

SKETCH OF THE ARMY.

General Pershing Traces It From Little Band of Indian Fighters To Its Present Status.

New York, Sept. 12.—After 42 years' active service, John J. Pershing, general of all the armies of the United States and commander of the American Expeditionary forces, believes "service" is the highest gift of an individual to his country.

He expressed this belief in a significant statement addressed to soldiers on the eve of his retirement, published in the army's official paper, *Recruit*, which made it public to the world.

Since the world war, General Pershing wrote, the army has been brought nearer to the people and has become a war machine.

The popular mind has become disenchanted of the idea that fighting is the occupation of the soldier," he wrote, "and the great conception of the army to the development and progress of the United States is recognized and appreciated."

On the defense day, September 12, which marks my retirement, I will have another consolation, one which will mitigate the thought of leaving, through the realization that the country has not allowed the less that cost so dearly in the world to be forgotten.

With no malice, but with forethought that marks the wise man, I shall, I hope, look at ourselves in the fair weather to see how we fare in a storm."

Briefly, the general traced the evolution of the army "from a small group of highly specialized Indian fighters, for the most part remote physically and mentally from the great mass of their fellow citizens, into the army of today, regulars, militia guards and reserves—two of which are civilians participating in the business, political and social lives of their various communities, but none the less integral parts in the national scheme of defense."

The great war which put so many young men into their country's form, awakening in patriotic hearts a feeling for the army and interest in it and understanding in great aims and purposes. The attitude toward its job has changed since the war. Service in war has become the goal of training whether it be blazing an route around the earth, or lending hands and men to help a harassed and smothered postmaster.

The man in the army should feel able of expanding his usefulness if necessary, becoming the instructor of an indefinite number of men. That is the end emulating to be desired in all the activities of the army in times of peace.

The army is the skeleton, however, very substantial skeleton, upon the muscles and sinews of the nation can build up a champion of the principles for which the Republic stands and always has stood.

That a turning out of A. E. F. men the 12th will see! It would be modestly but affectation if I did not with satisfaction having honored the nation's great armies of the world war. And what patriotic and aggressive men! What brave and hard ships were endured, first American army that ever a battlefield of the old world! Thoughts have been patent in seeing the new spirit in the army. May that spirit continue to us the realization that service is the highest gift of the individual to his country.

STRANGE AND CURIOUS.

Curiosities That Will Astonish Almost Anyone.

Blaise has been nominated for U. S. Senate from South Carolina.

More than 8,000 people were killed in this country in the past six months.

Asheboro boy carves monkey on stones. They are used for watch.

Turkey gobbler belonging to C. R. Kenly, insists on sitting on eggs.

They make whiskey everywhere. A still was found on the river in Washington, N. C.

Maud Rigby jumped from the story of a New York hotel and didn't stop killed her.

Heads of Indians, beads, vests and other implements have been found in Henry county, Va.

M. J. Powers, of Kennedale, is 114 years old. She is an inveterate smoker of the pipe.

High Point wife had a quarrel with her husband and told the officers his having wine. He was arrested.

Auto racers promised to run the Charlotte speedway. One of them since been killed in a speed-race.

Four jackets stung Billie Johnson in Gastonia and made him sick. The jackets with him was also stung and made him sick.

There are 37 matches made in the States daily for every inhabitant and cigarette smokers doubtless the larger share of them.

Wilson dam across the Tennessee will have a total ultimate income of \$24,000 a year. At 4,500 men are at work on it.

OBSERVATIONS

By Rambler.

"Circus time it at hand," remarked an old timer, "and I can smell the sawdust yet from the first time I ever was in a circus."

"I hope the building and loan association started here will be a big success," said one of our townsmen. "If it is, there will be more homes built here in the future than ever before. An association like the one started here is not only a town builder, but a home builder."

"It is awful the way some women conduct themselves and get low down," remarked a Pittsboro lady the other day. "When I see some women, who have fallen to the lowest depths of depravity. It worries me and I wish sometimes I was not a woman. How females can so disgrace themselves as some do in many ways, gets beyond me."

"Politics is getting hot as the

weather grows colder," one of our citizens spoke to another citizen. "Yes replied the other citizen, "and the price of cotton is getting lower and lower, and all the time provisions and clothing are getting higher and higher. It's all right, I guess. A hundred years from now we'll never think of politics and the price of cotton."

"I wish I were a boy again," remarked an old gentleman the other morning, when several young boys passed him on their way to school. "It makes me feel bad when I think of the days and the kind of school I had to go. Oh, well! Some of these days these boys will be old like me and maybe some of them will be standing on the street watching the younger generation on their way to school and he too, will wish he were a boy again."

Lands wasting their energy in idleness may be put to work by growing timber, advises an agriculture worker in another State. Many waste acres in North Carolina could thus be profitably employed.

Pittsboro Growing, If Slowly.

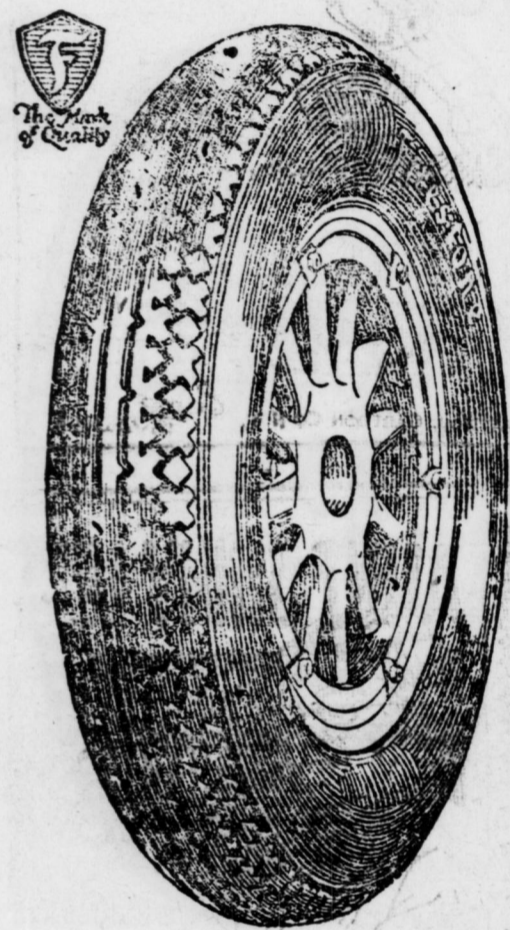
Pittsboro is gradually growing. Within the last few years more than two dozen new buildings including stores and dwellings, have been built here. Five new dwellings will be erected this fall, one by Mr. John White, one by Mr. H. D. Gunter and one by Mr. Edward Hatch, these to be built in the eastern part of town, near the oil mill. Mr. Ambrose Woody has the material on hand to build a house west of town, just outside of the corporate limits and Mr. Will Griffin will erect one on west street.

Tom Tarheel says he sold the last of his cull hens at the curb market last Saturday and now won't have to feed anything but producers this winter.

That day used in selecting good seed for next year's plantings is the most valuable day's work done on the farm, says Dr. R. Y. Winters.

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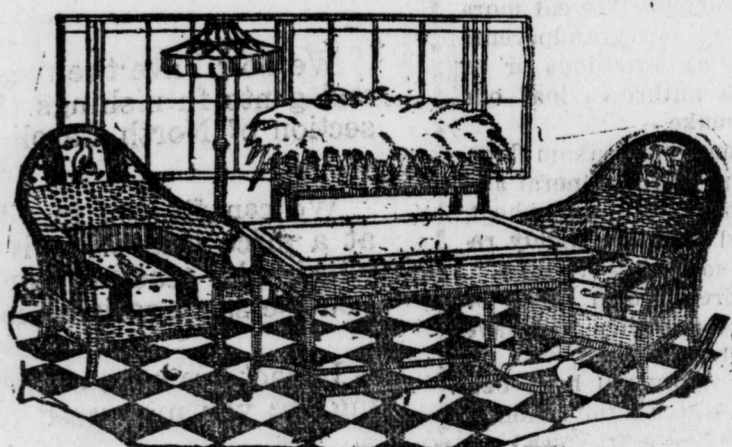
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