

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

No mystery surrounds the shooting in Nashville, Tenn., last week of Carl Peters, world war veteran. He refused to take a drink. Carrying out his American Legion injunction of "No drink and no fight," Peters when accosted on the street late at night by a hospitable bootlegger, politely declined a proffered draught of white whiskey. The bootlegger insisted and when Peters still refused, the former drew a pistol and fired. The ex-soldier went to a hospital with a bullet in his leg and the moonshine merchant went to jail.

Major General John A. Lejande, commandant of the United States Marine Corps, will go to Kansas City this fall to visit the man who safely chauffeured him through France while he was commanding the famous Second Division, A. F. F., according to word received from him last week by the American Legion convention committee. Incidentally General Lejande also will attend the Legion's national convention there. He will be driven through the quiet streets of the convention city by his erstwhile battle chieftain, Victor H. Lenge, Kansas City.

The governors of Missouri and Kansas and the mayors of Kansas City, Kan. and Mo., joined in a formal expression of the honor they feel at the coming visit of Marshal Foch to those states and cities to attend the national convention of the American Legion this fall. A memorial to this effect was presented the French generalissimo by Charles W. Bartlett, Kansas City, at the recent dedication of the Fitey monument in France.

Representation in the American Legion to the international disarmament congress November 11 by at least one soldier of the world war was asked of President Harding last week by the American Legion's national legislative committee at Washington. "There is no group in the nation that knows as much about war and has as vital an interest in the problem of war and peace as the ex-servicemen of the country," the Legion declared. The committee also urged Secretary Hoover to give the Legion representation on behalf of service men in the unemployment conference soon to be held.

During the celebration of "Budweiser Week" last week, a relay of 24 American Legion runners carried the "buddy proclamation" from President Harding at Washington to the mayor of Baltimore. Service men from several eastern and southern states attended the meeting.

Use of New York state's many armories as places of shelter for jobless ex-soldiers is being considered by William F. Deegan, American Legion representative on New York City's committee on unemployment. The Overseas Women's League last week offered the services of its members to put the armories in condition for the men's occupancy. Fully 50,000 ex-service men are among the city's army of unemployed, according to Mr. Deegan.

Thirty-three bands already have registered for the \$1,750 prize musical contest during the national convention of the American Legion at Kansas City this fall. In the list are bands from New York, Massachusetts, Ohio, Michigan, Texas, Oklahoma, Indiana, Oregon, Kansas and Missouri.

Men who accepted officers' commissions for the world war only and who were wounded or disabled should

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be retired with pension the same as are officers of the regular army; the American Legion's national legislative committee declared last week in praying Secretary of War Weeks to extend the privilege to them. The selective service law and an opinion of the army's judge advocate general were cited as justifying the claim.

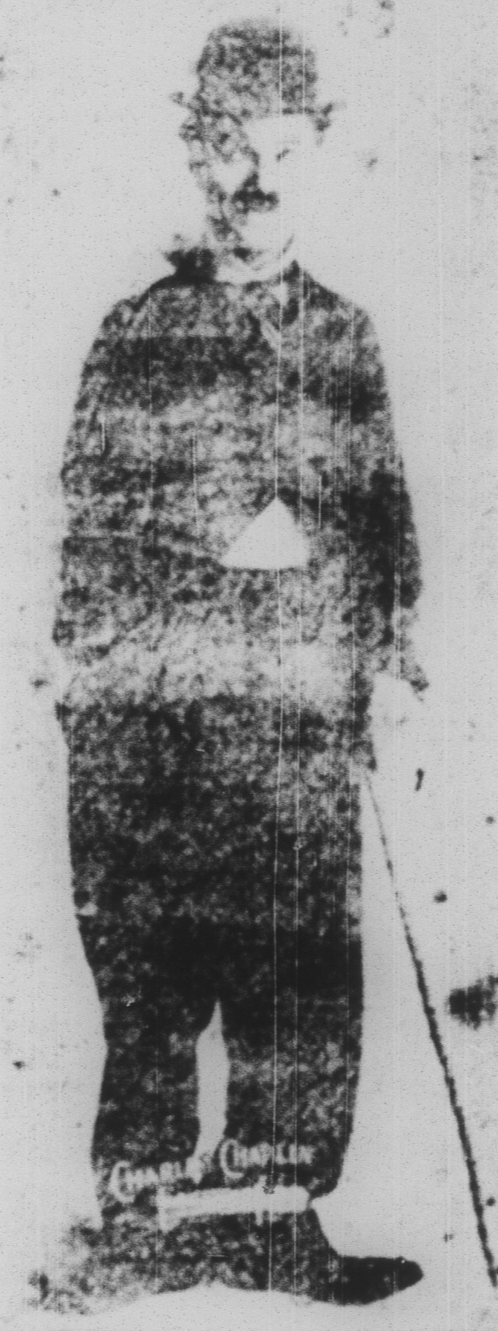
After the state of New York had voted to give ex-servicemen a bonus by a majority of 100,000, the court of Appeals held last week that the new law was unconstitutional. The American Legion of the state now is preparing to campaign for an amendment to the constitution, with the Governor of the state and members of the legislature behind them.

To assist in ending the ring of prowlers, petty thieves and holdups, the American Legion post of Wichita, Kan., recently volunteered the services of its 200 members. Due to numerous attacks on women and the resultant panic in their ranks, the chief of police and the city manager accepted the offer. The service men will patrol the streets.

Real Estate Transfers

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