

### AMERICAN RUNS SIBERIAN TOWN

Sam I. Johnson Outstanding Figure of The A. E. F. in Siberia

By PEGGY HULL, N. E. A. Staff Correspondent. With the American Army in Siberia. The outstanding figure of the A. E. F. in Siberia is Major Samuel I. Johnson, provost marshal in a Siberian village. Johnson isn't his real name. He was born in a hut a few thousand miles to the west of Vladivostok, near the Don river. His father was Cossack chief. Major Sam, as he is called over here, was educated in a Russian military academy and joined the Russian army. While Johnson was a midshipman, the training ship put in at New York. Johnson quarreled with his superior officer over hostility to the men and finished the argument by striking him. There was nothing for Major Sam to do but leave without permission.

Within a few days he shipped on a merchantman bound for South America and landed in Argentine just in time to get in the thick of a revolution. He went into the Argentine army as a private and became a first lieutenant shortly before he was wounded. He received two decorations. After the revolution Major Sam went to Hawaii.

The monarchy was tumbling. Major Sam joined the American army. It was here that the recruiting officer, who had a difficult pronouncement for his business name substituted Johnson.

Rises Rapidly in U. S. Service. Major Johnson's ability was so pronounced that he arose to brigadier general of the Hawaii National Commission by the president.

On the outbreak of war with Germany he resigned his commission as a brigadier general to be a major in the regular army.

In Honolulu Major Johnson made and lost a fortune. He was well on his way to a second fortune when he gave up his work to enter the overseas forces. One forest fire cost him a million dollars so he shifted his interest to plantations.

He has shot big game in India, the Straits Settlement and South America. He holds all records for life and revolver shooting and has 54 campaign medals.

He was talking one afternoon with the general's son, Major Sidney Graves, when Major Johnson entered the room. "How's your eye today," asked the general Major Graves banteringly.

John replied but there was one movement of his hand and an instant later the cigarette which Major John had been smoking was neatly clipped off by a bullet.

At 42 Major Johnson won the championship for long distance swimming in Hawaii, covering 27 miles. He was captain of the champion football team at 43 and played a back position.

When nine men were stranded in a bark off the coast of Honolulu in a typhoon Major Johnson took a line, "I don't see a precipice which the life guards said couldn't be sealed and saved the seamen. He was given a Carnegie medal for this feat.

Major Johnson has a son who, at 15 is exhibiting an inheritance of his father's adventurous spirit. He was named into his father's office in December and nonchalantly announced, "Hello, Dad, I just thought I'd come over and spend Christmas with you."

Indifference had closed the boy's school in San Francisco and he had shipped as a steward on a transport bound for Vladivostok. Major Johnson wanted to send him back as a passenger but he said he would take the money instead.

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### HAS FUNDS IN SIGHT TO PAY FOREST WARDENS

State Forester Outlines Conditions Under which Appointments Will Be Made

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have a small amount of money during the next two years for the employment of forest wardens for the prevention of forest fires under the law of 1915 (Chapter 243).

"In order to make this money go as far as possible in reducing the large annual loss from forest fires in this State, the Survey will, as far as possible, adopt the following policy in selecting the counties and districts in which such wardens shall be employed:

"Wardens will be appointed in those counties or townships which in the judgment of the State Forester needs his services most and in which he will do the greatest good. "Other conditions being equal, wardens will be appointed in those counties or townships where cooperation can be secured either from the county authorities or from associated or individual landowners.

"Co-operating parties will be expected to recommend the name of one or more persons suitable for forest wardens who may be appointed by the State Forester. "Co-operation may be furnished in either of the following ways:

"1. By contributing a certain amount of money to the Survey, to be spent by the Survey for forest fire protection in a way to be agreed upon by the co-operating parties.

"2. By employing and paying one or more forest wardens or patrolmen who shall be on duty during dry and dangerous weather, whose work shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the State Forester. Other kinds of protective work may be accepted by the State Forester as the co-operating parties' share of such plan of protection.

Under both plans the Survey will spend an equal share for the same purpose in that or an adjoining district.

Please let me know whether your county or any landowner or association of landowners in your county would be sufficiently interested in the prevention of forest fires to take up this matter with me further. Owing to the lateness of the season an early reply is requested."

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### MARITAL NOOSE IS TIED TO STAY HERE

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effect of the failure of our Senate to ratify a League of Nations, upon the great work of missions, voted unanimously to send a note to the Senators of North Carolina, begging them to vote to ratify whatever tentative league may be submitted by the conference of nations at Paris. Fifty persons voted."

As proof of the unanimity of opinion in North Carolina as to the advisability of adopting the plan for a League of Nations as proposed by President Wilson, it is a noteworthy fact that of the many letters received by the North Carolina Senators discussing the subject, not a single communication is adverse to the plan.

R. A. Parsley, a lumber dealer of Wilmington, was a visitor to Washington today. He came to Washington in response to a request from Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield that the business men of the country volunteer information as to actual conditions of varied industries. Mr. Parsley is well informed on lumber conditions in the South and testified as to the status of the industry in the office of Secretary Redfield. The Wilmington citizen left tonight for his home.

J. E. Latham, a cotton mill owner of Greensboro, was a visitor to Washington today.

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trials had surrendered, the Japanese members of the party were visibly disappointed.

"He likened the Emperor and the military caste of Japan to that of Germany. He said their methods and ideas and ideals were identical with those of Germany."

### WAR TIME WET ACT IS BEING ATTACKED

Committee Representing Entire Distilling Industry Make The Announcement

(By the Associated Press.) New York, March 20.—The committee of distillers of the United States, representing the entire distilling industry, announced tonight steps were being taken to attack the constitutionality of the Federal prohibition amendment and the wartime prohibition act.

Levy Mayer, of Chicago, counsel for the organization, was instructed to arrange for a suit to test the emergency prohibition law after the treaty of peace has been signed. Action to bring about a judicial review of the eighteenth amendment, it was stated, would await the outcome of referendum elections in thirteen States where petitions calling for a popular vote on the "home dry" enactment have been filed or are in circulation. Mr. Mayer advised the committee that in States having referendum laws and whose Legislatures have ratified the amendment, the ratification would have no effect unless a majority of the votes cast in the elections favored the amendment.

The attorney also gave an opinion that if the wartime prohibition act is unconstitutional manufacture of distilled spirits, forbidden by the President under the food conservation laws, could be lawfully resumed as soon as the war is ended.

In their discussion of measures to nullify the Federal amendment, the distillers named California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, Maine and Nebraska as States where referendum petitions have been circulated. As forty-five State Legislatures ratified the amendment, nine more than the necessary three-fourths, the distillers' announced plan of action could not be carried out if the people of more than four States approved the decisions of their legislative bodies.

The distillers' attack on the wartime prohibition act follows the lines laid down by counsel for the brewers in their test suit filed here yesterday alleging the law, having been enacted after the signing of the armistice, went beyond the power of Congress to adopt measures for the national security and defense.

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### DEDICATE TREES ON ARBOR DAY TO SOLDIERS WHO DIED

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 20.—Nation-wide observance of Arbor Day through the planting of trees dedicated to soldiers who died during the war was urged today by Secretary Houston in a letter to Governors of the States. He asserted he could not conceive a better way to keep alive the memory of those who had fallen.

"Now that the great war has come to its conclusion," Mr. Houston said in his letter, "we shall seek many ways to perpetuate the memory of those who made the great sacrifice. It has been happily suggested that we do this by adorning with young trees, each named for a fallen soldier, our yards, our parks, and our pleasure places. This can be done on Arbor Day, which is now at hand in most of our States. Such an observance of the day will give it a meaning more profound, a purpose more exalted, than it ever had before."

### EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS IN THE SOUTHEAST

Washington, March 20.—Details of employment conditions in the Southeast during the current week, as announced today by the Federal employment service, show little change as compared with last week. The situation in the Southeastern States, and the South generally, has been regarded during the last several weeks as better than that in most sections of the country, the percentage of unemployment being comparatively low.

Raleigh, Winston-Salem and Norfolk reported an apparent equality of supply and demand.

New Orleans made a similar report and stated all labor disputes had been settled.

Wilmington, N. C., and Columbia, S. C., reported a slight shortage.

Pensacola, which last week reported a shortage, now reports a surplus of 800 semi-skilled mechanics.

Atlanta reported a surplus but gave no estimate and Savannah reported a surplus of 1,500. Richmond reported a surplus of 1,500, while Lynchburg also reported a surplus but without an estimate.

### Receiver Asked.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, March 20.—Appointment of a receiver was asked by the American Brake Shoe and Foundry Company which has a claim for \$36,806. The petition alleged that the floating debt of the corporation for material, equipment and rentals aggregated \$1,600,000.

### ROUND TABLE LABOR CONFERENCE AT N.Y.

Society of Engineers Suggests Application of Card Rating System

New York, March 20.—Application to industry of a card rating system for employees, similar to that used in the army, was urged as a step toward solution of labor problems by speakers at a round table conference here today of the Society of Industrial Engineers. W. S. McArthur, of Armour and Company, Chicago, explained the personal system now employed in the Armour industry, asserting that its ratings had proved of great value in placing men, had proved a valuable check on promotions through favoritism and had stimulated ambition among the workers.

The ratings, he said, are made by immediate superiors of the men but are carefully studied by the men higher up in the organization. Thus far the employees have not been permitted to know

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### EX-SENATOR JOE BAILEY BECOMES A HURETTIC

Senark, N. J., March 20.—Asserting that the Democratic party has "ceased to support Democratic principles," former United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas, declared in an address here tonight that he would "never again vote for the candidate of any party which constantly reduces our liberty and unnecessarily increases our taxes."

### SOUTHERN BAPTISTS TO HOLD CONVENTION IN ATLANTA.

Atlanta, Ga., March 20.—Final decision to hold the Southern Baptist convention here, May 14-21 was announced tonight after M. H. Wolfe of Dallas, chairman of the executive committee, had concluded three days of conference with local organizations.

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