

"THE BARRACKS WHEEZE"

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You may
Rest Assured
That the world
Will be safe for
Democracy
After the war
When
You see
Two
Private soldiers
Taking
Turns
At
Scrubbing
Each other's
Racks
Under
The
Barrack Showers.

The fellow who used to carry a
finger-nail file in his upper left-hand
vest pocket now uses both hands
when he eats his meat.

IF THE MEDICAL CORP EVER
HAS ANY PART IN DEFEATING
THE HUN IT WILL BE DONE
WITH ADHESIVE PLASTER.

AN EXCERPT FROM THE NAR-
RATIVE OF AN AMBULANCE
MAN'S WORK "OVER THERE"
FOLLOWS: "AND GALLANTLY
HE DASHED OVER THE TOP, CAR-
RYING A ROLL OF GAUZE BAN-
DAGE IN ONE HAND AND A PAIR
OF ARTERY FORCEPS IN THE
OTHER."

A PRIVATE WAS SEATED ON A
BUNK MAKING A VALIANT EFF-
ORT TO KEEP AWAKE WHILE
THE LIEUTENANT INSTRUCTOR
OF THE FIELD HOSPITAL UNIT
CONDUCTED THE CLASS.

"AND WHAT IS THE GREATER
OR LESSER CIRCULATION?" THE
OFFICER ASKED.

THE SOLDIER ROUSED.
"BEFORE AND AFTER PAY-
DAY," HE ANSWERED.

The next day he received his cor-
poral's warrant.

It's
A pretty
Safe bet that
The doughboy
Who don't know
The exact
Number of stars
In the flag
And can't even
Carry the tune
Of the National Anthem
Will shore
More bulls-eyes
On his score card
After a turn
On the range
Than
The bird who
Is Always
Screeching about
The
"Glorious"
Land of the Free.

"WANT AN EVENING PAPER?"
YELLED THE CAMP NEWSIE.
"IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO
YOU," REPLIED THE ENLISTED
MAN, "I'LL TAKE AN ICE-CREAM
CONE."

It's sort of unusual that those in the
army have quit the use of military
hair brushes.

The War Department has ordered
that all hair be cut short.

Just another casualty.

AND ALL THIS WITH BEDROOM
SLIPPERS AND TALCUM POWDER
LISTED UNDER THE HEADING:
"LOST IN ACTION."

IT'S PRETTY HARD THESE
DAYS, EVEN FOR A MOVIE
STAR, TO GET MORE PUBLICITY
THAN A CHAMPION RIVETER.

Emil, another private, said he no longer
believed in a double standard of floral-
s. He lets his mother pick her own
flowers and the girl goes without.

FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE HE IS
CREDITED WITH AN "EXCEL-
LENT" CHARACTER ON HIS SER-
VICE RECORD.

THUS DOES THE STANDARD OF
MORALITY INCREASE BY LEAPS,
BOUNDS AND SHIPLOADS.

Slogan for the aviation:
"Eat, drink and be merry today,
for tomorrow you may fly."

ABOUT THE ONLY ORNAMENTS
SOME FELLOWS WEAR IN THIS
ARMY ARE THE RINGS OF DIRT
AROUND THEIR NECKS.

One Year Ago General John J. Pershing
arrived in France as the

vanguard of America's Army of Freedom. This photograph shows him descending a gang plank leading to French soil. It represents an incident that thrilled the world, for it was the first time that an American army had been sent to Europe. Soon after his arrival in France General Pershing went to the tomb of Lafayette and, with a note of reverence in his voice, uttered the words that won the heart of France, "Lafayette, we are here."



"HIGH-CLASS" MOVIES

The problem of how to amuse the wounded or otherwise disabled soldiers who are unable to sit up has been solved in a simple manner by the Y. M. C. A. at the base hospitals in the camps in France. Portable motion picture machines are so stationed that the projections appear on the ceiling, and all the patient lying on his back need do is to look up. The diverting pictures which take the minds of the patients off their own ailments have proved to be great aids in hastening the healing process.

WILSON BRIDGE OPENS JULY 14

On July 14, the anniversary of the Fall of the Bastille, a new bridge, which has been given the name of President Wilson, will be opened by the mayor of Lyons, France. The Wilson Bridge, which has been built since the war began in 1914, parallels one which has borne the name of Lafayette Bridge for more than a century.

AN EXPLANATION

The pretzel is the national flower of Germany. This accounts for its crookedness.

FOSDICK NOW IN FRANCE TO CO-ORDINATE WORK OF WELFARE ORGANIZATION

Raymond B. Fosdick, Chairman of the War and Navy Departments' Commissions on Training Camp Activities, is visiting the billets and front-line trenches occupied by the American soldiers in France. Mr. Fosdick was asked by Secretary of War Baker to make a study of the recreational and educational facilities afforded the American soldiers who are fighting abroad with a view to co-ordinating the work of the private welfare organizations already in the field under Government supervision, according to announcement in Washington.

Before he left for the actual firing line, Mr. Fosdick had a conference with General Pershing in which the latter expressed the view that non-military organizations serving the interests of our soldiers Over There should be co-ordinated. This, he said, would prevent any duplication of endeavor on the part of the private welfare organizations and would reduce greatly the non-combatant personnel of the army.

A number of organizations as well as private individuals have offered the Commissions large sums of money to promote educational and recreational activities among the troops in France. Mr. Fosdick is determining where these funds can best be expended.

Belgians Challenge

There was a time—and not so many years ago, either—when a popular outdoor pastime in many sections of the country was to watch a game of baseball played by students of sundry Chinese universities. One could imagine today a team of Celestials challenging the Giants, Phillies, Red Sox or Senators to a game of the national pastime, but who at the present time can imagine a team of eleven husky sons of Belgium challenging any soccer team in the United States to a test of prowess.

Yet such a thing occurred. Walter Camp, Chairman of the athletic department of the Navy's Commission on Training Camp Activities, has received such a challenge from Lieutenant Gaston Hubin, of the Belgian Army. Lieutenant Hubin is captain of the Belgian soccer team, and in his challenge he expresses a willingness to have his heroes meet any team in the United States. He is willing to have his men play in the large cities of the country and the various army and navy camps, and is particularly anxious that the proceeds of the matches be devoted to war relief.

Maccabe Chosen

Joseph Maccabe, former President of the A. A. U., and a widely known sportsman, has been selected to be director of athletics at Camp Las Casas, San Juan, Porto Rico. His work will be part of an extensive recreational and educational program formulated by the War Department's Commission on Training Camp Activities. He will leave at once to assume his duties.

Mr. Maccabe is an old-timer in the world of sport. He is affiliated with the N. E. A. A. U., Boston Athletic Association, American Olympic Games Committee, Olympic Club, of San Francisco, London Athletic Club and a number of French athletic clubs. He was chairman for many years of the Boston Municipal Gymnasium and Baths, and also represented the United States at the Olympiads at Athens, London and Stockholm.

PERSHING TO DECIDE

Announcement has been made by the War Department that all recommendations for awards of the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Medal and Distinguished Service Cross are to be made by General Pershing, through the divisional commanders with the American Expeditionary Forces. When possible the bestowal of awards will be accompanied by a formal review with not less than one battalion participating.

The Medal of Honor will be awarded only to American officers and enlisted men for gallantry in action, while the Distinguished Service Cross may be awarded to officers and enlisted men of the Allied forces.

The following tests will be applied in all cases recommended for the Medal of Honor:

"Men who have performed in action deeds of most distinguished personal bravery and self sacrifice. (b) Above and beyond all call of duty; (c) So conspicuous as clearly to distinguish them for gallantry and intrepidity above their comrades; (d) Which involve risk of life or the performance of more than ordinary hazardous service, and (e) The omission of which would not justly subject the person to censure as for shortcoming or failure in the performance of his duty."