

## AMERICAN GIRL IS RISING IN BUSINESS

**Business Woman Is Taking High Place in World; Is Gaining Reputation in Making And Spending.**

Who remembers the days when a girl stayed at home to knit away the years into spinsterhood while her beaux and brothers sought opportunity in the city? Who remembers their "in-laws"? Women now seek the interest and profit of professional life in a metropolis as eagerly as their brothers ever did. Nor do they nowadays live in lonely back rooms of "respectable boarding houses" for the sake of safety and thrift, but chum together in a clubby atmosphere of comfort and human contacts. The A. W. A. Clubhouse in Manhattan is popular to the extent of showing a 20 per cent higher occupancy than the average New York hostelry, according to 1930 statistics compiled by leading hotel accountants. Net profits for 1930, after all the operating charges, interest and taxes, were \$84,286.42. Opened in March, 1929, and built for the purpose of providing a home in New York for business and professional women, as well as the transient women guest, the twenty-seven story Clubhouse, popularly known as the A. W. A., was made

possible through the efforts of the 5,000 members of the American Woman's Association whose Clubhouse it is and from whom it takes its name.

This excellent management showing is only part of an increasing airtial world. The 1930 census showed 10,000,000 women engaged in gainful occupations. It has been estimated that women control 41 per cent of the nation's wealth and spend from 85 to 90 per cent of their money. Savings deposits held by women increased \$70,000,000 in seven years, and women comprise the actual majority of stockholders of the largest corporations in America. At present, 3,670 women are associated with banks in executive positions, says Miss Grace Stoerner, President of the National Association of Bank Women. There are now 395,907 women in trade unions.

### JEANNE D'ARC

The French administration of Posts, Telephones, and Telegraphs is putting a new stamp on sale commemorating the 500th anniversary of the death of Jeanne d'Arc at Rouen. The saint is pictured kneeling, unarmed, her hands chained together before her. She bends slightly backward, and her worn face looks to heaven in suffering and hope. Below is the inscription: Jeanne d'Arc, Five Hundredth Anniversary, Rouen, May 1931.

## My Experiences in the World War

By General John J. Pershing

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Gen. John J. Pershing. From painting by Joseph Cummings Chase in Paris, 1919.

### FOREWORD

My primary purpose in writing this story of the American expeditionary forces in France is to render what I conceive to be an important service to my country. In that adventure there are many lessons useful to the American people, should they ever again be called to arms, and I felt it a duty to record them as I saw them.

The World war found us absorbed in the pursuits of peace and quite unconscious of possible threat to our security. We would listen to no warnings of danger. We had made small preparation for defense and none for aggression. So when war actually came upon us we had to change the very habits of our lives and minds to meet its realities. The slow processes by which we achieved these changes and applied our latent power to the problems of combat in Europe, despite our will, our numbers and our wealth, I have endeavored to describe. Therein lie the lessons of which I write.

I wish to dedicate this modest work to the men of all ranks who served with me in France, and especially to those who gave their lives to the cause for which we fought.

To my comrades of the allied armies I wish to say that I am not attempting to write a history of the World war or of the epic part they took in it. I write of our own army and for our own people, and I have not consciously magnified or minimized the effort of any army or any people. There is credit for all of us in the final triumph of our united arms. The struggle of the allies was much longer, their sacrifices very much greater, than ours.

I am grateful to President Wilson and Secretary Baker for selecting me to command our armies and for the whole-hearted and unflinching support they accorded me in France. No commander was ever privileged to lead a finer force; no commander ever derived greater inspiration from the performance of his troops.

JOHN J. PERSHING.

### CHAPTER I

On May 8, 1917, four weeks after the United States had declared war on Germany, I received the following telegram from my father-in-law, the late Senator F. E. Warren, in Washington:

"Wire me today whether and how much you speak, read and write French."

At this time I was stationed at Fort Sam Houston, which adjoins San Antonio, Texas, and was in command of the southern department with the rank of major general. Naturally, Senator Warren's telegram suggested that I was to be assigned to some duty in France, but as no intimation had been given out regarding the extent of our active participation in the war, the message was somewhat puzzling.

However, I telegraphed the following reply:

"Spent several months in France nineteen-eight studying language. Spoke quite fluently; could read and write well at that time. Can easily reacquire satisfactory working knowledge."

Quotes Warren's Letter.

My reply, to be sure, was rather optimistic, yet it was comparatively accurate and perhaps was justified by the possibilities to be inferred from Senator Warren's telegram. A few days later I received from him the following letter:

"Dear Jack:

"This is what happened: Last night, about ten o'clock, the secretary of war rang me up and wanted to know if I would call in and see him this morning, and I responded that I would if I could

reach him at nine o'clock. This is the first time he has ever asked me to call for a consultation.

"When I reached him he said in the most distant and careless way: 'Oh, by the way, before I discuss the matter about which I asked you to call—do you happen to know whether Pershing speaks French?' (This is the first time your name was ever mentioned between the secretary of war and me, direct.)

"I said I was not certain about that; that I knew he was a linguist along the lines of Spanish and, to some extent, Japanese, and all of the Philippine dialects (a pardonable exaggeration by one's father-in-law)—that perhaps my wife might know, as she speaks French a little and reads it readily.

"He said: 'Well, it is of no special consequence, only I happened to think of it at this moment.' I replied: 'Well, I'll ask my wife about it today and see whether she knows, and will let you know.' He then said: 'If you don't mind, do so.'

"And then he proceeded to discuss quite fully some appropriation matters on which I intended to go to work upon my arrival at the Capitol.

"I hope you will wire me promptly upon receipt of my telegram so that I may tell the secretary 'what my wife said about it (?)'

"Affectionately,  
"F. E. WARREN."  
Message Promises Command.

Shortly after the receipt of the private wire and before the above letter reached me, a telegram dated May 2 came from Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, containing the opening words, "For your eye alone," followed by a message in code:

"Under plans under consideration is one which will require among other troops our infantry regiments and one artillery regiment from your department for service in France. If plans are carried out you will be in command. You will be in command of the entire force. Wire me at once designation of the regiments selected by you and their present stations."

I construed this message to mean that these troops were to form a division, which, together with such other troops as might be sent over at once, would be under my command.

Within a day or so after the receipt of Scott's telegram it was intimated to Col. M. H. Barnum, my chief of staff, that we might be called upon for a recommendation, and after consultation with him I selected the Sixteenth, Eighteenth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-eighth regiments of infantry and the Sixth field artillery. These, together with two other artillery regiments and the necessary auxiliary units, were later organized as our first division.

Surprised by Developments.

I had scarcely given a thought to the possibility of my being selected to be in supreme command of our forces, as afterward developed, although my old friend, Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, had written me that he thought my selection almost certain. After I left the Philippines, in 1913, where he was in command, he and I had kept up an intermittent correspondence in which we freely exchanged confidences on army matters.

In one of his letters early in April, 1917, General Bell spoke of the possibility of our sending an army to France and gave a list of the names of

officers who might be considered for the supreme command. Discussing the chances for and against each one, he predicted, much to my surprise, that all the others, including himself, would be passed over and that I would be selected.

I was the junior on the list of major generals, hence I could not fully accept General Bell's view, but he was so strongly convinced that he was right that he requested an assignment under my command.

The major generals senior to me at the time were, in order of rank: Leonard Wood, General Bell, Thomas H. Barry, Hugh L. Scott and Tasker H. Bliss.

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### GREGARIOUS MAN

A total of 836 congresses, assemblies and exhibitions was held in

Europe during 1930. Among the most unusual gatherings were the International Congress of Tramps, the International Congress of Lodgers, and a gathering of 20,000 herring fishers. The most important from a political standpoint was the Naval Conference at London, and the most dramatic was the Oberammergau Passion Play.

### DEATH OF TWO COLORED BOYS

Two colored boys, Sam and John Calvin Leggett, sons of James Leggett, a farmer on the T. B. Lester place, died this week of pneumonia. Sam, aged six years, died on Saturday, April fourth, and his brother, John Calvin, aged three, died on Sunday, April fifth. Both were buried at Silver Grove.

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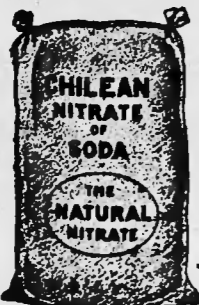
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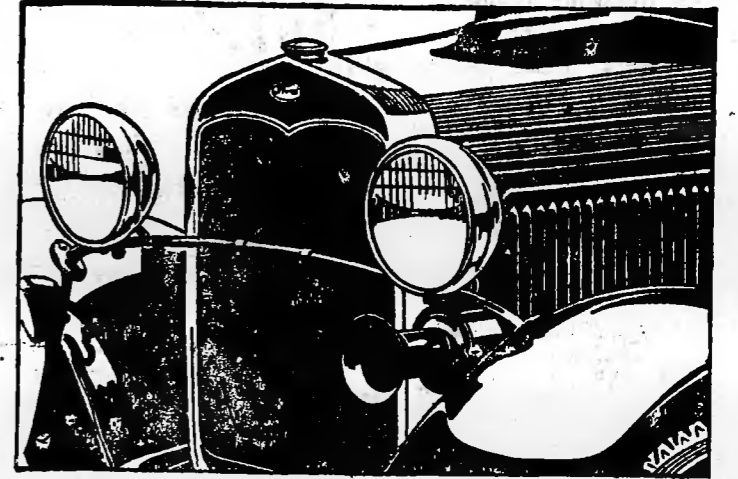
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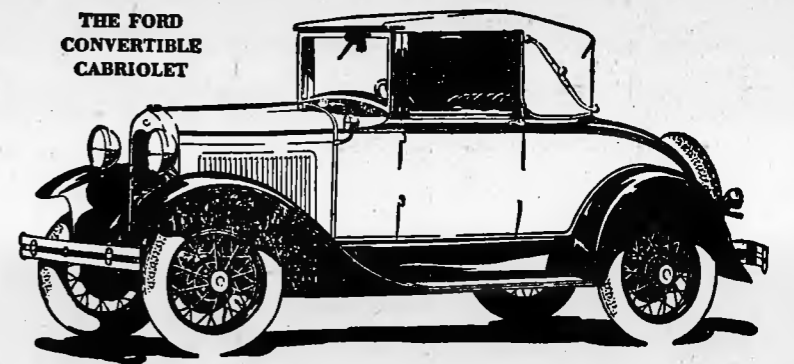
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R. L. BETHUNE, Mayor