

**Illinois Court Trying
New Divorce Procedure**

The Cook county (Chicago) circuit court is using the pre-trial conference method of settling contested divorce cases as a step toward clearing calendars for an expected postwar rush.

Primary purpose of the pre-trial conferences is not reconciliation but a settlement of financial differences that will permit cases to be heard as a default—when one person withdraws to permit granting of an uncontested divorce.

Nearly all cases are past the reconciliation stage when they enter court, according to Circuit Court Judge Robert Jerome Dunne, who is using the pre-trial conference method in an effort to speed up action on a steadily mounting number of cases.

The procedure is for Judge Dunne to call both parties and their lawyers into his chambers for a discussion as soon as a case is put on the contested calendar, according to information to the American Municipal association.

After determining that reconciliation is impossible, the judge inquires into the financial situation of the couple and generally suggests a lump sum payment in lieu of alimony for the wife.

**Crimea One of Historic
Travel Routes for Armies**

The northern section of the Perekop isthmus of the Crimea is open steppe country. In peacetime a grain-growing land of rolling fields, it offers no hills or forests as natural defense lines. Farther south, however, where the bottleneck opens up into the broad reaches of the Crimea, mountains rise to guard the entrance.

The isthmus is one of the historic travel routes of the world. Over it flowed hordes of migrant settlers, nomadic tribes, conquering armies. The ancient Scythians, the Goths, Huns and Tatars used it. The Greeks built Taphros at what is now the settlement of Perekop.

During the 15th century, under a Tatar Khan, a great ditch was dug across the narrow northern stretch of the isthmus. Later stone towers were built by another Khan to guard the approaches to the Crimea.

During the Russian counter-revolution that followed the overthrow of the Tsar, Perekop isthmus, like the Siwash railway route, became a path of retreat for White Russian forces defeated by the Red army.

Early Explorer

Leif Ericson was born in Iceland in the Tenth century. A son of Erik the Red, who was a son of one of the original settlers of Iceland and the discoverer of Greenland, Ericson spent the summer of 999 in Norway studying at the court of King Olaf Tryggvason where he was converted to Christianity. On commission of the king, he returned home to Greenland and the following summer to preach the Christian faith. En route he was blown off his course and sighted land in a new region. Because of the grapevines he saw he called the new country Vinland. From descriptions of the journey and observations recorded, historians believe this country to have been New England or Nova Scotia, and as a result Leif Ericson is considered by many to have been the real discoverer of America. A few years later expeditions left Greenland to explore the new land and make settlements, but they were forced to leave after three years because of attacks from what are believed now to have been Indians.

Pan Spinach

Another tasty and quick way to prepare spinach is to pan it. To prepare sufficient for four servings, melt two tablespoons of fat in a heavy flat pan, add a quart of spinach, cover the pan tightly to keep in the steam and cook until barely tender, stirring occasionally. The vegetable cooks in its own juices, so none of the valuable nutrients are lost. By using meat drippings as the fat, you can add good flavor to the panned greens, and at the same time save valuable ration points. Vary the preparation by using bits of leftover meat, or a little chopped onion, or slightly thickened milk or cream.

Discovered Quinine

Quinine, the most powerful malaria drug known, is obtained from the bark of the cinchona tree (pronounced sinkona). The tree was named for the Countess of Chinchon, wife of Peru's ruler back in the 17th century, who was saved from death in 1631 by the bitter liquid which a Jesuit priest recommended. The priest had learned of the drug from the native Indians of the country. Since that time, millions of lives have been saved by quinine, mostly in the tropical areas of the world, where malaria is most prevalent.

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Do you know what General Arnold said?

The other day, Gen. Arnold lifted us right out of our seats cheering.

He said: "One day last month over 1600 planes were in the air going from the United States overseas to some war theater."

Of course, that was just one particular day, and a big one. But even so, that's good. In fact, that's swell!

Then Gen. Arnold went on:

He told how the Army Air Force and the RAF saved our men at Salerno. And how, in doing it, we had to scrape the bottom of the barrel. How we had to use every plane in North Africa—how we had to gather planes from every training center, depot and modification center to do the trick.

He said the Italian invasion "would have

been easier with more planes—and could not have been done with less."

He talked about the American raids on Germany. On one, 24 big Fortresses didn't come home. On another, 35. On another, 27. On another, 21. And since he talked, 60 bombers—and their gallant crews—went down in a single raid. No one can attempt to evaluate their loss in dollars or the loss to the enemy in destruction of war materials needed by him to carry on the war. But planes cost dollars to produce—millions of dollars.

Then he pointed again to the obvious fact that the Italian fight "is a small engagement compared to the gigantic expedition which one day, and we hope not too many months hence, will be set against continental Europe."

In short, if a fact was ever made crystal clear, Gen. Arnold made this one: *What we're doing now is good—BUT STILL NOT NEARLY ENOUGH!*

And that goes for our building, for our fighting—and for the War Bond buying that makes the building and fighting possible.

Coming soon is a day when, with one mighty effort, we're going to smash into Hitler's Europe and bury Germany under an overwhelming mass of men, equipment—and all the materials that money can buy.

And to do it we've got to boost our War Bond buying. We've got to buy more Bonds and more Bonds and more Bonds right up to the final minute when the Nazi and Jap flags go down into the dust—for good!

KEEP ON BACKING THE ATTACK!

QUICK WORD TO NEXT OF KIN.

Next-of-kin of servicemen who have been taken prisoner by the enemy will receive swift and accurate notification, the Office of War Information has announced. The government immediately will transmit free any accurate information from a reliable source dealing with prisoners of war. OWI warned against reliability of enemy broadcasts and against any private individual or organization for such information.

Nice Kitty



APPARENTLY UNCONCERNED, the owner of this leopard holds his strange pet and reads a magazine while waiting to board a plane at a Washington, D. C., airport.

PUBLIC WANTS ALARM CLOCKS SAY AUTHORITIES

"What are some of the shortages which have bothered you most?" Nearly five thousand persons through the country were asked the question, in a recent survey of consumer requirements made by the Office of Civilian Requirements. The most serious inconvenience and hardship is caused by the shortage of alarm clocks, although shortage of food affects the greatest number—followed in order of numbers by elastic, galvanized ware, some textile products, and alarm clocks. "Most of the needs brought out by this survey can and will be met," Arthur D. Whiteside, vice chairman of OCR, said.

WOMEN OF PATTON INVITED TO JOIN JOHNSTOWN PLATOON

Women of the Patton district are invited to join the "Johnstown Platoon", now being recruited for the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve, Sergeant Larry Bachman, Johnstown Enlistment Officer, announces.

He stated a campaign has been launched in the four county area of Somerset, Bedford, Indiana and Cambria to enroll 29 women for a platoon to bear the name of Johnstown in the Marine Corps.

"Those enlisting in this special unit will be sworn in, leave and train together at Camp Lejeune, N. C., as a unit representing the City of Johnstown."

In order to be accepted it is required that applications be from the ages of 20 to 35 years, have two years of high school education or its equivalent in business training and be in good condition physically.

Young women in the local district who are interested in applying to serve with the "Johnstown Platoon" are requested to make application in person, or by letter to the Marine Recruiting Station, New Post Office Building, Johnstown, Pa.

In speaking of the Marine Corps, which now considers its women as

much a part of the outfit as its campaign hardened leathernecks, Sergeant Bachman said: "Local women who join the Johnstown Platoon may by their act inscribe their names in the annals of the fightingest branch of service and may share in the glory and prestige which is the heritage of the corps."

TO SPEED VETS' PAYMENTS.

Action has been taken to eliminate delays between the date a soldier is discharged for physical disability and the time he may begin to receive a pension or other veteran's benefits, according to the War Department. Steps have been taken so that before a soldier leaves the army, he may get not only competent advice on the merits of individual claims, but also a decision on them.

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