GOSSIP OF THE STREET

PERMANENT EXPERT SALES FORCE FOR FUTURE GOVERNMENT LOANS

Governor of the New York Federal Reserve Makes First Move in That Direction. Gossip of the Street

A SUGGESTION made in this column during the second Liberty Loan campaign, in reference to the formation of a permanent bond sales force in connection with the Federal Reserve banks, made up of picked men who had shown special ability in the two Liberty Loan campaigns, to dispose of Government securities at all times, is being put into execution by the New York Federal Reserve Bank. It appears that Governor Strong, of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, has addressed a letter to a number of prominent investment houses who donated gratuitously the services of their men to the committees in charge of the two Liberty Loan campaigns, asking them to report the names of men whom they desired to see placed with the reserve bank's force, which will be placed at the disposal of the Liberty Loan Committee when the next loan appears. The letter also indicated that the Federal Reserve Bank was preparing to relieve the firms of part of the expense entailed in keeping up their organization.

Bond men who had heard of this action by the New York Federal Reserve Bank spoke very favorably of the action, as the matter of building up a permanent expert force in connection with the sale of Government securities was very freely discussed at the time of the second

Distributing the War Tax Load

The purchase by the United States Steel Corporation of \$550,000,000 of United States Government certificates of indebtedness, which it will hold until next June, for the purpose of distributing the enormous war taxes which the corporation will be called upon to pay over a sufficient period so as to prevent a financial strain at any one period, is an example which could well be followed by other firms and corporations over the country with profit and convenience. Many of our local banks, notably the Corn Exchange Bank. Chestnut at Second street, have sent out warnings to their customers not to emit creating a fund large enough to meet these taxes, so that their payment may not create an unusual strain, This particular bank has shown the way by setting aside large amounts from time to time to meet its own taxes.

In purchasing these \$250,000,000 worth of certificates, Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the corporation, said:

"The corporation thoroughly believes in these Government certificates.. We are holding them for next June. That shows how we feel.

"Big taxpayers will be doing their country and the business community a great service in responding generously to the new offering of certificates of indebtedness. It is highly necessary that the payment of the huge war taxes be distributed over a sufficient period of time. If we are to avoid strain and confusion at a time when it is most necessary that our economic and financial machinery should be working smoothly.

"As for the securities themselves, I need hardly do more than point to the example of the Steel Corporation's investment in them as proof of my recommendation. They have the security of the United States behind them, they bear 4 per cent interest and they allow the investor certain tax-exemption privileges. He may, therefore, through his investment in them do both himselt and his country a favor."

Farm Loan Misunderstanding Explained

The recent agitation in the press regarding the Federal farm loan system yesterday brought out the following comment by an investment banking house which has been thoroughly familiar with the system since its inception:

"The Farm Loan Board at the time the system was put into operation was allowed under the terms of the act a difference of not exceeding 1 per cent per annum between the rate at which bonds were issued and the rate charged farmers. This was known to be less than the cost of beginning and operating the system during its early stages, but it was assumed that farm-loan bonds would advance in price to such an extent that a liberal profit would be afforded to the land banks, and that this profit, together with the one-half of 1 per cent per annum between the bond rate of 41/2 per cent and the mortgage rate of 5 per cent, would suffice to operate the system. The system, of course, is not designed to be a moneymaking scheme, but to loan money to legitimate farming interests at a consistent and reasonable rate. With the changing market conditions the expected premium on the bonds did not materialize. In fact, it became evident that in order to sell a large volume of bonds it would have to be reduced. Therefore the board determined—so that the farmers would not assume they were going to get mortgage money at 5 per cent-to serve notice that the rate hereafter would be 5% per cent. This will apply to ail loans which were not arranged for prior to the serving of that notice. This has been assumed by some newspapers, and some politicians for political reasons, to presage an increase in the rate borne by farm-loan bonds. The actual fact is that the Farm Loan Board does not contemplate any change in the rate of the bonds.

"The Government has recognized how highly important it is to encourage the production of foodstuffs, and this fact is well known by the entire public. The Government also recognizes that the best way to encourage the production of foodstuffs is to see that legitimate farming interests receive loans wherever they are entitled to them. To that end there is now pending in Congress a bill, which has the approval of the Administration, authorizing the purchase by the Secretary of the Treasury of not exceeding \$100,000,000 of farm-loan bonds during the year 1918. It in all probability will become a law, having already been passed by the Senate. Under its operation the banks will be enabled to continue to make loans and the Treasury of the United States will absorb the bonds as issued, and they will be allowed to come on the market only as the investment de nand justifies. The passage of this act is important to the Treasury Department also, because it will automatically prevent any clash between the marketing of farm-loan bonds and the Government financing itself.

"Certain newspaper articles would indicate to any one not familiar with the Federal farm loan system and its operations that the system was financially embarrassed. In fact, some statements are made that it was tending toward insolvency. Nothing could be further from the facts. The only thing that the farm loan system will be confronted with in case Congress refuses to authorize the Treasury Department to buy the bonds as stated above would be a cessation of new loans to farmers. In other words, one might just as well say that because a savings bank momentarily had no funds which it could loan out to people wanting the money on real estate mortgages it was insolvent. The system up to this time is undoubtedly operating very smoothly and bids fair to be of untold benefit to the small farming interests throughout the entire country."

Bonuses Exempt in Income Taxation

The decision of Commissioner of Internal Revenue Daniel C. Roper in reference to the taxation of persons whose incomes are dirived in part from gifts or bonuses will be welcomed in many quarters.

It is to the effect that "special payments, sometimes denominated gifts or bonuses, made by corporations, partnerships or individuals to officers or employes, will constitute allowable deduction from gross income in ascertaining net income for the purpose of the income tax, when such payments are made in good faith and as additional compensation for the services actually rendered by the officers or employes." The decision further goes on to say that "special payments made to officers or employes, although in the form of additional salaries or compensation, will be regarded as a special distribution of profits or compensation for the capital invested and not as payment for services rendered, if the amount of such payments is based upon or bears a close relationship to the stock holdings of such officers or employes or to the capital invested by them in business." In this latter case payments made under such conditions partake of the nature of dividends or distributions of dividends and will not be deductable from gross income

The Interest Rate of Next Liberty Loan

The canard in reference to a new issue of Liberty Bonds at 41/2 per cont, which was so effectually nailed by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, was still a subject of discussion in many investment houses on Saturday. It was acknowledged that a new issue must come some time in the future and in fact the Secretary had already said that it would probably be necessary for the Government to provide \$10,000,000,000 by other means than taxation to carry on the war to June next. When it is taken into consideration that of this amount \$2,000,000,000 will probably be raised by war-saving stamps, the deduction that the next loan may be \$8,000,-909,000 is simple.

But it was the rate of interest which provoked the most discussion Many of those who expressed an opinion said the next loan would unibtedly carry 4 per cent, but that there would be modifications in the matter of taxation. One banker said that it is likely in all probability an increase would be made in the amount which a man could carry free of taxation, and he was in favor of making the individual holdings der this provision anywhere from \$25,000 to \$50,000, thus offering an decement to large investors which the 4 per cent second Liberty Loan test. This seemed to be the popular opinion on the subject.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS

GRAIN AND FLOUR

WHEAT—Receipts, 71.066 bush. The market was steady. Pollowing are the quotations (car lots. In Pollowing and Indiana, 1988). S. 2.12.13 (No. 1988). S. 2.13 (No. 1988). S. 2.14 (No. 1988). S. 2.23 (

13c; special brands of prints jobbing at 5 558 57c.

EGGS.—Fine eggs scarce and firm with demand absorbing the offerings. The quotations were as fittes: Free cases, hearing firsts, \$17.100 ff. 40 per standard case current receipts, \$15.40 per stans, \$17.100 ff. 40 per stans, \$17.100 ff. 40 per same; seconds, \$15.500 ff. 40 per same; seconds, \$15.500 ff. 40 per same; firsts, \$1.40 per same; seconds, \$10.500 ff. 10 per seconds among seconds and seconds seconds seconds. \$10.500 ff. 10 per seconds seconds

POULTRY

Pekin, 26@28c do, Indian Runner, 22% 24c; turkeys, 27@28c; geese, 25@28c; gui-teas, young, per pair, weighting 14 @2the, aptece, 60@70c; do, do, do, smaller sizes, 50@60c; do, old, per pair, 53c;60c; pigcons, old, per pair 24@26c; do, young, per pair, 20%20c. old, per pair 24sg26c; do, young, per pair, 20sg22c.
DHESSED—Turkeys of fine quality were well cleaned up and firm, but there was some stock which had been delayed in transit and was a little off in quality and had to be worked off at concessions. Other kinds of poultry were generally firm. The quotations follow: Turkeys, fresh-killed, nearby, spring, dry-pleked, fancy, Dolaware and Maryland, 22c. Vigrinia and 336 436; do, dry-picked, fancy, 30-6 46c. dry regions at 405 42c. fair to good, 43-6 36c. do, do toms, 24-6 25c. do, dd toms, 24-9 36c. common, 24-6 25c. Fowls, 12 to box, milk-fed, dry-picked, fancy, selected 30c; do, weighing 4½ lbs, and over aphece, 25c; weighing 4½ lbs, and over aphece, 25c; weighing 4½ lbs, and cover aphece, 25c; weighing 45c, and cover aphece, 25c; weighing 45c, and and cover aphece, 25c; weighing 1bs, and cover aphece, 25c; weighing 1bs, and cover aphece, 25c; weighing 1bs, and cover aphece and cover aphece, 25c; weighing 1bs, and cover aphece, 25c; weighing 2bs, a Old roosters, drychicked, 22c, Broding chickens, weighting 1a 92 he apiece, Jersey, chickens, weighting 1a 92 he apiece, Jersey, chickens, weighting 1a 92 he apiece, Jersey, and the state of the state

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VEGETABLES

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NEW YORK BUTTER AND EGGS

Warren Bros. Pass Oividend

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Warren Brothers Company has passed the dividend on the common stock. The company had been paying \$1 quarterly on the present \$100 par stock. Dividends were started in Pebruary, 1916, at the rate of 50 cents a share quarterly on the than \$50 par stock.

by Great Britain, Show Present Tendency

Saving Quantities of Virgin . Wood

No. 4 wheats—Maximum price containing for No. 4 soft rea.

12.18 Or No. 4 red. \$2.21 No. 4 soft rea.

12.18 No. 5 wheats—Maximum price containing for over 14.25 per cent moisture. 6c inner No. 1 or No. 5 red. \$2.19 No. 5 soft red. \$2.21 No. 5 red. \$2.10 No. 5 r Sample wheets—Handled on merits, but in Sample wheets—Handled on merits, but it has been done in a quiet way, chiefly due to the fact that it has not been standardized in the same way as each sample basis of the class and subsets. Specifically shall be determined, each sample basis of the class and subsets. Specifically shall be determined to same the sample basis of the class and subsets. Specifically sp

one. Our lots for local trade, as to one western, Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5, yellow one. Western, Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5, yellow one. Western, Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5, yellow one. More than the street of the state of the wool trade have become specialised, and how the different qualities are dealt with. There is wisdom in this because any ordinary reader can see the still uname to clothe and equip the last fellowed in the still still

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The question is well worth discus-ing as ta what spinners hard waste is, is simply short lengths of a wor-sted yarn made by the piecers during garnetted-that is, opened out and made just as free and open as scoured wool. They are all used by the woolen trade and are fetching a big price today. The following are the old and new lists of

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trade would be controlled, but circum- today is to be credited. products of the trade are being called into use more and more for military fabrics; and as all the various wastes are being made from Government-owned tops, it was natural for them to be controlled. stances have made it absolutely essen-

KANE'S NEW ASSISTANT

Samuel Rosenbaum, Who Can Speak German, Will Aid U. S. Attorney

Due to the many alien enemy cases coming before United States Attorney Francis Fisher Kane and the necessity of having a law assistant who can speak the German language, Samuel Rosen-baum, of 215 East Cliveden street, Ger-

versity of Pennsylvania Law School in 1913 and after spending two years in the London courts, England, returned to this city and wrote a book on "The Pule Making Authority in the English Supreme Court." He is counsel for the American Judicatory Society and re-cently returned from Washington, where he was attached to the staff of the Judge Advocate General.

WRECKAGE WASHES ASHORE

Jersey Coast Guards Pick Up Evidence of Marine Disaster

Mute evidence of a marine disaster was washed up on the Jersey shore, according to a report today from the United States coast guard station at

Cape May, N. J.

Finding of a fifty-foot piece of wreckage was reported to the station by coast guards. The wreckage bore letters indicating that it came from a vessel built at Bath, Me., with its home port in New York. Shipping records are being scanned for a trace of missing ships that could be connected with the find.

Hazleton Elks Remember Poor HAZICION Files Remember Poor
HAZICION, Pa. Dec. 24.—Checks
ranging from \$3 to \$10 for the purchase of groceries, clothing and other
necessities have been sent out by the
Hazicion Lodge of Eliks to 115 poor
families of the region as a Christmas
remembrance. All the cases had been
investigated by a committee. On
Christmas morning several hundred boys
and girls whose parents are too poor
to bring them Santa Claus cheer will
receive gifts and candies at the rooms
of the Elks.

LARGE IN AGGREGATE

Revised Waste Prices, Issued Lack of Clothes and Guns Abuses That Need Prompt

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> Thus for politics has been absent in the investigations. Democratic probers have gone after facts with real equal to, if not greater than, their Republican colleagues. Republican leaders, however, make no secret of their belief that dismake no secret of their belief that dis-closures to date have furnished abun-dant material for the coming congres-sional campaign. They insist the war department has violated the cardinal precept of war management—"time in everything"—and gone to needless lengths to super-exactifule in ride and lengths to super-exactitude in rifle and machine gun requirements, sacrificing

the spinning operation. When a thread of yarn breaks it has to be pieced, a little thread always being wasted in the operatives, soid and then sorted by the dealers into the different qualities. These thread wastes are then taken and the thread always are then taken and the different qualities. These thread wastes are then taken and the thread always being wasted in the operatives, soid and then sorted by the different qualities. more to be inquired about. The coal question hasn't been touched yet. The railroad problem is still awaiting solution. Aircraft production is on the outskirts of the town. The troops tonment contracts, especially the "cost to-plus" kind denounced as "vicious" by many Senators, are to come in for thorough sifting. The investigators have plenty of work ahead of them for

> Buenos Aires Believes No Further Action Will Be Taken Against Germany

against Germany, even in view of the 78 latest and most rensational Luxburg Mixed colors of the Labor party begins

It was never thought that the waste disclosures, if reliable uncflicial opinion in pistol shot. The winding course of Trade union organizations in all parts

uals connected with the newspaper Le Union because of revelations of German

POPE ASKS CHILDREN TO PRAY FOR PEACE

rifice of Americans

ROME Dec. 24.

Pope Benedict today sent to the people of America in a statement to the United Press, through the papal Secretary of State, this Christmas message:

The Holy Fither sends to the people of America his cordial greetings and prays that they may take to heart in this time of strife and suffering the true lessons of the Christmastide—the lessons of God's unceasing love for mankind and the lesson of unfaltering cour-

belongs to pray with all their hearts to the Babe of Bethlehem that He may protect their loved ones and give back to the world that peace which He came to bring upon earth.

U. S. TO INVESTIGATE

Probe of Transportation Facilities for Men on War Work Is Promised

receive gifts and candies at the rooms of the Eliks.

Negro Bandit Shot

CHESTER. Pa., Dec. 24—Charles
Altshuler, a jeweler, was attacked Sunday by Howard Carroll, a negro. Altshuler had stepped from his automobile to call at the house of Nathaniel Johnson, when he was knocked down by Carroll. Altshuler got to his knees, drew a revolver and fired two shots, one of which took effect in the chest of Carroll, who is dying in the Chester Hospital.

Wilmington Soldier Says Thought He had Permission to Leave

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 24.-Lewis W. Preston, a son of Building Inspector Ellis P. Preston, was taken in custody Saturday on the charge of desertion from the camp at Anniston, Ala.

It is said by the Government authoriit is said by the covernment authorities that young Preston left the camp without permission. The young man says he thought he had permission and it is known that he came here to spend Christmas with his parents and intended

WILSON AIDES SEND

American people should enter the hristmas season glad that they are today fighting "to save mankind from the evil power that would destroy them." That was the message from officials

to the nation today.

The world celebrates the birth of Him who taught markind the principles of life on which rest our modern civilizasaid Secretary of State Lansing are engaged in a mighty struggle to preserve those principles and save mankind from the evil power which would destroy them."

indeed be the merriest of all Christ-mases in the hope and faith that makes us glad and not ashamed or our present sorrow and sacrifice."

What would life be without liberty?"

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gone to a far foreign shore, said Sec-retary of War Baker, 'find comfort in the knowledge that our sober obsev-ance of this day is not lacking in appreciation of their sacrifices and de-

IN TAKING BETHLEHEM

British by Night Advance Outwitted Turks, Who Had

Fortified Town

Fortified Town

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The capture of Bethlehem is described as one of the most brilliant pleces of work during the recent operations in Palestine, in a dispatch from Reuter's corresponding to the control of the control priceless days and weeks and months.
Looking into the future the investigators found themselves still confronted a dispatch from Reuter's correspond-

which had been ordered to take the town deployed by night far to the left. threatening the Turkish line of re-The investigators treat and compelling the Turks to withdraw.

Welsh troops then entered Bethle-

hem at daybreak.
"Since the Turks were driven out of Jerusalem they have been conducting guerrilla warfare to the north 1nd east of the city, splitting up into numerous small bodies to attack Brit-ish outposts, to snipe patrols and gen-erally to make themselves unpleasant. "Such tactics are greatly facilitated

by the fact that the country is so hilly and intersected by so many ra-vines and small rivers. To improve the British position the taking of cer-tain ridges has been ordered so that there may be a wider range of defense. All these moves have been successfully carried out. "A remarkable opportunity to view

the Jordan is clearly visible and motor-

two points in Palestine, according to a up for debate.

General Allenby reports that at midnight of December 20-21 our troops, crossing the Nahr el Auja (four miles north of Jaffa, on the Mediterranean) on rafts and light bridges, seized Khurbet, Hadrah. Shek Muannts. Terr Rekket and El Nakhras. These localities are near the mouth of the river and include commanding ground three miles north of it. They captured 295 prisoners, eleven of whom were officers and ten machine guns.

Other forces captured Ras ex Zandy, two miles northeast of Bethany, taking thirty prisoners, two machine guns and beating off three counter-attacks. General Allenby also reported the following capture since the commencement of operations: Ninety-nine guns and howitzers with carriages; about 400 limbers, wagons and other vehicles; 118 machine guns; more than 7000 rifles; 10,500,000 rounds of small-arm ammunition, and more than 50,000 rounds of gun and howitzer ammunition, besides various other stores.

NEW INTERESTS HOLD TENER

Better Highways Precede Baseball,

terests with which he has become iden-tified. He announced, in no uncertain terms, that he intended to devote him-self to the construction of better high-ways throughout the country. "After several years in the national game," he said, "I am now devoting myself to national service in the build-

s. TO INVESTIGATE
CAR LINE TO CHESTER

myself to national service in the building of better roads throughout the country. While, of course, Pennsylvania politics and the great national game always will hold warm spots in my heart. I am now going back to that field of indeavor that always interested me-the construction of highway systems, a ne cessity in this time of war."

> Day After Christmas Will Not Be Spent in Idleness This Year

men will work the day following Christmas, which in former years was usually a day of idieness. The miners will re-spond to the appeals of their officers, the Government and the operators to lose

DENIES DESERTION CHARGE SAMMEES IN FRANCE AMERICAN AVIAT ASSURED OF TURKEYS

Soldiers and Sailors in Every Camp, on Every Ship, to Be Remembered

No Stocking Will Go Empty, and Best Qualities of French and as for Dinner, Even U-Boats Can't Spoil It

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. Turkey dinner, with all the "trim-min's" and thousands of Christmas gifts, will be the lot of the American soldiers in France tomorrow.

No soldier or sailor—in trenches, training camps, on distant seas or in home ports—will find an empty stocking. The Government will provide the Christmas dinner and the merrymaking, generous relatives and the Christmas dinner and the merry-making; generous relatives and friends have supplied an abundance of gifts. No nation in the world ever has done more to brighten the Christmas morning of its fighting forces.

It is the nation's first Christmas in the world war, and while there cannot be peace, there will be good-will for all. The war Christmas will be observed with feasts, gifts, religious observance and merrymaking by American

servance and merrymaking by American soldiers and sailors at every camp, home and abroad, and on every ship flying the Stars and Stripes, The Quartermaster's Department

The Quartermaster's Department is stated positively that the delay We are engaged in a mighty struggle preserve those principles and save sankind from the evil power which could destroy them."

Vice President Marshall: "Let this General Pershing's forces for Christ-

> MENU ON A BATTLESHIP An example of what the enlisted men in the navy will get is given by the commander of one battleship. The

Fresh Fruit Coffee Transports have carried to France pproximately 650 tons of Christmas ifts for the men of the expeditionary orces through special arrangements age was in excess of twenty pounds in weight and there were about 250,000 separate parcels. These were received from relatives and friends at the des-

wear, razors, watches, kits of toilet articles and books. Nearly every package contained quantities of sweet

PERSHING DISTRIBUTES GIFTS The great consignment of Christmas gifts, according to advices from General Pershing, were received on time and the thousands of packages distributed among the members of the expeditionary forces, who promised, at least, not to open their boxes until Christmas morn-

BRITISH LABOR PLANS BIG WAR CONFERENCE

Questions of Radical Governmental Changes to Be Debated on January 23

Evening Pablic Ledger

BUENOS AIRES Dec. 24.

Argentina will not proceed further gainst Germany, even in view of the itest and most sensational Luxburg isclosures, if reliable unofficial opinion of Palestine objects 5000 to 5000 on January 23, when the annual con-away look as if they were with.

Trade union organizations in all parts

offensive or defensive. of the United Kingdom will be sented, and it was stated here today that resolutions containing radical recommendations have already been drawn

> The Times, in speaking of the forthoming conference, said:
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> It will be an event of far-reaching importance, affecting not only the immediate national task of prosecuting the war, but also the future balance of political parties and the Government as well.

The matter of reorganizing the Labor party, already one of the strongest in England, will be brought up, and the question of peace probably will take a leading place in the debate.

Among the resolutions drawn up are three recommending that in the future the members of the cabinet be elected by the House of Commons, instead of being appointed by the Premier; that the members of the Labor party now holding ministerial posts withdraw, and that the labor organization in the bel-ligerent countries either participate in the peace negotiations when they finally come, or else hold a simultaneous con-ference. Three resolutions similar in content have been drawn up by the Independent Labor party, the British Socialist party and the Glasgow Trades Council asking for an early conference of labor representatives from all coun-tries to discuss the possibility of peace. The meeting will last three days and

BERLIN STOPS VORWAERTS Socialist Newspaper Said German People Were Starving

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—The Ber-lin Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts has been ordered by the Government to suspend publication for three days.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Suspension of Vorwaerts is considered here as a warn-ing to the German press that it must curb its tongue in the discussion of the internal German conditions. Although the Vorwaerts for a long time has been in the hands of the so-called "government-controlled So-cialists," it recently printed some very outspoken editorials regarding internal conditions in Germany.

The official reason given for the sus-pension of the newspaper is that "the article denouncing the militaristic party's demands for the annexation of large sections of Russian territory is considered likely to stir up trouble."

Vorwaerts, in a recent article, at-tacked the system of the German food controller, Von Waldow, declaring that great masses of German people were not only hungry, but were literally starving. It also accused the "war profiteers and millionaires" of heart-ing great supplies of food.

Shown an Impossible They Promptly Go and Do It

FIRST "WAR CHRISTMAS" THEIR DARING ADMI

lish Combined in Their Technique

By HENRI BAZIN Staff Correspondent Eventag Public with the American Army in Free WITH THE AMERICAN ARM

THE FIELD, Nov. 23. An American aviator while the other day made five graceful successful loops over a certain He has since been reprimanded a machine temporarily taken away from him because looping with the type machine he was flying is expres bidden. When he made a graceful is ing and was asked by his con

officer why he had looped, he re "Sir, a French aviator told me it machine, and I just wanted to show that the impossible desn't exist in he American aviator's dictionary."

In telling me of the instance, his nmander said:

"Of course, I had to reprimand and discipline him for disobeying c but, secretly, I admired him for skill and daring, and particularly I showing that if American aviators

"What would life be without liberty?"
asked Secretary of the Navy Daniels
"Americans are fighting this Christman."
"Mock Turtle Soup Olives

Roast Turkey. Sage Dressing
Cranberry Sauce
Polatoes au Gratin
Celery.

There are three types of aviation, by
that have come under my observation
in this war. Summed up, they work as
follows:

Potatoes au Gratin
Celery
Roast Loin of Pork
Rixed Pickles
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Asparagus
Cheese and Crackers
Apple State
Chescolate Cake
The Cream
Cigars

follows:
The French are the most graceful and the most daring; the English the most dulide, taking reckless chances, willing to lose a machine and a man, which is perhaps not the best of methods, as "a punch for a punch ain't no good; you've to give the other guy two," as I have a Sammee say the other day, and the not the best of methods, as for a punch ain't no good; you've to give the other guy two." as I heard a Sammee say the other day, and the American, a fair composite of which means perhaps that the other follow will get those two punches for establishing charges and home. when our observation, chasse and being machines get full into the game

> Piccadil'y circus, or Broadway and Forty-second street about these "Somewhere" in France' these days. There are cope at every street corner controlling the traffic. They have clubs, the regular "billie" strung to their belts and gas automatic revolver in full sight.

But their uniforms are not blue; they wear the khaki of the Sammes and his discarded campaign hat. They give you the come on or the hold up by wave of the hand, and woe be upon you in you don't stop the car. After tape at night, when the towns and villages and dark as a pocket, these Sampes will dark as a pocket, these Sammee policemen are on the Job, and if your car solution in certain directions they sto you and want to see a pass. If you are on foot and you pass them they flast. pocket electric lamp in your fa

tote who you are. Very rarely do they ever have to use rest anybody clothed in their own of clothing, for the average Sammes is behaving sort of chap who obeys orders and regulations to a greater extent that any army man off duty I have seen.

As a marine said to me the last time I visited the marine camp: "What's be use gettin' the brig? There's nothin' to it. That's why there ain't many of suys in it."

A new school for men who have a trevears on their shoulders opened today in an ancient town in this training are it consists, as pupils, of majors, instant colonels and colonels of infantry,

The school will be open three mor and I was told by the officer in ch that, through General Pershing's or a careful survey has been made French and English methods, with idea of selecting the best elements to the two for service in the Americarmy. It is said in addition that be deld and staff problems will be student and that every effort will be absorb in a relatively short time theory of modern war and the new possibilities it presents.

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avestigating calendar. Supply and can-

ARGENTINA TO IGNORE LUXBURG REVELATIONS

The National Juvenile Committee,

The Buenos Aires Press Club today ex-pelled from its membership all individsubsidies to that journal.

mantown, a member of the Philadelphila bar, has been appointed as a special assistant to Mr. Kane.

Rosenbaum graduated from the Uni-

(Coppright, 1917, by the United Press)
ROME. Dec. 24.

age and sacrifice of self.
"More especially he calls upon the little children to whom this day of days

adequate transportation facilities be-tween Philadelphia and Chester for men engaged in war work will soon be made by Federal authorities at Washington. according to letters read by George E. Baker, a delegate from the Brotherhood

A vigorous investigation of alleged in

statement issued by the War Office. The statement follows: General Allenby reports that at mid-

Announces National League Head John K. Tener, former Governor of Pennsylvania and recently re-elected president of the National League, has been current, particularly in the coal field of south Wales. will be subordinated to new business in terests with which he has become iden-

MINERS TO WORK DEC. 26

HAZLETON, Pa., Dec. 24.—Leaders of the United Mine Workers of the Le-high field have given assurance that the

no unnecessary time. The United Mine Workers of the