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COME ACROSS STRONG FOR THE RED CROSS

Women Have Been Donating a Large Part of Their Time and Now Men Must Come Across With The Coin

The ladies of Columbus, Luna county, the state of New Mexico, and the mountain states, have been giving a large part of their time in Red Cross work. The following taken from a Red Cross publication proves this statement beyond any reasonable doubt:

More than 1,000,000 articles, made by the workers of the Red Cross in Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming, were shipped direct to France for (General Pershing's) boys from the Mountain division warehouse in Denver the past week. The huge consignment, requiring six large cars was the divisions response to a requisition from the battle front, thru the Paris office of the American Red Cross. On the day that the 1,000,000 articles arrived at the coast point to which they were shipped they will be placed aboard for immediate transportation to their destination.

The value of the consignment is in excess of \$300,000. Five of the required six cars contained 29,243 surgical dressings, 33,749 hospital garments, 23,036 hospital supplies and 108,789 knitted garments, valued at \$20,148. The sixth and last car raised the total number of articles from 963,778 above the 1,000,000 mark and increased the value to more than \$300,000.

This is the largest individual requisition filled by the Mountain division, according to the director of the bureau of supplies.

That similar demands will be made and that they will continue indefinitely, serves to emphasize the necessity of infusing energy on the part of the great patriotic army of the Red Cross. There may not be the demand this summer for excavators that has characterized the past six months, but with America in the war with both feet, socks—by the million—must be provided for those collective feet. The lists of wounded are growing. America's workers must dress the wounds.

To lag in the production of the numerous articles would be equal to sending our army against the enemy without ammunition.

This large shipment exhausted the supply of socks in the division warehouse. The field director at Camp Cody has requested a new supply of socks for the troops of that cantonment who will be needed in a few weeks. Many thousands will be needed. For this reason all chapters are urged to send in all socks available at once.

From the above the reader can get a fair idea of the work the women have been and are doing. Now it is up to the men to do their share. Columbus is called upon to raise the sum of \$2,000. We can do it but we will fail if there is any slackers.

A subscription committee has been appointed and will visit everybody some time next week. It is not a question of how much will I give but "how much can I give."

The entertainment committee for the campaign next week has arranged the following program:

Band Concert by 24th Infantry Band on the night of Wednesday, May 23d, at the Columbus Theatre.

Band Concert by 12th Cavalry Band on Friday afternoon, May 24, at the Post Office corner. 2 p. m.

Friday Night, May 24, dance at the Chamber of Commerce. Music by the 24th Infantry Band.

Boxing Tournament, at the Crystal Theatre, Saturday night, May 25. Music by the 12th Cavalry Band.

The colored people are preparing to help in the drive but we have been unable to get their program.

The Mexicans have plans prepared and will work them out as they think best. It is up to us to assist them every way possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Powers have donated an oak library table to the cause and same is being raffled off. The table is on display at the Columbus Theatre.

The pool halls in town have each agreed to donate one day's receipts. O. Basse plans to set aside one of his tables and let the proceeds for the entire week go to the Red Cross. E. Lacouture and C. R. Johnson are each very glad to give one day in the cause.

It is planned to ask the Columbus and Majestic theatres to donate the

WALTON FAVORS DEATH PENALTY FOR TRAITORS

Washington, D. C., May 15.—At the time of the consideration of the conference report on the Sedition Act, Congressman Walton, of New Mexico, expressed himself in the following words:

"Mr. Speaker, I am most pleased to see that the conference report on H. R. 8323, being an amendment to the so-called espionage bill, has been concurred in by the Senate, that similar action will undoubtedly be taken by the House within a very short time, and that the measure will in every probability become a law within the next few days.

"The only criticism which I would make of this bill is that it is too mild in its terms. I have only one criticism to make of the conduct of the war so far, and that is that we have been too tender with the traitors here at home.

"We are not playing tennis; we are at war. We are sending our sons and our brothers to France to be shot down in the hottest spots for which any nation ever took arms. There is not one of us who would not, if he could stand by in the flesh and help bear the burden, help stand the shock of the bombardment, help stand the aerial provocations and sufferings of the trenches.

"We cannot do this, Mr. Speaker, but there is one thing that we can do. We can stand behind the men who are fighting our battles and see to it that no one here at home is allowed to stab them in the back. We can stay the hand that would murder our sons, our brothers, our friends. We can do what lies within us to stop the black treachery that would bring these boys to their death without a chance to fight back.

"New Mexico has given freely and gladly to this war. She has sent her best blood to fight the battle for freedom, and she has not complained. Seven thousand New Mexico-born young Americans have sacrificed themselves for their country—about the fact that New Mexico is no slacker. You have heard of no labor troubles, no draft riots, no pacifist demonstrations in New Mexico, New Mexico has not done her bit"—she has done her best.

"And I say to you, Mr. Speaker, that my constituents are demanding in no uncertain tones that we here in Washington do what we can to protect their sons from the sword that would sting them. They can face with equanimity the thought of their boys being shot by German bullets. That is the lot of war. Germans are and their bomb liquid fire have no terrors for them. For they realize that we are fighting a foe who does not realize that there is any such thing as civilized warfare. But while they can think of their sons occupying our named graves on the blood-soaked fields of France, their souls revolt and cry aloud at the thought that we here at home are harboring and indulging spies who stealthily, in the dark, would strike down the men that are fighting for you and me.

"Twenty years' Twenty years in the penitentiary for men who ought to be shot within twenty-four hours after their crime is discovered!"

"When this bill was before the House for consideration, I supported and voted for it because it was the nearest approach to the law that should be passed that was presented. I would have voted for it much more readily if it carried the death penalty for the offenses which it is designed to prevent."

SALE OF OIL LOCATIONS

The tract of land of Arthur Poole has been cut up into lots and has been offered for sale. The land lies close the Kuyfild well, and should a producing well be brought in the land would become very valuable at once. See their ad on page eight of this issue of the Courier.

Do your bit for the Red Cross.

With the receipts from each of the above plans and the contributions it should not be such a hard matter for Columbus to raise the allotted amount of \$2,000.

The list of contributors will be published in the Courier, and should there be any who refuse to subscribe it has been suggested that this list also be published.

I Am the Red Cross

HENRY PAYSON DOWST
(With acknowledgments to Robert H. Davis, author of "I Am the Printing Press.")

I am the Symbol of the pity of God,
I burgeon upon the flaunting banner of victory and the drooping guidon of defeat.

I am the token of peace in the midst of battle, of gentleness shining through the sombre mists of hate.

I am a chevron on the sleeve of mercy, an honor mark set high upon the brow of compassion.

I am the color of blood spilled for democracy, the form of Christ's tree of agony, and my followers, at need, crucify themselves to make men live.

I carry the hope of life into the red pits of death, and a dying soldier salutes me and smiles as he goes to touch the hand of God Almighty.

I stand for the organized love of mankind, the co-ordinated impulses of young and old to do good, the sacred efficiency of human service.

I mark the flag under which are mobilized the forces of industry and finance, of church and school, of capital, of labor, of genius and of sinew.

I am Civilization's Godspeed to those who defend her; I am the message from home.

I am the Symbol of the pity of God,
I AM THE RED CROSS.

DILLER BELIEVES OIL OR GAS CERTAIN

We visited the oil prospect Tuesday morning and had an extended interview with Geology George Diller. Work is suspended for the time being, awaiting the arrival of tools for the pulling up of the six-inch casing, as this is necessary for the successful under-reaming and setting the pipe, which will open up the "backbone" which will cut off the water that now is so troublesome.

We asked him as to his opinion concerning the oil prospects. "This well looks good to me," he replied. "I have been on this well for a short time but my twenty-seven years as an oil driller permits me to estimate the conditions I know exist here. For instance, I find specimens of asphaltum nature has scattered about the locality. Every one mark is present in the well that presages a producing well. Of course I will not venture an exact statement of what we will encounter, for I would not be surprised to see either a heavy gas or oil producer. I regret that some discouragement exists among those who have exhausted their finances in prospecting this well in its present death, but we are now on a new condition that are indicative of gas or oil that we will shortly be rewarded with a well of our property. I am positive."

When the matter of the present oil-bearing shale was discussed and an opinion ventured that any well that encountered a few hundred feet of the present favorable oil-bearing shale could be "shot" with favorable results be expected.

"There is no reason to doubt that 30 or 40 feet of such shale as we see now in which successfully shot would make at least a pumping well, and it looks to me that the amount of this shale is quite necessarily reaches over a wide area."—Contributed.

TRUSTEES LOWER RATE FOR TAPPING MAINS

The Village Board of Tristram at a meeting held Tuesday night adopted an ordinance making the fee for tapping the water main. The fee formerly charged was \$1.25. The rate for the use of a water change was made in the ordinance regarding occupation tax. In some instances the rate was lowered and in others increased.

CAPT. AND MRS. TILTON ENTERTAIN WITH DANCE

Captain and Mrs. A. L. Tilton entertained a few of their friends at a dinner given at their home near the Birchard residence Wednesday evening. They had as guests some of the officers and ladies of the 24th Infantry and 12th Cavalry, including Lt. and Mrs. Harrell, the Messes, and Misses McQuay, DeBary, Lancher, Morris and DeBary, Mrs. Kelly, Mc, and Mrs. Birchard, Dr. Marshall and W. F. Murphy, of Columbus.

ENLISTED MEN WILL GIVE RED CROSS DANCE

The Hop Committee of the Enlisted Men's Dance Club, Twelfth Cavalry, is planning a Red Cross hop for the evening of May 31. The purpose is to assist the local Red Cross chapter in their drive for two thousand dollars. The men are thoroughly interested in the work of this organization, and are going to prove their interest by contributing all money received, over and above the actual expenses of the hop, to the above mentioned fund. Tickets may be purchased for the sum of 50 cents each, and we urge all men to purchase, whether or not they dance. Certainly the cause is worthy.

The last hop conducted by the Enlisted Men's Dance Club was a notable success. Everyone who attended had a pleasant time. There were more ladies in attendance than at any previous dance, and a yet larger crowd is expected at this one. Sergeant Melb. Medical Department, is chairman of the committee, and is hard at work to make the dance a success. It is hoped that all of the citizens of Columbus will help to make it a memorable one.

A TOAST TO THE FLAG

Here's to the Red of it,
There's not a thread of it,
No, nor a shred of it,
In all the spread of it,
From foot to head,
But heroes bleed for it,
Faced steel and lead for it,
Prevent blood shed for it,
Hating it bad.

Here's to the White of it—
Thatched by the sight of it,
Who knows the right of it
But feels the might of it,
Through day and night,
Womanhood's care for it,
Made manhood dare for it,
Pard's prayer for it,
Keeps it so White.

Here's to the Blue of it,
Heavenly view of it,
Star-spangled free of it,
Honesty's due of it,
Comfort and cheer,
Here's to the whole of it,
Stars, stripes, and pole of it,
Here's to the soul of it—
Just White and Blue.
—John J. Daly.

CITY TREASURER'S STATEMENT

Water Fund
Balance on hand
April 1, 1917, \$ 286.95

Receipts April 1, 1917, to March 31, 1918, Inc. 7,004.41

Total \$7,291.36

Water Fund's paid April 1, 1917, to March 31, 1918, Inc. 6,892.72

Balance March 31, 1918 \$398.64

General Fund
Balance on hand
April 1, 1917, \$46.29

Receipts None

Total \$46.29

Water Fund's paid April 1, 1917, to March 31, 1918, Inc. None

Balance March 31, 1918 \$ 46.29

Total balance on hand March 31, 1918 \$1,073.93

J. L. GREENWOOD,
Treasurer of the Village of Columbus, New Mexico.

Subject to Change.
Down in Texas they used to ask "what was your name before you came here?" In Arizona, it is "what were your politics before you came here?"—President (Act) Corrier.

RETURNED SALUTE

Recently a "non-com" of a paper for contingent was mistaken by a raw recruit on sentry duty, who saluted him. The N. C. ignored that his colonel was nearby, returned the salute. Next morning he was ordered to report to the colonel, when he was asked why he returned the salute when he, the "non-com," knew he was not entitled to it.

"No," he answered, "I always return everything I am not entitled to."

The colonel dismissed him—Walter League Messenger.

VERY LITTLE INTEREST IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Tal Hunter Receives Greatest Number of Votes For Assessor—L. M. Carl Receives Votes For Surveyor

The democratic primary held in Luna county last Saturday was not much of a drawing card. The vote was very light all over the county and unusually light for Columbus. Only 37 voters visited the polls in the precinct. At Denning the vote was approximately 600.

Tal Hunter received the nomination for tax assessor, J. C. Barnes was next in the race, the vote being almost divided by these two candidates. The vote for Bert and Flavio was small and far between.

The result at Columbus was as follows:
For Sheriff, W. C. Simpson 94
For Clerk, P. A. Hughes 96
For Assessor, Edgar Bopp 94
For Assessor, J. C. Barnes 26
For Surveyor, J. T. Hunter 20
For Surveyor, E. F. Hurt 2

For Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Alice G. Smith 96
For Commissioner, 3d District, B. A. Lewis 94
For Commissioner, 2d District, D. J. Chaffers 96
For Commissioner, 1st District, Frank L. Nordhaus 96
For Representative, 21st District, B. M. Gross 96
For Representative, 22d District, Ralph A. Land 96
For County Surveyor, L. M. Carl 20
For County Surveyor, E. F. Hurt 2

Mr. Carl received on the election board and did not have the least idea that he was a candidate for assessor, but E. A. Hulsey and other friends of Carl informed the voters that they were supposed to vote for a assessor and Carl was the only man in the county of the democratic faith who was qualified for the job so it was very easy for him to get the nomination.

WHEAT SUBSTITUTES MUST COME DOWN—HOOVER

Albuquerque, N. M., May 16.—The price of substitutes for wheat flour must come down, National Food Administrator Herbert Hoover has announced. That a reduction of approximately thirty per cent must result is the way State Food Administrator Ely construes Mr. Hoover's edicts as applied to this state. His edicts are crisp and business-like. They do not say that the price of substitutes should be come down, but that it shall come down and that the necessary system will be availed of to bring them down if necessary. The instructions received by the food administration offices here particularly refer to corn, barley and oats. While the people of New Mexico have been patriotically buying the substitutes whenever possible, there has been considerable complaint of the prices charged. While sales are being asked to reduce their margin of profit and keep the substitutes coming to the retailer at such a figure as to force down the retail prices, rather than to have their's deteriorate on their hands.

WHAT HE IS FIGHTING FOR

John H. Moore, attorney and of dean of Muskogee, Okla., was in Kansas City a few days ago with a new Indian story. An Indian soldier, home on a furlough, was walking down the main street at Muskogee when a white man who knew him stopped him and said:

"Well, John, I see you have become a soldier."

"Yes, my soldier," replied the Indian.

"How do you like being a soldier, John?"

"No objection."

"You march salute—not enough salute."

"Of course you know what you are fighting for, John?"

"Yes, my friend," answered the Indian.

"Well, what are you fighting for, John?"

"Make white man world Democratic party," answered the Indian.

The contract to supply the builders' hardware for the new six-story residence being constructed by Wm. Kline has been awarded to A. D. Frost Hardware Store. The building will be finished in Old Copper to match the general color scheme, and will be one of the finest ever built in Columbus.

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CAPTAIN JOSEPH QUISENBERRY

New Mexico games to salute the spirit of Captain Joseph Quisenberry, whose body lies in a soldier's grave upon one of the battle fields of Europe.

It was his honor to be one of the first Americans to go into the front line trenches. It was his honor to belong to the first detachment to capture a German machine gun and German prisoners. It was his honor to be commended by General Peckling, commander in chief of the American expeditionary forces. Finally, it was his honor to give his life in the struggle for the freedom of the world.

By birth he belonged to Las Cruces, but the high courage of his heart makes his memory the common property of New Mexico, the United States and the Allied Cause. There ought to be no grieving for him whose privilege it has been to uphold the best traditions of his state and country, and in an ultimate act in action under the stars and stripes.—Soc. Mexico War News.

POLITICS IN DISCARD

In reviving and reorganizing the New Mexico Mounted Police, Governor Ellsbery, the New Mexico Council of Defense, the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers' Association and the New Mexico Cattle Sanitary Board, have sought only the protection of the property and the safety of life and limb of the people of the state. The organization begins on a non-partisan basis, and it will be maintained on that high plane. The administration in New Mexico is republican. It is republican because a majority of the citizens of the state voted for Mr. Lindsey, who is of that political faith. A majority of the members of the Council of Defense are of the same political faith; but the Council is American—neither republican nor democratic. Herbert J. McGrath, a democrat, was selected to command the police. This selection was made not because Mr. McGrath is a democrat, but because he is regarded as the best man available for the important work. The other officers who are to serve under his command have been selected for exactly the same reason. Every member of the organization is directed by the regulations to refrain from taking any active part in political campaigns.—Silver City Enterprise.

SANITATION, EXCRETA, GARBAGE AND WASTES

By excreta must be understood all waste matters, solids and liquids eliminated from the human body such as feces, urine, sweat, as well as discharges from the mouth, nose and lungs.

Fecal matter is not only repugnant to sight and smell, but it lowers resistance the chief source of danger to the health of the individuals. It may contain various infectious germs, and from it are spread the diseases most to be apprehended, namely: typhoid fever, dysentery and diarrhoea. Fecal matter and urine carry the germs of disease through food and drink; that is to say, by being directly ingested into the stomach. There is also a probability that these germs as they float in the air dust are absorbed by inhalation. Human excrement, therefore, must always be looked upon with great suspicion, as a menace to the health of the town, and the object of the strictest sanitary measures.

MAJOR FRANK E. ARTAUD,
Medical Reserve Corps, U.S.A.

OCCURRENCE AND DEPOSITION OF PETROLEUM

Petroleum is found in all fossiliferous rocks, from the lowermost Silurian to the uppermost Tertiary, under conditions, among which are the local deposition of abundance of organisms from which these substances are derived, and the absence of great metamorphism.

I have said, petroleum is found in all fossiliferous rocks and formations, but each locality has its own

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READ THIS ONE.—Limestone, 800 square yard, at Frost's Hardware & Furniture Store, Phone 3, and we will measure and lay it.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M., April 30, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that Marie McFarland, wife for herself and other heirs of Henry A. McKinney, deceased, of Bichita, N. M., who, on Dec. 1st, 1913, made homestead entry No. 89944, for W 1/2 SW 1/4, W 1/2 SW 1/4, section 1, township 23 S., range 15 W., S. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before George Edwards, U. S. Commissioner, at Bichita, N. M., on the 24th day of June, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses: Marie Adams, Milton Jensen, Don Phillips, and Roy Cranfill, all of Bichita, N. M.

JOHN L. BURNSIDE, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M., May 9, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that Mrs. Emma Nelson, of Columbus, N. M., who, on September 9, 1913, made homestead entry No. 89923 for north section 11, township 23 S., range 7 W., S. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before B. M. Reed, United States Commissioner, at Columbus, N. M., on the 2nd day of July, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses: James S. Anderson, Elmer A. Myers, Edwin Dean and Joseph Thomas, all of Columbus, N. M.

JOHN L. BURNSIDE, Register.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET

- For Treasurer: EDGAR REED
- For Assessor: J. T. HUNTER
- For Superintendent of Schools: MRS. ALICE C. SMITH
- For Representative: RALPH A. LYND
- For Surveyor: L. M. CARR.

certain formations, where it especially abounds. In Europe it is found principally in the Tertiary, in western United States it is found almost wholly in the Paleocene; in Colorado it is found in the Cretaceous; in California it is found in the Tertiary.

The laws of distribution are similar, but not identical, from that of water. Like that of water, it collects in porous strata, if these are covered with an impervious strata, and in fissures and cavities of all kinds. Like water, it collects in wells, or sometimes oozes over the top.

Where sea, oil and water are associated together, the three materials arrange themselves in order in their specific gravities. It proves this, that as you come first, then the oil, lastly the water when the gas and oil is nearly exhausted.

It is unlike water, because it has no large permanent supply, the accumulations of ages being exhausted in a few years. Again unlike water, the force of ejection is not hydrostatic directly, but hydrostatic pressure transmitted through elastic compression of its

stones generated within itself. The kind of rocks petroleum may be looked for in paying quantities are sandstone and limestone and shales. It is believed the oil-bearing and gas-bearing strata are shales. Above these are the oil reservoirs, sandstone and limestone. Above these are the impervious caprocks of shale.

Petroleum is usually found in horizontal or gently folded strata, because when crumpled and strongly folded it is metamorphosed. This result may be light oil to heavy oil, heavy oil to paraffine, paraffine to asphalt, and from asphalt to the diamond. Another scientist has suggested the result of crystallization of carbon derived from petroleum, in which the proportion of carbon is increased by the loss of hydrogen.

As to the origin of petroleum, nearly everyone has his own conceptions. A great many will tell you it has its origin in or from the coal fields. It is a fact, petroleum may be produced from coal, by its destructive distillation. There are also certain organic growths, such as the Tufts that grow so profusely at the Palomas Lakes. At ordinary temperatures, in the presence of abundant moisture, and of contact of air, the tufts will undergo decomposition or fermentation, by which an oily or fatty substance is produced. This covers the theory of the oil showings at the Palomas Lakes.

The prevailing theory among scientists is that in the beginning all hydrogen and carbon were within the confines of the earth. The intense interior heat, due to pressure drives it out in the form of gases. The atmosphere being only a secondary product. From the atmosphere it has been redistributed by organisms, or organic particles. It is quite certain this is the manner the carbon was deposited in coal. It is quite certain the carbon was deposited in the dolomitic limestone by "marine organisms." Dolomitic limestone contains about 50 percent carbon dioxide, when roasted it loses the hydrocarbons and is known as Portland cement. The Florida mountains contain vast deposits of dolomitic limestones, suitable for cement.

It is plausible then, that the hydrocarbons were deposited in the shales by the tissues of marine organisms and plant life under the influence of salt water.

Going back through the ages and taking up in detail this important and interesting study, one has to picture in his mind those primitive seas, with its teeming millions of living creatures and colossal growths of vegetation. The proportion of carbonic acid gas in the atmosphere now is about 1-1000 percent (at that time it was twice as dense). We may picture in our selves again the climate of these periods as hot, moist, uniform and stagnant. Such conditions are extremely favorable to vegetation and the free living of life, but it would be as unfavorable to the higher forms of life that it would be impossible to exist.

It is safe to say how there is no one that entertains a stronger faith than the writer that the drill, as it were, the way through to the bottom of the old Paleocene seas, will bring to light the hidden hydrocarbons that have been hidden away for ages.—Contributed.

ONLY AMERICA CAN HELP.
"On your side are boundless supplies of men, food, and material, on this side a boundless demand for their help."
"Our men are war-weary and their nerves have been strained by more than three years of hard, relentless toil."
"Our position is critical, particularly until the next harvest, but the United States can save us."
"You Americans have the men, the skill, and the material to save the allied cause."
SIR JOSEPH MACLAY,
British Shipping Controller.

Captain Charney D. Wright, O. M. B. C., arrived here from Camp Stanley, Texas, where he has been assistant in the Quartermaster, to take over the District Supply Office, as soon as the inventory is complete, relieving Captain John W. McDonald, Twelfth Cavalry.

—12th Cavalry Standard

TAKING CHANCES

Brakeman—To saddle on a troop train.—Better keep your head inside the window.

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M., May 7, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that Stephen S. Brevitt, of Columbus, N. M., who, on March 14, 1913, made homestead entry No. 89810 for a 1/2 sec. 1, section 8, and a 1/2 sec. 1, section 9, township 20 S., range 5 W., S. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before B. M. Reed, U. S. Commissioner, at Columbus, N. M., on the 10th day of July, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses: Jess Fuller, Gus E. Burroughs, Thomas A. Bailey and W. L. Moody, all of Columbus, N. M.

JOHN L. BURNSIDE, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M., April 19, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that Paul B. Reed, of Deming, N. M., who, on March 13, 1913, made homestead entry No. 89711 for north section 8, township 23 S., range 8 W., S. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before B. M. Reed, U. S. Commissioner, at Columbus, N. M., on the 10th day of June, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses: Frank H. Walker, James W. Blair, William B. Payne and James L. Walker, all of Columbus, N. M.

JOHN L. BURNSIDE, Register.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL ACCOUNT

In the Probate Court of the County of Luna and State of New Mexico.

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles C. Miller, Deceased.

The undersigned Administrator, with the Will Annexed of Charles C. Miller, deceased, hereby gives notice, pursuant to an order made and entered by the Probate Judge of said County and State in the above entitled matter, that his Final Account as such Administrator with the Will Annexed has been filed in said court, and that Monday, the first day of July, 1918, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the office of said Probate Judge at Deming in said County and State, has been by and is hereby appointed as the time and date for the hearing of objections to such Final Account and the settlement thereof.

Dated this 17th day of May, A. D., 1918.

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HOW DUCKS SERVED THEIR COUNTRY

Mitrovia lies on the north bank of the river Sava, in Slavonia. On the north bank of the river, which is Serbian, lies Mitrovia. Both places are important strategic points, writes George A. Schermer in Harper's Magazine for April.

The Sava is a broad sheet of water at this point and up to the middle of November, 1914, neither Serb nor Austro-Hungarian had been able to gain foothold on the other's bank. Though the Austro-Hungarians had made many attempts to cross the river in sufficient force, they always found that the Serbs were well informed as to the strength of the forces they had to checkmate. No matter what the Austro-Hungarian commander might do, he would find that the Serbs had anticipated him. If he made an attempt to cross the river in the west of Mitrovia, the Serbs were sure to be there en masse. Several attempts to cross the Sava opposite Sabac were frustrated in a like manner.

It was plain that spies were at work. This was no startling discovery by the way. Many of the Slavonians sympathized with the Serbs. Jugo Slavians had ripened to that extent anyway. Many arrests were made among the inhabitants of Mitrovia and the villages up and down the river.

But that did not seem to improve matters, as General Polonsky found out on several occasions. The river bank was carefully patrolled, the boat was ever seen to cross the Sava and nobody seemed to fish for him, the which might have contained the information. No traces of hydrograph, compasses, wire, signal lanterns and the like was ever found. The case seemed hopeless.

But one day an Austro-Hungarian little ahead of the Serbs, noticed that there were ducks on the river. There was a shallow place in the water near by and in this the birds had been in the habit of going in search of food.

It would have been a simple matter to order the ducks off the river, but the Austrians had had so much fun by now that a few days did not matter. It seemed more important to find out whether the ducks served any particular purpose aside from their usual run.

They did, and the loss, consequently of Mitrovia as we discussed the case. We watched the owner of the ducks, and soon learned what he was about. The first thing we noticed was that he never let the ducks go on the water at the same time of day. That was unusual. Generally ducks are left in room as they will. They go out on the water of, theyback, if not restrained, and return to their pen late in the afternoon.

But these ducks made for their feeding ground always on the bank, sometimes that would be 2 in the morning, then it might be 8, or again they might not appear until 2 in the afternoon. We learned that the man kept them in the yard when he didn't want them on the river and he usually he did not allow all of the birds their freedom. We also ascertained that he brought over ducks, all of them white.

One day we acceded the man and he told us he had been in the army. He was a most elaborate soldier, consisting of over sixty combinations. When the birds were in the place were all white it meant that as many of our battalions as were white had come through Mitrovia in a orderly manner, and there was no colored bird among them. It meant that so many battalions had gone east. Battalions going west were indicated by two colored birds, and so on. In all cases the white ducks indicated the number of divisions and army battalions which the colored birds indicated the date direction.

"A Serbian officer," pointed on the pool of the river bank in Mitrovia used to count the ducks and send up a small message when he had understood. We had seen this many a time, but thought it an ordinary observation affair.

CHAPLAIN BEERE GIVES SMOKER FOR ENLIGHTENED

About two hundred and fifty listed men of the Twelfth Cavalry, stationed at Malmes Recreation Hut on Thursday evening, May 2, at the request of the Chaplain to enjoy a social hour. A very large percent of the men were recruits, but their newness did not prevent them from having a good time.

Cheers and cigarettes were provided, and that these were thoroughly enjoyed by all is evidenced by the fact that many of the men in quarters came to the smoker to assist in burning the wood, having eaten the cake of our routine at that great distance. The program was an informal one, but was nevertheless appreciated. Several of the enlisted men "pulled out" stumps individually, such as aesthetic and athletic per-

WONDERFUL MESSAGE TO OUR SOLDIERS

In a recent address at Camp Meade, Maryland, to the Jewish soldiers of that camp, the Rev. Dr. William Bohanan formulated an Army Decalogue, which is a wonderful message to our soldiers, and civilians as well. The entire address appears in the National Army News of March 15, 1918. We wish that we could print the entire speech, but space will not permit. However, we print here the Ten Commandments of the Army, and excerpts from the address:

1. I am America, thy country, which brought thee out of bondage to liberty.
2. Thou shalt have no other country beside me.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of America, thy country, in vain.
4. Remember the Declaration of Independence, and keep it holy.
5. Honor thy superior officer.
6. Thou shalt not despise.
7. Thou shalt not covet.
8. Thou shalt not feed.
9. Thou shalt not betray.
10. Thou shalt not amuse.

Here Are a Few of the Excerpts.
In America it is not food and comfort which count.
It is not what a man has, but what a man is, that renders him deserving of the franchise and ballot.
In military life, as in civil life, we cannot afford to ignore authority.
The whole world today trembles down on the quavers of cyclams, which come of the hellfire of the war which spread European war over the world.

Let the American soldier in battle be as bold a gentleman as he has proved himself in civilian life by means of that higher regard for command which always gives reality to a people's character.
All that we Americans seek to accomplish is to weaken the military force of the enemy, and keep justice whatever the terms of men has achieved for the benefit of society.

Every American soldier needs to remember that we have not entered this war to conquer territory. Ours is a war of a soldier kind.

—12th Cavalry Standard

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Great Wheat Stocks Isolated.

It's the shortage in ships that is putting the Allies and the United States on wheat rations. Great stocks of wheat are isolated in India, and Australia. At great expense in ship space and loss the Allies are forced to secure some wheat from Argentina.

On January 1, Australia had stored 100,000,000 bushels of wheat that was ready for export—but there were no ships. Then came the new crop with an exportable surplus of 80,000,000 bushels. Now Australia has approximately 180,000,000 bushels waiting for ships.

India, at the same time, had 70,000,000 bushels of "hot" wheat stored for export. During April 50,000,000 bushels more out of the new crop will be added to the pile.

Argentina closed the last shipping season with 11,000,000 bushels of wheat left in the stock available for export. The new crop will add 115,000,000 to the list over.

It is not a problem that the wheat does not exist in the world—it is entirely a problem of shipping, which has thrown on America the obligation of dropping our stock with the Allies.

formances on the piano, declamations, and original stories to which imagination was the chief factor.

Later the men were divided into six groups, under the direct of a leader, and each group performed the others with a "and. These affairs took the form of pantomime, and were an exhibition of "as its part" events. Possibility there was a "of the evening's entertainment that was never engaged and the "Six" Revue's Lunch hour came over with their and all most heartily joined a festival of song. The favorites seemed to be "Round-Eye Broadway, Hello Frater," "Over There," "The Long, Long Trail" and "Mason-Dixon Line."

The hour he closing came entirely too soon. But before the men left, all expressed their pleasure for a pleasant hour and hopes for another in the near future.

—12th Cavalry Standard

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Tuesday—Five Reels Paramount Production
Mac Murray
"MY FIRST NIGHT"

Wednesday—Five Reels Greater Vitagraph Production
Caryon Griffith
"TRANSSESSION"

Thursday—Five Reels William Fox Production
June Apper
"MISS C. S. A."

Friday—Five Reels William A. Brady Production
ALL-STAR CAST
SPECIAL BRADY FEATURE

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