. If you haven't insured your life for all you can afford—which ought to be all the government will allow—you haven't been an square to the folks back home as you could have been. If you don't want to take a terminating thought like that 2,000 miles across the ocean with you, INSURE BEFORE APRIL 12.

Domino Shortage Averted When U. S. Cork Bobs Up to Pinch Hit for German Wood

Once again American ingenuity has come to the rescue of American soldiers about to be deprived of amusement. A threatened shortage in dominoes has been promptly met and all the indications are that the 20,000 sets needed for soldiers in khaki at home and "Over There" will be supplied at the desired time.

The shortage was due to the increased demand for dominoes by the devotees of "Muggins," and to the fact that the sets used in America formerly came from Germany, whose exports to this country have not been permitted for some three years and a half.

When the threatened shortage was reported in the camps, the Y. M. C. A. sent out an SOS for help. A prompt answer came from the employes of Chester, Pa., who volunteered to stay after hours to make dominoes for the soldiers. The dominoes are being made of scrap cork carpet, donated by the company, which also had a special machine made to stamp to double blocks from double notched wood. The new cork dominoes are better than the old wooden ones from Germany, according to soldiers who have used them.

This is the second tragedy averted in a few weeks in the Y. M. C. A. The first was a shortage of checkerboard sets which occurred owing to the fact that the supply from Germany had been cut off. This situation was met by the use of old fashioned, checked linoleum and oil cloth.

TAKES CHARGE OF CANTEENS

At the request of General Pershing, the Y. M. C. A. has taken charge of all the American canteens in France and has sent Herbert L. Pratt, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company "Over There" to reorganize the canteen service. Prices will be fixed so as to be the same at all the canteens and everything soldiers want to buy will be placed on sale. Alex. N. McFayden, of Detroit, general superintendent of a chain of 165 five and ten cent stores will be director general of canteens in France. Sales amounting to \$4,690,000 were made at the 350 Y. M. C. A. canteens in France during the month of December. Several hundred additional canteens will be provided.

DON'T CARRY OFF THE SHEP.

Souvenir gatherers among the American troops already sent to France have done so much damage to the transports that orders have been issued by the War Department to the commanding officers to see that the practice is discontinued. Not content with carving their names in conspicuous places, thus defacing the wood work, soldiers are said to have pocketed all the napkins, knives, forks, spoons and other portable articles they could lay their hands on as souvenirs of their journey across the Atlantic.

SEND THEM HOME

Send all your copies of Trench and Camp to the home folks. They will appreciate them as well as you.

Officers Should Stimulate Enthusiasm of Their Men

"The first condition in order to stimulate the interest of the men is the enthusiasm of the officers," says Major H. M. Nelly, Adjutant 34th Division, National Guard, in an official bulletin dated at Camp Cody, N.M. "Inspiration is contagious, and if the commanding officer has it, it will gradually be communicated to all in his organization. Then the purpose of each drill must be made perfectly clear to each man. American soldiers have not yet acquired the habit of doing things simply for the purpose of doing them. The value of each exercise should be clearly set forth in meetings with the non-commissioned officers, and these instructed to explain it to the men. The writer, for example, knows nothing more tedious than constant repetition of the trigger squeeze exercise as a thing for its own sake. Done day after day for an hour or more, it is enough to drive even a dull man insane. But it is the only way to learn to shoot accurately. And looked at from this angle it is a means of the very sort of efficiency most needed in trench and open fighting. The same is true of bomb throwing, gun laying, fuse setting, trench digging, patrolling, and all the thousand and one little things we are instructed to do day after day. If the officer will see to it that he enters into the supervision of the drills in the same spirit in which he wished the men to carry them out, much of the dreariness will disappear. What we learn to do now under simulated battle conditions are the same things we shall have to do later when bullets are flying. If we can keep our interest to learn to do them well now, we shall be so much the safer and more efficient when we do them in front of the enemy."

FRENCH HONOR WILSON
A statue of President Wilson is to be placed in the public square in the town of Aix-les-Bains, France. Money with which to purchase the statue was contributed by French men and women of all classes. Considerable money was donated by American soldiers using Aix-les-Bains as a rest camp after seeing service in the trenches.

TRENCH LINGO

- Here is some trench lingo translated:
- AMMO**—Ammunition
 - BAT**—Battalion
 - BULLY BEEF**—Canned corn beef; called "Tinned Willie" in the U. S. Army.
 - CHAR**—Tea (derived from the East Indian Language)
 - CLICK**—To die. To be clicked means to be killed.
 - CHAT**—Officers' term for vermin which the men call COOTIE.
 - DIXIE**—An oblong iron box of five gallon capacity and used on field kitchens for making coffee, soup, etc.
 - FAG**—Cockney English for cigarette.
 - GRAYBACK**—A German soldier. Applied because the Hun wears a field gray uniform.
 - GROUSING**—Complaining and kicking.
 - KIP**—To sleep. **FLOP** and **DOSS** mean the same.
 - MILLS**—A hand grenade resembling a lemon in size and shape.
 - NAPPER**—The head.
 - STOKES**—An eleven-pound bomb hurled by mortar or by hand.
 - TIN HAT**—Steel helmet to protect the head from shrapnel.
 - ZERO**—A military term indicating the time at which any contemplated move is to be started. The time before and after is reckoned as plus or minus zero.

Government Takes Charge Of Air Around Reservations

"For the protection of the Army and Navy," President Wilson issued a proclamation forbidding any but licensed aviators to fly the air over or near any military or naval camp, cantonment, fort or station. The licenses will be granted by a joint board of the Army and Navy, but it is not expected many will be issued.

The President's proclamation contained this paragraph: "In case any aircraft shall disregard this proclamation or the terms of the license, it shall be the right and duty of the military or naval forces to treat the aircraft as hostile and to fire upon it or to otherwise destroy it, notwithstanding the resultant danger to human life."

KILLED 30 HUNS

A Bronx, N. Y., school boy, thirteen years old, claims to have killed thirty Germans on the French front by bayonetting or shooting them. He is unusually large for his years and when he told a Canadian recruiting officer he was eighteen he was accepted and shipped "Over There." When he was wounded at the front and sent to a hospital behind the lines, his mother was notified by cable and immediately informed the British authorities that the boy was only thirteen years old. Upon recovering the veteran of several battles who says he counted thirty Germans that he had killed was sent back to the United States and has resumed his studies in school.

AN HONEST SERGEANT

Recently a non-commissioned officer was mistaken by a new recruit on sentry duty, who saluted him. The non-commissioned officer, ignorant that his colonel was nearby, returned the salute. Next morning he was ordered to report to the colonel, where he was asked why he returned the salute when he, the "man-on," knew he was not entitled to it. "Sir," he answered, "I always return everything I am not entitled to." The colonel dismissed him.

