

CAMP DIX HONORS TWO WAR HEROES

Belated Awarding of D. S. C. to Captain and Sergeant Is Colorful Event LAUDED BY SUMMERALL

The belated presentation of two Distinguished Service Crosses to heroes of the First Division for "extraordinary bravery in action," took place this morning upon the athletic grounds at Camp Dix, in the presence of hundreds of officers and men of the First Division and their friends.

The two men honored are Captain Thomas Henry, of the Twenty-eighth Infantry, and Sergeant George Nelson, of Company A, of the Eighteenth Infantry, of Salt Lake City.

The medals were presented by Major General C. P. Summerall, commanding officer of the First Division, who was joined shortly before the ceremony by Brigadier General Clarence B. Edwards, who also participated in the ceremony and review of the troops which followed.

With all the pomp of army ceremonies the awards were made before the lines of a provisional battalion of Camp Dix under the command of Captain J. B. Fountain.

This battalion was made up of two companies, one from the Twenty-eighth Infantry, under the command of First Lieutenant Paul Carter, and another from the Eighteenth Infantry, under the command of First Lieutenant D. R. Alfante.

With the two companies drawn up in "company front," facing the colors of the Eighteenth and Twenty-eighth Regiments, decorated by the streamers awarded to the companies for "valor in battle," the two men to be honored marched to a position in front of General Summerall, and after a salute the medals were pinned on.

General Summerall then made a brief address. Following the address Captain Henry and Sergeant Nelson assumed their places on the right of General Summerall to review the men of their respective commands. This is a rare honor and is only conferred upon the men who have been decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross.

The citation awarding the cross to Captain Henry says that it is conferred owing to "his extraordinary heroism displayed during a battle near Soissons, France, on July 18, 1918. As a first lieutenant he led his platoon through a heavy machine-gun fire on an attack upon a strongly fortified position held by the enemy.

"It was through his efforts that two machine guns and twenty-five of the enemy were captured. Later when wounded he refused to be evacuated to a hospital until it was found that from loss of blood he could go no farther.

The citation of Sergeant Nelson is as follows: "Awarded for extraordinary heroism in action north of Exermont, France, on October 10, 1918. When his platoon was held up by machine-gun fire from the front, Corporal Nelson and one other advanced to the gun fire front line and captured the gun and crew. Their action enabled their platoon to continue their advance successfully."

FRENCH BOY SINGER PROUD OF GENERAL NIVELLE'S GIFT

Georges Gontes, 11, Receives Wrist Watch From "Hero of Verdun" Son of War Veteran Is Embarrassed by Commander of Father's Division



Georges Gontes, 11, French boy, 2131 Pine street, who was given a wrist watch yesterday by General Nivelle, the "Hero of Verdun," after he had sung the "Marseillaise" and "Quand Madeleine" in a French army uniform.

"I shall keep it as long as I live," said Georges Gontes, the eleven-year-old French lad, who now wears a wrist watch presented to him by General Nivelle, the "hero of Verdun," at the Church of St. Sauveur, yesterday, as a reward for singing the "Marseillaise" and "Quand Madeleine."

Smartly dressed in the uniform of the Eighth Regiment, Infanterie de la Ligne of the French army, Georges posed for his photograph this morning at his home, 2131 Pine street. He could hardly keep still with the pent-up excitement of his recent experience, and his face glowed with the joy his eyes could not express, for Georges is nearly blind, and can only distinguish very large objects. Every minute or so his hand would wander to the wrist watch and carefully feel the dial and stem, or give a hitch to the strap encircling the small wrist.

"What do you think of the general?" he was asked. "He was wonderful," said Georges, in faultless "American." "When I was taken to him I said, 'Oh, general, I am so glad to see you.'" Here Georges' mother intervened with, "And the general hugged Georges, just as if he was his own."

Fighting blood runs strong in the Gontes family, Georges' father being a veteran of Verdun and the first battle of the Marne. In the parlor of the little home a bust of Joffre occupies a prominent place, and the tricolor is there beside it.

Georges is being educated by his young aunt who arrived from Paris three weeks ago to take charge of him. Georges, besides being an accomplished singer, is a linguist of no mean ability. Standing erect, he sang songs in English, French and Italian, each with perfect enunciation and in a clear, ringing voice. Low note and high note were alike in musical resonance, and were taken without effort. When he finished he stated that he also knew some Spanish.

"What do you like best?" Georges was asked. "To sing," was the instant response. "To sing," was the instant response.

MILITARISM WANES IN JAPAN, HE SAYS

Dr. William E. Griffis Declares It Yields to Christianity and Commercialism

Every day the Christian and commercial element is increasing in Japan and militarism will soon cease to be powerful there, according to the Rev. William Elliott Griffis, of New York. Dr. Griffis, an authority on Japanese questions, as well as pioneer historian of America, was a speaker at exercises here yesterday in honor of General Robert Georges Nivelle.

"The Japanese," he said, "are sorry about the California land law, but the intelligent Japanese understand our federal government and largely sympathize with us in this problem. Japan today is suffering industrially and financially. Taxes are crushing the country. The bottom has dropped out of the silk market. 'Till 1900 the whole influence in Japan was American. Then Prussia went to Germany and came back filled with Prussian ideas. Militarism became the great power in Japan. It was responsible for the atrocities in

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PREVENTS SERIOUS FIRE

Patrolman Sees Curtains Ignite From Gas Jet—Extinguishes Blaze Quick action on the part of Patrolman Herman Kohn, of the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue station, shortly after 8 o'clock this morning prevented what might have been a serious fire at the residence of John Beckman, on Twenty-second street above Clearfield.

As Kohn passed the Beckman residence he noticed that a curtain at one of the front windows had blown against a burning gas jet and had caught fire. After notifying the occupants of the house of the danger, he obtained several buckets of water and extinguished the fire which had communicated to a nearby bed, the covers of which were burned. No alarm of fire was turned in. The loss is estimated at \$50.

BOY FALLS TWO STORIES

Seven-Year-Old Child Drops Into Showcase Falling two stories into a glass showcase in front of his home, at 1029 Salter street, last night, Matteo Curazio, seven years old, received cuts of the face and neck, requiring fifteen stitches. The boy was carried ten blocks to the Pennsylvania Hospital by his father, Carmelo Curazio, after he administered first-aid treatment to stem the flow of blood.

NEW SCHOOL PAPER APPEARS

Athletic Activities, a new publication, made its first appearance yesterday and is being circulated in the public schools. Its aim is to promote interest in athletic work of all the children. It is under the direction of William A. Stecher, director of athletics. Carl A. Hummel takes charge of the boys' work and Janet Walter of the girls' activities. There are forty-one elementary schools in the school association and a button has been designed to be worn by members. More than 8000 of the buttons have already been ordered by members.

Two Wills Probated Today

The following wills were probated today: Eleanor E. Hoegren, 1342 North Eighteenth street, \$15,500; Mary Foley, 2542 North Hollywood street. Inventories were filed in the personal estates of Edgar W. Earle, \$7909.23; Daniel O'Neill, \$9437.24; Mary Preston, \$11,431.82; Barbara A. McLean, \$7707.03, and Catharine McBliesinger, \$4275.07.

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