

GENERAL PERSHING STILL ACTIVE AT 76

World War Commander Has Birthday Monday—Remains Interested in Army.

Washington — Active military days have been over for General John J. Pershing for 12 years now, but his interest in the army he commanded throughout the World War remains the same. He was 76 years old Monday.

Erect and sprightly yet, he spends much of his time when here in the company of men he saw grow up in the service and who now run the war department. His blue-grey eyes and square chin are as of old beneath hair that has turned to gray.

"Black Jack"—as so many knew him—carries his numerous honors as becomingly as he does his years. One of the latest is membership in the Academy of Moral and Sciences in the Institute of France, recently bestowed.

He finds real pleasure, too, in looking back to the beginning of his military career, when he entered West Point in 1882 at the age of 22. Or to those many years of training for the battles to come, such as 1891 to 1895 when he was an instructor of military strategy at the University of Nebraska and George H. Dern—the late secretary of war—was a member of the cadet corps there.

The general is a familiar figure also in Paris where he has spent at least three or four months each year since he was "over there." In fact, his principal interest now is with the boys who were left "over there." He is chairman of the American battle monuments commission.

To the general's personal interest is due largely the beautiful memorials on French and other battlefields commemorating the series of the American forces in Europe during the World War. Congress created the commission, which the general heads, to prepare plans and erect suitable memorials. It has functioned actively and has about completed its work.

Just now the general is in Paris where he went in June this year. His duties probably will keep him in Europe until the beginning of November. Then he will return to Washington to continue his work here.

In a large, airy room in the war department, overlooking the White House and formerly occupied by the secretary of the navy, General Pershing makes his headquarters. Over the door is a modest sign reading: "General of the Armies." That is a permanent rank bestowed upon him by act of congress.

Making his home in a hotel three or four blocks from the White House and the war department, General Pershing usually walks to work. His duties are sufficient to keep him moderately busy while he is in Washington but he often finds time to canter through the parks on his favorite saddle horse.

General Pershing has traveled considerably since he retired. His health keeps pretty good, but the army doctors have confined him a number of times to the army medical center here for rest and observation. During the winters he usually makes a brief visit to Tucson, Arizona.

The eldest of nine children, General Pershing was born in Linn county, Missouri, in 1869, and was named "John Joseph." After completing a public school course, he took up teaching at Prairie Mound, Mo., later attending the Kirksville State Normal school.



BEAVERS DO THEIR PART IN CONSERVATION

Federal trappers in the Northwest are removing the beavers of the region, where their dams block irrigation canals, to higher ground, where their homes play an important part in controlling the flow of mountain streams.

N. & W. News Items Lucky Strikes Get Win Over Longhurst

During the past 23 years Norfolk and Western employees have bettered their individual safety record 90 per cent, according to a statement made public today by the railroad.

The railway statement declares "this is one of the reasons why a man would have to work continuously on the railroad for 88 years to allow time for the occurrence of just one accident; why the Norfolk and Western was awarded the coveted Harriman Memorial Gold Medal for being the safest railroad in the United States; and why the Norfolk and Western has carried millions of passengers nearly a billion passenger miles without a single fatality in a train accident.

The N. & W. says that one of the most "vital factors in the safety of railway travel is the railway employee" and that Norfolk and Western employees "think safety first, preach safety first and practice safety first."

A newspaper announcement of a competitive examination for a West Point cadetship turned his attention toward the military career whose climax was the highest command in the nation's military service. He won his commission in 1886, just 50 years ago.

Roxboro Crew Unable to Overcome Big Lucky Lead

Scoring 10 runs during the first three innings, the Lucky Strikes trounced Longhurst 12 to 9 Saturday afternoon for their second consecutive victory in the Central State league playoff series.

Saturday's contest at Longhurst was a wild and woolly affair. The Luckies punched out 16 hits, Upchurch showing the way with a double and three singles. Sparrow and Sharpe divided the hurling for the winners and held Longhurst to nine safeties, three of them by Slaughter.

Run Up Big Lead
The Luckies counted four times in the first inning, once in the second, five in the third and one each in the fifth and eighth innings. Longhurst got one run in the first, six in the third and two in the fourth.

Lucky Strike 415 010 010—12
Longhurst 106 200 000—9

George Roberson, 77, of Ames Iowa, for 50 years has earned a living fixing things that others can't. He claims that no problem in repair work has licked him yet.

FARM SUGGESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Chop Tobacco Stalks as Soon as Possible. Then Disk Them Into Ground.

Some timely farm suggestions from E. C. Blair, extension agronomist at N. C. State College:

As soon as soybean and cowpea hay are raked off the ground, run over the field with a disk harrow to make a mulch of the surface. This will make it possible to prepare the land for small grains a little later, even though the winter be very dry.

If there are any tobacco stalks left in the fields, cut them as soon as possible. A good way is to chop them with a stalk cutter and then disk them into the ground. Then the fields will be good places to sow small grains or winter legumes.

It is foolish to let the stalks live on until frost, producing substance to feed insect pests and disease organisms and thereby help them survive the winter.

In selecting seed corn, go through the fields on September and mark the best stalks. Later on, pull the ears from these stalks before harvesting the general crop. Be sure to select more than needed, as the seed should be gone over again during the winter and only the very best ears selected.

A good crop for late fall and early spring grazing can be produced by sowing in September one bushel of Abruzzi rye and one bushel of barley per acre on good land. This should furnish six to eight weeks grazing during the latter part of October and through November, and for a similar period in March, April, and May.

When corn is to be cut and shredded, put it up in rather small shocks.

REV. BARCLIFF AT JALONG

Rev. C. D. Barcliff, Durham Methodist pastor, will preach each evening this week at the Jalong Methodist church at seven o'clock. The revival services will close Sunday evening. Mr. Barcliff was a former student preacher of the East Roxboro-Longhurst churches 10 years ago. He served four years on the charge.

Mr. Barcliff will preach at Grace Methodist church Friday morning at 9 o'clock, and Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock.

especially if it is not thoroughly ripe. Green corn in a large shock will nearly always rot.

FEDERAL FINANCES IMPROVE.

Washington, D. C. — Receipts for the first two months of the new fiscal year were \$636,902,126 against \$577,653,636 for the corresponding period last year. Expenditures fell from \$1,249,466,413 to \$986,647,461, reducing the deficit for the period to \$348,745,344, which is about half last year's deficit for the two months. Secretary of the Treasury Morganthau announces his intention of maintaining a working cash balance of a billion dollars as "the safest insurance we carry for the American people should anything unforeseen occur."



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