

# NEWS and GOSSIP of WASHINGTON



## Gave the Slackers a Little Lesson in Patriotism

WASHINGTON.—A certain Chinese restaurant was crowded the other night. All the tables were occupied but one, when in came a man in khaki. While waiting for his order he spied an automatic piano in one corner of the room. Over he went, pulled a five-cent piece out of his pocket and dropped it in the slot. The piano immediately began to play "The Star Spangled Banner."

The soldier stood up straight and looked around the room. Other diners rose to their feet until all were standing with the exception of a man and two women who were seated at a table on the other side of the room.

The soldier looked at the seated ones, but his glances did not cease them. They went right ahead talking. Maybe they thought that "The Star Spangled Banner" played on an electric piano wasn't the same thing as the national anthem played by the Marine band. But the soldier didn't look at the matter in that light. He walked over to the table of those who had remained seated.

"See here," he said, in firm but courteous tones. "As long as I wear this uniform I propose to see to it that the national anthem is respected. I'm going to play that song some more, and when it is played I want you to stand up."

The musical instrument had quite a repertoire. The man in uniform had to feed it a large meal of nickels before it got around to "The Star Spangled Banner" again.

When the strains of that song finally rang out, the soldier stood straight. All the diners arose. Every man and woman stood, this time, while the song ran its course.

The soldier looked pleased, but said nothing. He kept feeding money into the piano. Every time "The Star Spangled Banner" came around, everybody in the room stood up.

Once more the national anthem came around. This time the man the two women who had refused to stand up in the first place made for the door. The man had his hat on.

"Attention!" roared the soldier, in tones that shook the walls. Off came the man's hat. And "The Star Spangled Banner" in triumph did flow from beginning to end before they did go.



## Baby Is Last Representative of Famous Family

PHIL SHERIDAN III, three years old, is toddling about the nursery of his home, 1833 M street northwest, today, at play with his baby sister, apparently oblivious to the fact that on his tiny shoulders rests the burden of sustaining the fame of a line of American fighters that produced such heroes as the famous Civil war general whose name he bears and Gen. "Mike" Sheridan, the hard-fighting and hard-riding brother of General "Phil."

This weight of responsibility is placed on young "Phil" by the death of Brig. Gen. Michael V. Sheridan, and that of his father, Maj. "Phil" Sheridan, the son of the most famous member of the fighting family.

Gen. Michael Sheridan died of heart disease at the age of seventy-seven years. He had been the companion of "Phil" Sheridan in many of his most daring battles. Starting out in life with the intention of entering the priesthood, he had laid aside the robes for an army uniform, and in it won distinction that will carry his name far down in the history of American fighters.

He was at Appomattox Court House at the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee. At the outbreak of the Spanish war he was appointed adjutant general of the training camp at Camp Thomas, Ga., and was soon made a brigadier general and chief of staff to General Brooks, commanding the Porto Rico expedition. He was in active service there until the close of hostilities. In 1902 he was retired with the rank of brigadier general, owing to advanced age and ill-health.

## He Wanted to Be Quite Sure Everything Was All Right

THERE is a well of human interest in connection with the selective service law and its fulfillment, which has, as yet, hardly been tapped. Consider those 10,000,000 questionnaires filled out by the registrants of the land. What stories of pathos, humor and fact are contained in those documents!

Here is something that happened at a local board recently, when registrants were filling out their questionnaires.

He was a poor country fellow. How he got into the city, and registered, and filled out his questionnaire, is one matter. What he said is another.

After he had answered all the questions, he turned to the lawyer who had assisted him and said: "Now, is that all I have to do with this thing?" "Yes, just seal it and put it in the mail box," the lawyer explained again. The registrant still sat.

"You say that is all I have to do?" he said, hesitatingly, at last. "Yes," replied the lawyer, good humoredly. "Lick it, seal it up, and drop it in the mail box. That is all you have to do."

But the country boy still sat. After a bit he shifted in his seat, and said: "Well, now, you say all I have to do is lick it and seal it and put it in the box."

It is to the eternal credit of that lawyer that he never cracked a smile, but encouraged the earnest fellow, who finally went through the door, licking the flap of the envelope as he went.

## Secret of Giragossian's Motor Not to Be Revealed

THE mystery that has surrounded Giragossian's free-energy invention—the Garabed—is not to be cleared by the official tests ordered by congress. The secret of the invention, if it proves a success, will not be disclosed until after the war. The Garabed, its inventor claims, will be of great use as an engine of war, and for that reason he does not wish its secret to fall into the hands of the Germans.

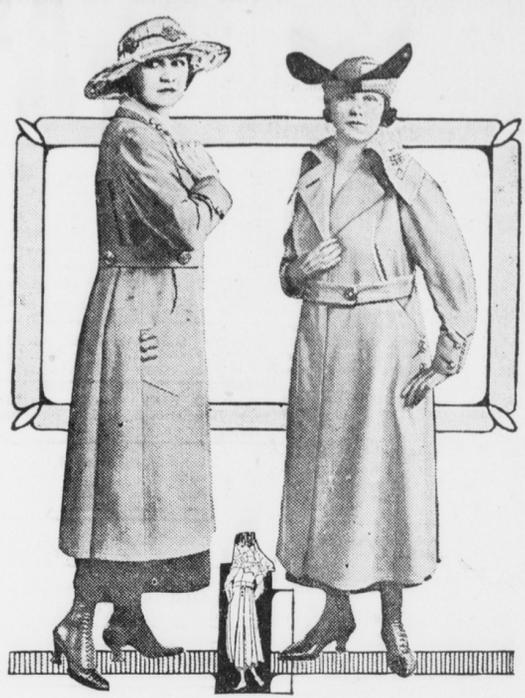
Five New England scientists have before them today invitations to be members of the board that will judge the invention. Giragossian will not tell their names. The tests will be held in Boston—and "very soon"—but the exact place and exact date the inventor will not give. He left Washington to arrange for the tests on February 26. The scientists will be the only persons present with Giragossian at the tests. Robert Hennessy, the inventor's closest friend and the only man to whom he has confided the secret of the Garabed, will not be allowed to witness these tests. The board of scientists will be pledged to secrecy. When the tests have been carried out, they will be permitted to make only one or two announcements. They may say either "it works" or "it has failed"—nothing more.

Giragossian approaches the tests with the same absolute confidence that he has displayed in every step of the long fight to have his invention tried out by the government.



JUST WAIT—I GET DOT GARABED ENCHINE SECRET YET

## Considering Utility and Other Things



We may inaugurate our spring outfitting as we will—usually it begins with the purchase of a coat for general wear—but we cannot finish without acquiring this mainstay of the wardrobe. For three seasons cloths and colors have made the streets more cheerful; they have been beautiful enough to tempt extravagance. There has been a generous sprinkling of gay colors among the dark grays and blues and browns that seem to be so closely associated with the thought of utility clothes in the minds of most people.

The spring coats are privileged to use enough woolen stuffs to make them anywhere from 45 to 48 inches long, and comfortably full at the bottom, nevertheless the best models are those that follow the straight and narrow path of wool conservation. Collars are not as large as they were, although there are many models with convertible collars that may be worn close up about the throat. Over-



## WHAT CAN WE DO?

The Red Cross, the American Fund for French Wounded, and other war relief societies are co-operating in France to care for the French and Belgian women who are now being driven back into their own countries after their deportation into Germany. It is reported that they are in rags and destitute, and the relief societies are doing all they can to fit them out with the bare necessities and decencies of life. The Chicago Tribune makes the following appeal:

To give the required help the American Fund for French Wounded, 60 East Washington street, Chicago, has devised a Martha Washington kit. The kits are to be sent at once to France, and each refugee as she makes her weary way back to her beloved land is to be given one of them. The directions for these kits follow:

"The cost of these kits is to be kept within \$4. One yard of shirting will make the bag. The width of the goods makes the length of the bag. It is run up on the machine. The bag is French seamed with the last seam on the outside all the way around. Turn in the bag at the top two inches, with one inch heading—and an inch casing for the tape. There is a double drawing-string of tape. When the bag is packed the free end is neatly doubled over and pinned down with two safety pins at the back, making it compact and safe for shipment.

"The kit contains the following articles, some of which may be made at home or purchased as the furnisher of the kit desires:

- "One cotton flannel nightgown.
- "One heavy chemise.
- "One pair of drawers.
- "One pair of black stockings and one pair of white.
- "One rough towel.
- "One washcloth.
- "One comb.
- "One cake of soap.

"A 'housewife,' which contains one spool of white, and one of black thread, black darning cotton, thimble, six safety pins, dozen assorted buttons, one and one-half yards of tape, five needles, hairpins, plain pins. And in the 'housewife' is a card stating that this is a Martha Washington kit sent in memory of Mrs. Washington, who was a friend of Lafayette.

"In each kit a stamped, addressed envelope is put so that the one who receives the gift may acknowledge it to the sender. A personal word of cheer and hope and friendliness may be inclosed, too, if the sender wishes."

*Julia Bottomley*

**Collarless and Buttonless.**  
An unusual blouse is made of pale blue handkerchief linen, with a good deal of inch-wide flay insertion used for trimming, says Women's Work. The embroidery is placed upon the lace itself—the outline of the design being accentuated by a fine thread of blue matching the linen in color. This blouse is collarless and is a slip over of the sort that fastens over the shoulders. But instead of buttons, the wearer must hook herself into this blouse by means of narrow black velvet ribbons. The sleeves are cut upon a full bishop pattern, and the tight cuffs are laced at the outer edge by the same narrow black velvet.

**Simple Blouses.**  
Among the newest assortment of blouses are some from Paris which indicate a marked preference for fine materials and simple lines.

There are models made of handkerchief linen whose only trimming is in hand fagoting; others are delicately trimmed with drawn work or have insets of real flut lace.

The new high collar is featured, although in deference to the wishes of many American Women Paris has sent blouses that have the familiar V neck with the sailor or round collar.

**Gloves Have Strap Wrists.**  
A noticeable feature of the current demand is the tendency toward a larger use of strap wrist or Biarritz effects, says the Dry Goods Economist. This, no doubt, is due more or less to the practical nature of such styles, making them suitable for wear with the tailored effects in suits and dresses which are now the vogue. Moreover, the Biarritz idea, especially in soft gauntlet design, conforms readily to any expression of a military note.

Clothing made of pressed feathers as a substitute for wool has been invented by an Italian priest.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Selingsgrove.—George C. Wagoner has filed papers for a Republican nomination to the legislature from Snyder county.

Easton.—The school board has decided to employ an overseer of home gardens at \$100 a month.

Ringtown.—Howard L. Fuhrman, a brakeman on the Reading railway, was crushed to death under his train at Lakeside. Fuhrman lived at Ringtown.

Lebanon.—Representative Asa Welmer has announced his candidacy for the Republican gubernatorial nomination on a liquor platform.

Harrisburg.—Some of the seven counties of Pennsylvania whose special closed season on deer will expire this year will ask for extensions to further propagation plans.

Harrisburg.—Heavy government demands for trucks for military use has not diminished registration of solid-tired motor vehicles at the state highway department.

Milton.—What is believed to be the last large acreage of full-grown virgin timber left in Northumberland county is being cut on the H. E. Billmeyer farm, near here.

Wyoming.—Joseph Foote, superintendent of the Wyoming division of the Erie railroad, has resigned his position to accept a commission as captain in the railroad division of the army.

Lancaster.—Rev. Francis X. Frezer, assistant rector of St. Mary's Catholic church, has been appointed by Bishop McDevitt, assistant rector of St. Patrick's cathedral, Harrisburg, State College.—The shop equipment and teaching facilities of State College engineering school have been accepted by the war department for training enlisted men in the mechanics of airplane construction.

Pottstown.—The Reading Transit company has been ordered by council to operate its cars on certain sections of street or remove its tracks within thirty days.

Easton.—According to an announcement by President MacCacken, there are now 562 Lafayette men in the fighting forces of the nation, including Major General Peyton C. March, chief of staff, Lafayette, '84.

Nesquehoning.—Ben Davis, a traveling auditor for the United Mine Workers of America, will probably be a candidate for state senator from the Fourteenth senatorial district, comprising the collieries of Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Wayne.

Allentown.—War gardens will be cultivated as extensively throughout the Lehigh valley as last year, when all vacant lots and back yards were planted with vegetables.

Allentown.—Prices at Lehigh county farm sales continue to reach top-notch figures, there being an especially big demand for good cattle and horses.

Birdsboro.—The Birdsboro Steel Foundry and Machine company is constructing an addition to its foundry in the shape of an "L," 135 by 60 feet, and another of 70 feet long to the steel foundry, with a third extension of 50 feet, and a fourth of 65.

Harrisburg.—Over twenty units of the reserve militia have been mustered into the state service.

Northampton.—John K. Scheiter has been appointed justice of the peace for Northampton borough.

McClure.—The H. J. Stennert company has received an order from the war department for 40,000 coats.

McVeigh.—Robert Wagner lost a valuable horse when the animal stepped on a live wire that had blown down.

Loose Gap.—Ray Rein, driver at Loose Gap colliery, lost his right eye and had his face otherwise disfigured when killed by a mule he was unbiting.

Lancaster.—Joseph Rupp, eighty-seven, who was assaulted with a club by Alex Henry, a hired man, is dead from the injuries and Henry is in jail.

Shindler.—Mrs. Charles McElhoe killed her first snake of the season when the temperature registered thirty above zero, and she saw and dispatched a copperhead.

Harrisburg.—The public service commission has fixed April 4 at Northampton for hearing the complaint of that borough against the fare increase of the Reading Transit company.

Carlisle.—With 300 members and visiting knights present, the fifth anniversary of the founding of True Friends' Lodge, No. 56, Knights of Pythias, was observed.

Bethlehem.—A Chinese commission headed by Lieutenant General Chiang Ting Tsu, visited the Bethlehem Steel works and was shown through the plant.

Laurelton.—A huge prize-winning Holstein bull owned by the Middle Coal Field Peck district, and kept on the farm of the district here, became unwell and had to be slaughtered. He weighed over 1300 pounds, dressed.

Easton.—Three young women, employed at the Redington fuse plant, appeared at the Easton recruiting office and asked to be enlisted in any branch of the service, saying that their sweethearts were at the front, and they wanted to go, too.

Pottstown.—The death in France of Sergeant Howard Peck Jr., a son of Dr. Charles Howard Peck of New York city, and a member of last year's graduating class at the Hill school, makes the seventh from that institution who have given their lives for their country in the great world war.

## A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

Miss Kelly Tells How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Restored Her Health.

Newark, N. J.—"For about three years I suffered from nervous breakdown and got so weak I could hardly stand, and had headaches every day. I tried everything I could think of and was under a physician's care for two years. A girl friend had used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and she told me about it. From the first day I took it I began to feel better and now I am well and able to do most any kind of work. I have been recommending the Compound ever since and give you my permission to publish this letter."—Miss FLO KELLY, 476 So. 14th St., Newark, N. J.

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**More Data Wanted.**  
He (after the proposal)—I'm getting \$2,000 a year. Now, dearest, what is the least you think you can live on yearly?  
She—Well, how much credit can you get?—Boston Transcript.

**Soft, Clear Skins.**  
Night and morning bathe the face with Cuticura Soap and hot water. If there are pimples first smear them with Cuticura Ointment. For free samples address, "Cuticura, Dept. X, Boston." Sold by druggists and by mail. Soap 25, Ointment 25 and 50.—Adv.

**All It Was Good For.**  
Judge—Why did you hurl this bottle at the umpire?  
Fan—It was empty.—Boston Globe.

To restore a normal action to Liver, Kidneys, Stomach and Bowels, take Garfield Tea, the mild herb laxative. All druggists. Adv.

**Slim Encouragement.**  
He—I've a notion to propose to you. She—Please do. I'm trying for a record.—Buffalo News.

### Nerves All Unstrung?

Nervousness and nerve pains often come from weak kidneys. Many a person who worries over trifles and is troubled with neuralgia, rheumatic pains and backache would find relief through a good kidney remedy. If you have nervous attacks, with headaches, backaches, dizzy spells and sharp, shooting pains, try Doan's Kidney Pills. They have brought quick benefit in thousands of such cases.

### A Virginia Case

Mrs. J. E. Parsons, 531 Poole St., Norfolk, Va., says: "I suffered all one winter with pains in my back. My feet a and limbs swelled twice normal size and the doctor said I would never be able to do a lick. Nothing seemed to help me and it was thought I would die. When some one advised me to take Doan's Kidney Pills, I did, and they made a complete cure. I have never had any trouble since."

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