

MARKS WORK AT F. MYER CAMP

New Jersey and Pennsylvania Boys Send Home an "All's Well"

HAPPY IN ARMY WORK

Student Officers in Strictly Military Atmosphere at Post Near Capital

By a Staff Correspondent FORT MYER, Va., June 1.—There are several hundred Pennsylvania and New Jersey boys among the 1500 young men at the officers' reserve training camp here.

The boys are in the physical training of the camp, and are now selecting their officers. The physical director of the camp is Captain Herman Kessler.

It is hard work. The hard training is having no bad effect on the men. They are showing grit in their work.

In talking with the EVENING LEDGER'S correspondent many expressed an admiration for the way in which things were handled in the army.

For a while the young officers here drew hysterical over a threatened shortage of uniforms and equipment.

The spirit of competition is keen among the prospective officers. There is a typical American open and fair manner of playing the game to win.

Every man is striving to do his best and become the most popular of his comrades.

The writer saw the evidence of this when he first arrived at the grounds.

In just about half a second the whole company understood and took the "officer from the ranks" at his word.

Right on the edge of the Fort Myer reservation, the boys are situated in an especially military atmosphere.

The men are exceptionally well suited with the camp conditions.

"Tell the people from home that we are getting along all right.

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An effort is being made to obtain additional land in this section for the use of the children.

Canadian Banks to Close Tuesday. The Canadian Bankers' Association at a meeting held yesterday decided to close all banks of the city and county next Tuesday.

ITALY NOT CONTENT TO BE CURATOR OF A HISTORICAL MUSEUM

A GAME OF GUESSING WHO IS THE GREATEST AMERICAN PROPHET

Edward E. Slosson Names His Man in a Book in Which He Also Interprets the Teachings of Four Englishmen and a German

IF ONE were asked offhand to name the greatest living American prophet, one's first inclination would be to ask what is meant by a prophet.

Edward E. Slosson, the literary editor of the Independent, has discovered twelve prophets in the world, only one of whom is an American.

John Dewey is named as the greatest living American prophet. He started with that and led the child's mind along the path of least resistance.



JOHN DEWEY

expounded the teachings of six of them, and they were all Europeans. He has just written another book, in which he explains the teachings of the other six.

I asked Doctor McFabre, who had just come in to have a talk with me, if he could guess the name of Mr. Slosson's greatest American prophet.

"The penalty for failure," I remarked, "will be that Mr. Slosson will call you a pagan, unless there is no meaning in the Mohammedan proverb with which he begins his book.

"Well, name your man." "I do not know whether he is Slosson's man, but I have no hesitation in naming Woodrow Wilson."

"I know a number of persons who agree with you, but, according to the Mohammedan standard, or Mr. Slosson's, you are still in danger of dying the death of a pagan."

"What's that? Doctor McFabre a pagan? I don't believe it." This from Dorothy Owen, who had just entered with Carthy Ames.

"I agree with you," remarked The Lady, for whom Roosevelt is both hero and prophet.

"You are both wrong," said Ames, with the assurance of superior knowledge.

"Don't torture me any longer," protested The Lady, "give them a chance to escape from paganism while there is time."

"John Dewey," said I, and waited. It was amusing to see the blank expression on their faces.

"I've heard of George Dewey and Melville Dewey," said Doctor McFabre, "but never of John."

"You needn't be ashamed. The Encyclopedia Britannica never heard of him either," said I.

to find out what a child was interested in. Then he started with that and led the child's mind along the path of least resistance.

"There certainly was room for reform," Doctor McFabre reflected.

"His work in philosophy has been as original as his work in education. Some one has called him a pragmatist."

"What is a pragmatist?" Dorothy wanted to know.

"Epistemologically, it is nominalism, psychologically, voluntarism; cosmologically, energetic metaphysics; agnostically, ethically, meliorism; on the basis of the Bentham-Mill-utilitarianism."

"This is only a German definition of it," said I. "It is safer to go to the dictionary. You will find there that pragmatism is the doctrine that the purpose of thinking is to develop beliefs which shall serve as general principles of conduct."

"A pretty good doctrine," said the clergyman. "But who are this man Slosson's other prophets?"

"He includes Rudolph Eucken, a German philosopher; F. C. S. Schiller, an English philosopher; and Bernard Shaw, H. G. Wells and Gilbert Chesterton, also Englishmen if Shaw will permit himself to be thus classified."

"Eucken might be classified as a prophet and so might Schiller," Doctor McFabre conceded, "but I am not willing at the present moment to concede as much to any of these other Britillers. They are entertaining and they provoke thought, but just now I would prefer to have the Mohammedans regard me as a pagan rather than recognize them as the great interpreters of my generation."

"But Shaw is a great man," Ames said with an air of finality.

"Perhaps," his uncle conceded; "but I have never been able to regard a man great who had his tongue in his cheek whenever he said anything."

"My experiment has succeeded," said I with considerable satisfaction. "I was curious whether Mr. Slosson's attempt to arouse an interest in notable contemporaries was worth while. I am mostly certain that as soon as Ames leaves Dorothy at her house tonight he will hasten to his American encyclopedia to find out what it says about Dewey. Then he will go to the library for 'How We Think'—that is a good book to begin with—and prepare to pass judgment on the greatness of this distinguished American. And he will read the Englishmen with a new curiosity. And I should not be surprised if Dorothy saw more in Wells hereafter than a mere story. If she should read Mr. Slosson's book first she might know better what to look for. It is an excellent guide to the social and moral philosophy of the six men."

GEORGE W. DOUGLASS. SIX MAJOR PROPHETS. By Edward E. Slosson. Pp. 152. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. \$1.50.

ITALY'S OFFERING TO WORLD POLITICS

Her Doctrine of Nationalism on Racial Lines May Remake Europe

We are likely to have greater respect for the edge of the ocean when the war is over than we ever had before. We are sure to have it if we have any understanding of what that country has done.

Mr. Wallace calls attention to the fact that the Italians are the people who blazed the trail of nationalism on racial lines when they formed the united Italian state and created a new nation. He declares that this contribution to the historical evolution of Europe is one of the most important factors in the political progress of the nineteenth century.

Italy now demands the Trentino and Trieste at the point of the sword in order that the Italians of that part of Europe may be incorporated in the Italian nation. Italy will come out of the war a much stronger nation than she entered it. She has grown weary of playing the role of curator of a museum of historical antiquities and her eyes are fixed on the future.

GREAT WORK OF ITALY IN THE WAR

E. Alexander Powell Tells the Story of Victories Won Over Great Obstacles

The author of "Fighting in Flanders" and "Vive la France," to cite only two of his more recent books, has written a book on Italy in the war. It is a new and valuable contribution to the war literature, and one which does not come as an unnecessary addition to an overcrowded field.

RUSSIA EXPLAINED FOR AMERICANS

Richardson Wright's Interpretation of the Land of the Czars Is Sane and Sympathetic

Richardson Wright, who lived in Philadelphia from his birth in 1846 until his graduation from Trinity College in 1870, is a young man who does not take his opinions ready-made from others.

For example, that "active and destructive" Russia has often been the doing of adolescents, the idealistic madness of undergraduates and of men and women with sophomore minds.

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