

The AMERICAN LEGION

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NEW HAMPSHIRE IS WINNER

Granite State Recipient of First Prize in Membership "Push"—South Dakota Second.

New Hampshire won the American Legion's nation-wide membership "push," May 17 to 22, it was announced at Legion national headquarters recently, and will receive the stand of silk colors offered as first prize to the state enrolling the largest percentage of eligible ex-service persons prior to the close of business on June 15.

South Dakota wins second prize, a stand of wooden colors. The prizes will be presented by the national commander, Franklin D'Olier, at the national convention of the Legion in Cleveland next September.

Other states finished in the race, in order, as follows: North Dakota, Nebraska, Vermont, California, Kansas, Oregon, Iowa, Washington, Wyoming, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Nevada, Minnesota, Illinois, Idaho, Arizona, Ohio, District of Columbia, Michigan, Utah, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, New York, West Virginia, Connecticut, Delaware, Texas, Missouri, Florida, Montana, Arkansas, Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia and Alabama.

The Legion now has 9,452 posts in all parts of the United States and in several foreign countries, and 1,027 women's auxiliary units. The total enrollment since the organization was first established 15 months ago, is more than 2,000,000, though national dues for all those members for the year 1920 have not yet been received at national headquarters. In determining the results of the membership drive, only members for whom national dues up to and including December 31, 1920, had been received by the national treasurer were counted. Since the drive closed, on June 15, more than 22,000 names of new members have come in.

CHAPLAINS' BADGE OF HONOR

Medal to Be Given by Protestant Churches Which United in War Work.

A commemorative medal is to be given by the Protestant churches which united in war work through the general war-time commission of the churches to all their chaplains of the American army and navy who served in the war. The chaplains' medal is the work of Mrs. Laura Gardin Fraser of New York, one of the best known of American medalists, and the wife of the designer of the Victory button.

Mrs. Fraser has chosen, in the design for the chaplains' medal, to represent an army chaplain in the act of supreme service—ministering to a wounded man at the risk of his own life. In the center of the design the



The Chaplains' Medal.

gas mask is seen, ready for immediate adjustment. Indeed, the suggestion is that the chaplain has, perhaps, momentarily removed it, the better to succor the wounded man.

The fine record of the men who served as chaplains in the navy, many of them constantly passing back and forth through the submarine danger zone, ministering to the crews of the naval vessels and the soldiers on the transports, is recalled by the representation of the battleship on the reverse of the medal.

The striking of these medals is the realization of a suggestion made soon after the armistice in the executive committee of the general war-time commission of the churches. The committee approved the proposal and made it one of the tasks committed to the general committee on army and navy chaplains when the war-time commission dissolved. The medals are intended to convey in tangible form a message of grateful appreciation from the churches to their chaplain sons.

City Gives Building to Post.

The municipality of Marblehead, Mass., has appropriated \$14,000 for remodeling an old school building which is to be used as clubrooms by Marblehead Post No. 32, American Legion.

Post Makes Rapid Growth.

Lincoln Post No. 3, Lincoln, Neb., was started with 60 members on September 12, 1919, and got 1,400 members last Armistice day. It has enrolled a total of 2,900 members, 1,575 of whom have paid up for 1920.

JACK DEMPSEY IS ACQUITTED

Federal Court Disposes of Much Discussed Case of World's Champion Prize Fighter.

After a trial lasting more than a week, a jury in the federal court of San Francisco found Jack Dempsey not guilty of violating the selective service act. The jury was out only ten minutes and returned its verdict on the first ballot.

The indictment charged Dempsey with knowingly and willfully falsifying his questionnaire in order to get deferred classification in Class 4. In this document, which he signed in Chicago in January, 1918, he swore that his wife, mother, father, widowed sister and the two minor children of the last named were mainly dependent upon him for support, and had been living with him for a considerable time. These statements the government asserted were untrue.

The evidence showed that Dempsey received his questionnaire in Chicago and had it filled out almost immediately. His manager, Jack Kearns, answered most of the questions, and Dempsey gave his assent as the un-



JACK DEMPSEY.

swers were written down. Supporting affidavits were signed by Maxine Dempsey, then his wife, but since divorced, and Effie Clarkson, his sister.

There was some confusion in the local draft board over his case, and at an informal meeting held one evening, Dempsey and Jack Kearns, his manager, took up Dempsey's situation with John Hogan, chairman of the local draft board. At this meeting Dempsey was placed in Class 4a upon his sworn statement of the contents of the questionnaire.

The evidence showed that Mrs. Hiram Dempsey, the mother of Jack, was almost entirely dependent upon him for support, and that he had made substantial contributions to the support of his father, sister, and brother. His statements in this regard were not contradicted.

TO FOCH AND FRENCH POILU

Commander D'Olier Returns Felicitations Sent by Famous Marshal on Fourth of July.

"The American legion, on this anniversary of the fall of the Bastille, through myself as national commander, extends the same hand of fellowship today that the French citizen-soldier grasped but yesterday."

In those words Franklin D'Olier, head of the legion, addressed Marshal Foch and the French poilu, returning the felicitations that Foch sent to the legion on the Fourth of July. The message was delivered to the marshal by H. H. Harjes, commander of Paris post, No. 1.

"Our regard is based on deeper sentiment than mere association in arms," the message continues. "America's youth came to France impressed with the story of your wonderful achievements. We were not disillusioned. We found that France suffered with a smile on her lips; laughed in the jaws of death; held to her traditional courtesy and chivalry at the very time when the foe pounded with coarse fists at the gates of Paris.

"There may come a time when jealous hands will seek to sever the bonds that unite France and America. Such a thing never can be accomplished. We of the World War have known France and her fine soul. We have been blood brothers and we will be peace brothers."

MESSAGE FROM KING ALBERT

Former Private, A. E. F., Receives Cable From Ruler in Commemoration of Chateau-Thierry Victory.

A former private, A. E. F., has received a cable message from a king in commemoration of the great American victory at Chateau-Thierry, the second anniversary of which was July 15. The ex-private is Harold W. Ross, editor of the American Legion Weekly. The king is Albert of Belgium. His message read:

"On the eve of the anniversary of the glorious American victory at Chateau-Thierry it is a great pleasure for me to send a token of the high admiration this heroic stand kindles in my heart and to renew tributes of our everlasting gratitude for the heroes who fell on this fifteenth of July, 1918, for the common cause."

(Signed) "ALBERT."

The message was transmitted through the Belgian Charge d'Affaires at Washington. Mr. Ross is a former San Francisco, New Orleans and Atlanta newspaper man. He took part in the Chateau-Thierry attack.

Issues Monthly Post News Letters.

Toiga Post No. 319, Philadelphia, issues mimeographed monthly post news letters of several pages, giving a synopsis of department bulletins and items of post interest and information to members unable to attend meetings.

Post Buys Building.

The Arthur S. Moran Post No. 66 of Camden, N. Y., has purchased a three-story brick building, the two upper floors of which are used by the post and the lower floor rented as a law, insurance and coal office.

BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

SCOUTS TO THE "JAMBOREE"

The most wonderful adventure that ever came to a group of boys is that of the 301 Boy Scouts of America chosen to represent this country in the great "Jamboree" of contests and demonstrations by the boy scouts of 34 nations in England.

To be selected as one of the 301 boys from an active membership of 400,000 Boy Scouts of America all over the country is indeed an honor, and the fact that the best scouts were made clear when they mobilized in New York to sail on July 6 on the United States army transport Pocahontas.

More than a third of them are Eagle scouts, the highest rank in the movement, and anyone who imagines that the Boy Scouts of America is a "kid" organization would have had the illusion dispelled by seeing this wonderful aggregation of the picked youth of the nation, ranging in age principally from fifteen to eighteen years, and averaging in height five feet seven inches.

Following the "Jamboree" held at Olympia, near London, on the invitation of the British boy scouts, the happy American scouts visit Paris, other famous French cities and the important battlefields, as guests of the French government; and then, as guests of the Belgian government, see the sights of that country. It is a two months' trip crowded full of more joy than perhaps any one of the boys ever dreamed of having.

SCOUTS HELPING THE BLIND.

Boy scouts in New York state are co-operating with the National Thrift Bag league, with headquarters at No. 1 Park place, Albany, N. Y., in distributing large paper bags to homes in their community for the collection of waste, the proceeds from which are to be used for the education of the blind. The collection of waste material is to continue all summer.

The national council of the Boy Scouts of America urges executives to co-operate in every way possible with the National Thrift Bag league in this work. Scoutmasters and local committee officials are urged to co-operate with the National Thrift Bag league organizers, and to employ boy scouts in distributing to the homes of the community the large paper bags and red notification tags. These bags are to be used for the salvage of rags, large or small, of cotton, wool, or any kind of usable waste material. Bag collectors are not authorized to collect money. Boy scouts are not permitted to collect money for any purpose.

SCOUT EXECUTIVES TO MEET.

The most significant conference in the history of the Boy Scouts of America is the annual conference of scout executives called for September 15 to 22 of this year. It will be held at the great Boy Scouts of America camp in the Palisades Interstate park—the largest boys' camp in the world.

In this camp, which accommodates the scouts of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey, 2,300 at a time, the scout executives from all parts of the country have an opportunity to see camping on a gigantic scale, and will have the advantage of meeting practically all of the big men in scouting from the national headquarters.

They will meet in New York city, go up the Hudson river by boat, and then by autos to the camp site.

The theme of the conference will be "How Shall Scouting Be Done?" There will be many presentations and discussions of scientific studies of the problems of scouting with reference to increased efficiency, higher standards and larger service.

SCOUTS HELP GOVERNMENT.

At the invitation of the United States forestry service, 85 Pasadena (Cal.) scouts did the initial work on the master firebreak that is to protect the Pasadena watershed. The scouts cleared 1,100 feet of 50-foot firebreak through woods of oak, scrub oak, manzanita and other hardwood brush. The ranger in charge of the construction work found the experiment a great success, not only on account of the work accomplished by the boys, but also from the fact that these scouts had a first-hand education in the difficult methods of firebreak construction and will therefore appreciate what the forestry department is doing to protect the country's watersheds. Each boy was required to bring his blanket and ten cents carfare. The government paid all other expenses and furnished extra blankets for each boy.

GOOD TURNS BY SCOUTS.

North Anson, Me., Troop 1 put in a wood-pile for an invalid clergyman.

Lafayette Hill, Pa., Troop 1 erected seventeen bird-houses and planted and tended the church flower plot.

Oconomowoc, Wis., Troop 1 planted trees in the city park and also helped widows and sick people.

Palo Alto, Cal., Troop 2 conducted a paper drive netting \$400, which money they are giving toward the establishment of a dental clinic.

Omaha, Neb., Troop 11 assisted in cleaning up the town after a tornado.

Birmingham, Ala., Troop 29 supplied a needy family with food for one month.

Boy scouts, Troop No. 1, Eunice, Ala., celebrated its tenth birthday by doing good turns all week. It gave public demonstration in a theater showing the usefulness of the boy scout program. The scouts saved two important buildings from being destroyed by fire and for this the mayor made the troop an auxiliary of the fire department.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR AUGUST 15

THE SINS AND SORROWS OF DAVID.

LESSON TEXT—11 Sam. 12:9-19; 13:1-33. GOLDEN TEXT—Whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap—Gal. 6:7. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—11 Sam. 11:26. PRIMARY TOPIC—David's Grief Over Absalom.

JUNIOR TOPIC—David and Absalom. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Absalom's Belligerent Life and How It Ended. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Elements of Weakness in David's Character.

I. David's Sins (12:9, 10).

1. Adultery (v. 9; cf. 11:3-4). David instead of going forth at the head of the army as was the duty of the king (11:1), sent Joab and his servants, and he himself lounged around at home in idleness. It was while in idleness that he fell a victim to his lust and committed adultery with Bathsheba. "An idle brain is the Devil's workshop." The crimes of the world are committed for the most part by idle men and women.

2. Murder (12:9; cf. 11:15-21). Having committed adultery with Uriah's wife, David tried to cover up his sin by killing Uriah. He ordered Joab to place Uriah at the forefront of the battle where he would surely be killed. When men sin they endeavor to cover up their sin by committing other sins, and usually it requires the doing of greater wickedness to cover up wrong that has been done.

II. David's Sorrow (13:1-33).

1. The battle between Absalom and David (v. 1-18). Following Absalom's revolt, David fled from Jerusalem. After counsel with Ahithophel and Hushai, Absalom planned well, but made one great mistake—he left God out of the question.

Being dissuaded by the people, David foregoes his purpose of going forth with the army. He sent the army forth under three commanders. His one special request as they went to battle was that they deal gently with Absalom. The victory of David's army was overwhelming. The interference of Providence is marked in that more died in the entanglement of the woods than by the sword. In the bough of a tree by the head, and was left hanging as the mule went forth from under him. Perhaps his long hair which had been his pride was the instrument of his destruction. While thus hanging, Joab thrust him through the heart with three darts. This awful end was deservedly met (Deut. 27:16, 20; 21:23). They disgracefully disposed of his body (v. 17, 18). They cast it into a pit and piled stones upon it as a fitting monument of his villainy. How different from what he planned (v. 18). His one ambition was to be remembered. A heap of stones piled upon him in contempt is quite different from a tomb in the king's vault. The shameful end of this unfortunate man should be a warning to the many rebellious sons and daughters growing up over our land.

2. The victorious tidings announced to David (v. 19-32). He was anxiously waiting for news from the battlefield. So anxious was he that he stationed a watchman upon the walls to look for some messenger to appear. His first question to the messenger shows what was uppermost in his heart. It was the welfare of his boy.

3. David mourns for Absalom (v. 33). He received the news of his rebellious son's death with much regret. The good news of the victory was entirely lost sight of through excessive grief. The sobs of his poor heart must have been awful. Perhaps it is impossible to analyze his sorrow, but most likely the following elements were present:

(1) The loss of a son. The ties of nature bind together the hearts of parents and children in such a way that separation by death is very trying; (2) the death of a son in rebellion against his father and God. Could he but have had the assurance that this course was regretted, or could he have heard a cry of forgiveness, his grief, no doubt, would have been greatly lessened; (3) he knew that his rebellious son had now gone to answer to God for his crimes—he knew their parting was forever; (4) he knew that this was but the bitter fruit of his own sin. In a sense he was the destroyer of his own child. May this example deeply impress all parents as to their responsibility! Away from this dark picture we turn to contemplate the depths of a father's love. Death effaces all faults; all wrongs are forgotten and only the memory of happy days is kept. The father is willing to die, even for a rebellious son. This illustrates God's love to us in Christ which made him willing to die for his children.

A Prayer.

Our Father in Heaven, we kneel together to thank thee for thy goodness and mercy. Thy good gifts never fail. We beseech thee to inspire within us a love for thee, for all our fellowmen, and for all good work. Forgive us our many sins. We turn from them in sincere repentance, blessing thee in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. In his holy name we ask all these good and precious gifts. Amen.

A Day of Blessing.

I have, by long and sound experience, found that the due observance of the Sabbath day, and of the duties of it, have been of singular comfort and advantage to me. The observance of the day hath ever had joined to it a blessing upon the rest of my time; and the week that hath begun hath been blessed and prosperous to me.—Sir Matthew Hale.

Senator Harding Told of His Nomination



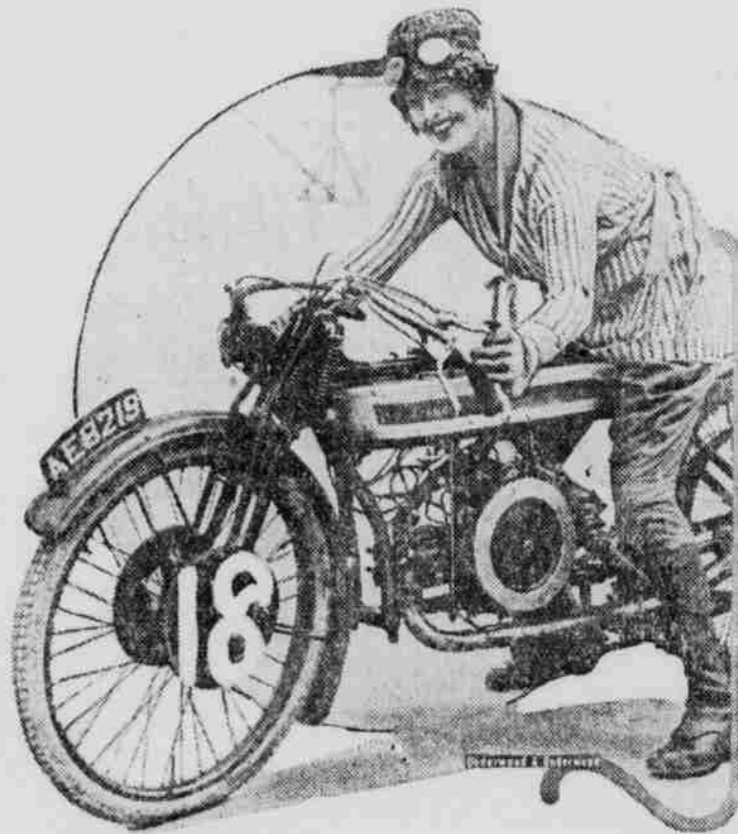
The formal notification of Senator Harding of his nomination for the presidency by the Republicans was a gala event in Marion, O. The illustration shows a Pennsylvania Republican club marching through the town, and, at the left, Senator Harding delivering his speech of acceptance.

Wounded Soldiers Learning to Be Artists



Wounded soldiers, members of the associated art studios, at Camp Polkham bay, learning to be artists, under Mort M. Burger, instructor. They are paid by the government while learning.

Woman Rides in Motorcycle Derby



Mrs. Longdon afforded quite a thrill to a record crowd at Brooklands, England, recently when she donned her goggles and started in the 100-mile race. Mrs. Longdon was among the leaders when she was forced to retire on account of engine trouble.

NOTED GOLF CHAMPION



Albe Mitchell, one of the most famous of English golfers and holder of the world's championship for many years.

Funeral of Gen. Gorgas in London



The coffin of Maj. Gen. William C. Gorgas, U. S. A., being carried into St. Paul's Cathedral, London, where impressive funeral services were held.

MUCH IN LITTLE

Mexico's national debt is about 540,000,000 pesos (\$270,000,000). France expects to pay 50,000,000,000 francs to operate the government in the present year.

Of European invention are collars made of water-proof cardboard, the lids being attached with glue. Young plants thrive better, according to a French botanist, if fed drops of water almost continuously than if watered copiously at intervals.

TICKETS GOOD UNTIL USED

New Jersey Public Utilities Commission Rules Adversely to Railroads.

Trenton.—The public utilities commission has announced that it has denied a request of a committee of railroad representatives, which would have allowed the Erie, Jersey Central and Pennsylvania railroad companies to put into effect a rule limiting the

one-way tickets to the day of issue. The board was informed by the committee that such a rule was generally in effect throughout the United States and had been adopted by the railroads in New Jersey while under government control.

In denying the request the board says it is of the opinion that statutory requirements shall prevail—namely, "that tickets for passengers, except excursion tickets, or those sold at reduced prices, shall be good until used. Such unlimited use of a ticket for

GERMANY'S COAL KING



Latest picture of Herr Hugo Stinnes, German coal king, industrial magnate and newspaper owner, who led Germany's fight against the allies' demands for coal and who was finally forced to yield at the Spa conference.

Writ-Server Strips Horse.

Bucyrus, O.—Sam Page, a local junk dealer, who left his wagon outside a butcher shop door, returned to find the harness gone and the horse standing complacently between the shafts. A local constable, Adolph Rinker, had served a writ while the owner was buying meat.