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The AMERICAN LEGION

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LEGION MEN HELP HOLD FRIENDSHIP

In the work of the American Legion a very important part is played by its members and posts and departments located in the possessions of the United States and in foreign lands. These men and organizations act, in their constant contact with people of other nations, as unofficial representatives of the United States. They do much to promote and to cement the friendliest relations between the mother country and the country of their adoption.

Particularly important work has been done in this direction by the department of Panama. To the men of this department it has been given to foster the most cordial relations with the peoples of Central America. One high Central American official has gone so far as to say that these men, acting unofficially, have done more for



William Byrne Boggs.

friendly relations and real understanding between those countries and the United States than have all the official representatives of the government.

The commandery of the department of Panama is thus one of the most important links in the chain of Legion officers. That post is now held by William Byrne Boggs. Boggs was born January 11, 1892, at Frametown in West Virginia. At the age of nineteen he enlisted in the Coast Artillery corps. Upon the declaration of war with Germany, he was commissioned and assigned to duty in the adjutant general's department as assistant adjutant general for the Panama canal department. He was discharged from service June 30, 1919. He was married to Miss Esther Bye of Minneapolis, Minn., on May 1, 1917, at Cristobal, Canal Zone. They have two children, Dale, aged six years, and Carol, aged five.

The new commander has been active in the work of the Legion in Panama since its organization. He is a member of Panama Canal post, No. 1. He was for three years a member of the post executive committee, two years a member of the department executive committee and one year an alternate national executive committee member. He is at present employed as assistant surveying officer in the executive department of the Panama canal.

Illiteracy in Alaska Proves Serious Problem

Illiteracy constitutes a grave problem in Alaska that will require serious consideration in the process of its solution, declared H. L. Faulkner, authority on education, speaking before educators in the United States.

Mr. Faulkner spoke under the auspices of the American Legion, department of Alaska, which is sponsoring a campaign to reduce illiteracy in the territory.

"Illiteracy is a subject of particular graveness in Alaska at this time," said Mr. Faulkner, "for within the past month from 800 to 1,000 illiterate men and women in the First division alone were taken to the polls on election day and voted as a machine. In the First division today illiterates are sitting on grand and petty juries and on city councils; helping to make and enforce, or preventing the making or enforcement of laws they cannot understand."

Gave Job to Legion Man

Governor Friend W. Richardson of California thinks well of the advice of Legionnaires. He asked the advice of Legion men in picking a man to fill the position of secretary to the Veterans' Welfare commission and recently had this to say about the Legion's choice: "I gave the job to a young man whom I had never seen in my life, but who had been recommended to me by the Legion and he has delivered the goods 100 per cent. I think the boys are running that department of the government in good shape and without partisanship."

LEGION MEMBERSHIP

EX-GOVERNOR WILLIAM E. GLASSCOCK, of West Virginia, in a communication to Legion officials of Morgantown endorsing American Legion week there, said of the Legion: "I consider it the highest privilege accorded any young American to belong to the American Legion. It is an honor to be eligible to membership in this organization of service men. I have never been able to understand why any young man who is entitled to membership is not an active member of some post of the Legion. I am sure that there are many of us who are not eligible to membership who would esteem it a high honor to be a member of the Legion. The good you can do as an organization can hardly be estimated and it seems to me that every ex-service man owes it to himself and his comrades, and especially his disabled and more unfortunate comrades, to place himself in the best possible position for service. But he cannot occupy that position unless and until he unites with his comrades in a strong virile organization dedicated to the noble purposes promulgated by the American Legion and for which it exists."

LEGION MEMBER, 71, MADE GOOD RECORD

Robert Thomas Wilson, seventy-one, member of Grand Forks post of the Legion, North Dakota, in addition to being one of the oldest active Legion members, has a service record which bears scrutiny.

Mr. Wilson was sent to France early in 1917 in charge of a shipment of horses bought by the allies and, though his passports did not permit him to remain in France, he was determined to see something of the war. After many narrow escapes from the French police he finally arrived at the front line and "got into it," being sworn into the service on the front line on July 2, 1917. Commissioned as a first lieutenant, he was assigned to duty with the Second pioneer engineers, with the duty of artillery observer.

On several occasions Wilson acted as range finder for the One Hundred Fifty-first field artillery, in which his two sons were serving. He did not know, or find out, that his sons were in service in his vicinity until after the war.

He was wounded on several occasions, but at the present time is hale and hearty for a man of his age, with no visible marks of the war except a missing forefinger which was torn away by an explosion of shrapnel.

Colorado and Wyoming in Contest With Utah

The department of Utah, American Legion, began recently a five months' membership campaign in competition with the departments of Colorado and Wyoming, ending on March 31, 1925. It was announced recently by J. C. Rehholz, chairman of the Utah department membership committee, the outcome will decide the Rocky Mountain membership championship, according to Mr. Rehholz. A feature of the campaign will be the awards to local posts of Utah and to the individual member of any post with the highest enrollments to his credit before December 31, 1924. To the post with the highest membership standing in the department at the close of the campaign next March will be presented a silver loving cup. The standing of the posts will be figured on the basis of the paid up membership as of December 31, 1924, compared with the paid up membership at the close of the contest. At the state convention of the winning department a stand of Legion colors will be presented to the victor. The colors will be bought by a pooled fund from the three departments.

'Distinguished Service' for Ten Kansas Posts

Ten posts of the Kansas department of the American Legion qualified for the "Citation for Distinguished Service," offered by National Commander James A. Drain to those posts which on December 1 had enrolled a membership for 1925 equal to their membership at the close of the books for the 1924 convention. The posts qualifying were: Tracy Blair post, Buffalo; Frederick Phillips post, Council Grove; Charles Ernest Scott post, Dodge City; Aaron A. Platner post, Ellis; Charles Walters post, Fredonia; Stephenson post, Greensburg; Harveyville post, Harveyville; Arthur N. Wear post, Horton; Earl W. Taylor post; Seneca; Thayer post, Thayer.

May Hold Memorial for Late Samuel Gompers

Memorial services for Samuel Gompers, veteran president of the American Federation of Labor, who died recently in San Antonio, have been suggested as a part of the program of the 1925 national convention of the American Legion at Omaha. Frank Haucke, department commander of Kansas, presented the suggestion to national headquarters of the Legion for approval. Mr. Gompers, speaking of the American Legion, once said: "That the pleasant relations between the American Legion and the American Federation of Labor be extended to every post and local union of both organizations, is my earnest and most sincere wish."

BAN IDLENESS AT FEDERAL PRISON

NEW WARDEN CONFERS WITH WASHINGTON OFFICIALS ABOUT ATLANTA PEN.

Washington.—As the first step in a program for improving conditions in the Atlanta Federal Prison, John Snook, who takes charge as warden is prepared to establish a new industry for employment of idle prisoners and to seek better housing conditions in the overcrowded institution.

Mr. Snook's policies, have been outlined to Department of Justice officials with whom he was in conference and it was announced that as a result of these conferences, Luther C. Whittem, Cambridge, Mass., will be named as purchasing agent succeeding David J. Allen, who resigned under pressure during the recent investigation of the prison directed by Attorney-General Stone.

Selection of a deputy warden to succeed former Deputy Warden Fletcher now under indictment with former Warden Sartain, as a result of the housecleaning at the prison was discussed between Mr. Snook and department officials but conclusions reached, if any, were withheld.

Mr. Snook told Department officials that his brief visit to the prison before coming here for the conferences, convinced him that one of the chief problems at Atlanta was the idleness of prisoners. The present condition, he was quoted as saying, represented a dead loss to the prisoners themselves and to the Government since about half of the men in the institution are lying around in their cells for want of an occupation to employ their time.

Poland Refunds Debt to America.
Warsaw.—The Polish diet ratified an agreement with the United States for the funding of Poland's debt to America. The debt, amounting to \$178,000,000, is due for food credit given Poland in 1919 and 1920.

The diet took occasion to give an extremely hearty and friendly demonstration on behalf of the United States who was represented by Albert J. Pearson, minister to Poland, who was in the diplomatic gallery when the vote was taken.

A deputy, referring to the aid lent by the United States during the most critical days of Poland's post-war history, was interrupted with loud cheering for the American republic. The deputy laid emphasis on the friendship shown Poland in the funding agreement, saying the United States had done everything possible to facilitate the funding of the debt.

Afterwards, Premier Grabski also delivered a speech of appreciation of America's friendship for Poland and thanked the United States for its continual proof of this friendship. The debt funding agreement was ratified unanimously and afterwards all the deputies stood at their desks applauding.

To Illuminate Falls.

Schenectady, N. Y.—A battery of 24 searchlights, providing 1,320,000,000 candlepower, for the purpose of the illumination of Niagara Falls, to begin at a celebration May 24 and 25 will be installed under a contract signed by the city of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and the General Electric company here.

To Aid Flood Victims.

Washington.—The war department granted a request from Senator George, democrat, Georgia, to aid in the relief to sufferers in the flood stricken area of the state. The department will rush tents, provisions and supplies into the districts where residents have been driven from their homes.

To Sell Money Bonds.

Washington.—The New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad applied to the interstate commerce commission for authority to issue \$23,000,000 in six per cent bonds to pay off a like amount of indebtedness which falls due April 1, next.

Much Damage By Fire.

Richmond, Va.—Three hundred men were thrown out of employment and damage estimated at \$300,000 was caused by fire that destroyed the box factory of the Surry Lumber company at Dendron. The blaze was started by sparks from a neighboring plant.

Influenza Takes Toll.

Tokio.—Forty-seven hundred persons are reported dead as the result of an influenza epidemic in greater Tokio which started about 20 days ago.

Third Court For U. S. Court Talked.

Washington.—Federal Judge Webb, of North Carolina, conferred with Senator Overman of that State, and officials of the Department of Justice on the question of the creation of a third Federal judicial district in North Carolina.

Because of existing condition in the courts (and for the convenience of litigants, it is desired to establish a new district in the central portion of the state. In order to accomplish that, legislation by Congress would be necessary.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale
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EXCUSE-US TWINS

This is the story of two strange children who lived in the land of Not At All, and who were called the Excuse-Utains. They were given these names because they were always begging to be excused, and everything that was said to them they took just exactly as it was said—or at least they acted that way.



"We Made This One Come."

Excuse-Utains, a boy and a girl they were, by the way, came home with a ragged, dirty, most untidy, miserable small child.

The child's shoes were covered with mud and his coat seemed to shake the just as he breathed.

"Why, children!" exclaimed the mother. "What in the world have you done? Who is this strange child?"

"Excuse us, mother," said the Excuse-Utains, "but you know you said the other day we didn't half appreciate what you did for us, and that you wished you had a poor little child to do for as you do for us. You said a poor little child would be grateful. "And so we made this one come with us."

And the mother of the Excuse-Utains twins had to get the child back to his home as soon as she could, and gave him some of the twins' suits and sweaters and explained to his mother as best she could that she hadn't meant to kidnap the child.

But the very next day the twins were found covering themselves with silver polish.

They were smeared with it—all over—covered!

"What in the world have you done now?" said their mother with horror, and you can hardly blame her for that.

"Excuse us, mother," they said, "but you know you told us you wished we could be brighter, and we saw this silver polish down at the store, and it said on the outside of the bottle that it was guaranteed to make the dullest object bright.

"So we tried it."

Time passed by a little more quietly for awhile, but one day the mother had a caller who loved "natural" children. She liked children to romp and use slang and she hated children who were too polite and too well-behaved.

The mother of the Excuse-Utains knew that her children would just suit this caller. So she called them in. But didn't those wretched twins just behave so unaturally well?

They said, "Yes, please," every few moments, and, "Yes, mother dear, whatever you wish, and whatever you think is best for us."

And of all the times, this was the one time when their mother did not wish to have them so polite!

Afterward, of course, they said: "Excuse us, mother, but we thought you wanted us to have nice manners."

A while after this they came home with a lot of starving, moth-eaten-looking cats, and when their mother asked them what they had done this for, they said:

"Excuse us, mother, but you said we must be kind to creatures helpless and less fortunate than ourselves, and these cats surely are less fortunate."

A good while passed by without anything happening until one afternoon they stayed out much too late, and as usual had an excuse.

"Excuse us, mother," they said, but you told us fresh air made us grow, and so we stayed out to get taller.

But the sixth adventure or prank of theirs—and their mother said she surely hoped it would be the last—was when they came in one afternoon looking very dirty. There were streaks of dirt everywhere.

Their faces and hands were smeared with mud and dirt. And when their mother exclaimed with horror, they said:

"Excuse us, mother, but you know you said the least we could do was to scrub behind our ears. And behind our ears we are beautifully clean."

And this was true. While the rest of their faces were dirty, behind the ears they had washed most carefully.

But the Excuse-Utains had certainly not failed in having excuses!

Stepped on Her Tongue

Emma, aged four, suddenly burst into tears at the dinner table. "Why, Emma, what is the matter?" asked her mother. "Oh," sobbed the little miss, "my t-t-tongue stepped on my t-tongue!"

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Love Wavers at Religion

In India there is a Christian community that contains a large number of Hindu women who have been born into or professed the Christian religion. Great alarm is being felt just now because some of these Christianized women are marrying out of the Christian religion by choosing husbands who have not been converted. One of the reasons is that there are too few Christian men in the community.

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The original cost of the land on which the mother church of Boston Christian Science, was built (gift of Mrs. Eddy) was \$20,000. The cost of the original edifice was \$200,000, including the organ, which cost \$10,000. The estimated present value of the lot, with its extension, is \$150,000 and the cost of the temple extension, \$2,000,000. Its seating capacity is 3,000 and it was dedicated in 1906.

An Ice Advertisement

A gigantic ice figure of a beaver is in front of a furrier's shop in Quebec. It is 15 feet high, 12 feet in length and weighs 12 tons.

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