

# BASEBALL AT FRONT

## Americans in Foreign Legion Want National Game.

### Volunteers From the United States With the French Army Get the Fever at Deceptive Sign of Spring.

Paris.—The correspondent of New York Sun with the Foreign Legion at the front writes:

A postcard came from Toronto saying that he is acting as mechanic for an American aviator with the fifteenth squadron of the royal flying corps at Farnborough, England. He adds that he has been granted ten days' vacation and received \$10 advance pay and that the feeding is fine, especially the ham and eggs.

Fred Stone, a New Yorker, has been wounded by shrapnel while on sentinel duty in the trenches at the town of —. Two bullets entered his body, but Dr. Van Vorst, who attended him, assured us he was all right.

A later letter says: This is my birthday. Heavy snow has fallen. Strange, for only yesterday as we were on our way to the shooting trenches from the sugar refinery on the canal, where we had all taken hot shower baths, I was thinking of writing to ask you to send us a baseball outfit. Spring was in the air, and everything was beautiful, so no wonder we all got baseball fever.

Many of the Americans here are college men. There are at least three in the rear and thirteen here. We had 14, but Carstairs is gone. Rockwell is in the hospital at Mont Meriel. Ollinger is at the depot at Orleans, and so is Collins, who is still ill. Norwich has just joined us again with some others who have come to fill our ranks. Ganson is also at Orleans. Casey has gone for an eight-day rest.

You may think the idea of baseball here is crazy, but why not? The English play football in the rear of the lines. Do not forget that this war is the most remarkable war in many other ways than its size. It has been pointed out often enough that the firing line is 200 miles in length, but not much attention has been paid to its width. Its depth is so comparatively insignificant that we can play ball if we will when out of the trenches. Of course shells fall in this village where I am writing, where we rest, but we can go another half mile or so to the rear and be entirely out of the danger zone. People are living there again as before the war. They hear the distant roar of cannon, but the noise becomes a habit. Anyone who wants a fine reproduction of the front when firing is going on—not a battle but the ordinary firing—has only to go to some big construction work in New York, where he will hear exactly what we hear every day.

The blasting imitates the cannon, the kammer striking the steel girder gives the rifle shot, a steel girder when dropped reproduces a cannon fire effect, especially through the vibrations caused. But the most remarkable imitation is the hydraulic hammer, that contrivance with which a workman bores holes in steel. This instrument exactly imitates a machine gun in action. If I ever get back to New York I shall jump whenever I hear one.

## RIVAL TO "TWILIGHT SLEEP"

### In "Sunrise Slumber" Patient Is Conscious, But Feels No Pain.

Columbus, O.—"Twilight sleep," hailed as a godsend to women, has a rival. It is known as "sunrise slumber," the latest in painless childbirth. It was originated here by Dr. C. T. Turner, obstetrical expert at Mount Carmel hospital, and Dr. W. I. Jones, anesthetist.

The new method is not in its infancy. This fact is emphasized by 15 Columbus mothers, who proclaim its virtues, these doctors say. The new treatment differs from "twilight sleep" in that nitrous oxide, commonly known as "laughing gas," is used, and it does not aim to produce complete anesthesia. The patient, it is said, is able to converse and receive impressions, but feels no pain.

## MUSTACHE IS REAL BEAUTY

### Life Guardsman Dies Curling Hirsute Adornment of His Upper Lip.

"One man of the Life Guards was very particular about his appearance," says Trooper Walter Dale, now at Newcastle-on-Tyne, "and even in war time always carried a little hand mirror with him. I happened to pass him on the field when he had been badly wounded. There he lay, with the glass in his hand, curling his mustache.

"I had to pass on that time, but the next journey we intended to take him to the hospital. It was too late. He was dead and his glass was still clutched in his hand. His mustache had been curled till it was a beauty."

## 1½-Pound Baby Lives in Oven.

Sharon, Pa.—A baby daughter weighing one and one-half pounds was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. William Newell of Cedar street. The parents are of normal build. Newell is a carpenter. In lieu of an incubator the parents are endeavoring to develop the baby in the oven of the kitchen range.

# MAY LOSE HIS ARMY

## Pope Will Lack Guards if Italy Enters the War.

### Entire Vatican Force Liable to Call to Colors, and Unprecedented Situation May Arise—Law of Guarantees Silent.

Rome.—In case Italy goes to war one of the most serious complications which will follow in the relations between the Italian government and the Holy See will be in connection with the papal army.

There is no provision in the law of guarantees contemplating the eventualities of war. When this law was before the Italian parliament in 1871 a member proposed an amendment to the effect that all privileges accorded to the pope should be suspended "in case of war between Italy and other nations, as also in the case of war between foreign nations when Italy had declared herself neutral, and in every circumstance when such a measure should be necessary for the internal and external security of the state." This amendment was accepted, but not embodied in the law, which, it was then explained, was concerned with the rights of peace and not with those of war.

Article 3 of the law of guarantees deals with the pontifical army as follows:

"The sovereign pontiff can retain the usual number of guards attached to his person and employed for the custody of the palaces without prejudice to the obligations and duties incumbent on those guards by reason of the laws in force in the kingdom."

The obligations and duties mentioned in this article are those of every Italian citizen's liability to serve in the army, and thus the law explicitly provides that pontifical guards cannot claim exemption from military service. In fact the pontifical gendarmes, who are all Italian citizens, are purposely recruited from men who have served in the Italian army. The Noble guards and the Palatine guards, who are nearly all Italian citizens, not being on permanent duty at the Vatican, but only called for service when occasion requires, get special leave of absence when called for service in the Italian army.

In case general mobilization is ordered in Italy practically all the 200 pontifical gendarmes would have to join the colors and thus the two permanent corps of the papal army, the Swiss guards, already reduced from 200 to only about eighty rank and file, and the gendarmes, will be to all intents and purposes disbanded. Nor can the pope rely on the Noble guards and the Palatine guards for the protection of his person and the custody of the apostolic palaces, as the great majority of these guards will also be called to arms. And the hundreds of men employed in the Vatican, the custodians of the museums and the galleries, the lay clerics in the departments and offices, the gardeners and coachmen and caretakers, all these will have to join the Italian army.

Such a contingency is unprecedented in history and without a parallel in international law and it will serve to prove the anomaly of a state without a state. Strangely enough while the next smallest army in the world after that of the pope, existing likewise in Italy, will not be affected by Italian mobilization, and not a single citizen of the diminutive republic of San Marino will be compelled to fight in the Italian army, the army of the pope will practically cease to exist when Italy goes to war.

The reason for this distinction between the two armies is that San Marino is Italy's ally while the Holy See, although its territory is only a palace and a garden, is considered Italy's enemy. Officially the pope ignores the kingdom of Italy.

It is a well-known fact that many radical changes will follow as a result of this great war. Old nations will disappear and new ones will be formed; boundaries and peoples will change their nationality, while Europe will be remapped. Great as all these changes will be, their historical importance will, however, be less than that of the great change which may affect the Vatican, the oldest institution in the world.

## LONG SEARCH FOR HUSBAND

### Woman Walked Almost 800 Miles to Find Spouse Who Deserted Her.

Live Oak, Cal.—Mrs. Mary Eilers walked into town, making nearly the entire distance of almost eight hundred miles, she said, on foot from southern Idaho, in search of her husband, who she alleges deserted her three months ago.

Mrs. Eilers said she left home with \$9, and had earned \$40 on the road. The last she heard about her husband was in Marysville.

"When I find him he'll never escape again," was the reassuring remark of the plucky woman as she left town on an electric car.

## Fatally Injured by Tool in Pocket.

Atchison, Kan.—Railway men report an unusual accident which befell I. J. Quarrells, who lives near Superior, Neb. Quarrells boarded a train at Superior and when it passed his home going twenty miles an hour he jumped off. A chisel in his pocket penetrated his heart. He is in a hospital at Concordia, fatally injured.

# N. Y. FASHION LETTER.

## The Mode for Short Top Coats and Shorter Jackets—The Rage for Scallop.

New York, March 25.—The proper suit for Spring are the first questions which crop into the woman's mind with the beginning of the balmy weather. The winter coat has been worn until she is tired of it, and besides on the warm day it feels so heavy and drags about the neck, and we need something lighter to take its place.

For general wear with the dress comes the coat in various styles. The model illustrated shows a new and very practical style in coats. In the back it is very full and falls in ripples while in the front it has less fullness. A wide gauntlet cuff is used on the sleeve and the high collar which flares up as high as the chin is unusually new and smart. The model is developed in blue serge. Other fabric which are being used for such a coat are black and white checked routing, covert cloth, old cloth, gabardine, and for the fancy coat faille silk is used.

Speaking of faille silk reminds me of an unusual model which was shown in one of the shops of oyster white faille. It was very full, black and front and the entire thing was edged with a wide band of black velvet.

Of no less importance is the suit. The materials used are covert, serge, gabardine, voile gabardine, which is a light-weight fabric of the gabardine type, khaki or field cloth, grosgrain cloth, covert cord, tweed, or homespun.

The suits this season show a return to the strictly tailored type. Of course the military style is highly popular. This is so named more because of the placing of corded trimming and button than in the general cut, although there are some that have a very pronounced



Full Separate Coat with New Style military cut, and with pockets and belt in the places accorded them by the makers of British and French uniforms.

It is really strange how thoroughly it taxes the fair-minded woman to her utmost to be thoroughly neutral in her dress, it can be done, however, a Union hat may be worn with a dress cut on strictly English field uniform lines.

The jackets vary in length, some are moderately long in the back and cut short in the front from the underarm seam. Others are cut short all the way around. The bolero with or without sleeves is worn especially in the silk suits.

The separate waists which of course are in great demand with the popularity of the suit, are shown in a large variety this year. The plain styles trimmed only with buttons and fastening down the front are considered the most correct, but they are slowly becoming a little more elaborate with a few tucks and a little shirring. These are made of voile, chiffon, and organdy. Chinese white the ones shown for summer are developed in handkerchief linen, voile, Swiss and organdy. Very plain covered buttons are used on these waists and some of the very latest have small ivory buttons shaped like quinine capsules down the front. Most of the

waists are made with long, close sleeve and adjustable collars; that is, collars which are closed high around the neck or may be left open as desired.

Dresses are being finished around the bottom of the skirts in many various ways. A dress of net has a deep hem of white taffeta figured in pink, which was cut in deep scallops at the top edge. A close-fitting bodice of the silk was covered with a flowering bolero of net which was bound around the edges with the figured silk cut on the bias.

Other skirts of net or chiffon have hems eighteen inches deep of taffetas or satin and many organdy dresses shown have deep hems of colored silk. Nets also have deep hems of colored organdy.

The scalloped lower edges are particularly pretty and can be used with good effect on the bottom of sheer summer dresses, if you are beginning to think of making these. Points are also, as well as squares. When very sheer material is used, a narrow ruffle of the same material may be used to run around the edges. In others, of a little heavier fabric a simple binding may be used to finish the edges.

### Weather Song.

Blow—blow—blow wintry wind—  
As Shakespeare said before me;  
Blow till your bally breath gives out  
And still you will not bore me.

Blow rains and storms from hills and seas.  
Across the plains and meadows;  
And not a rap I'll care until  
You blow in double-headers.

The doctors who write syndicate articles for some of the newspapers hand out some valuable hints, advice and suggestions. One of them gives this inquiry: "Would smoking one box of cigarettes a day have any ill effect on a woman 40 years old?" The doctor comes back with this eminently pertinent inquiry: "Don't you think a woman who would take up cigarette smoking at 40 ought to have her head examined?" Ha! Ha!

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### SPRING COLDS

Mrs. E. J. DeWitt, Marquette, Michigan, writes: "I suffered from spring colds for several years. I tried many remedies, but they did me no good. I finally got a well-deserved rest and a run-down condition of the system."

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