

AMERICAN LEGION RAISING \$5,000,000 ENDOWMENT.

The American Legion is making a country-wide drive for a five-million dollar endowment fund, the income from which will be used for rehabilitation work and in the care of the orphans and families of veterans of the world war.

During the first six years of reconstruction which have followed the world war the very large responsibility for the disabled and the orphans has not been met by the Legion without assistance from other Americans.

In realization of this fact, as shown by experience, the American Legion is raising, during the early part of 1925, an endowment fund of \$5,000,000, of which the income (estimated at \$225,000 yearly) will guarantee a solid financial basis in perpetuity for the programs of disabled men's rehabilitation and child welfare.

The Legion is asking this endowment fund from its own members and the American public jointly. The Legion asks it confidently in the knowledge that it will be given, and that it will be the backbone of the most important public service confronting the American people today.

The constantly growing casualty list, as men die by the thousands each year from wound and disease incurred in the world war, accentuates this need. The accumulating discovery of these children in almshouses, in unhappy and unfit homes of distant relatives unable or unwilling to give proper care, in the very streets and alleys sometimes, has wrung the heart of the Legion.

Water Softening Based on Taste of Consumer Rather Than on Health.

The problem of water softening seems to be a question of consumer taste rather than of physiology or health, according to Ross A. Thuma, chemist and bacteriologist, of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Figures of the United States Geological Survey indicate that there are more than twenty-three million people in the United States who drink water under a certain degree of hardness with apparently no ill effects.

From this it is deduced that hardness of water has no noticeable effect on the health of consumers. Water softening removes from water two elements, calcium and magnesium, says Mr. Thuma.

Removing water from the food list, therefore, leaves only the taste of the consumer to be considered. This characteristic is important from the consumers' point of view.

Rubbers to Cover Shoes First Used Century Ago.

Just a hundred years ago Thomas C. Wales, a Yankee boot and shoe merchant of Boston, bought from a wandering sailor a number of crudely made shoes fashioned from "India rubber" by South American natives.

Mr. Wales, however, saw in them what Dr. Johnson once called "the potentiality of wealth beyond the dreams of avarice." He conceived the idea of shaping rubber shoes over the standard lasts so that they might be worn over shoes to protect them from the weather.

Texas Fig Industry

The fig industry in southeastern Texas is growing rapidly and possibly not more than half of the trees have yet come into bearing. Thousands of acres have been planted during the last two years, and several large plantings will be put in this winter, according to local reports.

FACE FAILURE WHEN FETTERED BY FEAR

Lack of Confidence Great Handicap in Life.

"I'm afraid I can't," said one man, when asked to do something unusual, and a trifle difficult. He tried—and failed.

A domestic servant asked to carry a tray of ornaments downstairs, murmured: "I'm afraid I'll drop them." And she did.

Said a young man, also asked to do something a little out of the ordinary: "I fear I can't manage it." He tried—and failed.

Look at those three statements—quite ordinary ones—and then split them in halves.

I'm afraid—I can't. I'm afraid—I'll drop them. I fear—I can't manage it.

Do you see the startling significance? On the right hand are the results, self-stated. They sprang from the left-hand cause. Fear, with its self-hypnotizing and demoralizing effect on mind and muscle, had made failure certain.

Insert a "so" between the split sentences ("I'm afraid, so I can't"; "I'm afraid, so I'll drop them"; "I fear, so I can't manage it") and the significance becomes quite clear. Failure is practically asked for. Of a hundred tasks, how many would be accomplished if "I'm afraid" prefaced each?

The other day a professor of industrial psychology said, and with truth, that amongst servants it was the fear of breakage that led to breakage. The fear affected the nerves, and they in turn spoiled the grip and made the muscles useless.

Have you ever noticed the curious "deadening effect of your legs and feet when, hurrying for a train, you've muttered to yourself: "I'm afraid I'll miss it?" That's the muscular result of mental fear.

The moral is obvious. We shall do nothing worth doing—no deed that may bring fame, honor, money, position, or advancement—if we put ourselves into a state of fear with that fatal "I'm afraid."

Find Rare Maori Relics

A Maori burial cave of great antiquity and importance has been found in wild mountainous country in Auckland province, Australia. It contained many hundreds of skeletons in an excellent state of preservation. The discoverers were lowered into the cave by ropes. They were met by an eerie light as the candlelight flickered on the grinning skulls of the dead warriors of many generations.

The Cubist Portrait

Joseph E. Widener, noted connoisseur, said at a luncheon in Philadelphia:

"John Sargent hadn't a very high opinion of cubist art. He told me one day in his Chelsea studio how a rich young Englishman had had his portrait painted by a cubist, and how he took it home and showed it to his valet.

"What do you think of that, Jorkins?" he said.

"Oh, sir, it's divine," said Jorkins. "It's heavenly. It's grand."

"Of course, Jorkins, you know who it is?"

"Of course, sir," said Jorkins. "Of course it's you or your respected man, sir."

Gentle Hint

Buddy Cohen recently acquired a brand new fishing pole and to celebrate the event landed the biggest fish caught off the Redondo pier the next Sunday. But even the most expert angler gets hungry and though Buddy had been told not to ask for anything to eat, it was a case of satisfy his stomach or pass out of the picture.

At this moment a young lady came along, wearing some flowers, and Buddy was equal to the opportunity. "Daddy," he said, "do you like the smell of flowers?"

Max admitted that he did.

"But," said Buddy, "I like the smell of cookies better, don't you?"—Los Angeles Times.

Demolish House of Berlioz

Lovers of old Paris are lamenting the demolition of a house in Montmartre in which Berlioz lived and where he composed "The Damnation of Faust," his masterpiece. During the demolition, which is to be replaced by an up-to-date hotel, a party of admirers of the celebrated musician visited it and made a demonstration of regret. Berlioz, who introduced several novel instrumental effects, occupied a place among the great French composers.

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HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE. When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 1. Grid with numbers 1-57. Includes horizontal and vertical clues.

- Horizontal. 1—Armed stronghold 2—Strand of hair 3—Drama with music 4—To blind 5—River (Spanish) 6—To come back 7—To stop skain 8—Highest point, as of perfection (pl.) 9—Cook in oven 10—Church seat 11—To prevaricate 12—Conjunction 13—African antelope 14—To utter 15—The union of three persons in one Godhead (theol.) 16—Immature flower 17—Before (poetic) 18—Antitoxin 19—Rug 20—Any aggregation of people having same customs, laws, etc. 21—Combining form meaning bird 22—Conjunction 23—Ancient Scottish landholder 24—Yermillon 25—To distribute 26—Vehicle 27—River (Spanish) 28—To come back 29—To stop skain 30—Highest point, as of perfection (pl.) 31—Talks wildly 32—Tablet 33—To try 34—Father 35—The union of three persons in one Godhead (theol.) 36—To court 37—Silent 38—Mistake 39—Any aggregation of people having same customs, laws, etc. 40—Combining form meaning bird 41—Conjunction 42—Ancient Scottish landholder 43—Yermillon 44—Killed

HORRORS OF NEXT WAR ALMOST BEYOND BELIEF.

The war of the future will be one hundred per cent. efficient, according to General Nollet, of the French General Staff. Just what this means may be gathered from a glance at the mechanical perfection of the death-dealing instruments that would be utilized in the event of such an awful holocaust.

Instead of liquid fire, we have now Lewisite gas, which is invisible, sinks and would search out every dug-out and cellar, while it also attacks the skin and almost always kills, having a spread fifty times greater than that of any other poison gas. A dozen of these Lewisite air bombs will practically eliminate the population of such cities as Berlin or Paris.

Formal declarations of war will become obsolete. There will be no warning. Tanks will be used like super-dreadnaughts, for this is the verdict reached at the recent British army maneuvers. They will crush whole villages in their crawling annihilation.

Poison gases will even destroy the productivity of the soil for many years to come, as was the case in some instances in France during the last conflict. The contemplation of the horrors and the chaos in life that must inevitably follow such a cataclysm would overshadow any disaster the world has ever witnessed, including the black plague of the Middle Ages, or even the flood of Noah's days.

Solution to Cross-word Puzzle No. 6

Crossword puzzle grid with solution words: POST, MAST, COCOON, BABOON, OUT, ARE, TRI, IN, AVERT, ON, NC, ERA, TON, SE, EASEL, HEAVE, IS, TI, CLASH, CLAMP, NO, YEA, OIL, AM, AL, TREAD, TO, ILK, EMS, PEA, LIEGES, TALENT, EARN, TART.

Real Estate Transfers. Fred L. Decker to Samuel P. Zerby, et ux, tract in Bellefonte; \$3,000. Chauncey M. Depew, et ux, to Savings and Trust company of Indiana, tract in Snow Shoe Twp.; \$1.

George W. Hosterman, et al, to L. C. Stover, tract in Haines Twp.; \$50. Alice S. Miller to Hannah Stover, tract in Ferguson Twp.; \$1. Mollie S. Neese, et bar, to W. D. Zerby, tract in Spring Twp.; \$1,000. W. D. Zerby, et ux, to John W. Neese, et ux, tract in Spring Twp.; \$1,000.

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